

# The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

February, 2018

## A Message from the President *by Rory Cullen*

Happy mild winter to all Snake River Cutthroats. This is a great winter to get outside and fish. It's also a great time to attend our SRC General Membership Meetings. These are held on the second Wednesday of the month. For example, this last month, Boots Allen's presentation was fishing the Green and New Fork Rivers. Boots is an author, tier, guide and protector of our waters. He talked about, time of year, sections of river to access and other helpful info. He did mention to make sure you know private property laws for Wyoming. Over fifty people were in attendance. Next month SRC's long-time member and past president, Buck Goodrich, will do a presentation on fishing for Pike. Fly-tying starts at 6:30. SRC takes pride in having high quality presenters. Please see our calendar for more info.

Hopefully by the time this letter comes out our new website will be up and running. Same address as before, just completely redone. This site will be mobile friendly and it is our goal to keep it fresh and up to date. We plan on having club history, newsletters and a calendar as before. We are excited about adding a photo gallery and some other goodies. Keep a look out and don't forget to add [www.snakerivercutthroats.org](http://www.snakerivercutthroats.org) to your favorites.

It is never too early to mention the EIFTE (Eastern Idaho Fly Tying and Fly-Fishing Expo). It is our main fundraising event to support our conservation grants and education actions. The best way to get involved is to sign up early for volunteering. It's much easier for committee chairs to know who they have before the event starts. Also, EIFTE volunteering is a great way to make new friends. We will have sign-up sheets at all meetings, or you can call Arn Berglund, Expo Chairman, at 208-569-2243 (email: [fishvic@aol.com](mailto:fishvic@aol.com)).

That's it for now, 'cuz I'm goin' fishin'!



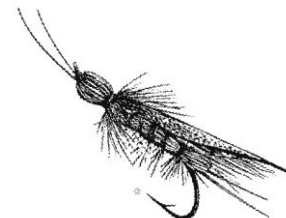
### UPCOMING EVENT

## Buck Goodrich

Fishing for Pike

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls



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All of our fly-fishers originating from mid-western states are pike enthusiasts, and Buck Goodrich is no exception. If anyone locally should offer a presentation on fly-fishing for pike, no one is more qualified than Buck. Whether in Canada, the mid-west states, or in north Idaho or Montana, Buck's experience is thorough and broad scale. In addition, he has a great reputation for generously sharing his fly-fishing experience. Where to go, when, services, best approach, proper equipment and flies, Buck will offer solid information on all of these. Buck is also an award winning fly tier, and pike fly patterns are one of his favorite subjects at the tying vise. So we are sure to see him offer a few of these before he begins his presentation.

## Third Tie One On Night ( December 16<sup>th</sup> ) Shawn Bostic



This session featured recently USN retired Shawn Bostic. He began tying his innovative and effective damselfly nymph, then offered simple adult caddis patterns. Through living in the south much of his youth, Shawn experienced largemouth bass fisheries, and this great fish remains one of his favorites. He therefore demo'd his largemouth bass jig (see above pic). It used more material than the other flies he demo'd combined and then some! Thanks, Shawn! Tie One On meets 7-8 PM during the third Tuesday of each month through March at Tap and Fill, 1494 Milligan Road adjacent to McKenzie River restaurant. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### 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](mailto:casbas@cablone.net).

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The fish will appreciate your cost-saving efforts.



## Snake River Cutthroats 2018 Classes

**Beginning Fly Tying Class** – Now in session at IFHS, Tuesday evenings, 2 hours each starting at 7:00 PM.

**Fly Rod Building Class** - The exact date for the Rod Building Class has not yet been set, however the class will be in late January or early February. There will be a pre-class two weeks before the main class where the instructors will help students decide which rod building components they will need and where to buy these components. The class is designed for building a quality fly rod for fresh or salt water. The novice can easily build a rod with patience and this class. The cost is \$30.00. This is your chance to get a fantastic rod at half the cost. Build a rod you will love to fish with. For further information and to sign up for this class contact Wade Allen at 208-390-3130.

**Free Fly Casting Class** - On Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 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 with no registration required. Just show up! The class is designed for beginners and intermediate casting levels. This is a great chance to start casting or improve your casting ability, and it is free. It is best to bring your own fly rod and reel. However for students with no equipment, rods and reels will be provided by the club to be use during the class. Attend one or both classes. Contact Jeff Armstrong 208-522-7005 for more information.

