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**Patagonia - Trip of a LIFETIME (*see below*)**

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## **TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*ZOOM Link Update** - with the start of the new year, the Zoom link to attend our chapter meetings has been updated. The new link is below. If you have bookmarked the meeting link in the past, you will need to update it to attend in 2023.

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Sending our condolences to Dave Whitlock's wife Emily and his family after his passing. Dave was an icon in the fly fishing community and a gracious contributor to our chapter. In fact, it is likely that many of you have a piece or two of his art. The links below will give you more information.

<https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/fly-fishing-legend-dave-whitlock-passes/466688>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/29/sports/dave-whitlock-dead.html>

## HOLIDAY PARTY FESTIVITIES

CCTU held the annual holiday party in mid-December with over 30 attendees. A potluck style meal brought a wide variety of entrees with many tastes. Barry Wiebe was the emcee for the evening and managed the White-Elephant gift exchange. A good time was had by all, and Tom Corr won the dubious honor of being the champion gift-picker, evidenced by having his choices stolen at least 5 times!

The party also marked the end of an era, as it was the final event that Cutthroat Chapter held at Cresthill Middle School. We look forward to seeing you at our new location beginning in January!! (*details below*)







**KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH CCTU!!**

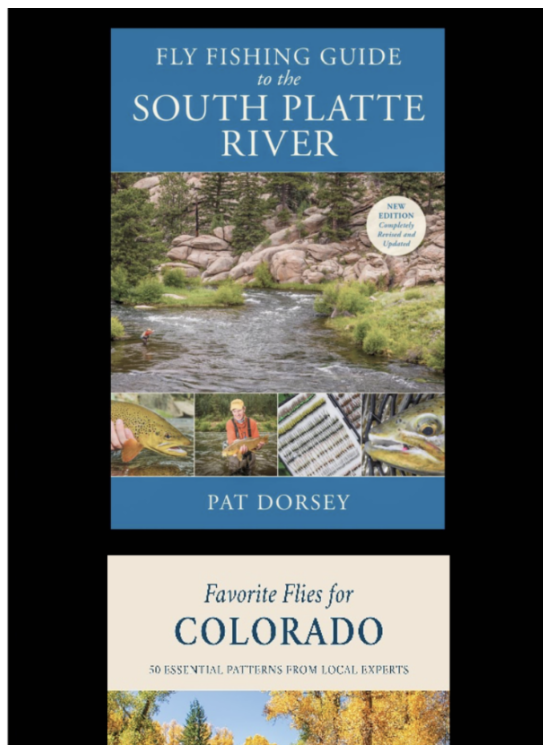
## **CCTU CHAPTER MEETING - JANUARY 2023**

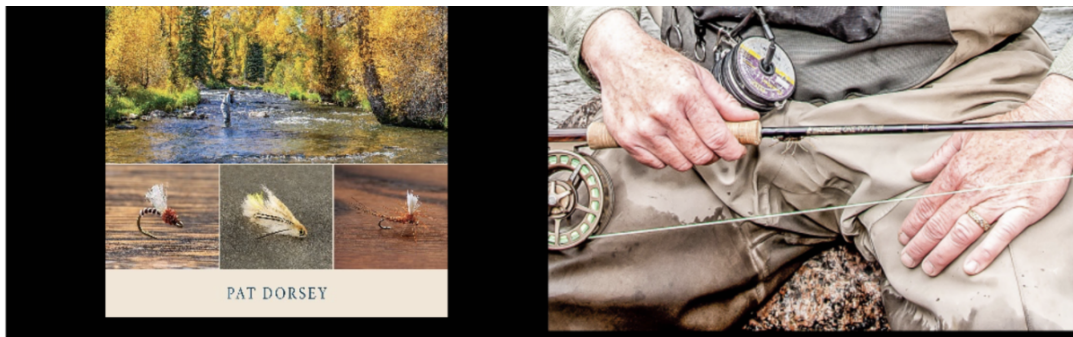
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 6:30PM (meeting officially starts at 7PM)**

