



The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

May, 2015

A Message from the President *by Paul Patterson*

First of all I would like to offer a big THANK YOU to everyone involved in another successful Expo, including tiers, vendors, sponsors, donors and attendees. I would like to offer a special thanks to all of our volunteers, especially the folks from Pocatello, and the Expo Committee who organize and run this show. I'm not going to mention everyone that I need to thank by name because I would inevitably leave someone out.

Second, I want to remind everyone of the election and pizza party at Papa Tom's on Wednesday May 13th with a social hour starting at 5:30. We will serve pizza starting around 6:15 or so and will stop when everyone is full. The club pays for the pizza and soft drinks. Beer is on your nickel. The slate of 2015/16 officers and directors is shown on page 2. To serve as an officer, you need to be a member of Trout Unlimited. To serve as a director you need to be a member of Trout Unlimited or the Federation of Fly Fishers. We are still looking for someone to serve as secretary, so please contact me if interested. Phone: 569-8031, Email: patterson@uidaho.edu

Third, the conservation project on Canyon Creek, written up in the April newsletter, is still a go. Please let me know if you plan on attending so I can accurately plan the meals. We will be staying at the BLM's Smokey Cub campground east of Leadore, same place we stayed in 2013. There is no potable water source at the campground, so plan accordingly. See the April newsletter for details or contact me directly.

Fourth, the Saturday after the Canyon Creek project (June 6th) the SRC youth group will plant root stock willows on Sheep Creek, a tributary to the Blackfoot River. We don't need a large group for this project as we expect the youth to provide the majority of the labor. We need half-dozen adults to help supervise. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact me or Christina Assante. Phone numbers are on the back page.

Fifth, screen cleaning on Rainey Creek has started. If interested in helping, please contact Jeff Armstrong, 522-7005. Including driving time, it takes roughly 4 hours to complete this task.

Have a great summer and stay safe!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Business Meeting
Papa Tom's
1830 South Woodruff, Idaho Falls
Wed, May 13th, 5:30 PM Social Hour Begins



Annual Business Meeting and Pizza Pig-Out

Papa Tom's
1830 South Woodruff
(Southwest Corner of Woodruff & 17th)
Wednesday May 13th
5:30 PM Social
6:15 PM Pizza Served

Besides gooey pizza and drinks of varying strength, one of the actions at this meeting is nomination/election of officers and directors. We have a few vacancies on the Snake River Cutthroats Board of Directors. Want to become involved in a club that puts back into the cold water resource we love so much? Come to the meeting and offer to be part of the Board!

2015-2016 Snake River Cutthroats Officers and Board of Directors Ballot

Officers

President (2016)	Paul Patterson
Past President (2016)	Gary Barnes
Executive VP (2016)	Rory Cullen
Conservation VP (2017)	Jeff Armstrong
Treasure	Jim Mathias
Secretary	Open

Board of Directors: (term expires)

3-Year (2018)

Open

Open

Open

2-Year (2017)

Christina Assante

Pat & Susan Marushia

Galen Smolik

1-Year (2016)

Ron Hover

Mike Miller

Open

Candidates For Open Director Positions:

Wade Allen

Arn Berglund

George Klomp

Matt Woodard

Electronic Newsletters Available

For those still receiving hard copies of the newsletter via standard mail, but would prefer to receive it via email, please send your email address to Carol Staples, our membership chair at casbas@ida.net.

Fewer mailings mean more dollars for conservation projects. The fish will appreciate your cost saving efforts.

House of Harrop is 2015 Recipient of the Snake River Cutthroats Heritage Award

“For significant and sustained commitment and contributions to the art of fly tying and the sport of fly fishing, to the conservation of critical fish habitat, and to the promotion of fly fishing ethics in Eastern Idaho.”



Leslie Harrop accepts Heritage Award for the House of Harrop from Bob Long.

In existence for nearly a half-century, the House of Harrop is certainly synonymous with fly tying, fly fishing, contribution to fly-fishing literature, and exquisite artwork. The House of Harrop, begun by Rene' and Bonnie Harrop in their St. Anthony home in 1968, has included their daughter Leslie and son Shayne from early ages, and now includes a third generation of Harrops.

