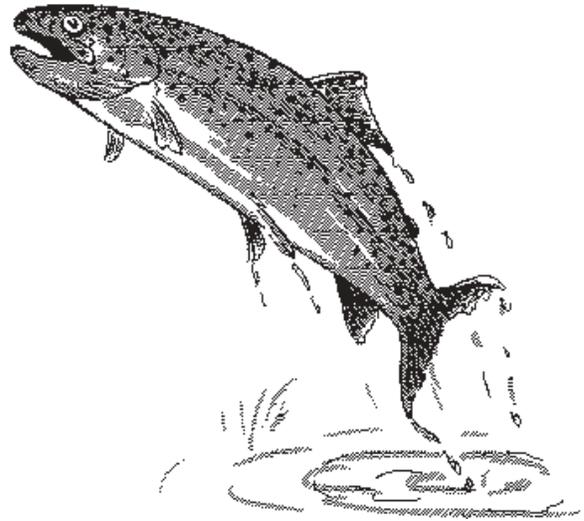


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# The Evergreen Trout



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## President's Drag Free Drift

I have writer's block this month. Our new secretary, **Tim Stechert**, takes such good minutes at our board meetings, that there's nothing left for me to say.

**Hugh Gardner and Susan Wilcox** let the board preview the video of the O'Fallon Stream Restoration Project. I thought they did an excellent job. There will be copies available for a nominal cost. We will discontinue fly tying before the general meetings, because we do not have anybody stepping up to coordinate the effort. ETU's programs/youth events/trips for the year are almost set. I have volunteered to make up a calendar and post it at our General Meetings. This will give people plenty of notice if they want to participate/volunteer.

**Pat Dorsey** will be in the house for our February meeting. This is one you **DO NOT** want to miss. He will be talking about his new book, and I bet you might be able to talk him out of an autographed edition.

There have been some additions to the 2005 Volunteer list. After February the 2005 list will be set and a new 2006 list will be published. If you volunteered in 2005 and your name is not on this list, please e-mail or give me a call. If you are on the list for 2005 and/or you volunteer in 2006, you will be able to take advantage of the Buchanan Pond free days. If you do not volunteer in 2006 you will be dropped from the list for 2007. The list will be updated monthly and will be at the Buchanan Rec. District check-in.

A couple of weeks ago **Len Wheaton** and I delivered a new tool chest for the Mount Evans Outdoor Lab. We spent the morning going through the old cabinet and found many years worth of neglected stuff, including a mouse nest. We both will probably come down with the Hantavirus, (my wife made me say this as a joke, of course). We did discover many treasures. It was thought that the lab was

in need of an influx of tying tools. Len and I found this not to be true. There are plenty of materials including over 50 spools of thread. Len told me that he has plenty of volunteers for the February 8th fly tying class. Remember, this is an ongoing activity and he may be short on some subsequent dates. When Len calls, please be ready to step up.

Several more of our members have elected to have their newsletters delivered via e-mail. **Thank You.** I am going to continue to push this, because it saves the chapter money, and saves our volunteers a lot of time in stuffing, folding, stapling, stamping and labeling hard copies. By the way, some of the volunteers who have done this delightful task over the years are **Tim and Jill Haller, Ken and Michelle Wilbert, Ron Belak and Peggy Linn, the entire Murray family (in various combinations), Rich Reynolds, and the Huiting family**, just to mention a few.

There is plenty of snow up in the high country. Run-off will probably be wicked this spring, so be careful. I am making plans for some stillwater fishing this year. If you have a favorite pond, lake, creek, stream, or river that you fish, and would like to share a memorable trip, we would like to put it in the newsletter. I know Tim would welcome some stories, and I would not have to be so long-winded. Just send it to either Tim or myself via e-mail or snail mail. We will run it by our censors (our wives), and publish it in the newsletter. I know some of you folks have hilarious adventures you would like to share.

Remember, good common sense keeps you safe and helps in catching those trophy trout Colorado has to offer.  
Hal

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The Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the third Wednesday of the month at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen (across from the Little Bear). Join us for Dinner/Chapter Business/Classes at 6:30pm followed by the program at ~7:00pm. We look forward to seeing **YOU** there!

## January Board Meeting

Attendees: Gil Hassinger (CTU Area VP), Susan Wilcox, Hal Garwood, John Ellis, Rich Reynolds, Mike Goldblatt, Ken Wilbert, Wayne Kosloske, Hugh Gardner, Len Wheaton, John Haile, Ron Belak, and Tim Stechert.

The board viewed a preliminary edition of the video documenting the O'Fallon Park restoration project and agreed the quality of the production is excellent. A distribution list for the video was ratified and it was suggested that the video be made available to other interested TU chapters. The board also discussed the possibility of including a streaming version of the video on the ETU website. On a related note, an article has been published in the Winter 2006 edition of TU's regional publication, High Country Angler. The board will obtain extra copies of the magazine.

