



Greenback Currents

April-May 2008

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

Membership Meetings -
Non-members invited! *Bring
a Raffle Item to Share!*

7:00 pm, Jones-Healy
Realty, 2nd Floor,
119 W. 6th St., Pueblo

- Thursday, April 10:
John Zupancic on "Saltwater Fishing the Coastal Bend"
- Thursday, May 8:
Tim Glenn, CDOW Wildlife Commissioner on
"Issues Facing the Wildlife Commission Today"

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

President's Piece

Pat McGraw



Pat McGraw,
Honorable President

Greetings to our members and friends!

Well, it is about time for you fair weather fishermen/women to dust off the equipment and get ready. Here in Pueblo, we are fortunate to have days every month that we can fish the Arkansas. That makes winter fishing a great escape from the doldrums of TV and house cleaning.

You might have noticed that our newsletter is delayed a month, but we kept in contact with the postcard or e-mail. Marge was sending information to all of you right up to the time she and her husband were leaving for New Zealand, and probably on the plane to boot! I thank her and hope you all do to, for working so hard to keep two-hundred plus members informed about what's happening.

Your chapter has some important and interesting projects that are in the making, and we hope you all help as much as you are able. Our main one right now doesn't take any physical help, but rather monetary help. Ted's article will explain the details. Of course, we can always use a couple hours of your time with our river clean-ups. It's a way to "pay back" all of the great fishing this past winter. Please check the calendar Marge puts together for all the details. We do have fun and always seem to meet new members and guests that show up to help. You "work for food"!

We have had some interesting and informative guests at our monthly meetings so far this year. I must say that our program committee has done a superb job, Frank *et al*. It is hard sometimes to find guests that keep on track with our TU mission. So far they have been great. Of course we will still have fly tying demos and fishing experiences that some of our members encounter. We are still open for any suggestions on meeting agendas. Even if you don't attend, we would be interested in your input.

In closing, please keep in contact with us about any questions or comments that you have. You may also call or e-mail any board member. Their numbers and e-mail are on the last page of the newsletter. I get busy sometimes, and can't get back to you right away. Try another member if you wish. Hope to see you at the meeting, and at our river clean-up this month.

Pat

Project News

Ted Sillox and Marge Vorndam

Ted reports that we have a chapter project! We will be helping with a planned DOW effort to install instream and riparian improvements on the Arkansas River through Cañon City (CC members, are you listening?) this fall. While we won't be directly "rolling rocks", DOW needs funding to purchase the rock to create boulder veins, two j-hook structures, one riparian bench and numerous staging rocks. The riprap material for the project will cost \$16,226. The obvious benefit here is a better urban fishery on this stretch of river *right in Cañon City, between 9th Street and Reynolds Ave.*



Beside the CDOW and Cañon City, Trout Unlimited has committed to helping raise the funds for this project. In addition to our chapter, Collegiate Peaks is pledging financial help. On our chapter's behalf, Ted says in a grant that he submitted to the CTU GOMO (Leo Gomolchak) Memorial Conservation Foundation, "Advertising the benefits of an urban fish habitat improvement while fund raising also helps explain the economic benefits to merchants and others who are not directly involved with fishing or trout habitat improvement." The fishing resource always improves a community's economic base!

Which brings us to our involvement: Chapter members at the March meeting committed to raising \$1,000 toward this effort. *We must match the amount that we obtain from the GOMO grant.* Your board, specifically Pat and Ted, have so far garnered a number of prizes from several sources which will be used in a raffle to raise the \$1,000, and potentially \$2,000 via GOMO, which our chapter has pledged to donate. *We will need your help both in purchasing raffle tickets, and selling raffle tickets.* The raffle effort will begin end-April, so stay tuned for more information. Direct donations to this effort would also be welcome. We hope that we can count on you to participate and contribute to this worthwhile project.

...and thanks, Ted for your hard work to identify this project, obtain the training for the raffle license and writing the GOMO grant proposal to extend the effectiveness of our dollars! This project will be a super opportunity to show TU that the Southern Greenback Chapter is involved and serious about conservation efforts here in SE Colorado!

