



Riffle Talk



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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

Happy New Year to all of you from the Board of Directors for the CMCTU!! Each of us hopes that this New Year will bring us improved environmental conditions for our wildlife, politicians that understand and care about the environment, a public that will rise up in support of safe, clean, and extensive wilderness areas and a strong active chapter that advocates for the Conservation, Preservation and Restoration of Cold Water Fisheries. We also hope that each of you has already had a day on the stream in this New Year.



Your Board of Directors has been busy and it is hoped that you will see many changes and improvements in how CMCTU operates. Any ideas you have are greatly appreciated as well.

You will note that our meeting location has changes to the Division of Wildlife offices at 4255 Sinton Road. This location is very close to the intersection of I-25 and Garden of the Gods. The meeting continues to be on the FOURTH Tuesday of the month with social time beginning at 6:30 PM and the meeting beginning at 7:00PM. Another Change you will notice is that it is our desire to make the meetings more FUN!!! Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find articles about a Dollar Trout Jar and about a Fly Swap. We plan to improve our raffle offerings as well. We also want to make the meetings more informative and relevant of our Mission of Conserving, Protecting and Restoring Cold Water Fisheries. This Chapter has many activities that are ongoing and we want to better inform you and involve you in these

activities.

Your chapter is working on sampling and testing water quality on both Severy and Bear Creeks, streams that are home for

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

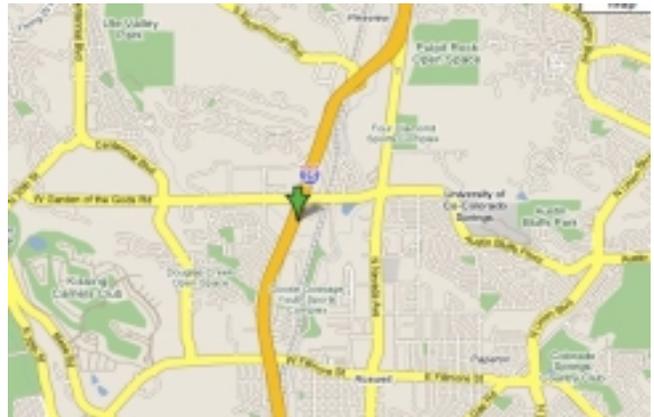
The speaker for the January 23, 2007 meeting will be Landon Mayers. Landon is a well known guide and author of many articles on site fishing techniques for trophy trout. He is currently releasing a new DVD and will be coming out with a book titled "How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life" available in February.

WHEN:

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2007
6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

NEW LOCATION:

4255 Sinton Road
Colorado Springs, CO



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small, but very important populations of Greenback Cutthroat Trout. This fish is not only the State Fish of Colorado but is also on the Endangered Species list as Threatened. This status may soon change as new finding is DNA testing indicates that these two populations are the purest in the state. We are also working to have these two steams waters designated as "High Quality" under the Clean Water Act and also establish a minimum flow for the protection of this fragile population.

This spring we will be working with other groups to finish the improvement of the South Platte in Eleven Mile Canyon under the program known as "Trees for Trout". We are also working on funding for and hopefully in the fall begin work on the same kind of stream improvement in the Happy Meadows area. Please volunteer to help!!!

Currently this chapter is also working on grant writing to raise funds for the stabilization of the mine tailings near Victor Colorado known as the Mill Sap Mine tailings. We are working with the Colorado Department of Mines and the Bureau of Land Management as well as others on this project.

Work is also proceeding on organizing our second "Parent Child Fly-fishing day, scheduled to take place on June 2nd. We are looking for Volunteers to teach casting, entomology, conservation, fly-tying, help with fishing, cook lunch and generally help us all have fun. Would you like to volunteer?

We have begun a Carl Roberts Scholarship in honor of all the wonderful work Carl has done for this Chapter. This Scholarship will be awarded to a Colorado College Student who meets the qualifications.

Chapter Volunteers are also monitoring and participating in the planning of such things as: Improvements at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Highway 24 improvements and the impact on Fountain Creek, the Manitou Springs Fountain Creek project and Forest Service hearings. Get involved and become in-

formed, active and join the FUN!!!!

Your thoughts and ideas of how best to make CMCTU relevant are of great interest to us. Please share your thoughts with us. Our e-mail addresses are found elsewhere in this newsletter but if you want to send your thoughts to me, please feel free to do so at: allynk@adelphia.net.

