

The Cutthroat

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Lead Lines..... *From the President*

Wow, this year is all but over. Only 14 more days remain until Christmas and 21 more days until the start of 2011.

It's the time of year to slow down, enjoy the holiday season, and think back to what has happened over the past year. It is also the time to start thinking of what is coming up and begin preparing for what needs to be done.

We just finished off the year with our annual Christmas dinner. A good sign is the attendance has increasing each year over the last three years.

This year we added a silent auction with some really great items to bid on. I was a little skeptical when Birney, our Fundraising Chair, decided not to put a minimum bid on any of the items up for auction.

His theory was that this group is generous and didn't need a minimum set. He was right! The bidding started fairly well, waned a little bit, but then got pretty fierce as the time set for the bidding to end came to a close. With our group of 31 attendees, the chapter netted over \$750.

The only business conducted was the election of Officers and Board of Directors. That was probably the shortest business meeting we have ever had.

For those of you who were not there, I was re-elected to a second term, Gregg Bierei was elected as Vice President, Larry Thomas was re-elected as Treasurer, and Travis Duncan was elected as Recording Secretary. Four of our Board of Di-

rectors, Jason Burckhardt, Birney Holberg, Gregg Bierei, and George Simonton were all re-elected to serve another three year term.

To the out-going officers I would like to thank Merle Nielsen and my wife, Bobbie, for their help this year. Merle, as VP, covered attendances at projects and meetings when I couldn't be there and Bobbie, the Chapter Secretary, kept me focused and on track (which is not an easy thing to do), and made great improvements with the chapter's relations regarding press coverage for our projects and meetings.

One of the biggest hi-lights this year was that Bob Capron, our Conservation Chair, was nominated as one of six finalists nationwide for Field and Streams Heroes of Conservation. Although he didn't receive top honor, he is definitely #1 for this chapter and well deserving of the recognition. Congratulations Bob!

Some of our up-coming, get-down-and-dirty projects for 2011 are the Timber Creek vegetation and restoration project, the Shoshone River Home Waters Initiative project, and a fish screen project at the head gate of the North Fork Irrigation ditch. We are in the process of requesting a \$10,000 Embrace-A-Stream Grant to get this project off the ground.

I hope you are all ready for a busy and productive 2011. But, before we move on to next year, I wish you all a joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year!

Rich

Officers

Jan. 2011-Dec. 2011

President.....Rich Hostetler
Vice President.....Gregg Bierei
Treasurer.....Larry Thomas
Secretary.....Travis Duncan

Membership Chair:
Chris Nielsen

Conservation Chair:
Bob Capron

Fundraising Chair:
Birney Holberg

The Cutthroat
Kel Thomas, Editor

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The deadline for submission of all photos and content is the tenth of the month prior to the next publication. Publication dates are January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1.

Please send any and all contributions for the next issue to: The Cutthroat editor via email at:

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Conservation Update

Bob Capron, Conservation Chair

Dave Sweet and I went over the hill to help the Sheridan Chapter rescue some fish from a irrigation canal diverted from the Tongue River at Dayton Wyo. It was a fun day and we got a 27 inch brown. The rest of the fish were 10-14 inch browns, rainbows, and cutts.

I think the Sheridan guys learned a lot and will get some guys trained to operate the equipment for next year. This is a good time to think about taking the training yourself. We can always use more electro-shocker operators so Dave Crowther and Dave Sweet can rest a little bit.

Please come to the January meeting with project ideas to be considered for the *Rural Schools Rare 2* grant money. We will talk

about all kinds of projects and hopefully we can come up with several that we can send in for possible funding. This is your opportunity to get your favorite project on the list so think about what you would like to see the chapter work on next year.

Field and Stream magazine is starting a new program called "Hero For a Day". I talked with Jason and Mark at the WGF and Dave Sweet regarding this program. We decided the Timber Creek Revegation Project was the best choice for the contest so I filled out the paper work and sent it in.

Come to the January meeting for more details on this contest, also bring a friend, maybe they will decide to join us.