### Saturday Morning at Jimmy's All Seasons Angler

by  
Paul Voegelei

Jimmy's winter tradition of Saturday morning fly tying demos began on Thanksgiving Day weekend with Rob Knox's demonstration. Rob began with his effective jig head fly of no particular name. It is tied on a lead-head jig hook powdered and color coated via a technique that he described in detail. The construction, by fishing it on a floating line, a longer leader, and a twitching motion produces the undulating motion of a leech. The second fly Rob tied was what he called a "dumbbell eye" tied on a 60 degree jig hook with yellow maribou in the tail, non-UV root beer chenille and an olive colored barred rabbit strip. Rob prefers yellow maribou for autumn, because it seems to trigger strikes by brown trout during the spawn. Third in line was the tying of an articulated "stinger" sculpin imitation. The take-home advice offered by Rob on this particular tie was that he uses 80 # test green braided dacron for the articulation instead of monofilament, giving it better flexibility and more natural movement. Next was a top-water mouse imitation utilizing 2-mm thick dark brown sheet foam folded placed over a brown rabbit body to create an abdomen, thorax and head. The tail was of a black-barred brown rabbit strip with a small tuft of hair at the end. Mouse patterns are very productive for low light conditions, especially for large brown trout.

Rob lived in the San Diego and Imperial Valley of California before retiring in Idaho and to be near his family. For decades he fished salt and warmer fresh water. He next demonstrated patterns for top water salt water fishing, annelids, and a fly he created for perch using his construction technique of a weed guard utilizing 30# monofilament. To conclude, Rob spoke about sink tip line construction from scratch citing a YouTube-Dan Blanton source.

Arn Berglund demo'd on the first Saturday of December 2017 at Jimmy's. Arn shared knowledge from his U-of-I education, professional career history and experiences in the angling world crediting his maternal grandmother who ensured that he learned to fish as a youth in Connecticut. Arn's spoke of his



mentors, and his professional career of forty years as a BLM fisheries biologist (and as a wildfire fighter).

Arn began fishing and tying flies at a young age (as did Rob Knox) and presented seven different patterns that he has utilized and fine-tuned over the years. These included: A Marv Taylor fly called the “fluff butt “(a proven classic pattern for perch, bluegill and other warm water species), a peacock-partridge soft hackle (in light and dark variations), Charlie Craven’s “Craven’s Hay Maker “, his variation of a combination of a classic Copper John and a Prince nymph, and then two “wire flies “ - a cased caddis and his golden stone fly nymph. He demonstrated the techniques involved in twisting three strands of wire together utilizing three bobbins and the all-important baby hemostat forcep in combination with the ultra-wire in three different colors to create both weight and a sandy/fine pebbled appearance to the construct. Lastly was creation of a Ruel Stayner “duck tail “pattern. Arn stressed the importance of keeping the tying light on materials as they are incorporated into any pattern. An important point of Arn’s presentation was his emphasis on harvesting, preserving and collecting a variety of game bird (and animal) pelts for evaluation and study of subtle variations and finish-patina of the plumages and hair for tying one’s own flies. Particularly enjoyable in his presentation were the quips and pearls he shared. In particular he referenced the fact that fish eat in the bottom 1/3 of the water column most of the time. A very useful and innovative technique Arn was good to share is his use of a 3-4 mm section of a hollow coffee stirring stick with a longitudinal split up one side. As he approaches completion of a pattern, particularly with soft hackles that are prone to being easily caught up in the final head wrap and whip finish, he places this small cylinder over the thread and onto the front part of the hook and moves it posteriorly to essentially draw back elements of the hackle and front part of the fly to effect an area for a very clean finish. Once the whip finish is completed and the head cement has cured it is easy to remove this small cylinder and the results are impressive per his demonstration of this technique on the two soft hackled peacock-partridge ties. Thanks to Arn for sharing his knowledge and the dimensions of his experience and appreciation for the science and art involved in the pursuit of our finned friends. His passion for angling and for actively advocating for the betterment of the fish, the environment and the health and well-being of the fisheries of eastern Idaho are exemplary.

Again, thanks to Jimmy for time and place to gather to learn from Rob and Arn and the many presenters who keep the dreams and tying skills of the angling community alive and real. Consider making time on a Saturday morning to join like-minded people at Jimmy’s.

## Fourth Tie One On Night (Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>)

Justin Barnard was the guest tier this session. To begin, he got the attention of all fly tiers present on displaying a gorgeous peccary (javelina) skin he obtained for next to nothing from a taxidermist through the internet. He used it to tie his “parachute peccary blue wing olive” pattern. Next he tied his variation of Mary Dette’s traditional coffin fly using the two feather technique to form the wing. After displaying a melanistic pheasant hide, he tied a deer hair adult caddis using a fiber from the hide to form the body. He finished his demo with an emerger pattern and we all went home jealous of that peccary hide. Thank you, Justin! Next Tie One On is February 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Completed Tincup Creek Stream Restoration Objectives

( The below description of completed objectives is taken from TU Snake River Headwaters Project Manager Leslie Steen's extensive report forwarded to the Snake River Cutthroats Board of Directors on December 11, 2017. The entire report can be obtained through contacting the TU Snake River Headwaters Project Office).

