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**EXEMPLARY CHAPTER of 2009!  
Exemplary Project of 2009!**

**November/December 2009**

Join our chapter at  
[The Fly Fishing Show](#)  
Denver Merchandise Mart  
January 8-10, 2010

Members who donate 4 or more hours to help sell Raffle Tix for the 2010 Purgatoire River Habitat Improvement Project get in for FREE !



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December 31, 2009.  
Just present your current  
Membership Card to claim  
your discount !***

**Southern Colorado Greenback  
Chapter 509  
Trout Unlimited, Inc.**



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



**Membership Meetings  
Public is Invited ! FREE !  
Jones-Healy Realtors Bldg.,  
119 W. 6th, Pueblo**

**Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Pizza social begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Lathrop State Park Manager John Brandstatter shares his experiences about fishing for carp on a fly. He says that carp put up a great fight, but for most anglers, this fishing sport is unexplored territory. Come and enjoy a tale or two! ... and bring a Raffle Item to share!

**Thursday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.  
6:30 pm - Holiday Nibble Potluck -  
Bring you favorite finger-food to  
share!!**

Colorado Water Resources Division 2 Engineer Steve Witte will speak concerning water rights and priorities, water in the Arkansas River Basin, and ways that instream flows may be assured in the future. Don't miss this informative evening.

Thursday, January 14 - Samuel Ebersole presents his experiences in creating a documentary about cane rod building, including a cameo appearance by the Jordans. Sure to be a super entertainment evening!

The NEW Purgatoire Anglers TU Chapter meets in Trinidad on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact new President Howard Lackey, [hmlchev1@qwestoffice.net](mailto:hmlchev1@qwestoffice.net), 719-846-9805 or 575-477-7034 for further information on chapter events.

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### President's Piece

Pat McGraw



Due to schedules and computer transfer issues, Pat's article will appear in the next nesletter.

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### Project News

## Ted Sillox



Ted Sillox, right, accepts the Award for "2009 Best Project" for the Canon City River Project that our chapter completed in 2009 from CTU President Ken Neubecker

Hopefully we should be able to install the educational signs on our project in Canon City this coming November. The plan is to install the three educational signs if everything goes according to schedule. Pueblo Community College has an excellent welding/fabricating program and they are building the signs for a nominal fee. Each sign will have a different educational message. One will explain the purpose of the project, one will highlight the aquatic life in the river and the third sign will list all of the partners and groups who donated. I am unsure at this time if our chapter will be doing the actual installation or if the Canon City Parks department will perform that phase.

The Fly Fishing Show is only 2 months away and the raffle package is being finalized. I talked with the director of the show and he assured me that the rumors about the show leaving were indeed only rumors. If you would like to work the booth (4 hour shift) let me know so I can arrange for your

entrance into the show. The show is a great time and this year we will have a label machine to speed up the process of buying 5 tickets. To volunteer call me, Ted sillox, at 719-647-2369.

Our chapter played a big role in getting the Trinidad chapter started and hopefully this chapter will flourish and complete the Purgatoire River project through downtown Trinidad.

I would like to thank all of the members (most board members, Judith and Stephen Stein and Jim Good) who ventured to Trinidad to help with getting this chapter up and running. It is the local chapters of Trout Unlimited that drive the improvement projects in their area.

At our next meeting glance at the walls and you should be able to see our awards for the past year on display. Hopefully Jones Healy will have put the plaques up in the meeting room.

...and a reminder that the 2010 Raffle for the Purgatoire River Instream Habitat Improvement Project is about to begin, if you haven't caught that yet! We're looking forward to some super prizes for this round - a custom-built graphite fly rod with a faux-aspen wood butt by Massachusetts-based TU member Mike Hackney, owner of the [Eclectic Angler](#), -- one of a kind in the world, a catching box of flies tied by fly-tying guru Frank Nemick III, and more to come !! Details will follow, but we hope that you are drooling by now. It's for a great cause, and tickets will remain at \$5 a piece. We'll get an order form to you soon.

