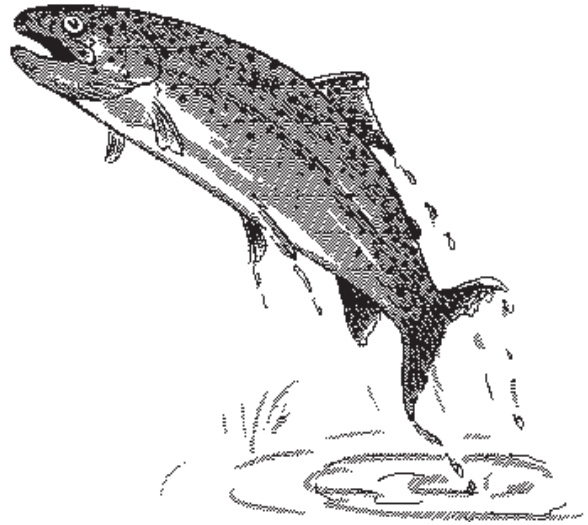


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The Evergreen Trout



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President's Drag Free Drift

It seems like ages since our last meeting and newsletter. I guess we all deserve a break and most of us are fishing during this time. We do not want to read and attend meetings. July was a busy month, even without a General meeting.

Our Annual 4th of July Kids Fishing Clinic was, as always, a great success. Our new fish corral worked well even though the fish didn't cooperate. We had plenty of volunteers and plenty of kids. Ken Wilbert, along with Rich Reynolds, ran the show. We need to also thank Wayne Kosloske for rounding up the corral. The clinic would not be successful without volunteers who are willing to give up part of their holiday to help kids enjoy some time fishing. This is also an event that gives our chapter a great deal of exposure to the public.

We also had our annual Trappers Lake trip. I have not heard much about the trip except the weather was decent - - better than last year -- and the fishing was average. I believe that they all had a good time.

While some people were having a good time at Trappers, Tim Steckert and I were helping Highland Haven with an event they were putting on for travel writers here in Colorado. Jim Cannon and Mike Hargesheimer also showed up to help with the fly casting instruction and fishing on Bear Creek. Fun was had by all, and the Highland Haven Hosts were grateful to ETU.

Last but not least, was Camp Comfort. This year Tim Steckert volunteered to head up both camps. Tim said both camps were a success and the children had a good time fishing. Thanks to all the volunteers. This is one of our most rewarding events of the summer. Please think about volunteering next year. You won't regret it. We are also going to honor one of the 'movers and shakers' at Camp Comfort, Tom Gill, at our next general meeting.

Randy Huiting has set up a very interesting presentation for our next meeting. How many of you have wanted to fish Rocky Mountain National Park but do not know where to start? Well, Kirk and Laurie Bien of *Kirk's Flyshop* in Estes Park are going to give us the right stuff and the low down on where and how to fish RMNP.

Now for a 'How To'. What has always intrigued me about fly fishing is the challenge to try new techniques, flies, and water. Selections are endless. Have any of you wondered about fishing wet flies? It is supposed to be a lost art. I got inspired when I saw some wet flies tied by Ford Oliphant. Ford is a meticulous tier and his wet flies are a work of art. Ask Ford about his fly tied with purple thread. He says it is a killer even on Buchanan. I purchased a book on wet flies, authored by Sylvester Nemes - *The Soft-Hackled Fly and Tiny Soft Hackles*. The book is a second edition (First 1975; Second 2006). It goes into the history of the wet fly and has a new revised section on tiny flies. The tiny flies are imitative of midges that seem to be a very popular trout food these days. I did not ever imagine I would be tying with silk thread and Starling or Snipe feathers, which are very inexpensive (I thought you only hunted Snipe in college). The fact is all the different feathers and materials are quite cheap. Nemes also suggested using a #19 hook. Have you ever heard of that size? The flies are tied very sparse and according to Nemes and Ford are very effective. What wet fly fishing gives us, is a different way to fish besides the popular nymphing and dry fly techniques.

Here are some of the different feathers that you can tie wet flies with: Hungarian Partridge, English Woodcock, Jackdaw, Coot, Starling, Sharptail Grouse, English Grouse, and Snipe.

Inside you will find a couple of photos of wet flies. As you can see they are sparsely tied.

Hal

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!



The Partridge and Orange (above) is a classic wet fly pattern, as is the Tup's Indispensable (below).



