



Greenback Currents

Our mission: to Conserve, Protect and Restore Colorado's Trout Fisheries and their Watersheds.

**Membership Meeting: Thursday, November 9
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President's Piece - Pat McGraw

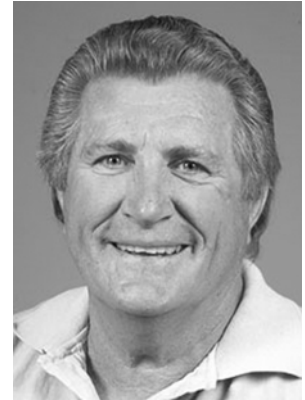


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Pat McGraw, President

I hope this mailing finds you and your loved ones in good health. We can't winter fish if we don't feel well.

I would like to discuss a few issues that I am sure I have mentioned before, and may be a few new comments. We seem to re-visit many of the same issues when we have our board meetings, but again, that is what the board is for.

The active members really do help with putting together our meetings and projects. Once again I would ask for any input that you have to offer. Who or what do you think our twenty or so active members would benefit from? Maybe through your endeavors, you have heard an interesting person or program that would help your chapter. What would it take for more of you to attend a couple meetings next year? More guides, water issues, entomologists.....WHAT?

Water issues are getting interesting, but very political, so I can't say much about it, unless you want my opinion, but I don't want to lose the members that attend now. (ha)

We had a successful river cleanup in September. This one was a state wide cleanup. CTU sponsored this one, and I think thirteen or fourteen chapters participated. In addition to a great showing by chapter members, we had a couple of people drop by to help, as they read the article in the paper. All that participated received a T-shirt that CTU sent down. The same section of the river produces plenty of trash each time we clean it up, and some of us got to visit with fishermen along the way, who expressed thanks for our efforts!

Elections were held at the October meeting, as that was the end of the first full year for the past board. The results were close, but not one attending member objected to Congress. Results: Pat McGraw-Interim President; Mike Kersten-Vice President; Carol Engler-Treasurer; John Zupancic-Secretary and Youth Coordinator; Marge Vorndam-Newsletter editor/public relations; Ted Silox-Project chairperson; Tony Alessandro-Membership chairperson; Frank Nemick-Program chairperson. You do see interim next to my name, as the members would like to see a new face every year or so. Three of us on this list are finishing 18 months as officers or chairpersons. I am not going away, but I would like to help a new president with the experience that I have had. This board has been exactly like I said it would have to be. One person can't do it all. They have been hard workers and just the best caring people that our chapter could ask for. We need your help!

Remember, we don't meet in December -- busy time of year, with parties and shopping going on. We will resume with monthly meetings on January 11, 2007. This should give all of you plenty of time to think about next year and maybe giving a small amount of time at a fund raiser or river cleanup. We do have fun!

We will continue to have a newsletter every other month with a post card for a reminder the other month. We do have donations sent by some of our members, and we want to thank you very much. Maybe someday we can afford a newsletter every month.

Stay dry and enjoy your holidays,
Pat McGraw

Project News — Ted Sillox

Support Entomology Study as part of Phase 2 River Legacy Project!

This month we are asking for members to help the chapter with an easy project.

All you have to do is sign a letter asking for the Army Corps of Engineers to release the second phase of money for the Arkansas River Legacy Project. Why are we interested in this?

The second portion has money for Dr. Scott Herrmann's entomology study for the river below the dam. This study is some of the science we need to support the continuing development of this river as prime fishing habitat. So, if you would like to see further improvement of the fishery in this stretch of river we need you to please take the time to sign the letter of encouragement, put a stamp on it and mail it. This is easier than a river clean up. Support your chapter. (*Ed. Note—The letter will follow in a separate eMail later this month or pick up a copy to sign and send at the meeting.*)

From CTU: Help Protect Brown's Canyon Wilderness!

Congressman Joel Hefley and Senator Wayne Allard have introduced wilderness legislation for Brown's Canyon. The legislation would protect as wilderness some 20,000 acres of rugged canyon country adjacent to one of the top float-fishing and rafting stretches of the Arkansas River. The bill enjoys bipartisan support - in addition to the Allard/Hefley bill, the same area is part of Diana DeGette's comprehensive Colorado wilderness proposal. Unfortunately, recent and ill-advised opposition from the National Rifle Association threatens to derail this bill. Contrary to the NRA's claims, a wilderness designation will not eliminate hunting - indeed, protection of the area will help maintain important habitat that should help protect herds. It will also help protect a portion of the watershed for one of Colorado's premier fisheries, the Arkansas River. Please contact Senator Allard at (202) 224-5941 (phone), (202) 224-6471 (fax), or online at: <http://allard.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Contact.Home>. Thank him for sponsoring this important legislation and urge him to work to ensure its passage before the end of this session of Congress. Let him know that protection of lands and watersheds benefits anglers and hunters, and urge him to maintain leadership in promoting protection for Brown's Canyon. See <http://www.cotrout.org/Default.aspx?tabid=151> for more information.

The Brown's Canyon area is part of our "back yard" and it's protection will help to improve water quality in the Arkansas and protect the watershed from degradation. So, take the time to encourage Sen. Allard to get this introduced in November (THIS MONTH) to the senate and passed before the close of the 109th Congress!

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Thanks to everyone who came out to help with the **Arkansas River Cleanup** in September. Those intrepid members and guests were (at least, those who signed in were...) – Debbie and George Andrews, Jim Atkinson, Tamara Bowers, Trish Esger, Ed and Carol Engler, Mike Kersten, Pat McGraw, Doug McGraw, Rick Morgan, Frank Nemick, Ben Pirraglia, Earl Taylor, Ted Sillox, Penny Whitten, Marge Vorndam, Kathleen Wilson, and John Zupancic. If we missed your name here, thanks anyway!

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Ray Charles, Where Are You? – Frank Nemick III



- Hook #14 - #20 Tiemco Scud hook 2457 or 2487
- Thread Fire orange or red
- Wing case Pearlescent Mylar
- Body Gray, Pink, or Olive Ostrich Herl

Lay a base of thread on hook to curve, tye in mylar and herl. Wrap herl to eye of hook and tie off. Pull mylar over herl and tie off--- whip finish head . You're done.

Reputedly, this fly was originally developed by Montana fishing guide Bob Krumm. Bob says that the name means that "even a blind person can catch a fish on this fly", because it is a real "catcher"! The "Ray Charles" has been fished at the Bighorn River in Montana for over 10 years.

This was my main fly on the Bighorn River. It fished best on a dead drift and on the swing. I also used it at Spinney with very good results. A size #16 gray seemed to be the right sized pattern. I used it as a dropper and retrieved it in short jerks. I caught four out of every five fish on it.

This is a sow bug pattern but I think it will be good anyplace that sow bugs, scuds or fresh water shrimp occur.

For more great fly pattern how-tos, come to the November meeting. We will be featuring our best chapter fly tiers, including Frank and Mike Kersten, and an opportunity to try your hand at fly tying techniques.



Yes! I want to help TU protect and restore America's coldwater fisheries.

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Welcome New 509 Members!

- Darrell Ames
- Douglas Golding
- Jeana Jennings
- Paul Merrell
- Robert Nelson
- Bob Schilling

Whether you transferred to our chapter, 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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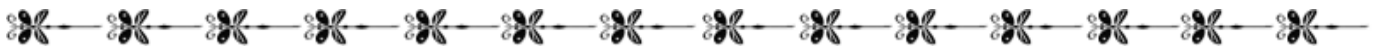
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