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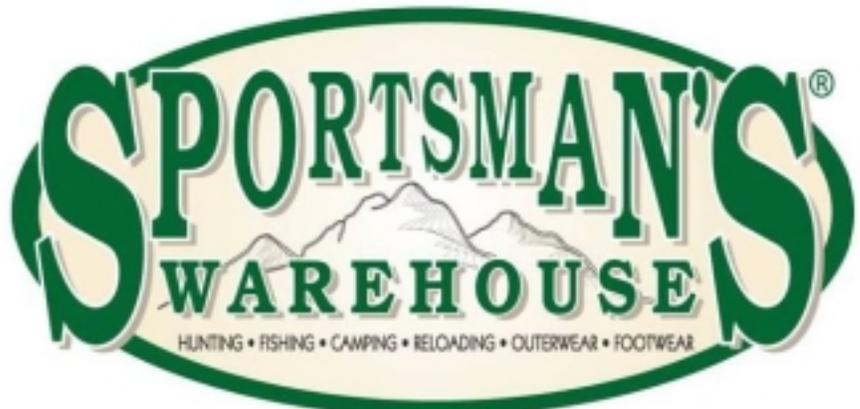
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So far this year, there hasn't been much in the way of stream fishing. Hopefully, by the time you get this that will have changed. But if you're like me, you will have tried to make the best of a bad situation and have started fishing still waters.



Now I'm a terrible still water fisherman. In fact, that's why I decided to work on learning to fish them. And while I'm still terrible on big waters (like Spinney) I've had a good deal of success on smaller waters this year. And my success rate really jumped when I started fishing the Bead Head Leech.

Bead Head Leech

Hook: Tiemco 2487 or 2457 #12 or #14
 Tail: Black marabou
 Body: Black marabou
 Rib: Copper wire
 Thorax: Black dubbing
 Head: Copper or Brass bead

1. Flatten barb on hook and slip bead on with smaller hole nearer the eye of the hook.
2. Tie in wire at the end of the shank for the rib.
3. Take a marabou feather and tie in for tail. The tail should be about the length of the shank, although it's up to you (Hey, it's your fly). DON'T cut the marabou.
4. Take the marabou feather and start to twist it. You'll notice it starts to form a marabou chenille. Wrap this around the hook to the head and tie off. That's your body (You can cut the marabou now).
5. Counter-wrap the marabou chenille with the ribbing and tie off.
6. Dub over where you've tied everything off at.
7. Whip finish

You can get various effects based on how you twist/wrap things relative to the direction the thread wraps around the hook. Fat bodies, thin bodies, bushy bodies - all are possible. So experiment - once you get the hang of tying these, you'll see that they take less time to tie than to explain.

TRASH BIN FLIES

Carl L. Roberts

Go into the fly shop and look all around
At all of the wonderful things to be found.
You really need that and you really need
this,
Mole hair you need for Tim's Elk Hair Cad-
dis.
Krystal flash tinsel and antron and hooks,
Mountains of stuff that you learn of from
books.
Wire of copper and miniscule beads,
There seems to be never an end to your
needs.

To afford all of this we must give up our
vices;
We want all this stuff as we sit at our
vises.
There is a solution; it's ready to hand,
So obvious that it should be in demand.
Go digging in trash bins and flea market
stalls;
Scrape off the nap from some used tennis
balls;
Cut off patches of road-kill as long as it's
fresh,
And Clementine netting will make a nice
mesh.

Dental floss segments and gift-wrapping
ribbons,
The hair of the dog and clippings from
gibbons.
Lint from your navel and aluminum foil,
And detritus that's found in unpromising
soil.
Kitty cat whiskers and painting brush
bristles,
Vegetable bags and pluckings from thistles.
Fuzzes from sweaters and Aunt Stella's yarn,
And horse hair of various kinds in the barn.

Barbershop leavings; hair from a white beard
Makes great wings for Tricos, at least so
I've heard.
A swatch from that blonde you deny having
known,
And strands from the mane of a Strawberry
Roan.
Telephone wire with facets quite flat;
Roger Hill was the fellow who once told me
that.
Fibers from carpets and old worn-out socks,
And tendrils from roots to be found under
rocks.

You ought to be trying this nice wasted
stuff,

Like wrappers from candy and clothes-dryer
fluff.

Some of these items are useful, I swear;
Catalogs do not list them, but they're
found everywhere.