Bob Capron



**EYTU Spring Clean-up
One of many conservation projects
undertaken by EYTU in 2010**

E.Y.T.U. Website Update

Lorna Anderson

There is a really cool video of EYTU volunteers removing a natural dam. Find the link on the Homepage.

When visiting the Homepage, you may notice the Facebook link. You might have mixed opinions of Facebook. But, in trying to keep up with advancements in smartphone technology, EYTU has a Facebook page.

Posts to Facebook comple-

ment information on our website, but come in smaller, more frequent chronological bits! Newspaper articles, videos, breaking news, all can be found on Facebook.

You do not need to have your own Facebook account to click on the Facebook icon and read the EYTU Facebook posts. Feel free to add your own comments!

EYTU Happenings.....

January 13, 2011

EYTU Monthly Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sunset House Restaurant

February 10

EYTU Monthly Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sunset House Restaurant

March 10

EYTU Monthly Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sunset House Restaurant

April 14

EYTU Monthly Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sunset House Restaurant

May 12

EYTU Monthly Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sunset House Restaurant

May 20-22

State Council Meeting
Lander, WY

E.Y.T.U.
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Board of Directors

Term: 2008-2010

Greg Bieri
Jason Burckhardt
Birney Holberg
George Simonton

Term: 2009-2011

Dave Crowther
Merle Nielsen
Dave Sweet
Mike Wenke

Term: 2010-2012

Bob Capron
Bob Richard
Carissa Camp
Duane Anderson

Membership

Introductory Offer.....\$17.50
Stream Explorer (under 15.....\$12
Senior One Year (62 & up ...\$20
Regular One Year.....\$35
Family One Year\$50
Life Membership.....\$1,200

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Spotlight Fly *The Zebra Midge*

A "go-to" fly in the winter in the Shoshone tailwaters

Hook: Scud hook size 14 - 22 barbless or mashed down

Thread: Black, red, olive or brown

Ribbing: Fine silver or copper wire (to match bead)

Weight: Fine non-lead wire. (optional)

Bead head: Silver, copper or nickle (depending on thread color. A tungsten bead can be used to get the fly down deep.

Shuck: Optional. A few strands of white Z-Lon or Antron



The Zebra Midge is insanely easy to tie!

1. Mash the barb.
2. Slide the bead onto the hook. Make sure the small hole on the bead is towards the hook eye.
3. (optional) Some tyers make a couple of wraps of very fine non-lead wire behind the bead and push them into the larger hole. This helps to secure the bead in place and adds a little weight.
4. Start the thread and tie in the wire and if desired, the shuck material. Run the thread with the wire down to the bend of the hook. Run the thread forward and create a taper behind the bead.
5. Wind the wire forward to the bead and secure with the thread. Be creative with thread colors. Mix 'em up occasionally with a different color head. I like a black body with a red or fluorescent orange head
6. Cut off the wire and thread and secure with your choice of head treatment.

The Zebra Midge can be fished in several ways. It can be fished deep. In this case, a tungsten bead (or wire weighted) may be used. Use of a strike indicator will help detect the often subtle pickups.

If the water is shallow or there are midges hatching, fish the Zebra Midge about 18 inches below the tiniest strike indicator that you can handle. In this case a tungsten bead, is not needed. Use 6X or 7X tippet depending on the swiftness of the water.

Fishing a tandem rig, either under a dry midge pattern with an unweighted Zebra, or behind a larger nymph usually in a dead drift is the preferred method for our tailwaters in the winter and pre-runoff early spring. Be very aware and careful of drag.

And don't forget to layer up and stay warm!

And finally....

*Thanks to all sending contributions and pictures for this issue. The next issue will be dated Mar.1, Please continue sending your fishing tales, pictures or favorite fly recipes to:
newslettereditor@eastyellowstonetu.org*

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East Yellowstone Trout Unlimited:

Our Mission:

"To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds (...and have fun doing it!)."



**Cooper Lane Trail to the Shoshone River, Cody, WY—
Built by EYTU Chapter volunteers, allowing better fishing access.**