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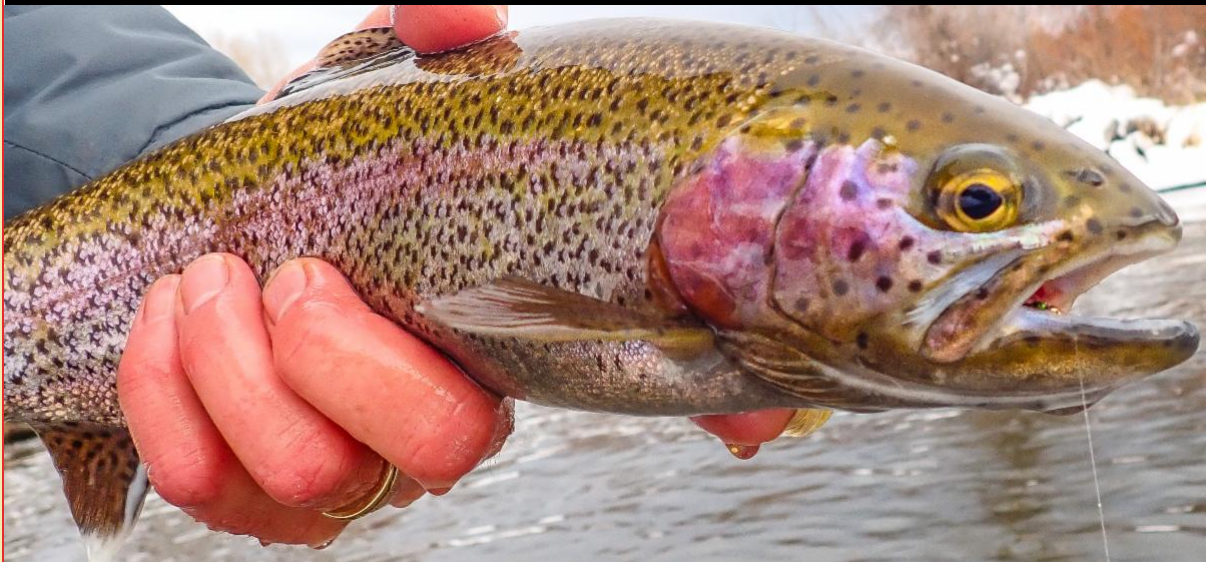


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Brian Young - Colorado River, 2/15/20

Conserve, Protect And Restore

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

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



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.

DIRECTIONS TO CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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. Tickets may be sold out, but check at at [CTU Gala Tickets](#) or by emailing skindle@tu.org. CCTU may have some tickets as well...contact Allen Adinoff if interested aadinoff10@gmail.com .

CCTU March Meeting - Tues, 3/17, 6:30-8:30PM

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130
 TYLER SOULEK, *FLY FISHING THE BACKCOUNTRY OF ARGENTINA, ALASKA, AND COLORADO WITHOUT BUSTING YOUR BUTT*



Join us for a fun and informative presentation by Ron Belak entitled "Fly Fishing the Backcountry of Argentina, Alaska and Colorado without Busting Your Butt." The show will focus on places to go and how to fish without having to expend the physical exertion often associated with forays into the backcountry. The backcountry allows anglers to get away from the crowds while enjoying spectacular scenery and catching some large trout. The alternative to long hikes, of course, is horses, drift boats and airplanes. Ron will walk, or perhaps motorize, us through locations to fish in the Flat Tops of Colorado, the Patagonia region of Argentina and the Kenai Peninsula and Lake Iliamna areas of Alaska.

Ron Belak is an award-winning writer and photographer from Evergreen, Colorado. His new book, "Fly Fishing Colorado's Backcountry, consists of over 40 how-to articles he published in Colorado Outdoors magazine from 1994 to 2018. He has fished the Colorado backcountry for 40 years, hitting about 400 different Colorado high lakes and reservoirs, as well as others in Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska, British Columbia and Argentina. Educated as a scientist with degrees in geology and significant coursework in the biological sciences, he approaches fly fishing from an analytical perspective, trying to decide what strategies, techniques, equipment and patterns work and what is the scientific basis for why they work. Ron's writing has appeared in Colorado Outdoors, Fly Fisherman, and American Angler magazines.

