



The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

April, 2019

A Message from the President *by Paul Patterson*

The newsletter is being sent earlier than normal so that we aren't trying to get it sent in the middle of the Expo. So, the Expo may or may not be done for another year when you get this newsletter. Regardless, I would like to take this opportunity thank all the members of the Expo Committee. Without their time and dedication, there would not be an Expo. Also, thanks to the volunteers who staff the event. It's amazing that an event of this size is totally run by volunteers. Thanks also to all our donors and sponsors and to all of you that attended or who plan on attending this event.

The April membership meeting on the 10th will have three presentations. Biologists from Idaho Fish and Game will be presenting information on Henry's Lake and the Blackfoot River. See page 2 for more details. So, if you have questions about these fisheries, this is your chance to get them answered by the experts. In addition, we will have a short presentation from Bryce Oldemeyer starting at 6:45. Bryce is with the Henry's Fork Foundation and will be providing information on the Henry's Fork Foundation's South Fork Initiative. Since we won't have a tier in the 6:30 to 7:00 time slot, we will start the program a little earlier than normal. So be sure to factor that in to your arrival time.

The May membership meeting is our annual business meeting and election. It will be held at Papa Tom's on Woodruff. A slate of candidates for open board positions will be published in the May newsletter. In addition to voting on candidates for the board, members attending will also be asked to approve our recently revised bylaws. Please note in the calendar of events that we have set the date and location of the summer picnic, July 10th at Ann and Mike Millers. The July newsletter will have more information.

Stuffing Packets



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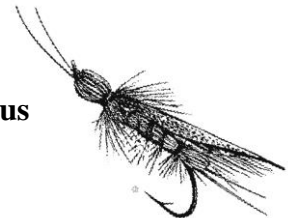
UPCOMING EVENT

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30 PM

Henry's Lake and Upper Blackfoot River Status

Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls



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**Wednesday, April 10th,
6:30 PM**

**John Flinders
Henry's Lake Status**



John Flinders is the current manager of the Henry's Lake Fish Hatchery. Not only has his management actions retained the fishing quality for which the lake is famed, but he has a solid record on presenting information on the famed fishery, the results of past management actions, those expected from upcoming actions, and on what fishing future for the lake may hold.

**Ryan Hillyard
Upper Blackfoot River Status**



Ryan Hillyard has a long record in studying the status of cutthroat trout residing in the river in the Blackfoot River WMA. There are plans to improve the WMA habitat in this beautiful meadow reach of the river. Ryan will discuss the status as well as planned habitat improvements.

To begin the meeting, Bryce Oldemeyer of the Henry's Fork Foundation will make a short presentation updating South Fork Initiative activities and progress

Snake River Cutthroats 2019 Outings Schedule

**Saturday, May 11th Board Sheridan Reservoir: Contact
Marv Stucki marv@stuckilaw.com**

**Fri. -Tues. May 17th-May 21st : Montana Pike Fishing Trip:
Contact Dave Pace dbpace@q.com**

**Saturday, June 8th Twin Lakes: Contact Jimmy Gabettas
208-524-7160**

**Tues.-Sat. June 25th-29th Reindeer Lake Pike Fishing
Trip: Contact Dave Pace dbpace@q.com**

**Fri.-Sat: July 19th-20th South Fork Overnighter :
Contact TBD**

**Saturday, September 21st: Daniels Reservoir Trip: Contact
Mike Miller 208-357-5569**

**Saturday, October 12th: Lower Blackfoot River Trip: Contact
Bruce Staples casbas@cableone.net.**

If you can suggest any other outings, please do so to Marv Stucki, see above .

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Pike Fishing Outings Upcoming by Dave Pace



In June 2018 Loop USA hosted a come fish with us pike fishing trip to Trout Camp Lodge on Reindeer Lake in Saskatchewan Canada. Trout Camp is managed by several people from Pocatello so we felt right at home. Curtis St Michel and Dave Pace joined the Loop crew. Here is a trip summary for those who might be interested in returning with us in 2019. Interested? contact Dave Pace, 208-360-5657.

Getting There

Reindeer Lake is WAY the heck up there. The driving destination is Southend, Saskatchewan. We flew to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where we spent the night, and the next day drove North in a rental car for 7 hours, the last 3 ½ hours on well-maintained dirt road. We didn't have any trouble on the way up but on the way back each of our three rental cars got a flat tire.

