

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

November, 2017

A Message from the President *by Rory Cullen*

Welcome back! October was a busy month for the Snake River Cutthroats. First up, Chad Hill was our presenter at the General Membership Meeting. Effective streamer fishing was the subject and Chad, with the assistance of Mike Glissmeyer, covered all aspects of streamer fishing. Stripping techniques along with colors, depth and line sizes were discussed. Thanks to Chad for a great first meeting and Mike for tying streamers before the presentation. Chad and Mike, along with Tom Salas, operate Idaho Fishing Outfitters. These guys support SRC events, so please support them.

Next up, I attended my first TU State Council meeting in Salmon. Past President Paul Patterson and Senior Advisor Matt Woodard were also in attendance. I learned a lot about all the other projects happening in Idaho. SRC is proud to announce three important milestones. 45th Anniversary of the Cutthroats, 25th Expo in April and the 30th Conservation Project with the Salmon-Challis Forest this spring. All this started in 1972 and still going strong in 2017. This is one great club.

SRC has a new event called 'Tie One On'. On the third Tuesday of the month we meet from 7-8 pm in the back area of Tap-N-Fill. Our goal is to have a casual atmosphere to engage a younger crowd and introduce them to our club. Our first 'Tie One On' was well attended. Twenty-five people showed up to watch John Stenersen tie streamers. We had a good mixture of age groups and some new faces. Thanks John for being our first tier and supplying some great info on techniques. Mike Glissmeyer will be our next 'Tie One On' tyer on November 21. There will be door prizes and lots of info. Look for details on Facebook and in emails.

Last but not least, Bruce Staples hosted a great outing on the lower Blackfoot. Water levels were good and so was the fishing. Quality fish, good beer and some rheumatism medicine was shared by all.

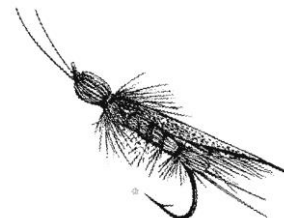
The Christmas Party is coming up on December 13. Details coming soon. Sign-up sheet will be at Jimmy's right after Thanksgiving Day. Please sign-up early so we can get our food orders correct.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tim Tollett

Fly-Fishing Southwest Montana

Wednesday, November 8th, 6:30 PM
Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls



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**General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 8th
Tim Tollett**

Fly-Fishing Southwest Montana



Dillon, Montana is a great place to live if you enjoy trout fishing. Nearby are quality small creeks, such as Grasshopper, Red Rock, Odell, and Poindexter Slough, famed rivers (Big Hole, Beaverhead, Red Rock, Ruby, Jefferson, Wise, Boulder), renowned still waters (Clark Canyon Reservoir, Elk Lake, Hidden Lake, Goose Lake, Otter Lake), to name a few. No one knows these waters better than Tim Tollett, owner of Frontier Anglers in Dillon. From this base of operations, Tim not only dispenses quality information on strategies for successful fishing on these and other areas waters but heads a guide force that dispenses his knowledge to clients. Tim will be presenting the “hows, whens, wheres, and whys” for best southwest Montana fishing. So if you are looking to solve questions on this subject, come to the meeting to learn from the best person to do so.

**First “Tie One On”
Night**

What a great first meeting we had! Attendance filled the back of Tap and Fill with fly tiers from all age groups. Invited tier, John Stenersen demonstrated tied some of his specialty streamers and graciously provided a hard copy syllabus for tying one of his favorites “Stenersen Pin White/Olive.” He recommends this pattern for use on the Snake and other rivers particularly when brown trout are migrating to spawning areas. Next meeting will be at Tap and Fill (1494 Milligan Rd.) 7-8 PM on December 12th and feature Mike Glissmeyer.



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@cablone.net.

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The fish will appreciate your cost-saving efforts.



Fisheries Research-What and Why
by
Dan Garren, Regional Fisheries Manager

The Fisheries crew in the Upper Snake Region is involved in several research projects that are intended to make fishing better for anglers. We are presenting a very brief summary of those projects below. If you are interested in hearing more about a particular project, give us a call or drop us a line! We hope you find these studies interesting.

Air Exposure of Trout, and Impacts to Reproduction: We are partnering with University of Idaho to determine the population-level impacts of air exposure (holding a trout out of water to remove a hook or take a picture) on trout, and trout reproduction. We will be working on this at the Burns Creek Weir throughout the spring and into next year. We hope this study will provide a good, scientific assessment of how harmful this practice is or is not.



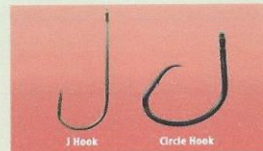
Habitat Use of Sturgeon in the Snake River Through Idaho Falls: Last year, we implanted nine sturgeon with radio transmitters and released them throughout town (video of that process [here](#)). We have been following those fish, and will continue to follow them this year to learn where they go, what habitat they use, and when they move to different habitats. Ultimately, we hope to use this information to determine areas IDFG can target to collect sturgeon for monitoring (e.g. growth) and help anglers figure out where to catch these unique fish.



