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*"...As our station wagon bounced along the country road, I remembered back in 1970 the first time I ever met Jack Dennis. I wanted to produce a segment for the AMERICAN SPORTSMAN T.V. series from Jackson Hole, Wyoming. A float trip down the Snake River sounded like an exciting show. Jack Dennis was highly recommended to me to be the guide for the show..."*

Curt Gowdy, April 22, 1974  
*Excerpt from the Forward to Jack Dennis' Western Trout Fly Tying Manual*

***REGISTER FOR THE  
FLY FISHING EXPO  
BY MARCH 20, 2007  
& YOUR NAME WILL  
BE INCLUDED IN A  
DRAWING FOR A  
CASE OF WINE!***

**MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
3/21/07  
6:00 PM !  
FAR EAST  
RESTAURANT**

**PROGRAM:  
Floating the Gunnison  
and Arkansas Rivers  
with Bill Dvorak**

Bill first came to Colorado from Wyoming to play football at Mesa College. Upon graduation, he traveled the world, trekking and conducting mountaineering classes in Australia, then to Nepal where he climbed some of the peaks in the Himalayas.

After exploring around the world, he ended up back in Colorado where he started Dvorak Raft and Fly Fishing Expeditions out of Nathrop, Colorado and was the first

licensed outfitter on the Dolores and Green Rivers when rafting was in it's infancy in America's Southwest. Bill is permitted on the Colorado, San Miguel, Dolores, Uncompahgre, Gunnison and Arkansas, North Platte, Rio Grande, and Rio Chama Rivers.

In 1982 when Bill Dvorak started guided fishing parties through the Gunnison Gorge, there was only one other small outfitter operating on the river. He is currently the oldest outfitting business operating in the Gorge.

ESPN floated the Gorge and filmed a series with Bill on, Fishing America's National Parks. Bill will show this video during his presentation. Bill also rowed National Geographic film crews through the Gorge for one of their productions five years ago. The legendary Joe Humphreys and his film crew floated with Bill four years ago and shot footage for a video that Joe produced.

During this program, Bill will take us in the Gunnison Gorge and on the Arkansas River to show us what fishing opportunities are available and the beauty of the rivers that can only be enjoyed by floating.

Bill is currently running a special rate for float trips on the Arkansas during the spring, Mother's Day caddis hatch.

For the Expo, Bill has donated a three-day two-night Gunnison River guided trip for one person. This is a super-affle item, so be sure to get tickets for this great drawing.

Dvorak Fishing Expeditions can be reached at: 800-824-3795 or [info@dvorakexpeditions.com](mailto:info@dvorakexpeditions.com).

### FlyLine



Thanks to everyone who has been putting so much time and effort into the 9th Annual Expo that will be held Friday and Saturday, March 30th and 31st at the Doubletree Hotel located at the intersection of Horizon Drive and I-70 in Grand Junction. Saturday is the BIG day with all free events starting at 9:00 AM, plenty of fly tying, the chance to cast the newest rods from the top US

rod makers, culminating in the Expo Dinner and Auction that evening. Pat Oglesby has arranged for world renowned Jack Dennis of Jackson Hole, WY and coach of Team USA (the US international fly fishing team), to be the featured speaker. Also in attendance will be Vladi Trzebunia, gold medal winner at the World Fly Fishing Championships and a special coach to Team USA. We have many spectacular auction items this year including float trips on the Green River, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, a cast and blast at Scenic Mesa Ranch in Hotchkiss, fly rods, lodging, air flights to Denver plus of course our out of this world all day bucket raffles.

The kids events are stacking up to be bigger and better with all day sessions of fly tying and casting instruction, as well as the traditional casting competition outdoors in the casting arena in the afternoon. All kids get specially designed T-shirts and our goal is to make sure that every youth that participates in the casting contest gets a meaningful prize such as a fly rod system, vests, flies, etc. Parents and grandparents, make sure that you bring your kids, we know that they will have a great time along with the 200-plus kids we expect to have this year!

Enclosed in this newsletter you will also find a Members Question. Please take the time to fill this out either online at [\[valley-anglers.org\]\(http://valley-anglers.org\) or by mailing in the enclosed Questionnaire. This is your organization and we would like to hear from you!](http://www.grand-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Also, the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter continues to go up. PLEASE email Carol Oglesby at: [pcoglesby@bresnan.net](mailto:pcoglesby@bresnan.net) so that we can add you to the email newsletter list and put our hard-earned dollars to coldwater conservation and fun club events.