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Tim Haller

Upcoming Programs

We now have our program schedule lined up for the rest of the year. Mark your calendars for:

August 16th - Kirk and Laurie Bien, Owners of *Kirk's Flyshop* (www.kirksflyshop.com), in Estes Park. Their presentation will be on 'select areas' in RMNP to flyfish, including when, what flies to use, etc. This will be a more detailed presentation vs. a general overview -- meant for people who live here in Colorado and want to know the mechanics of organizing a successful trip to RMNP. Besides a full fly shop, Kirk also runs flyfishing, backpacking, and llama pack trips into the area, which he'll briefly mention. This will be a PowerPoint presentation with lots of great photos and stories, packed with great info on this area. They will bring goodies (hats, etc.) for a small raffle.

September 20th - Ron Baird (www.ronbaird.net), of Boulder, a free-lance writer, novelist, flyfishing writer, and eco-journalist, will present the "Best of" i.e. his personal favorite fly fishing spots, from his book *Fishing Colorado - 118 Top Fishing Spots*, a Falcon Guide guidebook (the book received a good review from Charlie Meyer). I spoke with Ron at some length, and he seems to be a very fluent speaker with interesting stories -- he also worked for 2 years as the DOW's 'fishing author', so he has numerous contacts in the DOW and great insights on several parts of the state, including the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. He will also comment on some major initiatives that CTU is working on.

October 18th - We are pleased to welcome Marty Bartholomew (www.coloradoflyfisher.com) who will do a program on flyfishing Colorado's 'Big 8'.

November 15th - Barry Reynolds, is the author of 4 books, and star of numerous TV shows. He is just finishing up a new TV series for Altitude Sports and he will highlight some of the "Best of" for this series. Barry certainly has exquisite photographs and high-definition video of both local and exotic locations. This should be a wonderful way to wrap up the year, as Barry covers catching not only trout, but 35 lb carp in Denver, and 125 lb sailfish 'on the fly' in Belize!

Randy Huiting

Wendy Reed Retires After 22 Years

After 22 years of fantastic and dedicated service, Wendy has finally bid farewell to TU. On Thursday June 29, we held a surprise retirement party for Wendy. It was well attended by TU staff and other volunteers. At the party, we recognized her tremendous service with a crystal vase, etched with the TU logo, and a black marble base that read:

After 22 years, you have seen the highs and lows, the laughter and tears; Thank you for helping to shape the heart of this organization; This is not a goodbye - only a wish for a wonderful, and much deserved, retirement; *With Love Your Friends at Trout Unlimited*

The back side read,

Presented to: *WENDY REED*; In recognition of 22 years of service; at Trout Unlimited; *June 29, 2006*

Wendy has asked [us] to send one final thanks to all the Council Chairs and other volunteer leaders who have made her job here at TU such an enjoyable and rewarding one. So, at her request [we] say, "Thank you!"

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What Is An "Exotic"?

Increasingly, we live in a world of introduced species. From weeds to fish, we intentionally and unintentionally move species around at an amazing pace, often with disastrous results on our native species. In fact, introduction of non-native species ranks second only to loss of habitat as the primary threat facing our fish, wildlife and plants.

Ecologist David Pimental and his colleagues from Cornell University estimate that exotic species cost the nation \$137 billion every year. This includes \$32 billion in damage from exotics to agriculture, \$20 billion in damage from introduced insects, and \$41 billion in damages from new diseases that hitch rides on introduced species. The ecological costs of introduced species are seldom quantified but probably exceed economic impacts. More than 3,000 plant species have been introduced into California alone. More than 50 exotic fish species inhabit California's freshwaters. In some states, such as Arizona, there are more introduced fish species than native ones. Introduced species have caused widespread loss of fish populations across the country. Introduced brook trout displace threatened greenback cutthroat trout in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. In their native range, brook trout themselves often are displaced by brown and rainbow trout.

Exotic species make their way into our lakes and streams by many means. Some species are intentionally introduced by state agencies as sport or forage species. Others are illegal releases by anglers or by aquarists that no longer want their prized goldfish or tropical fishes and dump them into nearby creeks. Some species are released unintentionally or escape from aquaculture facilities. Still others stow away in ship ballast water only to be released thousands of miles from their native habitat. Exotic diseases and parasites may accompany the introduced fish and spread to native species.

Some common definitions are vital to keep track of which species belong and which do not.

- * Native - species that evolved in a region
- * Exotic - species that have been released beyond their native range; this term is synonymous with non-native, invader, or alien species
- * Reintroduced - species that were intentionally released back within their native range

Sometimes, scientists will distinguish between species that are moved around within a country and those that are transported from one country to another. In this case, non-native refers to a species introduced into new habitats but within the same country, and exotic or alien to a species that has been moved from one country to another. Regardless of their country of origin or method of introduction, exotic species are a major threat to our wetlands, springs, lakes and rivers and the native species that reside within.

