



# Riffle Talk



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Free to Members of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

A pot puree of thoughts.

The time of year we have all been waiting is here at last. The snow is melting, the bugs are hatching and the fish are beginning to move. All those dreams during those long winter nights are about to become a reality. I hope that each of you take the time to commune with nature, the stream, and your fly rod.



Your board of directors has been busy with the mission of the chapter and we want to invite you to join in and participate. I know it is tough enough to find time to commune with a stream without donating some of that time to chapter activities but as you all know and exhibit through your membership, without our diligence, that stream might not be there the next time you want to go fishing. If you would like to volunteer for a project, please contact Sam Humpert at [sam\\_humpert@yahoo.com](mailto:sam_humpert@yahoo.com)

Some of you might know and remember that a few years ago CMCTU was contacted by a group of friends to a young man who had recently been killed in an auto accident. These friends wanted to establish a conservation type of memorial fund to remember Eric Stanslawski, and avid outdoorsman. They found our chapter and together we created the Eric Stanslawski memorial fund. From this fund, your board makes a contribution to a conservation project each year that is consistent with our mission. I thought you should all know that we have recently been contacted by Eric's parents with the news that Eric's brother Scott was recently killed in a snowmobile accident. As a memo-

rial to Scott, contributions have been coming to CMCTU to add to Eric's fund in the name of Scott

Fountain Creek is a local neighborhood

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

For the March 27th Membership Meeting, we happy to present Matt Wilkerson from the Lake Marie Lodge in Alaska. Matt will be speaking about fishing opportunities in Alaska, specifically in the Denali region. He is a great fly tier and previously worked at the Peak Fly Shop here in Colorado Springs.

We will also have Jen Boulton who is our Legislative Liaison from Colorado Trout Unlimited. She will be giving us an update on current Colorado legislation that affects TU. We hope you can join us!

### **WHEN:**

Tuesday, March 27th, 2007

6:30 Social

7:00 Meeting

### **NEW LOCATION:**

4255 Sinton Road



## PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONT.

stream that most of us drive right by but seldom think about dropping a line in it. Recently your board of directors has voted to become involved in the clean up, restoration/improvement of Fountain Creek. You may have notice that the Department of Transportation is working on a greenbelt project along Fountain Creek from Manitou Springs to Colorado Springs. Your board has decided that channelizing the stream and putting in hard surfaces for bicycles and walkers is not our idea of a greenbelt. As a result we are becoming involved both in the planning of this greenbelt project as well as leading by example. CMCTU members are representing us with another group of activist to improve the stream as it passed through Manitou Springs. It is our desire to restore this portion of Fountain Creek back to a natural flowing stream to the extent possible and there by creating an example of what can be accomplished. It is our intent to then use this example to influence the Highway 24 greenbelt project. Your help, support, and interest would be greatly appreciated.

CMCTU, with the help of CTU, has recently submitted an application for additional protection for both Severy Creek and Bear creek to the Colorado Water board. This application includes the testing results of the water samples collected by some of our members in the River Watch program as well as additional sample data collected such as E. Coli and Silver content., Stream flow and minimum flow data. It is our hope that during its meeting this summer, the Colorado Water board will designate these two streams as "High Quality water". This will provide additional protection to these streams and the pure Colorado Greenback Cutthroat trout that live there.

Would you like to update the email address that you receive the CMCTU announcements and newsletters? It's simple!!! Just visit the *Members Center* at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) and edit your email address in your profile or call the TU Customer Service Team at 1-800-834-2419.

## PREVENT WHIRLING DISEASE

The Division of Wildlife has regulations that control the stocking by state and private hatcheries of fish exposed to whirling disease. It is important to have the cooperation of anglers in preventing the spread of this disease. Precautionary measures include:



Clean your boots, waders and other gear before moving from one fishing site to another, and again with chlorine when you get home if you fished at a known whirling disease water;

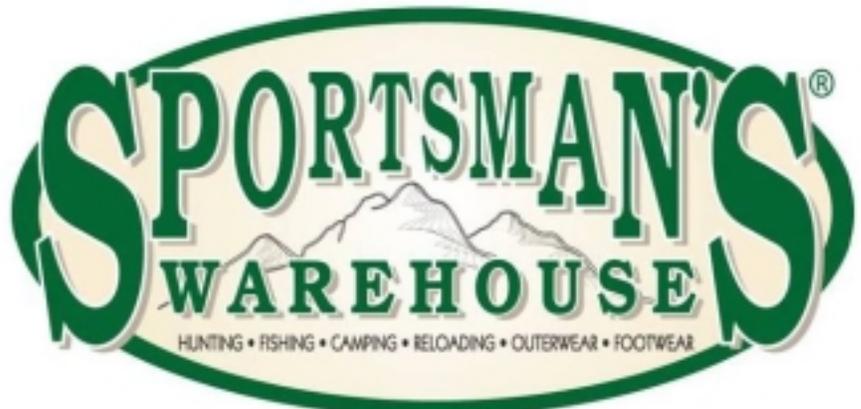
Clean your boat and trailer of mud, aquatic plants and water before fishing new waters;

If fishing many sections of a stream, start at the higher elevations;

Don't dispose of fish entrails, bones or other parts in or near any body of water or down kitchen drains;

Dispose of fish parts as solid waste; and

Never transport fish from one water to another.