[DIRECTIONS TO CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

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

bianca.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** . The Youth Camp team could use your help in two ways. **First, they need camper s.** Too often they do not reach the capacity of the camp, which is a shame given the type of education offered and the amount of work involved in putting the camp together. **Secondly, consider a donation of money, fly tying materials, extra fly fishing equipment, etc. to the CTU Youth Education Programs** . For many campers, it is their first opportunity to try fly fishing. These items can be used for the

camp, but also other great CTU education projects including Stream Explorers and Stream Girls. To find out more info on the camp, please contact CTU's Dan Omasta (domasta@tu.org) or Mark Hanson (crappydog@yahoo.com), 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 13 – 17, 2020

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

There are some slots left for this trip – please contact Jim ASAP if interested
Deposit \$75

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

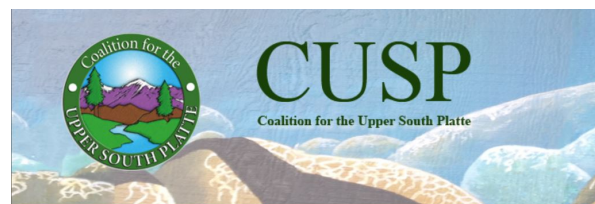
Contact – Rich Hus... r_hus@hotmail.com

Green River Fishing Trip – October 24 – 29, 2020

Contact – Jerry Shin... gjshin@msn.com

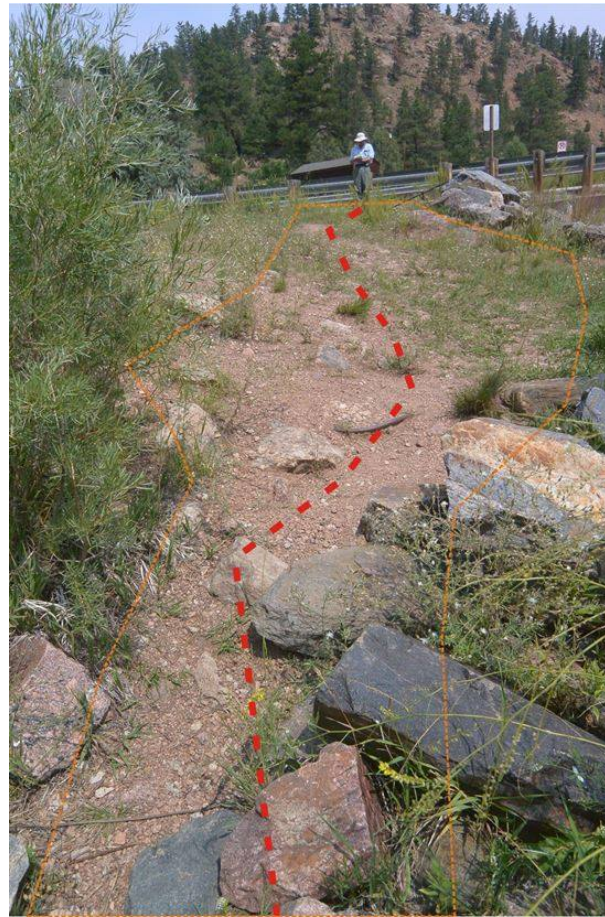
CCTU PARTNER FOCUS - *THE COALITION FOR THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE (CUSP)*

This month we highlight another great long-time partner for CCTU conservation...The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP). CUSP has partnered with CCTU for South Platte drainage conservation projects for a number of years, thanks to some great coordinational efforts by George Franklin and others. Since 1998, CUSP has worked to protect the 1.6 million-acre watershed that reaches from the Continental Divide to Strontia Springs Reservoir, southwest of Denver. The watershed is a recreational mecca with over 1 million acres of public lands; it provides municipal water for about three quarters of Colorado's residents; it is renowned for its "gold-medal" fishing streams; and it is home to numerous threatened and endangered species. CUSP works with partners to provide essential services



such as project planning, implementation, and monitoring within the watershed. CUSP crews work tirelessly, whether on-the-ground or in the boardroom, to ensure communication, cooperation and completion of vital programs. Working with volunteers, we plant thousands of trees each year, restore habitat, and improve recreational opportunities. Our crews also remove damaged and diseased trees, and help reduce wildfire threats in our communities.

CCTU will continue to fund and help staff volunteer projects in conjunction with CUSP going forward. One of our most recent projects is the Deckers River Access Stairs project. In 2019, to help address South Platte erosion and sedimentation issues from social trails at the intersection of the South Platte River and Highway 126 in Deckers, CUSP partnered with CCTU to complete four sets of large, stone stairs. Three sets of stairs have been completed and work on the fourth set began in the Fall of 2019. Once the stairs are completed, the team will seed and install jute matting. Volunteer for this project or other joint CCTU/CUSP projects this upcoming year. Find out more about CUSP at [CUSP Website](#).



