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May Newsletter: Duane Redford and The Perfect Drift

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For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

EARTH DAY ON BEAR CREEK – CONSERVATION PROJECT AND FISHING COMPETITION REVIEW



On April 27, 2019 the City of Lakewood celebrated Earth Day by hosting a volunteer work day at Bear Creek Lake Park. On that beautiful Saturday no less than 26 members and friends of the Cutthroat Chapter dropped by to help out. Our volunteers planted ten large native cottonwood trees along the creek. Those trees were donated by our chapter utilizing funds our members raise for these conservation projects. These trees will help shade the creek and will provide improved riparian habitat for wildlife both terrestrial and aquatic. We were very pleased to learn from the park rangers that they had 100% survival of the trees we planted last year! That was due in part to the year-long care of those rangers in periodically watering those new trees. With any luck these new trees will fare just as well. After a delicious lunch provided by the City, a dozen of these CCTU volunteers chose to stick around for the 3rd Annual CCTU Fishing Contest on Bear Creek. Cyndy Scholz gave fellow anglers a lesson by winning the contest with a beautiful 18" rainbow trout taken and released along the Fox Hollow Golf Course. The CCTU board wishes to thank all the volunteers and the City for a wonderful event.

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – MAY CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 6:30PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM)

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

DUANE REDFORD, LONE ARCHER GUIDE SERVICE, *THE PERFECT DRIFT...AS EASY AS X,Y,Z*



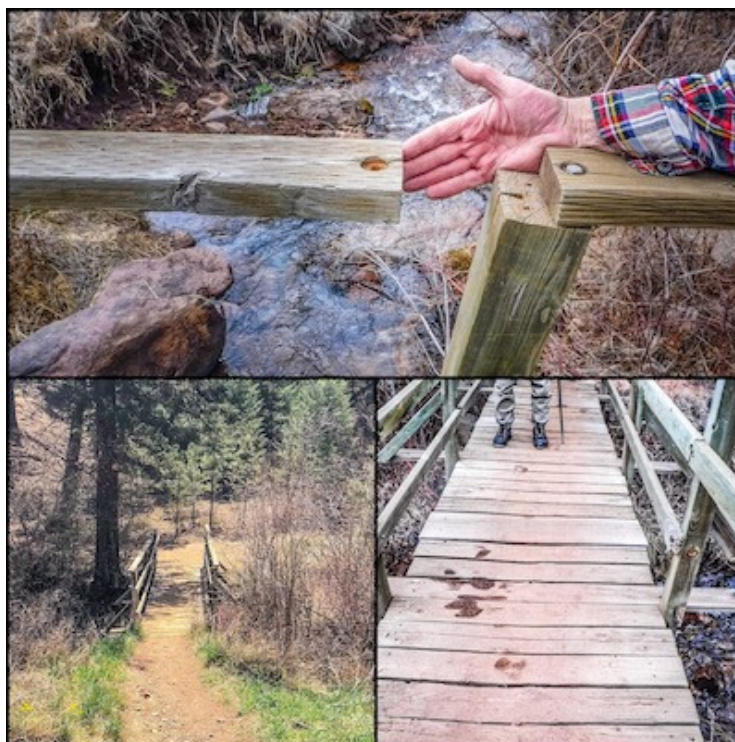
Duane Redford, a professional fly fishing guide, spends the majority of his days guiding on the South Platte River near Deckers, Colorado and on the Eagle River near Minturn, Colorado. He began his fly fishing career fishing the Rocky Mountain West, and has been toting a fly rod for better than four decades. As a retired teacher and coach, Duane has a unique, systematic approach to the river that he has used as the basis of his guiding for the last twelve years. This systematic approach, derived from guiding countless days on highly pressured, technical waters, has been refined over time, and is easily understood.

Duane is a Master Nymph Fly Rods Ambassador, consultant for Hookhead apparel, signature tier for Montana Fly Company, and the author of *The Fly Fishers' Playbook*, a Systematic Approach to Nymphing and Hidden in Plain View, Recognizing the Obvious and Exploiting the Obscure in Fly Fishing. When he's not guiding, Duane spends his time teaching fly fishing classes, blogging, tying, speaking, and writing. When he's not teaching, writing or guiding, you'll find him on the river.

His latest presentation: *The Perfect Drift, Easy As X, Y, Z* delves into the three dimensions involved within the perfect drift. Whether you're pitching dry flies, nymphing, tight-lining or dry-dropping, this presentation has something for you. It also covers, lively bugs in a dead drift, the fly fishing formula, rod alignment, specialty casts and mends, and the X, Y and Z dimension approach, plus much more! Duane will have his books, *The Fly Fisher's Playbook 2nd Edition* and *Hidden in Plain View*, with him at the presentation. Show cost is \$20 for *Hidden in Plain View* and \$15 for *The Playbook*.

Expanded Monthly Raffle! The "larger prizes" for this month's raffle are a signed copy of Landon Mayer's *The Hunt for Giant Trout*, and a fully loaded Mountain Lanyard...a \$133 value.

