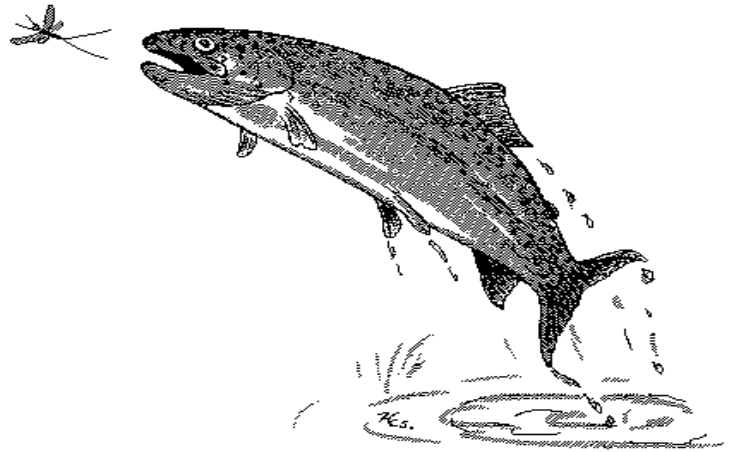


The Evergreen Trout



November/December

The Newsletter of the Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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The President's Drag Free Drift

Look on page 3 for information about our Christmas Party. Randy Huiting has graciously offered his home for the event, which is always a good time. There will be plenty of food and drink and a free bucket raffle. If you have something around the house that you never use and will not miss, bring it. We'll put it in the raffle. It is a time of giving.

Talk about giving! I think we had an all-time record for individual volunteers this year. There were sixty-one people on the volunteer list in 2006. I am proud of our chapter. Let's do even better in 2007.

The board decided to not pursue the Warming Hut Project at Evergreen Lake. There were just too many caveats that were not acceptable. With this in mind, ETU needs to look into a project for the coming years. If you have some ideas, please contact a board member or just come to a board meeting. We will be glad to discuss it. I would personally like to get more input from the general membership.

For those of you who missed the last general meeting, Marty Bartholomew was our presenter. Marty took us on a tour to many destinations during his slide show. And he gave us a nice deal on his new fly tying book, which I decided to purchase. I have not been disappointed with its contents.

The new sound system worked well, except when I turned it up too high and the feedback hurt Len Wheaton's tender ears. Our meetings are going to be better with the new system. It will drown out the noise next door.

November's presenter is Barry Reynolds. He is the guy who catches many different species of fish on a fly rod all over the world. I have attended many of his presentations and am always pleased. Barry is the one who told me about the candirú fish. He used the other name for it, but I won't mention it here. I did not believe him, so I looked on the internet and consequently had trouble sleeping that night. If you are curious, just ask him.

This paragraph is for you pet lovers out there. My wife,

Sandi, and I had a loss in our family. We were not blessed with children so our dogs have been our family. In the last newsletter I talked about our Chocolate Lab, Chaz. He was a strapping healthy seven year old and had received a clean bill of health late this past summer. Last week, he just suddenly died in his sleep, no warning whatsoever. I know I am prejudiced, but Chaz was one of the most entertaining, friendly, and loving dogs I have ever been around, much less owned. Do not take your pet/pets for granted. Make sure you pet them or give them a hug every day.

Remember, the newsletter is going electronic in January. It will be sent via email only, and can also be viewed and downloaded from the ETU Website. People with positively no access to the internet can contact either Tim (our Editor) or me. We will take note and address some alternative arrangements.

Remember the Christmas party. Be there or be square. I promise you will have a good time.

Hal

November Program - Barry Reynolds

For our final program of the year, we are pleased to have presenting to our Chapter for the very first time, acclaimed master of fly fishing, **Barry Reynolds**. Barry has over twenty years experience guiding fly fishers to angling destinations all over the world including Belize, Brazil, Bahamas, Alaska, and Canada, and has numerous articles, TV appearances and books to his credit. He recently completed filming for the first season of his upcoming TV fly fishing travel program, which includes some of the exotic areas he has guided to. His program will preview some of the upcoming TV season highlights as well as reveal some secrets within Colorado. Barry is not only an accomplished fly fisherman, but an excellent photographer and story teller. This evening promises to be one of those do not miss programs!

