



Greenback Currents

January - February 2007

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.
Jones-Healy Realty, 119 W. 6th, Pueblo**

Program: Anglers Addiction on "Float Fishing the Black Canyon of the Gunnison"

Everyone welcome - FREE to the public.
Donate a raffle item to help defray chapter expenses!

President's Piece - Pat McGraw

Happy New Year to You All,

Hope you and your families had a great Christmas and we can all look forward to a safe and better New Year. Keep your hearts open for our armed forces throughout the entire world.

Just to look back a bit on the past year with the So. Co. Greenback TU chapter. First of all I need to thank my fellow members of our chapter for all your help and participation with the activities we did participate in. Especially our board needs my thanks. They are hard workers, and let me say, any of you could be president of our chapter, with this board and their commitment.

I won't touch on every little detail, and if I forget to mention an event, please call me, and I will be sure to include it in our next newsletter.



- Our lineup of guest speakers was great. We didn't have a couple months covered, but we got by with a fly tying demo and much needed, 'future of our chapter' meeting.
- We had two river clean-ups, as we usually try to do each year. The one we sponsor is usually late May or early June, and we hope for 20 to 25 participants to help with about a mile and a half below the Pueblo dam. We serve a nice lunch when we finish. The next one is a state wide clean-up in September, sponsored by Colorado TU. We all got a neat T-shirt with that one. Thanks again for all your help.
- A couple attempts to raise money for our chapter with a yard sale were also successful. The first one wasn't very well planned by me, but Mike Kersten helped us out later in the summer by letting us use his driveway for a good organized one, and we pulled it off. Almost got rid of everything.
- We were also offered a chance to make a little money by helping the Pueblo Paddlers with a rubber duck race at the conclusion of the Pueblo Chile and Frijoles Festival. John Zupancic was the ramrod of that deal and we really appreciate them including us. Ducks were sold for the three days of the festival and we got a share of the profits. Thanks again to John.
- Our October election of new board members and officers was successful, I guess. I was looking to step down as President, but it didn't happen. Seriously though, with the members that do attend our meetings and functions, we really do have a great chapter. Of course we would like more of you to come and share our guests and information about upcoming events. We really won't put you to work....promise. You all know this is all-volunteer and none of us can make all the meetings and events.
- We are still working on trying to get our bug study back with Dr. Herrmann of CSU-Pueblo. Thanks to Ted Sillox and all his work and contact with the Corps of Engineers. Thanks also to all of you that sent the letter of concern to the Corp.
- And our chapter members donated a TOTAL of 895 VOLUNTEER HOURS in 2006! That is a substantial amount of time donated to our mission. Thanks to those members who made that number possible. You are the grassroots of this chapter.
- We also thank everyone who participated in the meeting raffles—either by buying tickets or donating items, or both, and those who donated dollars to help our chapter stay in the black. We couldn't run this chapter without you, either.

Hope to see you at a meeting this year!
Pat McGraw

ALERT: Your Input Needed to Water Temperature Standards

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission is taking testimony on setting standards for the protection of fish in our streams and lakes in January - Comments addressing your in-the-stream experience are needed!!! You can help by contacting the Commission and urging them to adopt protective temperature standards without further delay - by letter, email, or in person during the public testimony period of the hearing. See <http://www.cotrout.org/LinkPages/WaterTemperatureAlert/tabid/153/Default.aspx> for the CTU action alert and learn how you can take action to help trout, or write a letter to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, OED-OPPI-A5, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246-1530 and let them know that water quality standards are extremely important for optimal wildlife survival, and there should be no more delay in setting these standards.

