

The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

November, 2019

A Message from the President *by Matt Woodard*

Greetings, fellow anglers. I recently attended the Trout Unlimited State Council meeting in McCall, Idaho. We had a great meeting with representatives from chapters around the state present. The two Co-Directors Scott Yates & Warren Colyer of the Western Water program for Trout Unlimited gave us an update of what the Trout Unlimited National Staff is doing in the West.

I always come away from these meetings with renewed purpose. It's impressive to see the work accomplished in Idaho and throughout the West. A big thanks to our hosts Beau Frick (President) and Gary Brown (Secretary) from the Reed Gillespie Chapter of Central Idaho in McCall. They did a great job in taking care of us.

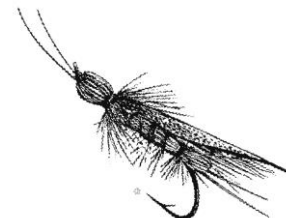
New elections were held for the TU State Council, and I wanted to update you on those changes. Long time State Council President Ed Northern stepped down and our own Paul Patterson has accepted that position. Ed now will replace long time National Leadership Council (NLC) member Chris Jones as the NLC representative from Idaho to TU National. Pat Finnigan, the president of the Clearwater Chapter, is the new Vice Chair of the State Council. Darrell Kuhrt, the Ted Trueblood Chapter president, is the new secretary for the State Council replacing Paul Patterson. Andy Burnell has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. These people are so dedicated to our cause; I hope you get a chance to meet them soon.

Trout Unlimited has hired Eric Crawford, a 22year veteran of Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) to be the new Idaho Field Coordinator for North Idaho. Eric will be part of the Sportsman's Conservation Program within TU. Eric spent his time with IDFG in enforcement. Eric's focus will be on Salmon and Steelhead with an emphasis on bolstering and recovering our steelhead runs in Idaho. If you're not aware, TU is all in on breaching the four lower Snake River Dams to help recover these important fish. Eric is a passionate steelhead angler and has a deep understanding of what we need to do to solve this issue. He worked out of the Idaho Falls Fish and Game office for a short time. Eric is keenly aware that it's going to take all types of anglers to help and support recovery of these fish. He is also aware that we need the collaboration and support of the agricultural community from North Idaho to work with us.

Governor Brad Little organized a Salmon Task Force last summer. TU's Kira Finkler is a member of that group. They will be meeting in Twin Falls on October 29-30 to take public comment on the Salmon Steelhead issues. If the Task Force comes to Idaho Falls, we should make the time to go and voice our concerns about the need to recover these amazing fish. If our voices are not heard, we risk losing our greatest treasures Steelhead and Salmon in Idaho. I will keep you posted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kris Millgate



Wednesday, November 13th, 6:30 PM
Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls



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**General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 13th
Kris Millgate
My Place Among Men**



Millgate graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in broadcast journalism in 1997 then worked for several TV news networks before starting Tight Line Media in 2006.

With nearly a quarter century of storytelling, Millgate traverses the country in search of stimulating and engaging topics. She researches issues thoroughly then translates core elements via video, photo and words with professional skills that demand audience attention.

Millgate is a leading member of Outdoor Writers Association of America. She's a life member of Trout Unlimited and a certified Idaho Master Naturalist. She's also a fly fisher, ultra trail runner and youth hockey coach. In every pursuit, Millgate's determination is relentless.

She's currently reporting for PBS, USA Today, Gray's Sporting Journal and East Idaho Outdoors.

Her first book 'My Place Among Men' is available now.

**First "Tie One On"
Night**



After Rob Knox presented his unnamed but very effective jig pattern, Rory Cullen praised its ability to fool trout. No longer unnamed the pattern became, based on response of attendees, "Rory's Glory!" Rob offered that it is also effective in fooling bass and other gamefish. He went on to tie his brown trout version, so timely because aggressive browns are migrating in a streams hosting them. Other versions came from Rob's efforts at the vise. Some of these make use of exotic materials such as wig making hair he obtained off the internet. Thank you for a great time, Rob! The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th, same time, 7-8 PM, at Tap & Fill featuring Mike Glissmeyer tying.