**Lone Tree Brewing Company (New Location)**

**8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124**

**Pat Dorsey, *The Blue Quill Angler*, *Fly Fishing the South Platte River***





Set your calendar as we are extremely fortunate to have legendary guide/author/Blue Quill co-owner Pat Dorsey for our January meeting. Pat Dorsey is a nationally known speaker. He travels the United States sharing his passion for fly fishing at trade shows and fishing clubs and is active with Trout Unlimited and the conservation of cold-water fisheries. Pat has guided his native Colorado for nearly 30 years. He spends 200 days a year guiding/fishing on the water, continues to write some of the most informative and readable books in the industry, maintains his online stream report and Blog, co-owns the Blue Quill Angler in Evergreen, and is a highly sought-after speaker across the country. Pat is a Simms Ambassador, a member of the Sage Elite Pro Team, Fishpond Ambassador, Orvis Pro /Team Member, Yeti Pro staff, a Pro/Team Member for Whiting Farms and Scientific Anglers Pro Staff. He is the *Southwest Field Editor* for Fly Fisherman Magazine and a prolific author including his new book *Favorite Flies for COLORADO – 50 Essential Patterns from Local Experts*, *A Fly Fishing Guide to the South Platte River*, *Fly Fishing Tailwaters*, *Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies*, and *Colorado Guide Flies*. Pat is an accomplished fly tier, an Umpqua fly designer, and his creations include the Mercury series, UV scud, Limeade, Paper Tiger, Top Secret Midge, Medallion Midge and the famed Black Beauty. Find out about his hosted trips....he and his wife Kim host yearly trips to Alaska Sportsman Lodge each September, Soaring Eagle Lodge in October, Nomadic Waters in Brazil in November, and the Rio Manso Lodge (Patagonia) each April and December with clients.

In addition to having Pat Dorsey at our meeting, we will also have a Fly-tying demonstration by Richard Pilatzke prior to start the formal meeting. Those of you that know Richard and/or Pat will recognize that this is a meeting you do not want to miss!!

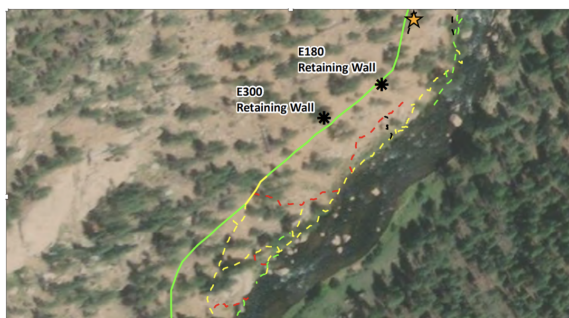
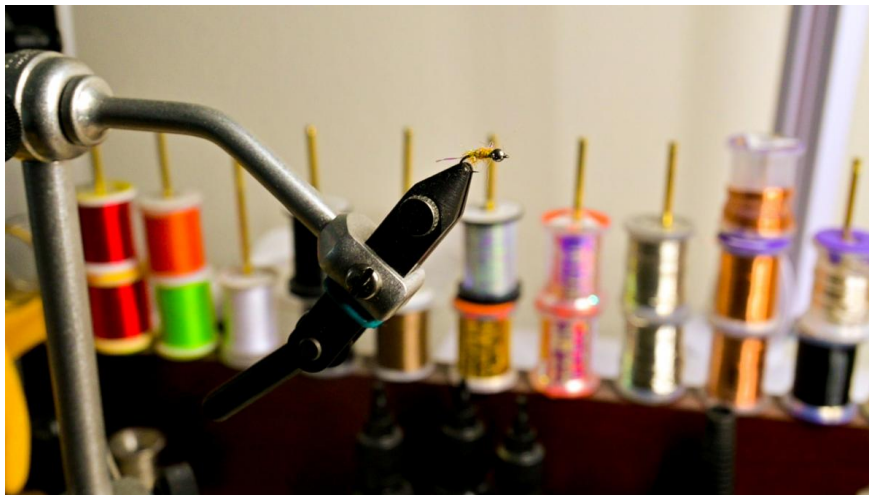


# CHAPTER MEETING FORMAT CHANGE

2023 is bringing change!! We are announcing a couple of changes to the format of our monthly chapter meetings. We think you will enjoy and benefit from them and look forward to hearing your feedback and suggestions for further improvement.

First, we will be moving the meeting location to Lone Tree Brewing Company, located at 8200 Park Meadows Dr, Lone Tree, CO. We will no longer be holding the meetings at Cresthill Middle School. Cresthill served us well, but the decision was made to choose a new venue that will make it more convenient for attendees to come right after work and have the opportunity to order food and beverages if they would like to.

Second, we are adding a session prior to the formal meeting for fly-tying demonstrations. Our inaugural fly-tying demonstration at the January meeting will feature Richard Pilatzke, who is renowned for his tying ability, fishing acumen, and his contributions to the chapter over the years.