The 2007 Calendar of Events

January 11	Membership Meeting -- all at 119 W. 6 th , Pueblo , 7:00 p.m.
February 8	Membership Meeting
March 8	Membership Meeting End March—Royal Gorge Angler's Annual Spring Fling
April 12	Membership Meeting
14	Arkansas River Cleanup – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lk. Pueblo SP Snakeskin Picnic Area
TBA	CTU Rendezvous
May 10	Membership Meeting
June 14	Membership Meeting
16	Annual Sporting Goods Yard Sale Fundraiser - Location TBA - Begin to round up items now!
July 12	Membership Meeting
August 9	Membership Meeting
September 13	Membership Meeting
15	Arkansas River Cleanup – 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lk. Pueblo SP Snakeskin PA
21 - 23	Duck Race Fundraiser, Chili & Frijoles Festival, Pueblo Riverwalk
October 11	Membership Meeting/Board Elections
November 8	Membership Meeting

Donors

Thanks to **John B. Shanley** for a recent donation

Anglers Addiction donated 7.5% of sales proceeds from Nov. 11 and for joined our 2007 Business Sponsors program
Royal Gorge Anglers and **Jones-Healy Realtors** renewed their commitment to our 2007 Business Sponsors program
Pueblo Paddlers aided in and donated proceeds from the Duck Race to our Chapter

Anglers Addiction Comes to Town!

"Location, location, location," Ben Olsen and Ron Van Valkenburg echoed as each outlined what they love about fly fishing. "How else can one enjoy such scenery as Colorado provides than by being on-stream," Ben said. He was born in Denver and raised in Iowa, but returned to SW Colorado 5 years ago. He has been active in TU for some time, and served as President of the Gunnison Gorge Anglers before coming to Pueblo. Ron cut his teeth fishing in SE Kansas and then spent years in the Tetons.

Ron guided for many years for Pat Chance's shop in Buena Vista and for Bill Edrington of Royal Gorge Anglers (a sponsor of our chapter) before he and Ben joined forces to set up Anglers Addiction last Fall in Pueblo . Between the two, Ben and Ron have 22 years of combined guiding experience on all major Colorado rivers. In Pueblo now, they are specializing in the developing Arkansas River tailwater fishery below Pueblo Res Dam, and see tons of potential there. "A day seldom goes by that a carload of anglers from up North doesn't stop by the shop," they said. "We haven't missed a day of guiding since we opened." They both favor the possibility of a catch and release section there. "Guides depend on clients who catch fish," Ron states. "With C&R in place, even more anglers would be heading our way, particularly in Winter. More anglers mean contributions to the Pueblo economy. Word is getting out, and the community should take advantage of the potential for income from sports folks."

As far as the new shop is concerned, both are interested in creating a welcoming club-like atmosphere. "We have the coffee pot on and a billiards table in our rod room," Ben said. "We want fisher folks to come by, hang out, tell yarns about their day on the river and tie a few flies while they're here." They have a great selection of fly tying materials and will be expanding over time. Beside equipment rental and guiding services, they teach "Beginning Fly Fishing" through the Nature Center every third Saturday of the month (contact the Nature Center to sign up at 549-2414). And eventually, they'd like to expand their services toward the eastern plains lakes to reach the bass, wiper and striper fishing market.

Find the new store under the canoe on the SW corner at 1401 N. Main Street, close to Mineral Palace Park. Their fun web site is located at <http://coloradoflyfishingservices.com> .

Welcome New 509 Members!

Gary Lane Tom Maltby Matthew Ellis
Rod Lawrence Dean L Medina Homer Mundell
David K. Riley

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.

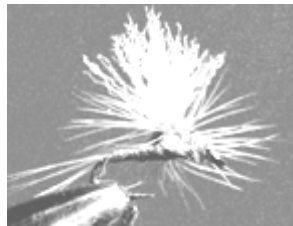
Thanks for your interest in TU!

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Try a BWO for Great Winter Dry Fly Fishing - Frank Nemick III

We all know that winter fishing can be challenging. All of the action seems to be sub-surface on those tiny midges. For those of us who prefer surface fishing, there is one salvation--the BWO! or Blue Winged Olive mayfly, for those who are uninitiated to fly fishing jargon. These little mayflies have a greenish-olive colored body and a bluish translucent cast to their upright sailboat wings. That's the way to tell whether those winter flies coming off the water are midges or mayflies. Both show up above winter waters, but trout can be selective for BWOs when they occur. Look for them on semi-cloudy to cloudy winter days when trout begin to splash at the surface, but they can be active on sunny days, also. For some great winter fishing action, give this pattern a try!



Hook size: 14-26
Thread: Olive 8/0
Hackle: Blue Dun
Body: #14-20--olive dubbing, #22-26 olive thread
Wing post: Antron

Size shown is size 26

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