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Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

April, 2016

A Message from the President *by Paul Patterson*

The Expo is just a few weeks away (see page 4-5 for workshops). For more information, check out the Expo website: srcexpo.com Signup for workshops or buy tickets/ticket packages for the Expo banquet at Jimmy's.

The Expo is our big money raising event for the year. It provides the money to run the club as well as the money that we put into conservation and education programs/projects. The Snake River Cutthroats have put \$274,000 dollars into conservation projects and \$16,500 into education programs from Expo proceeds since 2004. Please help us make the 2016 the most successful Expo yet.

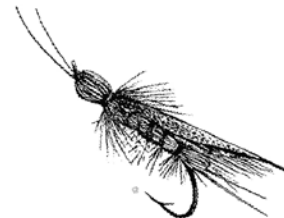
There will be 20-25 great items in the live auction on Saturday night, as well as in the various raffles and silent auctions that run during the day on Friday and Saturday, as well as on Saturday night. If you are looking for a new drift boat or a 4-wheeler, please be sure to stop by the Expo and check these out. All live auction items will be on display. There are substantial discounts on the Expo ticket packages compared to buying the individual tickets. Check out the Expo website (srcexpo.com) for prices on the various ticket packages and a list of all that is included. For example, the Gold package has a guaranteed winning ticket for a prize worth at least \$30, and the Platinum and Table packages are the only way to get a chance at a fly rod worth at least \$500. While there is a charge for the Expo banquet and workshops shown on pages 4 and 5, there is no charge to attend the Expo during the day. While a few workshops start at 8:00 o'clock, most things don't kick off until 9:00 both days. Fly tying demonstrations occur throughout the day and there are 25-30 vendor booths to visit.

Check out the calendar of events toward the back of the newsletter for the dates of the casting workshops and the spring conservation project. April is the last monthly meeting where we have a speaker. The May meeting is our annual business meeting and election of club officers and directors. The back room at Papa Tom's is the location for the May meeting. Pizza and soft drinks are provided by the club. The room is available at 5:30 and we will start serving pizza around 6:15. It's a great social activity. So if you are new to the area or lived here your entire life, please plan on attending.

Last, don't forget the Fly Fishing Film Tour that will be shown at the Colonial Theater on Friday April 22nd at 7:30, doors open at 7:00. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Jimmy's or at the Expo for \$12, or they can be purchased at the door for \$15. Film Festival tickets are included with some of the Expo ticket packages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Dave Dexter on
Lines, Leaders & Tippets*
Wednesday April 13th, 6:30 PM
Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls



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Wednesday, April 13th
6:30 PM Tying Demo
7:00 PM Presentation

*Dave Dexter on
Lines, Leaders & Tippetts*



Back in the mid-twentieth century selecting a fly line was simple. Basically, there were two types: floating and sinking. These lines were made out of somewhat degradable materials offered in only a few sizes. First level lines were the standard, then came double tapered lines

My how things have changed! Soon floating full-sink, and sink-tip lines of various sinking sections and weight forward versions appeared in a variety of weights. Next came lines (and leaders) meant for specific fishing: bass, salt water, steelhead and so on. All these are now offered not only a variety of weight, but some have detachable lead sections to be used under certain conditions. Intermediate lines became a favorite for still water fishing.

Our own Rio Products is a leader in developing these and future fly line, leaders and tippetts and Rio's Dave Dexter will present the results that company's progress on these at the meeting. Dave will also answer questions on the increasingly complicated question of proper line and leader selection. So bring you inquiries on what is the best line for the kind of fishing you enjoy.



2016 Eastern Idaho Fly Tying & Fly-Fishing Expo



April 21st-23rd mark the days of the 2016 Eastern Idaho Fly Tying & Fly-Fishing Expo at the Shilo Inn the event that has become a national event. Because of public interest, the workshop schedule and fly tying demo roster are included below in this newsletter issue.

The tying demo schedule is a "moving target," so the final version will be posted at the Expo registration desk. Be sure to consider the workshop roster because it features several superb tying and casting instructors, some of which are from outside the immediate area and may not offer their skills in future Expos.

Finally, consider volunteering to help put on this great event. Help is welcomed in all Expo activities. If you are interested in doing so, Contact Arn Berglund at fishvik@aol.com.