While the fly tying sessions before our regularly scheduled chapter meetings have been well received, without a volunteer to coordinate the activity, they may be discontinued. Anyone wishing to fill the position to schedule tyers and coordinate the activity can contact any ETU board member. The board is also pursuing the possibility of inviting interested commercial organizations to demonstrate fly tying at our monthly meetings. It was agreed that no fly tying session will be scheduled for the February general meeting because of the full agenda.

This year's youth fly fishing activities at Mount Evans Outdoor Lab are underway, with tying sessions booked for February 8th and April 25th. Hal Garwood and Len Wheaton will set up the new supply cabinet this week. The board discussed options for stocking the OELS trout pond. It was agreed that we will contact DOW to see if they can stock it. Alternatively, ETU may donate some money to assist with the effort.

Other youth fishing events for 2006 are planned, including the youth fishing event at Buchanan Pond, July 4th at Evergreen Lake, Camp Comfort, and the OELS Open House in the fall. ETU may also help sponsor an event for youth at Barne's Castle on lower Bear Creek, and an event for deaf children.

Hugh Gardner reported that the effort to keep the EPA's listing of Bear Creek as an impaired water is on track and will likely be successful.

While attendance at the ETU fly tying session at the Blue Quill on January 21st was limited, it was deemed a success. We will tentatively schedule another session the Saturday following our next general meeting.

Gil Hassinger, our CTU Area VP, attended the board meeting. He reported on several items of interest from CTU and invited suggestions for ways that CTU could better serve the chapters. Nominations are currently being accepted for CTU awards and must be submitted as soon as possible; the deadline is February 28th. As in past years, mini grants from CTU are available this year and applications from the chapters are due by June. Gil also discussed our reporting responsibilities to CTU concerning our effectiveness as a local chapter; he will supply us with instructions.

Thank-you letters are being sent out to the major

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### Fly Tying For Everyone

Our second informal Saturday afternoon fly tying get together will be at 2:00p, February 18th, in the back room of the Blue Quill. As with the first session, we will have some featured tiers who will share their secrets. But we will also be asking lots of questions of each other and sharing ideas and best flies. There is no charge for these sessions.

The January session was highlighted by the Blue Quill's **Jim Cannon**, who came in and tied with the group. Many thanks to Jim. He was great and a real treat. As of this writing, it's still January and we're not sure who the surprise tiers may be, but **Len Wheaton** is planning to be there, and he is one of the best around.

So, just bring your tying gear. Snacks are welcomed, too. If you need any supplies, you can just walk into the Quill and buy them. These sessions are great for beginners to the very best. And, if someone needs equipment, just let me know and we can make arrangements for that, too.

As a bonus from the January session, we're attaching a photo of the fly **Tim Stechert** tied: a Rainbow Warrior. He has also provided tying instructions. Tim says he fished this down in Cheesman Canyon last year during late winter and spring with great results. He even claims he had Pat Dorsey switching to it when the water turned a little murky in the canyon one day. Tim says it works great, whatever the water.

Rainbow Warrior

Hook: Dai-riki #135 sizes 20 - 24

Head: glass or 'mercury' bead

Tail: 3-4 pheasant tail fibers

Body: 8/0 uni-thread, overwrapped with pearl mylar ribbon

Shellback: mylar ribbon end from the body wrap

Thorax: Hareline Dubbing -- dark hare's ear



John Haile

### Kudos...

...to **Hal Garwood, John Haile, Len Wheaton, and Ken and Michelle Wilbert** for their help with the newsletter.

...to **Carolyn Parsons** for her suggestions for making the newsletter more 'user friendly'. (Implemented!)

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

Ed.

## Mount Evans Outdoor Lab Update

Following the thorough inventory of tying supplies on January 26th by Hal and Len, and the stocking and installation of a new steel (locked) supplies cabinet, paid for by the Outdoor Lab, the fly tying classroom was to be cleaned and ready for our February 8th class of Westgate Elementary youngsters.

There is a wonderful lineup of volunteer instructors for this first class. **Phil Waters, Dave Underwood, Jim Wilborn, John Haile, Ford Oliphant and a brand new (but experienced) tier, Gregg Squire**, have all signed-on!

The "old hands" of Oliphant, Waters, Underwood, and Wheaton are very happy to see "new blood" volunteering for this extremely rewarding project with the 6th grade students at the Lab. **A heartfelt and public THANK YOU to each of you.**

Len Wheaton - Youth Education

## 2005 Volunteer List

Here is the 2005 volunteer list that we have compiled so far. **If your name is not on this list, and you feel that it should be, please contact Hal Garwood.**

