

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

January, 2018

A Message from the President *by Rory Cullen*

Hope everyone is having an awesome holiday season. The Snake River Cutthroats Christmas Party turned out to be a great night. Over seventy people enjoyed delicious food provided by Catered Your Way and of course, SRC's famous pot luck dishes and desserts. Paul Voegeli took on the burden of ordering, picking up and serving the food. Dave Pace was in charge of participation gifts and cutthroat exchange gifts. The cutthroat exchange was another chaotic and fun ten minutes. Paul Patterson orchestrated the exchange and brought all the essentials needed for a party like this. Thanks to these SRC members and all who showed up early and stayed late for clean up. I would also like to thank Loop, Jimmy's Fly Shop, Rio Products, Cabela's, Idaho Fishing Outfitters and Snake River Net Company for donations for our party.

I was honored to hand out SRC's second President's Award to Bruce Staples. Bruce attends almost all of our meetings, produces our monthly newsletter, hosts two to three outings a year and is vital part of the Expo year after year. Thanks Bruce for all the unseen hours you donate to the club.

As we head into winter, there are many ways to stay engaged with the club. Start your Saturday off with the Bug Club, hosted by Buck Goodrich. They meet at the Hilton Garden Inn at 8 am for breakfast and start tying at 9 am. Jimmy's Fly Shop has a fly tying demo from 10 am till 1 pm every Saturday through spring. SRC sponsors a "Tie One On" fly tying demo on the third Tuesday of the month at Tap-n-Fill from 7-8 pm through March. These are all "no charge" events and are a great way to stay in touch with other members.

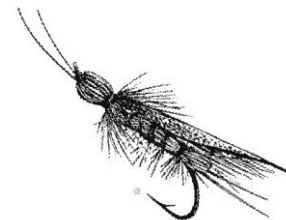


UPCOMING EVENT

Boots Allen

Fishing the Green and New Fork
Rivers

Wednesday, January 10th, 6:30 PM
Shilo Inn, Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls



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Author, fly tier, fishing guide, fly fishing historian, and Snake River protector, (Joseph) “Boots” Allen’s fly-fishing credentials have few peers. Boots comes from a Jackson Hole fly-fishing pioneering family. His Granddad, Leonard “Boots” Allen, was one of the original fly-fishing retailers in Jackson Hole. His Dad, Joe Allen, furthered this practice. Associated with Snake River Angler, Boots reinforces his reputation by exploring quality waters around the globe. We will be recipients of that experience during the January meeting. Boots will present when to visit, appropriate gear, hatch schedules, resident fish, and dangers in fishing the Green and New Fork Rivers.

The Bug Club through the Years by Buck Goodrich



In the 1990s, some Snake River Cutthroats fly tiers wanted to improve their tying skills, so they formed a small group. To improve these skills, the group decided to tackle Atlantic salmon flies, the most difficult flies to tie and requiring certain techniques uncommon in tying trout flies. The group obtained Marvin Nolte, one of the top Atlantic salmon fly “dresser” in the world, to present a one-day workshop in “dressing” these flies. Afterwards, winter meetings, featuring donuts and coffee, were held every other Saturday from December through March at the Idaho Falls Library. Gary Grant led the group in Atlantic salmon fly “dressing.” We named the group “The Rocky Mountain Fly Tiers Guild.”

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The fish will appreciate your cost-saving efforts.



Snake River Cutthroats 2018 Class Schedule

Beginning Fly Tying Class - Beginning fly tying classes will start on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 and will run for 6 weeks. Classes are 2 hours each starting at 7:00 PM. All basic fly tying techniques are taught with emphasis on fly patterns that work well locally. All required materials and hooks are supplied for the basic cost of \$30. In addition there is an extensive set of class notes that covers each fly and tying technique in detail along with general information about materials and tools and complete section on trout food. Instructors are some of the best in the country with an average of 20 years teaching fly tying. This is a great way to get started in a hobby for a lifetime. Kids 10 years and older are welcome. The students need to bring the following; fly tying vise, scissors, a bobbin, a bodkin, hackle pliers, hair stacker, half hitch tool and other useful tools. If you have doubt on what to tools to buy, come to the first class and there will be extra equipment to use. For further information and to sign up for this class contact Buck Goodrich at 208-357-7328.

