

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

April, 2013

A Message from the President *by Gary Barnes*

There is good reason to celebrate the 2013 Eastern Idaho Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo (EIFTE). That is because it is the **twentieth** time this show has been offered to the fly-fishing public. The EIFTE began back in 1994 as a one-day event at the old West Bank Motel on River Parkway. Its original intent was to showcase the extensive fly-fishing and fly tying talent of eastern Idaho. About fifty demonstrating fly tiers attended, as did a few local vendors. A few casting classes, a destination program, and a banquet with a few over one hundred attending rounded out the EIFTE that year. Until 1999 the EIFTE was held at the West Bank Inn except for twice, 1995 and 1998, at Pocatello's Quality Inn. From then on it has been held at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls. And that is where the EIFTE has grown into a national event on the fly-fishing scene. Over the years at the Shilo Inn the Expo has grown to feature a woman's program, a youth program, fly tying and fly casting workshops, complimentary mid show dinner, fly fishing film tour movie, ladies table, merchandise table, a fly tying theatre, extensive vendor attendance, and destination programs. Attendees have come from several states and foreign countries to take part. Now the world is aware of the strength and scope in the eastern Idaho fly-fishing and fly tying traditions. Thus the original purpose of the EIFTE has come to fruition. Now the major purposes for the EIFTE are basically two-fold:

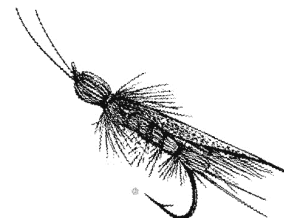
1. Channel support into efforts to preserve and enhance regional cold water fisheries and their habitat. For about two decades regional waters have benefited from the generosity of EIFTE attendees. What they have spent and contributed during the EIFTE goes into preserving the cold water fisheries they so much enjoy.
2. Channel support into efforts to educate the public as to the joys of fly fishing and its manifold facets. Fly-fishing offers numerous activities that aid in enjoying the act of fishing. But fly-fishing also is a means to enjoy other outdoor activities.

The EIFTE organizing committee intends to continue the manner in which the show is offered not only to the fly-fishing public, but to anyone considering entering the wonderful world of fly-fishing. All these organizational actions take time and energy. The same applies during days of the show to keep it on track. Thus volunteer help during days of the show is vital to its success. Please consider offering to help. You can approach any of the Expo committee to make an offer. An excellent way to do so is to attend the next two SRC membership meetings where committee members are always present.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Jeff Currier
Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls
780 Lindsay Blvd.
Wednesday April 10th, 6:30 PM



Fly-Fishing in and Around the Jackson Hole Area with Jeff Currier

While most hardcore Rocky Mountain fly fishers focus their annual adventures throughout Idaho and Montana, the waters in and around Jackson Hole, Wyoming remain relatively undiscovered. Jackson is located only ten miles from Grand Teton National Park and 55 miles from the South Entrance of Yellowstone National Park. This fun filled town is also within an hour of rivers such as the Henry's Fork, South Fork, Wind and the headwaters of the famous Green River, not to mention others including the Salt, Grey's, Bechler, Firehole, Lewis, Yellowstone, and New Fork.

Another magnificent highlight of Jackson Hole is its famed and native Snake River Cutthroat. Snake River cutties are not only one of the most beautiful trout you've ever laid eyes on but also one of the strongest fighters of all cutthroat species. Jeff Currier has made the Jackson Hole area home for more than 25 years. He too admits that prior to landing in Jackson that he was unaware of the fishing it has to offer. But it didn't take him long to figure it out. Join Jeff as he takes you through the calendar year of fishing in and around Jackson.



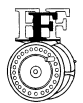
IDFG Upper Snake Region Annual Fisheries Newsletter by Dan Garren

Dan Garren made us aware of this eight page, but information packed publication a few weeks ago. It is produced annually, and you can see it on the IDF&G web site. Within this document are sections on each of the major drainages in the Upper Snake Region: Henry's Fork, South Fork, Sinks, Willow Creek and the Teton River. Under the Henry's Fork discussion is the premise that it is being managed to enhance rainbow trout populations. Likewise the South Fork drainage is being managed to enhance cutthroat trout populations with several actions being undertaken for this purpose. Management in the Sinks drainages will be to enhance sport fishing for such non-native species as rainbow and brook trout. In the upper Little Lost drainage bull trout, and in the Medicine Lodge and Beaver creeks drainage cutthroat trout will be maintained or improved. In the much degraded Willow Creek drainage habitat improvement and improved stream flows will be goals. Spawning tributaries used by cutthroat trout will have reduced seasons similar to those in the South Fork drainage below Palisades Reservoir. Because the Teton River is gaining national reputation as a cutthroat trout fishery it will be managed to enhance these natives even though rainbow, brook and a small number of brown trout are present. The report also includes some interesting sections on why native trout are being managed as such, and an interesting discussion on the sustainability of bait fishing in regional waters.