Tight Lines, Mac Cunningham, President

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Western  
Colorado Fly Fishing  
Exposition  
Grand Junction Double Tree  
Hotel  
March 30-31, 2007**

### **Friday, March 30**

7:30 am Meet at the Double Tree Hotel lobby to car pool to the on-the-water class with Jack Dennis and Vladi Trzebunia

9:00 am Meet at the Double Tree Hotel lobby for car-pooling to Montrose for the Ross Reel and Scott Fly Rod tours.

1:00 pm Meet at the Double Tree Hotel for tours to local wineries

5:00 pm Meet the tiers social and fly tying demonstrations with open bar and snacks

7:00 pm Jack Dennis presents,  
“The Making of a Fly Fishing  
TV Show”

**Saturday, March 31**

9:00 Doors of Double Tree  
Hotel Ballroom open

**Youth Events** – Learn to tie a  
fly, cast a fly rod, how to fly  
fish.

**“All About Fly Fishing” – Taila  
Oulton** of Gunnison and **Tyler  
Befus** of Montrose will conduct  
an hour program designed for  
getting youth interested in fly  
fishing. They will cover waders  
and gear, rods and reels, lines,  
flies, where fish live, how to  
cast a fly rod and everything  
else kids need to know to fish.  
Taila Oulton is a member of  
Whiting Farms Pro Staff and  
demonstrates her fly tying skills  
at fly fishing shows. She is an  
avid fly fisher and lives near the  
Gunnison River.

Tyler Befus, age 9, of Montrose  
is quite an accomplished angler  
and fly fishing celebrity. His  
book, *“A Kid’s Guide to Fly  
Fishing”*, is a best seller and  
has had outstanding reviews in  
some of the fly fishing  
periodicals. He travels the  
show circuit in the winter and  
has presented his program on  
both coasts as well as in  
Texas. He holds two IGFA  
Junior World Records for  
inconnu and kokanee salmon.  
He is on the Pro Teams of  
Whiting Farms, St. Croix Rods,  
Simms, Ross Reels, Rio  
Products and Haber  
Sunglasses.

### **Expo Fly Fishing Celebrities Jack Dennis and Vladi Trzebunia**

We are pleased to announce  
the appearance of two  
celebrities this year. We are  
deeply honored to have an  
International guest, Vladi  
Trzebunia, World Champion  
Gold Medal winning fly fisher  
from Poland. Our featured  
guest is the well known icon of  
the fly fishing world - Jack  
Dennis.

**Wladyslaw Trzebunia**, known  
to the fly fishing world as  
“**Vladi**”, made his first  
appearance at the 1991 World  
Fly Fishing Championships  
while fishing on the Polish  
team, and won a gold medal.  
He was using his “Polish  
Nymphing Technique” that has  
since had a great influence on  
anglers around the world, both  
competitive and recreational.  
He used the method to win the  
World Championship title by a  
margin so large that he had  
more points than the three top  
three teams had total. He  
caused such a stir that many  
anglers followed him and  
copied his techniques. The  
Czech team embraced his  
methods and developed their  
own style called, Czech  
nymphing, as did the Spanish.  
The basics are the same, an up  
stream, non-indicator, multi  
nymph approach followed by  
pulling the nymphs slightly

faster than the current. The  
system produces significantly  
more hookups than the  
conventional style of dead  
drifting. Vladi uses a short line,  
with mostly just leader out of  
the rod tip to drift his heavily  
weighted, woven body nymphs.  
Drifts are short and he actually  
leads his nymphs during the  
drifts. No strike indicators are  
used and often several  
differently weighted flies are  
attached to his leader. Many  
believe his flies are as  
important as his technique in  
his success. Woven body  
nymphs and this style of fishing  
originated in Poland but the  
Czechs made some subtle  
modifications and received for  
their popularity.

Vladi loves America and as a  
way of saying thanks, he acts  
as a coach for Team USA, the  
US fly fishing competitive team  
that competes in world  
competition. Vladi is a true  
gentleman and we are proud to  
have him as a presenter.