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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@cablone.net.

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The fish will appreciate your cost-saving efforts.



Brush up on trespassing law before going fishing or hunting
by
Roger Phillips, IDF&G Public Information Supervisor

Basic rules remain the same, you need permission to be on private lands

Hunters, anglers and other sportsmen and women should be aware of Idaho trespass laws before they head into the field. Trespass laws changed in 2018, but here are some basic things to remember:

- You need permission to be on private land.
- It's the responsibility of the hunter/angler to know if they're on private land.
- The laws affecting how landowners must post their property changed in recent years.
- Fines have been stiffened for trespass violations.

“Trespass laws have changed, but the core philosophies have not,” said Idaho Fish and Game’s Enforcement Bureau Chief Greg Wooten. “It’s still the sportsman’s responsibility to know when they’re on private property and obtain permission to be there.”

Hunters, anglers, trappers and other people should know that land is private and they are not allowed without permission if:

The property is associated with a residence or business;

- Or cultivated;
- Or fenced or enclosed in a way that delineates the private property;
- Or unfenced and uncultivated but is posted with conspicuous “no trespassing” signs or bright orange/fluorescent paint at all property corners and boundaries where the property intersects navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.

Note: if private property adjoins or is contained within public lands, the fence line adjacent to public land should be posted with “no trespassing signs” or bright orange or fluorescent paint at the corners of the fence adjoining public land and at all navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the private land from public land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.

People can use a variety of tools to determine whether they’re on public or private lands, including maps, GPS, software (some of which also shows private land ownership), smart phone apps, and more.

Hunters and anglers seeking permission to be on private lands should get written permission from the landowner. A permission form is available on page 2 of the [2019-20 Big Game Season and Rules booklet](#), at Fish and Game offices, and at any county Sheriff’s office.

Other methods of permission are still legal, but written “is the most solid permission you can have,” Wooten said.

Sportsmen and women should also beware of increased penalties for trespassing. Hunters and anglers have long faced a mandatory one-year revocation of hunting and fishing privileges if they are convicted of trespassing while engaging those activities.

Mandatory license revocation continues under the law, but there are also steep fines for repeat offenders, and for a person convicted of trespassing three times within a 10-year period, there’s a minimum \$5,000 fine, one to five year license suspension, and they could be charged with a felony.

To learn more about the new law, see [Fish and Game’s 2018 Trespass Law webpage](#).



A “Big Boy” Pike Fishing Trip
by
Dave Pace

After the warm up pike fishing trip to Montana in the spring 9 club members strapped on their big boy pants and traveled to Reindeer Lake in Northern Saskatchewan in search of some trophy pike June 22-30. Reindeer Lake is well known for its large population of trophy pike, fish over 40 inches. I was fortunate to participate in a Loop USA hosted trip to Trout Camp Lodge the year before and decided it was enough fun to warrant a return trip with any interested club members. Reindeer Lake is WAY the heck up there, 2/3 of the way up Saskatchewan; even further north than Ketchikan Alaska. We drove for 14 hrs the first day and spent the night in Saskatoon. The following rainy day we drove on north to the village of Southend, which with the muddy roads took another 8 hours. The lodge met us at Southend in their shuttle boat and took us further north on the lake to their lodge. The last 137 miles from La Ronge to Southend are on quality gravel road, but degrades significantly with large amounts of rain. We had flown to Saskatoon the previous year and rented cars to drive on to Southend still taking 2 days of travel and having to live with rental car tires, 3 of which failed us. This year we chose to drive and have more reliable vehicles.



