

# The Cutthroat Chronicles

Official Newsletter of the Snake River Cutthroats

May, 2017

## A Message from the President *by Rory Cullen*

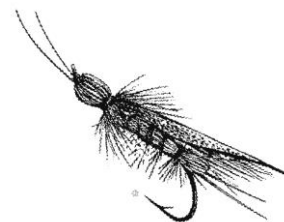
Hello Snake River Cutthroats. It's a very busy time of the year for the SRC club. Let me start with last month's General Membership Meeting. Instead of a tier, we had Matthew Kreizenbeck. Matt is an Invasive Species Specialist with the State of Idaho. What we learned is we are surrounded by states (Utah, Nevada and now Montana) that have the invasive species that we are trying to protect our waters from. Matt has info about how and where to wash boats and also which lakes will have inspectors. This info is not set in stone, so here is Matt's email for the most up to date info. [mattkreizenbeck@agri.idaho.gov](mailto:mattkreizenbeck@agri.idaho.gov). Our main speaker was Damon Keen. Damon has managed the Henry's Lake Fish Hatchery for several years. By the time this letter gets out he will probably be done with spring gill netting. Damon said this is the most aggressive and in depth way to collect data on the lake. He then showed the club many years of data supporting catch rates, creel surveys, status of chubs and an overall status of the fishery. Damon's contact number is 208-558-7202. Thanks gentlemen for a ton of info.

Once again, by the time this letter reaches everyone, the expo will be over. Thanks to Arn Berglund and all the volunteers. I will have a recap in July's newsletter.

May will be a busy month. Annual Business Meeting at Papa Tom's will be on May 10 at 5:30. Free Public Casting Clinic's will be held on May 16 and 18 at Tautphaus Park starting at 6:30 pm near the fountains. Then on May 20 we will be doing our Canyon Creek Conservation Project. Please see inside our newsletter for more details about our May events. FISH ON!

### UPCOMING

*Annual Business Meeting*  
**Wednesday,**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM**  
**Papa Tom's, Idaho Falls**



**Annual Business Meeting and Pizza Pig-Out**

**Papa Tom's**

**1830 South Woodruff**

(Southwest Corner of Woodruff & 17<sup>th</sup>)

**Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

**Besides gooey pizza and drinks of varying strength, one of the actions at this meeting is nomination of officers. We have a few vacancies on the Snake River Cutthroats Board of Directors. Want to be involved in a club that puts back into the cold water resource we love so much?**

**2017-2018 Snake River Cutthroats Officers and Board of Directors Ballot**

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**President (2018)**

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**1-Year (2018)**

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## Snake River Cutthroats 2017 Outings Schedule

For more information, contact the outings host or Mike Miller.

**Outings Chair: Mike Miller, 357-5569, riverroosters@live.com**

- Apr/May. Baja Pirates- East Cape Trip**  
\$1300 plus air fare. All inclusive- lodging, food, fishing license. Six days/5 nights/4 days fishing. If interested call Mike Miller 357-5569
- May 13 Hebgen Lake. (Host: Jeff Armstrong)**  
Ice out fishing from boat, pontoon or float tube. 522-7005
- May 27 Sheridan Lake Board Members Trip. (Host: Mike Miller)**  
Board members only fishing from boat, float tube or pontoon on famed Sheridan Lake as a guest of Steve Hyde. 357-5569
- June 3 Ririe Reservoir @ Blacktail (Host: Jimmy Gabettas)**  
Smallmouth bass and perch outing. Powerboat trip. 524-7160
- June 30 Shoshone Lake (Host: Bruce Staples)**  
Float tube fishing in Yellowstone Park. Fish for lake trout and brown trout. A 3 mile hike and park license required. 522-9242
- July 15 Grey's River (Host: Matt Woodard)**  
Wade fishing the Gray's River. Wyoming license required. 201-1353
- July 28-29 South Fork Overnigher. (Host: Dave Pace)**  
Float from Palisades to Byington. 529-9290
- Aug. 12 Grebe Lake (Host: Mike Miller)**  
Float tube fishing in Yellowstone Park for grayling and rainbow trout. 3 mile hike and park license required. 357-5569
- Sept. 23. Daniels Reservoir (Host: Mike Miller)**  
Fall fishing with nymphs from kick boats. 357-5569
- Oct. Open.**



## Upcoming Event Reminders

### Public Casting Clinic

These will be held Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Tautphaus Park south of the fountain (at corner of South Boulevard and Rogers Street). No registration is required, just show up. It is best to bring your own rod and reel with line. You do not have this equipment? No problem; rods and spooled reels will be available at no charge. Each class will be for beginner and intermediate levels. Attend one or both classes. Questions? Contact Jeff Armstrong at 522-7005.

### Spring Conservation Project, May 20th

The Snake River Cutthroats 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive spring conservation project is scheduled for Saturday May 20th. This year's project is again on Canyon Creek, a small Lemhi River tributary stream east of Leadore where we worked the last two years and also in 2013. It's roughly 120 miles to Leadore, or just under 2 hours. We will be building 20 in-stream log structures, similar to what we've done before. Hip boots are more than adequate for anyone working in-stream. Chest waders are handy if it rains. A sturdy pair of work boots and gloves would be helpful for anyone not working in-stream. The weather is unpredictable, so plan accordingly. The preliminary plan is to camp at the BLM Smokey Cub Campground 2.5 - 3 miles east of Leadore along Highway 29, which is the road to Montana. There is good parking for trailers and campers, as well as good spots for tents. There are toilets at the campground, but no potable water. The club provides breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, as well as lunch and dinner on Saturday. There is an informal potluck dinner on Friday night. The work site is another 5 miles further east (upstream). I just wanted to get this on everyone's calendar. If you need more information or wish to sign up, call or send an email to Paul Patterson: 208-569-8031, [pattersn@gold.uidaho.edu](mailto:pattersn@gold.uidaho.edu).

