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Joe Shafer Photo - The Blue Quill Angler 2019 Stillwater Fly Fishing 101 Class

Conserve, Protect And Restore

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 [Wyoming Anglers](#) Tyler will tie some of his favorite North Platte bugs 6:30-7:00PM.

Monthly Raffle includes chance to win an Orvis Pro

Fly Line.

[DIRECTIONS TO CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

CCTU HOLIDAY PARTY RECAP

It's never too late for pictures from the CCTU holiday party on December 17th. New, excellent location this year at The Grange Cultural Arts Center in Castle Rock. Great food from John Cristantiello, great location, great fun had by all. The White Elephant Gifts weren't as bad as some years, although George and his Toilet Fishing gift and Larry with the Billy Bass might disagree. Great master of ceremony job by Todd and John Aaron. John had his hands on nearly every gift at some stage. Low-key fundraising was highly successful - \$1,055 Silent Auction and \$229 General Donations – all going back towards chapter projects. Also received an amazing year end donation of \$1,000 from Tom Corr! Fantastic generosity by everyone that attended. Looking forward to next year already. ose 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. See the full set of party pictures at the [CCTU Facebook Holiday Party Album](#)



CCTU February Meeting - Tues, 2/18, 6:30-8:30PM

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



**CCTU VOLUNTEER NIGHT
FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN PLUG IN**

PROGRAM 1 - State of the Chapter, Election of CCTU Board Members

CCTU President Allen Adinoff will give his State of the Chapter update, including a quick review of financials, key projects, and more. We will also have chapter elections for Board of Director members for the 2020 year.

PROGRAM 2 – CCTU Volunteer Night

CCTU has numerous volunteer opportunities for those that want to get involved. We will have tables, both before and after the meeting, with CCTU representatives ready to discuss various projects, activities, and administrative needs. We are always looking for ways members that can help on conservation projects, veterans affairs, annual fishing trips, managing speakers and presenters, website and newsletter management, fundraising, Riverwatch and Rapid Response Volunteers, corporate sponsorship, recruitment of a more diverse membership, youth/education projects, and planning entertainment. Come find out more about the different ways you can get involved, as the chapter can always use more volunteers for the projects we support. We promise you won't go home as chapter Vice President!!

PROGRAM 3 - Tyler Swarr, CPW Aquatic Biologist Upper South Platte Basin, *The State of the South Platte River & Greenback Cutthroat Trout Reintroduction Update*

Tyler Swarr is an Aquatic Biologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. He is a Colorado native and with an M.S. from the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology at Colorado State University. Tyler will give a CPW update on the state of the South Platte River and also talk about the status and next steps on the Greenback Cutthroat Trout Reintroduction plan. Tyler's presentations are always chocked full of info and some of our best attended meetings.

**CTU RIVER STEWARDSHIP GALA
THURSDAY 3/5, MILE HIGH STATION**



Be part of Colorado Trout Unlimited's River Stewardship Gala, a celebration of Colorado's rivers and world class fishing. The Gala is the largest conservation and fishing oriented auction in Colorado – nearly 400 guests and over \$90k raised last year. Funds go completely towards CTU state-

wide conservation activities including youth education, protecting statewide instream flows and temperature, reintroducing and protecting native trout, and preserving and restoring the state's fisheries and their watersheds. Great auction items include fly fishing gear and apparel, restaurant certificates, nights out on the town, golf packages and guided trips – in Colorado and beyond...including Argentina, Tasmania, and Canada! Gala tickets are \$150 and include hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and a delicious dinner, along with the chance to network with other anglers and TU partners as we celebrate rivers! Special guest star Hank Patterson, fly fishing guide and entertainer, will close the night with a hilarious presentation. Buy tickets at [CTU Gala Tickets](#) or by emailing skindle@tu.org .)

CTU/TU STREAM GIRLS PROGRAM

STREAM Girls is an outdoor watershed experience that employs STEM-education (science, technology, engineering, math) plus recreation and arts to explore a local stream. By visiting a local stream and having the opportunity to observe it as scientists, anglers, and artists, girls between the ages of 9-14 will get the complete picture of what their stream could mean to them. Over the course of multiple sessions, Girl Scouts (4th – 8th grade) observe a stream, collect flow data, sample macro-invertebrates (aka aquatic bugs), tie flies, and learn fly casting. Training and classes will start in March/April. No experience necessary to volunteer, but a strong interest in mentoring the next generation of scientists is encouraged. If you would like to volunteer and cannot attend the training, please contact Bianca McGrath-Martinez ianca.mcgrathmartinez@tu.org | (720) 394-1017). For more info, go to [Stream Girls](#) .



CTU RIVER CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING YOUTH CAMP



This fantastic camp is designed to educate 14 to 18 year old students on the importance of cold-water conservation and provide hands-on fly fishing instruction. Approximately 20 students are selected each year, based on their qualifications and a written essay on why they would like to attend the camp. The camp

will run June 7-13 at Silent Springs Resort near Gunnison, CO. Student applications are due April 1, 2020. To find out more info on the camp, please contact CTU's Dan Omasta (domasta@tu.org) or go to [CTU Youth Camp](#) . Through a generous donation from Orvis, the Cutthroat Chapter has funding for four scholarships that will send four students to Youth Camp at no charge. Please contact CCTU President Allen Adinoff (aadinoff10@gmail.com) if you are interested in finding out more about the scholarships.

CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIPS

CCTU Chapter fishing trips sign-ups are currently under way. Please contact each of the CCTU leaders below for more information.