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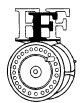
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2013 Eastern Idaho Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Workshop Schedule
Jeff Armstrong

Tying Workshops

Quill Wing/Quill Body Catskill Flies for Advanced Tiers with Steven Fernandez* *Thursday April 18th 5:30pm – 9:30pm*
\$25

Students will have the chance to learn from a true master, the art of tying the Quill Wing and Quill Body Catskill Flies. This workshop will be very intensive and is intended for fly tiers with advanced skills.

New Fly Tying Techniques Using the Nor-Vise with Harley Reno *Friday April 19th 8:00am – 12:00pm*
\$25

This workshop is intended to introduce fly tiers to the advantages of tying flies with the Nor-Vise.

Beginning Thread Control and Materials Handling with Wayne Luallen* *Friday April 19th 8:00am – 12:00pm*
\$25

Wayne takes you through understanding why materials respond in different ways, how you can use different thread control techniques to gain greater discipline over your materials.

Silver Creek De-Mystified with Brian Richter *Friday April 19th 8:00am – 12:00pm*
\$25

Brian will help you unravel the mysteries of Silver Creek by sharing with you some of his most productive patterns and also giving you invaluable insight into what flies to use and when.

Parachutes from A to Z with Scott Sanchez* *Friday April 19th 1:00pm – 5:00pm*
\$25

In this workshop Scott will be sharing some of his favorite and innovative techniques for tying parachute style flies.

A New Approach to Stillwater Flies with Mike Andreasen *Friday April 19th 1:00pm – 5:00pm*
\$25

Join Mike for a chance of a lifetime to learn from one of the leading authorities on stillwater fly fishing in the world.

Advanced Thread Control and Materials Handling with Wayne Luallen* *Saturday April 20th 8:00am – 12:00pm*
\$25

As a prerequisite, students who sign-up for this workshop must first take the Beginning Thread Control and Materials Handling workshop on Friday Morning.

Saltwater Flies Made Easy with Tim Tollett *Saturday April 20th 8:00am – 12:00pm*
\$25

These include Tim's own patterns such as the Tollett's *Sexy 60's Crab* in addition to other popular patterns like the *Dorsey's Kwan*, *Rag Head Crab* and *Ragin Caven*.

Steelhead Flies for Idaho's Rivers with John Stenersen *Saturday April 20th 1:00pm – 5:00pm*
\$25

In this workshop students will learn to tie some of the more popular steelhead flies in addition to several of John's own unique and effective patterns.

Boots' Favorite Snake River Patterns – Through the Eyes of An Angler with Boots Allen *Saturday April 20th 1:00pm – 5:00pm*
\$25

Boots will share some of his favorite and most productive patterns that he has perfected during almost 25 years of guiding on the Snake River and the South Fork reach of the Snake. He will also provide knowledge about how, when and where to fish this most popular river.



Casting Workshops

Beginning Fly Casting with Buck Goodrich

This workshop is for the beginner caster or as a review for the intermediate caster.

Improve Your Casting with Bob Jacklin* (Intermediate)

This class is designed for the intermediate fly caster wanting to master those casting techniques that improve casting in adverse conditions.

Introduction to Spey Casting with Zack Dalton

To expand your fly fishing experience into the world of Spey casting, this workshop is your entry ticket.

Beginning Fly Casting with Brian Richter

This workshop is for the beginner caster or as a review for the intermediate caster.

Fishing Workshops

Entomology for Fly Fishing with Jay Buchner

\$25

Friday April 19th 8:00am -12:00pm

This comprehensive workshop will cover the major trout food groups including Stoneflies, Caddisflies, Mayflies, Damsel and Dragonflies, Scuds, Leeches and more with a collection of preserved examples as well.

