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Rich Hus, South Park - 7/10/20

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**CCTU JULY CHAPTER MEETING – ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 7PM ON ZOOM
DICK SHINTON, LAUGHING GRIZZLY FLY SHOP
FLY FISHING ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

The short high country fishing season comes into full bloom in July, a perfect time to hear Dick Shinton's great presentation on fly fishing opportunities and techniques in Rocky Mountain National Park. Dick serves as the Shop Manager, Guide, and Fly Tying Instructor for Laughing Grizzly. He does most of his fishing and



guiding in RMNP, and has developed several fly patterns especially for the Park. He also founded the St Vrain Anglers TU Kids Learn to Fly Fish program, and has been a counselor at the Colorado TU Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp for thirteen years. Dick has tied by invitation at most of the regional fly tying expos, and his signature fly patterns have appeared in Pat Dorsey's Colorado

Guide Flies, Rick Takahashi's Modern Terrestrials and Steve Schweitzer's Fly Fishing Guide to RMNP and Fly Fishing Guide to Indian Peaks Wilderness Area.

For more info on Dick and fishing RMNP, check out this Fish Explorer article from a few years back...

<https://www.fishexplorer.com/co/articles.asp?action=det&aid=94>

The meeting will be held on Zoom, starting at 7pm on Tuesday, July 21. The Zoom meeting portal will open at 6:30pm, feel free to pop in early and talk with various CCTU members. We can have a max of 100 Zoom participants...get on well before 7pm to guarantee a "virtual seat".

To join the meeting, click on the link below prior to 7pm, or go to Zoom.com and enter the Meeting ID and Password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81079343926?pwd=YWRRRRFhU28vZ2YxbIBRWFh4d0djdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 7934 3926

Password: CCTUMtg

If you want to ask a question, please use the chat function as your computer/tablet audio will likely be muted centrally.

IN MEMORIAM – BILL STONE



We are sad to report that long-time Cutthroat Chapter member Bill Stone has passed. Bill was a husband, father, grandfather, navy veteran, and friend. He was an avid hunter and angler. He participated in the Chapter trips to the Green and San Juan Rivers for many years. He will be dearly missed by all in the chapter and the community. Rest In Peace B1.

We have included a link to the CCTU YouTube page for a video by George Franklin of Bill landing a nice fish at Little Hole on the Green River.

[Bill Stone Video](#)

The funeral service will be held Friday 7/17 at the Queen Of Peace Catholic Church, 13120 E Kentucky Ave., Aurora CO 80012 at 10 am. Seating due to the Covid 19 limitations in the church is 200 people. Grave site service will be held at 12 pm, at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 12801 West 44th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, CO, 80033. The cemetery is limiting those in the group paying their respects to 50 people.

A reception will be held at the family home in Aurora around 2 pm. Renate and the daughters are welcoming all who wish to stop by and see the family. They have no limits on friends coming over. 1485 S Wheeling Circle, Aurora, CO, 80012.

COME FISH WITH US - JULY EVENT



The July Come Fish With Us Events this month is set for Sunday July 19 from 9am-12pm. CPW has opened Lake Lehow to 25 people and you must wear a mask and practice social distancing. **Given these limitations, you must contact David Coward dpcoward@hotmail.com to reserve a spot.** Spots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Only those

folks that have confirmation of a reserved spot with David will be allowed to enter Lake Lehow.

The Come Fish With Us program is designed for chapter members and non-members to explore local fisheries with 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, although the fishing has been slower recently due to the continuous heat.

GREENBACK CUTTHROAT TROUT RESTOCKING EAST FORK OF ROARING CREEK TUESDAY, JULY 28, 8AM-4PM



**WE'VE GOT
GREENBACKS,
YOU'VE GOT
BACKPACKS**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
East Fork of Roaring Creek, CO
Volunteer to release native trout
<https://coloradotou.org/volunteer>

Join CTU for another Greenback Cutthroat Trout Restocking event on the East Fork of Roaring Creek, near Red Feather Lakes. Be aware, this is a highly strenuous program. Volunteers will hike fish in backpacks (recommended 45L+) for 6-9 miles round-trip in steep, rugged terrain (sometimes off-trail). You must be comfortable and

experienced hiking long distances in rough terrain. Social distancing will also be

practiced by having staggered start times for each group of 5-9 volunteers. For more info and to register go to the following link... <https://coloradotu.org/events-calendar/2020/7/volunteer-greenback-stocking-east-fork-of-roaring-creek>

CCTU 2020 RAFFLE PROGRAM

GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THEY ARE GONE!