**Jack Dennis** is an icon in the  
fly fishing world. He was born  
in Wyoming and has been fly  
fishing nearly all his life. At the  
age of 12 he was tying flies  
commercially and at 14 started  
guiding visiting anglers. At 19  
he opened his first fly fishing  
business. He then would soon  
write his first book, *Western  
Trout Fly Tying Manual*,  
Volume II would follow and  
together over 300,000 copies  
have been sold. They continue  
to be best sellers and today a  
DVD to accompany the book is  
also available.

Jack opened Jack Dennis Sports over 30 years ago and it is still the premier fly shop and outdoor outfitter business in Jackson.

He has guided, and fished with, some of the most famous people in the world during his career.

In addition to being an author, is a video producer, having shot literally thousands of hours of footage, much of which is transferred to DVDs. He has a vast library of footage that he uses in his programs, not found on DVDs.

Jack is a world traveler and has fished in some extremely remote and exciting countries during his career. He is eager to share his experiences and talents with fly fishers and spends much of the year traveling to club and show presentations. We are pleased to have our friend, Jack Dennis return to Grand Junction.

### **Fly Fishing Classes on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Jack and Vladi will conduct on the water fishing classes. Vladi will instruct a seminar on his Polish nymphing techniques and Jack will provide lessons on one of his favorite methods of fishing, streamer fishing. These classes will be on the water with small groups so students can get individual attention. This will be the first time Vladi has conducted a class like this in the US and it is a rare opportunity to learn from

two of the world's greatest instructors and fly fishers. Space is **very limited** and the class is expected to fill quickly.

For more information and to register contact: Pat Oglesby 970-434-3912 or [pcoglesby@bresnan.net](mailto:pcoglesby@bresnan.net).

### **Fly Tying Classes (Hands On) on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

For more information and to register contact: BJ Lester 970-243-0146 or [bjlestr@aol.com](mailto:bjlestr@aol.com)

Intermediate tying skills required – bring tools and thread, material is furnished.

**Woven Body Polish Nymphs with Vladi Trzebunia (9-11)**  
Learn how Vladi uses simple materials to create his unique weighted, woven body nymphs. His weave over the body is what makes his patterns so realistic and effective. His flies aren't available to purchase commercially and the only way to have them in your box is to learn his secrets. This is a special opportunity to spend time with Vladi.

### **Realistic Flies with Deward Yocum (12-2)**

Deward is one of the masters at creating realistic flies. His patterns look so life-like you will be amazed. He has studied with Bob Mead, Bill Logan, Steve Thorton and others that are recognized as the world's

top realistic tiers Deward is from, Los Lunas, NM where he is an IT Specialist for the school system. He spends much of the year traveling around the country appearing at fly fishing shows to share his special talent. His golden stonefly is unbelievable! Deward is a very kind, gentle and sharing fly tier that you will immediately become friends with.

### **Super Raffle**

Bill Dvorak of Dvorak's Expeditions has generously donated a three day fishing float trip through the Gunnison Gorge for this year's Super Raffle. Bill was one of the first guides to operate commercially on the Gunny and is considered one of the top fishing guides on the river. The trip has a value of \$1230 and only 100 tickets will be available for \$20 each. Check out the web site: [www.dvorakexpeditions.com](http://www.dvorakexpeditions.com) for more information and to purchase tickets contact: Mac Cunningham 970-255-7000 or [cunninghamco@bresnan.net](mailto:cunninghamco@bresnan.net)

### **Special Raffle**

Watch for "The Grand Valley Angler" raffle. A complete fly fishing outfit – rod, reel, line, waders, boots, hat, shirt, flies, vest – the whole works! Everything you need to head to the river. Sportsman's Warehouse generously donated the complete outfit for either male or female. More

information will be available on the website: [www.grand-valley-anglers.org](http://www.grand-valley-anglers.org) and in the March issue of TTT&PP.

## Youth Tee Shirts

Participating youth will again receive limited edition Expo tee shirts with the Expo logo and poster on the front. This year all the kids will draw a fish with their name in it for imprinting on the shirt for next year.

A youth casting contest will be conducted again with winners receiving prizes of their choice. 20 complete fly rod, reel, line and leader kits have been ordered along with 10 complete fly tying kits. 10 youth fly fishing vests are also included as prizes. Other prizes include: books, DVDs, Expo posters signed by Jack and Vladi, fly selections, leaders, tippet material, fly tying material, gift certificates, certificates for savings accounts and limited edition signed prints by Tyler Befus.