The 10 LEAST WANTED: New Zealand Mudsnail (Western US), Brook Trout (Intermountain West), Lake Trout (Yellowstone Lake), Cherry Salmon (Great Lakes/Pacific Northwest) [NOTE: Catpured!], Snakeheads (Eastern half US and California), Rudd (Across the US), Whirling Disease (Intermountain West), Atlantic Salmon (Pacific Northwest and SE Alaska), Eurasian Water-Milfoil (Lower 48 States except MT and WY), Zebra Mussels (Eastern US).

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2006 TU Annual Meeting

Plans are currently being finalized for the upcoming Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for September 14-16 at the Minneapolis Marriott in Minneapolis, MN. Annual Meeting Registration and additional information will once again be available online under the "What Can You Do" section of the homepage. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Armstrong at sarmstrong@tu.org.

Fishing Trip - This year's hosted fishing trip will be at the Rush River, Trout Run, and the Kinnickinnic River on September 13. We will meet in the Marriott Lobby and transportation will be provided.

Convention Conservation Tour - This year's conservation tour will feature restoration and conservation efforts on Trout Run Creek, in SE Minnesota. As an incentive for attending, there will be a variety of door prizes offered (i.e. Orvis 3-wt rod, Brodin landing net, and Wheatly fly box), so sign up now.

Join tour hosts from the Hiawatha Chapter and representatives of MN DNR, as we tour three different stream restoration projects on Trout Run Creek in SE Minnesota. This project is an exciting example of the fantastic conservation work that is being done through TU's Driftless Area Restoration Effort (D.A.R.E.).

The tour will kick off with a coach bus ride to the tour site. On the way, speakers Jason Moeckel, from the MN DNR, and Jeff Broberg, professional geologist, will talk on stream restoration and the geological makeup of the "Driftless Area" as it pertains to the region's trout fishery. This will be followed by an on-site electro-fishing demonstration by MN DNR, lunch and the field tour of the stream restoration projects on Trout Run Creek.

MN Council Raffle - The Minnesota Council will be holding a raffle for a three day/two night trip to Three Forks Lodge (over a \$5,000 value, including double occupancy) and a handcrafted bamboo rod. All proceeds will go to the TU MN Council's Foundation in support of the University of Minnesota's Aquatic Biology Department, specifically its programs focused on coldwater conservation. Throughout the years, MN TU has benefited from the research that has taken place through the college program. The drawing will be held on Saturday night. Please contact Bob Lange at bob@lawyerbob.com for more information about the tickets.

Annual Awards - 2006 National Awards nomination forms/information have been posted online, under the "What Can You Do" section of the homepage. There are no changes from years past. Please note that all nominations are due on August 11. Please contact Sally at sarmstrong@tu.org with questions on the Annual Meeting or Awards.

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Kudos...

...to **Hal Garwood, Randy Huiting, Jill Haller, and Ken and Michelle Wilbert** for their help with the newsletter.

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??? What's Happening ???

August 2006

- 16th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**
6:30p Dinner and chapter business
7:00p Program - Kirk and Laurie Bien
Flyfishing RMNP
- 18th (F) **ETU free fishing day at Buchanan Ponds**
or 19th (Sa) **Show ID and sign in at the Rec Center**
- 23rd (W) **ETU Board Meeting**
Beau Jo's - 6:30p

September 2006

- 1st (F) **ETU free fishing day at Buchanan Ponds**
Show ID and sign in at the Rec Center
- 6th (W) **Fly tying at Mount Evans Outdoor Lab**
Call Len Wheaton if you can help
- 15th (F) **ETU free fishing day at Buchanan Ponds**
or 16th (Sa) **Show ID and sign in at the Rec Center**
- 16th (Sa) **Mount Evans Outdoor Lab Open House**
Call Len Wheaton if you can help
- 20th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**
6:30p Dinner and chapter business
7:00p Program - Ron Baird
"Best of..."
- 26th (Tu) **Fly tying at Mount Evans Outdoor Lab**
Call Len Wheaton if you can help
- 27th (W) **ETU Board Meeting**
Beau Jo's - 6:30p

New Members

Please join me in welcoming **Leland Vance, John Gabriele, Thomas Eisenman, Scott Hammond, Garth M Steinmetz, Joseph Kerper, and Clif Potter** to ETU.

Creel count: 450

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