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***Greenback Currents
May-June 2009 Issue***



The e-newsletter of the Southern Colorado Greenback Chapter 509, Trout Unlimited, Inc.

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

**May's Membership & Friends Meeting:
Thursday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. / Pizza
Social 6:30 p.m., 119 W. 6th St., Pueblo**

Everyone welcome, including non-members! Free.

Bring a Raffle item to share!

Chapter 509's Annual Yard Sale!!

Saturday, June 13, 7:00 a.m. - gone!!

Orchard Springs Dental -
318 Orchard Springs Dr., Pueblo
West

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

Donations of working items - anything - will be appreciated. Info on collecting your donated goods will follow, but think about what you no longer need that will help the chapter's cause.

Our chapter also needs YOUR help as a **volunteer to staff the sale.** Several board members will be unable to work the sale this time around, so we're depending on you to donate a couple of hours to help set up, and to staff the sale. Please call and let us know if you can help out!! We'll publish a schedule soon.....

Professional guide and fly tier Larry Kingrey will present a multimedia demonstration and tips on fishing the Arkansas River and the South Platte. Kingrey has been a keen observer of river entomology for over 30 years, and has a great knack for translating what he sees on-stream into credible artificials that really catch fish. Even non-tiers can learn from Kingrey's engaging presentation. For further



Larry Kingrey

information, call 719-566-6834.



June's Membership & Friends Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. / Pizza Social 6:30 p.m., 119 W. 6th St., Pueblo
Everyone welcome, including non-members! Free.
Bring a Raffle item to share!

We will be celebrating our past year's accomplishments, as CTU joins us to honor our chapter's work, and the Canon City Ark River Project as the **EXEMPLARY Chapter and Project for our region in 2008!!** Congrats to every one of you who had a part in contributing your time and donations to our mission !!!

President's Piece Pat McGraw



Greetings!

I hope everybody is prepared for the heat that will be arriving soon. We really have had a mild spring. I know there is still a lot of snow on the high peaks. Runoff should be getting here soon. Evidently the caddis hatch is in full swing on the Arkansas above Canon City. Hope many of you got out to try your luck. Once they start the irrigation process for our farms and ranches, and the river through Pueblo gets to 1,000 plus cfs, I like to start float tubing the lakes or going to the smaller streams.

We have just finished a very productive Winter and Spring, as far as your TU chapter goes. The restoration of the Arkansas through Canon City went very well, and we went back a second time to plant more willows this spring. It is really looking good

and will be worth the time to give it a fishing try. Thanks again to Ted Sillox for all the work and time he put in to organize and make this possible. (See June's Meeting notice on this project!)

We also had eleven members show up to volunteer their time and energy for the first planting and restoring of the bank, and three of us showed the second time. I wished I could say that different members help with these projects, but it really is the same handful every time we need help.

A couple of weeks ago we worked on the trail that takes you back to the Arkansas River, just to the South of Parkdale. It really needed some gate repair and a new handrail and supports for a stile that gets you over a fence. Ted built this handrail and put new braces that makes it real easy to get over the fence while still carrying your rod. We worked closely with the BLM on this project and again, about the same seven volunteers helped.

We have really had good turnouts for our previous meetings, and I don't think it is the pizza, beer, and soda pop that causes this. We really have had some good guests and hope that you can attend one of these meetings. Don't miss May's meeting if you want to know what is working on the Arkansas and also how to tie the patterns. Larry Kingrey, a professional tier out of Royal Gorge Anglers will be back with us to guide us in the right direction.

Please help us out with our yearly fundraiser in June. That is our chapter yard sale, and the money just goes for our expenses for postage, happy hour and any expenses we need for our two river clean-ups. Read the details in this newsletter.

Pat

2nd Annual "Build a Stream Dream" Raffle !

was won at the April meeting! Way to go, winner, who walked away with a new rod, reel, fishing trip, flies, and more!

To everyone who participated: Thanks for your support.

You're still a winner even if YOUR raffle ticket wasn't picked, since the proceeds will be used to improve the habitat on the Purgatoire through Trinidad in 2010.

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Thank You, Members and Friends!

Lots of volunteer hours were contributed by many folks this Spring already. Thanks to those of you who (and, sorry if we missed you on these lists! We only recall those who sign in, so if you're name isn't here, we didn't have it on the sign-in

list. Our apologies!)

- helped with Arkansas River Cleanup below Pueblo Dam to the Nature Center in March, and enjoyed each other's comraderie of:

Ted Sillox, Kelvin Melton, Pat McGraw, Ben Wurster, Sam Ebersole, Carole & Ed Engler, Marge Vorndam, Stephen & Judy Stein, Gary Jordan, Peggy Jordan, Dalton Jordan, Anna Jordan, Larry Jordan, Lou McCullough, Ron VanValkenburg, Marty Bechina, Suzie Purcell, Jim Good.

- participated in the second willow planting on the Canon City Arkansas River Habitat Improvement Project in April:

In addition to folks from Cheyenne Mountian Chapter and the Collegiate Peaks Chapter, our chapter members Pat McGraw, Ted Sillox and Jim Good. CMC provided a chuck wagon lunch for 17 volunteers who planted 750 willows to stabilize the banks and cool the water for trout! Thanks!

- built a new stile railing, replaced barbed wire, added signage, cut brush and cleaned up the trail at the Arkansas River's Parkdale Fishing Access in April:

Pat McGraw, Ted Sillox, Lou McCullough, Stephen and Judy Stein, Larry Jordan, and BLM coordinator John Nahomenek.

- and, thanks to the Water Sentinels and Jenny Kedward of the Sierra Club, we will be able to send two teens to Youth Conservation Camp in June!

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		Chapter TU Life Members
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Helen & Gary Vertrees
Marge & Paul Vorndam

Thanks to a new LIFE member in our chapter: Tony Alessandro !
Tony, your support is very much appreciated!

Thanks to John Shanley for his continued financial support.

We'd LOVE to have YOU join us, if you are not already a member of TU! See [Trout Unlimited](#) for more information on joining us!

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To Everyone in and near Trinidad:

The Board is considering having the August 13 meeting in Trinidad, since our chapter area extends to the southern CO border.

Some of you who are members in that area, including Raton, have expressed an interest in beginning a new Trout Unlimited Chapter that would address TU mission issues in your area. We would welcome the opportunity to explore that possibility with you at a chapter meeting in August. We are contacting representatives from Colorado Trout Unlimited to also attend.

If you are interested in this possibility and can commit to attending on August 13 at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined based on interest, will you please e-mail the board at s_greenbacks@chapter509tu.org , so that we know that this meeting would be attended by enough folks to make the meeting effort in Trinidad viable? We will issue a meeting notice to local media, if enough interest is expressed by all of you to pursue this.

Thanks, in advance, for your interest!!

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Chapter Calendar: May - July 2009

May

14 - Chapter Membership Meeting , 119 W. 6 th , 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*

June

4 - Board Meeting . Members welcome. 7:00 pm. 1630 Alma Ave. , Pueblo . 566-6834

11 - Chapter Membership Meeting , 119 W. 6 th , 7:00 p.m. *Bring a Raffle Item to Share!*

13 - Sporting Goods Yard Sale, Orchard Springs Dental. Save that stuff for the sale!

July

2 - Board Meeting

9 - Chapter Picnic, 6:00 p.m. at covered picnic area by Pueblo City Park Fountain. Potluck. Chapter supplies burgers, buns, condiments, soft drinks and eating accoutrements.

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