



## *Greenback Currents*

October-December 2008

Our mission: to Conserve, Protect and Restore Colorado's Trout Fisheries and their Watersheds.

**Membership Meetings - Non-members invited! Jones-Healy Realty, 119 W. 6th St., Pueblo**  
*Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*

Thursday, October 9, 7:00 pm - TBA and Chapter Elections for 2009



Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Renowned author of "Imawasa Flies", articles in countless fly-fishing and sporting journals, Art Professor and Life member of TU, Ken Iwamasa discusses his Fly Tying Philosophy about mayflies - a not to be missed presentation by a fly fishing icon! He developed new techniques for creating burnt wings and "sail-wing" profiles. Find out what he is currently doing for the fly-tying industry.

Check the Web Site at <http://www.chapter509tu.org/> for the latest news!

### **President's Piece**

Pat McGraw

Hello TU members

I would like to thank all of you that participated and helped with our raffle that we held for the last four months. It was for a worthwhile project that I think many of you fishermen should take advantage of. Our board members really worked hard and sold quite of few tickets. A big thanks goes to Bill and Royal Gorge Anglers for their help selling tickets. They sold and advertised to their customers, and I had a great response from them. Ted Sillox, our project chairperson, is the one we need to thank for the many hours and contacts that he put in for the past months. He talked to people about the project, and sold many tickets to help fund it. Many thanks to all.

The next subject is about our elections that we hold every October meeting. We really need good attendance, so any position can be decided by you, the membership. Nobody is asked or pressured into being on the board, except me. (Just kidding) We really would like to see some new faces. Speaking of new faces, I figured that if every member makes a New Years resolution to attend only one meeting in 2009, any meeting, we would have 30 plus in attendance. We only have 10 meetings, as we have a July picnic, and we take a break in December. Hope to see you soon.

Your chapter needs a secretary and a membership chairperson. These are volunteer positions, as they all are. I hope to break in a new president for next year, as I am becoming more busy than I have been for a few years. I don't like to miss meetings, but that is what might happen in the future. We need the membership's help.

Even though we won't have a meeting in December, we will send out a newsletter to cover the upcoming events for 2009. We have a few different plans that we hope will make your chapter stronger and more capable of doing conservation projects.



**Pat McGraw,**  
Honorable President

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## Project News

Ted Sillox

Congratulations to all of our members and sponsors. Southern Colorado Greenback Chapter will soon start their first habitat improvement project. The fund raising raffle made close to \$3,000.00 and as a result the Arkansas River Habitat Project will proceed this fall. Front Range Aggregate has agreed to match our purchase so the project money is even bigger than the total amount.

I will be meeting with Greg Policky from the DOW and representatives of the other 2 chapters involved in the project on October 10<sup>th</sup> to finalize construction dates times and places. Greg asked me to convey his gratitude to our chapter for our efforts in getting this project done. As soon as I get the information I will be asking members to help with the aspects of the project that require manual labor. We will be working with the members of two other chapters so the work will not be that strenuous.



**Ted Sillox**  
Projects Chairman

Pat and I will be manning a booth at the Fly Fishing show in Denver at the Mart during January 9-11 where we will be selling raffle tickets to fund our next project. Stop by the booth, say "Hello" and buy tickets!

### Arkansas River Habitat Improvement Project Raffle Donors

Thank you to Royal Gorge Anglers, Anglers Addiction, Kotopaxi KOA, Frank Nemick III and JP Fishing for their support with this project and to Collegiate Peaks and Cheyenne Mountain TU chapters for their help. CMC also obtained a "Trees for Trout" grant for the banks! The CTU GOMO Grant was a contributor, as well as Canon City Parks & Recreation. *High Country Angler* and CTU's web site helped with advertising.

### Winners of our chapter's raffle effort were

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Frank Nemick, Jr., Beulah
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Jane Le Doux, Canon City
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Dennis Strimback, Canon City

Congratulations, winners! Thanks to all the purchased tickets! We made our goal!

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## Thank You, Members!

We're glad to have you join, transfer here or renew your membership with our chapter! Please let us know how we can meet your expectations of your TU experience, and how you would like to be involved in our mission. To do that, call Pres. Pat at 566-6834. Thanks for your membership!

