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Conserve, Protect And Restore

FLY FISHING SHOWS – STARTING THIS WEEKEND

The Denver Fly Fishing Show and the International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE) are back in-person this year.

Denver Fly Fishing Show – This show will run Friday February 11 through Sunday February 13 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Conference Center (6700 North Gaylord Rockies Blvd, Aurora, CO

80019). Daily tickets are \$18 and you can buy advance tickets at [Denver Fly Show Link](#) or purchase them at the box office the day of the event.

International Sportsmen's Show (ISE) – Will run Thursday March 24 through Sunday March 27 at its traditional location of the Colorado Convention Center (700 14th St. Denver, CO 80202). Tickets are \$16 and will eventually be able to be purchased at the show website or at the box office the day of the event. For more info, go to [ISE Show Link](#)



JAN MEETING PRESENTATION ON CCTU YOUTUBE CHANNEL



We had a great start back to in-person meetings last month and the January chapter meeting is now up on the CCTU YouTube channel. Taylor Edrington, Owner/President of Royal Gorge Anglers in Canon City, gave an excellent presentation “Fly Fishing the Seasons of the Arkansas River – North America’s Longest Gold Medal Trout Stream”. He gave a detailed

presentation on the conditions (water temp, cfs, etc.), specific fly imitations, and techniques to be successful in each key season on the river. Taylor also went into some solid detail on locations throughout the watershed. Fascinating, informative and well-presented discussion. Contact Taylor to book a trip, purchase gear, or get more info at Royal Gorge Anglers at <https://www.royalgorgeanglers.com/>...you will not be disappointed. Access the presentation at [Arkansas River Jan Meeting Presentation](#).

CCTU FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7PM

IN-PERSON AT CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL & ZOOM
SIMULCAST

KIRK BIEN, KIRK'S FLY SHOP (ESTES PARK), *FLY FISHING
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, WITH A FOCUS ON CUTTS*



Kirk Bien is the owner, with his wife Laurie, and a key guide for Kirk's Fly Shop & Mountain Adventures in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. He started the business over 20 years ago and they now offer fly fishing and adventure trips and gear from three locations – Kirk's Flyshop Estes Park, Estes Angler, and Kirks Flyshop Grand Lake. He has been fishing and guiding in the area for nearly 25 years and will be speaking on his home-waters in Rocky Mountain National Park, including some of his favorite cutthroat-rich high mountain lakes.

Book a trip, purchase gear, or get more info at [Kirks Fly Shop](#) or [Kirks Mountain Adventures](#)

If you can't make the meeting in person and want to join in via Zoom, go to... [Feb Chapter Meeting Zoom Link](#) or go to www.zoom.com and use Meeting ID: 821 4786 5436, Passcode: Cutthroat

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CTU CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING YOUTH CAMP

JUNE 12-18, AEI BASE CAMP, TAYLOR PARK, CO

NOMINATE A CCTU SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE TODAY!

This fantastic camp is designed to educate 14-18 year old students on the importance of cold-water conservation and to provide fly fishing instruction. It was originally established by Sharon Lance, former CCTU and CTU President. 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 be at AEI Base Camp in Taylor Park, June 12-18, 2022. Camp curriculum provides a balance of hands-on learning in river conservation and aquatic ecology and building camper fly fishing and fly tying skill sets. **The application deadline is April 10, 2022.** To find out more info and to apply go to www.coloradotu.org/youthcamp. Application fees are \$50 and camp tuition is \$600. However, scholarships are available, with CCTU is providing at



least two full scholarships. One has already been awarded to a young chapter member and we would love to award the second to a female camper...but are happy to provide it to any qualified 14-18 year old budding conservationist. Contact CCTU President Scott Tampa (scott.a.tampa@gmail.com) if you are interested in finding out more about the scholarships or if you want to recommend a student for a CCTU scholarship. Help TU, CTU and CCTU inspire the next generation of river stewards.



