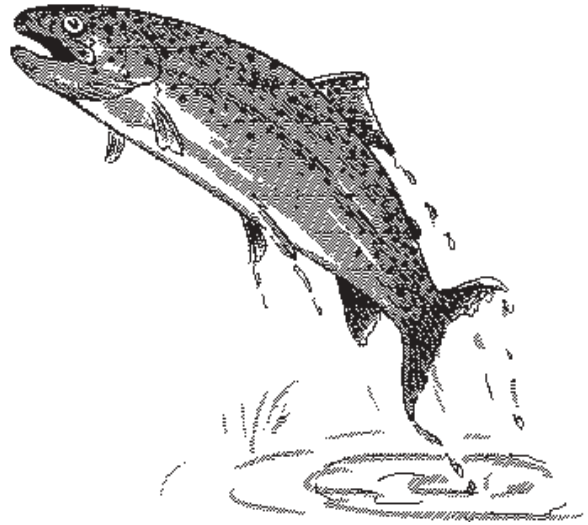


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# The Evergreen Trout



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## From The Prez,

Well, for a change, ETU was mentioned in a Canyon Courier article in a very favorable light.

If you haven't seen it yet, read the October 1st issue to see a nice write-up ("Fishing at O'Fallon Set For Improvement") on next year's Bear Creek project. It was well written, and lacked the usual controversial and/or inflammatory comments of some of our mentions over the last few years. Special thanks to Hugh Gardner and Troy Thompson for putting it together, and Bonnie Skopinski of the Courier for getting it printed -- mostly intact.

Now that the word is out, we can get started on our biggest initial task for the project -- raising \$10,000 (or more) to satisfy our financial commitment. To get that started, ETU board member Karen Christopherson has generously offered to donate up to \$1000 through her consulting firm in a "matching" arrangement, tied to other donations. See a blurb inside for more details. The bottom line is "We need to raise money", and if you're looking for a good year-end tax deduction, please help us out. Another way you can help would be to buy tickets for our December raffle -- only \$5/ea, or 5 for \$20. Winners will be drawn at the annual Holiday Party. Also, we will be having an auction next spring, and are already looking for a venue, and donations. [Hint, hint...]

For more info on the project, plan to attend our October 18th willow planting and picnic, 9:00a at O'Fallon park. Troy Thompson will be on hand to walk us through the "reach" of Bear Creek that we

will be working on in 2004, and direct us in planting willows for stabilizing some banks there and in Idledale. Bring your hand tools and waders. You can get even more info at the Wednesday, October 15th general meeting, when Troy will discuss the big project and the willow planting in detail.

We promised to give you a report on our September Alaska fishing trip, and here it is. Four of us flew to Anchorage, rented a 30' RV for a week, and motored around the Kenai peninsula. We fished the Kenai River, the Russian, and several "tide-water streams" within a couple hours drive. We didn't rent a boat or any guides and thus fished exclusively from shore. We generally spent our nights free in State Park campgrounds. Our main pursuit was the silver salmon (coho), but they were difficult to catch for a variety of reasons. The weather may have been a little too nice (they tend to like low light), there were also thousands of sockeye salmon (reds) in the Kenai, making it difficult to wend your fly in front of the silvers. This also hampered the fishing for rainbows and dolly varden. Of course, the fishing supposedly picked up tremendously, two days after we left -- "You guys should have been here then." Doesn't that almost always happen? All in all though, we had a good and inexpensive trip, no bear maulings or moose tramlings, and we kept three salmon to eat up there (four meals), but none were brought home.

See you the 15th!!!

Rich

The Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Evergreen Hotel in downtown Evergreen (next to the Little Bear). Join us for Dinner/Chapter Business at 6:30pm followed by the program at ~7:30pm. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

## Upcoming Programs

Our October program features ETU member **Troy Thompson**, who will be giving us an overview of the **Bear Creek Stream Restoration Project**. Evergreen Trout Unlimited, in conjunction with Denver Mountain Parks, Friends of Bear Creek and the Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society are partnering to undertake a significant stream restoration project on Bear Creek at O'Fallon Park, in the Fall of 2004. The project will improve trout habitat, stabilize the stream, provide better fishing access and re-vegetate the shoreline. Evergreen Trout Unlimited will contribute a significant sum of money, plus numerous hours of volunteer labor (so-called "sweat equity") to help complete the project, which will receive significant funding from a **Colorado Division of Wildlife "Fishing-is-Fun" grant** (as well as funding assistance from the other participants). Come and learn more about this exciting project, and find out what to expect when its finished. Troy Thompson, is a highly experienced hydro-geologist who has worked on numerous stream remediation and restoration projects throughout Colorado, and was instrumental in helping our Chapter organize the project and successfully apply for substantial grants to assist funding.

