

Nov-Dec 2010 Newsletter

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EXEMPLARY CHAPTER of 2009!
Exemplary Project of 2009!
Ted Sillox- Exemplary Volunteer for 2010!

Southern Colorado Greenback
Chapter 509
Trout Unlimited, Inc.



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

Members' and Friend's Monthly Program
for November
Jones-Healy Realtors Bldg., 119 W. 6th, Pueblo

Pizza social begins at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.

Our Chapter recently joined the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. For this special meeting, we will be hosting Phyllis Samora and Jules Bayci from the COC to discuss how we can increase the impact of our mission in the Pueblo area. Bring your questions, comments, and a raffle item to share!!!

December Membership and Friends' Meeting -
December 4, Saturday
"Evening with Edrington" Dinner and Silent Auction

[Tickets available at Our WebSite](#)

Limited Seating, so Purchase Early!

President's Piece

Kelvin Melton



Kelvin Melton
President

Greeting TU Members!

There are many exciting events happening in Chapter 509, it is difficult to find a place to begin.

First, we welcome a new business sponsor to our list of supporters. Jim and Teresa Puschak have a shop in Canon City. Support from sponsors takes many forms, and Jim has volunteered to contribute flies for the monthly meeting raffle, and author a fly recipe for each newsletter. We welcome the Puschaks, and hope that you will stop by their establishment in Canon City to thank them for their support.

Our chapter could not be nearly as effective without Business sponsor help. See Sponsor information below and support each of them with your purchases. *Several are mentioned throughout this newsletter, which further shows specifically how they are helping our chapter's mission.*

I will start with new rules and regulations being initiated in January 2011. Thanks to the hard work from Alex Zipp (Ark Anglers), Jim Partin and others, the DOW is proposing to make a stretch of the river below the Pueblo Dam designated for Flies and Lures only, limited take. Many have been asking for this for quite some time, and it is now going to happen. The DOW Commissioners' vote is this month to finalize. This is exciting news as it gives our Chapter another excellent reason to help improve the river and the habitat of the area to turn into an even greater spot to fish.

Southern Colorado Greenbacks would also like to raise money to help establish and increase the fishing potential of this newly regulated area. *In order to do this, we need members to get involved, not only to help out with the work but also to get this bank account growing.* The more monies raised, the more improvements can be made.

- On Saturday, December 4, a fundraising dinner is planned at MoMos Restaurant in Pueblo, featuring Bill Edrington, owner of the Royal Gorge Anglers Fly Fishing Shop in Canyon City. Bill will speak on "Why we fly fish." He has authored books on fishing the Arkansas and has guided in the area for many years. He is an excellent source of knowledge about fishing the Arkansas. The dinner will also include a silent auction. Tickets are \$40 per person. Seating is limited to 50 people, so please buy your ticket(s) early. Remember the money made on this event will go toward improving the fishery below the Pueblo Dam. Anglers Addiction is a co-sponsor for this event.
- The 2011 raffle is also starting up again. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Another excellent package is being put together that includes trips and fishing equipment for the winner – with the money raised going toward improving the fishing areas in Southern Colorado. ArkAnglers has contributed significantly to this package. See Projects Report below.
- We are also looking for volunteers to help run the "raffle booth" at the Fly Fishing Show in Denver the weekend of January 8-9. This is a great opportunity not only to raise money for our chapter but also to give you a chance to experience the fly show – featuring a variety of equipment, great deals, and closeouts. Ted Sillox, our Projects Chair, donates tons of time to this, but he could use your help. Come to the Fly Show for FREE by donating some time here.
- We are also excited about sponsoring the first "Frostbite Fish-Off Fishing Tournament" on the tail waters below the Pueblo Dam. Ben Wurster and Lou McCoullough are coordinating this tourney. Volunteers are needed to make this a success, so please, please get involved. Southern Colorado Greenback Chapter has the opportunity to really have an impact on our fishery. Sponsors so far are Hardys and Greys rods and equipment. Call to volunteer to help or participate - 719-650-3301.

Now is the time to get active and be able to say "I have made a difference – now, let's go fishing!" All the information and details are located on our website <http://www.chapter509tu.org>. Thank you and hope to see you at the meetings, banquet, show, and tournament.