CCTU MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 7PM

IN-PERSON AT CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL & ZOOM
SIMULCAST

PAT DORSEY, THE BLUE QUILL ANGLER, *FLY FISHING
COLORADO'S BEST TROUT STREAMS*



Set your calendars as we are extremely lucky to have legendary guide/author/Blue Quill Angler co-owner Pat Dorsey presenting his tips and techniques on his favorite Colorado trout streams. Colorado has a wide array of angling possibilities, from technical, gin-clear tailwaters to large, untamed freestones. The terrain varies depending

on the geographic locale—many streams meander through lush valleys, some sweep through rich ranchland, and while others carve their way through majestic, boulder-filled canyons. Fly fishers consider Colorado to be one of the premier fly-fishing hubs in the Rocky Mountain west. There are an estimated 9000 miles of trout streams in Colorado, with unlimited angling options. Join Pat Dorsey for tour of Colorado's best trout streams. Dorsey will address matching the hatch, fly selection, public access, and much more, enabling you to be successful on your next angling adventure in Colorado!

Book a trip, purchase gear, or get more info for The Blue Quill Angler at <https://bluequillangler.com> and get Pat's invaluable stream report and more at <https://www.patdorseyflyfishing.com/rivers/>.

If you can't make the meeting in person and want to join in via Zoom, go to...

[March Chapter Meeting Zoom Link](#)

or go to www.zoom.com and use Meeting ID: 821 4786 5436, Passcode: Cutthroat

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CTU ANNUAL RIVER STEWARDSHIP VIRTUAL EVENT MARCH 10, 6PM



The CTU River Stewardship Gala is the largest celebration of Colorado's rivers and world-class fishing opportunities. The Gala raised over \$100k in 2021, all going towards CTU work in youth education, protecting statewide instream flows and temperatures, reintroducing and protecting native trout, and preserving and restoring Colorado's fisheries and their watersheds. This year, the Gala will

take place as a virtual live-streamed event the evening of March 10, with the usual wide array of fishing trips, gear, artwork, and non-fishing experiences available through auction and raffle opportunities. You can join with a group sponsorship, or individual tickets purchased at your choice of two levels. A virtual-only ticket for \$20 gets you on the live stream and enters you for a chance to win a SaraBella custom rod. Or sign up for the \$75 full ticket and you'll get a chance at the custom rod, participation with the March 10 live stream, and admission to our planned summer in-person event in Denver with food, beer, music and fun. Go to <https://coloradotru.org/gala/> for more info or email Whitney Huddleston (whitney.huddleston@tu.org) with questions.

CCTU BEAR CREEK EARTH DAY CONSERVATION PROJECT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS SAT, APRIL 23, 8AM-12PM BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK



Spring is coming and so is our first conservation event of 2022. On Saturday April 23, 8:00 to 12:00, we will again support the City of Lakewood's Earth Day efforts in Bear Creek Lake Park. Our work will be planting native trees and shrubs along the creek, material that a CCTU conservation grant paid for! In order to join the group, please sign up at [City of Lakewood Earth Day Volunteer Project Sign-up](#) after Feb 15.

Once you sign up with the city, please inform John Egan john.j.egan@icloud.com that you will be joining us. More details to follow.

CTU BULL MOOSE COMMITTEE ALERT THE UINTA BASIN RAILWAY



The CTU Bull Moose Committee (BM), CTU's committee for legislative advocacy, briefed the CTU Board in January. One of the items BM is following is the Uinta Basin Railway, in NE Utah. All CCTU members need to know how this project will impact rail traffic in CO.

This proposed 88-mile railway connects Uinta Basin oil fields to the main rail line going west to east following the Colorado River, through the Moffat Tunnel and down to Denver before heading south to Gulf Coast refineries. The crude is too solid to move through a pipeline so the railway solution enables producers to quadruple oil extraction, potentially producing 350,000 barrels of oil per day (BOPD). The project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) estimates up to 10 trains of the waxy crude will move through CO daily. Conservation concerns range from a significant climate change impact from ramped-up production to the increased potential for accidents and spills in sensitive watersheds. The added rail traffic on the Moffat line will increase pressure to re-open the Tennessee Pass Line (TPL) along the Arkansas River through Brown's Canyon, essentially Dotsero to Pueblo. Today the only train using this rail is the Royal Gorge Route tourist rail running from Canon City to Parkdale. The rail between Parkdale and Dotsero is not active.

