

# The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

March, 2018

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

Well it looks like winter came back fellow Snake River Cutthroats. Time to tie more flies and enjoy some SRC events. One such event was our General Membership Meeting. Past President and long-time member Buck Goodrich did a presentation on "Fishing Pike ". We learned everything about pike including sizes, records, types and many locations to fish. I really enjoyed all the stories and pictures of past trips. As always, when a presenter shares photos of family members we are honored to be part of that past history. Thanks Buck for a great presentation.

SRC's website has launched. The website committee has put in a lot of hours to make this possible. There are still a couple of glitches we are working through and adding a photo gallery soon. It is our goal to keep this site updated, so check back often. [www.snakerivercutthroats.org](http://www.snakerivercutthroats.org) Don't forget to add to your favorites.

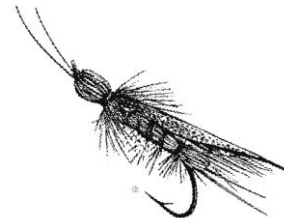
Looks like another great EXPO is just around the corner. We are excited to announce our guest speaker for Saturday Night's Banquet is CEO and President of Trout Unlimited Chris Wood. Many SRC members have met Chris, whether fishing with him or enjoying a cold beer at a local brewery. Chris has a ton of energy and will be a great addition to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Once the EXPO is over there will be a lot happening with the club. The website has outings posted for the year. I believe some outings will be added later, so keep checking back. Conservation projects and dates will be announced soon. There will be other projects later in the year. Keep a look out in the newsletter and the website for future opportunities to be involved with the club. Fish On!



### UPCOMING EVENT

**Todd Lanning**  
Fishing Yellowstone Park  
Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM  
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Even though the Last Chance-Harriman reach of the Henry's Fork is just across the street, Henry's Fork Anglers (HFA) gets plenty of inquiries about fishing nearby Yellowstone National Park waters. And why not: the Park, you see, holds the best concentration of quality salmonid water in the country if not the world. Thus Mike, Chris, Todd and their HFA crew have taken time to visit these waters numerous times in order to develop a strategy for approaching Park waters. So we will learn the benefits of the HFA experience in fishing Yellowstone Park waters through Todd's presentation.

The Eastern Idaho FlyTying and Fly Fishing Expo is fast approaching April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>). There is an ongoing call for volunteers to help make this show a success. Volunteering to help provides a chance to make new friends.

**Fifth Tie One On Night**  
( February 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Matt McHargue



Matt was our first Pocatello fly tier to conduct a Tie One On demo, and he did not disappoint. Matt is a member of a group of tiers that assemble at Snake River Fly, Pocatello's full-service fly shop. These folks tie all forms of trout and steelhead flies, but streamers seem to be what they specialize in. Genial and with finesse, Matt demonstrated stacking and shaping dyed deer hair to form a unique streamer head. He also demonstrated a streamer designed for bass, but confessed he knew of some brown trout that expressed interest in it.

The March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the last "Tie One On" meeting. These have been fun, so try to make this one, the last of the season.

**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@cableone.net](mailto:casbas@cableone.net).

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**South Fork Massive Bank Stabilization Project**  
**By**  
**Matt Woodard**

TU and the below partners recently completed a massive bank stabilization and fisheries habitat project on the north channel of the South Fork Snake just above the north bridge on the archer highway out of Ririe.

**Project Partners:**

- The Jackson Hole One Fly Foundation
- The Cushman Family Foundation
- The Snake River Cutthroats Trout Unlimited Chapter
- Ray Peterson Landowner
- The East Side Soil Conservation District
- The West Side Soil Conservation District
- The Jefferson Soil Conservation District
- The City of Idaho Falls Zoo ( likely will partner)
- The Upper Snake River Fly Fishers
- The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Work Plan Task One**

First objective was to construct a road right next to the water's edge to provide a work space to build five large rock spurs and place adjoining rip-wrap in between each spur. At each spur location we installed two 70 plus foot cotton wood trees with root balls attached that were buried with the root mass out in the water to create overhead cover and holding water locations for fish along the project site. All the rock work was performed using a chinking effect to lock the rocks together to insure they stay in place. This technique has been used in the past with great success. We probably push the bank out approximately 60 feet to attain the necessary working room for the rock spurs and additional reinforcement between the spurs to be completed.