Randy Huiting

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!

A Chance Encounter

Early in October of this year, I was fishing with a friend, Sam Kirk, about 5 miles downstream from Silverthorne on the Blue River near the bridge access to the Quaking Creek Ranch.

I noticed a fisherman working the deep pool just below the bridge and catching a fish about every third cast. Not having a nibble for an hour I was frustrated so I walked toward him as he was bringing in a fish and asked him, "Would you mind sharing with me the name of the nymph that you are using to catch all these fish?" He replied, "A gray RS2 and these are Kokanee Salmon." A light went on in my head. He was an older Asian gentleman and was using an RS2. So I said, "By any chance, are you Rim Chung?" His answer was a smile and a nod of his head. What a delight it was to meet the inventor of the RS2 and to watch him bring in some more Kokanee on his 3 weight rod.

If you are interested in tying the RS2 the directions are on a web site created by a friend of Rim Chung:

<http://home.att.net/~ferenc/Tie-rs2.htm>

Ford Oliphant

The Evergreen Trout Fishing Report

Good news! Mike Goldblatt has volunteered to assemble a fishing report for The Evergreen Trout. Based on actual accounts from fellow/member anglers, look for this column to keep you updated about conditions in our local waters and for you to share your own experiences. Thanks for the great report, Mike! - Ed.

Bear Creek - Fall fishing on Bear Creek has been very good. I had several days when fish were eagerly taking a #20 red copper john fished underneath a foam ant. The browns, rainbows and cutbows would also hit the ant occasionally. This was below Idledale which is an area I've been exploring a lot lately. This area is tough to fish in the summer because of all the pressure, but once the fish get a little break in the fall, it fishes well. There are some surprisingly deep holes in this stretch, and although the fish are generally not big, you will get the occasional surprise. I find a lot of trash related to bait fishing (styrofoam worm containers, etc.) so you know our fishing regulation signs are being ignored by many. John Ellis has done well lately on his lunch breaks in town in Evergreen using "spaghetti and meatballs". For you more technical people, that means a #16 nuclear egg with a small red worm dropper. His catches were rainbows and browns. Current flow is 19 cfs above Morrison.

Clear Creek - Currently flowing at 52 cfs at Lawson. Reports of good fishing using copper johns, pheasant tails and prince nymphs.

South Platte @ Spinney Mt. Ranch (Dream Stream) - Excellent fall fishing. Kokanees are in this stretch now, and look for spawning browns. For sub-surface fishing try using egg patterns, aquatic worms or mayfly nymphs. Dry fly anglers should have luck with baetis patterns as well as some lingering tricos. Flow is at 82.

South Platte in Cheeseman Canyon - Midge and baetis hatches are providing some good periods of dry fly fishing. When the fish aren't looking up, the usual assortment of tiny subsurface imitations - RS2's, Mercury Midge, etc. sizes 20-22 are your best bet. I spoke to one fisherman who caught a 22" rainbow on Tues. Oct. 24 on a large streamer. Flow is a perfect 160 C.F.S.

Spinney Mt. Reservoir - E.T.U. chapter member Wayne Kosloske reports catching a 19lb., 43", 17" girth Northern. This would have been dismissed as an exaggeration except he sent pictures of it.

Arkansas River - The always reliable and up to date Greg Felt of Arkanglers reports flows of 153 at Granite and 482 at Wellsville. Spawn is in full swing and fish are congregated in spawning areas. The best fishing is downstream of Salida. Baetis hatches are getting sparser by the day. Water temperatures are in the mid 40's.

Fryingpan River - Fall on the Pan means strong baetis hatches. The past few weeks have been great, especially on cloudy days. This is technical fishing to fussy trout. I had a good day there recently using a #22 bwo dry trailing a # 24 emerger with 7x fluorocarbon tippet.

