

# The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

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# A Message from the President by Paul Patterson

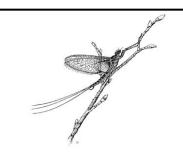
The summer picnic is set for Wednesday July 11th. Directions to Mike and Ann Millers place and suggested potluck food contributions based on the spelling of your last name is on page 2. There is no charge to attend. The Club provides the main course: hamburgers, brats, and chicken. There is a signup sheet at Jimmy's to help us plan quantities, or give me a call/text or send an email. (208-569-8031 or <a href="mailto:ppatt412@gmail.com">ppatt412@gmail.com</a>) Sign up isn't mandatory, so if you have a last-minute change of plans and want to attend please show up. It's BYOB with the club providing water and pop, as well as plates and plasticware. There is plenty of parking on both sides of the "pine grove" as you pull in to Mike and Ann's place. I hope to see your there.

The election results are in. Cal Johnson, Lee Morse and Paul Voegeli filled the 3-year director slots. Arn Berglund is taking over as conservation VP from Jeff Armstrong, Jim Mathias is continuing as treasurer and Tim Crain as secretary. Unfortunately, the executive VP slot has been open for two years. Since this position is essentially president elect there was no one to take over as Rory finished his two-year term. So, I've stepped back in on a one-year interim basis as president. I didn't think it appropriate to punish Rory for doing a good job by asking him to stay around for another term. And Rory did a great job as president! The back page has a complete list of officers, directors, and senior advisors. We are still in need of an executive vice president. If interested, please contact me or one of the other offices or board members. Thanks again to Rory, Jeff, and George, and all the continuing directors, officers, and committee chairs. A special thanks to Bruce and Carol Staples who do so much for this organization and do such a great job of producing and distributing the newsletter. The Snake River Cutthroats is a very active chapter and it takes the continued efforts of a lot of folks to keep things moving.

As past president Rory will continue to stay involved. One of his priorities has been "branding". I'm not talking about applying a hot iron to a calf, but using our new SRC logo on decals and merchandise to help promote and advertise the Cutthroats. In addition to T-shirts, Rory now has some polo shirts with the SRC logo. These will be available for purchase at the picnic. And while George has finished his 3-year stint as a director, he is staying on as programs co-chair with Bob Starck. And they are already lining up speakers for next fall.

The Snake River Cutthroats is sponsoring the Idaho State Trout Unlimited Council meeting on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. The venue hasn't been selected yet. Details will be in the October newsletter. The meeting is open to all TU members and it's a great way to find out about all things TU has going on around the state, which is considerable. The Council has a spring meeting in Boise and the fall meeting rotates around the state. This is the last newsletter until October. Keep current on outings and other events by going to the Snake River Cutthroats website at snakerivercutthroats.org

Have a great summer!



# UPCOMING EVENT

Annual Summer Picnic Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM Mike & Ann Miller's Home







### Annual Summer Picnic

# At our Gracious Host's Mike & Ann Miller's Home

Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM (Same location as last four years)

From Exit 113 off I-15 (near Dad's Frontier Pies)

Take a right on 800 E (New Sweden highway) past the Army-Navy Store.

Turn right on Woodville Road (Do not cross the river!)

Turn left on 750 East Go to the end of the road where a pine grove comes in to view. Pass the pine grove, and you are in Miller's front yard.

Provided: Main dish, condiments, soft drinks (BYOB)

Bring your own chairs and stories.

Last Name begins A-J: Bring a Salad

Last Name begins K-T: Bring a Desert

Last Name begins: U-Z: Bring something to go with Main Dish (ie baked beans)

Sign up at Jimmy's before July 9<sup>th</sup> so we can get a head count

# Yellowstone Park Tightens Invasive Species and Boating Screws

Felt sole waders and boots are banned because they carry microscopic organisms even after cleaning. Rubber sole boots and waders are allowed. They trap fewer organisms than felt and can be cleaned with water and a scrub brush.

Boats will be allowed to enter park waters from 7 AM, Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> until 5:30 PM, Sunday, November 4th. All boats (watercraft) are required to have a Yellowstone boat permit and a Yellowstone AIS sticker before launching in park waters. Watercraft include, but are not limited to: power boats, sail boats, canoes, kayaks, and angler floatation devices. Permits and inspections are available seven days a week between 8 AM and 4:30 PM at various locations within the park. If a watercraft fails AIS inspection, it will not be allowed to enter park waters.

