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Colorado River - 4/29/20

## Conserve, Protect And Restore

### WHAT MEETING/EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Due to the Covid-19 situation and resulting shut-down, the following meetings/events have been cancelled or changed...

- 5/11-5/16 CCTU Bighorn River Trip - CANCELLED
- 5/19 CCTU Monthly Meeting – CHANGED...to Zoom Virtual Meeting
- 6/16 CCTU Monthly Meeting – CHANGED...Likely to Zoom Virtual Meeting
- 6/19-6/20 Ladies Fishing on the Fly – TBD, May Be Postponed Until Fall
- 6/30 CCTU Crystal Lake Trip with Project Healing Waters - CANCELLED

## APRIL MEETING INFO NOW ONLINE

### EDDY WITTRY PRESENTATION & TYING SESSIONS



Eddy Wittry did a great presentation on the Bighorn for the CCTU Chapter Meeting Tuesday, April 21. Given we had a lot of requests to be able to view a copy of the presentation as well as the fly tying, we've got access to both.

Eddy put together a version of the presentation with audio at [How to Double Your Catch on the Bighorn River](#)

And...we've got Eddy's three Fly Tying videos with audio up on the CCTU Youtube Channel

[CCTU Youtube - Eddy Wittry Fly Tying Videos](#)

## MAY CHAPTER MEETING - ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

### TUESDAY MAY 19, 7-8:30PM



**Program 1 - David Nickum, CTU Exec Director, *Colorado TU in 30 minutes or Less***

If you've wondered what Colorado Trout Unlimited is doing on behalf of you and other members around the state, here's your chance to get that picture in a nutshell. David will give a high-level overview of CTU's efforts in four mission

priority areas identified by the state board - promoting healthy rivers under Colorado's Water Plan, restoring strongholds for native trout, legislative advocacy for clean water and instream flow, and educating and engaging the next generation of young angler/conservationists.

David has worked with National and Colorado Trout Unlimited for a combined 25 years. Under his leadership, Colorado TU has successfully reformed state whirling disease policy, secured passage of legislation strengthening Colorado's in-stream flow program, and conducted many on-the-ground restoration projects for stream habitat and native trout recovery. A graduate of Duke University, he enjoys fishing in the Rocky Mountain National Park area on both sides of the Divide, as well as hiking and camping in Colorado's high country with his wife and two children.

**Program 2 - Ty Churchwell TU, *Good Samaritan Legislation & Animas Superfund Clean-up Update***

Ty Churchwell will help us understand what has become a hot topic - Good Samaritan projects for the remediation of abandoned mining properties. He will talk their history and background, how abandoned mines impact water quality and fisheries, and the

legal quagmire with the Clean Water Act/CERCLA. He will also update us on the Animas Superfund Clean-up efforts and TU's path forward in both areas. Ty Churchwell is national TU's San Juan Mountains Coordinator and the Mining Coordinator for TU's "Sportsmen's Conservation Project (SCP) and based in Durango. Ty joined TU staff in 2008 after having been in chapter leadership with the Five Rivers chapter in Durango. He works primarily on state and federal mining policy while leading TU's involvement in the Superfund cleanup of mines in the Animas River watershed.

The meeting will be held on Zoom, starting at 7pm on Tuesday, May 19. To join the meeting, click on the link below prior to 7pm and enter the Meeting ID and Password.

[Zoom Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 8687 7187

Password: 320596

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## ONLINE PRESENTATION BY COLE BRITTAIN CSU STEVE BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Cole Brittain is the 2019/20 recipient of the CCTU Steve Bailey Memorial Scholarship at CSU. He is a Master's candidate in the Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology graduate program at CSU with a focus on research in fish passage. He was supposed to present at our cancelled April meeting, and was nice enough to add audio to his presentation so we could load it onto the CCTU

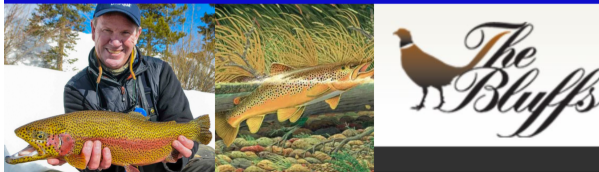
YouTube site. **His presentation is on the effects of Substrates on Rock Ramp Fish Passage Structures**. Fish passage structures, such as rock ramp style fishways, can be used to circumvent dams and other structures that prevent upstream movement of fish. His project tests the passage probabilities of three native small-bodied fish species that differ in swimming performance (Arkansas Darter, Flathead Chub, Stonecat) to develop criteria crucial for passage success in rock ramp fishways. Cole's project is definitely consistent with the CCTU mission and highly interesting. Give it a watch.

