

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

October, 2018

A Message from the President *by Paul Patterson*

Welcome to all who receive a copy of "The Cutthroat Chronicles". We have another great year of activities planned, so please check the activities calendar in the newsletter or keep current on outings and other events by going to the Snake River Cutthroats (SRC) website at snakerivercutthroats.org

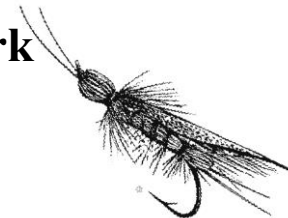
I've had the opportunity to meet several new chapter members over the past year who have made it clear that we don't communicate basic information about our chapter very well, or not at all. Like many other long-term board members (old farts), I erroneously assume that everyone knows as much as I do about the SRC Chapter (or just about any other topic). Because we have new members or individuals who have transferred membership from another state, I thought it might be worth spending some time on some chapter operational basics. But first, I want to acknowledge that we are a very traditional, some would say hidebound group, which in my opinion is both a blessing and a curse. While I think this focus on doing the same things and doing things the same traditional way has kept us viable while other chapters have failed, it also is a major point of friction and frustration at times for individuals who would like to see change. Personally, I don't think it is an either/or decision. It's about maintaining balance. How can we do things better or do some things we currently aren't doing without making things worse or adding to the burden of the volunteer leaders. Because of space limitations I can't cover the many issues this topic entails in one short column, so I plan on returning to this topic for several newsletters.

I do have a couple of things I want to cover not related to the above topic. Matt Woodard has agreed and the SRC Board has appointed Matt to the Executive VP position, which is basically president elect. Thanks to Matt for his willingness to serve again. Matt served as president from 1992 to 1994, has served as a director for many years, and is currently a senior board advisor.

The Idaho State TU Council meeting will be held on Saturday October 13th in IDFG's Idaho Falls regional office Beaverhead conference room. The meeting is open to all TU members. If you plan on attending, please let me know by calling or texting (208-569-8031). The meeting starts at 8:30 and will end by 5 o'clock. While the meeting is one of two business meetings held annually by the council, it also provides a venue to hear from Trout Unlimited staff located in Idaho. This includes project managers, such as our own Matt Woodard (Blackfoot River), Idaho Water Project Council Peter Anderson and Idaho Field Coordinator Michael Gibson. There are roughly 2,200 Trout Unlimited members in Idaho distributed in nine chapters. The Snake River Cutthroats Chapter 163 is the oldest chapter in Idaho and the second largest with roughly 325 members. Boise's Ted Trueblood Chapter 523, the largest, has roughly 840 members.

UPCOMING EVENT

Rick Smith on the Henry's Fork
Wednesday, October 10th, 6:30 PM
Idaho Falls Shilo Inn



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Rick has held just about every job there is in the fly-fishing industry during his 40+ year career. He has been a fly shop sales associate, a fly shop manager, a wholesale sales representative and a wholesale sales manager, he has been an outfitter/guide and owned a fly shop. Over his career he has fished throughout North America and Japan. While stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona in the late 1960's he began chasing trout with a fly rod. His first fly-fishing experiences were on the Little Colorado River in Arizona's White Mountains. After his discharge from the Air Force Rick attended the University of Arizona receiving a BS Degree in Fisheries Science. Rick's passion is pursuing the native Cutthroats. Rick is a life member of Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Will Godfrey receives FFI's Lapis Lazuli Award



Godfrey's complete devotion began while a student at Colorado State University in 1956. Following a church mission to New York, he attended BYU. He perfected his fly tying while earning a master's degree at University of Arizona. Next, he earned a doctorate at Montana State University. Bud Lilly of West Yellowstone Montana hired him to be a Trout Shop store man and a guide in 1967. He opened Will Godfrey's Fly Fishing Center at Last Chance, Idaho in 1969. In 1975, Gov. Cecil Andrus appointed him to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, and he also served on the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission. He helped establish local fly fishing clubs in the Treasure Valley, Magic Valley and eastern Idaho. The Fly-Fishers International's Lapis Lazuli award was established in 1965 to recognize outstanding contributions to fly-fishing and has been bestowed on just 31 other fly anglers. Will is the 32nd recipient of the award and deservedly so.

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



Rainey Creek Conservation Project
By
Paul Patterson



Cutting and trimming willows.

The lower portion of Rainey Creek flowing through the Griffel property would benefit greatly from some willows. Girl scout Lilly Browning needed a project. Matt Woodard, Blackfoot River Project Manager for Trout Unlimited, put these two together. Matt located a local willow source and a landowner willing to allow us to harvest. In mid-April, before willows broke dormancy the Browning family and Snake River Cutthroat volunteers met to cut, trim and put the willows in containers for storage and kept wet until a planting day could be arranged.



Willow cutting crew.

