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Colorado River - 3/18/20

Conserve, Protect And Restore

WHAT MEETING/EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Due to the Covid-19 situation and resulting shut-down, the following meetings/events have been cancelled...

- 4/11-4/15 CCTU Green River Trip - CANCELLED
- 4/21 CCTU Monthly Meeting – **SWITCHED** to “Live” online meeting (see below)
- 4/25 Earth Day Bear Creek Project – CANCELLED
- 4/24-4/26 CTU Rendezvous – CANCELLED
- CCTU Come Fish With Us Events – CANCELLED FOR APRIL & MAY
- 5/11-5/16 CCTU Bighorn River Trip - CANCELLED
- 5/19 CCTU Monthly Meeting – CANCELLED...may switch to “Live” online meeting
- 6/30 CCTU Crystal Lake Trip with Project Healing Waters - CANCELLED

Best thoughts for staying healthy and safe.

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

"LIVE" ONLINE PRESENTATION

EDDY WITTRY – *BIGHORN RIVER...DOUBLE YOUR CATCH*



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, with the presentation starting at 7pm.

CCTU’s first “Live” online presentation is incredibly easy to join. No software required! You can interact and ask questions with Eddy “Live!”

How to join the presentation

- Call into (213) 226-1066...at either 6:30 (fly tying) or 7pm (presentation)
- Enter the meeting PIN 591109665 followed by the #
- Click on the link <https://join.me/stratfixshare>
- Enter your name and hit “return”
- Eddy will let you into the “room” so you can view presentation screen
- Easier to do audio through cell phone or land line phone than via computer audio
- Mute your phone unless you want to ask a question

IN MEMORIAM - BOB TUCKER

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of long time CCTU member and supporter Bob Tucker on April 1. Please see comments and photo his longtime friend and fishing partner Sharon Lance provided.

“It is with great sorrow that I share the passing of Bob Tucker on April 1st of a heart attack on



his 59th wedding anniversary. He was one of our staunchest Cutthroat supporters and a long-time member. Bob was a dear friend and my fishing buddy. Bob had an engaging smile and shared everything he could to support our chapter. He donated a trip for two anglers to his home in Carbondale at the Ranch of the Roaring Fork every year for our annual auction. He and his wife, Bobbye, were so gracious. They taught me what the word "hospitality" means as well as true friendship. I remember all the stories about Bob and Army Silverman at the annual chapter trip to the Big Horn River. Bob and Army

would fish from sunup to sundown, come back to the "condo", cook dinner and tie flies after dinner. They would do this every day for four or five days in a row!

Bob had some favorite sayings that I will always remember....."Anything worth doing is worth overdoing" and "Too much of a good thing is just right".

It can be summed up in a quote that stood in his home: "Life is a great investment and no man lives in vain who guards a hundred friendships as a miser guards his gain"...author unknown."

For a full obituary, go to...

<https://horancares.com/obits/robert-edward-tucker/>

CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIPS

Several Chapter fishing trips have been cancelled, but some have not, and find out about next year. Please contact each of the CCTU leaders below for more information.

Green River Fishing Trip – April 11 – 15, 2020 CANCELLED

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

Contact – Rich Hus... r_hus@hotmail.com if you are interested about 2021

San Juan River Fishing Trip – October 24 – 29, 202

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

CCTU 2020 RAFFLE PROGRAM - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

This year, CCTU's annual Fundraising efforts will again be focused on the Raffle program. We aren't having the Fundraising Party again this year (with Fly Auctions, Silent Auctions), so the Raffle program is your main opportunity to support chapter projects and you have an excellent

CCTU 2020 RAFFLE PROGRAM

40 PRIZES - \$16K VALUE

ONLY 150 TICKETS SOLD

\$100 PER TICKET

ON SALE NOW!

chance to win a prize from our greatest list of donated items yet. We have 40 prizes again this year, and an even better set of prizes than ever before...with nearly \$16k retail value!. These donated items range from 11 different guided float, fishing trips and lessons, 8 great equipment packages including a Scott Tampa bamboo rod, 12 fly box prizes filled

with over 50 dozen flies, 6 framed artwork/photography, and 3 restaurant/other 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 will be on sale into August, or whenever we reach 150. Winners announced at the August 18 annual picnic (don't need to be present to win).

