

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

December, 2018

A Message from the President *by Paul Patterson*

After great programs at our October and November membership meetings, the December meeting will be our traditional Christmas party, one of three social activities we sponsor each year. While we have used different venues over the years, including full-service restaurants, the semi-potluck event at the Senior Citizens Center with the chapter providing the main course, has proven to be popular. "Catered Your Way" is again providing the main course: Tri-Tip, Chicken Dijon or Lasagna. More information is found on the next page. We will have the sign-up sheet at Jimmy's starting the week after Thanksgiving. Please stop by and sign up and pay at your earliest possible convenience. You can also give me a call or send a text (208-569-8031) if you don't make it to Jimmy's and just pay at the door. Early sign up does help us plan the event. If you have an item that you would like to donate for the gift exchange, please drop them by Jimmy's no later than December 7th. Re-gifting an item that you received in the past is acceptable and items don't need to be related to fishing. I hope to see you there.

While the East Idaho Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo is still months away, the planning process is in full swing. We are still in need of individuals to take on leadership roles. If you are looking for a way to get more involved or to give something back, this is certainly a great opportunity. Contact me or Arn Berglund if interested. The Expo is our major source of funds to run the chapter and fund our conservation and education programs. As in years past, we will be asking tiers to donate a dozen or more flies for this event to be used in our silent auctions and raffles. The fly boxes for the 2019 Expo won't be available until January but that doesn't mean you can't start tying now.

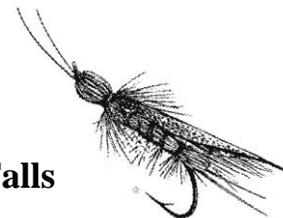
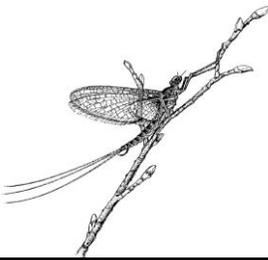
In addition to the monthly meetings and outings that I discussed last month, how else does the SRC serve its members and the general public? First, through education programs that are geared to all different skill levels from beginning to expert. These are normally scheduled for the winter and early spring months, typically January through March. Beginning fly tying is offered every year and an intermediate fly typing class is offered every 3-4 years. A class on rod building is also offered most years. These require prior registration and fees are charged. A casting workshop for beginner and intermediate casters is held in May each year and is free to the public. Another significant educational effort is the East Idaho Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo. While some classes and workshops held during this event are geared toward beginning and intermediate skill levels, there are also advance or specialized classes for tiers and casters. While the Expo has typically been held in April, the 2019 Expo will be March 29-30. Mark your calendar.

UPCOMING EVENT

Annual Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 12th, 6:00 PM

Idaho Falls Senior Citizen's Center
West 25th Street (off Rollandet), Idaho Falls





Please Join Us at the Annual Christmas Party!

**Wednesday December 12th
Sr. Citizen's Center
West 25th St
Idaho Falls
Festivities begin at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 6:45 PM**

**Sign up at Jimmy's All Seasons Angler
Before December 7th
\$15.00 per person**

Another great event! Gifts and games will be part as well as great food. The club will provide great main dishes.

According to your last name, please bring the following:

- A through I - Bring some kind of desert,**
- J through R - Bring some kind of salad,**
- S through Z - Bring some kind of hot dish.**

BYOB!

Want to donate an item for the gift swap? Leave it at Jimmy's any time before Wednesday, December 5th.

Help Needed to Make the Christmas Party a Success

Would you like to volunteer? Here's where help is needed on the right.

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Would you like to volunteer? Here's where help is needed.

Set-up: Be at the Senior Citizen's Center at 5:30 PM to help arrange tables and seating.

Gift Wrapping: We have someone to purchase gifts, but we need a few volunteers to help wrap these gifts. Time & place TBD

Clean-up: We need volunteers to clean up the Center and put things away after finishing. This will be done between 9 and 10 PM

**Contact Paul Voegeli:
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Fewer mailings mean more dollars for conservation project
The fish will appreciate your cost-saving efforts.