2008 Fishing Forecast for Our Region

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Biologists from the Colorado Division of Wildlife have prepared a 15-page fishing forecast for the Southeast Region. The document lists some of the most popular waters in the southeast part of the state. It highlights changes and gives anglers an indication of which species they can expect to catch this year. The 2008 report is available online in PDF format at

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/NR/rdonlyres/F4F70312-02FA-486C-BAE3->

[DD0E5BA101D0/0/2008SEFishingForecast.pdf](http://wildlife.state.co.us/NR/rdonlyres/F4F70312-02FA-486C-BAE3-DD0E5BA101D0/0/2008SEFishingForecast.pdf) . The DOW Wildlife Commission posts agendas and minutes at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeCommission/> .

3rd Annual Sporting Goods Yard Sale - Saturday, June 7 - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our location will be PW for this annual fundraising event - where? Is anyone in PW willing to host this event? If so, please contact Pat at 566-6834. We also need your "somewhat used" sporting goods. We will PU, or you can drop them off. We also could use some volunteers to help run the event. Call Pat to sign up.



**Thanks, Sponsors
for your continued commitment to
helping the Southern Greenback Chapter's
mission!**

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!

New/Transfer/Renewing Members

*since Last Newsletter

Debra Bender	Jon Harvey
John Cooper	Clifton McMullen
Steven Feldman	Dr. Michael A. Moll - Life!
Robert Fontaine	David Ritchie
Alan Freidhof	Robert L. Smith
Philip Horton	Jimmy Taylor

Chapter TU Life Members

Joseph J. Branney	Michael D. Ingo
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Tony & Jill Feliz	John A. Tillema, Jr.
Michael Foster	Gary & Helen Vertrees
William Harris II	Marge & Paul Vorndam

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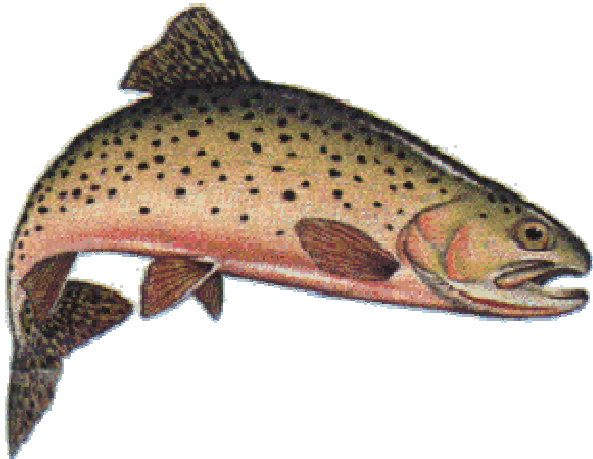
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To join our email list, send an email to s_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org and request to be added.

Chapter Streamside Courtesy Cards are available. If you would like a supply to pass on to other fishermen, please send a request to s_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org or call Marge at 489-2913.

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**Southern Greenback Chapter Trout Unlimited
Chapter Calendar: April - June 2008**

April

- 10 -Thursday, Chapter Membership Meeting, 119 W. 6th, 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*
- 11-13 -CTU Rendezvous, Redstone, CO
- 12 -Black Canyon FF Show, Montrose Pavilion. <http://gunnisongorgeanglers.org/>.
- 19 -Saturday, Arkansas River Spring Cleanup, Lk. Pueblo Snakeskin Picnic area, 10 am - noon. Lunch provided.
- 20 -Sunday, Chapter Fishing Trip to Grape Creek, meet at 7:00 a.m., Angler's Addiction, 1401 N. Main, Pueblo. Dress for weather, and bring lunch. (NOTE time change.)

May

- 7 -Board Meeting. Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo. 566-6834
- 14 -Chapter Membership Meeting, 119 W. 6th, 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*
- 18 -Sunday, Chapter Fishing Trip to North Lake, meet at 7:00 a.m., Angler's Addiction, 1401 N. Main, Pueblo. Dress for weather, and bring lunch. (NOTE time change.)

June

- 5 -Board Meeting. Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo. 566-6834
- 7 -3rd Annual Sporting Goods Yard Sale, Pueblo West, Location TBA
- 12 -Thursday, Chapter Membership Meeting, 119 W. 6th, 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*
- 22 -Sunday, Chapter Fishing Trip to Purgatoire River, meet at 7:00 a.m., Angler's Addiction, 1401 N. Main, Pueblo OR camp at Trinidad Lake overnight. Dress for weather, and bring lunch.