See the Yellowstone National Park web site for more details on these subjects.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:casbas@cableone.net">casbas@cableone.net</a>.

Fewer mailings mean more dollars for conservation project The fish will appreciate your cost-saving efforts.









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# Canyon Creek Conservation Project: 30 Years and Counting By Paul Patterson

The 2018 conservation project with the Salmon-Challis National Forest was special in several ways. It was the 30th consecutive year that the Snake River Cutthroats have worked on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. And while it began as one of the wettest work days, it ended with one of the more pleasant evenings that we've enjoyed. In addition, Idaho Brewing Company in Idaho Falls provided us with some of their wonderful Idaho Pale Ale to help us celebrate the occasion.



USFS biologist Dan Garcia welcoming everyone



Securing logs with rebar

The rain and hail started in earnest on Friday afternoon, but waited until we had set up the cook tent and rain fly. A steady rain started again around 2:30 Saturday morning but had mostly quit by the time we had our meet and greet and safety meeting at 8:30. So, the dismal beginning in the morning turned into a gorgeous day and a very pleasant evening for our steak bbq on Saturday.

Twenty sites were identified for this year's project. Most required placing log structures in the stream, held in place by rebar. The logs were drilled and placed next to the stream before we arrived, saving us some time. But to keep the logs from floating off the rebar, the holes are undersized to ensure a tight fit. So, pounding the rebar through the logs was the first order of business. The rebar is driven into the logs with sledge hammers while they remain on the bank and finished once the log is properly placed.



Getting things to fit required perseverance.

We didn't have a record number of volunteers, but there were definitely some hard-working ones, ranging in age from 13 to 80. Thanks to everyone who helped on the setup, take down and cleanup, cooking and washing dishes. And thanks to Idaho Brewing Company for their support. The 36 project participants involved local volunteers, and a few Forest Service personnel, and SRC members, including: Wade Allen, Arn and Laura Berglund, Andy Bosworth, Jerry and Millie Bullock, Rick Cain, Rory Cullen, Candy and Dave Elliott, Dan and Nancy Garcia, Buck Goodrich, Cal and Carson Johnson, Bill Kelly, Brian King, Rob Knox, Dave Kresge, Scott Long, Derek and Jamie Marin, Jim Mathias, Pat and Susan Marushia, Stephen Moss, Duane O'Reilly, Dave Pace, Paul Patterson, Bob and Mathew Polk, Curtis St. Michael, Chuck Sorrentino, John and Ryan Svoboda, and Matt Woodard.

More project photos are in the Recent Updates or Conservation section of the Snake River Cutthroats website: snakerivercutthroats.org



Most of the crew at the end of the day





# SRC Rainey Creek Fence Removal Project By Paul Patterson

With \$14,000 in funding from the Snake River Cutthroats—money raised at the East Idaho Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo, Matt Woodard (Trout Unlimited Project Manager) will be overseeing the replacement of approximately a mile of an existing fence and a water gap on lower Rainey Creek. The new fence will be set back further from the stream bank to allow riparian planting of willows, dogwoods and possibly other species. The bigger, longer term objective is to secure funding to restore the segment of Rainey Creek flowing through the Griffel ranch, basically narrowing the channel to provide deeper water, and to construct more riffle and pool sections – all more suitable habitat for fish.



Rory removing old wire

Jim pulling staples

Before the new fence can be built, the old one needed to be removed. To help keep costs down, the Snake River Cutthroats agreed to remove the old fence, which was a combination of 4- and 5-strand barb wire with a few sections of sheep fence, just to make things more interesting. In addition to the wire, all the old fence posts (a

combination of wood and steel) had to go as well. SRC volunteers left the parking lot at Matt's office at 7:30 and got back that evening around 7 p.m. It was definitely a long day.



Riley rolling up old barbwire

While most of the crew of 15 are retired, a couple of the younger crew members took time off work (Rory and Scott) or graduate school (Terrance) to help. Younger is a relative term with this group. Fortunately, we had a good turnout of volunteers. Otherwise, it would have been a multi-day effort. From the Snake River Cutthroats we had: Arn Berglund, Riley Chase, Rory Cullen, Bill Kelly, Brian King, Rob Knox, Scott Long, Jim Mathias, Ron Miller, Duane O'Reilly, Paul Patterson, Terrance Scott, Jerry Sehlke and Matt Woodard. And from High Country RC&D, Lori Ringle joined us for part of the day. High Country RC& D are also putting some money into this project.