**Work Plan Task Two**

Re-vegetation of the entire project site

- 320 five-gallon potted plants were planted. Varieties included; sand bar willow, booth willow, bebb's willows, red osier dogwoods, narrow leaf cottonwood, golden current, and hawthorn.
- 14 large root balled plants. Varieties included; booth willow, sandbar willow, red osier, dogwood, and narrow leaf cotton wood. Approximately 15 large pickup loads of cuttings that were cut close to the project site were incorporated into the project. Willows, dogwoods, and cottonwoods were all part of the cuttings. All the cuttings were done by volunteers from the local Snake River Cutthroats TU chapter, volunteers from the local BLM office, and the Caribou-Targhee Forest office.
- Additional vegetation planted this January includes the following:
  - 29 Deep Rooted Red Osier Dogwoods
  - 6 Mid rooted Red Osier Dogwoods
  - 65 Mid rooted Golden Currant
- Later this spring when the weather warms will finish planting the following;
  - 75 – five-gallon Black Cottonwoods
  - 16 – five-gallon Narrow Leaf Cottonwoods
  - 6 – five-gallon Red Osier Dogwoods



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- 5 - five Gallon Golden Currant
- Hydroseed the entire project uplands with a mixture of native grasses
- Top soil that was stripped off has been re-laid down to provide good growing material.
- This past December / January we did quite a bit of additional rock installation to further shore up the project and did additional chinking. We hauled in approximately 60 additional loads of selected large rock for added reinforcement. This additional work was done to insure our work stays in place.

The project involved stabilizing and revegetating a 1,200 foot vertical bank that was contributing to by DEQ's estimates 438 tons of sediment and gravel to the South Fork on an annual basis.

The final numbers on the project came in as follows:

Total Project costs \$331,074.59

- Total 319 costs \$198,664.75
- Total matching costs by partners \$132,429.83



We had originally projected 319 costs to push the \$250,000.00 cost number. We feel extremely good that we could come in with a cost figure well below that number.

We're very confident with this project once the vegetation that we have planted takes a hold and begins to flourish that this site will be one to be extremely proud of and will be a place where we can take people to show off and demonstrate what can be done.

Trout Unlimited would like to sincerely thank the Snake River Cutthroats TU Chapter for their willingness to fund a portion of this project. Non-Federal match funding provided by the Chapter provides a critical matching component that allows us to secure the 319 Department of Environmental Quality grant that made this project a reality. We would also like to thank the Chapter volunteers who came out on some cold / rainy to help cut willows. That is never easy work and is truly appreciated!!!! We plan to hydro seed with a native grass mix later this summer and plant some additional dogwoods. We're planning a press release and possible TV time on the project very soon.

Thanks again to the SRC chapter for all their support!!!

Matt Woodard





Dear Idaho2Fly group members,

Hi! Are you ready for some fun evenings learning more about fly fishing? We are having a Fly Fishing 101 class to help you learn more about the sport and to have a good time with friends and former I2F attendees. The classes will be held at Jimmy's All Season Angler on Monday nights from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM starting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a class each Monday evenings with classes as follows:

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Fishing Gear, the Fun Stuff

March 12<sup>th</sup> – The Knots of Fly Fishing

**March 19<sup>th</sup> – We won't have a class this night due to Spring Break and people being out of town**

March 26<sup>th</sup> – The Bugs of Fly Fishing

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Strategies of Fly Fishing

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Where in The Water Are They

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Fly Casting

These classes are going to be a lot of fun. We will have accomplished instructors for each night and lots of volunteers to help as you learn more about the sport. Come joins us there. If you are not able to attend every night that is ok too. Just come to the ones you can.

We look forward to seeing all of you there. RSVP me if you would like to participate.

Thanks, and have a great day!

Paul

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**Fly of the Month**

**Bing's Dragonfly Nymph**

The dragonfly is the first of the important aquatic trout foods to emerge in springtime. When these nymphs become active, trout gorge on them. Bing Lempke recognized its importance and created this pattern for use on regional waters. It is one of Bing's lesser known patterns, and note his use of synthetic materials, especially closed cell foam. This pattern was created nearly thirty years ago, so maybe the use of closed cell foam is not as new as some may think!

Hook: Partridge 9671, or equiv. Size 2-6

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Dark moose hairs

Rib: Oval gold tinsel

Body: Olive Antron yarn

Hackle: Soft hot orange

Wing: Mixed dark and light moose hairs

Thorax: Black Antron yarn

Shellback/Eyes: Black closed cell foam



**2017-18 Calendar**

Date	Activity
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
Tuesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tie One On Meeting 7-8 PM Tap & Fill
Saturday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM, Hilton Garden Inn.
Tuesday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	EIFTE Organizational Meeting, 6 PM, Jimmy's
Wednesday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM Shilo Inn, Damon Keen
Friday, Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	East Idaho Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo, Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls
Wednesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Picnic, 6 PM, Miller's

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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