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CCTU 2022 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 8 – 12, 2022

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

-Full for 2022

-Deposit \$75

Bighorn River Fishing Trip – May 9 – May 14, 2022

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

-Have a couple of slots still left

-Deposit \$75

San Juan River Fishing Trip – Oct 22 - Oct 27, 2022

-More info coming soon

FLY OF THE MONTH - PAT DORSEY'S UV SCUD



Scuds are critical to have in your box year round, but especially in the high water flows of May and June. We like having this pattern in sizes 12-18 in Orange, Tan, and Olive. Olive imitates the living scud, Tan the molting scud, and Orange the dead scud. The UV Scud is a remarkably versatile pattern...Orange or Tan in March and April also work as a solid egg imitation and let you cover a

couple of different situations. Fish it as part of a two or three nymph rig dead-drift or on the swing. Swinging scuds in the riffles can be deadly at times.

Hook – Orvis 62KC Scud Hook or TMC 2457 #12-18

Thread – Orange 6/0 UNI or Danville thread

Tail & Antennae – Orange spooled Antron or Z-Lon

Body – UV Shrimp Pink Ice Dub

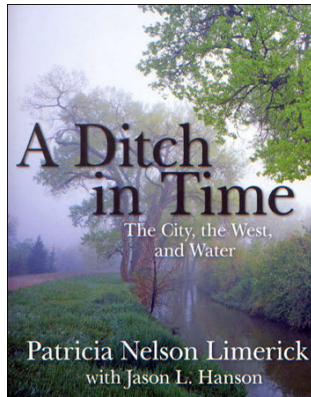
Shellback – Plastic bag ¼” strip

Rib – 4X monofilament tippet

Fly Tying Directions

NEW READS & RE-READS

PATTY LIMERICK, *A DITCH IN TIME...THE CITY, THE WEST, AND WATER*



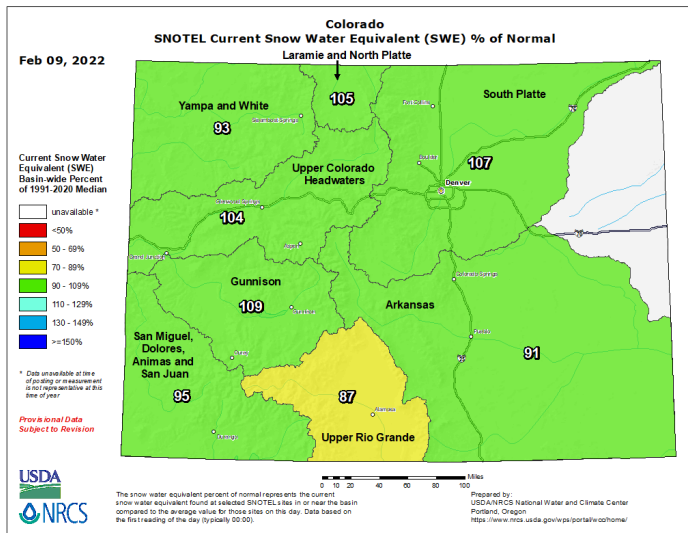
Patty Limerick's excellent book traces the origins and growth of the Denver Water Department. The book is a far more enjoyable discussion than you would expect and examines the complex relationship among cities, suburbs, and rural areas, the crucial role of engineering in shaping the West, the often entrancing workings of governmental agencies and bureaucracies, and the varying roles of contention and cooperation, litigation and negotiation in the control of the West's water. Both a fascinating and challenging read.

Patty Limerick is the Faculty Director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, where she is also a Professor of History. Limerick has dedicated her career to bridging the gap between academics and the general public and to demonstrating the benefits of applying historical perspective to contemporary dilemmas and conflicts. She has written several key books and is a prolific essayist and engaging public speaker.

Order this book at [A Ditch in Time - Amazon](#)

CCTU VISUAL MEMORIES

2/9 Snowpack Reading Down Significantly vs Jan Key Reading Mid-April



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

- 2/15 CCTU Chapter Meeting, Cresthill Middle School & Zoom, 7-8:30pm
- 3/1 CCTU BOD Meeting, Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 7-8:30pm

3/10 CTU Virtual River Stewardship Gala, 6pm

3/15 CCTU Chapter Meeting, Cresthill Middle School & Zoom, 7-8:30pm

4/5 CCTU BOD Meeting, Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 7-8:30pm

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