Green River Fishing Trip – April 18 – 22, 2019

Contact – Jim Schmidt...jasden@aol.com

Already full, but if you're interested to find out about next year, contact Jim
Deposit \$75

Bighorn River Fishing Trip – May 11 – May 16, 2020

Contact – Rich Hus...r_hus@hotmail.com

Green River Fishing Trip – October 24 – 29, 2020

Contact – Jerry Shin...gjshin@msn.com

CCTU PARTNER FOCUS - *THE BLUE QUILL ANGLER* *STILLWATER FLY FISHING CLASSES*

This month we highlight another great long-time partner for CCTU...The Blue Quill Angler in Evergreen. The Blue Quill has been a huge supporter of our Raffles and Silent Auctions – multiple guide trips from Pat Dorsey, guide trips from Joe Shafer, Kerry Caraghar, Jim Neiberger and

others. Pat and Joe have done several presentations over the past few years, all of which have been engaging and incredibly insightful. CCTU absolutely could not raise the project funding we have without their tremendous continued support. We wanted to let everyone know about their Stillwater Fly Fishing 101 Classes with Joe Shafer and Jerry Vigil. All Stillwater classes are conducted at private Wellington Lake, about an hour southwest of Denver, offering amazing scenery and excellent fishing in terms of numbers and size. For the class students are provided a float tube, fins, and safety gear. Syndicate rods are also provided and loaded with floating, intermediate, and full sinking lines. Three classes are scheduled currently – May 15, May 29, and September 18. Sign up for one of these full days classes and Joe and Jerry will teach you everything you need to know to be successful fishing stillwaters. Check it out at [Blue Quill Angler Stillwater Fly Fishing 101 Classes](#)



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](#)

ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER FISHING EQUIPMENT DONATION PROGRAM



For the 4th year, the West Denver Chapter will be collecting fishing equipment for Native American youths. They can use any spinning or casting equipment including rods, reels, hooks, lures, line, etc. (not fly fishing equipment). WDTU donates this equipment to a group called [One Nation Walking Together](#). ONWT is

an organization that provides needed services to between 30,000 and 40,000 Native Americans in Colorado and 7 surrounding states. The equipment is used by these kids to supply food for their families on the reservations. WDTU goes through the donated equipment to make sure it is in working condition and then delivers it to ONWT at their Colorado Springs headquarters to be provided to different tribes. You can bring the equipment donations to any CCTU or WDTU meetings or contact WDTU's Tim Toohey at tim2e@comcast.net to make arrangements for it to be picked up.

FLY OF THE MONTH – MATT'S MIDGE

Matt's Midge is arguably our favorite winter and spring midge dry pattern. Created by former Blue Quill guide Matt Miles, this killer down-wing midge pattern imitates an insect that's either recently hatched and waiting to fly or landed on the water to deposit eggs. Outside of size, this fly is easy to tie, with only three materials. A pattern every angler should have in their box in sizes 20-24. Video courtesy of Tim Flagler, Tightline Productions.

Hook – Dai-Riki 310 Size 20-24

Thread Body – Black 6/0 Danville

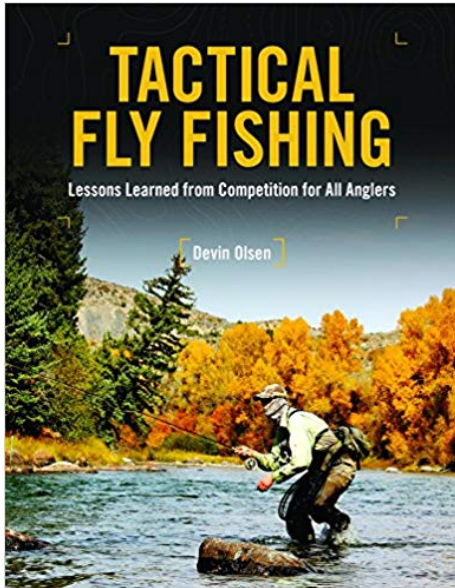
Wings – White Zelon or Antron

Hackle – Grizzly Rooster Saddle sized appropriately

[Tying Instructions](#)



NEW READS



You may have caught Devin Olsen's excellent presentation on Euronymphing at the Fly Fishing Show. A ton of that info and more is contained in his most recent book – *Tactical Fly Fishing...Lessons Learned from Competition for All Anglers*. In our opinion, by far the best book on tightline nymphing written. George Daniel's two books are excellent, but Devin's gets into detail on leaders, and tactics for specific water conditions that we haven't seen before. Highly valuable for anyone wanting to improve their nymphing skillset, not just for euroners. Grab it at Orvis Park Meadows or on [Amazon](#).

CCTU RECENT PICS

Many CCTU members tied at the recent Denver Fly Fishing Show and ISE this month.

Check out members Richard Pilatzke, Bob Getz, and Phil Iwane at the ISE...pics courtesy of CJ Allen.

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. We had 36 chapter members participate in the 4th Quarter, and we raised \$547. Cresthill Middle School, with only 78 households participating, raised nearly \$1,600 during that same time frame. Should provide \$5-6k to CCTU if we can get more of our 1,500 member base to participate.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/21-----CCTU January Chapter Meeting
- 2/4-----CTU Winter Board Meeting - Denver
- 2/15-----CCTU BOD Planning Meeting - Cresthill MS Library
- 2/18-----CCTU February Chapter Meeting
- 3/3-----CCTU Board Meeting - The Shack, Littleton
- 3/5-----CTU Gala - Mile High Station, Denver

3/17-----CCTU March Membership Meeting

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