We also have scheduled (some are still tentative) the following programs. **Peggy Linn** will do the November presentation on the Wilderness Act. Remember, there will be no meeting in December (Holiday Party). **Jackson Streit** of Mountain Anglers is lined up for January (Christmas Island Bonefishing). February brings **Ron Belak's** Best of 2003 (fishing the Wind Rivers, Mount Zirkel Wilderness, and Silver Salmon Fishing in Alaska). **Stone Creek Anglers** for March (fly fishing Wyoming -- North Platte, Grays Reef, Miracle Mile). April will feature **North Park Anglers** (fly fishing the North Park Area). May is **Cutthroat Anglers** (fly fishing the Blue, the Colorado, and Gore Creek). June will be **Chirs Eisenhard** of Colorado Fly Fishing Adventures (fly fishing in the North Fork of the South Platte).

Potential programs for next Fall include **Marty Bartholmew**, **Kirk Deeter** (his new saltwater fly fishing book will be out in the Fall), and **Once in a Lifetime Outfitters** (Michele Murray).

We look forward to seeing all of you at these exciting programs.

Randy Huiting

## Famous Local Author 'Strikes' Again

Another fine fishing guide has hit the market from the prolific pen of Colorado sportsman and author, **Al Marlowe**. Only this time he has moved into the electronic age by publishing his ***Fly Fishing the Flat Tops*** in PDF format, on CD. It is complete with instructions, copies of both Adobe Reader and Acrobat, and is compatible with Windows, and Macintosh. The text pages and color maps, all letter size, are printable.

For those familiar with Al's previous works, ***Hiking and Camping Guide to the Flat Tops***, and ***Fly Fishing Guide to the Colorado River***, it will come as no surprise that the this guide is literate, complete, and very easy to navigate. There is a section on Lodges and Agencies, an Index of Lakes, notes on the use of GPS technology, and a list of internet resources too.

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## A Blurb, or...

### Matching \$\$\$ Available For BC Donations

In an effort to help kick-off the O'Fallon Park Fishing is Fun project fund-raising, **ColoradoFishing.net** has offered to match the first \$1000 in donations that ETU receives for the project. What this means is that your donation to ETU's Fishing is Fun program will be matched, or doubled. So, if you donate \$25 to the project, it becomes a donation of \$50. Here's the catch -- these matching funds are only available for the remainder of 2003.

Part of the Fishing is Fun grant proposal says that ETU will provide \$10,000 in cash and ~\$50,000 of "in-kind" services/donations toward the project. This is a great opportunity for our chapter, so please consider making your donation soon, and take advantage of the matching gift! **Bear Creek will thank you!!!**

If this program is successful, additional matching funds may be available...

Karen Christopherson

### Raffle Tickets Available NOW!

ETU is holding a raffle to help generate the dollars we have committed to for the O'Fallon Park Project, with 3 great fishing prizes that have been donated to the Chapter.

The **Grand Prize** this year, generously donated by our own Wayne Kosloske, will be a Walton Powell 9' 3 wt. 2 piece Rod (custom built by Dr. Len Wheaton) with an Orvis Battenkill 3/4 Disc reel, an Orvis WF-3 Floating Wonderline and backing, and a rod case. This is a perfect setup for a small stream like Bear Creek.

In addition, **2nd Prize** will be a guided trip on the 1.5 miles of private water at Farmer's Union on the North Fork of the South Platte near Bailey, donated by Once In A Lifetime Outfitters; and **3rd Prize** is a Fly Fishing Class to brush up on your skills at the Blue Quill College, donated by the Blue Quill Angler.

Tickets for the Raffle are \$5, or you may increase your chances by purchasing 5 for \$20. The drawing will held on December 13th at our annual Holiday Party at Dick Wheeler's.

Tickets are currently available from **Board members**, and I will have an ample supply for people to sign out and sell to our supporters and your acquaintances. Tickets will also be available at the **October and November chapter meetings**. If you can't make either meeting, and would like to get tickets, please contact me.

We are also looking for volunteers to help sell tickets at **King Sooper's on October 25th and November 22nd** (Saturdays - tentative) from approximately 9:00a to 2:00p. Sign-up at the meeting, or contact John Ellis, Rich Reynolds, or myself.

Steve Murray

### Author (continued)

The CD is available online from [www.coloradofishing.net](http://www.coloradofishing.net) for \$12.95 plus tax and shipping. Go to "Shopping", then click on "Guide Books."

Grab your laptop and your favorite 4-weight, and head for the 'Tops! Just in time for Christmas, too.

Harry Ledyard

## A \$4 BILLION Blank Check???

**A** month ago we wouldn't have said this, but here goes, "Ladies and gentlemen, we actually have a chance to beat this thing!!!!" Recent polls on Referendum A show a virtual "dead heat". That's why we are asking you to **VOTE NO on Referendum A** this November. Many counties across Colorado are using mail-in ballots for this "off-year" election, so it couldn't be easier! Word-of-mouth has gotten us **from 90-10, to 50-50**, so tell your family and friends! Heck, tell everyone you meet. Seriously! One vote could be the key!