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**FLIES, FLIES, FLIES**

Set up the vices and dig out the tools. Not only is the weather getting nicer day by day (well, sort of) and you will soon need flies to go fishing, we have some wonderful opportunities to help others just by tying a few extra flies every time you sit down at your vice.

Outside our chapter, we have:

- Casting for Recovery - this program provides a fly fishing experience and support group for women recovering from breast cancer. They can also use other volunteer help such as guides, etc.
- Reel Recovery - this program provides a fly fishing experience and support group for men recovering from cancer.

Within our chapter, opportunities include:

- Flies for door prizes, bucket raffles, etc.
- Flies to use in our Parent-Child fishing day June 3. We want to give every child a selection of flies to encourage them to continue fly fishing.
- Don't forget the fly swap in April - bring a dozen, leave with a different dozen. The theme for April is dry flies.

Bring your flies to any meeting and tell us if you have a preference how they are used. Thanks!.

**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](http://www.pikespeakflyfishers.org).**

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**DEADLINE** for contributions and change of ads is the first of the month of the current newsletter printing. Riffletalk is distributed in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Members receive postcards in alternate months.

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## **BROOKIE EDUCATION**

Brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) are part of the trout and salmon (*Salmonid*) family and the Char (*Salvelinus*) genus that include Bull Trout, Lake Trout and Artic Char.

Brook trout are native to Eastern North America, from Labrador and Newfoundland south to the southern Appalachian mountains of Georgia and South Carolina, west to Iowa and Minnesota and north to eastern Manitoba.

Brook trout require cold, clean, highly-oxygenated water. Brook trout, like other salmonids, have developed a rich life history diversity over time. This means that they have evolved the capacity to take advantage of a variety of aquatic environments. Brook trout can live in river and stream systems, tiny first order tributaries, small ponds, large lakes and estuaries. Like other trout and salmon, brook trout can migrate from fresh to salt water where they live in estuaries and the ocean close to shore, called "salters." As a char, brook trout spawn in the fall among loose gravel in streams and rivers, or on groundwater upwellings in ponds and lakes.

Because brook trout are so sensitive to water quality and water temperature, they serve as a classic "indicator" species of the larger aquatic ecosystem and the watershed draining into the water body where they live.

The reason that brook trout serve as such good "indicators" of aquatic health is that they have very specific water chemistry requirements.

**Temperature** - Studies have determined that brook trout cannot tolerate sustained water temperatures exceeding 77 F0 and prefer water temperatures less than 68 F0. Brook trout are less tolerant of warmer water temperatures than brown or rainbow trout. Research has documented that brook trout can migrate many miles for spawning or to find thermal refuge.

**pH** - this is a measure of the concentration of H<sup>+</sup> ions in water. pH ranges from 0 (very acidic) to 14 (very basic) with 7 being neutral. Water with a pH lower than 6.0 can cause metals found in soil and rocks to dissolve in solution and suffocate and poison aquatic organisms.

Brook trout have evolved to be the most tolerant of the trout species to acidic conditions, and adult fish can tolerate pH levels as low as 5.0. However, acid mine drainage and acid deposition often produce pH levels below this threshold, and currently render lifeless thousands of miles of former brook trout streams and hundreds of lakes and ponds across the East.

**DO** - Brook trout require relatively high concentrations of oxygen dissolved in water compared to other fish and even other trout species. Water temperature is inversely related to dissolved oxygen concentrations, so as water warms, it holds less oxygen. In nutrient-rich systems with high biological activity (high densities of plants and algae) or where diffusion rates between water and the atmosphere are relatively slow (stagnant ponds), levels of DO can fluctuate widely over the course of 24 hours. During the day, photosynthesis produces high concentrations of oxygen, but at night photosynthesis stops and plant, algae and bacteria respiration continues to use oxygen, causing DO levels can drop to dangerously low levels. High levels of nutrients also can cause algal blooms. As algae dies, bacteria consume available oxygen as they decompose the algae, reducing oxygen levels. This is referred to as BOD or Biological Oxygen Demand.

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## **CMCTU EQUIPMENT RAFFLE**

Our raffle drawing is scheduled for the May 22nd membership meeting. We have 72 tickets left for sale. These tickets will only be available at our two remaining sponsor open houses. The Peak Fly Shop donated the Ross Evolution reel for this year's raffle. Please visit the Peak Fly Shop on Saturday April 7th, 10 am - 6 pm, if you are interested in buying a raffle ticket and let them know how much we appreciate their support of CMCTU.