Accommodations

The main lodge houses the kitchen, eating area and lounging area with a pool table. There is also a covered outside porch for hanging out. All food is provided with the trip and was enjoyable home cooking. Sleeping accommodations are in smaller separate cabins

Fishing

We had not fished for pike before so weren't sure what to expect. Nine-foot eight weight rods are the norm. The guides are all Cree Indians. They are not fly fisherman but the current owners of Trout Camp target fly fishers, so they know what makes a good experience for fly fishers. The lake is HUGE with a labyrinth of bays, channels, islands, and points. The boats are open aluminum boats with a 40 hp outboard. The front of the boat has been covered with plywood to create a casting deck. The two clients sit on spring loaded seats to absorb some of the boat bounce. The floor at the client's feet is smooth plywood. One caster stands on the deck and the other on the floor in front of the seats. The first day we hit amazing conditions: we boated well over 70 fish. Our worst day for fishing we boated 16 fish. A common goal among the clients was to catch a trophy pike, one over 40". Curtis almost broke the mark several times with 39" fish. My best fish was 36". Overall the bugs weren't bad.

Overall Thoughts

It took us 2 days to get there flying and we could drive it in the same time and use our own vehicles with appropriate tires for the road instead of rental cars with 4 ply tires.

As a "warm-up" to this trip some of us will do a Montana Pike trip on May 17th-21st (Friday-Tuesday) to Seeley, Smith, and Inez Lakes. If you are interested in this one, again contact Dave Pace, 208-360-5657

Bug Club and Tie One On Wind Up Their Seasons



Brandon Morrison at Tie One On



A Typical Bug Club Meeting

It's been a long winter! So many days were tough for getting onto the water. Low temperatures and uncomfortable winds were present. So were roads blocked with snow, questionable driving conditions and ice infested banks. The good side of it is that local fly tying took a front seat in the relatively dormant fly fishing world. Jimmy's decades-long Saturday fly tying demos topped the list of activities and were accompanied by his eminently successful entry level fly tying class. He also offered tying workshops by such as Marty Howard and Charlie Craven during the last calendar year. Besides Jimmy's activities two fly tying clubs helped dull cabin fever. The Bug Club, formed back in the early 1990's as the Rocky Mountain Fly Tying Guild, rejuvenated into The Bug Club in the early 2000's, met on alternate Saturdays at Shari's Restaurant during the 2018-2019 winter. Its main purpose, other than camaraderie at breakfast, was a focus on traditional flies and new variations of such. Relatively new Tie One On, formed just two years ago through the efforts of Rory Cullen and Rob Knox, met on the third Tuesday of each month during evenings at Tap and Fill in the Snake River Parkway. Enjoying excellent beer and camaraderie with an emphasis of establishing a bond and platform for younger tiers and older tiers to trade ideas and to high-light the use of some new fly tying products was a main purpose for these meetings.

Jimmy's Saturday demos offer the most depth in passing on fly tying information. The Bug Club offers a chance to participate "hands on" and renew old friendships. Tie One on offers perhaps the best chance to make new friends and bridge the gap between younger and older tiers as well as high-lighting new materials. Next winter season look for these activities to be repeated. Strongly consider attending each, if not one of these. You will be welcomed by all participants, enhance your fly tying knowledge, and have more reason to stay inside and apply what you have learned during days when the wind blows free and the air temperature tries to beat the record low for the given day.

The 2019 Fishing Season is Underway (Hallelulia!)...

by
Paul Vogeley



The time of year to awaken from our Winter slumber and routines and to contemplate the upcoming 2019 fishing season is at hand. Winter's snows are steadily finding transition from crystalline to liquid form and are being reclaimed by the recently-thawing ground - compliments of the warmer and increasingly light-filled days of Springtime. However, the pesky and pervasive veneer of fine ash and dust from the wood stove and/or the gas- forced-air furnace (and maybe even some personal skin slough and dandruff, to say nothing of the inevitable detritus of all the tying materials floating about the tying bench atmosphere for the past six months) has got to go. The call we now hear and will likely answer to make way for further new adventures on the waters in this new season has been sounded. And all those creative moments - along with many hours - at the tying bench and with the shared ideas, lessons and pearls appreciated and enhanced at Saturday morning Bug Club, Monthly third Tuesday Tie One On, the presentations at Jimmy's, the SRC monthly presentations by our colleagues and peers, beckon us to think: "Wow, it's time to go fishing... Think I will just get to it and do this! Now, where is my calendar?" If you have such a thought: You are on the correct track ...

