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Jlm Klug, Colorado River - 8/23/19

Conserve, Protect And Restore

CCTU October Meeting - Tues, 10/15, 7-8:30PM

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130

PROGRAM 1 : JARA JOHNSON - ALMA FOUNDATION AND CCTU PROJECT PROGRESS

PROGRAM 2 : GRAHAM MORAN, GEAR COLORADO FLYFISHING, *TENKARA INTRODUCTION*

Program 1: Jara Johnson with the Alma Foundation will review the progress on the Riverwalk Project which CCTU has provided significant funding towards the last couple of years. They have



made some tremendous progress on the project already, with more to come in 2020. For more information on the Alma Foundation go to [Alma Foundation](#)

Program 2: Curious to learn about this fly fishing technique known as

tenkara and find out if it fits within your fly fishing evolution? Graham Moran of GEAR Colorado Fly Fishing and The Tenkara Grasshopper Academy will be sharing his passion for tenkara with his presentation “Tenkara...an introduction”. Graham was one of the early adopters of this fly fishing style. He will be discussing Tenkara’s history, equipment, and techniques. At the conclusion of the presentation he will be demonstrating the cast and a selection of fly presentation techniques. Graham Moran is the owner and head guide for the outfitter [GEAR Colorado Fly Fishing](#). He has been a fly fishing guide for the last seven years for several Front Range guide services, including Trout’s. He began fishing at two years old, fly fishing at 16 and has spent the last 25 years refining his standard western style fly fishing in addition to developing his well-known expertise in Tenkara over the last decade. In addition to running GEAR Colorado Fly Fishing, he is the Head Blogger and President of the Tenkara Grasshopper website (www.tenkaragrasshopper.com), a Tenkara USA mbassador and Signature Fly Tier and a devoted husband and father. Graham will also tie his favorite tenkara flies from 6:30-7pm prior to the meeting.

COME FISH WITH US OCTOBER EVENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 5-8PM, AT LAKE LEHOW



Join us Friday, October 18 for the final CCTU Come Fish with Us Event of the season...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 10/18 at 5pm. With the weather cooling, and the lake receiving several stockings of rainbows, the fishing should continue to be solid. Can’t guarantee you’ll catch something like John Aaron did (see above), but everyone always has a good time together.

CLEAR CREEK CLEAN-UP

POST EVENT WRAP-UP

September 14th marked our efforts for the Clear Creek Cleanup. We started out at 8:30 a.m. with doughnuts and coffee (supplied by Starbucks in Idaho Springs) and passed out assignments at 9:00. We had a record number of attendees. There were 54 total participants comprised of people from CCTU and the West Denver chapters and also volunteers from Nestle Waters North America. We ended up with many, many bags of trash besides a large quantity of stuff too big to fit into the bags. Bags, vests and signs were supplied by the County. We worked until noon over the territory between Lawson and, to some extent, down Highway 6. The latter area was impeded by lack of parking area as there was a large group participating in a climbing class and had consumed much of the little that is there. Lunch began at noon with the goodies coming from Smokin Yards BBQ in Idaho Springs. They gave us a 50% discount and supplied the meat, buns, beans and coleslaw. We ended the day with a drawing of door prizes for the participants. We had prizes supplied by the two chapters, the Nestle organization, and local stores Clear Creek Outdoors and Colorado Adventures. Great fun and great camaraderie overall.



BEAR CREEK ELECTRO SHOCKING POST EVENT WRAP-UP

The elk beat us to the Evergreen Lake House. It was Thursday, September 12, and eight members of Cutthroat Chapter TU had arrived early in the morning to meet our Colorado Parks and Wildlife partners. Paul Winkle and his CPW crew of six were there to electrofish Bear Creek as part of CPW's annual census of fish populations. This data will help CPW in the mission it shares with Cutthroat Chapter, namely to conserve, protect, and restore Colorado's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. By helping CPW in this task, our volunteer power helps stretch their budget which helps both the fish and us anglers. We helped CPW sample two stretches upstream of



Evergreen. First a public section about a mile up and later a private section up a bit higher. The assemblage of captured fish was mostly browns and suckers, with a spattering of rainbows. The upper section was a hay field with undercut banks, and several large browns and an alarmingly large sucker were netted. All the fish were recorded as to species, length, and weight, and then were released back into the wild. Many thanks to all the CCTU volunteers who spent the day helping CPW!



CCTU November Meeting - Tues, 11/19, 7-8:30PM

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130
LANDON MAYER, LANDON MAYER FLY FISHING



Join legendary Colorado Super Guide and author Landon Mayer for a presentation filled with tips and techniques from his latest books. He is still working on the exact subject but it will challenge your fishing assumptions and push you in new directions...as his presentations always do. He will also have signed copies of his latest books, including *Sight Fishing for Trout*, 2nd

Edition, which was hot off the press in late August (See New Reads section). For more info on Landon's guide services, DVDs, Books & more, check out www.landonmayerflyfishing.com

CCTU PARTNER FOCUS *RIVER ROAD CREATIONS, INC.*



If you ever wondered how Richard Pilatzke does such a great job tying his foam patterns, one of his secrets is the wing and foam body cutters he gets from River Road Creations. Thanks to Richard, River Road has been a great long-time partner for CCTU, providing a \$400+ basket of foam and wing cutters and other materials for our Raffles and Silent Auctions for several years. River Road Creations was

founded by Tony and Kathi Tomsu in 1997 and has grown to be the leading

suppliers of precision Wing cutters, Foam Body cutters, and wing sheet and foam materials for fly tying. They are located near great trout water in the Bitterroot Valley in the small town of Stevensville, Montana...the first permanent settlement in the state, and have become a key part of the town's economy. Tony is also an accomplished author...all tiers should know his classic *Creations from The River Road: Practical Realism for Tying and Fishing Foam Trout Flies*. If you are looking for greater speed and consistency in your use of foam and other synthetic fly tying materials, you need to get to know their product lines.

