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June Newsletter: The Perfect Fly Box and The Perfect Cast

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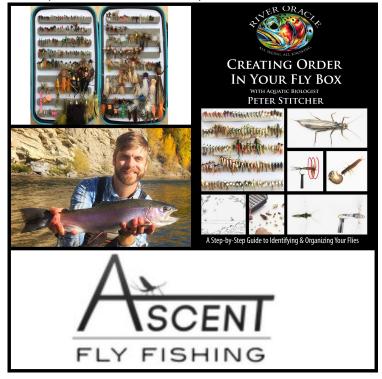
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For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – JUNE CHAPTER MEETING TONIGHT TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 6:30PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM) CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL - 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130 (CAFETERIA **FOR MEETING)**

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 lifecycles 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.



BRIDGE REPAIR AND TRAIL REHAB ON GILL TRAIL

Our Cutthroat Chapter of TU has a long standing tradition of caring for the South Platte River and the Gill Trail near Deckers. CCTU's dedication to conserve, protect, and restore that area was documented in a recent issue of Fly Fisherman Magazine and in Pat Dorsey's new guide book to that river. We recently became aware that the footbridge over Wigwam Creek had fallen into disrepair. That bridge allows angler access via the Gill Trail into the river's Cheesman Canyon. The bridge's deteriorating condition was beginning to threaten angler safety. Soon their only alternative would have been to hike around the bridge and through the creek. That would add to the harmful sediment load of both the creek and the river it feeds into. With money donated for construction materials by the CCTU board and with volunteer power from CCTU members, our club worked with the US Forest Service to refurbish that bridge on June 6 and 7. We also helped redefine the trail and drainage leading from the parking lot to that bridge. Our hope is the bridge and trail repairs will help both the anglers and the watershed for decades to come. Many thanks to the CCTU board, to our hardworking volunteers, to the USFS staff, and to Starbucks for their generous help.

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 rhpiscator@aol.com.

LADIES FISHING ON THE FLY - AUGUST 16 & 17, 2018, HIGHLANDS RANCH EASTRIDGE REC **CENTER AND LAKE LEHOW**

Join CCTU's Cyndy Scholz and her team of instructors for the 2019 edition of the very popular Ladies Fishing on the Fly. The Highlands Ranch Cultural Association teams up with the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited to teach ladies ages 16 and older the art of fly fishing. There is one classroom session, Friday, August 16 from 6-9pm, and an Outdoor Classroom and Field Trip Saturday, August 17, 8:30am-1pm. Expert Instructors lead this workshop that covers all of the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, conservation, knots, landing and releasing...with plenty of hands-on practice. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of event if not sold out. Get tickets at the Highlands Ranch Eastridge Recreation Center (9568 University Blvd, Highlands Ranch), at the following HRCA online order site (https://hrcaonline.org/about-us/guides-communication/calendar-schedules/eventdetails/evr/1/ladies-fishing-on-the-fly-ladies-16-1) or by calling (303) 791-2500. Any chapter members that would like to help with instruction, please contact Cyndy at cyndyscholz@msn.com or (303) 507-3068.

CCTU GENEROUS DONATION IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT "BOB" HARLING DI CARLO



Last November, the chapter lost a great supporter and friend, when Dr. Robert Di Carlo passed away following a fall while visiting family in South Carolina. In memory of his friendship with Dr. Bob, long-time CCTU member Tom Corr has generously donated \$1,000 to be used towards CCTU conservation projects. A perfect way to remember a genuinely wonderful man, who touched everyone he came in contact with...especially those like Tom who were lucky enough to spend extended time with him on the water.

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

CCTU 2019 FUNDRAISING PROGRAM – RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE AT THE JUNE MEETING

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-salestarting-tuesday-4-16-2019-06-16&eventDate=2019-06-16 for the full list of 40 prizes.

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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