Something else to perhaps consider while brushing the dust off the waders and rods and all the requisite gear, and while cleaning and conditioning lines, and inspecting and lubricating reels plus stocking fly boxes: how might your 2019 fishing experiences and season be enhanced by doing something extra- ordinary? Hence, this invitation to share your time and talents with your Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Please think about how you might participate in the myriad activities and opportunities that are yours with the Snake River Cutthroats. This is our common bond and focus and you are welcome here. Everyone has a talent and potential to enjoy and contribute time and effort to the SRC conservation projects, the art and science of fly tying and, best of all, time outside enjoying the sublime venue of our waters and our wise and clever piscine challengers. The monthly club newsletter contains a calender of events for your review. Consider yourself invited.

Recipe of the Month

With all the still waters to the southeast hosting warm water species (bass, bluegill, crappie, yellow perch, etc.) and upcoming trips to them, some panfish recipes seem in order. Here are a few.

Perch Cakes

1 lb. fillets, cooked, flaked
1 egg, beaten
1 onion, minced
1 tb. lemon juice
1 tsp. parsley flakes
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 to 1/2 cup cornflake crumbs
2 tb. mustard
1/2 tsp. salt
Vegetable oil

Directions: Mix egg, onion, mustard, lemon juice, parsley, salt and pepper in a bowl; toss with flaked fish. Add enough cornflake crumbs to shape 4 to 6 fish cakes. Roll each cake in extra crumbs to coat the outside. Heat the oil in a skillet, and fry cakes until crisp and brown.

Panfish with Herbs

1 lb. panfish fillets
1 lemon
1 tsp. each chopped parsley, chives, and rosemary
1 tb. butter

Directions: Melt the butter and pour into a shallow baking dish. Arrange the fish fillets in the dish. Cut the lemon in half and squeeze about one tablespoon of lemon juice over the fillets. Sprinkle with the herbs. Slice the remaining lemon half into thin slices, and arrange the slices on top of the fish. Bake in a preheated 450-degree oven for 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Pan-Fried Crappie

2 lb. crappie
1 cup cornmeal
1 cup flour
3 eggs, beaten
Salt, pepper
Peanut oil

Directions: Mix corn meal and flour in a large zip-seal plastic bag. Salt and pepper each fillet, dip in egg, then shake in bag until coated with meal/flour mixture. Drop fillets in hot oil poured 1 to 2-inches deep in a cast-iron skillet. Cook fillets 1 to 2 minutes each or until they flake with a fork.

Fly of the Month

Big Hole Demon

This unusual streamer was praised by Big Hole River and Ruby River fly-fishers for its effectiveness. Its versatility can be seen as large versions work well on simulating a minnow, while small versions work well in simulating a damselfly nymph. On top of all these, it is easily tied.

Hook: Daiichi 1720, or equivalent, size 4-10
 Thread: Black, 6/0
 Tail: Furnace or dark brown hackle tips
 Rib: Oval gold or silver over rear body
 Rear body: Flat gold or silver tinsel
 Front body: Black or dark brown chenille
 Hackle: Furnace palmered over front body



2019 Calendar

Date	Activity
Tuesday, April 2 nd	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn VIP Room
Wednesday, April 10 th	Membership Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn, Guest: IDF&G on Henry's Lake Status
Saturday, April 13 th	Idaho TU State Council Meeting, Boise, See council web site for details
Tuesday, April 30 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn VIP Room
Wednesday, May 8 th	Annual Business Meeting and Board Election
May 17 th -21 st (Friday-Tuesday)	Montana Pike Fishing Trip Host Dave Pace (208-360-5657)
Saturday, June 8 th	Twin Lakes Outing Host Jimmy Gabettas (524-7160)
June 25 th -June 29 th (Tues.-Sat.)	Reindeer Lake Pike Fishing Trip Host Dave Pace (208-360-5657)
Wednesday, July 10 th	Summer Picnic Mike & Ann 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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