



## *Greenback Currents*

June-July 2008

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

**SPORTING GOODS YARD SALE - See Address Page!**

**RAFFLE for CANON CITY Habitat Project - See Flyer**

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

**Thursday, June 12, 7:00 pm, Jones-Healy Realty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 119 W. 6th St., Pueblo  
John Singletary - "Mission and Issues of the Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy District"**

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**Thursday, July 10 - Our Annual Membership Picnic! City Park Pavilion, Pueblo, 6:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Chapter provides burgers/buns/condiments/soft drinks - Families bring Side Dishes/Dessert**

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

### **President's Piece**

Pat McGraw



**Pat McGraw,  
Honorable President**

**Hello Greenback Members,**

As we approach summer, there seems to be a few more items on our plate. We really hope that you all, not just a few, help us accomplish these projects. Of course, none of us are going to work so hard that we won't be able to fish a bit. What we will be concentrating on won't take any of your time, but we could sure use a few bucks from every member. Please read Ted's article about our raffle and what it is for in this newsletter, and please help your chapter.

The spring fishing has been good. I can't speak for any others, because they probably have had an excellent season. We really had a good day at North Lake for our May fishing trip.

I hope you all have a great summer and please make it safe.

Hopefully the gas crunch will get better, or at least even out, so we can take a few trips around Colorado.

Our May guest was Tim Glenn, a commissioner for the CDOW, and his presentation was very informative about how the DOW works. I think we got a lot of information that we can use for future projects.

Our yearly fund raiser that helps us communicate with you through mailings and the e-mail is coming up in June. Please call me or drop off any item that we can use for our yard sale. Read the specifics that Marge has printed in this newsletter. Again, we need your help.

Our summer picnic is coming in July. That takes the place of our meeting, so please plan ahead and come and join us. We furnish the burgers, dogs and drink, so a bag of chips or your favorite picnic goodie is all you need to bring. Of course, your family and friends are also welcome.

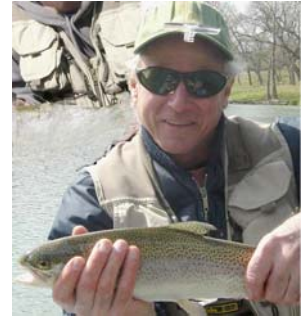
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## Project News

Ted Sillox

Those of you who get eMail from the chapter do, but the "snail mail recipients" may not know, that we DO have a project with CDOW in Cañon City. Our chapter is helping to raise ~\$20,000 to pay for instream structure additions in the Arkansas River right adjacent to the park area and along the middle of town. CDOW has committed to do the actual engineering and instream work, but we are buying the rock and other emplacement pieces for the project. The end result should be a vastly improved fishery right in the middle of Cañon City! Things have progressed nicely for our chapter project. We have been able to develop a working relationship with Collegiate Peaks and the Cheyenne Mountain Chapters and the future looks promising as far as more stream improvement projects in the future is concerned. Both of those chapters have committed to fundraising for this project as well.



Our raffle sales will begin this week and what we need is a "CAN DO" spirit from everyone. Call a board member for tickets to sell. Get involved and make the Greenback Chapter one of the best.

Countless hours and money has been put into completing this project and I need our membership to step up and sell raffle tickets. All of you have friends who fish that are not members but I am sure they would enjoy one of the great prizes we have offered. Remember, this is a win/win situation as you will always be able to use and enjoy the fishing area for years to come. See the insert in this newsletter, or come to the June meeting to get your tickets or to pick up tickets to sell. We are not legally allowed to send raffle tickets through the mail, so we have to hand them to you or hold them for you until the drawing!



If you requested printed copies of the newsletter, but you also have an email address and would like more current information about chapter activities and need for immediate legislative input, please eMail [S\\_Greenbacks@Chapter509TU.org](mailto:S_Greenbacks@Chapter509TU.org) and request to be included. Thanks!

## Rendezvous Roundup

Marge Vorndam

Redstone, CO was snow-covered and brisk in mid-April when I attended the CTU Rendezvous as our chapter's rep. But wow! What an experience—beside the meeting, the Redstone Inn manages a private fishery on the bordering Crystal River, and allows all TU attendees to fish for Free! Normally, stream access to this great fishery would cost you, so attending Rendezvous has its perks!

