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S. Colorado Greenback Chapter, Trout Unlimited, Inc.'s

## Greenback Currents

August/September 2007

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**"Fishing North Lake, Bear Lake, Blue Lake and Cucharra Area"**

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

### President's Piece

Pat McGraw

Greetings TU members.

I think some of you are wondering if we still have a TU chapter. Well, we are fine and well, but we have had some events and decisions that we have had to discuss.

The first discussion we had, and probably the most important, was our number of members and community people attending our monthly meeting. It has been a bit disappointing on the numbers of attendees. I know I ask every newsletter for your suggestions on what might make our chapter stronger and more



CTU President Steve Craig, SE Region VP Larry Bussey, our own Prez Pat McGraw and CTU Exec. Dir Dave Nickum share a rare photo moment at our May membership meeting.

informational. Once again, you don't have to attend meetings to help your chapter. We know your chapter covers many miles, and many of you cannot attend, but we would still enjoy any help you can give us.

We had a little difference of opinion on a new venue for our meetings, and have worked out all of those kinks and will continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at Jones-Healey Realty Office Building.

We also discussed, maybe the summer months aren't a good time for meetings, with vacations and all. So we just scheduled a family picnic in July, hoping that more of you would attend that informal gathering. We had a great time and food, but again, the same twelve or fourteen people attended. We held our yearly yard sale fund raiser in June, but it wasn't as successful as last year, so we are still looking for ways to generate funds to continue our projects and newsletter.

We have had some fun fishing trips each month thanks to Ben, Ron and Lou of Angler's Addiction, even when "you know who" doesn't catch anything. I still say it is great to stand in a river or stream if the fish are biting or not. It's been a super time of fellowship for those who show up on those third Sundays (and get to fish with the guides for FREE!!).

At this years Spring Rendezvous, our chapter received the John Connolly Outstanding Chapter Communications award. That was for our newsletter that Marge Vorndam publishes every other month, and

the postcard that is sent to you when we can't send the full newsletter. You all see what a great job she does. Some of our board members contribute to this letter, but we would still like some articles on trip, experiences or helpful hints from all of you. Tell us your recipe for your secret fly, or where your honey hole is at. (ha, ha) Your contributions are very welcome.

September will be a postcard reminder, That is our state wide river clean-up month, sponsored by Colorado Trout Unlimited. We usually clean the Arkansas below the dam, but are always open to suggestions of a new water that needs some cleaning. Please help us. We clean for a couple hours and then serve lunch. Hope to see you there.

Drop by August 9th and "don't get wet". - Pat

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**And Thanks to . . . .**

Ted Sillox for being proactive about getting the story about the Arkansas River Tailwater and Dr. Scott Herrmann's Insect Studies into the Spring Issue of TROUT. We hope that you got to read it! Super PR for our chapter, CO Division of Wildlife and the US Army Corps of Engineers, Ted!

Chapter members present at the June 14 Membership Meeting, who donated \$85 toward the women's breast cancer "Casting for Recovery" program, in lieu of a raffle that evening. Those present voted to match the membership donation with a gift from the chapter treasury, providing a total of \$170 to this very worthy cause.

John Shanley for continued support!

Pat McGraw and Frank Nemick III for representing us as "guides" at the June Cub Scout fishing day.

Angler's Addiction for a great volunteer BBQ at the Sporting Goods Yard Sale and for donating a % of their proceeds to the cause that day!

John "Zup" and Pueblo Paddlers association for spear-heading the Duck Race event that benefits both groups.



### **Chapter Honored at Spring Rendezvous**

CTU President Steve Craig presents the " John Connolly Outstanding Chapter Communications" for 2006 Award to our Chapter for Marge Vorndam's chapter communications efforts over the past year.

President Pat McGraw, who does a super service through his "President's Piece" deserves considerable credit for his consistent and informative contributions to communications also.

Larry Bussey commented that he appreciated the bi-monthly newsletter feature stories.

## What on Earth is VHS?

**Video Home System? Virtual High School?** We could wish! It's **Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia** -- the latest and potentially greatest threat to our phenomenal Colorado fishery! Though VHS has not yet been found in Colorado, it does exist in states to the east and west of Colorado and is on the move our way. Spreading of VHS occurs most frequently through use of live minnows and other live bait from contaminated water.

While not toxic to humans who handle infected fish or eat them, the virus can be deadly to fish, especially at cold water temperatures below 54 degrees. In fishes, the infection shows up in bleeding through the skin/scales, bulging eyes and swollen bellies. Fish pass it on through their waste, and the virus can survive up to 14 days in water.

How can you help? Same as for the New Zealand Mud Snail...Don't move live fish between water bodies, make sure to thoroughly drain water from boats and fishing gear when leaving a water source, and sanitize your fishing gear after you leave one fishing spot and move to another. These introduced calamities are up to each of us to control. DOW cannot be everywhere, so help by educating those fisherpersons around you about the seriousness of these threats. If we're lucky, we won't hear about this deadly virus in our Colorado fisheries! If you come across fish with these symptoms, call CO DOW ASAP.

## Welcome, New Members!

We're glad to have you join our chapter or renew after an absence. 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!

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problem here, Wayne.)

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## To Our New Members

Dear New Member:

This is notice #     1 of 3    

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## Chapter Calendar August/September 2007

### August

9 - **Chapter Membership Meeting**, 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. "Fishing the Cucharra Area"

19 - **Chapter Fishing Trip** to Valco Ponds for Wipers, Bass, etc. - Sign up and details at Angler's Addiction, (719) 296-5886. Meet at Angler's Addiction.

### September

No board meeting

13 - **Chapter Membership Meeting**, 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. (tentatively with DOW's Doug Krieger) 13 - 15 - National TU Meeting, Grove Hotel, Boise, ID

15 - **CTU Great CO Rivers Cleanup**, Snakeskin Picnic Area, Lk. Pueblo State Park, 10-1, lunch provided.

16 - **Chapter Fishing Trip** to Eleven Mile Canyon C&R, Georgetown - Sign up and details at Angler's Addiction, (719) 296-5886. Meet at Angler's Addiction.

21 - 23 - **Pueblo's Chili and Frijole Festival and ...DUCK RACE!!!** Plan on buying a gaggle of ducks and watch them speed their ducky way to the Finish Line on Sunday, Sept. 23! Proceeds from duck sales benefit our chapter's projects and the Pueblo Paddlers Association. Ducks are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Great prizes for the winners! Duck launch will be Sunday afternoon on the Arkansas River Kayak Course in Pueblo. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help at booth Sat. and Sun. Contact John at 547-2089 for info.

**October Membership Meeting brings "New Board of Directors for 2008 Elections" - new officers will be elected at Membership Meeting, Oct. 11. If you are willing to serve, please notify Pat at (719) 566-6834. Some board members wish to step down, so your help will be much appreciated!!**

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