



# Greenback Currents

March - April 2007

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Jones-Healy Realty, 119 W. 6th, Pueblo**

**Program Guest Speaker: Lake Pueblo State Parks Supervisor Mike Dowd  
Everyone is welcome - FREE to the public.  
Donate a raffle item to help defray chapter expenses!**

**President's Piece - Pat McGraw**

**Please see Website at  
<http://www.chapter509TU.org> .  
for Pat's report. – Coming soon!  
Copies will be available at the meeting.**



Pat McGraw

## **Chapter Secretary Needed**

Our chapter is in need of a secretary. Chapters have routine paperwork that must be submitted to NTU and thank you notes to be sent out for donations and contributions to chapter efforts – all important duties in a thriving TU chapter. The secretary also keeps minutes for the monthly board and membership meetings. Our board is great about helping each other out if one of us just can't make a meeting because of prior commitments, so 100% attendance is not absolutely required.

If you wish to help our chapter by donating 4-8 hours per month to the effort, please call Pat at (719) 566-6834.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual June Sporting Goods Yard Sale Fundraiser – June 16**

In June, your chapter will be holding the yard sale fundraiser that was so successful last year. Not only did we make money for chapter support, but we met many people who didn't know what Trout Unlimited is about. IT was great public relations for our chapter.

We plan on repeating this effort again, so please dust off those old waders or rods that you haven't used for years and donate them to the cause. Donated items should be in usable condition. We'll also need volunteers on the day of the event. So, mark June 16 on your calendar now.

### Project News – Ted Sillox

After several conversations with Beth Duris from National TU, we are finally going to have an article in Trout about the Legacy Project and how our chapter was involved. I have also been in contact with Gary Rutherford, the Arkansas River Legacy Project Manager from US Army Corps of Engineers (the letter campaign we did) and he has informed me that Dr. Herrmann's study is the top priority for non-construction items.

I have invited Rutherford to speak to our chapter about the environmental aspects of this project and maybe we could persuade some of our guide members to take him fishing in the tail water area and show him the potential of the tailwater area after all of the instream work that they did. **A big thank you** to all of the members who sent their letters to ACE in November.

### UPDATE on Water Temperature Standards

Thanks to everyone who wrote letters, called or emailed about the need for water temperature standards. The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission gave initial approval of new standards for water temperature at its hearing on January 8 and 9, 2007 - adopting temperature standards that will protect fish in Colorado's streams and lakes.

Full story: <http://www.cotrout.org/LinkPages/WaterTemperatureHearing/tabid/152/Default.aspx>

### Adventure Advocates Insurance Benefit for TU Members



This optional supplemental insurance coverage is now available for active members. This includes 24 hour accident medical expense insurance, 24 hour accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and 24 hour air evacuation and repatriation coverage while traveling. 100% of the net proceeds are donated to TU to benefit our mission. For detailed information, please visit the [Sponsors and Friends](#) page of the National Trout Unlimited website and connect to Adventure Advocates through their logo.

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*Collegiate Peaks Anglers will hold the **Annual Caddis Festival Banquet/Auction** on Saturday, May 5, 5:00 p.m. - ? Chaffee Co. Fairgrounds by Poncha Springs. For ticket info, contact Larry Bussey (719)539-4040 or [rogersbussey@aol.com](mailto:rogersbussey@aol.com). See [www.collegiatepeaksanglerstu.org](http://www.collegiatepeaksanglerstu.org).*

### Welcome New 509 Members!

Roger Brunelli  
Denis Harshman  
Eugene P Johns  
Joseph Bower

Whether you transferred to our chapter, rejoined after a hiatus or are a first-time member, we welcome you! TU is a grassroots organization and depends on folks like you to make a difference in its mission.

If you would like to become more involved, please contact our President, Pat McGraw for information about our current activities and how you can help.

Thanks for your interest in TU!

**The 2007 Calendar of Events**

All member meetings are held at Jones-Healy Realty Bldg., 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Pueblo, 7:00 p.m. Nonmembers are always welcome.  
 All Board Meetings are held at Pat's Place, 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo, 7:00 pm. All are welcome. For information on either meeting or other chapter activities, call Pat at 719-566-6834.

March 8 30-April 1	Member Meeting: Mike Dowd, Lk. Pueblo SP Superintendent Royal Gorge Angler's <b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling</b> – call to reserve a spot! 719-269-3474
April 4 12 13-14 21	Board Meeting, WEDNESDAY – note date change for this meeting only Member Meeting: Dr. Scott Herrmann on Entomology below the Dam <b>CTU Rendezvous</b> , Redstone, CO - <b>Arkansas River Cleanup</b> – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lk. Pueblo SP Snakeskin Picnic Area
May 3 10	Board Meeting Member Meeting – Steve Craig, CTU President, speaker
June 7 14 16	Board Meeting Member Meeting <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sporting Goods Yard Sale Fundraiser</b> - Volunteers Needed! - Location TBA - Begin to round up items now!
July 12	Member Meeting
August 9	Member Meeting
September 13 13-15 15 21 - 23	Member Meeting National TU Annual Meeting, Grove Hotel, Boise, ID <b>Arkansas River Cleanup</b> – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lk. Pueblo SP Snakeskin PA <b>Duck Race Fundraiser</b> , Chili & Frijoles Festival, Pueblo Riverwalk
October 11	Member Meeting/ <b>Board Elections</b>
November 8	Member Meeting
December	No meetings. Happy Holidays!