Rendezvous is always a rewarding experience. This year was no different. CTU Pres. Steve Craig gave a "State of CTU" Report" in which he discussed the current bills to protect in-stream flows throughout CO—including incentives for water rights owners to donate water to the ISF program, and removal of penalties for NOT using water if the rights are donated. CTU is partnering with the CO Water Trust, Nature Conservancy, CO Water Conservation Board, and CDOW to prioritize threatened waters, and develop action plans. CTU is involved heavily in protection of West Slope waters and effects of drilling on the Roan Plateau. Though the "right to drill" bill has passed, CTU is heavily involved in mitigation efforts to minimize the impacts from drilling on water quality and wildlife. The River Watch program sponsored by CDOW is now managed by TU volunteer Gil Hassinger, so improvements should soon occur there. CTU sees its future initiatives in the areas of chapter leadership development, youth education and

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sponsorship of more public programs.

After Craig completed his report, Ken Neubecker from Carbondale was elected as the NEW CTU President, with thanks to Steve for many years of dedication. Of further note was the award of one of the five \$1,000 GOMO Grants (a new grant program set up by CTU in memory of Leo Gomolchack who passed away in 2007) to our chapter toward the Canon City Instream Habitat Improvement Project (Thanks our own Ted Sillox, the author!). Jen Boulton reported on wins in the legislature this past session, and new bills coming up (keep those pens in hand—we'll need your letters). Lots more reports were given, and it's an inspiration to hear about other chapter activities, and what, together, we all are accomplishing toward the TU mission that we hold dear in Colorado.

One item of note—in the afternoon, NTU's Chris Woods outlined a national plan to revise TU's overall approach to develop state master plans that prioritize actions needed at the local levels. I believe that this approach has merit as chapters will have a cohesive orientation to projects, rather than just doing whatever seems the most feasible at the time. CTU's mission would be to enable chapter effectiveness under this scenario. Much work needs to be done to establish the state-wide approach, so stay tuned for further developments. One very promising note is the possibility of multi-chapter projects. Working together makes a lot of sense to enhance TU's effectiveness, as we are doing on the Canon City project.

As Prez Pat said after he attended last year, "going to Rendezvous is mind-blowing and inspiring." I can echo that, and can highly recommend the experience to you!

**President's Piece, continued.....**

More happenings will be coming up as we go through the summer, so stay in touch, and any help or suggestions you might have are appreciated. We really need more communication from our surrounding towns that are in our chapter. We are always trying to find a better way to get feedback from our "outside of Pueblo" members.

I'll wrap it up by thanking all of you that helped with our Arkansas River clean-up last month. We have two of these a year, and the State Parks is very appreciative of So. Co. Greenback chapter for these projects. It is always fun and just takes a few hours out of a Saturday. Our next one will be in September. More on that later.

Have a great summer, and keep in touch!