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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.



2016 EIFTE Demonstrating Fly Tiers

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2016 Expo Workshops

Women's Workshops

Women's Introduction to Fly Tying

Friday April 22nd 9:00am – 12:00pm \$35

Women's Fly Fishing Clinic

Saturday April 23rd 8:30am – 3:30pm \$60

Tying Workshops – Please Bring Tools and Thread

The Elegant Muddler Minnow for Advanced Tiers with Steven Fernandez (Buszek Winner)

Thursday April 21st 5:30pm – 9:30pm \$35

Friday April 22nd 8:15 am – 12:00pm \$35

Dynamite Flies for Livingston's Spring Creeks (and Beyond) with Satoshi Yamamoto

Friday April 22nd 8:45 am-Noon \$35

A Beginners Introduction to the Wonderful World of Fly Tying with Bob Jacklin (Buszek Winner) Friday

April 22nd 9:00 am – 12:00pm \$35

Introduction to Thread Control and Materials Handling with Wayne Luallen (Buszek Winner) Friday April

22nd 8:15 am – 12:00pm \$35

Highly Innovative and Effective Rocky Mountain Flies from Blue Ribbon Fly Shop with Bucky

McCormick Friday April 22nd 8:45 am-Noon \$35

Friday April 22nd 1:00 pm – 4:45pm \$35

The Complete Guide to Tying Cripples and Emergers with Scott Sanchez (Buszek Winner) Friday April

22nd 1:00 pm – 4:45pm \$35

Tying Small Flies (Advanced) with Wayne Luallen (Buszek Winner)

Saturday April 23rd 8:15am –12:00pm \$35

Classic Steelhead Flies That Work with Marty Howard

Saturday April 23rd 8:15am –12:00pm \$35

Saturday April 23rd 8:15am -12:00pm \$35

Highly Productive Flies for the Greys and Salt Rivers Wyoming and

Their Tributaries with Christy Carlson Saturday April 23rd 1:00pm –
4:45pm \$35

Everything You Need to Know About Rotary Vise Tying Techniques with Al Ritt

Saturday April 23rd 1:00pm – 4:45pm \$35



Casting Workshops – Warm Clothing Required

Beginning Fly Casting with Bob Jacklin (Buszek Winner)

Friday April 22nd 1:00pm – 4:00pm \$35

Improve Your Casting with Mike Atwell (Intermediate)

Friday April 22nd 1:00pm – 4:00pm \$35

Beginning Fly Casting with John Rivera

Saturday April 23rd 1:00pm – 4:00pm \$35

Fishing Workshops

Fly Fishing for Steelhead with Kenly Bitton

Friday April 22nd 1:00pm – 4:45pm \$35

Introduction to Fly Fishing with Tim Woodard

Saturday April 23rd 8:15am – Noon \$35

Saturday April 23rd 8:15pm – 12:00pm \$35

Making and Using the Furled Leader with Joni Tomich

Saturday April 23rd 1:00pm – 4:45pm \$35

To sign up for workshop contact:

Jimmy's All Seasons Angler

275 A Street, Idaho Falls

(208) 524-7160

For more information and workshop summaries see our website at www.srcexpo.com

Update on County Line Road Hydro Project by Jeff Armstrong

The Cutthroats first heard about the County Line Road Hydroelectric Project in 2011. The Idaho Irrigation and New Sweden canal companies' pre-application proposal was to divert 2000 cubic feet per second (cfs) during the winter from the Snake River into the canals, seven miles above Idaho Falls. With an average winter flow of 2750cfs, this would leave a minimum winter flow of less than 1000cfs in the river. There has been only one day in the last 30 years when the flow has been below 1000cfs.

As part of the FERC pre-application process, fish entrainment, hydrology and habitat studies were done by the canal companies. Stakeholders, composed of state and federal agencies, NGO's such as Trout Unlimited, and the Bear Island Water Association representing homeowners on the river, were allowed to review and provide comment during the study phase. Most Stakeholders hoped, at the very least, that there would be agreement on minimum flow.