FLY OF THE MONTH – *RIM CHUNG'S RSII*

If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Rim, he is truly one of the gentleman of our sport and industry. The RSII is tied numerous different ways, but we thought it might be nice to see how the pattern's originator ties it...a little bit differently than other folks. Rim ties it in many different body colors, but with the Dark Dun saddle hackle web for nearly all the wings. Interestingly, he designed this fly originally to be fished primarily on the swing...give it a try next time you are out.

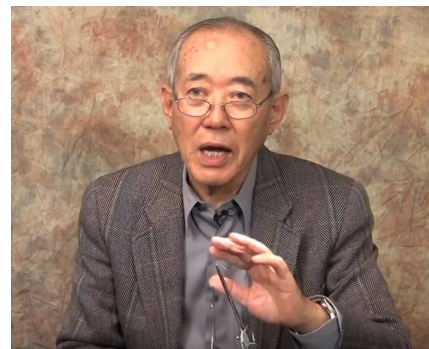
Hook – TMC 101 Size 18-26...but can go larger

Thread – Grey 8/0 Uni-thread

Body – Natural Beaver Fur Grey

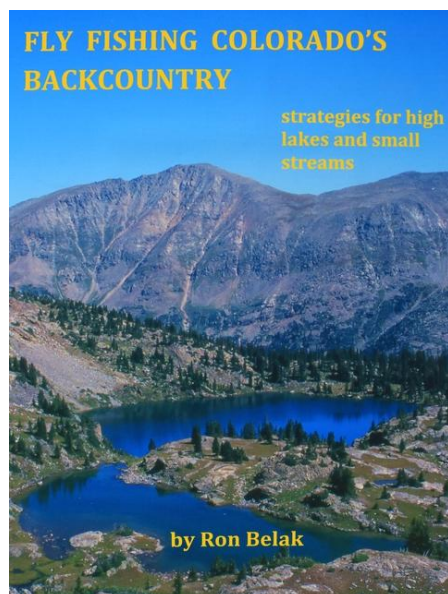
Wings – Dark Dun Color Saddle Hackle...use the web

Tail – Dark Dun Micro Fibetts



[Tying Instructions](#)

NEW READS

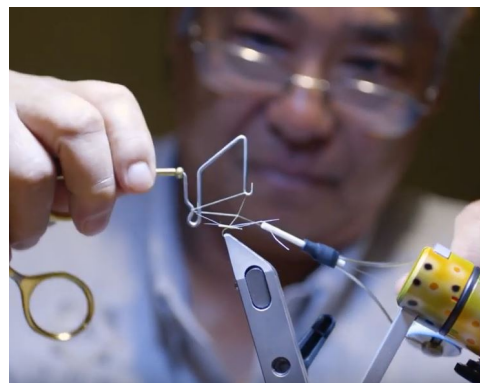


Ron will be presenting at our March meeting. Get a signed copy of his new book *Fly Fishing Colorado's Backcountry* at the meeting or pick one up via his website [Ron Belak Website](#). The book consists of over 40 articles he published in Colorado Outdoors Magazine, the official publication of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, from 1994 through 2018. While aimed primarily at the backcountry angler, half of the articles in the book are applicable to fly fishing for trout anywhere. All articles were updated in 2018, and the book is illustrated with almost 450 color photos. Pat Dorsey says "Ron Belak is one of the top authorities on Colorado's backcountry. This book is jam-packed with strategies and fly patterns to take your high-mountain lake and stream game to the next level. Belak's wealth of knowledge is

accompanied by stunning photography, which makes it hard to put down."

CCTU RECENT PICS

Recently, this great new video was put together featuring CCTU's own Phil Iwane. Some beautiful videography and Phil's thoughts on why he fly fishes and ties. Phil doesn't make it to every meeting, but he is one of the truly nicest and most genuine guys in the industry. His Iwan-e-Dun extended body mayflies and No Mercy Midge are two killer Umpqua patterns...pick some up if you don't have them in your box.



Shoot any cool new pics to brianyoungco@comcast.net for posting.

[Click for Video](#)

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

2/18-----CCTU February Chapter Meeting
3/3-----CTU Board Meeting - The Shack, Littleton
3/5-----CTU Gala – Mile High Station, Denver
3/17-----CCTU March Membership Meeting
4/7-----CCTU Board Meeting - The Shack, Littleton
4/21-----CCTU April Membership Meeting

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