Fingerling Trout Supplementation of the Upper Big Lost River: We recently released nearly 20,000 fingerling trout into the upper Big Lost River. Trout were marked by removing their adipose fin before being released, so we can identify those fish when we sample in 2017. Our goal is to get a better understanding of the survival of those trout through the winter, ultimately helping us improve the upper river fishery in the future.



Circle Hook vs Standard "J" Hook Study: We are helping on a statewide study to address the effects of different hook types on fish survival. We will be using both circle and "J" hooks to catch trout in Henrys Lake, and measuring the difference in hooking rates between these different gear types. Once the study is complete, we hope to combine this information with results from a hooking survival study and be able to provide scientific data to inform recommendations on ways to reduce mortality of fish caught and released.



Daniels Reservoir Outing

**By
Paul Voegeli**

With the autumn equinox having been observed a few days prior, and a concurrent abrupt change in both moisture and temperature levels following a tenaciously hot and dry summer (...recalling as well the August total solar eclipse) in eastern Idaho, eight members of the SRC congregated at Mike and Ann Miller's home on Tuesday, Sept. 26 just as sunlight was beginning to appear through the clouds over the foothills east of Idaho Falls, for a day of fishing together at Daniels Reservoir near Malad.

The trip had originally been slated for Saturday of the prior weekend but was wisely re-positioned to the 26th by our outing host Mike because of the high probability of inclement weather forecast for Saturday. It was a timely and accurate voice-of-reason-and-experience call to move the date for the day at Daniels. Those included in the fishing party include Mike Miller, Arn Berglund, Bob Starck, John Patton, Darrell Weimer, Rob Knox, Jeff Armstrong, and Paul Voegeli, all of whom had opportunity to appreciate a classic and beautiful early autumn Idaho day as well as a good bite and the enjoyable C&R of a nice number of the well-fed and fractious resident trout in Daniels Reservoir.

With trucks loaded up with various watercraft tackle, gear, and lunch supplies, the SRC departed, heading south along Highway 91 and we made the scheduled breakfast stop at Martha's café in Blackfoot. Discussion at the table was lively and included thoughts what each of us planned to use in the way of enticements for trout. The general consensus was for black leech patterns and chironomids variations. Black and orange (Halloween variation) leeches were specifically mentioned as well, and indeed, they turned out to be very productive.

We were seated at a south end table at the café, and in an adjacent area several Blackfoot locals were enjoying their morning coffee, breakfast and comradeship and obviously surmised that we were a bunch of retired guys on a fishing expedition. They engaged us in conversation with friendly and good natured banter. BTW: two of these gentlemen were wearing headgear indicating that they were Viet Nam War vets. Their service to our country is truly and sincerely appreciated. Then, interestingly enough, part way through the verbal back-and-forth, one of these fellows asked us (or if you prefer: had the unmitigated audacity to ask us) if we fished with "Fairy Sticks."

Hmmm... Some folks say "fishing pole", some refer (more correctly) to a fishing "rod", but I think there was a collective, albeit brief, moment of silence at the south end table of Martha's as we individually and collectively processed the "Fairy Stick" concept. Jeff and I were seated across the table from each other, and I suppose the look on his face was likely similar to the look on my face..."priceless" comes to mind. It almost felt like the holidays with a few words from the traditional carol refrain: "do you hear what I hear?" But without much hesitation one of the SRC's promptly piped up and politely asked that fellow what HE used when he went fishing and where he fished, to which the Grand Inquisitor from the adjacent table explained that HE fished with worms and a "pole" and locally as far south as a bridge (the name of which I missed) that is not far away and that was as far as he had ever fished or intended to fish.

The SRC gentlemen-aside from being momentarily given pause for thought as the sting of the slight and verbal front subsided-were probably as amused and equally as well entertained by the new terminology for the primary requisite instrument we utilize in our Trout Quest Adventures. And the bonus is that we now have a unique colloquial and specific moniker for our primary piece of trout hunting equipment: A Fairy Stick” eh? Who would have thought?

The drive to Daniels Reservoir takes about 2 hours, is about 85 miles from Idaho Falls and we arrived around 10:30 AM. The SRC’s pulled into two of the three parking and launch areas. It is good to keep in mind that the southern-most parking and launch area has a concrete boat ramp; the other two areas are best to be avoided if a trailer truck/boat-on-trailer is being used, as the shore ground up to the water’s edge is soft and mucky. And so we got all watercraft unloaded and ready to go, launched, and commenced to whacking the water with our “Fairy Sticks.”