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## Next President's Piece

Kelvin Melton



**Kelvin Melton**  
**President- elect for 2010**

**Greetings, Everyone!**

I hope that you are all enjoying the fine fall weather we are having--Getting out and enjoying the days and not spending all the time raking leaves and such.

Well a new board is elected and has taken the reins. Not really a new board, but most that have served many years and have a lot of experience and dedication to Trout Unlimited.

Here is a listing of the board members for 2010 and their email contacts:

- President - Kelvin Melton - [kmelt114@msn.com](mailto:kmelt114@msn.com); kmelton@trane.com
- Past-President - Pat McGraw - [mcbwo@comcast.net](mailto:mcbwo@comcast.net)
- Vice-President - Frank Nemick III - [f.nemick@comcast.net](mailto:f.nemick@comcast.net)
- Treasurer - Carol Engler - [englerca@aol.com](mailto:englerca@aol.com)
- Secretary - vacant – Currently soliciting members for this position - YOU?
- Projects Chairman - Ted Sillox - [ted.sillox@state.co.us](mailto:ted.sillox@state.co.us)
- Membership Chairman - Lou McCullough - [LouMcCullough@comcast.net](mailto:LouMcCullough@comcast.net)
- Programs Chairman - Ben Wurster - [godwithflyrod@gmail.com](mailto:godwithflyrod@gmail.com)
- Communications Chairman - Marge Vorndam - [cccbiology@ghvalley.net](mailto:cccbiology@ghvalley.net) or [s\\_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org](mailto:s_greenbacks@chapter509TU.org)

There is still an opening for Secretary. If you would be interested in serving, contact me and we can get you involved. Doesn't't take much time and you work with a great group of people. There is always room for folks that want to get involved and become more active in the organization.

If you have an idea for a speaker at the meetings let Ben (PROGRAM Chair) know. He would need a name and contact number.

*Also, I would like to give Pat McGraw a ton of thanks and praise.*

Pat has been an outstanding leader of our chapter since at least 2003. He has been someone we could call upon and count on whenever it was needed and more. He was active and a great resource in many areas. He will truly be missed and we hope he will stay active and involved.

Pat, good luck with the knees and with all the other activities you are involved in.

The new Trinidad-based chapter was approved for charter at the Fall Rendezvous by the CTU Board and is up and off to a good start. Everyone from Walsenburg south will be added to that Chapter area soon. They have a lot of participation and some great ideas on projects and such. Before the formation of this chapter, our current chapter had the largest area to serve in Colorado, and likely, in the nation.

Our chapter, 509 is an excellent organization to belong to. Not only is it fun, the speakers are informative, we talk about fishing, and we do a lot of good for the cold water fisheries around our region.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting and continue to have fun fishing,  
Kelvin Melton

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## New/Renewing and Life Members

- since last newsletter - Thanks for your support!

### New/Renewing Members of TU

Bob Adams  
John G Armijo  
David F Baggerman  
Tim Boies  
T. Cates  
A.D. Chambers  
Raymond L. Cid  
Roger Coffey  
Rick Danger  
Michael D. Diehl  
Edward Engler  
Douglas Fancher  
Steven Fieldman  
John Frederick  
Ronald Goodrich  
Patrick Harmon

Jack Hunter  
Dennis F. Kastelic  
Dennis Koehler  
Robbe Luttrell  
Travis Madina  
Stewart Mapes  
James K Marcum  
George Mellot  
Leonard Miklich  
S. Pressey  
John J. Sartoris  
Nile G. Scott  
Terry L. Steele  
Charles Temple  
Thomas Vigil  
Alex M. Zipp

### Life Members of TU

Tony Alessandro  
Brian Angevine  
Joseph Branney  
Stephen Brown  
Dominic Cingoranelli  
Dumont Clark  
Chas Clifton  
Jeris Danielson  
Tony & Jill Feliz  
Michael Foster  
Dave Fraterelli  
Marvin Hamann  
William Harris II  
Michael Ingo

Mark Kennedy  
Michael Moll  
Michael Saathoff  
James Salvatore  
Jack Seilheimer  
Christopher  
Smith, M.D.  
Robin Smith  
Matthew  
Sumpter  
John Tillema Jr.  
Gary & Helen  
Vertrees  
Marge & Paul  
Vorndam

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## What It Takes to Stop an Invasion

Marge Vorndam

The Marines? Well, no. They are a little late for this one.

