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## July Newsletter: Euronymphing, Greenback Recovery & Ladies on the Fly

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# For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

**CCTU 2019 FUNDRAISING PROGRAM – ONLY ON SALE FOR ANOTHER MONTH...TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!**

## **CCTU 2019 RAFFLE PROGRAM**

**40 GREAT PRIZES**

**ONLY 150 ENTRIES ALLOWED**

**\$100 PER TICKET...MULTIPLE TICKETS, CAN WIN MORE THAN 1X**

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT AUGUST 20 CCTU PICNIC (DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN)**

We are winding down the 2019 CCTU's annual Fundraising efforts with the end of the Raffle program on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We aren't having the Fundraising Party this year (with Fly Auctions, Silent Auctions), so the Raffle program is your main opportunity to support chapter projects and have an excellent chance to win a prize from our greatest list of donated items yet.

We have 40 prizes this year, making it our biggest raffle ever. These donated items range from 17 different guided float, fishing trips and lessons, 5 great equipment packages including a Scott Tampa bamboo rod, 9 fly box prizes filled with over 50 dozen flies, 7 framed prints or photography, and 2 restaurant or wine 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 went on sale at the May meeting (5/21) and will be on sale into August...winners announced at the August 20 annual picnic (don't need to be present to win). You can purchase tickets at the meeting with cash, check or credit. If you can't make the meeting please email Allen Adinoff ([aadinoff10@gmail.com](mailto:aadinoff10@gmail.com)) or Stephanie Young ([syoung50@comcast.net](mailto:syoung50@comcast.net)) to arrange completion of the purchase by phone.

We still have some tickets left, but don't delay as they are going fast!

All proceeds will go toward chapter conservation programs and other initiatives, including the CSU Steve Bailey scholarship, Greenback Reintroduction program, South Platte River Watch and Bug Analysis programs, the Clear Creek Clean-up Project, several joint CCTU/Coalition for the Upper South Platte

rehabilitation and clean-up programs, and multiple projects focused on Lower Bear Creek. These programs would not exist without your generous support of these fundraising efforts.

For the full list of 40 prizes go to : [https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe\\_events=cctu-annual-fundraising-program-raffle-tickets-on-sale-starting-tuesday-4-16-2019-06-16&eventDate=2019-06-16](https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe_events=cctu-annual-fundraising-program-raffle-tickets-on-sale-starting-tuesday-4-16-2019-06-16&eventDate=2019-06-16)

### **CCTU JULY CHAPTER MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 6:30PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM)**

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

**GARY OKIZAKI, *EURONYMPHING TECHNIQUES & SECRETS FOR SUCCESS***



Join Colorado native and long-time Colorado Guide (currently with the Blue Quill and 5280 Angler) Gary Okizaki for a fascinating presentation on his techniques and secrets for successful Euronymphing. This presentation will be informative and intriguing for both experienced tightline nymphers, as well as those just starting out with this form of fly fishing. Gary will cover a wide range of tightline topics including leader design, fishing techniques by water type, rods and other equipment, and more.

Gary Okizaki has been a guide for over 20 years and brings a wealth of experience and tall tails to his clients. He is an accomplished nymph and streamer fly fisher, but has placed a key focus on Euronymphing and other tightline techniques for the last decade. He has been fishing since the age of six and has fished and learned from some of the best fly fishers in the U.S. His passion for Euronymphing started years ago during a trip with Jay Buchner, the 2004 captain of the U.S. Fly Fishing team and his skills and expertise has been honed over the last decade. He is also a highly innovative commercial fly tyer and ties at shows all over the West.

*Fly Tying* - Gary will tie his favorite tactical nymphs from 6:30 to 7pm.

*Casting with Buzz* – From 6 to 6:30, meet Buzz Soard on the lawn on the north side of the school entrance for casting practice and coaching. Bring your own rod, but Buzz will have hoop targets and other casting assistance equipment.

## 2019 GREENBACK CUTTHROAT TROUT RECOVERY PROJECTS



Summer is here and the Greenback Cutthroat recovery season is underway! 2019 is shaping up to be a big year for native trout restoration and we need your help! Check out all the great opportunities to save our State Fish! Starting with July, there are a bunch of great volunteer opportunities to help with CPW's Greenback Cutthroat Trout reintroduction effort. These projects are led by Colorado Trout Unlimited and you can sign up to volunteer at the link below. <https://coloradotu.org/volunteer/#current-opportunities>

## COME FISH WITH US JULY EVENT –THURSDAY, JULY 18, 5-8PM AT LAKE LEHOW



Join us Thursday, July 18 for CCTU's July "Come Fish With Us" event from 5-8pm at Lake Lehow. This program is designed for chapter members and non-members to explore local fisheries with several highly 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. Contact board member David Coward at [dpcoward@hotmail.com](mailto:dpcoward@hotmail.com) for more info, or just show up at Lake Lehow on 7/18 at 5pm. With the cool weather we have had through early July, the fishing has been solid for trout.

All of these events are at Lake Lehow, and we have the following dates remaining...