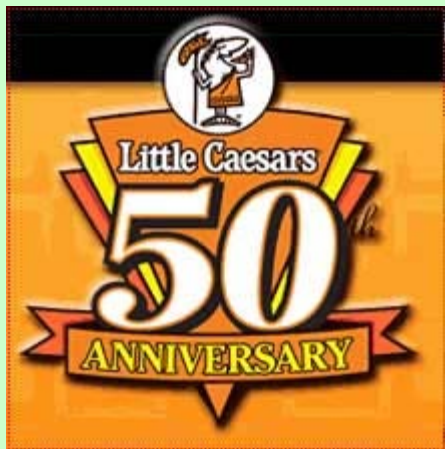
Yours in Fishing,

Kelvin Melton

Please remember to patronize our sponsors during the Holiday Season.



Sign up for the RGA [eNewsletter](#) with current fishing conditions and news of interest to any angler! SPRING FLING is MARCH 26-28 with classes for all ability levels! ALWAYS a great time !



Secretary's Section - Minutes



Thanks to our new Secretary for being willing to serve !
Judith Stein

October 14 Membership Meeting Minutes, Jones-Healy Building:

- Speaker/Guest- Erica Stock from CTU gave a visual presentation on CTU, highlighting projects and matching grant monies.
- Membership- Lou McCullough reported we have 200 members locally.
- Communications- Judith Stein volunteered to fill the long empty Secretarial Chair, as her compassionate nature took over. A rousing welcome was given. Marge has sent out license plate information.
- Projects/Fund Raising- A fund raising dinner at Mo-Mo Japanese Restaurant will be held Dec. 4th; the Pueblo West yard sale is not bringing in enough cash. This is marketed as an H₂O conservation dinner. The November speaker is undetermined at this time, although Michelle McGree was mentioned as a good candidate.
- Presentations- The Frostbite Fishbite tournament is scheduled for January 15th. There will be 21 beats, and 20 controllers. The entry fee is 125.00, and was later determined to be non refundable if due to an unforeseen "Act of God". Garlic and Onions bar/restaurant is giving up a large room to headquarter tournament and party afterward. Fishing competitors will get breakfast and lunch, and Channels 5 and 30 will cover the event. Random beat drawing will be held Friday night.

November Board Meeting Minutes, Nov 4, Rawlings Abriendo Library:

- Lou reports there are 36 new members in 2010.
- Phyllis Samora and Jules Bayci of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce may be a speaker for November. Michelle McCree of CDOW is another possibility, pending.
- Our Holiday Celebration at Mo-Mo's is the membership meeting for December, and Ted projects the remaining 35 tickets will be sold. Bill Edrington is the speaker.
- Marge reported that the *Horizon* Quarterly pricing is \$16.00 for a little square, and this is being considered for future use. Another option is to send a e-mail to the Chamber of Commerce for the Frostbite Fish-off. Marge will take on the responsibility sending out a snail-mail to all members for printing letters and envelopes but asks to be compensated for a ribbon. A motion was made by Lou to take money out of the raffle account to pay for printing and Ted seconded it. There are three tickets on the mailing, one for the dinner, one for the Frostbite Fish-off, and one for the Arkansas River Habitat Enhancement raffle.
- Jan. 8, 9, and 10th is the Fly Fishing Show in Denver. We will be doing a bean bag toss again to "lure" them in. All volunteers who work four or more hours will get free admission. A Wright McGill fly rod with accessories is a prize to be given away, as is a full day guided trip from Ark Anglers.
- Ben has a permit to hold the Frostbite Fish-off and has acquired insurance as well. Valco Ponds is pending giving us permission to use the gate for the event, provided we make

sure it gets closed. Ben said that Sam Ebersole at CSU Pueblo may do some filming of the tournament, as he also did "Colorado Canes". Lou stated that 22 controllers are needed, as well as 4 judges. We are seeking support from Trane and Vestas as sponsors. Lou states it is \$ 250.00 to be a "beat sponsor". Nov. 15th is the date the Board of Water will adjust the flow on the Arkansas.

- The Department of Wildlife will meet in Yuma, AZ this month and we will get info on new regulations. The Marriott Hotel is giving us a special rate of \$79.00-\$89.00 a night for Colorado Trout Unlimited's Winter Rendevous on January 22nd.
- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 2.

