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Dan Hodgkiss - North Platte River, 2/28/20

Conserve, Protect And Restore

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

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



MARCH MEETING CANCELLED

After careful review of the current Covid-19 situation and our desire to keep chapter members safe and do our part to slow the virus spread, we have cancelled the March 17 meeting. We appreciate your patience and understanding and have rebooked Ron Belak for the May chapter meeting.

We currently have not cancelled any meetings or activities beyond mid-April, but will continue to monitor the situation and update the membership on event status as things evolve.

Best thoughts for staying healthy and safe.

CCTU April Meeting - Tues, 4/21, 6:30-8:30PM

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PROGRAM 1 - COLE BRITTAIN CSU STEVE BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT

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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. His presentation will be on "How Does Rock-Ramp Fishway Surface Texture Affect the Passage Success of Small-Bodied Fishes?" 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.

PROGRAM 2 – EDDY WITTRY, *THE BIGHORN...HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR FISH COUNT*

Unlock the secrets of the Bighorn River with a fly fishing and fly tying event by Eddy Wittry. . Eddy owns a unique DIY lodge on the Bighorn, has fished the river for 30 years, and knows that water and its bugs as well as anyone. Eddy will review his systematic approach to the Big Horn River in Fort Smith, Montana, including reading the water, entomology, and fly selection. His true "secret" of the Bighorn is the use of a seine. Good vs great days = the size of the sowbug first, and then knowing what else is in the water. The seine reveals the patterns that locals fish, little known by visitors. From 6:30 to 7:00 he will conduct a fly tying demo of the river's most effective and simple patterns. Learn the RSIII, Black Quill Skinny Nelson, and the importance of light gray baetis emergers vs. the dark gray most people fish. Eddy will tie his favorite Bighorn patterns 6:30-7pm.

DIRECTIONS TO CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

4TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY BEAR CREEK CONSERVATION PROJECT AND FISHING CONTESTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

CONSERVATION PROJECT 8:30-12PM, FISHING CONTEST 1-4PM



Join the Cutthroat Chapter Saturday April 25, 2020 on urban Bear Creek to celebrate Earth Day in cooperation with the City of Lakewood. After a lite provided breakfast we will help restore a nearby riparian area by planting a variety of native vegetation. We might also get a chance to remove log jams, to clean up litter, and to perform some erosion control. After a provided lunch we will return to the stream for a low key three hour fishing contest with "awards" for angling "excellence". Online sign up is requested for the City to plan for food and materials. Sign up below

no later than April 22 at 8am and indicate you are with TU. If you fail to meet the deadline, then email George and he can get you in. [City of Lakewood Earth Day Volunteer Project Sign-Up](#)

Meet at: Bear Creek Lake Park, Meadowlark Picnic Area before 8:30 am if you would like breakfast. From C470, exit at W. Morrison Road, just east of the town of Morrison. Proceed through the west park entrance. Park entry is free to volunteers.

Map of the park and Meadowlark Picnic Area: [MAP](#)

Conservation Project Details: 8:30am-12pm. Bring gloves, appropriate clothing, drinking water, and sunscreen. The Park will provide all necessary tools, though if you have a favorite pick or shovel you should bring it along. The soil is very rocky. A lite breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 am and release forms for CCTU and City of Lakewood will be signed. Work teams will be assigned and CCTU workers will carpool to the Bear Creek Greenbelt area. Native plants for revegetation will be provided. We

will be planting and doing other restoration work until noon, when we will return to Bear Creek Lake Park for the provided lunch.

Fishing Contest: Bear Creek Greenbelt area, approximately 1pm – 4pm. You may compete as an individual, though teams of mentors and inexperienced folks are encouraged. Contestants will keep a log of species, numbers, sizes, and locations of all fish caught in the time allotted. Tongue in cheek tokens of appreciation for angling prowess will be handed out to teams for most fish caught, most flies lost, or any other category we manage to come up with. Suggestions for other categories worthy of appreciation are welcomed!

For additional info please contact George Franklin at 303.902.9827 or at [George Franklin Email](#) .

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 11 – 15, 2020

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

May still have slots left for this trip – please contact Jim ASAP if interested

Deposit \$75

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

Trip Full - get on the wait list or next year's trip

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

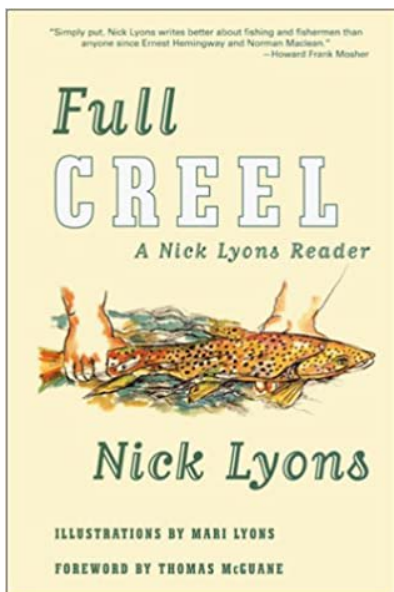
Green River Fishing Trip – October 24 – 29, 2020

Trip Full - get on the wait list or next year's trip

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

NEW READS

NICK LYONS, *FULL CREEL...A NICK LYON'S READER*



Given that we all may be spending some alone time indoors, a good thick book seems appropriate. Not a new book, but one we had read a number of years ago...and just recently completely enjoyed re-reading. Nick Lyons has long been acclaimed as one of our preeminent fishing writers, praised for his great stories, philosophical and literary insights, self-deprecating humor, and ability to capture the passion that drives people to stand for hours at a time in a river, often in vain. This book is a collection of his favorite essays and stories from more than three decades of writing. If you have ever read any Nick Lyons articles or books, this is a book you definitely should read. Truly gets at the essence of fly fishing from so many angles.

CCTU RECENT PICS

March 5 was the CTU River Stewardship Gala at Mile High Station. It is the largest conservation and fishing oriented auction in Colorado – nearly 400 guests. 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. CCTU had two tables and members enjoyed bidding on 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. Great food, great entertainment from fly fishing comedian Hank Patterson, and great camaraderie and conservation talk all



around. Folks are eager for next year. Pictures courtesy of CJ Allen.

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 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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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/17--CCTU March Chapter Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm (**CANCELLED**)
4/7----CCTU BOD Meeting – The Shack Restaurant, Littleton, 7-8pm
4/21---CCTU April Chapter Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Cresthill MS
4/24-4/26 CTU Rendezvous, Glenwood Springs (**POSTPONED**)
4/25----CCTU Earth Day Bear Creek Conservation Project

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