For more info or to purchase items from their online store go to www.riverroadcreations.com.

FALL FLY TYING FANATICS FEST

AT ORVIS PARK MEADOWS – SATURDAY, NOV 9, 10AM-3PM



Kick off the Fall fly tying and fishing season with a FREE all-day fly tying extravaganza on November 9. 33 of the top tiers in the Rockies will demonstrate their signature ties, and give away their favorite fly fishing and fly tying secrets. Only one shift this year (10-3), so drop in any time and watch some of the best tiers around, including CCTU members Richard Pilatzke and Jerry Shin. Check out the full list of tiers at the link below. The amount of fly fishing and tying knowledge you can soak up that day is staggering...and a great, low-key, informal environment. Win fly boxes with flies tied by these experts, fly tying materials, and other items in the afternoon Raffle. Refreshments, chili and light snacks throughout the day. And, don't miss out on

some great in-store deals.

Check out when specific tiers are tying and RSVP if you can make it at... [TIER INFO OR TO RSVP](#)

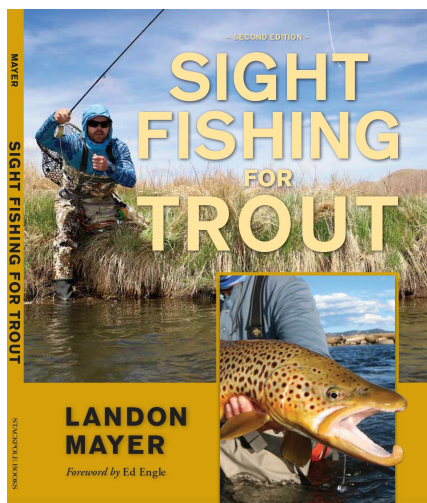
FLY OF THE MONTH – *THE SMOKE JUMPER*

If you fish the Bighorn River, you've likely heard of the Smoke Jumper. It was originated by Mike Hoiness of Yellowstone Fly Goods in Billings as a midge emerger, and is one of our favorite Fall patterns when fish are feeding just below the surface. However, it is now tied in many sizes and colors and has become a great all-purpose emerger pattern to mimic mayfly and caddis hatches as well. Video Courtesy of Tightline Productions.



Hook: 2X-short emerger hook, #16-22
Thread: Orvis, Red, 6/0
Rib : Ultrawire, Silver, Small
Wing/wingcase: Dark Natural CDC Puff
Thorax: Peacock herl
Head: Tying thread
Tying Instructions

NEW READS

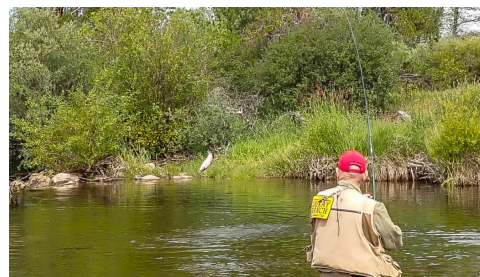


While you'll never have Landon's eyes and experience for spotting trout, this updated edition will teach you what you need to know to spot the trout before you cast...because if you can see a trout, you are more likely to catch that trout. In this comprehensive book on the tricks and skills anglers need to master, Mayer reveals his knowledge of trout and trout water, learned through years of fishing and guiding on prime trout waters in South Park and across the West. Hunting for large trout with lightweight fishing equipment is what Landon does best. With detailed instructions on how to cast into tricky spots, how to present the fly

whatever the conditions, and how to read the rise, he gives you the extra edge to find and catch more and larger fish. He tells you where to look for the trout, how to rig your line, how to retrieve the fish when you get a strike, and how to use the buddy system for a more productive day on the water. Sight fishing is intriguing, fun, addictive, and best of all, it gets results--more and bigger trout. Signed copies are available at Orvis Park Meadows or you can pick a copy up at Landon's website and online store at landonmayerflyfishing.com

CCTU RECENT PICS

Tom Corr deftly maneuvered a leaping rainbow to net that made about seven head-shaking jumps.



George Franklin enjoying the fall colors with a bevy of beautiful cutties following the Clear Creek Clean-up.

Brian was surprised by a rather large brown that grabbed an Amy's Ant on a hop-across creek in Rocky Mountain National Park.



Fall colors were at their peak last week.



Happy to post any cool pics you might have from recent trips. Just email them to brianyoungco@comcast.net. Will get them up in the newsletter or social media or both.



CCTU *EVERYDAY* FUNDRAISING VEHICLES

King Soopers Card Program – Link up your King Soopers Rewards Card to CCTU for their Community Rewards program and get King Soopers donations flowing to the Chapter. Requires no ongoing effort on your part. Set up is very simple....check the CCTU website at [CCTU Website](#) for the directions how to link your King Soopers card to Community Rewards donations to CCTU.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/15-----CCTU October Chapter Meeting
- 10/18-----Come Fish With Us (5-8pm)
- 10/19-----CCTU Fall Board Rendezvous – Salida
- 10/26-30----San Juan River Chapter Fishing Trip (full)
- 11/5-----CCTU Board of Directors Meeting – The Shack Restaurant
- 11/19-----CCTU November Chapter Meeting
- 12/17-----CCTU Holiday Party – The Grange at The Meadows, Castle Rock
- 1/3-1/5-----Denver Fly Fishing Show – Denver Mart, Denver
- 1/9-1/12-----International Sportsmen’s Expo – Colo Convention Center, Denver

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