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Upcoming Events



Rich Hus - CCTU San Juan River Trip, 10/26/19

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DENVER TU MEETING - Tues, 12/10, 6:30-8:30PM

CARSON NATURE CENTER

3000 W Carson Dr, Littleton, CO 80120



MEETING TONIGHT! Close to a billion dollars will be spent in the next decade on rejuvenating the health of the Denver South Platte from the Chatfield dam to 120th Ave. Stop by the Denver TU Chapter's December meeting for

“What’s Planned and What’s Possible...An Open Presentation by Denver Trout Unlimited and South Platte Park”. All anglers and conservationists are invited to a demo and briefing on what designers have in mind. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn how our Denver South Platte works now and how it will work in the future. The problems of sediment movement, bank erosion, macro invertebrate health, fish passage, temperatures and dissolved oxygen are as important to the river as they are to your fishing tactics. The more you know, the more fish you’ll catch from the rejuvenated South Platte River. If you are interested in having a voice in the restoration and habitat improvements in the Denver South Platte, this is the place to become informed on the issues, as there will be a recap of projects planned for the next decade. **Free Beer & Free Parking.**

CCTU HOLIDAY PARTY - Tues, 12/17, 6:30-8:30PM

THE GRANGE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, THE MEADOWS

3692 Meadows Blvd, Castle Rock, CO 80109



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 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. This year's holiday party menu will be Mexican themed, including Beef and Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Cilantro Rice, Chips and Salsa/Pico, Guacamole, and more.

SILENT AUCTION – New for this year, we will be having a Silent Auction with a number of nice items, including Ray Nagashima bottles of fine wine, a Dave Whitlock S&N print, White Chocolate Grill gift certificates, numerous sets of fly assortments, and more! Won't be as big as our Fundraising Party Silent Auctions, but will have a solid set of things to bid on.

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.

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

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. 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.

[DIRECTIONS TO THE GRANGE](#)

Please RSVP if you think you can attend (even if you RSVP'd last newsletter)

DATE AND TIME

12/17/19 6:30pm - 12/17/19 8:30pm

I'll be there!

Maybe

DENVER FLY FISHING SHOW & INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION (ISE)

Don't forget to get the Denver Fly Fishing Show and the ISE on your calendars for the first two weekends in January. At the Fly Fishing Show, catch Pat Dorsey's presentations and fly tying seminars, and fly tying demos from chapter members Richard Pilatzke, Phil Iwane, and more. The ISE features even more CCTU members tying with a list that includes Richard Pilatzke, Pat Dorsey, John Vevurka, Phil Iwane, Jerry Shin, Bob Getz and a host of other tiers. Click on the logos to the right for the website links...you can purchase discount tickets in advance for the Fly Fishing Show and likely for the ISE as we get closer.



CCTU January Meeting - Tues, 1/21, 6:30-8:30PM

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130
 TYLER SOULEK, WYOMING ANGLERS, *FLY FISHING THE NORTH PLATTE WATERSHED*



Want to know the North Platte better? Former Orvis Park Meadows staffer and long-time North Platte guide Tyler Soulek knows the waters as well as anyone. His presentation will focus on the amazing big-fish fishery that exists in this watershed, including the Miracle Mile, Grey Reef, Fremont Canyon, the Bighorn (Thermopolis) and more. He will again be guiding this summer and running the outfitting for Wyoming Anglers. In addition to the fishing, Wyoming Anglers has some great lodging options with their Fly Fishing Lodge south of Casper, and several options at

Alcova including the Grey Reef Cabins, which includes private fishing access. Boost your success with tricks and techniques from a North Platte master. For more info, check out <https://wyominganglers.com/>

Tyler will tie some of his favorite North Platte bugs 6:30-7:00PM.

[DIRECTIONS TO CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

CCTU PARTNER FOCUS - LANDON MAYER FLY FISHING



Landon Mayer is a long-time supporter of CCTU, including his most recent, and well attended, presentation at the November meeting. He has been guiding for over 22 years and is truly a master on the South Platte. Everyone that takes a trip with him is amazed at how fantastic a teacher he is on the water and how freely he shares his innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. If you don't have his books, you are missing out on some amazing tips and secrets. His books include

101 Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques, Colorado's Best Fly Fishing, Sight Fishing for Trout (2nd Edition), The Hunt for Giant Trout: 25 Top Locations in the US to Catch a Trophy, and a new instructional video Mastering the Short Game . Grab a book or a video, but there is no better holiday gift for the fly fishers in the family than a guided trip with this true Colorado master guide, or possibly exploring one of the hosted trips he does each year to more exotic locations. Get more info at his excellent website [Landon Mayer Fly Fishing](#) . At the very least, stay informed as local conditions and techniques change by subscribing to his newsletter or listen to a podcast or two.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK VOLUNTEER FLY FISHING PROGRAM - 2020 PROGRAM



Paul Bunker from the West Denver chapter spoke about this program at a chapter meeting last year. If you are interested in being part of the 2020 program, you can get email updates from Paul, by contacting him at pnsbunker@comcast.net. He has provided the following status update on next year's program in a recent email...