CCTU 2020 RAFFLE PROGRAM
40 PRIZES - \$16K VALUE
\$100 PER TICKET
ONLY 150 TICKETS TO BE SOLD



This year, CCTU's annual Fundraising efforts will again be focused on the Raffle program. As always, the Raffle program is your main opportunity to support chapter projects and you have an excellent 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 for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) rehabilitation and clean-up programs. These programs would not exist without your generous support of these fundraising efforts.

Ready to buy tickets. Please 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. **At this stage of the raffle, you must pay by check** . Tickets will be sent by email back to you, following payment.

Don't delay, as tickets will go fast! Over 100 tickets already sold.

Check the CCTU website for a full list of prizes [CCTU Raffle Full List of Prizes](#)

See our Raffle rules at [CCTU 2020 Raffle Rules](#)

Tickets may be purchased by Colorado residents only.

CCTU AUGUST ANNUAL PICNIC & 2020 RAFFLE DRAWING (Replaces August monthly meeting) TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 5PM REYNOLDS LANDING park– 6745 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton



Join us at the Annual Picnic on August 18th at Reynolds Landing on the South Platte River. A limited number of volunteers needed starting at 4pm, picnic activities officially starts at 5 pm. This year, due to Covid-19 precautions, **we will not be serving food or beverage** s...please bring any food and drinks for you and your guests' personal consumption. **All picnic attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing at all times. Please also bring your own folding chairs to allow for social distancing if the benches fill up.**

Special Group Activity (5pm Start) – Group Casting Lesson with Jonathan Walter

We are lucky to again 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. If you want to participate in this event, you must bring your own rod for casting. 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

jonathan@clearcreekyflycasting

(303) 981-8116

2020 Raffle Prize Drawing – We will also be conducting the drawing for the winners of the 2020 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. The raffle drawing will occur starting at 6pm.

Reynolds Landing Location - 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.

NOTE – We will be attempting to broadcast the Raffle Prize Drawing at the picnic via Zoom at 6pm. More details to follow. If the Covid-19 situation creates an unsafe situation for the picnic, it will be cancelled, and we will communicate that via the website, social media, and email. In that event, we will definitely conduct the Raffle Prize Drawing via Zoom at 6pm that evening.

So we can best gauge how to handle social distancing, we would appreciate a best guess RSVP whether you will be attending the event in person at Reynolds Landing.

Will you attend the Picnic/Raffle Drawing?

DATE AND TIME

08/18/20 5:00pm - 08/18/20 7:00pm

 Yes Maybe No

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, 2021 CANCELLED

Contact – Jerry Shin... gjshin@msn.com if you are interested about 2021

CCTU GILL TRAIL SIGNAGE TO HELP PREVENT OVERUSE AND ABUSE

With the Colorado Governor's Stay at Home orders, modified to Safer at Home, more and more people feeling cabin fever are venturing to the outdoors. This became very apparent along the South Platte River on the Gill Trail in Cheesman Canyon. Even on weekdays, the parking lot was full (and overflowing) by the early morning hours. CCTU received a call for help from the Blue Quill Anglers co-



owner/head guide Pat Dorsey. He and his other guides would spend their early morning hours picking up trash and animal waste around the parking lot and along the trail and would carry it back out for disposal. They noticed overuse and abuse of the Gill Trail, people hiking the trail with their dogs without leashes, others leaving the river with rainbow trout on stringers and overnight campsites with obvious campfire rings. In June, a CCTU special committee convened to develop solutions to help educate the new influx of visitors on the regulations of the Canyon. The first step is new

signage for the upper and lower trailheads. On July 2, signs were installed by Peter King, Scott Tampa, and Grant Compton (Eagle Scout candidate working with CCTU on his service project).