Lilly had good support from her family, including her mother and dad, Sarah and Jared, sister Tessa, and grandpa Mike Miller who, has a long association with the Cutthroats. Other SRC members who helped included: Jeff Armstrong, Arn Berglund, Andy Bosworth, Riley Chase, Rory Cullen, Ron Hover, Bill Kelly, Stephen Moss, Paul Patterson, Terrance and George Scott, and Matt Woodard.



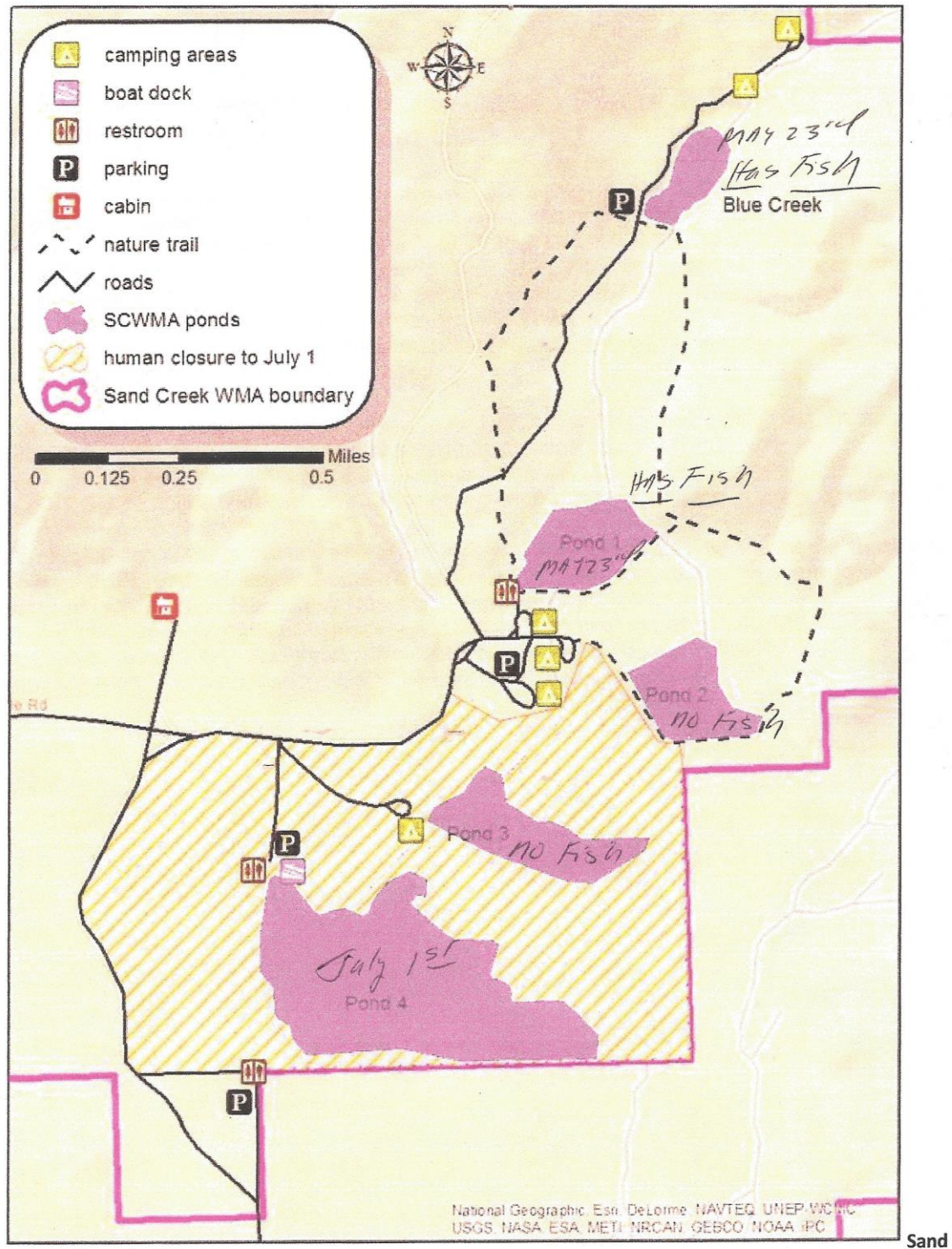
Willow planting crew getting started.

Scheduling a day to plant willows got complicated by a calendar already crowded with other activities and projects, including removal of an existing barbwire fence on this stream section. Access to the stream to plant willows was made easier through removing a fence (See July newsletter for write-up on fence removal project.) We finally scheduled the willow planting for the first Saturday of June.



Matt, Duane and Lilly using water-jet to create hole for the willow cutting.

The entire Browning family showed up again to support Lilly's project. I was particularly impressed that her sister Tessa was there again on her birthday. SRC volunteers showing up to plant willows included: Arn Berglund, Andy Bosworth, Brian King, Rob Knox, Joe Timchak, Duane O'Reilly, Chad Cheyney, Lee Morse, Paul Patterson and Matt Woodard. Many thanks to the Browning's and SRC volunteers participating. Thanks to Matt Woodard for putting this project together and to Eastside Conservation District for use of their water jet.



