



Gunnison Gorge Anglers Newsletter

January 2017

Monthly Meeting

GGA's first meeting of the year will be held at DMEA, January 19 at 7:00pm. Trent Hannafious will give a short presentation on reading water. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

From the President

Happy New Year! I hope one and all had a wonderful Holiday and a safe new year. The first thing I want to do is say "Thank you Becky Pendergrass" for all the wonderful decorations for our Holiday banquet last month, you did a great job as usual!

I'm looking forward to this year with the hope of obtaining more involvement in our club and getting new fishing partners (ladies we need you) on the water and at our many events this coming year.

I want to also thank the following officers that have worked hard and finished their term in office. Brad Oberto, what a wonderful treasurer he was, as he kept us informed on our financial state and updated our accounting system. To our board of directors that served and did a great job, Dave Torkelson and Richard Arnold.

Let's all welcome our new officers and give them the same great support as the outgoing officers; Reelected for Secretary, Trent Hannafious; New Treasure, Stan Hayes; and new board members, Jeff Dean and Kent Chavet.

One of our past presidents, Tony Chelf, (back in the freezer in Iowa) wanted me to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Tony and his beautiful wife Anne can't wait to get back here in God's country.

Tight Lines,

Ed

P.S. A sweater was left at the Holiday party. Call me at 970-835-3679 to identify and claim.

Chapter News

GGA had its year-end meeting/ Holiday party December 1st. There was a great turn out with good food and lots of friendly company. All the best people we know may not be fly fishers but all the fly fishers we know are the best of people! GGA would like to say "Thank you" to all its members and supporters for their donations in all their various forms. GGA is able to do the work it does as a result of YOU!



GGA party goers watch a video presented by Gale Douady of Gunnison River Expeditions, and Randy Fender. GGA extends its gratitude to both for their participation!

GGA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Jimmy Nelson Award was started in 2008. Jimmy was very active in the club and started the youth programs and did many things to help get our club recognized as a valuable source of help in our communities. It is quite the honor to have earned this award as it represents dedication and hard work.

The winner of the "Jimmy Nelson Award" for volunteer of the year was **Kent Chavet**. Kent worked many events and completed a mountain of behind the scene work. He volunteered with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing and when asked to take over the "Lead" for PHWFF he accepted. He volunteered time with the veteran fly tying and fishing trips. Kent worked many of GGA's booths, took over being the Youth Program chairman, and many other items GGA asked of him for help. Kent earned this award and if you see him say thank you for his hard work in making GGA a better club.



Kent Chavet (on left) is holding his-to-keep Jimmy Nelson winners plaque while Ken Updegrave is holding the traveling plaque which Kent keeps for one year.

Project Healing Waters

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) may have wrapped up its rod building class a while back but due to the limited number of rod turners, used in the epoxying process, most of the rods have just now been completed. GGA would like to thank Lynn Fenton (below left) owner of *Fenton's Custom Fishing Rods*, for his above and beyond dedication in teaching vets the art of custom rod building. Thank you Lynn!



It's a good thing these guys are finished up as PHWFF fly tying classes are about to begin. Jeff Dean (right) will again host this beginners class. There may be some changes that are still in the works as far as scheduling, but as of now, the first class begins at 7pm January 25th at The Warrior Resource Center in Montrose. There was a full class last year and it's looking like another full class this year. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact GGA at gunnisongorgeanglerctu@gmail.com and we will get your name on the list and update you personally with any schedule changes.



Attention Members

If we can increase Gunnison Gorge Anglers (GGA) membership numbers it not only benefits Trout Unlimited and the International Federation of Fly Fishers but, more importantly, their pursuits. I found it frustrating when I would encounter people who were fishing, or perhaps just interested in conservation, and I didn't have an easy and concise way to give them contact information for GGA. It's pretty simple to strike up a conversation with someone who shares your interests, whether that be streamside, in the parking lot taking off your waders, or in a local business that sells sporting goods. I think most of these people are genuinely interested in the work that our organization accomplishes; but when I would invite them to attend a meeting, or encourage them to check out our past accomplishments, I did not have an effective way to convey that information. I even ran into that issue when I manned a booth at one of the local river events in which GGA participated this past summer.

To that end, the GGA board of directors has put together what will hopefully be one way to address this issue. The board approved, and Dennis Murphy and Ed Kehoe designed, a business card that provides pertinent information such as the GGA email, website, Facebook name, and mailing address. It also contains our organization name, logos, and mission statement. The initial printing of 500 business cards has been completed and some were passed out at the recent Holiday party. The cards are available at chapter meetings and/ or from most of the board members. I put a couple in my billfold and a few more in my fishing bag so I will have one handy when I encounter a potential member. There are many potential new members out there, especially in the ranks of the under 40, and lady fly fishers; to whom we are not reaching as well as we could.