GILL TRAIL WIGWAM CREEK BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS, THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 6 & 7



We need your help on Thur June 6 and Fri June 7, from 8:45am until 3pm. The task is the repair of a foot bridge located on the lower Gill Trail. This bridge is a short distance from the parking lot. It spans Wigwam Creek and is commonly used by anglers to access the South Platte River in lower Cheesman Canyon. The bridge is in very sad shape and badly needs repair. CCTU is providing the funding for this project and is also looking for 9 or 10 strong bodies to help the US Forest Service in this task. A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided for volunteers. Please help us maintain the tradition of Cutthroat Chapter being a steward of the Gill Trail!

We will meet at the Cheesman Canyon Fishing Access Parking lot on Colo 126. This lot used to access lower Cheesman Canyon via the Gill Trail, located approx four miles west of Deckers.. Alternatively you can join a carpool out of Sedalia by meeting at the parking lot by the west railroad tracks in Sedalia. Meet at 7 AM to carpool. If you are interested in carpooling please contact Jim Rasmussen at jiber2@msn.com

Thursday will be disassembly of the planking and rails, while Friday will be the replacement of those items with solid new lumber. The underlying structure is sound and will be reused. We would love to have crew members that can work both days, but if you can only work one day we can still use you. The lumber and hardware for this task has been donated by our Cutthroat Chapter. The US Forest Service will lead our work crew. Wear appropriate long sleeved shirts, long pants, boots, work gloves and protective eyewear. Be prepared with sun screen, rain gear, warm clothing, and bug spray. Please bring along appropriate woodworking tools, similar to what you might use if you were building a wooden deck. Power tools like drills with deck screw bits, crowbars, sawzalls, skill saws, circular saws, etc., could come in handy. Battery powered tools are ideal and the US Forest Service is planning on having a gasoline powered generator on site to operate a limited number of corded power tools. Wheel barrows, loppers, flat and spade shovels might be helpful as well. No deck building experience is required, but if you have that experience it will probably come in handy. **The lower Gill Trail will be closed the whole week of June 3-7 for maintenance, including this bridge rebuilding project.** If we are fortunate to have more folks than immediately needed, those folks may be put to work on related trail maintenance tasks nearby.

Please RSVP to George Franklin no later than Thursday May 30 at georgefr@aol.com or at 303-902-9827. In your RSVP please indicate which day or days you can work. The RSVP will allow us to plan accurately for food. If you sign up please be responsible and show up. No shows will severely jeopardize this small crew.

CCTU 2019 FUNDRAISING PROGRAM – RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE AT THE MAY MEETING**CCTU 2019 RAFFLE PROGRAM****40 GREAT PRIZES****ONLY 150 ENTRIES ALLOWED****\$100 PER TICKET...MULTIPLE TICKETS, CAN WIN MORE THAN 1X****WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT AUGUST 20 CCTU PICNIC (DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN)**

This year CCTU's annual Fundraising efforts will be focused on our biggest Raffle program ever. We aren't having the Fundraising Party this year (with Fly Auctions, Silent Auctions), so the Raffle program is your main opportunity to support chapter projects and have an excellent chance to win a prize from our greatest list of donated items yet.

We have 40 prizes this year, making it our biggest raffle ever. These donated items range from 17 different guided float, fishing trips and lessons, 5 great equipment packages including a Scott Tampa bamboo rod, 9 fly box prizes filled with over 50 dozen flies, 7 framed prints or photography, and 2 restaurant or wine oriented prizes. Check out the full list on the CCTU website this week. Each raffle ticket is \$100, and you can win more than once with multiple tickets. Entries are limited to 150, and with 40 great prizes, the odds of winning are the best CCTU has ever offered. Tickets will be on sale at this Tuesday's meeting (5/21) and will be on sale into August...winners announced at the August 20 annual picnic (don't need to be present to win). You can purchase tickets at the meeting with cash, check or credit. If you can't make the meeting please email Allen Adinoff (aadinoff10@gmail.com) or Stephanie Young (syoung50@comcast.net) to arrange completion of the purchase by phone.

Don't delay, as tickets will go fast!

All proceeds will go toward chapter conservation programs and other initiatives, including the CSU Steve Bailey scholarship, Greenback Reintroduction program, South Platte River Watch and Bug Analysis programs, the Clear Creek Clean-up Project, several joint CCTU/Coalition for the Upper South Platte rehabilitation and clean-up programs, and multiple projects focused on Lower Bear Creek. These programs would not exist without your generous support of these fundraising efforts.

Go to https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe_events=cctu-annual-fundraising-program-raffle-tickets-on-sale-starting-tuesday-4-16-2019-06-16&eventDate=2019-06-16 for the full list of 40 prizes.