Thursday 7/18

5-8pm



Saturday 8/24	9am-12pm
Sunday 9/22	8am-12pm
Friday 10/18	5-8pm

### PROJECT HEALING WATERS CRYSTAL LAKE TRIP – RECAP



On Wednesday, June 26, CCTU and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Denver had another great trip to Crystal Lake outside Leadville. Ten vets joined the group of over 30 volunteers and everyone had a great day on the water. Thanks to Richard Pilatzke and Jim Cowell for organizing as they always do, John Cristantiello for a delicious BBQ lunch, and all the CCTU and PHWFF members that attended the event. All the vets caught fish and it was a great time getting to know them on a beautiful day in a fantastic setting. Damsels, Quigley Cripples, and Squirmies were all working well, with the best rig being a beetle with a squirmy dropper. Everyone looks forward to doing it again next year.

### LADIES FISHING ON THE FLY – AUGUST 16 & 17, 2018, HIGHLANDS RANCH EASTRIDGE REC CENTER AND LAKE LEHOW



Join CCTU's Cyndy Scholz and her team of instructors for the 2019 edition of the very popular Ladies Fishing on the Fly. The Highlands Ranch Cultural Association teams up with the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited to teach ladies ages 16 and older the art of fly fishing. There is one classroom session, Friday, August 16 from 6-9pm, and an Outdoor Classroom and Field Trip Saturday, August 17, 8:30am-1pm. Expert Instructors lead this workshop that covers all of the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, conservation, knots, landing and releasing...with plenty of hands-on practice. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of event if not sold out. Get tickets at the Highlands Ranch

Eastridge Recreation Center (9568 University Blvd, Highlands Ranch), at the following HRCA online order site (<https://hrcaonline.org/about-us/guides-communication/calendar-schedules/event-details/evr/1/ladies-fishing-on-the-fly-ladies-16-1>) or by calling (303) 791-2500. **Any chapter members that would like to help with instruction, please contact Cyndy at [cyndyscholz@msn.com](mailto:cyndyscholz@msn.com) or (303) 507-3068.**

## CCTU AUGUST ANNUAL PICNIC (REPLACES AUG MONTHLY MEETING) & 2019 RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 5PM (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IDEALLY AT 3:30)**

**REYNOLDS LANDING PARK– 6745 S. SANTA FE DRIVE, LITTLETON, CO 80120**



Join us at the Annual Picnic on August 20th at Reynolds Landing on the South Platte River. Volunteers needed starting at 3:30, picnic activities officially starts at 5 pm with food being served starting at approx. 6:15 pm. This event is held in lieu of the August chapter meeting. Bring your family and fishing buddies. CCTU will provide the meat, plates, napkins, condiments, water and soft drinks. Please bring something to share with 12-14 people...typical picnic side dishes such as salads, baked beans, casseroles, and other snacks or dessert type dishes.

**NOTE** – We will also be conducting the drawing for the winners of the 2019 Fundraising Raffle...all 40 prizes. Don't have to be present to win, but another great excuse to come to a truly fun chapter event.

### Special Group Activity (5pm Start) – Group Casting Lesson with Jonathan Walter from Clear Creek Fly Casting

We are lucky to have Master Certified Casting Instructor Jonathan Walter from Clear Creek Fly Casting to do a group casting event for us starting at 5pm. Jonathan will focus on how to improve your casting, with tips and advice on the elements essential to better casting whether it be for presentation, accuracy or distance. We will be bringing 30+ rods (first come first serve), but feel to bring your own so you can put into practice Jonathan's instruction on equipment you know. Additionally, please bring a hat and eye protection (sunglasses or eyeglasses). 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. You can reach Jonathan at...

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

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

(303) 981-8116

Fishing is close by, right on the South Platte River...so feel free to bring your rod.

The Park closes at sundown...so you are welcome to stay and fish or visit as long as the light permits.

Reynolds Landing address is located off Santa Fe, just a little north of Aspen Grove. Quick directions are (from C470) north on Santa Fe, proceed past Aspen Grove, turn left (west) on Brewery Lane, proceed past Breckenridge Brewery, road dead ends at the park.

### **AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM – SET THIS UP AND CCTU GETS .5% OF YOUR AMAZON PURCHASES**



Amazon Smile provides .5% of the price of your Amazon purchase to the charitable organization of your choice. To set this program up, you must always go to the website <https://smile.amazon.com> to sign into your Amazon account, rather than going to [Amazon.com](https://amazon.com). Once you sign into your Amazon account via the Amazon Smiles website, you will be transported to the Amazon website.

To set up initially...

-Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>

-Login with your Amazon username (likely email) and password

-The system will then prompt you for which charitable organization you want the \$ to go towards – type in Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited

-You are all set to have the \$ go towards CCTU

-If you ever want to change the charitable organization or if you have trouble with the initial set-up – go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, then go to “Your Account”, then to “Your Amazon Smile”

### **KING SOOPERS CARD PROGRAM CHANGE – PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGES BELOW TO KEEP FUNDING GOING TO CCTU**

The King Soopers Gift Card program has been an important funding source for CCTU. The program has changed, and now no longer runs off the gift card but runs straight off your King Soopers Rewards Card... **requiring even less effort than ever before.**

To link your King Soopers Reward Card to funding for CCTU, please do the following.

-Log into your King Soopers Rewards account at [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com) – if you are a new user, you will have to create an account which is very simple.

- Click on "Save" on top menu bar
- Click on King Soopers Community Rewards – from pull down menu
- Enroll Now
- Create Account – you will need King Soopers Rewards Card number...on back of card
- Find an Organization – enter "Cutthroat"
- Enroll



**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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