Lower Blackfoot River Outing, 10/20/18

By
Bruce Staples



You could not ask for a prettier day for a fishing outing. Most of us met at Abracadabra for hearty breakfasts spiced up a bit with a few fishing tales. Then it was off to the Graves Creek campground on the lower river to don wading gear. On the way we saw that the Trail Creek Road, host of some “slippery when wet” places had been upgraded. In fact, all roads were in good shape. Jeff Armstrong, Wade Allen, Bill Montalvo, Vince Esparza, Paul Voegeli, Buck Goodrich, Mike Miller, and Bruce Staples made up the attendee roster. Some stayed at the campground to fish while others dispersed to Morgan’s Bridge and other places. The river was extremely low (Shelley gage at the lower canyon mouth reading just under 80 cfs). That flow meant good fishing should be found, but is unfavorable for the fish. Sure enough, fish were concentrated in deeper waters. Hatches were sparse, except for some midges, with resident cutthroat and introduced rainbow most interested in nymphs under an indicator, or not, and streamers. A few dry flies, such as the ever effective Renegade fooled a few smaller fish. Hoppers were still around, but in reduced abundance. Water temperature was in the high forties in degrees F., and water was clear as could be with a few of the abundant weeds breaking up. A floating line was most effective. We all caught fish, then returned to a Grave’s Creek campground picnic table to take off wading gear, for munchies (sopresata, sardines, pickled beans, beer), and to swap stories of fishing experiences of the day. Most of us encountered a combination of cutts and bows. Some locations yielded only cutts (Morgan’s Bridge area), others just bows (around the campground), but some places yielded combinations of the two.

By the time the sun was beginning to set behind the hills it was time to leave the campground to deer hunters, head into the setting sun for home, and to relish the experience of a beautiful day, great company, and good fishing: who could ask for anything more!

**SEPTEMBER SRC GROUP TRIP: DANIELS RESERVOIR
29 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**By
Paul Voegeli**



The final weekend of September 2018 found trip host and sponsor Arn Bergland and six other Snake River Cutthroat fishermen at Daniels Reservoir to fish this interesting body of water. It was a picturesque southeastern Idaho Autumn day of dynamic partly cloudy skies and times of some challenging winds, but there was an abundance of sunshine for most of the day. Those present were Darryl Siemer, Rob Knox, Riley Chase, Brian King, Andy Bosworth and Paul Voegeli. The drive to Daniels takes about two hours and the reservoir is accessible via two routes, one of which entails 15 to 20 miles of unpaved rural roadway and the other by going through Malad City but on paved road surface. Take your pick - both get you to this unique spring creek fed compound of water ... and to a healthy population of rainbow trout.

The usual variety of watercraft were launched around 10:00 and the fishing began and was off to a good start from the get-go. Streamer patterns seemed to work best and the fish were hungry and plentiful with rainbows of 14-22 inches vigorously attacking black leech imitations and the like. Fish were located throughout the water and there was a lot of good activity from ten to thirty yards from shore as well as in the middle of the reservoir. Wind gusts became more prevalent as time progressed but the fishing was consistent and good throughout the day.

Following a busy and productive morning of fishing we all returned to shore and lunch took place around 1:30 p.m. Many thanks to Arn for making the arrangements and bringing a generous supply of sandwich components, chips, cookies, condiments and beverages. Immediately after the mid-day repast all returned to the water and enjoyed another few hours of productive fishing. The winds picked up and became fairly steady later in the afternoon (no surprise there ...) and the day came to a conclusion around 5:30 p.m. All traveled safely back home to Idaho Falls and it was another of the many good adventures of the Snake River Cutthroats.

Snake River Cutthroats 2019 Beginning Fly Tying and Fly Rod Building Classes

Beginning Fly Tying Class - Beginning fly tying classes will start on Tuesday, January 22th, 2019 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 \$40. 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. Students need to be 10 years old or older. The students need to bring the following: fly tying vise, scissors, a thread bobbin, hackle pliers, bodkin, half hitch tool, hair stacker and other useful tools. If you have doubt on what 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 208-357-7328 (www.snakerivercutthroats.org).