COME FISH WITH US MAY EVENT –FRIDAY, MAY 31, 5-8PM AT LAKE LEHOW

CCTU
MAY COME FISH WITH US EVENT
FRIDAY 5/31/19, 5-8PM
LAKE LEHOW
 ENTER THROUGH GATE IN EAST CORNER OF
 WATERTON CANYON PARKING LOT

Join us Friday, May 31 for CCTU's May "Come Fish With Us" event from 5-8pm at Lake Lehow. This program is designed for chapter members and non-members to explore local fisheries with several highly experienced chapter members also there to answer questions, offer tips, and provide help on casting, fly selection, hooking, playing and landing fish. Lake Lehow (enter via east side of Waterton Canyon Parking Lot) is a private lake that is heavily stocked with bass, panfish, and trout. Contact board member David Coward at dpcoward@hotmail.com for more info, or just show up at Lake Lehow on 5/31 at 5pm.

All of these events are at Lake Lehow, and we have the following dates remaining...

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| Friday 5/31 | 5-8pm |
| Sunday 6/16 | 9am-12pm |
| Thursday 7/18 | 5-8pm |
| Saturday 8/24 | 9am-12pm |
| Sunday 9/22 | 8am-12pm |
| Friday 10/18 | 5-8pm |

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PETER STITCHER, ASCENT FLY FISHING, FLY BOX ORGANIZATION MADE EASY



Join Ascent Fly Fishing founder, Aquatic Biologist, and CCTU chapter member Peter Stitcher as he introduces the *Hatch Organization Method* and shows you how to identify every fly in your box and organize them by the hatches and life cycles they imitate. Created after years of observing the patterns and cycles in nature, organizing your fly boxes by this method will allow you to quickly and easily match every hatch on the water! Peter will have Ascent products for sale including the fantastic River Oracle Streamside Match the Hatch Kit which includes...Nylon Match the Hatch Belt Pouch, Seine net, Sample Vial Kit, Magnifier & Hook Size Key, Stream Thermometer, Invertebrate Tweezers, and more.

Peter Stitcher is an Aquatic Biologist and owner of Ascent Fly Fishing and River Oracle Inc. As a biologist, Peter works across the United States in the assessment, restoration, and management of trophy trout waters. Approaching the sport of fly fishing through the lens of a biologist, Peter strives to break down the sciences of

entomology, fish feeding behavior, and fish habitat use into easily applied fishing tips and tactics for the fly fisher. Armed with an extensive invertebrate database and more than 600,000 flies Peter and his team at Ascent specialize in the creation of *Biologist Crafted Fly Selections* specific to the trout foods and their life-cycles when and where you fish. Peter released his first film titled *Creating Order in Your Fly Box* in 2017, is a regular contributor to *High Country Angler Magazine* and can be found educating and empowering fly fishers at fly fishing shows and events around the United States.

Expanded Monthly Raffle! The “larger prizes” for this month’s raffle are a \$50 Gift Certificate to White Chocolate Grill donated by head Kellen Sullivan. Stop by for a great lunch or dinner and talk fishing with Kellen...he is a fanatic fly fisher.

CRYSTAL LAKE TRIP WITH PROJCT HEALING WATERS – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, CRYSTAL LAKE



The Cutthroat Chapter will host Project Healing Waters disabled veterans this year on Wednesday, June 26th. This will be the seventh consecutive year that Cutthroat has hosted this event. We expect 10 veterans from Denver and Pueblo at this event. Volunteers should meet at 7:00AM on the day of the event at the King Soopers at Pierce and Coal Mine. We will combine vehicles and carpool to Crystal Lake. Crystal Lake is located 5 miles from Leadville on Highway 24 in the upper Arkansas drainage. From Denver, take I-70 to the Copper Mountain exit, drive over Fremont Pass to Leadville, and follow highway 24 out of Leadville. We do have 25 chapter volunteers already, but if you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Richard Pilatzke at (303) 979-8425 or rhpscator@aol.com.

CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIPS



Bighorn River Fishing Trip – cancelled this year due to high water
 Contact – John Aaron...jraaron@mail.com...for info on the 2020 trip

San Juan River Fishing Trip – October 26 – 30, 2019
 Contact – Jerry Shin...gjshin@msn.com
 Trip is already full, but Jerry is doing a wait list...folks do cancel

KING SOOPERS CARD PROGRAM CHANGE – PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGES BELOW TO KEEP FUNDING GOING TO CCTU

The King Soopers Gift Card program has been an important funding source for CCTU. The program has changed, and now no longer runs off the gift card but runs straight off your King Soopers Rewards Card... **requiring even less effort than ever before.**

To link your King Soopers Reward Card to funding for CCTU, please do the following.

- Log into your King Soopers Rewards account at www.kingsoopers.com – if you are a new user, you will have to create an account which is very simple.
- Click on “Save” on top menu bar
- Click on King Soopers Community Rewards – from pull down menu
- Enroll Now
- Create Account – you will need King Soopers Rewards Card number...on back of card
- Find an Organization – enter “Cutthroat”
- Enroll



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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