



# Greenback Currents

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## President's Piece

Pat McGraw

Greetings, All!

June was a "post card" month, so I hope all of you had a great May-June fishing season. I did fairly well with the caddis hatch on the Arkansas. I am now having fun with the Crappies on my 7'-3wt.

There are a couple of things that we need to cover that are really important to the membership.

**Mailing Costs:** Our board has been discussing our monthly publication costs. Newsletter postage alone runs close to \$95 for every mailing. Our chapter has 250 members and 20-25 attend meetings or have any communication with us. We want all of the membership to know what is happening. But some members have also informed us that they don't read the newsletter.

So, we have decided to ask for your cooperation to reduce chapter costs. We will continue mail normally for the next three months. August-postcard and September will be the last newsletter sent to the entire membership. We hope by then that you will have contacted us about your preference of chapter correspondence. The choices will be:

a. Continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter and other correspondence

b. Have all correspondence eMailed to you. **Thanks** to those who have already elected this option!

c. Receive no correspondence from the chapter. ***This is the default choice, if we do not hear from you.***

You may contact Marge through the 'net at [marge.vorndam@colostate-pueblo.edu](mailto:marge.vorndam@colostate-pueblo.edu), or call or write me a note for your request: Pat McGraw, 1630 Alma Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004, (719) 566-6834 with your preference.

**Chapter Board Elections:** For the next few months, please think about who you would like to be an officer or board member. We currently have nine positions that work towards the function of our chapter. Last October the current board was voted in, so in October of 2006 we will revisit this election process.

will be stepping down as president, so get your thinking caps on. I do know that the more of us that work, the less we have to do individually. The current officers and board members have been very helpful and supportive of our chapter. I would very much like to thank them for their help. I hope you all know that we have the best newsletter editor in Colorado! Marge works very hard and diligently to bring you all the information available. We also need your comments and articles that

you can share with the membership.

As you know, we held a fundraiser in June to try and help defer expenses.

We tried an outdoor/

recreation/sportsman yard sale on June 17<sup>th</sup>. It didn't go very well. I don't know what we are going to do with all the left over items, but maybe we will have another one in a few weeks with better advertisement. Thanks go to all of you that donated goods for the sale.

I don't have any word about projects in the making, but we do hope to participate in some that are being organized for the future. Our chapter will participate in the Colorado River Clean-up in September. I don't think it is a CTU project, but all the state's chapters participate in it. More on that later.

We won't be holding a membership meeting in July, as many folks are on vacation and fishing. The August membership meeting is still pending, but we'll let you know.

Enjoy your summer and keep a few tight lines in the mix!

Pat



Pat McGraw, President

Photo courtesy of the Pueblo Chieftain

## Last Meeting Minutes

Dennis Woodard

Membership meeting was held on June 8, 2006 at Jones-Healy Realtors. 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Pueblo. VP Michael Kersten presided.

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will advise all members that from now on they will get their newsletter electronically unless they advise the Chapter that they want a hard copy.

**Sportsmen Yard Sale:** The yard sale is still scheduled for June 17. We have permission to use city owned property at 10th and Main, across from the Court House for the sale. We will be setting up between 6:30 am and 7:00 am and need people to come and help. Call Pat McGraw

or Mike Kersten for donation pickup. Items may also be dropped off at Pat or Mike's residences. Individuals donating item are asked to price them, if possible, prior to the yard sale. The sale will run from 7:00 am until noon.

**Raffle:** There was no raffle at this meeting (Pat had all of the tickets). Donated items will be raffled off at the July meeting. We need member donations for these raffles to make them more fun for participants.

**Program:** Frank Nemick and John Zupancic presented an exciting slide program on a fishing trip that they took on the Bighorn River by Fort Smith in Montana in May. They floated the river in drift boats and fished from the bank for rainbows and browns. Some fish over 23 inches were caught. Ron Yoder also

went on the trip and testified to the accuracy of the "fish stories". The river was not crowded, the fishing was fantastic, the package which included accommodations and meals was inexpensive at ~\$300 for three nights, and a great time was had by all. John and Frank strongly recommend this fishery. The weather can be unpredictable if you go in May so it is advisable to take warm clothing and rain gear.

*No Membership Meeting in July*



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We're glad to have you join our chapter. Please let us know how we can meet your expectations of your TU experience, and how you would like to be involved in our mission. To do that, call Pres. Pat at 566-6834. Thanks for your membership!

Douglas Gradisar	Bernie Hutterer	Wayne Arnold
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## Editorial

Marge Vorndam

The Pueblo Chieftain published a story on June 21 reporting that the Colorado Cattleman's Association saw TU as a threat to water use by agriculture. I hope that you all read the follow up report, <http://www.chieftain.com/metro/1151136943/14> and Peternell's Letter to the Editor: <http://www.chieftain.com/editorial/1151823039/8>

I was raised on a farm, am a Master Gardener, and am dedicated to the importance of agriculture in not only providing food at the regional level, but also the twin values of open space and as a "water bank" that is a corollary to agricultural pursuits. Agriculture accounts for over 85% of Colorado water rights holdings. While water rights laws do not directly address wildlife and recreation, the holdings by Ag are very important to preserving these values in this state. Please let



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