For nymphs and emergers and soft-hackled
flies,
From wee thirty-two's up to Northern Pike
size,
Threads from a flax plant and mandolin
strings
Surely are two of my favorite things.

DOLLAR BILL FISHING DERBY

New for 2007, CMCTU will be running a fish-
ing derby! Our fishing derby will be based
on catching a fish and your attendance at
the membership meeting. Members that ful-
fill **both requirements in the same month by
the meeting date** can pay a one dollar
monthly entry fee and enter a ticket with
their name on it in the derby fishing creel.
Participants will be required to state their
name, where they fished and what pattern was
used at the meeting. There will be three
derbies:

Spring - February/March/April

Summer - May/June/July

Fall - August/September/October

We will then "fish" for the winning ticket
at the end of the derby membership meeting
(April/July/October). The winner must be
present at the meeting in order to win and
will get to "catch and keep" **all the cash**
from the entries in the derby fishing creel.
Tickets will continue to be drawn until
someone present at the meeting wins.

Participants are encouraged to share their
fishing stories before or after the meeting.
Please see the VP of Development Greg Walck
before the meeting if you plan on entering
that month to get a ticket and pay the entry
fee.

**The Pikes Peaks Flyfishers is a
Colorado Springs based non-profit
fly fishing club. The club meets on
the first Wednesday of each month at
7:00 pm (6:30 social hour) at the
The Retired Enlisted Association,
834 Emory Circle, Colorado Springs.
The website is
www.pikespeakflyfishers.org.**

FLOOD RESPONSE

Definition and Background: Flooding is an expected and normal occurrence in river systems. Floods range in magnitude from small biennial events which crest just above bank height, to large infrequent events that inundate sizable areas of low-lying land in the river corridor. All of these events have beneficial aspects. They scour sediments, replenish floodplain soils, redistribute materials and debris, and help prevent non-native species from establishing themselves in the river corridor. But flood events, especially large ones, can dramatically alter aquatic and riparian habitat - sometimes resulting in negative impacts to indigenous fish species, including brook trout.

Many of these impacts occur naturally. However, they are sometimes the result of human response to the flood. Those of natural origin are usually localized and temporary, and typically associated with the transport of materials from one place to another by the floodwaters. For example, in one location a scour hole may develop behind a mid-channel boulder, while elsewhere a pool may be filled with sediment transported from upstream. Similarly, spawning gravel may be relocated from the head of a riffle to a point bar downstream. Woody debris may become stranded on the floodplain, only to be remobilized by the next larger flood. Channel slope may increase when an oxbow is created due to an avulsion, while elsewhere slope may decrease as bed and bank materials are deposited where the channel widens and stream power is decreased.

All of these changes can negatively impact fish, including brook trout. For example, a flush of sediment may accumulate at the mouth of a tributary stream, thereby making upstream passage to spawning areas and coldwater refuge more difficult. Or, the stranding of woody debris on the floodplain may decrease the availability of instream cover. As a result, brook trout may be forced to relocate to find the resources needed to survive. However, such impacts tend to be short-lived, and are often reversed during the next flood event.

Actual Ecosystem Stress: The effects of human response to flood events, on the other hand, are often more lasting and detrimental. Well-meaning, but uninformed people sometimes undertake a variety of activities

intended to 'repair' the stream. Often, these activities have the opposite effect. Rarely, are they beneficial for brook trout.

Sources: Human response to flooding may include the removal of snags and debris jams, channel dredging and straightening, bank armoring, gravel mining, and the construction of flood control dams and levees.

Removing snags and debris reduces the diversity, complexity and abundance of brook trout habitat. It also reduces the availability of litter and detritus for benthic macroinvertebrates, an important food source for brook trout. Gravel mining, channel dredging and straightening usually have the unintended effect of perpetuating channel instability. As a result, brook trout may be forced to search continually for suitable habitat to provide the resources needed for their survival. Bank armoring increases flow velocities and transfers erosive forces from place to place. Higher velocities pose challenges for juvenile fish. Armoring reduces near-bank vegetation and canopy cover, leading to localized increases in water temperature. Depending on their construction, flood control dams trap spawning gravel and other sediments important for the natural lifecycle of brook trout.