I encourage everyone to pick up a few of these business cards and get them out to the public. Hand them to other fisher persons, stick them on business bulletin boards that allow it, drop a few off at your favorite sporting goods store. The more members we have, the louder our voice becomes.

Contribution from Board Member George Osborn

Some Words from CPW



Dear CPW Partners-

As the holiday season and new year quickly approach, I wanted to send a big thank you to all of our partners for your hard work and dedication this past year! Collectively, we can all share in the pride of our tremendous accomplishments, and begin to focus on the opportunities of 2017.

Please save the dates of May 10-12 for our annual Partners in the Outdoors conference which we'll host in Breckenridge. We'll send more information early in the new year with registration details.

As a holiday treat, I'd like to share with you an excellent video that our production staff put together based on the recent photo edition of Colorado Outdoors magazine. I hope you enjoy it!

[Colorado Outdoors](#)

I look forward to seeing you in Breckenridge. Happy Holidays to everyone!

Sincerely, Bob Broscheid
Director
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
(303) 866-2884 office

2016 Chapter Events Schedule

Here are the upcoming volunteer events for 2017. As dates become available they will be updated in the next newsletter and at <http://gunnisongorgeanglers.tu.org> and Facebook. When you volunteer, we have signup sheets for you to give the miles you drive and the hours you volunteered. The miles you drive from home and back are tax deductible (\$0.14 per mile in 2015). The club needs this information to send TU National at the end of the year. We may have more events come up during the year that I have not been contacted about yet. Thank you all in advance for your help with these events.

Contact for sign up:
Ed Kehoe, 970-835-3679 or contact GGA by email: gunnisongorgeanglersctu@gmail.com

January

7th Saturday 10am-12; Free tying session @ **Western Anglers**, Grand Junction; Tyer: James Flatten

14th Saturday 10am -12; Free tying session @ **Western Anglers**, Grand Junction; Tyer: Don Mear

21st Saturday 10am-12; Free tying session @ **Western Anglers**, Grand Junction Tyer: Eric Way

25th Wednesday 7pm-9pm Tying Program for PHWFF members @ Warrior Resource Center, Montrose

27th Friday 6pm- it's over; IRON FLY @ **Western Anglers**, Grand Junction

28th Saturday 10am-12; Free tying session @ **Western Anglers**, Grand Junction; Tyer: Pete Ashman

February

4th Saturday 10am-12; Free tying session @ **Western Anglers**, Grand Junction; Tyer: Jim Patton

8th Wednesday 7pm-9pm Tying Program for PHWFF members @ **Warrior Resource Center**

11th Saturday 10am-12; Free tying session @ **Western Anglers**, Grand Junction; Tyer: Grant Bench

March

Nothing Confirmed

April

Nothing Confirmed

May

10th-12th Wed, Thur, & Fri; Partners in the Outdoor by Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Breckenridge, CO.
More information to be announced.

TRIVIA QUESTION

When tying flies (nymphs) to maximize the sink rate, which bead material will best do the trick; brass, tungsten, or glass? Answer is at very end of the newsletter!

GGA HAT'S & FLY BOXES

We have a new item for sale, HATS. The new hats have embroidered logo and the words "Gunnison Gorge Anglers" in print. (see photo below) The cost of the hats is \$15. I will have these at the next meeting, October 20th DMEA 7pm. I will also have the GGA fly boxes (see photo below) for sale, also \$15. I hope to see you at the meeting.



NOTICES

This newsletter is YOUR newsletter. If there is ANYTHING you would like to add, whether it be an article, pictures, a story, news or whatever let us know. Editor's contact information is listed below.

Informational Websites

Here are some handy websites full of information for the "savvy" fisherman.

- Gunnison Gorge Anglers gunnisongorgeanglers.tu.org
- Trout Unlimited <http://www.tu.org>
- International Federation of Fly Fishers <http://www.fedflyfishers.org>
- Colorado Trout Unlimited <http://www.coloradotu.org>
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife Map Atlas: <http://www.ndis.nrel.colostate.edu/huntingatlas/>
- BLM Gunnison Gorge Information:
http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/recreation/recreation_areas0/uncompahgre_field/gunnison_gorge_national0.html
- USGS Gunnison Gorge River Flow: http://www.waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site_no=09128000
- USGS Gunnison River Flow at Delta HWY 50 http://www.waterdata.usgs.gov/co/nwis/uv?site_no=09144250
- National Weather Service Forecast Information: <http://www.forecast.weather.gov>

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Trivia Answer: Tungsten which is twice as heavy as brass. And both tungsten and brass are heavier than glass!