<u>New/Transfer/Renewing Members</u> <small>since last newsletter</small>			<u>Life Members</u>	
Bob Adams	William Gerety	Burt Parsons	Brian G. Angevine, PhD	Michael D. Ingo
Fred Alire	Alex Gonzales	Walter Peterson	Joseph J. Branney	Mark A. Kennedy
Larry Allan	Jim Good	Janet Richards	Stephen Brown	Dr. Michael Moll
Warren Barter	Jerald Greene	John Sartoris	Dom Cingoranelli	Michael C. Saathoff, MD
Bruce Bensik	Jerry Hoisington	C.E. Schneider	Dumont F. Clark	Dr. James A. Salvatore
Cary Betts	Paul Inetoya	John D. Scott	Chas S. Clifton	Christopher J. Smith, MD
Charlie Brown	Kenneth Knott	Nick Serracino	Jeris A. Danielson	Matthew Sumpter
Nancy Carroll	Glenn Kreutzer	Ted Sillox	Tony & Jill Feliz	John A. Tillema, Jr.
Kevin Cozzolino	Gerald Lehl	Michael Smith	Michael Foster	Helen & Gary Vertrees
Brian Dodds	Dr. Lori Moll	Tim Snowden	Dave Fraterelli	Marge & Paul Vorndam
Pete Elich	Lou McCoullough	Mark Taravella	William Harris II	
Don Fair	Ken Ovrebo	Robert Turner		
John Frederick	Frank Papish Jr.	Mark Vialpando		
		Ron Yoder		

And thanks to John Shanley for his continued financial support!

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## Fishing Dreams Do Come True!

Marge Vorndam

CTU's Spring Rendezvous always features a fine dinner raffle. I attended as chapter rep this year. My sweet hubby, Paul, surprised me with a winning bid for a guided fishing excursion for two on private Colorado River water near Granby. In September, we went, since we figured on some great dry fly fishing and leaf watching.

The trip donor, Bud Isaacs has been a strong supporter of TU for many years. He and several other folks have protected a productive stretch of the Colorado which CDOW has been using to trial the Hofer rainbow strain as a potential replacement trout species that is resistant to whirling disease.

Beside TU's mission, Isaacs aggressively supports youth education projects, donating time to the CTU Youth Fishing Camps and to the *Alliance for Choice in Education* (<http://www.acescholarships.org>) which benefits the children of low-income families in Denver. Bud teamed us up with Ryan Sullivan who serves as an ACE staff member, is a youth counselor, and fishing guide service manager for The Flyfisher Ltd. in Denver.



Bud and Ryan compare notes on flies



Paul shows off one of many Autumn Browns.

The day began with a cold fog that burned off almost as soon as we hit the water. Ryan had Paul into nice browns immediately using a 3 fly rig with an egg pattern at the top, a SJ worm in the middle and a bead head nymph at the bottom. I fished with Bud, and we got the rhythm down on nymphing with a SJ worm and small midge pattern, catching and releasing some beautiful fat 'bows and browns. In the afternoon, BWOs began to come off in the riffles, and provided wonderful action on a Parachute Adams. Wading was tricky due to the thick growth of slick algae on rocks which are seldom scoured by heavy flows or fishermen's boots, so both Bud and I took an unintended swim along the way, but the current was benign compared to the Arkansas, and the day was warm.



A fine tagged Hofer in hand.

Bud and Ryan provided a memorable experience, and a great education about the value of preserving untrammelled habitat as an example of what optimal conditions represent. Although not everyone gets a chance to fish this water, it stands in striking contrast to public fishing areas and is a great example of what a well cared-for fishery can be like.

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## Chapter Happenings



CTU River Cleanup Day - Sept. 20

The Arkansas River banks below Pueblo Dam were much improved by Albert Chirby and grandson (not present), Kelvin Melton, Richard & Suzi Purcell, Jim Good, Ted Sillox and friend, and Marge Vorndam, photographer.



## 2009 Sportsmen's/Outdoor Shows

Fly Fishing Show: Jan 9-11 - Denver  
Merchandise Mart, 451 E 58th Ave.,

Sportsmen's Expo: Jan 22-25 - Denver Convention  
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## Chapter Calendar: October 2008 - February 2009

### October

- 2 - Board Meeting. Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo. 566-6834
- 9 - Chapter Membership Meeting and Annual Chapter Elections, 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*
- 11 - CTU Fall Rendezvous, Salida

### November

- 6 - Board Meeting. Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo. 566-6834
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December - No meetings. Happy Holidays!

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