Funds for the program have been raised

and we have solid leads in procuring housing and transportation for the coordinator and volunteers. Although it still isn't time to make solid reservations, we are at a point where we need to recruit volunteers for the program so preliminary planning can start for everyone. The program is anticipated to restart on or about Sunday, Jul 5, and possibly run through Saturday, August 29, 2020. Typically, volunteers check in with the program coordinator on Sunday evening to discuss the week's projects and depart on Saturday. However, volunteers who will be in the park for a day or two are welcome to join in the projects when space permits. We anticipate having a wall tent available for the volunteers to stay, along with cots, pads, small tables, etc. Volunteers staying in the tent will need to bring clean bedding (sleeping bag) and personal gear. Volunteers are always welcome to make their own reservations at their own expense at park lodging or nearby lodges/cabins outside the park.

[Article on Yellowstone Volunteer Fly Fishing Program](#)

FLY OF THE MONTH – *MODIFIED POISON TUNG*

A slightly modified version of Charlie Craven's famous Deep Blue Poison Tung Midge. . Tightline Productions' Tim Flagler walks us through the tying sequence. Ridiculously simple to tie and highly effective on the local tail-waters during the winter months...and a pattern the trout haven't become accustomed to seeing yet. Try it with the original 2mm Silver Tungsten Bead to get down quicker.

Hook - Orvis 1639 Emerger Hook 20-22

Bead – Midge sized glass bead silver & gray

Thread Body – UTC 70 denier White or Gray

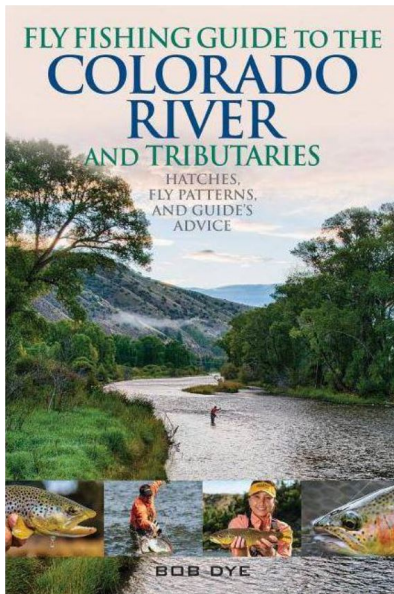
Ribbing – Ultra Wire Gun Metal Blue XS

Thorax – Light Gray SLF Prism Dubbing or Ice Dub UV Gray

[Tying Instructions](#)



NEW READS



Although it came out in 2018, Bob Dye's book on the Colorado River and its tributaries is a good read for those of us that fish the Colorado, Roaring Fork, Eagle, Fraser, etc. Bob is a long-time guide at the Blue Quill Angler and one of the most knowledgeable and skilled guides in the state. He breaks the rivers down into great detail on times and places to fish and gives you his strategies for success on the different waters covered. Great writing and excellent photography. A must have for anyone that wants to know this watershed better.

Grab it at The Blue Quill or on Amazon.

CCTU RECENT PICS

For a more visual remembrance of this year's CCTU San Juan Trip (October 24-28), check out Rich Hus' video. Next year's trip will run Saturday October 24 through Thursday, October 29. Contact Jerry Shin if you are interested in more info or to sign up please contact [Jerry Shin](#) .



Shoot any cool new pics to brianyoungco@comcast.net for posting.

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

- 12/10-----Denver TU South Platte Status Update - Carson Nature Center
- 12/17-----CCTU Holiday Party – The Grange at The Meadows, Castle Rock
- 1/3-1/5-----Denver Fly Fishing Show – Denver Mart, Denver
- 1/7-----CCTU Board of Directors Meeting – The Shack Restaurant
- 1/9-1/12-----International Sportsmen’s Expo – Colo Convention Center, Denver
- 1/21-----CCTU January Chapter Meeting
- 2/4-----CTU Winter Board Meeting - Denver

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