View the presentation at the CCTU YouTube site [CCTU Youtube Cole Brittain Presentation](#)

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## CCTU 2020 RAFFLE PROGRAM **BUY TICKETS ONLINE HERE!**

**CCTU 2020 RAFFLE PROGRAM  
40 PRIZES - \$16K VALUE  
\$100 PER TICKET  
ONLY 150 TICKETS TO BE SOLD**



This year, CCTU's annual Fundraising efforts will again be focused on the Raffle program. As always, the Raffle program is your main opportunity to support chapter projects and you have an excellent chance to win a prize from our greatest list of donated items yet. We have 40 prizes again this year, and an even better set of prizes than ever before...with

nearly \$16k retail value!. These donated items range from 11 different guided float, fishing trips and lessons, 8 great equipment packages including a Scott Tampa bamboo rod, 12 fly box prizes filled with over 50 dozen flies, 6 framed artwork/photography, and 3 restaurant/other 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 into August, or whenever we reach 150. Winners announced at the August 18 annual picnic (don't need to be present to win).

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

Ready to buy tickets? You can buy online via the secure Stripe payment system [BUY TICKETS ONLINE HERE](#) .

Or contact Peter King ( [pbking10@outlook.com](mailto:pbking10@outlook.com) , 303-775-9422) or Allen Adinoff ( [aadinoff10@gmail.com](mailto:aadinoff10@gmail.com) , 303-726-0073) or George Franklin ( [georgefr@aol.com](mailto:georgefr@aol.com) , 303-902-9827) to purchase. They can take credit or debit cards via our secure system, or you can arrange to pay with a check by mail. Tickets will be sent by email back to you, following payment.

Don't delay, as tickets will go fast! Tickets are already half gone!

Check out the CCTU website for the full list of all 40 prizes.  
[CCTU Webpage Post with Full List of Prizes](#)

See our Raffle rules at [CCTU 2020 Raffle Rules](#)

**Tickets may be purchased by Colorado residents only.**

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## CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIPS

Several Chapter fishing trips have been cancelled, but some have not, and find out about next year. Please contact each of the CCTU leaders below for more information.

## Green River Fishing Trip – April 11 – 15, 2020 CANCELLED

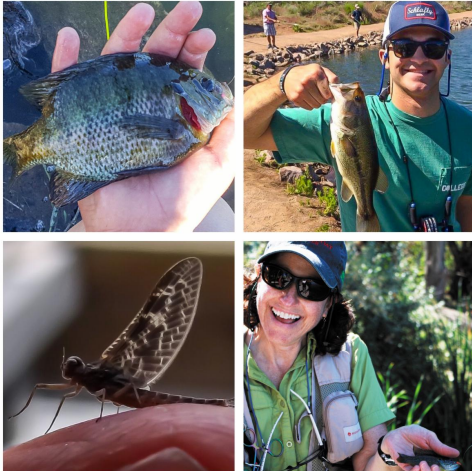
## Bighorn River Fishing Trip – May 11 – May 16, 2020 CANCELLED

Contact – Rich Hus... [r\\_hus@hotmail.com](mailto:r_hus@hotmail.com) if you are interested about 2021

## San Juan River Fishing Trip – October 24 – 29, 202

Contact – Jerry Shin... [gjshin@msn.com](mailto:gjshin@msn.com)

## COME FISH WITH US RETURNS!



CPW has opened up Lake Lehow for events starting in May. We have set up two Come Fish With Us Events for Thursday May 21 and Friday May 22 from 4-8pm. However, CPW is only allowing 10 people to be at the Lake at any one time and you must wear a mask and gloves and practice social distancing. Given these limitations, **you must contact David Coward at [dpcoward@hotmail.com](mailto:dpcoward@hotmail.com) to reserve one of the spots for either of these two days** . Spots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Only those folks that have confirmation of a reserved spot with David will be allowed to enter Lake Lehow.