All proceeds will go toward chapter conservation programs and other initiatives, including the CSU Steve Bailey scholarship, Greenback Reintroduction program, Alma Riverwalk Project, Earth Day Bear Creek Project, South Platte River Watch and Bug Analysis programs, Clear Creek Clean-up, several joint CCTU/Coalition (CUSP) for the Upper South Platte rehabilitation and clean-up programs. These programs would not exist without your generous support of these fundraising efforts.

Ready to buy tickets? Contact Peter King (pbking10@outlook.com , 303-775-9422) or Allen Adinoff (aadinoff10@gmail.com , 303-726-0073) or George Franklin (georgefr@aol.com , 303-902-9827) to purchase over the phone. We can take credit or debit cards via our secure Square Reader system, or ideally you can mail a check. Tickets will be sent by email back to you, following payment.

Check out the CCTU website for the full list of all 40 prizes.

[CCTU Webpage Post with Full List of Prizes](#)

LADIES FISHING ON THE FLY – JUNE 19 & 20, 2020 HIGHLANDS RANCH EASTRIDGE REC CENTER & LAKE LEHOW



Join CCTU's Cyndy Scholz and her team of instructors for the 2020 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, June 19 from 6-9pm, and an Outdoor Classroom and Field Trip Saturday, June 20, 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 [Ladies Fishing on the Fly Registration](#) or by calling (303) 791-2500 . **Any chapter members that would like to help with instruction, please contact Cyndy at cyndyscholz@msn.com or (303) 507-3068.**

FLY OF THE MONTH - THE MEDALLION MIDGE



Pat Dorsey designed this pupa pattern for the technical trout of the South Platte, and it should have a place in any winter/early spring trout angler's box. The pattern's name comes from the Medallion Sheeting, which gives a realistic thorax with brilliant luster and back swept wing buds. An incredibly realistic midge pupa pattern. Fish it dead drifted or in the film. The key is to make sure you are fishing it in the trout's feeding zone at that

time. Video courtesy of AvidMax.

Hook – Tiemco 3761

Thread – Veevus 16/0 Brown

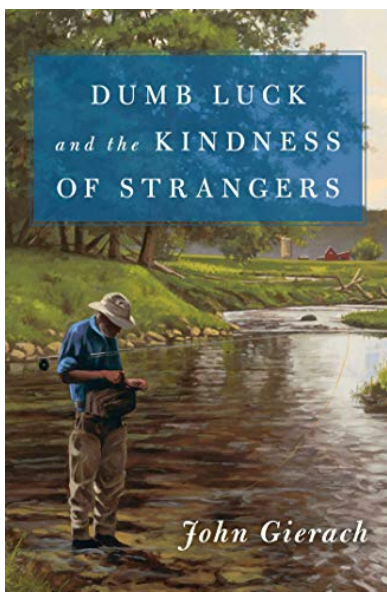
Ribbing – 6/0 Veevus White

Thorax – SLF Dubbing Brown Stone Nymph

Wing Bud – Medallion Sheeting Clear

[Fly Tying Directions](#)

NEW READS - JOHN GIERACH, *DUMB LUCK & THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS*

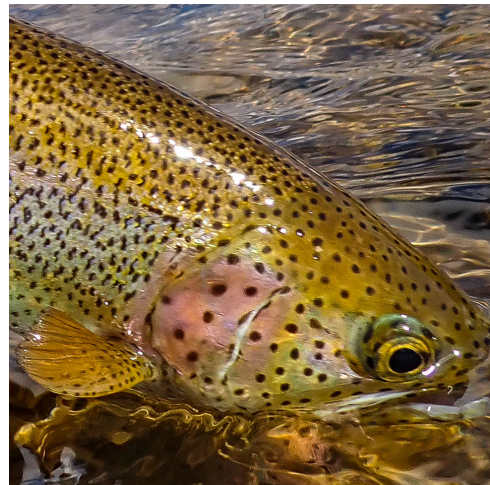


Books are worth their weight in gold right now. We all know and likely love John Gierach. He has a new one that just came out, that is getting the usual excellent reviews. Give it a shot...it definitely beats watching TV. Get it by John next year at the Fly Fishing Show or ISE.

CCTU RECENT PICS

A few pics of fish to net from the Colorado over the last couple of weeks.

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

- 4/21 CCTU Chapter Meeting, "LIVE" Online Presentation 6:30-8:30pm
- 5/5 CCTU Board Meeting – via Conf Call 7-8pm
- 5/19 CCTU Chapter Meeting, possible "LIVE" Online Presentation
- 6/17 Come Fish With Us, Lake Lehow, 5-8pm
- 6/19-20 Ladies Fishing on the Fly, Highlands Ranch

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