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 15th and Thursday, May 17th 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 used during the class. Attend one or both classes. Contact Jeff Armstrong 208-522-7005 for more information.

The Bug Club through the Years Continued

After mastering tying Atlantic salmon flies, Guild members moved to Bergman wets, Catskill dries, and Rangeley streamers. Through Lonnie Mollberg's efforts, meetings moved to the top floor of the Key Bank.

In a few years participation diminished, so Bill Cathrae suggested tying regular trout flies to gain casual fly tier participation with the objective of improving skills and learning new patterns. Bill also obtained Dad's Restaurant (Frontier Pies) approval to use an upstairs room and to serve breakfast and coffee. He also suggested that we change the name to a less intimidating "The Bug Club." As a result of Bill's actions, participation rapidly increased.

The Club met at Dad's until their restaurant closed in 2014. Then it moved to Shari's restaurant in Idaho Falls. In 2017 the Club moved to the Hilton Garden Inn to meet every other Saturday, December through March.

The goal of the Bug Club is to present a forum through which tiers improve their techniques, learn new patterns and, of course, enjoy camaraderie with fellow tiers. Tying subjects are offered by attendees, and meetings are open to anyone wishing to take part. Breakfast, if desired, is at 8 am, and tying starts at 9 am. The Bug Club encourages you to bring fly tying gear and tie, but observing is also welcome. In 2018 January, meetings are on the 13th and 27th. We would be pleased if you joined us!



The Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch Preserve

You likely go by this property many times during a fishing season. But especially early in any season featuring a good water flow (above 100 cfs) out of Henry's Lake, you make a mistake by not stopping to try the Henry's Fork here. Hybrid, cutthroat and brook trout, with larger individuals being escapees from the lake above, inhabit the river within.



Located fifteen miles west of West Yellowstone, The Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch offers a great place to view wildlife and learn about the Conservancy before entering Yellowstone National Park. A working cattle ranch owned and operated by the Conservancy, Flat Ranch demonstrates that conservation and sustainable ranching practices can work together to promote healthy grasslands. Through progressive conservation efforts and full-time management, the Ranch has become a wildlife haven, learning and research center, and community gathering place.

Throughout the summer, enjoy our summer lecture series at Flat Ranch (June - August). Take a wildflower walk, gaze at the stars, learn about grizzly bears and more.

Depending on the season, moose, pronghorn and sandhill cranes can often be seen from the deck of the visitor center; a spotting scope is available for use during the center's operating hours.

Migratory birds such as long-billed curlews and ospreys also depend on this lush and fertile basin. The area's water supports large numbers of aquatic insects, providing food for the internationally famous wild trout that swim the waters, including the imperiled Yellowstone cutthroat trout. Over the years these wild inhabitants have benefited from improvements such as planting willows along river banks and restoring historic stream channels. Resolve to fish the river here within next season.