Fly Rod Building Class - Rod Building Class to be held in late January and early February 2019, the exact date to be announced in early January. At a pre-meeting two weeks prior to the class, the instructors will help students decide which rod building components they need and where to buy the components. The class is designed for building a quality rod for fresh or salt water. The novice can easily build a rod with patience and this class. The cost is \$40. 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 (www.snakerivercutthroats.org).

“Tie One On” Now in Session



That's Justin Barnard on the left, and Paul Bowen on the right. Justin demo'd on 10/15, and Paul on 11/19. This fun event happens the third Tuesday from October through March 7-8 PM at Tap & Fill. Come join us to enjoy camaraderie, good fly tying, and if so inclined, good brews.

Recipe of the Month

Baked Rainbow Trout (a la South Fork)

Rainbow trout, flavored primarily with dill weed and lemon, is baked whole in the oven. Once done, the fish releases easily from the bones. A whole fish comes with the head and tail intact. You add seasonings, fresh herbs, and slices of lemon to the body cavity. Present the fish whole at the table before you separate it into serving pieces; it just looks so cool right out of the oven. If you can't find or don't care for trout, other varieties of whole fish can be substituted.

Ingredients

- 2 rainbow trout (about 1 pound each, scaled, gutted, and cleaned)
- 2 lemons
- Salt (to taste)
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper (or to taste)
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder (or to taste)
- 1 teaspoon onion powder (or to taste)
- 1 ounce dill weed sprigs (4 to 6 sprigs)
- Cooking spray
- Pinch paprika (sweet Hungarian)
- 1/2 cup white wine

Steps to Make It.

1. Heat oven to 475 F. Line a shallow baking pan with foil. Insert a flat baking rack into the pan.
2. Rinse the exterior and interior of the fish under cold water and pat dry with paper towels.
3. Slice one of the lemons into rounds as thinly as you can with a sharp knife.
4. Lightly sprinkle the fish cavities with salt, lemon pepper, garlic powder, and onion powder.
5. Stuff 2 to 3 sprigs of the dill weed into the cavities and follow with half of the lemon slices.
6. Spray the entire skin of the fish with the cooking spray.
7. Place fish on rack in the prepared pan. Spread remaining dill sprigs and lemon slices over the skin and top. Sprinkle lightly with paprika.
8. Pour wine down the side of the pan to coat the bottom under the rack.
9. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until fish flesh is opaque and flakes with a fork.
10. Present the whole fish on a platter for your guests to admire before carving to serve. The flesh and skin should easily separate from the carcass.
11. To serve, sprinkle the fish fillets lightly with paprika. Garnish with remaining lemon, cut into wedges, and a dill sprig.

Fly of the Month

Firehole

This pattern is Ray Bergman’s contribution to the stable of fly patterns effective in the Firehole River. Bergman created it after his first 1930s visit there that proved highly successful in terms of fish caught. Yes, this pattern is 80 years old, “out of style,” but it remains highly effective as do many “out of style” patterns!

- Hook: Mustad 94840, or equivalent, size 12-20
- Thread: Black, 6/0
- Wing: Upright and divided woodduck flank fibers
- Tail: Woodduck flank fibers
- Body: Cream dubbing
- Hackle: One each black and grizzly



2018-19 Calendar

Date	Activity
Tuesday, December 4 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, December 12 th	Xmas Party, Senior Citizens Center
Saturday, December 15 th	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM Shari’s Restaurant
Tuesday, December 18 th	Tie One On Night, Tap & Fill, 7-8 PM
Saturday, December 29 th	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM Shari’s Restaurant
Tuesday, January 8 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, January 9 th	Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn, Guest: Brett Novak
Saturday, January 12 th	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM Shari’s Restaurant
Tuesday, January 22 nd	Tie One On Night, Tap & Fill, 7-8 PM
Saturday, January 26 th	Bug Club Meeting, 8 AM Shari’s Restaurant

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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