Creek Wildlife Management Area

Sand

Attention Anglers: give your comments on proposed fishing rules and statewide fish management plan

By Martin Koenig, Natural Resource Program Coordinator

Friday, September 7, 2018 - 11:26 AM MDT

Public has until Oct. 7 to comment on rule changes and management plan

Idaho Fish and Game is seeking public comments on a new set of proposed fishing rules for 2019, and a new draft of its six-year, statewide Fisheries Management Plan.

Idaho fishing seasons and rules are approved by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission every three years, and the commission is scheduled to set new rules in November. All public comments must be received by Oct. 7.

Anglers can provide their opinions about the proposed changes by completing online surveys (below), submitting written comments by email or mail, or by attending regional open houses.

Fish and Game will consider all comments before developing final recommendations for the commissioners in November.

Fish and Game has proposed changes based on new information from biologists, public input, and angler opinion surveys done over the last year. Proposed rule changes are described in each survey, which are broken down by Fish and Game regions (just like the fishing regulations book).

The department is also asking for input from anglers and the public regarding the newly updated draft of the Fisheries Management Plan. This plan will last from 2019 to 2024 and guides statewide fisheries management priorities, as well as sport fishing and conservation goals.

Anglers can view and comment on the proposed fishing rule changes using this online survey:

Read and comment on the [Proposed Fishing Rules](#)

Anglers can read a copy and provide comments for the draft 2019-2024 [Fisheries Management Plan](#).

In addition to the website survey, anglers may provide their comments by e-mail to: idfinfo@idfg.idaho.gov; or by mail to 2016-2018 Fish Season and Rule Comments, c/o Idaho Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise ID 83707.

For those who prefer to speak directly with a biologist, Fish and Game will also host open public meetings across the state. Everyone is welcome to stop by anytime during the specified time to share their thoughts with Fish and Game staff held at the following locations and times:

Upper Snake Region Fish and Game Office

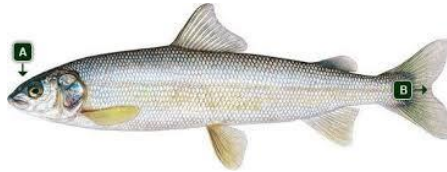
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Recipe of the Month

Fish Tacos (A la stiffe)



600g any fish fillet, diced (Try using whitefish)
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon paprika
Salt and pepper- to taste
2 tablespoons butter
Tortillas
Handful of salad leaves
2 avocados, cut into narrow slices

For the mango salsa:

1/2 red onion, finely chopped
1/2 mango, finely diced
1/2 cucumber, peeled and finely diced
1 bunch of coriander (cilantro)
1 red chilli, finely chopped
Juice of 1 lime
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper- to taste

1. Preheat the oven to a high heat.
2. Mix together all of the mango salsa ingredients in a bowl, mixing through the salt and pepper thoroughly. Place in the fridge to chill for 15 minutes.
3. Heat the tortillas in the oven until soft and fully heated through- whilst preparing the fish.
4. Sprinkle the diced fish with cumin, paprika, salt and pepper, then mix to make sure all the pieces are coated with seasoning.
5. Melt the butter in a frying pan, then fry the fish pieces on a medium heat for about 5 minutes, turning over on all sides and until cooked through.
6. Remove the tortillas from the oven and salsa from the fridge. Layer on the salad leaves, some fish pieces, some avocado slices and the mango salsa. Enjoy!

Fly of the Month

Pop-Eye Sawtooth Orange

So you think that bead head flies came into being in the early 1990's ? Not true! This one was featured in Dan Bailey's 1940 mail order catalog. Give it a try during brown trout migrations.

Hook: Daiichi 2220, or equivalent. size 6-10

Thread: Black 6/0

Bead: From light switch pull chain and painted*

Tail: Guinea hen hackle fibers

Rib: Oval gold tinsel

Body: Orange chenille

Beard: Same as tail

Wing: Red squirrel tail

- Can substitute a brass bead



2018-19 Calendar

| Date | Activity |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, October 2 nd | SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn |
| Wednesday, October 10 th | Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn, Guest: Rick Smith |
| Saturday, October 13 th | Idaho State TU Council Meeting Idaho Falls, location TBA |
| Tuesday, October 16 th | Tie One On Night, Tap & Fill, 7-8 PM |
| Saturday, October 20 th | Lower Blackfoot River Outing, Bruce Staples |
| Tuesday, October 30 th | SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn |
| Wednesday, November 14 th | Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn, Guest: Big Sky Anglers |
| Tuesday, November 20 th | Tie One On Night, Tap & Fill, 7-8 PM |
| Tuesday, December 4 th | SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn |
| Wednesday, December 12 th | Xmas Party, Senior Citizens Center |

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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