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EXEMPLARY CHAPTER of 2009!  
Exemplary Project of 2009!

Our Mission: To Conserve, Protect and Restore Colorado's Trout Fisheries and their Watersheds.

Southern Colorado Greenback  
Chapter 509  
Trout Unlimited, Inc.



Members' and Friend's Monthly Programs for May - July  
Jones-Healy Realtors Bldg., 119 W. 6th, Pueblo

***Pizza social begins at 6:30 p.m.***

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.

CTU will discuss the fine work that our state level office is doing in the legislative scene, and the bigger wars in which they negotiate to maintain and improve cold water resources throughout the state. Many fronts related to our mission were addressed by CTU in 2009 / 2010, and we saw success--some of it due to the input by our members, when asked to do so to legislative and regulatory agencies. Come and find out what's going on at the state level!!

We will also recognize the considerable donation of the meeting space that is donated by Jones-Healy Realtors each month. Many other chapters have to spend \$\$ to have a room to meet in monthly. Since we don't, more \$\$ go toward our mission.

Thursday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.

Dave Phele on "Check Nymphing". Dave Phele has owned fly shops and guide services in Colorado, New Mexico and Florida. He finished 3rd in the Rocky Mountain Regional and 20th in the Nationals for Team USA and has fished many international fly fishing tournaments in England, Ireland and France, He is currently Executive Director for The America Cup International Fly Fishing Tournament, and works as a fly fishing specialist for Goldon Fishing Expeditions, a fishing destination travel company.

Thursday, July 8, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Our annual Members' and Friends picnic happens at City Park Pavilion!! The chapter will provide a meat entree, condiments, utensils and soft drinks. Please bring your families and a dish to share.

## Chapter 509's Annual Yard Sale - June 12 !!

Our chapter needs YOUR still-usable cast-off STUFF to sell at our annual yard sale! Only YOU can make this a successful sale. No stuff, no success! A donation receipt can be provided.

This year's sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 12 beginning at 7:00 am at the usual spot, Orchard Springs Dental in Pueblo West, 318 Orchard Springs Drive - one block west of S. McCulloch Blvd and W. Hahns Peak Ave.

Please bring items for donation to the next Member and Friends meetings, May 8 or June 10, or call us for pick-up (564-1799), or drop your items off EARLY on the day of the sale.

We can also use some extra hands at the sale to help move items in, answer questions, sell stuff, etc. This is always a great time for comraderie and getting to know fellow TUsers better. Unsold items are further donated to a local charity, so nothing goes to waste.



2010 Chapter Raffle won by Paul Adolf from Westminister, Colorado!



The drawing at the April meeting came up with Paul's name. The funds from this raffle will be applied toward the Purgatoire River Habitat Project in Trinidad (they already have a sizeable grant to help match our efforts!--Thanks to Joanie Muzzulin), children and adult education and a start in a new local project to begin this year. Your purchase of raffle tix makes our efforts toward our mission possible!!

Thanks to Eclectic Angler Mike Hackney (author of the recently released [The Reelsmith's Primer](#)) for building a very sweet rod, and our business sponsors, ArkAnglers, Anglers Addiction and Royal Gorge Anglers) for contributing toward the prize, and a few members helped to spiff up the total package as well. Our own Master Fly-tier Frank Nemick tied up many flies to accompany this fine package.

President's Piece

Kelvin Melton



Kelvin Melton  
President

Greetings TU Members,

There has been a lot going on the past couple of months in and around the Southern Colorado Greenbacks Trout Unlimited Chapter.

On Saturday, April 10, our Chapter teamed up with the Purgatory River Anglers (Trinidad) Chapter to clean up John Martin Lake in Lathrop State Park. Representing our chapter was Judith and Stephen Stein, Frank and Julie Nemick, Lou McCullough, and myself. The wind was a bit on the brisk side, but the sun was shining. A great job was done by all. The day ended with a hot dog roast. A "BIG THANKS" goes out to all who helped from both chapters – this is what teamwork is all about. Thank you to the Purgatory River Angler folks.

Larry and Dalton Jordan were on PBS in April (twice!!), featured in a documentary on Bamboo Rods. You might recall that member Samuel Ebersole

did a presentation on "Colorado Cane" for our chapter earlier this year which he created, It is a wonderful show full of information on this type of rods being made in Colorado. It would be hard to find a more enthusiastic cane rod devotee than Dalton. We are fortunate to have him in our chapter. DVDs of this program are available, we understand, from Sam.