## **ATTENTION ACTIVE**

### **DUTY MEMBERS OF CMCTU**

Please contact CMCTU if you are being deployed overseas to Iraq or Afghanistan so we can review your membership status. We will extend your membership for free during your deployment. Thank you for all you do for your country.

**PUT A SMILE ON YOUR TAXED -  
CONTRIBUTE TO  
COLORADO'S WILDLIFE**

Taxpayers in Colorado can contribute to wildlife and the environmental quality of our state by simply checking the non-game box on their state tax forms and writing in the amount they want to contribute.

Since 2000, 270,000 state taxpayers have contributed nearly \$2.8 million to conservation efforts of the Colorado Division of Wildlife through the non-game check-off program.

"One contribution on a tax return won't guarantee the restoration of a species, but many contributions help to guarantee that the DOW's important wildlife conservation work will continue," said Tim Holeman, chief of public affairs for the wildlife agency.

If you don't buy hunting or fishing licenses, the check-off is an easy way to support Colorado's conservation efforts.

Non-license buyers can also purchase a Colorado Habitat Stamp for \$10.25. The stamp, available on-line and where every license is sold gives the buyer access to more than 200 state wildlife areas and includes the annual search and rescue fee.

Money contributed to the DOW through the tax check-off program goes to wildlife conservation work that concentrates on non-game species. The DOW has thrived in bolstering the health and populations of numerous non-game species. Since 1978, 19 species in Colorado have been down-listed from a threatened or endangered status or de-listed entirely.

Species whose status has changed, some due to actions by the DOW, include: the boreal toad, wood frog, Rio Grande cutthroat Trout, Colorado River cutthroat trout, greenback cutthroat trout, Arkansas darter, Colorado pike minnow, humpback chub, American peregrine falcon, greater sage-grouse, mountain plover, black-tailed prairie dog, white-tailed prairie dog, Gunnison's prairie dog, swift fox, Douglas County pocket gopher, Rocky Mountain capshell snail and the white pelican.

Said Holeman, "In Colorado, one little check goes a long way for wildlife."

**DOLLAR BILL FISHING DERBY**

New for 2007, CMCTU will be running a fishing derby! Our fishing derby will be based on catching a fish and your attendance at the membership meeting. Members that fulfill **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.

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# 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.

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### FLY SWAP AT APRIL MEETING

#### Fly Swap at April Meeting

Don't forget - the April meeting will see our first quarterly fly swap. Bring a dozen dry 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.

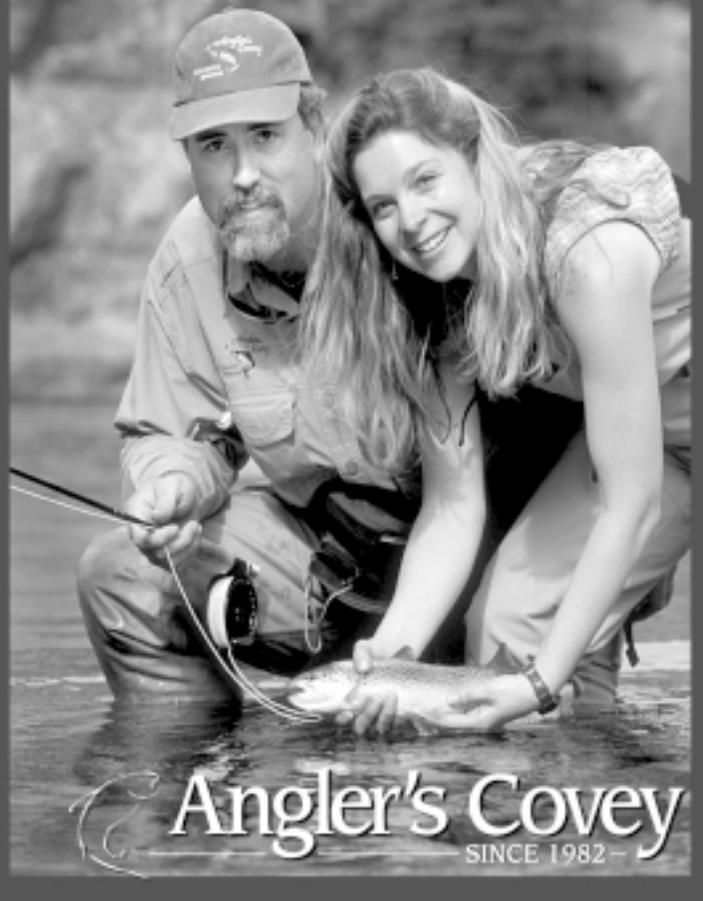
It's your choice as to the flies you pick. You can take twelve that are totally different, six pairs of two - one to fish and one to save as a pattern - or whatever suits your fancy.

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 MAY!!!