Rene' Harrop, a life-long resident of Fremont County, is a renowned angler, tyer, artist, and author. He and the House of Harrop was, remains, and always will be stalwart advocates for protecting the Henry's Fork when many others are more interested in the number and the size of the fish they could catch. Rene' was a founding member of the Upper Snake River Fly-Fishers (the Rexburg club for many of us) and served as its first president. He was also a founding member of the Henry's Fork Foundation and a long-time supporter. When Trout Unlimited launched their Home Rivers Initiative on the South Fork, The House of Harrop pledged one of Rene's signature prints to the Eastern Idaho Fly Tying and Fly-Fishing Expo's live auction to support this effort for each of the first five years of the program.

This generosity and commitment to the sport of fly fishing, the art of fly tying, fly-fishing art and literature, and the protection of the fishing resource is a hallmark and ongoing House of Harrop characteristic. The House of Harrop runs true to its roots. In an industry that is now dominated by mass produced flies from overseas, the House of Harrop maintains the tradition of individual quality and innovation with tying materials and creative life cycle patterns with their elegant custom tied flies.

Henry's Lake Hybrids: A New Strain
by
Jon Flinders, Fisheries Biologist

Henry's Lake, located in eastern Idaho, has provided a recreational trout fishery since the late 1800s. The lake supports a robust fishery for native Yellowstone cutthroat trout, hybrid cutthroat trout (female cutthroat trout x male rainbow trout), and brook trout. For over 60 years, Henry's Lake has been managed as a trophy trout fishery. Anglers often refer to the hybrid cutthroat trout as "cuttbows" or "hybrids." Hybrids grow faster and attain larger sizes than the native cutthroat trout, which makes it popular among anglers. Hybrids were first stocked in the lake in the 1950s in relatively low numbers (5,000 and 8,000 fish), but current hatchery goals call for 200,000 hybrids annually. To ensure genetic integrity of the native Yellowstone cutthroat trout population, all hybrids are sterilized prior to stocking. Hybrids are stocked in the fall in the lake as three inch fish known as "fingerlings." Hybrid cutthroat trout production is usually done with early-run cutthroat trout females collected from Hatchery Creek egg-taking station located on the north shores of the lake. Eggs are stripped on site and fertilized with milt obtained from male rainbow trout. Historically, male rainbow trout milt has been collected from rainbow trout from Hayspur State Fish Hatchery, located 30 miles south of Sun Valley. We refer to the hybrids created with fish from the Hayspur hatchery as the "Hayspur strain." This spring, milt from male rainbow trout known as the "Gerrard strain" was used. It originally came from Kootenay Lake, British Columbia. The Gerrard strain was introduced to Idaho in 1941 and 1942 in northern Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille. In northern Idaho, Gerrard rainbows reach very large sizes and are known to be highly piscivorous, meaning they like to eat other fish. In Lake Pend Oreille, the Gerrard strain has reached large sizes with a world record 37 lb fish being caught there in 1949. Henry's Lake may be an ideal location for the Gerrard strain given the relative availability of prey fish, such as sculpin and Utah chub. Along with that, the high lake productivity allows for fast fish growth. In the fall of 2015, Idaho Department of Fish and Game will stock approximately 100,000 "Hayspur strain" hybrids and 100,000 "Gerrard strain" hybrids. Prior to stocking, all hybrid fingerlings will be marked with a colored dye that imbeds into the fish scales. The dye does not harm the fish or make the fish harmful to eat, but it will help biologists draw a comparison between the Hayspur and Gerrard strains to evaluate how these different stocks perform in Henry's Lake. A few of the questions we hope to answer are: 1) Do the different strains grow at different rates? 2) Is one strain more aggressive at eating other fish such as the Utah chub? 3) Does one strain attain larger size or live longer than the other? The results from this evaluation will likely be used to guide future stocking efforts in order to provide a hybrid trout best suited to providing a trophy fishery that anglers have come to expect in Henry's Lake.

