



# Riffle Talk



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## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

### Up to Good Things

A lot of things are happening with CMCTU and we need your help.

You have all heard the phrase, "no good deed goes unpunished". Over the past several years CMCTU has been recognized in many ways for all the good work we have done. This spring it has come back in a very large way. You and I will determine if it is a good thing and if we can handle it.

We have been honored by CTU with this years Exemplary Project for our work on Trees for Trout. We have also been awarded two embrace a stream grants for this coming year. One of the grants is the renewal of the previously awarded grant for Greenback trout recovery in Severy and Bear creek. Steve Culver of the US Forest Service has indicated to me that this project is slated to begin this spring. CDOW has also contacted our VP of Projects, Bill Burd and has asked for our involvement in the Greenback recovery



project for the North Branch of the Taylor River near Westcliffe. CMCTU is looking for a project coordinator for Greenback recovery projects.

The second grant was for Trees for Trout and included the Collegiate Peaks Chapter and the West Denver Chapter as this project is growing quickly. We all know that there is going to be a great deal of activity with Trees for Trout this summer. The U.S. Forest Service has also announced a grant of \$100,000.00 for trees for trout and CDOW is looking at additional money for Elevenmile canyon. CMCTU is looking for a project coordinator for Trees for Trout. CDOW has also talked to us about expanding the Trees for Trout project to Cheesman Canyon.

Some CMCTU volunteers, Bill, Dan and Brent, had a very successful Satur-

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## General Membership Meeting

Tue. May 23rd, 2005

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: TBD

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE cont.

day with some Cub Scouts and I think there are plans for some additional work with the Boy Scouts. Carl Roberts, one of our board members, asked why we do not do anything with the Girl Scouts and I think that is a good question. There is also an opportunity to involve some high school students in projects. In addition, we have the Huck Finn fishing day and the Handicap fishing day. CMCTU is looking for a youth outreach coordinator to head up these youth activities.

The National River Clean up day has been set for September 24<sup>th</sup> so we are looking for a project coordinator for this and other river clean up projects.

CTU has submitted a grant request to the EPA for water analysis testing of rivers around the state. When we spoke about this there seemed to be a great deal of interest among our members so I put CMCTU on the list of chapter who wanted to participate. The grant has not yet been awarded but there have been indications that CTU will be receiving this grant. The amount is \$40000.00 and will be used to train and equip volunteers to test both the chemistry and the biology of streams. Each participating chapter will be expected to provide one or two volunteers to take 2-3 day training with expenses being paid by the grant. These individuals will then train local volunteers who will do the actual sampling and testing. Each stream to be tested will have 4 or 5 sites selected. Samples will be collected a minimum of four times a year but ideally once a month. Some samples will be collected and the

tests run by the volunteer, (O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, etc) other samples will be sent to a lab for testing. In the fall of each year, biology of the stream will be tested. This project might be a good one in which to involve high school and college students along with their teachers. CMCTU is looking for the person or people who would be trained and be the coordinator of this project.

While at the CTU Spring Rendezvous I was approached by an official of the EPA. She had been directed to me by Sharon Lance. There are some toxic wastes that are leaking from a mining area near Cripple Creek and Victor. It is the Mill Sap mine. The EPA wants to clean it up as these toxins are dumping into the Arkansas near Florence. She has already obtained the money for the clean up as well as obtained agreement from the Gold Mining Company in Victor to provide the heavy equipment needed. CMCTU has been asked to serve both as on the ground workers for this project, landscaping, etc, but also the environmental communities' representative on this very politically sensitive project. The EPA has agreed to provide us with legal liability immunity. This project will also be accomplished in coordination with the BLM. CMCTU is looking for a project coordinator for this one as well.

As you can see, CMCTU has the reputation of getting things done and thus has been asked to become involved in these projects. In order to accomplish these we will require lots of volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Bill Burd at [bjeagle@worldnet.att.net](mailto:bjeagle@worldnet.att.net) or 719-590-6615.

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**SMALL CREEKS BETWEEN COLORADO SPRINGS AND THE ARKANSAS RIVER: PART 2**

Ken Brown

In this two part article, Ken Brown offers some great fishing spots that are within a relatively short distance from Colorado Springs. Part one of this article appeared in the March addition of Riffle Talk.

**Fourmile Creek** - runs along Shelf Road where you can access on the southwest side of Cripple Creek and is a stream that has mainly Rainbows in it. The creek is also separated by sections of private property and if you don't want to do much climbing this might not be the creek for you but you will definitely find some nice sized fish in this creek.  
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The best fishing I've had is with a bead head that I designed and with San Juan worms in deeper areas.

**Eleven Mile Canyon** - I needed to include this although with the increased pressure due to the Hayman fire this is not my first choice on weekends. Eleven Mile has some great water and your can catch both Rainbows and Browns there and it can provide some great dry fly action at different times of the year.

There are some huge fish in Eleven Mile and they can provide you with a great day of fishing action. You can catch fish in Eleven Mile on wets, dries or streamers. I like to use a double rig and have a dry fly on top with a bead head down below.

**South Platte River** - This place on the South Platte River is a great place to go because it is out of the

way and only accessible on foot or through a gated community. It is about a 3.5 mile hike back to this area of the South Platte but is worth the hike for the quality of fish that are there. I have caught Rainbows here that are 10 + inches.