## A Worthy Endeavor

Erin Kane owns a company called Flyvines in Missoula, MT. Flyvines takes recycled fly line and makes it in several accessory products that are carried in Orvis retail stores, and fly shops across the country. We work with National TU, but want to touch base with individual Chapters, to evaluate interest in collecting old fly line and send to us to recycle. Most Chapters collect it at their meetings, wrap it around a paper towel tube, or in a plastic bag, and put it in a box and send to us. If your Chapter collects it, sends it to us at the address below, we will return some product. Use our products for giveaways at events. Check out our website at [www.flyvines.com](http://www.flyvines.com) for more information on what we do!

### The Flyvines Crew

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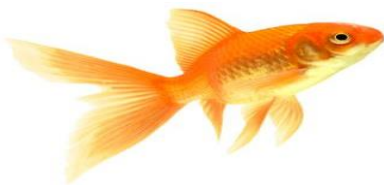


## Odd Fish - Keep or Release?

By

**Dan Garren, Regional Fisheries Biologist**

It seems that every year, we get a couple phone calls from anglers who caught an odd fish in an area where it doesn't naturally occur. Most calls are from anglers who released those fish back into the water, and are now wondering if that was a good idea or not. As most anglers know, it is illegal to transport live fish from one waterbody to another. Species introductions that are not thoroughly evaluated and well thought out can have grave consequences on the fish communities that already reside in an area. Yet, every year, we see instances where this occurs. Look no further than Becker Pond in Ryder Park to see evidence of this. We now have yellow perch in the pond, but we have no great forage base to support those fish. We also have goldfish that have bred, and populated the pond with their offspring, which cloud up the once-clear water with their feeding behavior. While some fish introductions are clearly the work of well-intended citizens, others are actually the result of fish being washed out of upstream areas, and then being encountered in other downstream waters. For example, Lake trout are found in Palisades Reservoir, but on very rare occasions can be found in the South Fork and points downstream. Anglers have caught lake trout as far down as below Gem Lake following high water years. The likely origins of those fish are upstream reservoirs. When anglers catch these oddball species in areas where they are not commonly found, it is best (where legal) to remove that fish and take it home to eat. By doing so, the chances of a new species becoming established are reduced. This helps protect our existing fisheries. Stay abreast of the fishing rules where you frequently fish. When you encounter an odd fish, take pictures before taking the fish home to dinner. Contact your local IDFG office to confirm and document your catch. We can all work together to protect the high-quality resources we share.



## Recipe of the Month

### Yellow Perch Filets

You can find these exotic, but excellent eating fish in several of our regional reservoirs. They seem mostly encountered through ice fishing, but by concentrating efforts in warmer still waters they populate, you will encounter them in summertime.

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2/3 cup crushed saltine crackers
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 pound yellow perch fillets
- Add all ingredients to list

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Pour butter into a shallow dish. Combine cracker crumbs, Parmesan cheese, basil, oregano, salt, and garlic powder in a separate shallow bowl.
3. Dip perch fillets into melted butter and press into the seasoned cracker crumbs to coat. Arrange coated fillets on a baking sheet.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until the coating is browned and fish flakes easily with a fork, 25 to 30 minutes.

#### Footnote

- The nutrition data for this recipe includes the full amount of the butter and breading ingredients. The actual amount of butter and breading consumed will vary.

## Fly of the Month

### Doll Hair Thunder Creek

Bob Bean was a renowned fly fisher and fly tier from Blackfoot. From the 1960s into the 1990s he taught fly-fishing and fly tying out of the B&B Bait Shop. He was also one of the first local tiers to use synthetics in tying flies. He offered this pattern, a variation of Keith Fulsher's Thunder Creek pattern using doll hair for the wing. Bob did not have the present day variety of winging material we now enjoy. His pattern became a local favorite for encountering large trout, so he and family members tied it by the dozen to meet demand. Bob was also the first person to receive the Snake River Cutthroat's Heritage Award, bestowed posthumously.

- Hook: Daiichi 1750, or equiv., size 1-4
- Thread: Black 6/0
- Body: Gold or silver sparkle braid
- Wing: Black or brown over orange or white doll hair
- Head: Bullet style from doll hair used to form wing, sealed with nail polish then eyes painted in place.



### 2017 Calendar



Date	Activity
Friday May 5th-Saturday, May 6th	2017 Washington State Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg, Washington
Tuesday, May 2nd	SRC board Meeting, Shilo Inn, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 10th	SRC Annual Business Meeting, 5:30 Papa Tom's Pizza
Saturday, May 13th	Hebgen Lake Outing
Tuesday May 16th	Public Casting Clinic, Tautphaus Park, 6:30 PM
Thursday May 18th	Public Casting Clinic, Tautphaus Park, 6:30 PM
Saturday, May 20th	Canyon Creek Conservation Project
Saturday, May 27th	SRC Executive Board Sheridan Reservoir Outing
Saturday, June 3rd	Ririe Reservoir Powerboat Outing

Note: all membership and board meetings are at the Shilo Inn.  
 Board meetings are held in the VIP room and are open to all members.  
 General membership meetings are held in the Temple/River View rooms and are open to the public

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