Brian King with his 44” Trip Record

We traveled up on a weekend, fished Monday through Friday and traveled home the following weekend. Mother Nature treated us pretty well with only a few light rain storms and luckily very little wind. The lake is HUGE 140 miles long North to South but is very finicky often having the feel of being on Island Park Reservoir. Each day our fleet of Northern Cree Indian guided boats would venture out onto the lake traveling upwards of 60 miles each day. Some days we caught a ton of fish and some days we didn’t. Overall 5 of our 9 fisherman did catch trophy pike with a total of 9 caught. One of the newbies to pike fishing, Brian King, caught the trip record fish of 44 inches. I caught the record fish on the other end.



“Record” pike for the trip, on a 5” fly

The lodge is a comfortable establishment with some quality home cooking. The guests sleep in separate small cabins and congregate in the main lodge room for meals and evening entertainment. It isn’t a ritzy high end lodge catering more to the general fisherman so we fit right in. If you enjoy streamer fishing for trout you should really try out pike fishing. Northern Pike’s scientific latin name is *Esox Lucius* which stands for Water Wolf and seems very fitting. They are voracious predators and make visual slashing attacks on your flies which often startle you with their voracity. Once hooked they often make hard tail walking runs while you struggle to keep up and stay connected. And teeth, wholly mother of god, keep your fingers out of that scary mouth. Our guides carefully showed us how to slip fingers just under their gill plates for a hero photo while keeping blood in your veins. Give it a try, you might find a new addiction.

Recollection of an Autumn Friday on the Waters of the Lower Blackfoot River

By
Paul Vogelei

The opening lyrics of a song from the mid 1970s by the famed English band The Strawbs - titled "Autumn" - capture the essence of the setting and the tone of what was a most incredible and memorable day on the lower Blackfoot River for a small band of brothers who ventured off for a day of fishing on this classic eastern Idaho waterway:

I sense Autumn coming on The trees begin to show a
The mist has hung low all day A trace of brown among the green
Small birds gather on the wing Bringing back the memories
Preparing to make their way. That only you and I have seen.
I sense Autumn coming on The leaves begin to scatter
The sun sinking red and deep As the North wind calls their name
The fires burning in the fields Folding gently back into
As late Summer falls asleep The silent earth from which they came ...

And a fine Autumn day it was, but with mostly cloudy grey skies, a prevailing southwesterly wind, rather chilly temperatures that accompanied intermittent falling graupel. Water was flowing about 100 cfs and the thermometer registered 45 degrees F. These conditions were posited in the surrounding semi-arid landscape of sagebrush, basalt cliffs laced with lichen, and the meandering waterway; the peaceful quietude that was natural music for the ears. Above our heads a bald eagle was observed navigating the brisk air currents with seemingly effortless finesse. A steady prevailing southwesterly wind propelled the cloud formations which offered occasional momentary glimpses of blue sky which brought along welcomed - albeit short-lived - solar gain. The fish were active and responsive and it was a day of catching and releasing of no less than twenty-plus fish for each of the fishermen who were present to savor and enjoy the day.

Four SRC fellows met for this day trip at Abracadabra's on Channing Way to enjoy breakfast at 0800. It is well-known that the kitchen and service staff at this establishment truly know what they are doing and we enjoyed yet another fine meal. The discussions that took place at the table were also most enjoyable and were evidence that there are but six degrees of separation among we humans. During the polite and respectful table discourse there was kind of an "a-ha moment" when two of those at the table realized that both of their fathers were 86th Infantry soldiers of the famed 10th Mountain Division who had served in northern Italy during World War II, and both awarded Purple Heart medals for injuries sustained in battle during the second campaign on Mount Belvedere in the Apennine Mountains and The Po and Arno River valleys.

Three of the four fishermen then loaded into one vehicle and proceeded onward to the Graves Creek Campground which is about 45 miles from Idaho Falls. The aforementioned weather realities prompted several thicknesses and types of layered clothing to meet the challenging conditions. Once rods were assembled and rigged we proceeded to get onto the waters, and there was plenty of great and open water to fish. A variety of trout enticements employed including a lead-headed rabbit fur leech jig (the Robert Knox incarnation and pattern), a nymphing rig with a tungsten-headed chironomid dropper (Kelley Glissmeyer's BH FB Pheasant Tail pattern) under a soft hackle pattern, and a peacock herl leech pattern that is the creation and reliable refinement of Bruce Staples.