Fly of the Month

James Puschak

This year I entered the Mustad Scandinavian Open fly tying competition of 2010. This is a prestigious international competition open to any who like to tie flies. I have entered this competition for several years. I had two patterns in the top ten-- The "Jay Hawk", a pattern I made for the Arkansas River and local waters placed ninth, and a salt water pattern, the "Tie Breaker", placed third and I received a bronze medal for that one. I have been tying flies now for forty years. It is something I have enjoyed my whole life. I also have been building hand built bamboo rods for the last ten years and have owned and operated a small fly shop for the last twenty one years. I would like to share my experience and joy of fly fishing with the TU members of the Greenback Chapter.



JAY HAWK

HOOK: #14 Mustad 9671

THREAD: Olive 8/0

TAIL: 2 Straw Covered Biots

BODY: Stripped Peacock Herl

RIB: Fine Copper Wire

THORAX: Olive Rabbit Dubbing (picked out)

HEAD: 1/8 Black Bead installed backwards

ANTENNA: 2 Straw Covered Biots

FRONT HEAD: 5/64 Copper Bead

This fly works well dead drift or on the swing, year round. Can represent a stone fly nymph or may fly nymph. Can also be tied down to a #20 or up to #8 or larger. This fly was designed for a visiting relative from Kansas in 2009. It took ninth place in the nymph category in the Mustad Scandinavian international open fly tying contest in 2010.

Congratulations to our "daughter" chapter, Purgatoire River Anglers TU Chapter, who recently received a favorable mention for their planned work on the Purgatoire River through Trinidad in *Colorado Outdoors* !

Projects Report

Ted Sillox



I checked our willow plantings that we did this fall in Canon City and so far they are holding in there. Most of the plantings were sprouting some new growth and only a few have been attacked and murdered so far. Let's hope that by spring they will be getting a good hold and people will realize they are needed to stabilize the river bank and keep the lone cottonwood tree on that stretch from falling into the river.



We have a lot happening in the coming months and I sure hope we can get 50 people to our fund raising banquet on December 4th at Momo Japanese Restaurant. Our featured speaker will be Bill Edrington from Royal Gorge Anglers. Bill spent many years in the classroom at PCC and his presentations are very entertaining and insightful. You don't want to miss his talk on "Why We Fly Fish". If you have ever really thought about it there is much more to fly fishing than just catching fish, so come and enjoy the evening with us.

We have a wonderful limited print of the Arkansas River for a main door prize and many silent auction items. Plus all of the money raised will be used to start adding more habitat to the "Flies & Lures" section of our home tailwater. If you believe in Pueblo come help us make this river even better. See you there.

Thanks goes to Royal Gorge Anglers' Bill Edrington and Anglers' Addiction for sponsoring this fundraising event!

Evening with Edrington Dinner Door Prize Framed Print by Mark Lance to be featured:



[Give a child a Trout Unlimited Youth Membership today.](#)

TU's Stream Explorers youth membership teaches kids about trout, the wild places where they live and the things we can do to protect them.

[For just \\$12, your child, grandchild or other special young person will receive:](#)

- Four issues of *Stream Explorers* magazine (kids over 13 will receive *Trout* magazine)

- Official TU membership card
- Stream Explorers sticker
- Access to activities and games at www.streamexplorers.org
- Membership in a local TU chapter with the opportunity to get involved in classes, activities, projects or even a summer camp








For a gift of \$24, the recipient will also receive *A Kid's Guide to Flyfishing*:

- Written by Tyler Befus at the age of 8, *A Kid's Guide to Flyfishing* (retail value of \$16) teaches kids everything they need to know to enjoy a day on the water.

Giving a child a TU Stream Explorer membership is a quick and easy first step in encouraging a life-long love of trout and coldwater conservation.

P.S. If you've already signed up a Stream Explorer, please consider renewing their membership today. For \$24, you can give a child four more great issues of *Stream Explorers* magazine, the new *Stream Explorers* ball cap and another year to learn about and appreciate wild fish and healthy rivers.

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Calendar of Chapter and TU Happenings

December 2, 7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Abriendo Library, Pueblo
December 4, 2010, 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Evening with Edrington Dinner and Silent Auction	MoMo Japanese Restaurant Purchase Tickets
January 6, 2011, 7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Abriendo Library, Pueblo
January 7-9 (Staffing Volunteers Needed)	Denver FlyFishing Show - Denver Merchandise Mart	
January 14 evening & 15	Frostbite Fish-Off Tournament	

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