Measures to stop or mitigate threat:

- Avoid heavy machinery use in streams
- Identify sources of flood damage to infrastructure, such as undersized bridges and culverts
- Identify floodplains that no longer function as flood relief and investigate ways to encourage flooding where appropriate
- Setback existing levees to give river access to more of floodplain to flood
- Breach or remove levees where appropriate to encourage floodplains without infrastructure to flood and reduce water depths and water velocities in main river channel
- Increase riparian vegetation where possible to increase bank strength
- Avoid gravel removal and subsequent channel instability and erosion
- Investigate possibility of floodproofing structures or removing infrastructure in chronically flooded areas

SOURCE: www.brookie.org

Mission Statement

Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited strives to **conserve, protect and restore** cold-water fisheries, resources and their watersheds. THIS IS ITS SOLE MISSION. THESE GOALS ARE TROUT UNLIMITED'S REASON FOR BEING!

To achieve these goals, to participate in this mission, Members:

1. Support and promote fisheries and water-resource policies that further these goals.
2. Work actively on conservation projects, volunteering labor and expertise, often in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Wildlife and conservation agencies.
3. Seek to influence the decisions of such agencies as well as those of wildlife commissioners, legislative committees and elected officials in general.
4. Foster ethical and sensible conservation practices among users of the cold-water resource.
5. Attend the regular membership meetings of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
6. Elect to the Chapter's Board of Directors members who will provide direction and strong leadership.
7. Contribute financially to build and maintain the Chapter's fiscal stability.

FLY SWAP

Could I interest you
in a dozen free flies?

Here's the deal. Beginning with the April meeting, we will have a quarterly fly swap. Bring a dozen flies of your choice to donate. Everyone who donates a dozen flies will draw a number out of a hat. Whoever draws number one gets to pick a dozen flies from those that have been donated, and so on down the list.

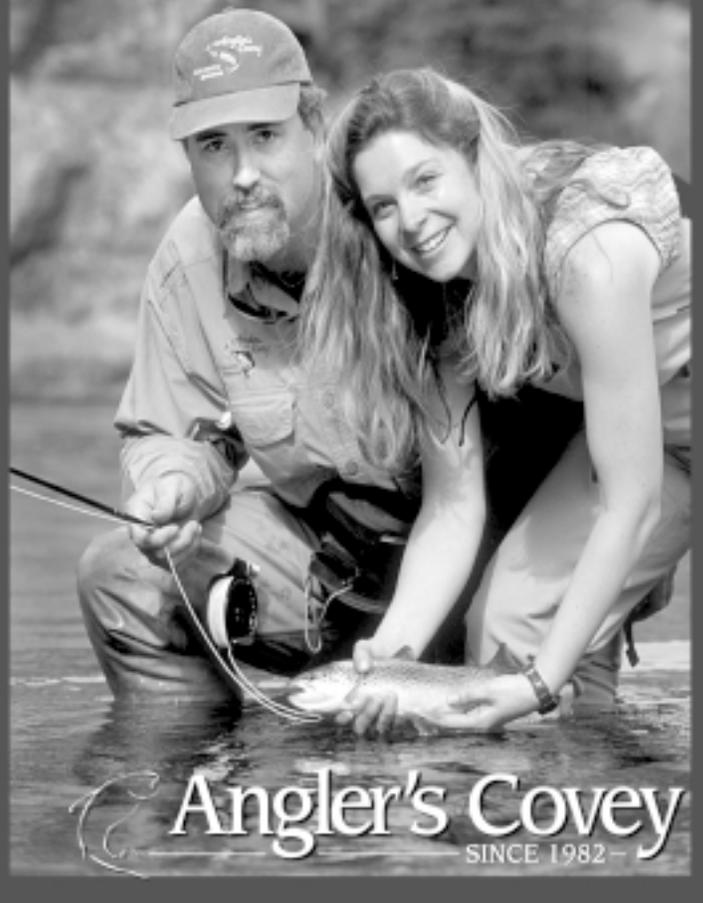
It's your choice as to the flies you pick. You can take twelve that are totally different, six pairs of two - one to fish and one to save as a pattern - or whatever suits your fancy.

The theme for April will be dry flies, for July it will be terrestrials, and for October it will be streamers.

It doesn't matter whether you tie 'em or buy 'em, bring a dozen flies and join in the fun!



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For over 40 years, Trout Unlimited has been America's leading trout and salmon conservation organization, dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Whether we're planning and building stream improvement projects, working with government to protect our rivers and streams, or teaching young people the importance of protecting wild fish and their habitat, TU members are actively engaged in preserving our vital natural resources.

Your next Riffle Talk newsletter will arrive
in MARCH!!!