Ted Sillox and I attended the Colorado Trout Unlimited Spring Rendezvous in Redstone, April 16-18. The majority of TU chapters throughout Colorado were represented. Quite a bit of information was shared about CTU. It is good to be a part of an organization that is cleaning up mine tailings and waterways, protecting our water rights, and also introducing people to fishing. Please go to [www.CTU.org](http://www.CTU.org) to get more information – there is much included on this site about what is happening in Colorado overall..

~ ~ Our own Ted Sillox was presented the "Exemplary Volunteer of the Year" Award for 2010 by CTU at Spring Rendezvous Awards dinner on Saturday evening -- well deserved for all his initiative with the projects and such. ~ ~

The winner from our raffle was drawn at the April Membership meeting. Paul Adolf from Westminster, Colorado, was the lucky winner of the custom rod, Cortland reel, fishing line, six dozen flies, and three guided trips on the Arkansas River. The package was given to Paul on Tuesday, April 27, in Canon City while he was on a fishing trip – he was truly excited about winning. Not only was Paul a winner but also are we, since the monies made from the raffle will go back into helping fishing areas in our local area and educating youths about fishing and conservation.

We have a wonderful organization with Trout Unlimited in Pueblo, but we do need help. Please attend meetings, volunteer for committees, come to cleanups, etc. There is something for everyone, and we can sure use your participation. Beside the "grown-up" work to be done, we are also collaborating with a new angling club at Pueblo West High School, and hope to have our third Kids' Fishing Camp for two days in June again for middle-school aged children. No matter what your interest, there's a volunteer project that could use your talent!

Just a heads up that the Caddises are starting to hatch on the Arkansas. Time to get the gear out and go fishing for a while. Good Luck!

Yours in fishing and conservation,

Kelvin Melton

### Fishing Tip

**Fishing Tip:** Spring Run-offs have started and the water is getting high and fast. Always be cautious when you wade, and make sure someone is informed about where and when you go fishing.



## Raffle 2010 Thanks to the Sportsmens' Show Crew

Thanks to Jim Good, Kelvin Melton, Ted Sillox (all pictured) and Lou Mc Cullough for attending and selling raffle tickets at the Colorado Sportsmen's Show in Castle Rock at the end of March.

## Report on Rendezvous 2010 and Projects

Ted Sillox



Ted Sillox, Project Chairman

April 16-18 found Kelvin and myself at the Colorado Trout Unlimited Rendezvous in beautiful Redstone, Colorado. If you get a chance this is one fun event to attend with plenty of good conversation and food inside a great old building.

We attended sessions everyday covering a variety of subjects that are or will affect fishing in Colorado. One interesting session I attended was conducted by Erica Stock, a new CTU staffing member and our upcoming speaker guest. She presided over our group and different ideas were presented about the difficulties in raising funds for chapter projects. There were some great ideas talked about, one being the Denver Angler Society's luncheons. Of course it is helpful to have a downtown full of business people interested in fishing and willing to pay up to \$25.00 per lunch. The subject of raffles came up and all of the negative aspects about conducting one were presented. My thoughts are maybe it is good so many chapters think this is so difficult as it leaves more ticket buyers out there for our chapter.

CTU is a lucky to have a dedicated competent staff and it was very educational to hear about all of the work and projects the TU members are completing. Every improvement only helps to add to our mission of preserving coldwater fisheries here in Colorado. One area where CTU seems to be catching flack was the recent decision by CTU to not get involved in the controversy with rafting on the Taylor River. This sounds like something that we should be involved in but after closer examination it could embroil TU in a conflict that is out of the realm of our mission statement. We have bigger problems like the attempt to drill the Roan Plateau. By attending the rendezvous you can learn why and how some of the decisions by CTU are made.

If you are interested in a good read check out the book Lasso the Wind by Timothy Egan. It is a very good read on the history of some of the affects and problems created by development of the west and is written so that the reader becomes part of the story and the places involved.

On April 28th I attended the angler roundtable meeting at Lake Pueblo. We got some good news at the meeting being that the Legacy Project in our tail water area needs more structure. Boulders are the only method that would be allowed for structure due to safety concerns and we will be involved with improving this area. The great thing is that we can do small areas and we won't need to find funding for a big project that has a timeline. Maybe every year we can set a goal to add one structure to the river to improve it. More habitat means more fish.

Signage was recently added to the Arkansas River - Canon City Habitat Improvement project which was completed in 2009. We will be adding bank-side willow plantings in the future. Our annual raffle efforts provided support for this project.



