



# The Evergreen Trout

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## Save the Dates... Projects for 2011 are Almost Set!

By Mike McGinnis, ETU President

**I** KNOW IT'S COLD AND SNOWY, but it won't be long before our projects get underway. We have a few more dates to confirm, but I wanted to get the word out early about what ETU will be up to this year. We have a lot of worthwhile causes which need our support!

### The major projects for 2011 include:

- Colorado Department of Wildlife (DOW) Outdoor Training Event @ Pine Valley Ranch on Saturday, May 14. The kids enjoy archery, shooting, wildlife demonstrations and we provide instruction on fly tying and casting. The CO DOW stocks the pond and we get to help the kids catch the fish! It's a great day for all.
- ETU Kids Clinic/Fish Camp @ Buchanan Ponds on Saturday, May 21. Len Wheaton and John Ellis run a great clinic for the kids right here in Evergreen. The ponds will be stocked and we provide entomology

education and a lot of casting and catching help!

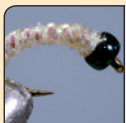
- Camp Comfort @ The Easter Seals Camp near Empire, June 25-26 and July 30-31 (Saturday/Sunday). If you've never participated in this shared event with Mt. Evans Hospice, you are truly missing something special. Come join us and do a small part to help children who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Your feet won't touch the ground when you walk away from this event after a day of fishing with the kids in the stocked pond.
- Kids Fishing Clinic @ Bear Creek near Evergreen Lake on Monday, July 4. Another one of our cornerstone events that you will surely want to attend. A little instruction followed by a lot of fishing in Bear Creek. CO DOW generously stocks the creek with a lot of trout and the kids have a blast catching them. Look for the notice to help set up

the fencing to trap the fish too. Rich Reynolds does a fantastic job coordinating this event.

- Trappers Lake camping the weekend of July 8-9-10. A fun weekend just to get away, do a little fishing and camping and have some laughs. Last year the fishing was superb and those who attended are still talking about it.
- We have several smaller projects and some projects that haven't been confirmed just yet. Watch the website for further details on the following:
- Earth Day Event @ Evergreen Lake House on Saturday, April 23. Ron Belak does his magic again.
- Bear Creek Spring Clean-Up in late April or early May depending on the run-off and weather.

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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, and classes at 6:30 pm followed by the program at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## "Save the Dates," from page 2.

- Outdoor Lab Entomology, fly tying and casting instruction. Jim Wilborn coordinates the activities up at the Lab. Please, join Jim and others having fun teaching kids and catching fish in the stocked pond.
- Morning Rotary High School Leadership Program @ Buchanan Ponds. A fun day with Denver inner-city kids as they learn what fishing is all about.
- Bear Creek Fall Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday, October 15. Again, the clean-up dates can vary depending on water and weather.

So, you have lots of volunteering opportunities to choose from. We appreciate anything you can do. Join the fun and experience the satisfaction of protecting and preserving our streams, and putting a smile on a kid's face!

# Thanks to the Huiting's for a Wonderful Holiday Party

By Mike McGinnis, ETU President

I, along with all ETUers, would like to thank the Huiting's for, once again, hosting the annual holiday party. We had a wonderful time and we know how much work goes in to hosting a party like that.

When you see Randy or Lisa, shake their hand and give them a big thanks! By the way, Sue Goldblatt won 98% of the bucket prizes. I think it was rigged!

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# Fly of the Month: Pearl Jam

By Bob Dye, creator of the Pearl Jam

## Tying Instructions:

1. Start by placing bead on the hook.
2. Then wrap thread from the bead to the back of the hook.
3. Pinch wrap the sparkle braid at the back of the hook.
4. Send the thread back to the front of the hook behind the bead.
5. Wrap the sparkle braid in even wraps to the back of the bead.
6. Wrap thread over sparkle braid and trim excess.
7. Whip finish and apply head cement.
8. Use a lighter to clean up any stragglers.

## Notes:

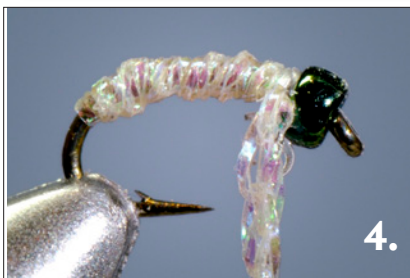
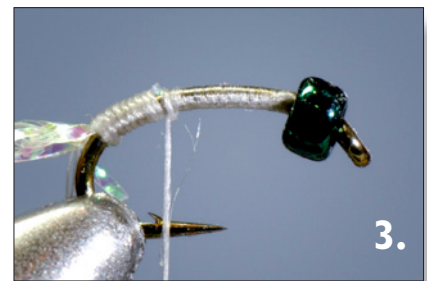
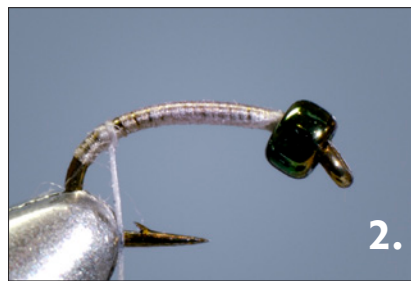
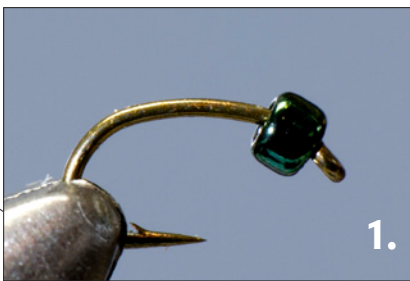
- Pearl Jam is a great fly in Cheesman, the Blue, the Colorado, and other tail waters.
- Fly was developed as a flashier buckskin.
- Other variations include Apple Jam, Strawberry Jam, Blueberry Jam.
- Very durable fly.
- Great guide pattern.