The Come Fish With Us program is designed for chapter members and non-members to explore local fisheries with 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.

## PROTECT OUR RIVERS LICENSE PLATES - ARE BACK!



CTU is still doing the Protect Our Rivers License Plate program. All it requires is a simple donation of \$25 to CTU. Show your support for Colorado's rivers by displaying this ultra-cool license plate on your vehicle! 100% of the money raised goes toward the conservation, protection and restoration of rivers and streams

in Colorado. So whether you're a farmer, kayaker, hunter, rafter, or angler – or just someone who appreciates the natural beauty that rivers bring to our landscape – the Protect Our Rivers license plate shows that you're willing to put your money where your interest lies! Go to [ProtectOurRivers](https://protectourrivers.com) to make the donation and fill out the license application.

## FLY OF THE MONTH - SKINNY NELSON



Tracey Peterson developed this pattern as a combination Baetis Nymph/Midge Larva on the Bighorn River in Montana. It is a simple but deadly fly. It works great in any stream or river with small mayfly nymphs, and is highly effective throughout Colorado waters. It can be tied with or without a tungsten bead.

Usually tied in sizes 18-20 but can be effective in slightly smaller or larger sizes as well. This was one of the patterns Eddy Wittry tied at the April CCTU Virtual Meeting during his Bighorn River presentation. Video courtesy of Eddy Wittry.

**Hook** – Tiemco 3761

**Thread** – UTC 70 Black

**Ribbing** – XS Silver Ultra Wire

**Wingcase** – Pearl Tinsel, S or M

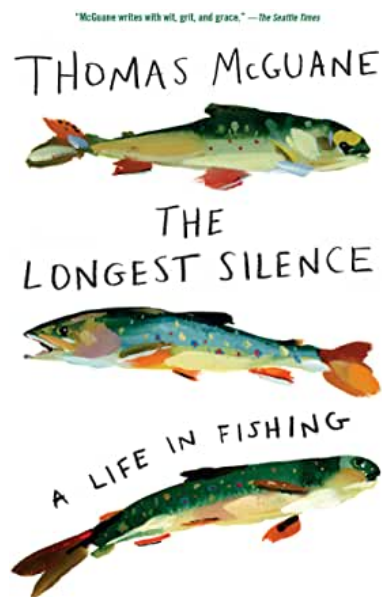
**Thorax** – Ice Dub Peacock

**Tail** - Flourofiber

### [Fly Tying Directions](#)

## NEW READS & RE-READS

### THOMAS MCGUANE, *THE LONGEST SILENCE*



If you haven't read any Thomas McGuane, it is time to start. He is the highly acclaimed author of *Ninety-two in the Shade*, *Cloudburst*, and many others. He is also an avid outdoorsman and this book is a collection of his essays borne from a lifetime spent fishing. There are forty short stories in the book, all amazingly well written, and a range from bonefish trips in Mexico to trout from his home state of Montana. Definitely a good, enjoyable way to pass an afternoon or evening.

## CCTU RECENT PICS

Some solid shots from our fearless leader CCTU President Allen Adinoff this past week at Rainbow Falls. Thanks in part to some fantastic Greg Ledges flies.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Amazon Smile** - Amazon Smile provides .5% of the price of your Amazon purchase to the charitable organization of your choice. When buying something from Amazon, simply go to the Amazon Smile website ( <https://smile.amazon.com> ) to sign into your Amazon account, rather than going to Amazon.com. Once you sign into your Amazon account via the Amazon Smile website, you will be transported to the Amazon website and all purchases will register for the .5% donation to CCTU.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/19 CCTU Chapter Meeting, Virtual Meeting via Zoom 7-8:30pm
- 6/2 CCTU Board Meeting – Virtual Meeting via Zoom 7-8pm
- 6/16 CCTU Chapter Meeting, Virtual Meeting via Zoom 7-8:30pm
- 6/21 Come Fish With Us, Lake Lehow, 4-8pm (must have reservation)
- 6/22 Come Fish With Us, Lake Lehow, 4-8pm (must have reservation)
- 6/19-20 Ladies Fishing on the Fly, Highlands Ranch (TBD)

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