## **CCTU FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING**

**Tuesday February 21, 6:30PM  
(meeting officially starts at  
7PM)**



**Lone Tree Brewing Company  
(New Location) – 8200 Park  
Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO  
80124  
Bill Mangle (ERO Resources),  
Priscilla Marbaker (Tapis  
Associates)**

For those of you who have fished Cheesman Canyon can attest, the Gill Trail is in dire need of repair and restoration to provide a safer trail for the user and to reduce the amount of erosion that is entering the South Platte River. Hiking is the only way to access this Gold tailwater fishery. Currently the trail is characterized by numerous steep crossings of slick rock and slopes of loose, slippery decomposed granite. Countless “social trails” have been worn down to the river, causing erosion and sedimentation, threatening the aquatic ecosystem.

Please join us at our February membership meeting to hear from Bill and Priscilla as they discuss their assessment of the trail and their findings. As they are still in the discovery mode of their contracted work, they would like to solicit group feedback on the user experiences and impressions of the trail. Lastly, they will discuss potential improvement measures and recommendations to maintain and restore access to one of Colorado’s most popular and productive fisheries.

### **Bill Mangle, Natural Resource Planner, ERO**

Bill has over 22 years of experience with land management planning, conservation planning, natural resource evaluation, and trail planning throughout Colorado and the western United States. Bill has worked on dozens of public land and trail planning projects in Colorado, and specializes in developing plans and strategies that balance public enjoyment with meaningful conservation of natural resources. Bill is currently managing the Outside 285 Regional Partnership, is assisting with the Las Animas County Outdoor Recreation Study, a master plan for Fishers Peak State Park, and NEPA compliance for the Redstone to McClure Pass trail project in Pitkin County. Bill has a M.S. in Natural Resource Policy and Planning from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment.

**Priscilla J Marbaker, PI A I FFD-AP, Tapis Associates**

**Priscilla C. Marbaker, F.A.S., LEED AP, Caprio Associates**

Ms. Marbaker is a landscape architect with over 25 years of project management and design experience. Her extensive background includes coordination of multi-disciplinary design teams for both public and private sector clients, weaving the client's needs and the site's unique characteristics into creative and successful built environments. She specializes in resource-based, community-supported design aimed to balance the use and conservation of natural spaces for the enjoyment of future generations.

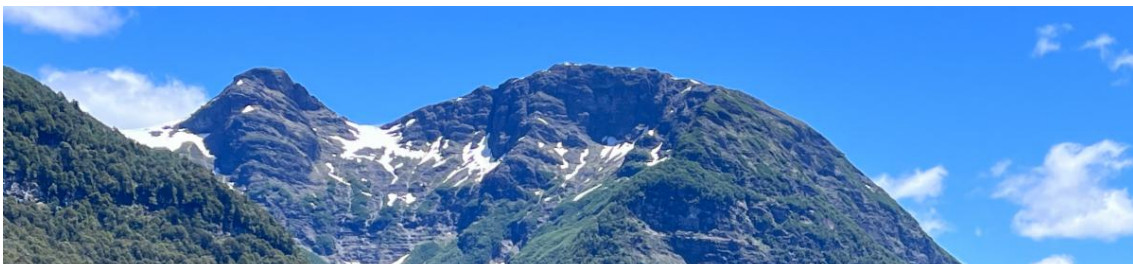
Priscilla is highly engaged in the outdoor community. She has and is currently serving on the Board of Directors for local outdoor conservation non-profits and remains an engaged volunteer and advanced skills instructor for both the Outdoor Stewardship Institute (OSI) and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC). She is a licensed landscape architect in Colorado and Wyoming, and a LEED-AP (accredited professional). She holds a Masters of Administrative Science from The Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelors of Science in Landscape Architecture from The Pennsylvania State University.

## **LEADERSHIP UPDATE**

John Egan, who has been serving on the Board as the Conservation Director has agreed to take on the role and responsibilities of Vice President of the Chapter! Congratulations John in your new role!!

John will also be contributing to the newsletter on occasion with updates on conservation activities.

## **TRIP OF A LIFETIME**





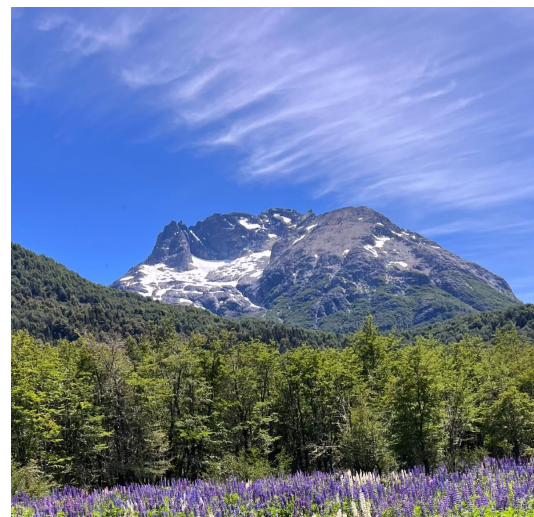


## Patagonia Fishing Trip

Scott Tampa & Meg Renton

The Patagonia Lakes Region of Argentina, known for its Andean jagged peaks, verdant forests, and glacier fed lakes and rivers, provides the perfect habitat for rainbow, brown and brook trout. The abundance of catch and release natural fisheries is mind-boggling. People say it is like Montana 50 years ago.