2015 Outings Schedule
By
Mike Miller

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For more information, contact the outings host or Mike Miller.
Outings Chair: Mike Miller, 357-5569

Date	Location	Host
June 20	Blacktail Reservoir for Smallmouth Bass	Jimmy Gabettas 524-7160 (shop)
June 26	Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone Park Fishing for Lake Trout and Browns	Bruce Staples 522-9242 H
July 18	Henry's Lake Fishing from boats	Bill Schiess
July 31 – Aug 2	South Fork – overnighter Float from Palisades to Byington	Dave Pace 529-9290 H
August 15	Greys River – WY License Required Wade fishing	Matt Woodard 201-1353 C
September 19	Daniels Reservoir Fishing from boats	Dave Pace 529-9290 H
October 3	South Fork – Lower River Brown trout streamer fishing from boats	Paul Bowen 351-3312
October 16 or 17	Lower Blackfoot River Wade fishing for Rainbow & Cutthroats	Bruce Staples 522-9242 H
November 14-15	Clearwater River - steelhead	Kenly Bitton 521-4657

Free Public Casting Classes

Begun in 1973, this is our longest sustained activity. This year the classes will be held Tuesday, May 12th and Thursday, May 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Tautphaus Park south of the fountain (at corner of South Boulevard and Rogers Street). No registration is required, just show up. It is best to bring your own rod and reel with line. You do not have this equipment? No problem; rods and spooled reels will be available at no charge. Each class will be for beginner and intermediate levels. Attend one or both classes. Questions? Contact Jeff Armstrong at 522-7005.

Recipe of the Month

Carol Staples' Brookies & Hush Puppies

Our membership chairperson is a North Carolina country girl. That means a fish fry once in a while is in order. When that time comes up, I run out to a headwater stream somewhere and get a bunch of brookies to become the essential ingredient. Those aggressive little devils, ranging from six to ten inches, take anything. I like to give 'em a small (#12) peacock woolly worm. Doing so is almost as much fun as enjoying the results of her recipe. After landing enough of these for dinner, and keeping them alive, I clean them all at same time and immediately place them in a cooler and head for home. Then after a few trips to the grocery store to replenish other items given below, she takes over as follows.

Ingredients for Fish

Cleaned trout, four, five or six per person
 Salt & pepper (optional)
 Solid Crisco
 Corn Meal

Cooking Instructions

Roll each fish in corn meal with salt and pepper to totally cover outer surface
 Melt solid Crisco at medium cooking temperature in a cast iron skillet
 Place as many as will fit in the heated skillet
 Cook fish turning occasionally until meat easily leaves bones when probed with a fork
 Remove from skillet and place on paper towels

Hush Puppies Ingredients

2 ¼ cups corn meal
 2-3 tablespoons chopped onion
 1 ½ cups buttermilk (enough to moisten flour & corn meal)
 1 tsp salt
 ¾ tsp soda
 Canola oil
 Makes 3-4 dz.

Cooking Instructions

Mix well cornmeal; chopped onions, salt, soda, buttermilk to form stock
 Dip into stock to form teaspoon size chunks
 Heat Canola oil to 375 Deg. F in deep fryer such as Fry Baby
 Drop byteaspoon full into deep fryer
 Cook until golden brown
 Remove and dry on paper towel

Serve both while still warm. Include cole slaw and you will have a fabulous dinner!

Calendar

Wednesday, May 13 th	Annual Business Meeting, Papa Tom's Pizza
Tues. and Thurs., May 12 th and 14 th	Free Public Fly Casting Clinic, Tautphaus Park, 6:30
Saturday, May 30 th	Canyon Creek Conservation Project
Saturday, June 6 th	Youth Willow Planting Conservation Project, Sheep Creek
Thursday, July 16 th	Summer Picnic, Mike & Ann Miller's, <u>Date Tentative</u>
Tuesday, Sept. 15	Board Meeting, Keefer's Island VIP Board Rm, 6:30
Wednesday, Oct. 14 th	Membership Meeting, Shilo Inn, 6:30

Fly of the Month

Peacock Woolly Worm

I mentioned above in Recipe of the Month that a peacock woolly worm was my "go to" fly for fooling headwater brookies when planning a fish fry. Peacock herl is the main attracting item here, so hackle choice is up to you. Those aggressive devils will chew this fly up quickly, so applying the "KISS" principle means a stock of them can be quickly tied. Don't use your best quality hackle, and be sure to reinforce the herl by winding it tightly around the tying thread, then forming the body with the result. Your fly will stay together better if you counter-wrap the wound hackle with a fine wire rib.

Hook: Daiichi 1710, size 10-14, or equiv.
 Thread: Olive or black Uni-Thread 8/0
 Optional rib: Fine copper wire (adds durability)
 Body: Tightly wound reinforced peacock herl
 Hackle: Grizzly, ginger, badger, or whatever



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