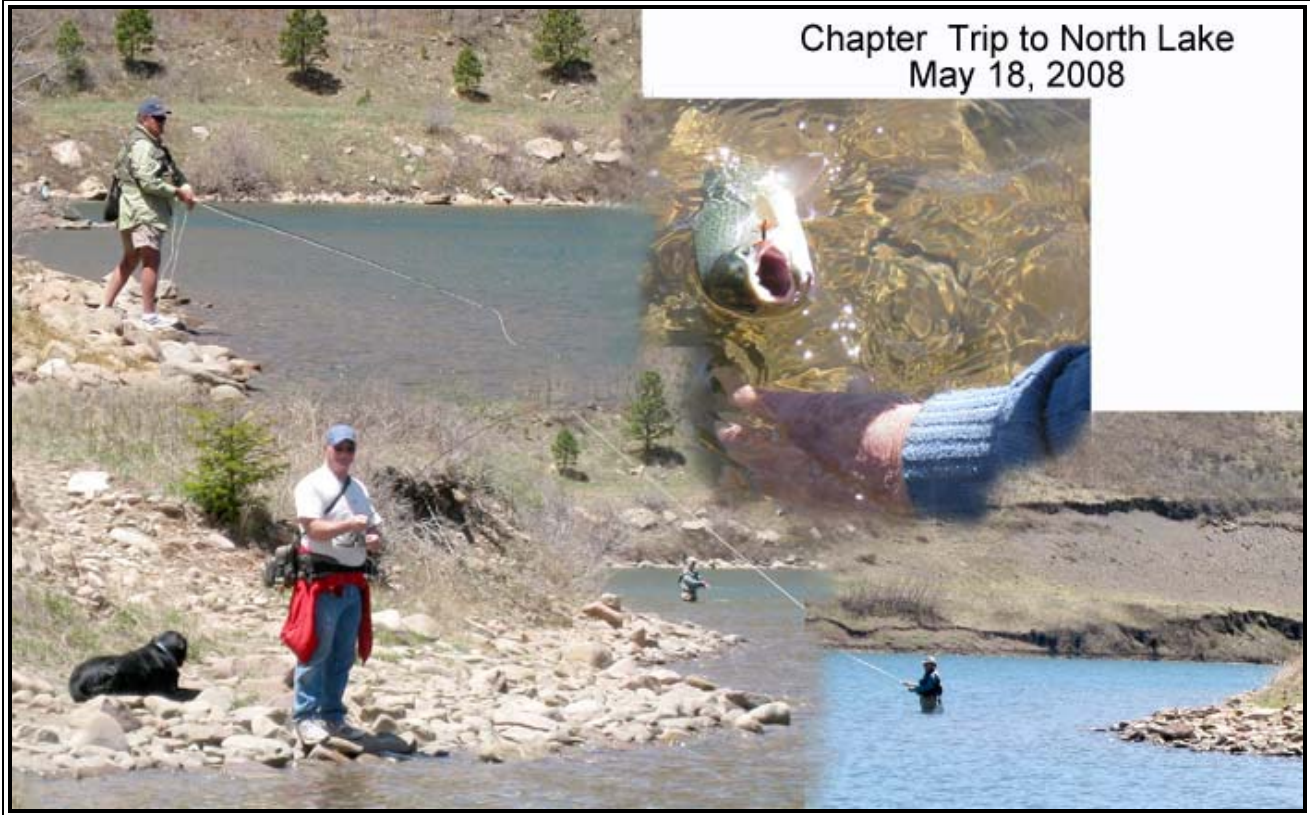
Pat

**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>Chapter TU Life Members</u>		
John Bradburn	Gary Ritchie	Joseph J. Branney	Tony & Jill Feliz	Dr. Michael Moll
Ray Marielle	Vincent Salamon	Stephen Brown	Michael Foster	Michael C. Saathoff, MD
Bruce Johnson	Jerry Tierney	Dom Cingoranelli	Dave Fraterelli	Dr. James A. Salvatore
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Brett Penrose		Jeris A. Danielson	Mark A. Kennedy	Helen & Gary Vertrees
				Marge & Paul Vorndam

Chapter Trip to North Lake  
May 18, 2008



Thanks to our  
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Sponsors!



**Our Chapter THANKS the Arkansas River Spring Cleanup Crew - You All Rule!**

Albert Chirby  
Mathew Desote  
Carole Engler  
Ed Engler  
Jim Good  
Mike Kersten  
Morgan Kersten

Madison Kersten  
Jim Marcum  
Rouce K. McCrary  
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Jeannette Melton  
Frank Nemick  
Suzi Purcell

Tamara, Ted's Friend  
Ted Sillox  
Dave Spencer  
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Bev Zupancic

## THE "ARKANSAS RIVER - CAÑON CITY HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT" RAFFLE

Purpose: *To purchase structure materials for the in-stream Arkansas River habitat improvement project. Project conducted in collaboration with the CO Division of Wildlife, Southern Colorado Greenback, Cheyenne Mtn. and Collegiate Peaks Chapters, Trout Unlimited.* For information, contact Pat at 719-566-6834.