## DOW Angler Roundtable Report

Benjamin Wurster



Ben Wurster,  
Programs Chairman

The Colorado Division of Wildlife held an Anglers Roundtable (March 28th) in Pueblo. Moderator Doug Krieger did an admirable job presenting the issues on the table. A short time was spent on warm water topics mainly directed at bass and projections for the coming year.

The lion share of the evening was centered on the issue of a proposed catch and release regulation on the Arkansas River below the Pueblo Dam. No formal presentation was given but most of the people in attendance had an opinion on the issue. While there was a lot of debate, personal opinions, and science discussed, the goal of the roundtable was to discover the issues that concern local anglers.

The DOW process works in three stages, Issue, Draft and Proposal. From the opinions given from the bait fishers, fly fishers, guides, pros and novices it's apparent the issue is worthy of moving to the next stage, Draft. At that point the DOW can expend their resources to study the biology, economic impact and benefits of enacting

such a regulation.

If you missed the Anglers' Roundtable meeting on April 28th, you can still submit comments on proposed regulation changes by e-mailing [dave.chadwick@state.co.us](mailto:dave.chadwick@state.co.us) .

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## Local Fishing/Water Conservation Camp to be Held for Middle-Schoolers



Our chapter will again be collaborating with the Water Sentinels to sponsor a two-day fishing and conservation camp for middle-school aged children. The We could use a couple of volunteers to help with the 20 very eager and engaged young folks that will attend. .

The activities are divided up so that TU handles the fishing topics of the training, and Water Sentinels covers the water quality and conservation aspects. If you would like to help with teaching, we'd love it, but otherwise, just having adults to untangle lines, wipe noses and tie up rigs would be great. You don't even have to be there for the full six hours each day although that would be great. Let Marge know if you would be willing to donate a few hours.

Some of the youths could also use help with the camp fee of \$20. Many come from low-income homes that cannot afford that amount, so assistance with donations for attendees and expendable fishing equipment would be appreciated. Donations can be sent to Pres. Melton (see info above).

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## Our Sponsors - Support them with your Business



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Marge Vorndam



the bemusement of all of the other bait fishermen and beach bums/bunnies out there watching me. I tried a variety of milieus, including the surf beach right on the Gulf Shores beach where I swallowed plenty of salt water in the process near Ft. Morgan (our cottage was right on the beach). Also fished in the mobile bay side by Ft. Morgan, and an Inlet lake that was probably my fave place and where I caught my "bait fish"!

The day after we arrived, my mom and sisters headed off to church in Pensacola in the a.m. and PV and I headed off to church in Orange Beach to Mo's Tackle and Bait Shop. I'd had previous eMail exchanges with Mo before we left, since he was about the only person in that area that didn't say

"Fly fishing?, What's that?" He turned out to be a very personable young man in his 30s who was raised in that area, guided for years, got married, had a kid and then decided that he had to settle down to raise his family. So, he's been running a shop right in an Orange Beach strip mall and doing very well for himself. He even had a modest selection of SW flies, and recommended a few from his experience, which he admitted was limited, but he does offer guided ff trips out of the shop. He gave me a "crash course" in five minutes on flies and how to set up the tackle to fish them, and how to fish. Due to my background, he said he thought I'd do as well on my own as with a guide, so I just bought \$50 worth of flies and headed back to the cottage.

I should mention that the cottages are lined up along the shoreline for about a mile in that area, one right next to another. Not the type of place that I would have chosen, but my sister and bro-in-law have been going there for years with their three sons, and being from MI, they don't know any differently about quality outdoor experiences NOT being elbow to elbow with other people, since their experiences are of urban settings. Me, my idea would be to camp at a National seashore park or a more solitary cottage setting, but the developers had seen the opportunity, and that's the way it is--cottage on cottage where everyone from the north heads south to the beach for vacation.

So, there were several fishermen using bait chuck and duck style. They'd hike through the surf out to waist high water/waves, chuck their three hook baited and weighted line out as far as they could, and then hike back up the beach, plant the pole in a piece of pvc and sit down with a brewsky until the pole tip moved, watching the dolphin schools and brown pelicans and beach bunnies. They were minimally to moderately successful, and I saw some really nice fish pulled in.