An Accomplishment Story



Pete's Pond, November, 2017



Results of Pete's Pond tranquility

In the physical sense Dubois, Wyoming sits in splendid isolation. The Wind River flows through town, several quality streams are nearby as are almost countless still waters, most of which are in the river's watershed. Good, clean air and breathtaking scenery abound. Congestion is absent. Also present are abundant salmonids and wildlife, both of which have economic value to the somewhat isolated community. Inevitably degradation began on some streams, and to counter this, concerned angler citizens came together to form the Dubois Anglers and Wildlife Group (DAWGS), a non-profit organization formed to preserve and protect the recreational and aesthetic quality of the upper Wind River watershed. Protection includes promoting a scientific understanding of the watershed and the establishment of benchmarks for restoration, preservation, and long term fishery management which will sustain quality fishing and riparian life. DAWGS works closely with other local organizations, TU, and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department meet its purposes. These associations go beyond providing manpower to install such as fish screens, improve diversion structures and rehabilitate riparian zones. Fund raising, gaining landowner confidence and gaining public support for projects such as these are ongoing but require time and effort. Another activity close to the DAWGS heart is introducing youth to fly-fishing. But something was missing, and that would be an appropriate, safe, convenient water body. The downstream end of the Sawmill Public Fishing Access on the Wind River seemed an appropriate location. Work began in 2007 to realize the pond in that location which also offers suitable stations for physically challenged anglers. So efforts began to raise funding, get approval from the town of Dubois for the location and cooperation, for pond design, and to obtain construction contractors. It took ten years to acquire these and other requirements, but results are that Pete's Pond has been constructed and filled with Wind River water. Plans and efforts are being made to establish an appropriate shoreline and to obtain resident trout. The pond and its fish will be enjoyed by youth and all anglers.

So here is a success story based on what can be accomplished through efforts of a dedicated group of sportspersons. It serves as a shining accomplishment example for all of us. You can read more about Pete's Pond and what DAWGS has accomplished on their www.dawgsonline.org web site.

Recipe of the Month

Smoked Carp

Brining helps keep the fish moist and flavorful during the smoking process. Below is a simple brine recipe to use for your carp.

Brine Recipe

1. 1 gallon of water
2. 1 1/2 cups of salt
3. 1 1/2 cups of brown sugar
4. 3 tbsp. garlic powder
5. 6 tbsp. onion powder



Place the fillets in the bottom of a large pot or container and pour the brine over the fillets until they are completely submerged in the mixture. Cover loosely and refrigerate the fish for 24 hours.

Smoking Carp

1. **Soak your wood chips one to two hours before smoking.** Apple wood, cherry and hickory are great choices and complement the flavor of carp nicely.
2. **Remove any plastic.** If you decided to wrap your fish in plastic wrap, you'll need to remove the carp from the plastic wrap and allow the fish to sit on a wire rack in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, the fish should develop a subtle glazy or shiny appearance.
3. **Rinse the fish.** If you decided to brine the fish, you'll need to remove the fillets from the brine and rinse them under cool water. Pat them dry and allow them to dry on the countertop for another 30 minutes.
4. **Now, set up your smoker.** Light the charcoal **if using a charcoal smoker**, and add water to the pan if your smoker has one. The water will help create steam that will keep the fish moist while it smokes.
5. **You may want to lightly oil your smoker racks to prevent the fish from sticking.** Now, place the fish inside of the smoker.
6. **Smoke the fish for at least 10 hours.** The fish will need to reach an internal temperature of 180 degrees F and continue cooking at this temperature for at least 30 minutes before it's safe to eat.

Fly of the Month

Syl's Midge

Syl Nemes, of soft hackle fame, contributed a pattern for every aquatic insect that completes its life cycle by emerging upward through water. This was Syl's soft hackle pattern for a midge pupa. This pattern should be ideal for presentation during winter midge activity. It is also easy to tie and uses readily available materials.

Hook: Daiichi 1160, or equiv, size 16

Thread: Olive 8/0

Body: Peacock herl

Hackle: Two turns of grey partridge hackle



2017-18 Calendar

Date	Activity
Tuesday, January 2 nd	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, January 10 th	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM Shilo Inn, Guest Boots Allen
Saturday, January 13 th	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM, Hilton Garden, Idaho Falls
Tuesday, January 16 th	Tie One On Night, Tap & Fill, 7-8 PM
Wednesday, January 17 th	EIFTE Organizational Meeting, All Seasons Angler, 6 PM
Tuesday, January 23 rd	Tentative First Entry Level Fly Tying Class meeting, 7PM, IFHS
Saturday, January 27 th	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM, Hilton Garden, Idaho Falls
Wednesday, January 31 st	EIFTE Organizational Meeting, All Seasons Angler, 6
Tuesday, February 6 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, February 14 th	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM Shilo Inn, Guest Barb Miller
Friday, Saturday, April 20 th , 21 st	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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