In mid-December, Scott and his wife Meg spent a week at the Rio Manso Lodge, situated in Nahuel Huapi National Park, in the shadow of 11,352 ft extinct stratovolcano Cerro Tronador. The trip was booked through the Blue Quill Angler Fly Fishing shop and hosted by Pat and Kim Dorsey. Fishing was from inflatable boats and Carolina skiffs with 6 wt rods, using sinking line for streamers and floating line for dries. The daily fishing routine was interrupted only by the on-shore lunch break with table, chairs, appetizers, a bottle of wine, and ribeye steaks, chicken or salmon bbq'd by the guide, followed by





dessert. I then back to fishing for another 4-5 hours. Dinner around 8:30 pm, preceded by appetizers such as empanadas and Malbec, concluded the daily ritual. The highlight meal of the week was a traditional asado bbq of grilled lamb, steak, pork, chicken and sausages, slow-roasted over an open fire. Summer in Patagonia has some of the worlds' best dry fly fishing marked by epic dragonfly hatches. Trout perform acrobatics, barreling out of the water to snatch dragonflies in mid-air, smashing the fly on their way down. It is a sight to behold and even more exciting to catch trout on a dragonfly. Plan B, Psycho Ant and the local Crazy Fonck were effective imitations, mimicking the on-going hatch in the reeds of the crystal clear lakes. They also floated sections of the Rio Manso, fishing with Chou's Fortune Cookie streamers, throwing tight to the bank or swinging the fly downstream to entice large Brown Trout eager to take the fly. The stunning beauty, solitude and exceptional cuisine made for a surreal fishing vacation. A bonus was being in-country on 18 December, when the Argentina National Team clinched the FIFA World Cup title beating France. If you want to fish in mesmerizing beauty, head to Patagonia for the experience of a lifetime!



## **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE**

*By Natalie Flowers, CTU Youth Coordinator*

It was a busy fall for Trout in the Classroom (TIC) in Colorado, as sites, chapters, and volunteers worked diligently to fundraise, purchase, and set up TIC equipment across the state. Trout Egg Delivery Days finally came on September 28th for 27 tanks across the state, then on October 25th, another 23 tanks received their shipment. Approximately 11,600 Rainbow Trout eggs from Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Crystal River Hatchery were transported and delivered successfully to these 50 TIC tanks.



Cutthroat chapter volunteers delivered eggs to multiple schools and helped coordinate these efforts. Check out the progress by shooting the QR code above, or click here:

<https://youtu.be/c8yfriyMOXk>

Or go to the CTU website at <https://coloradotu.org/trout-in-the-classroom>

We look forward to releasing these little guys with the students at the end of the school year to begin their journeys in the wild streams of Colorado!

## **ANNUAL FLY FISHING SHOW - FEBRUARY 2023**

**DETAILS:** <https://flyfishingshow.com/denver-co/>



## **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.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS

### EVENTS

1/17/2023 Chapter Meeting NEW LOCATION with Pat Dorsey

2/17, 18, & 19, 2023. Fly Fishing Show, Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center

2/21/2023 Chapter Meeting

3/7/2023 Board of Directors Meeting

3/21/2023 CCTU Chapter Meeting

4/4/2023 Board of Directors Meeting

4/18/2023 CCTU Chapter Meeting

### TRIPS

**Green River** (April 17 - April 21)

Limited to 16 anglers

contact: Rich Hus ( [r\\_hus@hotmail.com](mailto:r_hus@hotmail.com) ) for reservations/wait list

## **Bighorn River** (May 21 - May 26)

Limited to 21 anglers

contact: Rich Hus ( [r\\_hus@hotmail.com](mailto:r_hus@hotmail.com) ) for reservations/wait list

## **San Juan River** (Oct 22 - Oct 28)

Limited to 16 anglers

contact Jerry Shin ( [gsshin51@gmail.com](mailto:gsshin51@gmail.com) ) for reservations/wait list

## **Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited**

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