Over the years, CCTU has developed a special relationship with Cheesman Canyon. From the Gill Trail development and continuous trail refurbishing efforts, to the new signage...work that can make us all proud. Hopefully visitors will read and adhere to the posted regulations to keep it a special place for all to enjoy.

FLY OF THE MONTH - *THE MISSING LINK*



The Missing Link is a Mike Mercer pattern that he originally designed as a Caddis cripple. However, Mike and others will tell you that this pattern works across a wide variety of different conditions and bugs. This pattern has become his first choice whenever fishing a dry fly – whether for selective trout fixed fixated on a particular mayfly or caddis, or simply covering water as a searching pattern. There

is clearly something about it that inspires confidence that it is a safe and easy meal. Video courtesy of Tightline Productions.

Hook – TMC 100 Size 12-18

Abdomen – Olive 6/0 or UTC 140 thread

Ribbing – Pearl Krystal Flash, Single Strand

Thorax- Peacock dubbing

Spent Wings – Midge Gray Straight Zelon

Hackle – Cree

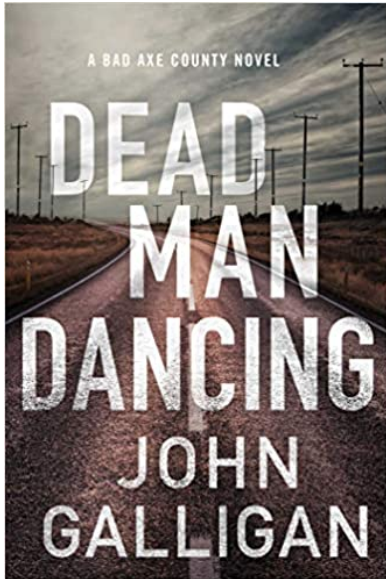
Upper Wing/Head – Bleached Elk Hair

Adhesive – Head cement or similar

[Fly Tying Directions](#)

NEW READS & RE-READS

JOHN GALLIGAN, *DEAD MAN DANCING*, A BAD AXE COUNTY NOVEL



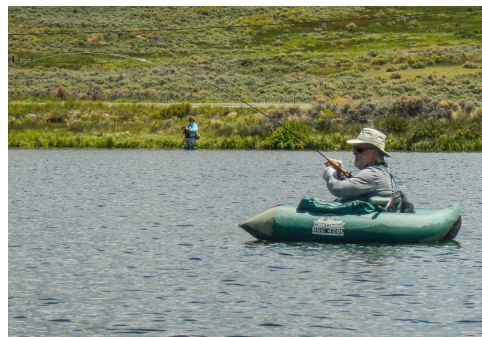
If you like fly fishing mysteries, of which there are several series, you likely have read something from John Galligan. Author of *The Nail Knot*, *The Wind Knot*, *The Clinch Knot*, and *The Blood Knot*, this book is a sequel to his latest mystery – *Bad Axe County*. Solid stories with just enough mystery and fishing to keep you going strong to the end. The book hits the shelves and Amazon on August 11. Pre-order now or grab one when it officially releases.

CCTU RECENT PICS

Bruce Foss on the CCTU floatilla at Crystal Lake last month.



David Coward hooked up with a nice fish at Crystal Lake.



Peter King with a beautiful South Park rainbow earlier this month.

Rich Hus with some great South Park color last week.



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.



Amazon Smile - Amazon Smile provides .5% of the price of your Amazon purchase to the charitable 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

7/19 Come Fish With Us, Lake Lehow, 9am-12pm (must have reservation)

7/21 CCTU Chapter Meeting, Virtual Meeting via Zoom 7-8:00pm

8/4 CCTU Board Meeting – Virtual Meeting via Zoom 7-8pm

8/18 CCTU Annual Picnic/Raffle Drawing - Reynolds Landing 5-7pm

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