

December Newsletter: Holiday Party, Deckers Project & the Passing of a Dear Friend

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For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING IS OUR HOLIDAY PARTY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)
THE FALLS EVENT CENTER
8199 SOUTHPARK CT, LITTLETON, CO 80120
Program: **HOLIDAY PARTY INCLUDING WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**



For our December chapter meeting, please join us for an evening of raffles, white elephant gift exchanges and delicious food.

DINNER - Thanks to long-time CCTU member and new board member John Cristantiello, we will be providing all the food and beverages. John is a chef and food sales rep by trade, and never disappoints with the great spreads he does at our events. For the holiday party his menu includes the following...

Bread – Dinner Rolls

Salad – Mixed Green Salad and Dressing

Entrees – Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan, Meatballs & Sausage

Dessert – Cake

RAFFLE – We will have the monthly Fly Raffle and a special Holiday Raffle of a fishing oriented prizes for on and off the stream. Five shekels buys a ticket.

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE – Have fun and join in our long-time chapter holiday party tradition. Surprises abound in this type of exchange. **Please bring a wrapped gift, however your choice as to how it is decorated. Gift should be less than \$25 in value (not including any flies that might be involved).** Usually everything has a fishing overtone, but you can be creative and provide a surprise, too...the sillier/stupider, the better. There will be a few extra gifts in case someone didn't have time or forgot (these require \$20 donation to the chapter). Each item is assigned a number, then randomly picked. Each item is susceptible to be "stolen" by the next participant. Any item is retired after the third exchange.

If you haven't been to a CCTU holiday party before, it is a great way to meet chapter members in a truly fun, laid-back evening. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

One favor – It would be great if you could RSVP to Brian Young (brianyoungco@comcast.net) if you plan on attending. Members, potential members, visitors, friends are all welcome. Please don't hesitate to come even if you don't RSVP, but it would be great to get at least a rough count as to how many folks will be there for food planning purposes. **As always... chapter members, potential members, visitors, friends of any of the previous are all welcome!**

IN MEMORIAM – DR. ROBERT “BOB” HARLING DI CARLO



It is with sadness that we let everyone know of the passing of long-time CCTU member Dr. Robert Di Carlo over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Obituary info is not yet available, but he passed away following a fall while visiting family in South Carolina. Dr. Bob was a marathon runner, racewalker, sports fanatic, fly fisherman, and world traveling artist. Above all, he was a very devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was an active member of the chapter and a welcome fixture on most of the CCTU fishing trips. A genuinely wonderful man, he touched everyone he came in contact with, especially those who were lucky enough to spend extended time with him on the water. He will be missed dearly by his CCTU family. A Memorial Service honoring Dr. DiCarlo will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Horan & McConaty Family Chapel [5303 E. County Line Rd. Centennial, CO 80122](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5303+E+County+Line+Rd,+Centennial,+CO+80122). A reception will follow from 2-3:30pm that day.

CCTU DECKERS ANGLER ACCESS STEPS PROJECT - COMPLETED



Anglers that fish the Deckers area know how unstable those steep river banks are. Not only does this put anglers at risk as they descend from the road to the water, it also pushes gravel and dirt into a stream bed that already suffers from siltation issues. With the help of our conservation partner, the Coalition for the Upper South Platte, and with funds and volunteer power of our Cutthroat Chapter of TU, we are doing something to alleviate those issues. On five recent Saturdays we worked together at two sites to install new angler access steps. These steps are made from massive stones that will blend in aesthetically yet will stabilize the banks providing safer angler access and reduce siltation for improved river health. The area adjacent to the steps is now being revegetated. Many thanks to the CCTU volunteers that literally provided the heavy lifting to build these steps! This spring look for at least two more step project sites nearby.

Top Picture = Before, an unstable river bank across the road from Flies and Lies.

Bottom Picture = Same site, after new steps are installed. Revegetation is taking place now.

CCTU FUNDRAISING PARTNER FOCUS – JOE SHAFER FLY FISHING



CCTU wanted to thank Joe Shafer of Joe Shafer Fly Fishing and The Blue Quill Angler for his continued support of CCTU fundraising efforts. Joe again donated a full day guided fly fishing trip for 2 to this year's Raffle Program...won by CJ Allen. Joe Shafer has been a professional fly fishing guide for the Blue Quill Angler for fourteen years. He guides the Colorado and South Platte River Basins. His countless hours on these rivers and their tributaries has given him the knowledge necessary for highly successful, exciting guide trips. Joe also specializes in guiding still waters from shore or float tubes, with a focus on Spinney, Antero, Tarryall, and Chatfield reservoirs and several private Front Range lakes. Joe leads the Fly Fishing from a Float Tube class through the Blue Quill and those classes are held on private water. The class is in partnership with Outcast Sporting Gear and all the equipment is provided to the students...giving students the opportunity to experience still water fishing and the equipment before they purchase. These classes start in May and run through October. Check out Joe's website at www.joeshaferryfishing.com, where you can purchase his fly patterns, fly recipes, or book a trip. This website helps Joe stay in contact with his clients and he shares a bunch of great fly fishing content to keep the learning going off the water. Joe guides Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's. You can reach him via the website or (303) 641-5048, or contact him via the Blue Quill Angler (303) 674-4700.

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 6:30PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM)

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130 (CAFETERIA FOR MEETING)

PROGRAM – TIM WEST, BRECKENRIDGE OUTFITTERS, *SPRING FLY FISHING IN SUMMIT COUNTY*



Join Owner/Guide Tim West for a presentation that will focus on the wealth of fishing found in Summit County. From the well-known waters of the Blue to smaller, lesser-known streams like Ten Mile Creek and the Snake, Breckenridge Outfitters knows the Summit County fisheries as well as anyone. They are a long-time and highly decorated Orvis Endorsed Outfitter...winner of the 2016 Orvis Authorized Dealer of the Year and 2013 Orvis Endorsed Outfitter of the Year awards. They fish virtually every river in the area, including all gold medals waters and exclusive private ranch rivers, ponds, and lakes. Their detailed discussion of specific locations and techniques on the Blue is excellent, even for long-time Blue River fly fishers. Definitely a presentation not to miss.

Check out more of Breckenridge Outfitter's info at...

<http://www.breckenridgeoutfitters.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BreckenridgeOutfitters/>

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KEEP YOUR KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS CHARGED UP AND IN USE!

The King Soopers Gift card fundraising program is the easiest and simplest way to help raise money for the chapter and requires virtually no work or extra money from any members! King Soopers gift cards are set up specifically for the Cutthroat Chapter. Cards are preloaded with \$25 and sold to Chapter members at face value...no extra cost! Anyone that would like one just needs to contact Allen Adinoff (ad.adinoff@coloradoallergy.com) for the card. Once you've used the \$25, you can "reload" the card using your credit card (or cash) at the beginning of your checkout (any checker can do it). Cards can be used to purchase anything at King Soopers. **The chapter gets 5% of every dollar loaded onto these cards, and that raised nearly \$3,500 in 2018!**

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We have had a productive year for both fishing and conservation. Your dollars and your efforts have certainly had a positive impact on the health of our mountain streams and our angling community. As always, we thank you for your commitment, your donations and your time.

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