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## February Newsletter: Pueblo Tailwater, Streamgirls and the CTU Gala

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### For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

**CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 6:30PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM)**

**CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130 (CAFETERIA FOR MEETING)**

**PROGRAM – CAT O’GRADY, THE DRIFT FLY SHOP, FLY FISHING THE ARKANSAS PUEBLO TAILWATER**



Join Cat O’Grady, senior guide from The Drift Fly Shop, for an expert breakdown of the Arkansas River’s Pueblo Tailwater section. The nine miles of river below Lake Pueblo Dam, known as the Pueblo Tailwater, has quickly earned the reputation as Colorado’s best winter fly fishing destination. It is heavily stocked with rainbows annually and provides anglers a chance to catch numerous 10-14” fish, with opportunities for much larger fish throughout the river. Nymphing will always produce, but prolific Midge and Baetis hatches present excellent dry fly fishing opportunities throughout the winter. Due to its location, the river sees warmer water days than most during the winter months making this both a great place to beat out the cold and stalk some great fish. Come hear Cat’s presentation and unlock some of the secrets of this great winter fishery. She will review the different sections of river, hatches and fly recommendations throughout the season, and reveal some key tricks and techniques to improve your fishing satisfaction.

Cat O’Grady has been in love with fish and insects for as long as she can remember. Having completed her Bachelor degree in Environmental Biology and Chemistry, she now finds a happy home in the employment of The Drift Fly Shop. Cat has been a guide, shop attendant, and instructor in the fly fishing world for thirteen years. She is in her second year as a SAGE ELITE PRO and is an instructor at CSU-Pueblo where she teaches fly fishing. When she is not stream-side on her beloved Arkansas River Tailwater, Cat can be found with her nose in a book or a vial of insects in her hands.

Check out more info on The Drift Fly Shop and Cat O'Grady at...

[www.thedriftflyshop.com](http://www.thedriftflyshop.com)

[www.ogradylfishing.blogspot.com](http://www.ogradylfishing.blogspot.com)

### **CCTU FUNDRAISING PARTNER FOCUS – JONATHAN WALTER CLEAR CREEK FLY CASTING**

This month we highlight another great fundraising partner for CCTU...Master Certified Casting Instructor Jonathan Walter and his company Clear Creek Fly Casting. We are grateful for Jonathan donating casting lessons to CCTU fundraising programs for several years. Additionally, we are lucky to have him as our featured program at this year's CCTU Picnic (Aug 20, 2019) with a group casting demo/lesson. Jonathan has lived in Colorado for over 30 years, has over 20 years' experience teaching fly fishing, fly casting, and fly tying and is one of only a handful of FFI Master Certified Casting Instructors in the state. He created the Fly Fishing Section and Fly Fishing School of the Colorado Mountain Club. His teaching approach is based upon understanding your goals, assessing what is needed to achieve them, and breaking down the required skills into manageable steps. He feels that mastery of the fundamentals is critical to success at all levels. Besides teaching and running Clear Creek Casting, he pursues an unending quest for the biggest fish in the smallest waters.

To book a lesson or set up a presentation or casting demo please contact Jonathan at one of the following contacts...

[www.clearcreekflyingcasting.com](http://www.clearcreekflyingcasting.com)

[jonathan@clearcreekflyingcasting](mailto:jonathan@clearcreekflyingcasting)

(303) 981-8116

### **CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – MARCH CHAPTER MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 6:30PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM)**

**CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130 (CAFETERIA FOR MEETING)**



### **PROGRAM 1 – CHRISTOPHER KOTALIK CSU STEVE BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Christopher Kotalik is the 2018/19 recipient of the CCTU Steve Bailey Memorial Scholarship at CSU. He is in his fifth year as a PhD candidate in the Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology graduate program at CSU, in the Aquatic Ecotoxicology Lab. Chris grew up in Loveland where he spent much of his time fishing, hunting, and exploring Colorado's natural resources. It was those experiences that influenced his choice to pursue a career in fisheries and aquatic sciences. His research interests are centered around the evaluation of the effects of contaminants on stream ecosystems, with a focus on benthic ecology. His presentation will focus on his dissertation research in evaluating the direct and indirect effects of acid mine drainage remediation on mountain streams using field and mesocosm approaches. Chris' professional goals are to continue to conduct research in the field of ecotoxicology, and to work to improve water quality standards in the West

### **PROGRAM 2 – AUSTIN PARR, DISCOUNT FISHING TACKLE, FLY FISHING FOR WALLEYE**

Join Austin Parr, Sales Manager and Buyer at Discount Fishing Tackle, for a change of pace from trout fishing...a presentation on the tactics, techniques, and tackle for taking Walleye on the fly. Get better equipped to target a species that is plentiful in our Metro area lakes and ponds.