More project photos at: snakerivercutthroats.org



Fence deconstruction crew, celebrating at the end of a long and very productive day





# Clean, Drain, Dry!

by Martin Koenig Natural Resource Program Coordinator, IDF&G

Boats (and fishing gear) can carry lots of different kinds of plants and animals between waters, even if you can't see them. Plants like Eurasian Milfoil can hang up on boats and trailers and can spread to other waters, clogging up boat ramps and docks, which can ruin fishing and boating. Remember to pull your drain plugs, empty livewells and remove plants and debris from boats and trailers before leaving the water. As always, it,s also illegal to transport live fish in Idaho (without a specific permit), so kill any fish you plan to keep before heading home.

Here's more great information from the <u>Idaho Department of Agriculture</u> and the <u>US Fish</u> and <u>Wildlife Service</u> on how you can help stop aquatic hitchhikers.

Who needs an Invasive Species Sticker for a boat? (check out the FAQ's here)

Remember, any boat that is registered in Idaho or another state, and any non-motorized vessel (canoe, kayak, raft, drift boat, etc.) need to have the sticker. Inflatable non-motorized vessels must be less than 10 feet in length to be exempted from this requirement.

If you have a motorized boat registered in Idaho, the Invasive Species Sticker included in your registration. Non-motorized boats and need to get the additional sticker.

If you are bringing a boat from out of state, you will need a non-resident sticker <u>available</u> at these vendors.

How do I get the Invasive Species Sticker for my boat?

Idaho Parks and Recreation handle boat registration and invasive species stickers. You can either:

- Purchase stickers online
- Purchase at a local vendor
- Out-of-state boats

Check out the <u>Idaho Parks and Recreation boating</u> information page for more details!





# Recipe of the Month

#### **Barbequed South Fork Rainbow Trout**

A simple garlic-and-herb-infused oil combined with wine vinegar acts as both a basting liquid and a sauce for the fish. The trout skin protects the flesh and turns an appealing golden brown during grilling.

#### **Ingredients**

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, cut into thin slices
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
- 8 trout fillets (about 2 pounds in all)

#### How to Make It

#### Step 1

Light the grill or heat the broiler. In a small stainless-steel saucepan, combine the oil, garlic, sage, and rosemary. Cook over moderately low heat until the garlic just starts to brown, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and immediately stir in the vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon of the salt, and the pepper.

#### Step 2

Put the trout fillets in a medium glass dish or stainless-steel pan. Sprinkle the fish with the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Add half of the oil-and-vinegar mixture and turn to coat. Grill or broil the fish skin-side down for 2 minutes. Turn and cook until just done, about 2 minutes longer for 1/4-inch-thick fillets. To serve, whisk the remaining oil-and-vinegar mixture and pour it over the hot fish.





## Fly of the Month

#### Stan's Willow Fly

Stan Yamamura created this fly to imitate isoperla stoneflies. However it also became a very popular adult caddisfly pattern by the 1960s when Stan sold it to eastern Idaho, southwestern Montana, and western Wyoming outlets. It lost popularity when the elk hair caddis arrived in the 1970s. A diminishing number of local tiers tie their own these days.

Hook: Daiichi 1170, or equivalent. size 10-16

Thread: Color matching natural, 6/0

Body: Tying thread

Wing: Straw colored elk rump hair Hackle: One grizzly and one brown







# **2018-19 Calendar**

Date	Activity
Wednesday, July 11th	Annual Picnic ( See above details)
FriSun. July 27-29 <sup>th</sup>	South Fork Overnighter, Host TBA
Friday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hebgen Lake, Bob Starck
Tuesday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Saturday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Daniels Reservoir Outing, Mike Miller
Tuesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Meeting, Guest TBA
Saturday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Idaho State TU Council Meeting Idaho Falls, location TBA
Saturday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lower Blackfoot River Outing, Bruce Staples
Tuesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, November 14th	Membership Meeting, Guest TBA

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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