Williams Fork - My report on this two mile long tail water is "Lots of browns running up from the Colorado. Get up there now".

In future editions I would like to include more reports depending on how much information I receive from other members. Unfortunately I am not able to check out most of the waters personally each month so the monthly fishing report will only be as good as the info I can collect from others, especially E.T.U. members. I mostly fish moving water, as do most of the people I fish with, so reports on still waters would be especially helpful. Please send to mike@lamtree.com

Mike Goldblatt

Thanks...

...to Mike Goldblatt, Ford Oliphant, Hal Garwood, Hugh Gardner, Randy Huiting, and Ken and Michelle Wilbert for their help with the newsletter.

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

ETU Holiday Extravaganza

Food! Fish Stories!! Fabulous Prizes!!! FUN!!!!

When: Saturday, December 2, 2006, at 5:00pm
Where: Randy Huiting's home
RSVP: Randy (670-5083) or Hal (526-2900)

ETU will provide the entree and beverages.

If your last name begins with:

- A - H bring a dessert
- I - Q bring an appetizer
- R - Z bring a side dish (salad, veggie, etc.)



To get to Randy's house (2580 S Pinehurst Drive): From the light in downtown Evergreen, take Highway 74 approximately 3 miles N towards I-70, turn right on Brookline Drive (that is the Hiwan entrance opposite Means Meadow Park), take the first right onto Pinehurst Drive. Follow Pinehurst Drive about 0.2 mile to Randy's house. If you're coming from I-70, Brookline Drive is about 4 miles south on Highway 74 from I-70.

Have a "Greenback" Christmas

Merry Greenbacks and a Happy New Year! Thinking about inexpensive trout-related gifts for your fishing buddies, kids, or even yourself? Thanks to a special arrangement with ETU member Hugh Gardner's film company, Borderline Productions, ETU members can purchase copies of the newly-released DVD version of *Incredible Journey of the Greenback Cutthroats*, the award-winning PBS story of our official state fish, and half the proceeds will go to ETU.

The 30-minute documentary is universally recognized as the definitive life history of this amazing fish. Sponsored by USF&WS, BLM, CDOW, TU and the Forest Service, the documentary shows how the Greenbacks evolved from the Pacific Ocean, crossed the Rockies to Colorado, nearly became extinct by the 1930s, and were restored in the modern era, one of the greatest triumphs of the Endangered Species Act.

The production won nine awards at the International Wildlife Film Festival and was nominated for a regional Emmy

Award by KRMA TV-6, which premiered it. The DVD version was made possible by a grant to CTU from Patagonia, Inc., a long-time leader in sustainable outdoor apparel and rare trout preservation. CTU has a 2007 goal of placing this DVD in every public library and school in Colorado.

Pre-release copies are available to ETU members for the remainder of 2006 for \$19.95, postpaid, from Borderline Productions, POB 227, Idledale, CO 80453 (checks only), with half the proceeds (\$10 per copy) going to ETU's Bear Creek Restoration Fund, looking ahead to the next round of projects like O'Fallon Park near Kittredge two years ago or Old Town Evergreen ten years ago. Multiple copy orders are only \$10 after the first, with \$5 going to ETU per each, so now's a good time to stock up for your future giving needs. (not to mention your own edification).

If you want to support CTU's statewide public education program, name the public libraries or schools you would like to support, enclose an extra \$10 per each, and copies will be sent to them indicating you as the donor.

Hugh Gardner

??? What's Happening ???

November 2006

- 8th (W) **ETU Board Meeting**
6:30p Beau Jo's
- 15th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**
6:30p Dinner and chapter business
7:00p Program: Barry Reynolds

December 2006

- 2nd (Sat) **5:00p ETU HOLIDAY PARTY**
see page 3 for details
- 13th (W) **ETU Board Meeting**
6:30p Beau Jo's
- 20th (W) **NO Chapter Meeting in December**

January 2007

- 10th (W) **ETU Board Meeting**
6:30p Beau Jo's
- 17th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**
6:30p Dinner and chapter business
7:00p Program - TBD

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