### FIRST PRIZE

- **Royal Gorge Anglers' Half and Half Float/Wade Trip for Two Anglers**

We start with a morning wade trip beginning at Arkansas River Tours in Cotopaxi at 7:30 AM. This portion of the trip lets you shake loose the cobwebs and concentrate on the great early morning dry fly fishing. At noon, you are free to spend a few hours on your own relaxing during the heat of the afternoon, or pursuing Browns rising to hoppers along shorelines. Meet us at 4:30 for an evening float donated by Bill Hamel/Arkansas River Tours, using large dries and streamers--the best of both worlds and you'll love it. You'll need to provide your own flies and lunch. Mid June through August. Normally \$395 per boat for 2 anglers. *Guide gratuity not included - Trip scheduled on an "as date available" basis.*

<http://www.RoyalGorgeAnglers.com> ~ 1210 Royal Gorge Blvd., Canon City, CO - 888-994-6743. *Prize item expires on Oct. 31, 2009.*



- **Custom-built Batson Rod** with Unique Woven Trout / Embedded Fly and S. Colorado Greenback Chapter Motif / **Cortland Reel** - a Collector's Item!

**COTOPAXI ARKANSAS RIVER KOA** *Loma Linda*  
KAMPGROUND *and* Motel

800-562-2686

FOR INFORMATION:  
719-275-9308  
E-MAIL

- **Overnight Stay at Cotopaxi KOA**

Located on the banks of the BEST Arkansas River Fishing--Open April 1 - October 31. *Prize item is for one night and expires on Oct 31, 2009.* (A \$50 value.) <http://www.coloradocampingkoa.com/index.php>

A stay at the Cotopaxi/Arkansas River KOA puts you on one of the most popular stretches of the Arkansas River for fly-fishing, kayaking and whitewater rafting. The last weekend in March, this KOA hosts the annual Royal Gorge Anglers fly-fishing school. From mid-April through mid-May, an amazing caddis hatch produces incredible dry-fly action. After a day of action, relax at KOA's pavilion and patio overlooking the river. Swimming, hayrides, a game room with a pool table, mini golf, nightly movies and more keep kids smiling. Enjoy the new deluxe sites-overlooking and near the river-with concrete patios, fire rings and patio furniture. (A \$50 value.) *Prize item expires on Oct. 31, 2009.*

### SECOND PRIZE

- **Royal Gorge Anglers' Full Day Walk/Wade Fly Fishing Trip for Two Anglers**

Normally worth \$350.00. *Guide gratuity not included. Subject to date availability. Prize item expires on Oct. 31, 2009.* <http://www.RoyalGorgeAnglers.com>



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## Chapter Calendar: June - August 2008

Monthly Chapter Fishing Trips TBA - watch your eMail or the chapter web site!

### June

- 5 - **Board Meeting.** Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo. 566-6834
- 7 - **Sporting Goods Yard Sale.** See address page.
- 12 - **Chapter Membership Meeting,** 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*
- 22 - **Chapter Fishing Trip to Purgatoire River** - "Tent"-ative. Camp out overnight at Trinidad Lake State Park or carpool from Angler's Addiction at 7:00 a.m. More details to follow if you are on our e-mail list, or check chapter web site! E-mail [s\\_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org](mailto:s_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org) if you aren't on "the list" and request to be added! You are missing out on tons of great info!

### July

- 3 - **Board Meeting.** Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo. 566-6834
- 10 - **Chapter Family Picnic,** 6 pm - 9 pm, Pueblo City Park Pavilion. Bring a side dish or dessert.
- 20 - Chapter Fishing Trip TBA.

### August

- 7 - **Board Meeting.** Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo. 566-6834
- 14 - **Chapter Membership Meeting,** 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*
- 24 - Chapter Fishing Trip TBA.

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To join our email list, send an email to [s\\_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org](mailto:s_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org) and request to be added. Membership is not required.

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](mailto:s_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org) or call Marge at 489-2913.

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**Next Meeting - Thursday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.**

John Singletary - Jones-Healy Realty Bldg.  
119 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Pueblo

## **SPORTING GOODS YARD SALE !**

**Saturday, June 7, 7:00 a.m. - ?**

318 Orchard Springs Drive, Pueblo West

one block west of the intersection of S. McCullough Blvd. and W. Hahns Peak Ave.

- Volunteers needed to help from 6:00 a.m. (setup) to ~2:00 p.m. (tear down)
- Used but Usable Sporting Goods NEEDED!! Please donate! Tax deductible!

Call Pat, 719-566-6834 to volunteer or for item pickup, or drop off at sale early.  
*Proceeds to go toward the Cañon City Arkansas River Habitat Improvement Project  
and Chapter expenses!*