It was not long before the action started and it was a prolific and productive day. Most of the fish caught and released were Cutthroats with a few Rainbows in the mix. The fish fought valiantly. One member of the group caught, landed and released a beautiful 30 inch Rainbow after a fifteen minute adventure in Nirvana. As the sun was setting, we enjoyed a brief late afternoon repast before venturing back home safely and without incident to Idaho Falls.

Many thanks to Marv Stucki for coordinating all of the years' group outings for the Snake River Cutthroats. These group fishing trips are a wonderful way to enjoy the many waters that we enjoy in and around eastern Idaho. To all who are reading this article: please consider joining in on these experiences and the many other opportunities to participate in stewardship, restoration and preservation and conservation and enjoyment of our waters and piscine gifts, and enjoying the many facets of Trout Unlimited Chapter 163.



Recipe of the Month

Pickled Trout

This preparation, which was adapted from a recipe in the vintage cookbook *Classic Cold Cuisine* by Karen Green, is simple and quick. Once together, Ms. Green's recipe says to "cover and refrigerate 12 - 24 hours." We tried it at 12 hours, again at 24, most recently at 48, and it just got better and better.

DIRECTIONS

Two pounds of fresh South Fork rainbow or other trout

Pickling solution

3 cups water
1 cup cider vinegar
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 thinly sliced lemon
1 thinly sliced onion
2 bay leaves
6 peppercorns
4 cloves
4 allspice
2 whole garlic cloves
Lemon wedge garnishes

Slice the bodies of each trout into three to five pieces. In a medium size pot or large saucepan, combine the pickling ingredients. Bring to a boil, cover to leave a slight opening, and reduce to a rapid simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Increase heat to a boil again and add the trout. Poach trout in the pickling liquid for 3 to 6 minutes, or until barely tender. Remove pot from heat and allow to rest for a few minutes. Carefully remove trout from pot and place in an attractive refrigerator-to-the-table bowl or dish with a lip. Pour pickling liquid over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 12 hours. At serving time, you may find that the pickling liquid has jelled. This is due to whatever natural gelatin was in the fish bones. Fifteen seconds in the microwave got rid of it for us. Serve as you wish by placing the dish with a spoon on the dinner table, or perhaps draining and placing individual pieces on small lettuce-lined salad plates.



Fly of the Month

Fizzler

This east Idaho original is by Etsel Radford. The Radford family out of the Ririe area tied commercially for several decades. You could consider the Fizzler to be their flagship pattern. It is another woolly worm variation. The woolly worm being the most successful fly pattern of all time.

- Hook: Mustad 9671, size 4-12
- Thread: Black 6/0
- Tail: Orange duck or goose quill segment
- Hackle: Brown or grizzly saddle
- Body: Black, brown, gray, or olive chenille
- Underbody: Strip of orange, red, or yellow chenille



2017-18 Calendar

Date	Activity
Tuesday, November 5 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, November 13 th	Membership Meeting, Guest Kris Millgate
Tuesday, November 19 th	Tie One On Meeting, 7 PM Tap & Fill
Wednesday, November 20 th	EIFTE Organizing Meeting 6 PM All Seasons Angler
Tuesday, December 3 rd	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Saturday, December, 7 th	First Bug Club Meeting 8 AM Shari's Restaurant
Wednesday, December 11 th (Tentative)	Xmas Party, Sr. Citizen's Center, 6 PM
Tuesday, December 17 th	Tie One On Meeting, 7 PM Tap & Fill
Wednesday, December 18 th	EIFTE Organizing Meeting 6 PM All Seasons Angler
Saturday, December, 21 st	Second Bug Club Meeting 8 AM Shari's Restaurant
Tuesday, January 7 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn
Wednesday, January 15 th	Membership Meeting, Guest Boots Allen
Tuesday, February 4 th	SRC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Shilo Inn

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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