- Project Outcomes: Project implementation for Phase 1 of the Tincup Creek Stream Restoration Project occurred between July 15 and September 30, 2017, with Rockin' T Construction, Swan Valley, ID performing the excavation contract work and CTNF staff providing construction staking and project oversight. **Objectives 1 and 2** were accomplished through a variety of treatments including elevating riffles, narrowing the channel, decreasing stream slopes, reconnecting cut off meander bends, reconnecting the floodplain, and resloping and revegetating eroding banks.
- In total, 1.9 miles of stream were restored: o 1.4 miles of channel were elevated and treated (through narrowing and floodplain reconnection). o 4 historic meanders were reconnected, adding an additional 0.5 miles of channel length.
  - 5 acres of wetland were restored or enhanced through these activities. **Objective 3** was accomplished through the above restoration techniques.
    - Pool habitat and pool depth were increased.
    - Large wood added into the system provides structural stability and additional habitat complexity and instream cover, especially for juvenile trout and other native fish species.
    - 500 large trees with root wads were harvested and placed on site to be used throughout the three phases of the project, with about 175 of them used in 2017. **Objective 4** was accomplished through the following:
      - A volunteer day involving three TU chapters (Jackson Hole, Snake River Cutthroats, and Star Valley) was held on October 20, 2017 (approximately 90 volunteer hours). Volunteers helped with the restoration activities, including planting willows and mulching and reseeding restoration areas.
      - The project was featured in the nation-wide online TU Orvis Embrace A Stream matching challenge competition in November 2017, which raised visibility for the project and an additional \$1,645 in donations for the project.
    - Cross fences in cattle allotments were improved.
    - A new cattle guard was installed to protect an additional 0.8 miles of leatherside chub habitat as well as provide better late season management of cattle, giving the project more effective rest from grazing use.
    - A monitoring plan was developed by CTNF and IDFG staff, with pre-project habitat and fish monitoring completed within the Phase 1 reach as well as in representative sampling units outside of the project area.
    - A press release was distributed to regional newspapers and posted online at TU.org.
    - The project was featured in an Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission October newsletter and in partner newsletters, emails, and social media sites.
    - A temporary information sign was placed at each end of the project, describing actions and recognizing partners. A robust permanent sign will be placed on project completion

## Recipe of the Month

It's been a while since a beer batter recipe appeared here. Had a request for one, so see below for one that seems good.

### INGREDIENTS Nutrition

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- 2 quarts vegetable oil (for frying)
- 8 (4 ounce) cod fish fillets
- salt and pepper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 (12 ounce) bottle beer

### DIRECTIONS

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1. Heat oil in a deep fryer to 365 degrees F (185 degrees C).
2. Rinse fish, pat dry, and season with salt and pepper.
3. Cut fish into fillets, and set aside
4. Combine flour, garlic powder, paprika, 2 teaspoons salt, and 2 teaspoons pepper. Stir egg into dry ingredients.
5. Gradually mix in one beer until a thin batter is formed.
6. You should be able to see the fish through the batter after it has been dipped.
7. Dip fish fillets into the batter, then drop one at a time into hot oil.
8. Fry fish, turning once, until both sides are golden brown.
9. Drain on paper towels, and serve warm

Serves 8

Ready in 30 minutes



**Fly of the Month**

**Doctor Mummy**

This old Wilbur “Bugs” Beaty streamer pattern is not only effective, but is fun to tie. Wilbur named it for a Colorado doctor who came to Montana each year to fish the Madison River where it proved effective.

Hook: Partridge Wilson, or equiv. Size 4-10

Thread: Red 6/0

Tail: Six golden pheasant tippet fibers

Tip: flat gold tinsel

Tag: Peacock herl

Rib: Oval gold tinsel

Body: Black floss

Hackle: Soft hot orange

Underwing: Ringneck pheasant tail fibers

Wing: Barred mallard flank feather

Optional cheek: Jungle cock nail



**2017-18 Calendar**

Date	Activity
Tuesday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Saturday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM, Hilton Garden Inn.
Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM Shilo Inn, Guest Buck Goodrich
Wednesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	EIFTE Ticket Stuffing Meeting, 6 PM Jimmy’s
Tuesday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fifth Tie One On Meeting, 7-8 PM, Tap & Fill
Saturday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM, Hilton Garden Inn.
Wednesday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	EIFTE Organizing Meeting, 6 PM Jimmy’s
Tuesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Saturday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM, Hilton Garden Inn.
Wednesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM Shilo Inn, Guest Todd Lanning
Friday, Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	East Idaho Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls

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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