## DESTINATION THEATER PROGRAMS

### Friday, March 30:

**7 PM** – Jack Dennis of Jackson WY, author, TV celebrity, producer of fly fishing and fly tying videos, fly-fishing icon “The Making of a Fly Fishing Television Show”.

### Saturday, March 31:

**9:00 AM** – John Duncan & Tom Craddock, “Fly fish Telluride, Same State Different World”.

**10:00 AM** – Brad Befus – “Fly Fishing the Four Seasons of Colorado”.

**11:00 AM** – Harley Reno: “A River That Challenges the Best – and Usually Wins”

**Noon** – Denny Breer – “A Fly Fishing Float Trip Down Utah’s Green River”

**1:00 PM** – Brent Curtice – “Filming a Fly fishing Show in Chile”

**2:00 PM** – Tyler Befus: “A Youthful Fly fishing Perspective”

**3:00 PM** – Part 1: Frank Smethurst “The Hatch” Award winning film shot in the Black Canyon during the stonefly hatch  
Part II “Running Down the Man” Award winning film with Frank Smethurst, Jesse Eckley and Ned Mayers, filmed on East Cape of Baja, Mexico

**5:30 - 9:30 PM – BANQUET & PROGRAM** featuring Jack Dennis “The Worth of a Trout” Auction to follow.

**John Duncan and Tom Craddock** own and operate The Telluride Angler out of Telluride. Both have been in the fly fishing business for years and know southwest Colorado fishing very well. They have both guided extensively on the San Miguel

and Dolores Rivers as well as some of the small streams in the area. Their program will introduce to some of the out-of-the-way places that they have discovered.

**Brad Befus** has been flyfishing and fly tying for 30 years. He is an accomplished freshwater and saltwater angler who holds several I.G.F.A. fly rod world records and has fished worldwide in pursuit of any gamefish that swims. Brad is an innovative fly tier with many of his patterns being produced and sold by Umpqua Feather Merchants through their “Fly Designer Program”. His flies have appeared in books and articles, as well as the University of Idaho Prichards Art Gallery and the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. Brad co-authored with Barry Reynolds and John Berryman “Carp on the Fly” a flyrodders guide to carp! He has recently completed his second book “Basic Techniques for Successful Fly Tying” and has also released three fly tying videos. (“Flies For Carp”, “Techniques for Micro Patterns” and “Basic Techniques for Successful Fly Tying”). He frequently contributes articles and photography to many of the flyfishing periodicals and is a crowd favorite speaker at fly fishing and sport shows all over the country. His vast knowledge of the sport of flyfishing and angling expertise make him a tremendous resource of angling, fly tying information. Brad currently resides in Montrose, Colorado

with his wife Lisa and their three children where he is the Sales Manager at Ross Reels.

**Dr. Harley Reno** of Idaho Falls, ID is an author, fishing guide, drift boat fishing instructor and is considered to be one of the experts in the field of fish physiology. He has a variety of presentations, which include, how fish see, how fish feel and the advantages of short rods for drift boat fishing. He is an expert fly tier and a fine gentleman. Harley holds B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Zoology from Oklahoma State University. He was a professional guide for 50 years, wherein he serviced clients in California, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, as well as Canada and Mexico. He retired after a 34 year professorial career and a 25 year engineering-industrial career.

Harley routinely is asked to speak and demonstrate his fly tying skills at fly-fishing shows throughout the western and Midwestern states. Last year, 13 of his patterns won medals in the International Fly-Tying Contest (People's Choice Division) sponsored by the Federation of Fly Fishers. He also has contributed widely to popular literature and recently had his *opus* entitled "Hunt--Don't Pray--for Fish: Techniques and Strategies for Fly Fishing from a Drift Boat" announced and published as an electronic book by the Federation of Fly Fishers. This

talk focuses on fishing the "canyon" portion of the Fremont River in south central Utah . It is a stream that he has fished for almost 40 years. During that time, he has encountered only one other fly fisherman, except, of course, his students and friends that he has guided through the canyon. Harley drives down each year from Idaho to demonstrate his fly tying skills.

