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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.**



January / February 2010

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

**2010 Raffle BEGINS! Special incentive offer
 when you purchase your tix at the Show!**

featuring "The Aspen" on a St Croix SCII blank



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

**Thursday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.
 Pizza social begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**"Colorado Cane: Making and Fishing the Bamboo Fly Rod
 A Documentary Production Story"**

Emmy-award winner Samuel Ebersole, a Mass Communications professor at CSU-Pueblo, created this documentary as part of his sabbatical project. Ebersole interviewed many of Colorado's foremost artists of cane rod building, including Ed Engle, John Gierach, A.K.

Best and Mike Clark. From the artist's perspective, he investigated the advantages and differences between fishing rod components, and then went on-river across Colorado with them to explore the action of these rods. The documentary will air this Spring on Rocky Mountain PBS. Samuel Ebersole presents his experiences in creating this documentary-- including a cameo appearance by the Jordans. Sure to be a super entertainment evening!

**February 11 - Fishing Guide Mark Engler
"On the San Juan"**

Engler has been guiding out of Duranglers for the past 20 years on the SJ, Animas, Pine and other area waters. The WD40 was his invention when he worked for Abe's, and along the way he's been known to machine a reel or two. When not guiding, you might find Mark at his favorite pasttime -- flyfishing for pike at Vallecito Res, or in the Gulf/Caribbean working saltwater flies. Engler is living the dream! If you've been to the San Juan, or thought about going, Mark will provide an education about the finer points of increasing your success there.

March 11 - Vincent Su, creator of the 720 Vise™ demonstrates this revolutionary tool as an innovative advantage in the art of fly tying.

**April 8 - Fishing Guide Lou McCullough
"Fishing the Pueblo Tailwater"**

There's still time to vote for [Marlee](#) !

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

President's Piece

Kelvin Melton



**Kelvin Melton
President**

Happy New Year everyone!

To me, it is hard to believe that it is 2010. It does not seem like it has been ten years since most were worried about Y2K and what would happen to computers, electricity, etc. But we have made it and, for the most part, have become better people through the challenges and successes that we have been through.

This is going to be an exciting/busy year for our Trout Unlimited Chapter 509. First off, the Fly Fishing Show in Denver is being held January 8-10. Although this is a great show for vendors to display their goods and services (and there is usually a quite a selection of vendors), our chapter will also be there to sell raffle tickets to help

with water and fishing projects in southern Colorado. We raise most of our money at this show and have a pretty good time doing it - all the while making a lot of good contacts and seeing the newest fishing equipment.

In the coming months, we will be planning different events to work with children and teens in our community, teaching them about fishing and water conservation. In conjunction with the Sierra Club, we help operate the Children's Water Conservation Camp and also help send teens to the CTU Teen Conservation Camp. These are both great programs that get children and teens involved.

We are also working on a program with Deputy Brian Martino of the Pueblo Sheriff's Department, involving inmates in cleaning up water areas around the Pueblo area. Through this program, they have already cleaned up a large stretch of the Arkansas River with plans to expand into other areas. This is truly a win-win situation. Not only does it give the inmates work to do but it also cleans the fishing areas from unsightly debris. Anglers Addiction manager Bill Nelson will be helping to coordinate this effort.

Our chapter is still planning a couple of clean ups this year. Martin Lake at Lathrop State Park in Southern Colorado (around the Walsenburg area) is in the works to be our first chapter clean up in the March timeframe. We are hoping that we can collaborate with the new Purgatoire River Anglers Chapter on this cleanup, since the lake is in their region. Then again, we will have a fall clean up (date to be scheduled.).

As you see, we have a lot of work to do as much is being planned. While you are making your 2010 resolutions, please consider adding one more: to get more involved with TU Chapter 509. Not only will you get satisfaction from helping the fishing conservation in the communities in which we live, but you will also be helping our chapter as well.

Here's to the New Year - keep on on fishing.

Kelvin Melton

Fishing Tip

Remember to dress in layers on cool/cold days while fishing. It is easier to remove clothing when you get too hot than to wish you had more warmer clothes when the fish are biting.

Project News

Ted Sillox



Ted Sillox, Project Chairman

The first week of December found me fighting the cold weather and trying to deliver the 3 sign base units we had built from Pueblo Community College (PCC) to Canon City Parks and Rec for our 2009 river project.

The students at the PCC welding program did a great job constructing heavy duty sign bases and after the powder coating they will be placed along the river in Canon City. Two of the signs will be about what and why the project was done while the third sign will list all of the partners. I will take pictures to show as soon as the signs are in place.

On December the 17th I ventured to Trinidad with Larry Bussey from the Collegiate Peaks Chapter to present the new chapter in Trinidad with a Christmas present. We attended the meeting held in a wonderfully preserved

Victorian home of one of the chapter members and we were treated to a great potluck meal. During the meeting Larry presented their chapter with two checks, one from Collegiate Peaks for \$200 and one from San Luis for \$250. I had the honor of presenting a check from the Greenback Chapter for \$300. This "seed" money is to help the chapter get started and flourish. From the looks of the members present I feel there is a great enthusiastic core group that will get this mission accomplished and see their own Trinidad river project completed.