Have you seen these bad boys?

Both mussels are no larger than the size of a fingernail.



Zebra Mussel shell from  
<http://www.100thmeridian.org>

Around the 1980s a supertanker or two brought them over --"them" being the Quagga and Zebra mussels that are native residents in European waters. Supertankers, it is believed, picked them up in their home waters in European ports, sailed up the St. Lawrence Seaway, and dropped their ballast water, including the mussels, in the Great Lakes.



Quagga Mussel shell from  
<http://www.100thmeridian.org>

Recreational boaters, while enjoying the Great Lakes, were "adopted" by the small critters, who attached to the hulls. Eventually--it took 15 years more--recreational boats facilitated the movement of the mussels westward to Colorado's Lake Pueblo and six other lakes in our state. So reported Ranger Michael Cooper, our October membership meeting speaker from Lake Pueblo State Park.

Cooper spends his days inspecting water craft that are exiting Lake Pueblo to ensure that the Quaggas and Zebras aren't hitching a ride to state waters elsewhere. In Europe, these mussels are controlled by native predators and cities use redundant water supply systems which can be traded off to clean out pipeways clogged by the growth of the miniscule mollusks. But here in the U.S., the mussels grow without such controls, siphoning off the productivity of water plankton that would be eaten by young stocked and native trout and the insects on which they feed, and leaving the fishes with slowed growth rates -- no record sizes for the lucky angler to land. Eventually, the threats to clogged water pipes will cause more economic grief for communities that obtain water from our reservoirs.

The only effective elimination method currently known is to ensure that boats are drained and dried after trailering, and the hulls hosed down with 140 degree F. water that can kill any eggs and attached mollusks that a boater might have picked up on the lake. To date, among affected Colorado waters are Pueblo Reservoir, Tarryall Reservoir, Blue Mesa, Grand Lake, Lake Granby, Shadow Mtn., Jumbo and Willow Ck. Reservoir. CDOW has mandated that any watercraft that comes from out-of-state or uses these waters must go through an [inspection and decontamination](#), if certain criteria are met.

This "invasion" has the potential of changing forever the fishing experiences that we have enjoyed. The [100th Meridian](#) is a web site that has the most up-to-date information on these invaders. Stay informed to be prepared, and if you boat, drain, clean and dry between ramps. Let's help to keep these nasties contained.

## **Fishing Tip for November – Releasing a Fish**

Colorado Division of Wildlife

There are several steps anglers can take when they release a fish that will help insure that the fish survives being caught and therefore limit their impact on the fishery.

- When fighting a fish, try to land it quickly. Larger fish played to exhaustion are extremely hard to revive and much more likely to die after being released.
- Make sure that your fishing tackle is strong enough to handle the job of landing the fish. This means a medium to heavy fishing rod, a sturdy reel and a strong line. The less a fish is handled, the better its chances of survival.
- Hooks can often be removed while the fish remains in the water. Many anglers believe this is easier when the barbs have been mashed down, especially on treble hooks.
- Hold the fish under the belly facing into the current until it swims away on its own. In lakes, hold the fish the same way, and move it forward and backward gently to get water going through the gills. Take the time to fully revive the fish.
- If a fish must be handled, use a landing net with rubber coated netting. If you want to take pictures, lift the fish from the net with one hand under the head and the other supporting the

**belly. Don't keep the fish out of the water longer than a minute. If you need more time lower the fish back into the water until the photographer is ready. Make sure your hands are wet when handling fish out of water.**

- **If a fish is hooked deeply in the throat or gills, cut the line as close to the hooks as possible without pulling or yanking on the line.**

**Following these steps will greatly increase the chance that a fish will survive to fight another day.**

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