I fished three different locations—right on the Gulf where the big waves were—couldn't get the line out even wading far enough to really be effective there, on the Mobile Bay side by Ft. Morgan where I got a few "pulls" but nay fishes, though I surprised a basking sand shark. My favorite spot and where I caught my fish was in the salt-water inlet lake, where I shared the wading with several skates, thousands of little minnows in constant schools, hermit crabs and small conchs, right off the Wildlife Refuge beach. This is where I caught my eight inch "bait fish". I hear you laughing!!!! At least, I didn't get "skunked"!!

In the end, it was totally a blast, and just the variety of wildlife made it all worth every minute.

The sad part was the oil rig explosion which happened the week after we headed home to Colorado. From the beach bungalow in which we stayed, I could count 32 oil platforms via the lights at night. That really made the entire experience bitter-sweet, in retrospect. We're still dependent on dwindling oil supplies, so accidents like this will happen. It affects the lives of the fishermen, the wildlife and our own as fishes from that area won't be edible due to the residues that they live in and can't help but absorb.

So, myfirst saltwater experience was great, and next time, I will make it out further from shore via boat and see what life has to offer from that angle! Thanks for reading!

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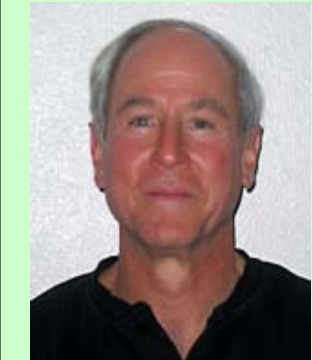


Lost waders - If you came across a pair of Wright McGill waders at Parkdale on or around Sunday, March 21, would you please eMail [S\\_Greenbacks@chapter509TU.org](mailto:S_Greenbacks@chapter509TU.org) ? One of our members forgot them, and is hoping to get them back. Thanks!!

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## Additional Notes from Board Meeting Minutes of April - May not Covered Above

- eBay/PayPal donation site is set up and will be usable in the future for donations solicitation.
- Membership stands at ~ 195. Members have now been transferred to the Purgatoire River Anglers Chapter 100 if they live in Walsenburg and south. Marge will remove those people from our eMail list as of this newsletter.
- Board agreed recently to provide up to \$300 reimbursement for chapter members who attend Spring Rendezvous to share toward expenses. At least one member should attend this event annually.
- CTU asked if our chapter would be interested in hosting Fall Rendezvous in October. Lou Mc Cullough is assigned to head up this committee.
- Our chapter presented CTU with a check for \$100 to support its state-wide efforts on our behalf at Spring Rendezvous.

## S. Colorado Greenback Chapter 509 Board of Directors All-Stars for 2010

			
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( Secretary - Position still Vacant )			

## New/Renewing and Life Members

Since last newsletter - Thanks for your support!

### 2010 New/Renewing Members of TU

Travis Anderson  
David Baggerman  
Warren Barter  
Michael Baxter  
Tim Boies  
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### Life Members of TU

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Stephen Brown  
Dominic Cingoranelli  
Dumont Clark  
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Tony & Jill Feliz  
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Sam Knight  
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James Salvatore  
Jack Seilheimer  
Thomas Selhime  
Christopher Smith, M.D.  
Matthew Sumpter  
John Tillema Jr.  
Gary & Helen Vertrees  
Marge & Paul Vorndam

Thanks to Sam Knight and John Parrish for being our newest LIFE Members!!  
Way to go, Sam and John !!

Be involved! See [Colorado Trout Unlimited's Web Site](#) for Action Items that need your involvement! It only takes a couple of minutes to send an eMail, but if we all input, it can make a TON of impact on the development of public planning processes!

## Calendar of Chapter, Sponsor and TU Happenings

May 13,  
6:30 pm Social/7 pm Meeting

Members and  
Friends Meeting

Jones-Healy Realtor Bldg.,  
119 W. 6th Street, Pueblo

May 15, 8 am - 2 pm	Cleanup at Runyon Lake	National River Cleanup Sponsored by CDOW
June 3, 7 - 9 pm	Board Meeting	Rawlings - Abriendo Library, 7:00 pm - Everyone invited
June 10, 6:30 pm Social/7 pm Meeting	Members and Friends Meeting	Jones-Healy Realtor Bldg., 119 W. 6th Street, Pueblo
June 12, 7 am - ?	Annual Chapter Yard Sale Fundraiser	Orchard Springs Dental Clinic, 318 Orchard Springs Drive
July 8, 6 pm - ?	Board Meeting Members and Friends Potluck Picnic	City Park Pavilion area

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