Ron Belak, John Bozis, Michelle Chapman, Karen Christopherson, Mike Coyner, Mila Coyner, Darragh Donnelly, Maren Donnelly, Larry Drury, Anna Dumn, John Ellis, Sherry Ellis, Craig Farthing, Doug Fox, Troy Fox, Hugh Gardner, Hal Garwood, Sandi Garwood, Mike Goldblatt, John Haile, Tim Haller, Al Himmelman, Jan Himmelman, Abby Houk, Zeke Houk, Randy Huiting, Nick Jones, John Klitske, Wayne Kosloske, John Langan, Peggy Linn, Tom Lockwood, Debbie Marshall, Don Marshall, Josie Marshall, Susan McCord, Andrew Murray, Elias Murray, Randi Murray, Steve Murray, Ford Oliphant, Paul Regan, Rich Reynolds, Bill Richardson, Gary Rotolo, Jim Ryan, Justin Ryan, Chris Schauder, Ross Seline, Kent Simon, Tim Stechert, Jim Thompson, Karen Thompson, Troy Thompson, Chris Tindall, Jean Tindall, Dave Underwood, Joan Underwood, Phil Waters, Sandy Waters, Anita Wheaton, Len Wheaton, Dick Wheeler, Ken Wilbert, Jim Wilborn, and Susan Wilcox.

## The 'Electric' Evergreen Trout

Hey folks, get your ETU newsletter the easy way. The Evergreen Trout is available via e-mail! It's a simple and painless process. Really! Just e-mail me your request for an electronic copy to [troutguy@speedtrail.net](mailto:troutguy@speedtrail.net), and I'll add you to the 'E' list. The 'Electric' Evergreen Trout is in PDF format, and requires the **FREE** Adobe Reader, available at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).

Currently about 20% of our members receive their newsletter this way. Let's see if we can increase that number. **Every electronic copy saves the chapter about \$7/year.** These savings add up fast, since we "snail mail" about 400 copies per month. And it's in **COLOR!** To take the Electric Evergreen Trout out for a test drive, visit our web site ([www.evergreentrout.org](http://www.evergreentrout.org)), click on Newsletters, and take a look at a recent issue. If you like it (and I think you will), sign up! There is a direct link to my e-mail on the Newsletters page.

Tim Haller

## Board (cont.)

contributors who helped make the Fielder event a success.

The board approved proposed changes to the layout of the newsletter and the ETU website to promote electronic delivery of the newsletter.

Progress toward selection of a new stream project is on hold until weather improves.

New letterhead and envelopes will be ordered for the chapter to replenish supplies.

ETU will send a letter of support to accompany Denver Mountain Parks application to Great Outdoors Colorado for a grant to help with DMP's master plan.

A number of books have been recently donated to ETU. The board discussed ideas about raffling these items to the membership. It was agreed to tentatively plan some bucket raffles at future general meetings.

Tim Stechert - Secretary

## Reel Recovery Helps, Needs Help

Reel Recovery is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization started in Colorado in 2003, by several members of the Cutthroat Chapter of TU. The mission of Reel Recovery is to help men in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the healing powers of fly-fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences with cancer, with others who share their stories.

Currently, we offer eight, 2 1/2-day retreats (12 men, dealing with or cancer survivors, per retreat) with all-expenses paid for the participants. As funding becomes available, we continue to expand our service areas which currently involve eight states: Colorado, Utah, Montana, Michigan, Kentucky, Nevada, Northern California, and Oregon.

Annually, we do several fundraisers, including two auctions scheduled for this year, one in Utah and one in the Metropolitan-Denver area. Additionally, we have had numerous volunteer river helpers come from TU chapters and local fishing guide businesses.

If you personally know someone facing life-threatening cancer and believe they would benefit from a Reel Recovery retreat, please have them visit our website <http://www.reelrecovery.org> or have them call 1-800-699-4490 for more information.

If you can contribute to or attend an auction, tie flies to support a retreat, volunteer to assist a retreat participant for a half or full-day on-site fishing, or provide assistance and support in others ways, please go to our website click on the "HOW TO HELP" selection, then click on "donate," "supporters," or "volunteer" and fill out the requested information.

Spoken so fondly by our many participants --  
"Be Well - Fish On!"

Kent Higgins - Reel Recovery Advisory Board



## ??? What's Happening ???

### February 2006

- 15th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**  
**6:30p Dinner and chapter business**  
 7:00p Pat Dorsey - Blue Quill Angler  
 Fly Fishing the South Platte River
- 18th (Sa) **Fly Tying For Fun - All are WELCOME**  
 2:00p in the back room  
 at the Blue Quill Angler  
 Contact John Haile if you can attend
- 22rd (W) **ETU Board Meeting**  
**Beau Jo's - 6:30p**

### March 2006

- 15th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**  
**6:30p Dinner and chapter business**  
 7:00p Program - TBA
- 16th (Th) **CTU Auction**  
 Denver Performing Arts Complex  
 Contact the CTU Office for info.
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### New Members

You know who you are. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties at NTU, we don't. Welcome to the Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited. We hope to meet you soon!

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 2000 Outstanding Youth Education Program Award  
 2004 Outstanding Chapter Project Award



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 Contact any of us with questions, suggestions, or spare time.

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