We'll be at the [The Fly Fishing Show](#) at the Denver Mart on January 8-10 where we will be selling raffle tickets and raising money to keep doing water projects and helping our chapter get better. If you haven't been to the show, you should venture north to the Denver Mart. Spend the day checking out all of the great new gadgets and fishing information presented. Stop by our booth, say hello and purchase your tickets at the show

where you can have a chance to win between 1 to 3 flies in the bean bag toss if you purchase the 5 ticket pack for \$20. This offer is only good at the show. For a complete listing of all of the prizes access [the buyer's coupon](#) (<click link). The drawing will be in April.

(Parenthetically, the "[other Sportsmen's Show](#)" will be going on during that same time period, so you can attend both shows in one day's trip. Make sure to stop by our business sponsors' booths at both shows to say "Hi".)

The annual raffles that we hold raise the grassroots funds that we use to match CDOW or other grant efforts for the instream projects that we do. Always remember that even though you may not win first prize (there can be only one), we're all winners by supporting a better environment for the fish and improved water quality for the future.

Treasurer's Report for FY2009

Carol Engler



Carol Engler, Treasurer

Carol has been our chapter's treasurer since at least 2003. Mark Engler (see above) is Ed's and Carol's son.

Carol is responsible for maintaining our financial records and submitting our Chapter information to National Trout Unlimited (NTU) and to the IRS each fall. NTU uses the information to write grants and to support the overall organization mission. Our fiscal year ends in October. This is her report for FY2009:

Chapter Activity Volunteer Hours for FY2009

Conservation	170
Fundraising	115
General Operations	230
Youth Education & Outreach	72
General Education & Outreach	18
Travel	310
Total	915

Chapter Finances for FY2009

FY2009 Beginning Balance \$ 6974

Revenues

Raffles	3538
Donations	40
Yard Sale	199
	+3777

Expenses

Program Services

• Canon City Project	4760
• Salida Hydro	200
• Communication	303
• Speaker Fee	100
Management & General	123
Fundraising	518
Misc	114
	- 6118
FY2009 Ending Balance	\$ 4633

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New Manager at Angler's Addiction

Fishing guide Bill Nelson recently joined owner Ron Van Valkenburg and the crew at Angler's Addiction. Nelson is the new shop manager. Stop by and welcome him when you are in the neighborhood. Bill says






"Hello everyone! Here's wishing you the best for the Holidays and upcoming New Year

from all of us here at Anglers Addiction. (1401 N. Main Street here in Pueblo.)

"Briefly, some of the things worth mentioning here at the shop are the New line that has been going great with Hardy and Greys of North America. They offer some the best waders on the market without the high dollar major competitor prices among other great flyfishing products. We have great inventory in both new and used rods, one being our Fish Creek Bright Water Series - a perfect rod to add to your collection for all levels of the flyfisherman. Also, the shelves are packed with all types of neat flyfishing gadgets we all know we can not live without from Fish Pond to Umpqua. Additionally, we are offering a variety of instructional packages to take advantage of our local tailwater that has become one of the best Winter destinations in the state, starting at only forty five dollars.

"So come on in and check us out or call at 719-296-5886 for questions. The coffee's on and we're ready to go fishin!"

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Sierra Club and Trout Unlimited Partner Up for Youth Education

Marge Vorndam



Water Sentinel Jenny Kedward and students check out river fauna during 2009's Camp

The Sangre de Cristo Sierra Club's Water Sentinels and our chapter have had a super partnership over the past two years. Sierra Club has sponsored attendance by several Southern Colorado teens to CTU's Youth Conservation Camp in June, and our chapter, in turn, has helped with a joint youth water conservation camp for middle-school ages in a two day hands-on training in water quality, fish and insects found in streams and the various types of fishing techniques.

Now, Sierra Club and National Trout Unlimited have [formalized a collaborative agreement](#) aimed at getting youth fishing. As part of the new partnership, Sierra Club has donated 700 fly fishing rods and reels to TU for use with our youth programs and outreach. The full set-up rods and reels cannot be sold or given away and will come in sets of five.

We're gratified to be out in front on this joint effort, and thank Jennie Kedward of the Water Sentinels for having the foresight to facilitate this relationship over the past two years locally with our chapter.

We hope to continue this relationship in 2010. In 2009, many children attended through Pueblo's Social Services. While we all had a great time, some parents could not afford the fee for the two-day camp (\$20). So, one child in the family attended the first day, and a different child attended on the second day. In 2010, our chapter hopes to provide some scholarships so that all children who wish to attend can do so for the entire camp.

[The next issue of *National Trout Unlimited's Trout* magazine is now available to view online.](#)

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

January 7	Board Meeting	6:00 pm - Abriendo Library Meeting Room, Pueblo
8-10	Fly Fishing Show	Denver Merchandise Mart FREE Parking
14	Members and Friends Meeting	Jones-Healy Realtor Bldg., 119 W. 6th Street, Pueblo
21	Purgatoire River Anglers TU Meeting	Chamber of Commerce Building, Trinidad Contact: Howard Lackey, hmlchev1@qwestoffice.net , 719-846-9805 or 575-477-7034
February 4	Board Meeting	6:00 pm - Abriendo Library Meeting Room, Pueblo
11	Members and Friends Meeting	Jones-Healy Realtor Bldg., 119 W. 6th Street, Pueblo
March 4	Board Meeting	6:00 pm - Abriendo Library Meeting Room, Pueblo
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19	CTU Gala/Auction	Arvada Center, Denver
26-28 (tentative)	Spring Fling	Royal Gorge Anglers, For Info: 888.994.6743
April 16-18	CTU Spring Rendezvous	Redstone
June 6 -11	CTU Conservation Youth Camp	

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