To get to this spot take Route 24 just past Lake George and take the first right County Road 77 towards Tarryall. Take the first right on FS Road 207 to Happy Meadows Campground driving to the parking lot at the trailhead on your left. You can wet a line here or hike in which I prefer because the fishing is much better.

The best fishing has been with bead heads, dries and streamers. **\*EFFECTED BY THE HAYMAN FIRE\***

**Tarryall Creek and South Platte River** - This is one of the better places that I first fished this close to Colorado Springs. To get there you have to get off of County Rt. 77 onto Forest Service Road 216 the road end and you will have to hike in on Trail 619 and at that point find the trailhead and hike for approximately 3 miles.

This was a great area to fish and I

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## SMALL CREEKS Cont.

know it was hit by the Hayman fire. I am going to hike in this spring and see how the area is doing. **\*EFFECTED BY THE HAYMAN FIRE\***

**Tarryall Creek** - Tarryall Creek is a small stream and there are different places where you can pull off and fish on your way up to Tarryall Reservoir among them are the Spring Campground where you can hike in and the Day Use area that you will have to pay to use. The fishing at these areas has always been good even after the flow was cut down with the work at the Tarryall Reservoir because of the boulders.

I have used both dries and wets both and had success. \*\*

**Tarryall Reservoir** - I have fished just below and just above Tarryall Reservoir and had success both below the reservoir in a very small area between the base of the dam and the road and above the reservoir but did not fish there last summer. The reservoir has been affected by the maintenance on the dam.

**Trout Creek** - This Trout Creek is off of Route 24/285 on your way to Buena Vista and is off of Forest Road 215. This is a spring fed creek and is open year round and includes a series of beaver dams that will provide a challenge even to the most skillful fisherman. This is located in the San Isabel National Forest.

Different types of bead heads have worked well here in the past.

**Arkansas River** - Finally, you run



into the Arkansas River at Johnson Village, located in the San Isabel National Forest where you can fish or go on out to Route 285 up or down the Arkansas it's up to you.

Here when you time it right you can fish the Caddis hatch (April - May) or as the river rises from the melting snow fish close to the banks with a streamer.

**\*\* POTENTIALLY EFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT**

### For more information:

Fly Fishing Colorado's Front Range by Todd Hosman  
Official Colorado Fishing Guide by Kip Carey  
4 WD Adventures by Peter Massey and Jeanne Wilson (you have to get to the fish somehow)  
Fly Fishing Southwestern Colorado by Mark D. Williams (out of the area but worth the read)  
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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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### WEBELOS

Bill Burd

We had a great day working with the Webelos Scouts. Twelve scouts with parents turned out, so we had a pretty good crowd. It was amazing how many little willow branches they can cut and plant in a short period of time. We did about 125 yds of the riverbank.

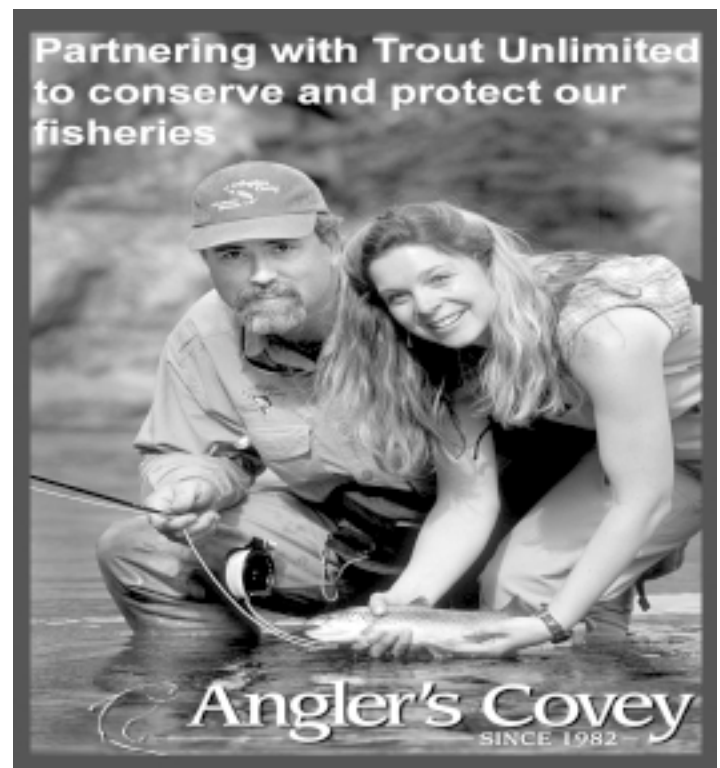
Then Dan Salamone and Brent Saunders gave a fly fishing demo and Dan actually had two fish on during the time he was out there with the boys. Mike Stolte also came up and helped out. After lunch the boys and parents left and we stayed and fished for several hours. No hassles!

A few parents' comments were "This is the best outing that we have ever had with this group of boys." and "I have never actually seen anyone fly fishing before."

The boys were very attentive while

Brent was demonstrating the shells and bug larvae from under the rocks as well as showing them the nymphs and dry flies.

We almost fell in when one of the boys named the Colorado Native Trout and another named the four species in Colorado. We had a great day!!





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