**Denny Breer** is a long-time outfitter on the Green River. His outfitting business, Trout Creek Flies, is considered one of the best on the river. His book, *Utah's Green River: A Fly Fisher's Guide to the Flaming Gorge Tailwater*, is **THE** reference guide for fishing the Green River. Denny is an outstanding fly tier and will be demonstrating his tying skills at the Expo. Denny and Grace are loyal supporters of Grand Valley Anglers and Trout Unlimited and generous donors for our fundraising efforts.

**Brent Curtice** of Paonia travels the world for Cabela's TV Flyfishing Shows. During the winters he is principal at Paonia High School and has the summers off to fish. His travels have taken him to some of the most remote locations in the world for filming. Brent's book, *Fly Fishing for Trophy Trout*, is a must if you want to learn how to catch big fish. Brent has demonstrated fly tying for 30 years, starting when he guided out of Jackson, Wyoming.

**Tyler Befus**, age 9, of Montrose is quite an accomplished angler and fly fishing celebrity. His book, "*A Kid's Guide to Fly Fishing*", is a best seller and has had outstanding reviews in some of the fly fishing periodicals. He travels the show circuit in the winter and has presented his program on both coasts as well as in Texas. He holds two IGFA Junior World Records for inconnu and kokanee salmon. He is on the Pro Teams of Whiting Farms, St. Croix Rods, Simms, Ross Reels, Rio Products and Haber Sunglasses.

**Frank Smethurst** grew up in the southeast part of the US where he fished for trout in the mountains and warmwater fish in the lakes. He moved out west to Telluride for the fishing and skiing. He has guided in Colorado for the past 20 years some of which has been rowing boats through the Gunnison Gorge. He is an expert angler and considered one of the most knowledgeable fly fishers on the San Miguel and Dolores Rivers. He currently is a manufacturer's representative for Scott Fly Rods and guides when he has the time. His past several winters have been spent on the East Cape of Mexico running down the elusive, rooster fish, considered one of the toughest salt water fish to catch on a fly rod. Felt Sole Productions feature him in, *Running Down the Man*, shot in Baja, Mexico this past winter. This award winning film is exciting and you

don't want to miss it. (If you watch closely you will see locals – Ned Mayer and Jesse Eckley in the film) Felt Sole Productions also filmed and produced, *The Hatch*, also an award winner, shot in the Black Canyon during the fabled stonefly hatch. The photography is outstanding. Some of the aerial footage shot while flying at low levels above the Gunnison River take your breath away. The film shows the craziness that occurs each June in the Gorge. You watch this and you will go home and start packing your gear for "The Hatch"

**Rainbow Aquarium** – The Colorado Division of Wildlife will have their vintage fish truck on display at the Expo. A glass tank is mounted on the truck and will contain some **HUGE** fish from one of their hatcheries. This is an opportunity to view fish up close!

### **Book Signing Table**

Authors available for book signings include: Brad Befus, Tyler Befus, Denny Breer, Shane Stalcup, Brent Curtice, Jeff Hatton, Harley Reno and Jack Dennis.

### **Fly Tiers**

The fifty plus fly tiers that will be demonstrating their skills at the Expo are some of the best there are. Many are fly designers and their patterns are sold by such companies as, Orvis, Umpqua Feather

Merchants, Montana Fly Company and Solitude Fly Company. Those that have their names on their flies sold receive a royalty for each the fly sold. Several adjacent states will be represented at the tying tables. These generous individuals aren't paid to travel to Grand Junction to share their knowledge with us. They all pay their own travel expenses. They are sharing, skilled, artists that love what they do and want to share with others. Be sure to tell them all, Thank You for making Expo 2007 such a huge success.

### **Vendors**

Vendors are an important part of the Expo. They all pay a fee to have space for their displays. This year we have a drift boat company, fly fishing retailers, artists, outfitters and various fly fishing related businesses. Colorado Trout Unlimited and Team USA will have booths to present what their organizations do. There will be a booth especially for women. Novices and experienced anglers will have the opportunity to network, learn about local waters, and meet other women anglers. Information will be available on upcoming classes. Call Carol Oglesby for info: 970-434-3912.

For more Expo information contact Pat Oglesby 970-434-3912 or Steve McCall 970-434-8172

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GVA meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month at the Far East Restaurant, 1530 North Ave. in Grand Jct., CO. Dinner and libations at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:30 and program at 8:00.

The Board of Directors meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at GJ Scores 2445 F-3/8 Rd., at 5:30 p.m. Members and all others are invited.

