



# Riffle Talk



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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

I hope that you all have had a great time on the streams this year so far and that you will take advantage of the weather for the rest of the season to get out into the beautiful mountains and walk those streams we love and work to Conserve, Protect and Restore.



I am so very proud of this Chapter of Trout Unlimited and thought I would share with you what you and your fellow members have been up to in furthering the Chapter's mission.

Your Board of Directors has been meeting every month to steer this very active chapter in the best way we know. The involvement of each of these dedicated individuals goes a long way in making CMCTU what it is. I want each of you to know how appreciated you are. Thanks!

I will begin this list of activities with the longest project in which we have been a primary actor, Trees for Trout. As many of you know, Trees for Trout began at our of our chapter's board meetings and since that time many dollars have been spent, many other organizations have joined with us and many miles of stream have been improved. There have been workdays this year to finish up work from last fall in Eleven Mile Canyon and there will be more. CMCTU has received a grant to continue this work on the Boy Scout Property in Elevenmile as well. This project has been under the watchful eye of Bill Burd for a long time so when you get a chance I would ask you to thank him for all his work.

In order to participate in the many projects we must also participate in fund raising. This takes many forms and this year the primary Chapter fund raiser was our raffle for the rod donated by Angler's Covey and line and reel donated by Ghillies Hackle and Tackle. Thanks to both of these friends for their support. This raffle, it is my belief has been the most successful of those that we have participated. This is thanks primarily to Sherryl and Greg Walck who have attended many shows and events to push the tickets. I speak for every board member when I say we are impressed!!!! Thank you!!!

Don Loglin and his crew of "River watch" water samplers also deserve our many thanks. This group of volunteers has taken their time each month to trek up the mountains to collect water samples, rain, snow or shine at both Bear Creek and Severy Creek. These streams have populations of Greenback Cutthroat trout within them. These volunteers then analyze these samples for multiple chemical traits and share this data with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. It is the belief that with data we can add another lay of protection for these streams. Recently, this work has caught the attention of the Colorado Water Project and they are adding their support in the effort to upgrade the protection for these streams. Thanks Don and Crew!!!!

CMCTU again assisted the Kiwanis Club of Manitou Spring with their Huck Finn fishing day. Much fun was had by all. The stories shared tell introduced on a hikers boot or a dogs paw. It is our hope that these bridges and random trail elimination will give some added protection. CMCTU has received a grant to put trees into the stream as well as create pools for holding water for the Greenback Trout. This is scheduled to happen still this year.

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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONT.

CMCTU Board voted at its most recent meeting to support the Mill Sap Mine Tailings clean up through its ability to obtain grant money from outside organizations. This project is a million dollar stabilization and encasement project of the flour like rock material just south of Victor. Each wind or rain storm moves this light material into the water shed of Four Mile Creek. This creek runs down the valley that also contains Shelf Road. CMCTU has lots of partners on this project that include the BLM, State of Colorado and the Cripple Creek Victor mining company. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

No less important, Tom Terebus works diligently each month to get our meeting notices and newsletter out to the members. Editing and creating the newsletter is time consuming and important but Tom does not get to do this workout in the fresh air. While Tom is working on the internal communications, Ken Brown has been doing the external. Ken has arranged to get our story out through the local news print media as well as the electronic. Ken has also put together a photo story of your chapter. Gary Alameda, our web master, has then taken the work of these two people and arranged to get it posted on our chapter web site. [www.cmctu.org](http://www.cmctu.org) I know that any ideas you might have of how to improve our image, these three would be greatly interested in hearing from you. If you are not receiving this information, please go to our web site sign up to receive it.

As you can see, this chapter is involved in a lot of activities and project. We have reason to be proud. I hope that you will continue to support this chapter with your membership and your contributions of both time and money.



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The following are the candidates for each position. We would be very grateful to anyone who would like to be part of the board. Please let us know if you are interested.

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## VANILLA WOOLEY BUGGER

Hook: Streamer Hook,  
size 2-14

Thread: Black, 6/0

Tail: Tan Marabou with  
4-6 strands of Krystal  
Flash

Rib: Black Ultra Wire

Body: Tan Chenille

Body Hackle: Tan Rooster or Hen

Head: Black Cone Head



This is an excellent all around streamer pattern especially for the fall months, but will work well any time of year. This fly will work great on any size river or still water, just adjust the size of the fly to match the size of the water. This is a very easy pattern to tie, and with different color combinations it is a must for every fly box.

Start by pinching the barb down on your hook and sliding a black cone head on to the hook. If you like to weight your streamers with lead wire, wrap the hook shank with it at this time. I like to fish my streamers on a sinking line or with a sinking leader so I don't usually use any lead. Tie in a tail of tan marabou at the bend of the hook equal to the length of the body. Tie in 2 or 3 strands of Krystal Flash on each side of the marabou tail. I use root beer colored Krystal Flash, but pearl or your favorite color will work fine. Next tie in a piece of black Ultra Wire for the rib and let it hang off the back. Then tie in a tan rooster or hen hackle by the tip and hang it off with the rib. You can get great woolly bugger hackle from Whiting Farms or use the large spade hackle from the outside edge of a rooster or hen cape. Then strip the end of a piece of tan chenille off of the core about ¼ inch and tie it in at the hook bend. Advance your thread up to the cone head so you are ready to tie off your body materials. First wrap the chenille up to the cone head to form the body, tie it off and put in a half hitch to hold the thread. Then wrap the hackle forward evenly spaced up to the cone, tie it off and add another half hitch. Now reverse wrap the wire evenly up the body to secure the hackle and chenille. This will give you nice segmentation as well as a very durable fly. Now whip finish and a drop of head cement and you're done!