**Kingrey's Definitive Guide to "Fishing the Caddis Hatch"  
 – Marge Vorndam and Frank Nemick III**



If you missed the February meeting, you missed a great time! Larry Kingrey of Royal Gorge Anglers of Canon City described a successful day in the life of a fly fisher during the blizzard caddis hatch that begins in April and runs into May—often called the "Mother's Day hatch" and one of the premier fishing experiences one can have. Larry demonstrated ties of all of the successful fly patterns and explained how to fish them.

If the river is low around 300 cfs, the entire river will likely uniformly "hatch". If the river cfs is 400 or so, the river will "stage" with the hatch beginning early in Canon City and moving upstream to Buena Vista over the next few weeks. Successful fishers need to fish the entire caddis life cycle sequentially throughout the day, and stay in the same spot, or you'll lose your access due to the numbers of fishermen that will be present. Check RGA's web site for the latest flow and fly info at

<http://www.royalgorgeanglers.com> . Recipes for fly patterns not listed here can be found at RGA's site also.

Here's the fishing sequence, the tie and how to set up your rig:

**#1** – Early a.m., ~50 degrees F. Use Larry's free-swimming caddis larva with no name yet. **NEW FLY!**

Hook: 200R #16 or #14, Abdomen: crinkled crystal flash, chartreuse tubing, tan thread. Thorax: black thread, peacock ice dub.

Thread crystal flash through chartreuse tubing. Bevel cut the tubing at one end to reduce bulk. Wrap hook with tan thread to hook end, tie in bevel end of tubing/crystal flash, and wrap toward eye to thorax. Tie off tan thread and tie in black thread. Thinly dub on peacock ice and wrap thorax to eye. Whip off. Fish this pattern deep behind stonefly nymph in riffles or use with *baetis* nymph on cloudy mornings.

**#2** – Next stage – fish a **Bead Head Caddis Pupa** alone deep and pick up hits on the swing.

**#3** – Follow with a modified **Brachy Pupa**.

Photo by Royal Gorge Anglers



Hook: 2487 #14-18, Abdomen: crinkled crystal flash, "San Juan Worm" olive vermeil, black thread. Back Thorax: black thread, vermeil. Front Thorax: light dubbing, black goose biots to just past hook bend, black mallard hackle over top.

Wrap hook with black thread to bend. Tie in crystal flash, then olive "San Juan Worm" vermeil with hook bend length extension past bend. Lay vermeil on hook top and stretch vermeil toward eye for abdomen. Tie off at thorax, but don't clip. Over-wrap flash for segments to thorax. For thorax, wrap vermeil without pressure for back ½ thorax. Wrap between vermeil with flash. Add black

dubbing in front ½ thorax toward eye. Tie in goose biots slanted toward hook bend, extending just past bend. Tie in mallard hackle pointing over top to end of body. Whip off. Fish by casting across and up with slow action rod. Mend well to sink pupa, quartering downstream. Use a hard stack mend actively into drift. Allow swing to work through with rod perpendicular to flow. Fish alone or dropped off of big dry fly.

**#4** – Use a Film Pupa or **Bubble Caddis Pupa** when surface activity begins. This pupa can be fished as dropper with Adult Caddis fly (see #5).

**#5** – Adult Caddis Dry Fly for the "Blizzard Hatch", 53-55 degrees F.: **Larry's Better Caddis**. Foam fly pattern was originally developed by Don Puterbaugh. Larry augmented it. Larry likes using 2 mm foam cut 1 mm thick with a beveled tip to tie in on a #14 hook. Stretch the foam, but don't compress it, to head. Undersize the grizzly hackle by one hook size. Elk hair tips should extend beyond the hook by one half of the hook gap. Larry says to use less elk hair than what is on the shop flies. You should be able to see light through the elk hair. Also, use bleached elk hair to increase visibility with dropping light conditions. Larry's method of attaching the hair wing is to place hair on top with right thumb and index finger, then grasp with left thumb and index finger. Over wrap with 3 collection wraps while holding hair on top. Then snug down with 6 more tight wraps to hold wing together on top of fly. If the thread doesn't break once in a while, you are not tightening the wraps enough. Then wrap forward under the hair stubs and whip off. Clip hair, but leave a stub for the head. Larry "stack-wraps" the hackle, so the legs come out at all angles. Fish a pupa dropped from this adult dry pattern.

**#6** – 5:00 p.m. to dark – Use the "Sundown Patterns" when no bugs appear on surface – **Larry's Egg Layer** and the **Larry's Spent Caddis**. Larry's hints on tying the Egg Layer pattern are the same as for the Better Caddis, except clip the elk hair stub close and over wrap them.

The female caddis drops the entire light green egg sack in the water, so the **Spent Caddis** is sparse, essentially just wings, legs and exoskeleton. Larry suggests using a thin line of the It. olive ice dub with more thickness toward the tail, and taper down to the head. Add a grey sparkle yarn top wing, stacked style to extend half a hook gap beyond the hook bend. It can be fished this way, or add a small pinch of hare's mask dubbing at the head. Fish these two patterns together, 24" apart. Use a skate-skitter action to mimic the egg laying action as the female tries to dislodge the egg sack.

Stop by the RGA shop to pick up sample flies for all of these patterns before you head upriver for a super Caddis fishing experience or have the guides take you out for an educational day on the river.

**Royal Gorge Anglers will sponsor the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling at Cotopaxi on March 30-April 1. Limited to 40 anglers. See their web site for information.**

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and their Watersheds**



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