## Pearl Jam:

**Hook:** Tiemco 2487 or Dai Riki  
135 sizes 18-22  
**Thread:** white 8/0  
**Body:** Sparkle braid  
(pearl,red,green) or Lagartun  
flat braid  
**Bead:** Gun metal

Photos by Tim Stechert.





# EVERGREEN TROUT UNLIMITED

Preserving, Enhancing and Protecting Colorado Fisheries  
Evergreen, Colorado



## MONTHLY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

EVERGREEN BEAU JO'S (Downtown Evergreen, 303.674.2744)

DINNER AT 6:30 PM, CHAPTER BUSINESS AT 7:00 PM

FREE PRESENTATION AT 7:15 PM [www.evergreentrount.org](http://www.evergreentrount.org)

## “Czech Nymphing & Related European Methods”

*presented by Steve Parrott*

A presentation on the different styles of European Nymphing methods now gaining popularity in the US. This is an in-depth presentation on the Czech, Polish, French and Spanish nymphing methods with rigging instructions, fly placement and ideal waters to fish each of these effective methods in. This is one not to miss!!



Czech Nymphing, Polish Nymphing, French and Spanish nymphing also referred to as European Nymphing is a style of nymph fishing that is readily catching on here in the United States, especially in Colorado. It is a very effective technique that is perfectly suited for the many fast waters of our state. This style of short line nymph fishing often uses longer rods, no yarn or foam strike indicators and a level construction designed to get your heavily weighted flies, often three, down to the bottom quickly. All of the weight used in a Czech Nymph rig is added to the flies themselves not the leader. The flies are color coded in order to provide the angler a method in deciphering the proper weight for any given circumstance on the water.

# Action Alert from Colorado Trout Unlimited

Note: Denver-metro area residents must use this phone number to reach the Capital Switchboard: (303) 866-2904. The 1-800 number listed in the initial alert will not work if you live within the Denver-metro area.

Urgent! Please take action now! Call your State Senators and Representatives today at 1-800-811-7647 (or 303-866-2904 for Denver-metro residents) and urge them to stop the \$260 million raid on your fish and wildlife license dollars!

Recently introduced by Reps. Becker, Sonnenberg, and Sen. Jahn, HB 1150 would gut funding for the Colorado Division of Wildlife and is this year's most serious attack on Colorado's fish

and wildlife - and the state's hunters and anglers.

HB 1150 will take your hunting and fishing license dollars away from the intended purpose - fish and wildlife management and conservation. INSTEAD, these funds will be transferred from your pocket and the Colorado Division of Wildlife to the Colorado Water Conservation Board to develop water storage projects.

If passed, HB 1150 will result in a \$260 million net loss of funding for fish and wildlife conservation and management in Colorado over the next ten years - \$50 million in funds directly transferred, and \$210 million in lost federal matching grants.

Please call your State Representative today and urge them to vote NO on HB 1150. You can reach the Capitol by calling: 1-800-811-7647. If you don't know who your State Representative is or how to reach them, you can look them up and find their contact information by clicking here and entering your zip code.

Interested in speaking out at the Capitol? HB 1150 is scheduled for hearing in the House Agriculture Committee on Monday, February 21. This is an opportunity for the public to voice their concerns. Please contact Erica Stock [estock@tu.org](mailto:estock@tu.org) if you would like to attend. Or, join in next Thursday's Sportsmen's Day at the Legislature, described below.

## February

**16th (Wed);** ETU Monthly Meeting and Program; ETU Board meets at 5pm; Dinner 6:30 pm; Monthly ETU meeting at 7pm; program at ~7:15pm; Beau Jo's Pizza, downtown Evergreen; Program: Steve Parrott, Blue Quill Angler - "Czech Nymphing"

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays;** Mt Evans Outdoor Lab; Assist with teaching entomology, fishing, and fly tying to students; Schedule varies - ongoing program; Volunteer schedule

is very flexible - help with one class or many!; 9:30am to noon; Contact Jim Wilborn [jpwilborn@hotmail.com](mailto:jpwilborn@hotmail.com) or 303-670-3306

## March

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## April

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downtown Evergreen; Program: TBA

**23rd (Sat);** Earth Day - Evergreen; Evergreen Lake House; 10am - 4pm; Come visit the ETU booth!

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