As the studies progressed the Stakeholders continually expressed concern about the very limited scope of the analysis that looked only at brown and rainbow trout while neglecting other wildlife and winter ice conditions. The results of the studies were both surprising and disturbing suggesting that fish habitat would actually improve at



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extremely low flows of 1000cfs. Stakeholders said this was incompatible with habitat studies done on other rivers and that flawed computer modeling and neglect of ice formation resulted the contradictory conclusions.

The canal companies' final proposal was for a minimum flow of 1000cfs during the winter. This was after a failed attempt to compromise at a minimum flow of 2000cfs. Last April the final pre-application documents were filed with FERC.

A minimum flow of 1000cfs will condemn the river during winter to severe drought like conditions and extensive ice formation. According to state and federal agencies it could be very detrimental to fish and wildlife. The islands and back channels that provide habitat for fish and other wildlife will cease to exist in winter. This part of the river will likely no longer provide safe haven for migratory birds common along this stretch. Ice and freezing water in the canals during winter could introduce hazardous safety and flooding issues for area residence and potentially depress home values. Motorized vehicles will have access to the river bottom during winter. And all this to produce about one windmill's worth of electricity.

The FERC public scoping meeting was held last July. The purpose was to allow the public to comment on the scope of the upcoming application process. The meeting was attended by over 100 people jammed into the Temple View/River View room at the Shilo. The overwhelming majority were opposed to the project.

In a recent article in the Post Register, despite public concerns, Mr. Thiel, a New Sweden Director, had no reservations about the project, that it is moving forward and that it will provide a new revenue stream for the canal districts. Mr. Bassista a biologist with IDFG indicated that if this project is successful other canal companies on the Snake will likely pursue similar projects. If this is true it does not bode well for other reaches of the Snake River. On the South Fork of the Snake alone there are 10 canals that divert water including the Great Feeder Canal.

What can we do? Our local club is a small player with limited resources. I am not sure what the government agencies like IDFG and national NGO's like TU are planning. Maybe Matt Woodard can give us more information on that front. I believe the governmental agencies and NGO's will continue to argue against the project but how effective that will be is hard to say. And obviously FERC's position is unknown.

One Stakeholder, the Bear Island Water Association has the most to lose and is determined to carry on the fight to oppose this project. They are looking for any support we can give them. One thing club members can do right now is sign their petition at the link below. It only takes a minute, so please sign up.

Fly of the Month

Danfred Minnow

Fred Petersen created this pattern in the 1990s. With Dan Busch's input it was originally intended for catching fresh silver salmon entering Paul's Bay and Paul's Lake on Afognak Island. It proved very effective there as well as on Kodiak Island's Pasagshak system. On returning to Idaho, Fred tried it for late season brown trout on the lower Henry's Fork. Guess what: it also is effective for browns there, the progeny of those Fred was so instrumental in establishing back in the 1980s.

Hook: Mustad 3665, or equivalent, size 2-2/0
Thread: Yellow, size A
Body: Silver Sparkle Braid
Beard: White Fish Hair or buck tail
Wing: Blue Fish Hair over Green Fish Hair





2015-2016 Calendar



Date	Activity
Saturday, April 9th	Upper Snake River Fly-Fishers Banquet, 6PM Rexburg VFW Hall
Wednesday, April 13 th	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 Tier: John Harder Speaker: Dave Dexter Lines, Leaders & Tippets
Saturday, April 16 th	Idaho Council TU Meeting, Boise
Friday & Saturday, April 22 nd & 23 rd	East Idaho Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo Shilo Inn
Wednesday, May 11 th	SRC Annual Business Meeting, 5:30 Papa Tom's Pizza
Tuesday, May 17 th	Public Casting Clinic, Tautphaus Park, 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 19th	Public Casting Clinic, Tautphaus Park, 6:30 PM
Saturday, May 21 st	Canyon Creek Conservation Project (More info later)
Sometime in mid-July	Summer picnic (Date TBD)
Saturday, June 4th	Twin Lakes Outing
Saturday, June 25th	Shoshone Lake Outing
Wednesday, September 28 th -Saturday, October 1 st	2016 TU National Meeting, Bozeman, MT

Note: all membership and board meetings are at the Shilo Inn.
Board meetings are open to all members.
General membership meetings are open to the public



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