Austin Parr is a native Coloradan that started fishing at around three years old. At eight, he caught two 40+ inch pike in the same day. He is equally proficient at fly fishing as he is with conventional tackle, and his knowledge of Front Range waters is exceptional. He guides the warm-water for walleye, smallmouth, and largemouth as well as for trout on the Front Range rivers and streams, and loves fly fishing the high country. He has managed, and been the buyer, for Discount Fishing Tackle for the last eight years and is part of the St. Croix rods pro staff. He has had a passion for the outdoors his entire life, and feels privileged to be able to incorporate this passion into his everyday work. Whether teaching clients on guide trips or talking to customers in the shop, having the ability to help other anglers catch more fish is his number one goal in the industry.

For more info on Austin and Discount Fishing Tackle please go to [www.discountfishingdenver.com](http://www.discountfishingdenver.com).

**CTU RIVER STEWARDSHIP GALA – THURSDAY 3/7, 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 \$80k 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! Buy tickets at [www.coloradotu.org/gala](http://www.coloradotu.org/gala)

### CTU RENDEZVOUS – 4/26-28, GLENWOOD SPRINGS



Colorado Trout Unlimited Presents...

## 2019 Annual Rendezvous

Glenwood Springs, CO

April 26-28, 2019

Join fellow TU members, industry professionals, and conservation experts for a great weekend of trainings, networking, and a whole lot of fun!



Learn More at:

[coloradotu.org/rendezvous](http://coloradotu.org/rendezvous)

Colorado TU is proud to announce that our Rendezvous will be returning to the historic Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs, CO on April 26-28, 2019. Join fellow TU members (new and old), outdoor professionals, guides, educators, and conservation groups for a weekend not to be missed.

<https://coloradotu.org/rendezvous>

**TU STREAM GIRLS**





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 observe a stream, collect flow data, sample macro-invertebrates (aka aquatic bugs), tie flies, and learn fly casting.

Colorado Trout Unlimited is hosting three STREAM Girls events in 2019:

**STREAM Girls Training (*required*) - Saturday, March 30, 2019**

Location: Izaak Walton Clubhouse, [18 Sunset St, Longmont, CO 80501](#)

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**STREAM Girls Event - Saturday, April 13, 2019**

Location: Izaak Walton Clubhouse, [18 Sunset St, Longmont, CO 80501](#)

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**STREAM Girls Event - Saturday, May 11, 2019**

Location: Kassler Center, [11338 Waterton Rd, Littleton, CO 80125](#)

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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 [bianca.mcgrathmartinez@tu.org](mailto:bianca.mcgrathmartinez@tu.org).

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For more info, go to <https://coloradotu.org/stream-girls>.

**CTU YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING 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 9-15 at Silent Springs Resort in Gunnison, CO. To find out more info on the camp, please contact CTU's Dan Omasta ([domasta@tu.org](mailto:domasta@tu.org)) or go to <https://coloradotu.org/youthcamp>. Through a generous donation from Orvis Park Meadows and Orvis Cherry Creek, 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](mailto: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 13 – 17, 2019
  - Contact – Jim Schmidt...[jasden@aol.com](mailto:jasden@aol.com)
  - May be nearing capacity for this event, but if you're interested, contact Jim
  - Deposit \$75
- **Bighorn River Fishing Trip** – exact dates TBD (last year...May 14 – 19)
  - Contact – John Aaron...[jraaron@mail.com](mailto:jraaron@mail.com)
- **Green River Fishing Trip** – October 26 – 30, 2019
  - Contact – Jerry Shin...[gjshin@msn.com](mailto:gjshin@msn.com)
  - Trip is already full, but Jerry is doing a wait list...folks do cancel

**KEEP YOUR KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS CHARGED UP AND IN USE!**

The King Soopers Gift card fundraising program is the easiest and simplest way to help raise money for the chapter and requires virtually no work or extra money from any members! King Soopers gift cards are set up specifically for the Cutthroat Chapter. Cards are preloaded with \$25 and sold to Chapter members at face value...no extra cost! Anyone that would like one just needs to contact Allen Adinoff ([aadinoff10@gmail.com](mailto:aadinoff10@gmail.com)) for the card. Once you've used the \$25, you can "reload" the card using your credit card (or cash) at the beginning of your checkout (any checker can do it). Cards can be used to purchase anything at King Soopers. **The chapter gets 5% of every dollar loaded onto these cards, and that raised nearly \$3,500 in 2018!**



**We have had a productive year for both fishing and conservation. Your dollars and your efforts have certainly had a positive impact on the health of our mountain streams and our angling community. As always, we thank you for your commitment, your donations and your time.**

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