The Woolly Bugger fly pattern series was

invented years ago and remains one of the most effective flies available today for both rivers and lakes. The Woolly Bugger is most often seen in black, olive and brown, but the vanilla version is easily as effective, if not more. I was shown this vanilla color by Larry Kingery of Royal Gorge Anglers in Canon City. The effectiveness of the Woolly Bugger is due to how many different things it represents and how lifelike it appears in the water. It can be a leech, baitfish, crawdad, stonefly nymph, or trout fry just by varying the size and color of the fly.

Fish this fly by itself as a searching pattern along the banks and around obvious structure. It can be fished dead drift in the current and then stripped back in once it pulls tight, or just strip it the whole way. Experiment with different strip speeds until you find something the fish like. Generally you will strip faster in warmer water when the fish are more active and slower in colder water when the fish are slowed down a bit. Use your rod tip to add a tantalizing skitter to your retrieve; try to make the fly behave like a wounded or frightened fish. Keep your rod tip low by the surface of the water so you are ready to set the hook when you feel a tug. One of the most important things to remember when fishing streamers is to KEEP MOVING! If you don't get a strike after 5 passes or so, try a different spot. This fly is great to troll with behind a float tube or boat also. You only need a 3 to 4 foot leader when fishing a woolly bugger, and keep the line around a size 3X. The fish will not be able to see the leader when you are stripping, and you will get some savage strikes so leave the 5X and 6X at home! My favorite sizes are 4 and 6 though it works well from size 2 to 14. The fall is a great time to fish streamers as brown trout will be aggressive around pre and post spawning time, and all fish will be looking for some big meals as winter approaches.

Please feel free to email me at:  
timtrunnell@adelphia.net with any questions or comments. I'd love to hear how you do with these patterns. Now go catch some fish!

May the holes in your net be no  
larger than the fish in it.

~Irish Blessing

## TIPS FOR FISHING WITH KIDS

There aren't any guarantees of success when fishing. (If there were, it would be called "catching", not fishing!) Ask an experienced angler what the best part of fishing is and the response will be, most likely, not the fish-catching part. Every aspect of fishing with kids

adds to the experience. To make the most of your time together, take note of these ideas and suggestions:

- **Life jacket(s).** Normally thought of as a boating-safety item, a life jacket is a must for a youngster fishing near water of any kind.
- **Sunscreen.** Good sense to use to help avoid the long-term consequences of sunburn. Besides, a sunburn can spoil a day more quickly than just about anything!
- **Insect repellent.** When it's not just the fish that are biting...
- **Sunglasses.** Sun glare from the water is painful and can be dangerous. Sunglasses also offer some protection from errant casts and hooks.
- **Refreshments.** Snacks and drinks.
- **Ice, ice chest or cooler.** For sodas, and to keep the worms alive! Use the empty cooler to chill and transport your catch after a successful day.
- **Cap or visor.** Like sunscreen and sunglasses, a cap or visor offers important UV protection.
- **First aid kit.**
- **Fishing bait and tackle.** It's an obvious "tip", but kids will have a much better time if their equipment is sized for them. And—when teaching a youngster to fish, it is best to leave your own equipment at home. Concentrate on the teaching and the child's experience.



## GREEN CHILE COOKOFF

Jim William's, Greg Walck and Rick Luce recently took it upon themselves to cook up some Green Chile from a secret recipe from Donna Luce. Actually, I think Donna cooked it. An passed it out at the Sportsman's Warehouse Chile Cook off in the name of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited. They, We, well Donna took first place. The Chapter received a \$200.00 gift card for their efforts.

## CMCTU FISHING DAY TOMAHAWK JULY 29

Join CMCTU for a day of fun on the South Platte as we fish the Tomahawk area above Hartsel. This is a nice section of meadow stream with some brushy areas. For those who want to carpool or caravan, we will leave from the parking lot just across 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Anglers Covey at 8:00 am. Bring lunch, snacks, drinks (no alcohol, please) sunscreen, insect repellent, and anything else you need for a day on the stream. We will return when-

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Cheyenne Mountain Chapter  
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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.

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Today she met me at the door,  
said I would have to choose,  
if I picked that fishing pole  
today,  
she'd be packing all her things  
and she'd be gone by noon....

Well I'm gonna miss her when I  
get home tonight.  
Right now I'm on this lake  
shore, and I'm sitting in the  
sun!

I'm sure it'll hit me when I  
walk thru that door tonight.  
Yeah, I'm gonna miss her.  
Oh lookie there, I gotta bite!  
- Brad Paisley





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