The best way to understand Referendum A is to read it yourself (below). But here are a few key points:

### **Referendum A Is A \$4 Billion Blank Check**

- Referendum A outlines very specifically \$4 billion in costs to Coloradans, but gives no specifics on how the money will be spent. It is a \$4 billion blank check, signed by Colorado voters.
- Referendum A establishes a bureaucratic process by which Colorado will increase its debt and could hand over our water and our money to corporations to speculate on their own private water deals.
- Local communities and water districts already have plenty of access to funding for water storage and conservation projects.

### **Referendum A Is Risky And Not Necessary**

- The major water suppliers in Colorado such as Denver Water, and the Colorado Springs Utilities have said they will not use Referendum A because they can already get better financing for projects.
- Agricultural projects will not benefit, because most can be achieved for less than Referendum A's minimum project cost of \$5 million.
- Referendum A funds could be used to dry up Colorado's farm land.
- The Colorado Water and Power Authority already has bonding authority for up to \$500 million for each public project sponsor.
- If projects funded under Referendum A fail, taxpayers could end up paying the \$4 billion dollar tab.

### **What About The Drought?**

No matter what its backers say, Referendum A can't make it rain. Colorado does not need billions of dollars in new debt, set aside for unspecified projects. Colorado needs and deserves real solutions to address its water challenges, and we should all urge our elected officials to:

- Forge agreements between urban water users and agricultural water users to share water in times of severe drought.
- Make full and efficient use and re-use of existing water supplies.
- Involve the public and affected stakeholders to determine the needs and strategy for our water future before authorizing \$4 billion of costs.
- Provide incentives for water conservation and efficiency for all categories of water users.
- Expand existing reservoirs and/or dredge them to increase their storage capacity.

- Create sensible new storage.

### **Referendum A is opposed by a strong coalition.**

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, the League of Women Voters, Colorado Trout Unlimited, Western Water Congress, as well as farmers, ranchers and water experts from across Colorado. Attorney General Salazar and Congressmen McInnis and Udall also oppose the referendum. For a complete list of opponents and some of their statements visit [www.VoteNoOnA.com](http://www.VoteNoOnA.com).

Go ahead. Read it for yourself. In the end, the choice is yours...

Shall the State of Colorado debt be increased \$2 billion, with a repayment cost of \$4 billion, maximum total state cost, by an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes providing for drought relief by the financing of improvements to water infrastructure in Colorado, and in connection therewith, authorizing the Water Conservation Board to issue revenue bonds for the construction of private or public water infrastructure projects costing \$5 million or more that have been approved by the Governor; authorizing the Water Conservation board to recommend projects, including at least two projects from different river basins with a start date of 2005, and requiring the governor to approve at least one such project; setting aside \$100 million of bond proceeds to finance projects, or portions of projects, that augment or improve existing facilities or conserve existing water supplies without creating new storage facilities; exempting the bond proceeds, the proceeds of sales by the Board of Water, Power, or other assets from facilities financed by the bonds, and any Section 20 of the State Constitution and Article 77 of Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes; and requiring the General Assembly and executive branch agencies to adopt by July 1, 2004, any necessary statutes and rules, respectively, to ensure the marketability of the bonds authorized by this measure?

CTU, Tim Haller, et. al.

### **New Members**

Please join me in welcoming, well, **you know who you are**, to ETU. Maybe we'll have your names next month.

If you need **help with a membership problem of any kind**, call me and I'll do my best to get it straightened out.

Creel count: **301 ±**

Randy Huiting

### **Kudos...**

...to **Jill Haller, Rich Reynolds, Steve Murray, and Randy Huiting** for their help with the newsletter.

...to **Master Printers Inc. of Evergreen** for copying and folding.

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??? What's Happening ???

October 2003

- 15th (W) ETU Chapter Meeting  
Evergreen Hotel - 6:30p  
Troy Thompson - O'Fallon Park Project
- 18th (Sa) Bear Creek willow planting and picnic  
O'Fallon Park - call any Board member for info
- 22nd (W) ETU Board Meeting  
Rib Crib (Other Side) - 6:30p
- 31st (F) ETU members FREE FISHING DAY  
Buchanan Ponds - Sign in at the new Rec. Center (be sure to bring your TU membership card)

November 2003

- 19th (W) ETU Chapter Meeting  
Evergreen Hotel - 6:30p  
Peggy Linn - the Wilderness Act/Low Impact Camping
- 26th (W) ETU Board Meeting  
Rib Crib (Other Side) - 6:30p

December 2003

- 13th(Sa) **ETU Holiday Party**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**  
Raffle drawing, food, drink, lies, etc.  
Details next month
- 17th (W) NO Meeting!
- ??th (?) ETU Board Meeting - Date TBA

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