The Art of Tenkara Fly Fishing with Misako Ishimura

\$25

Friday April 19th 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Misako Ishimura, is a leading Tenkara fly fisher and instructor in North America. Misako will teach you about the history of Tenkara and introduce you to the flies, equipment application, and techniques of Tenkara.

Classic Nymph Fishing with Tim Tollett

\$25

Friday April 19th 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Tim will bring back the good old days showing you the highly effective methods of fishing without a strike indicator and demonstrating that you don't have to be a mystic to detect takes as is commonly thought.

Knots for All Occasions with Gregg Messel

\$25

Saturday April 20th 8:00am -12:00pm

Gregg will discuss the history of leaders including past and present leader materials, how to make custom leaders and how to tie all the useful knots that fly-fishers use.

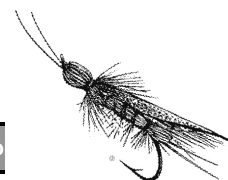
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For more complete information on workshop and program summaries see our website
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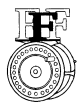
2013 Class Schedule

Free Fly Casting Class - On Tuesday, May 7th and Thursday, May 9th 2013 starting at 6:30 pm there will be two free casting classes taught by FFF casting instructors. Classes will last for approximately 2 hours and are located at Tautphaus Park by the fountain (southeast corner of the park off Boulevard). This is open to everyone. The class is designed for beginners and intermediate casting levels. This is a great chance to start casting or improve you casting ability, and it is free. Contact Jeff Armstrong 522-7005 for more information. Some equipment can be provided for the students to use during the class. Attend one or both classes.

2013 Calendar	
Date	Activity
Tuesday, April 2nd	SRC board meeting, 6:30 Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls
Wednesday, April 10 th	Membership meeting, 6:30 Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls Guest: Jeff Currier
Saturday, April 13th	Annual Banquet of the Upper Sake River FyFishers Rexburg VFW Hall 6:30 PM
Fri.-Sat. April 19 th -20 th	Eastern Idaho Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo
Tues., Thurs May 7 th , 9 th	Public Fly Casting Clinic
Wednesday May 8 th	SRC Business Meeting

Spring Conservation Project

If you are interested in helping on our spring conservation work project, then mark your calendars for Saturday June 1st. That is the tentative date for our project with the Salmon-Challis National Forest if all the paperwork gets done. The project is on Canyon Creek, which is a small stream east of Leadore that flows into the Lemhi River. We will be building a number of stream improvement structures. No fence building this year. This will be our 25th consecutive year of working in the Salmon River drainage. More details on the logistics will be published in the May newsletter. If you would like to sign up, please call or send an email to Paul Patterson: 208-569-8031, pattersonn@uidaho.edu



Recipe of the Month

Fish and Chips

There are several recipes for this tasty dish. Try this one sometime.

- 2 lb. fresh trout or whitefish fillets cut into vertical strips
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour to dredge
- 1 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1 Cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 Tsp salt
- 2 12 oz. cans of beer
- Cooking oil for frying: Peanut oil is best, but any will work

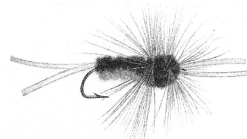
Sift flour, salt and paprika together. Stir in enough beer to make batter thick enough to coat a spoon. Don't allow batter to be thicker because after cooking it can become "chewy" instead of light and crunchy. Set batter aside and heat oil in deep fryer to 375 deg. F. Remove any bones from fish. Lightly coat fish in dredging flour and shake away excess. This helps batter adhere to fish. When oil is up to heat, dip fish in batter, let excess drip away, then fry three or four at a time. Drain on paper towels. Serve with fries and tartar sauce. Serves 6

Fly of the Month

Bitch Creek Nymph

Many of us are pitching big stone fly nymphs on the lower Henry's Fork these days. Properly presented, these can produce big trout before run-off begins and also afterwards. This old classic has been around since the 1960s, but is "out of style" mainly because of the materials from which it is tied. Nevertheless, it remains a highly effective pattern, consists of only a few components, and is easily tied. Most recipes for it call for the abdomen to be form through using the overhand weave of black chenille on top and orange chenille on bottom. However this pattern was originally tied without the weave to form the abdomen.

- Hook: Daiichi 1720, or equivalent, size 4-8
- Thread: Black 6/0
- Tail/Antennae: Two strips white rubber legs extending to front and rear
- Abdomen: Orange chenille on bottom, black chenille on top
- Body: Black chenille
- Hackle: Brown saddle hackle over body



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