The bite was on and was getting bit and catching nice rainbow trout that were obviously healthy and well fed. There was a slight wind that created enough chop to cause activity of sufficient attraction to the fish that could not resist the black (and different color varieties) leech fished about 8-10 plus feet deep under an indicator. Chironomid patterns were also very productive, again presented as were leech patterns. Several nice fish were taken during a slow troll from north to south in this 450 acre fishery. Bob Starck had a very good day having tied into fish not far from the launch area and to which he stayed close most of the day. Casting an eye over the water between one’s own casts frequently revealed one or another of the SRC’s with fish engaged on tight line and a downwardly arced rod. The hillsides surrounding Daniels Reservoir were starting to show early autumn foliage color changes and the upper reaches were crowned with a light cap of the first snows of the season. It was a day of visual delights and great fishing weather.

We took a lunch hour around 4:00 PM and enjoyed sandwiches, chips and barley pop compliments of Mike, including tomatoes from his garden that were the perfect accompaniment to the sandwiches. Many thanks to Mike for hosting and guiding the trip to Daniels Reservoir... and for the date change that worked well for us. It was another grand day of fishing in the activities and history of the SRC and we got a chance to learn a new term as well as a different point of view and opinion) for what we know to be a fly fishing rod. Tight Lines!

Once Again: A Worthy Endeavor

Erin Kane owns Flyvines in Missoula, MT. Flyvines makes recycled fly line into several accessory products carried in Orvis retail stores and fly shops across the country. We work with National TU, but want to contact individual Chapters to evaluate interest in collecting old fly line and send to us to recycle. Most Chapters collect it at their meetings, wrap it around a paper towel tube, or in a plastic bag, box it and send to us. If your Chapter collects and sends it to us at the address below, we will return a product. Check out our website at www.flyvines.com for more information on what we are.

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Recipe of the Month

Crispy Baked Walleye

Crispy breaded fish without frying! Feel free to use your favorite seasonings. You can also use tilapia or other white fish fillets. With a population of walleyes in nearby Ririe Reservoir and better populations in Oneida Narrows and Salmon Falls Reservoirs, this recipe offers a healthier way to enjoy these superb eating fish.

INGREDIENTS

1 egg
2 Tbsp water
1/3 cup dried bread crumbs
1/3 cup instant mashed potato flakes
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 Tsp seasoned salt
4 (4 .oz) walleye fillets

DIRECTIONS

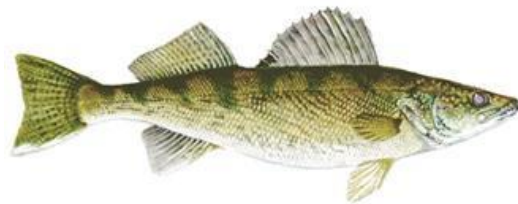
1. Preheat an oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). Grease a baking sheet.
2. Beat the egg and water together in a bowl until smooth; set aside. Combine the bread crumbs, potato flakes, and Parmesan cheese in a separate bowl with the seasoned salt until evenly mixed. Dip the walleye fillets into the beaten egg, then press into the bread crumb mixture. Place onto the prepared baking sheet.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until the fish is opaque in the center and flakes easily with a fork, 15 to 20 minutes.

Prep Time : 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15-20 minutes

Ready in 30 minutes

Makes 2 servings



Fly of the Month

Short Wing Emerger

No one has contributed more trout fly patterns than the House of Harrop. Bonnie Harrop created this pattern which has gained much renown for effectiveness. First created in the 1980s, it is ideal for use during BWO emergences. Because BWO emergences will provide the bulk of dry fly fishing for the rest of the year, consider tying it for presentation during such events.

Hook: Daiichi 1180, or equiv., size 14-22

Thread: Brown 8/0

Tail: 3-4 Woodduck fibers

Rib: Fine gold wire

Body: Dyed olive fur dubbing

Emerging wings: 1 or 2 duck quill segments

On either side of body

Legs: 6 brown partridge fibers

Head: Same material as body



2017-18 Calendar

Date	Activity
Tuesday, October 31 st	SRC Board Meeting: 6:30
Wednesday, November 1 st	EIFTE Organizational Meeting, All Seasons Angler, 6 PM
Wednesday, November 8 th	SRC General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM Speaker: Tim Tollett
Tuesday, November 21 st	Tie One On Night, Tap & Fill, 7-8 PM
Tuesday, December 5 th	SRC Board Meeting: 6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 6 th	EIFTE Organizational Meeting, All Seasons Angler, 6 PM
Wednesday, December 13 th	SRC Christmas Party, Senior Citizens Center, 5:30-10:00 PM
Tuesday, December 19 th	Tie One On Night, Tap & Fill, 7-8 PM

Note: all membership and board meetings are held at the Shilo Inn.

Board meetings are open to all members and are held in the VIP room.

General membership meetings are held in the Temple/River View rooms and are open to the public

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