

# The Cutthroat

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of EYTU



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## A New Beginning...

*Bobbie Hostetler, Editor  
"The Cutthroat"*

One never knows where the trail will lead...

With husband Rich, taking the reins of EYTU as President this year, I decided it would be fun for he and I to work together. What better way to do that than for me to volunteer as our local chapter's secretary! Pretty soon, there was talk of resurrecting the chapter's newsletter. I hesitated...I am much more familiar with things related to quilting than I am with the world of fly-fishing. I have been assured that I would not be doing this newsletter

alone. So...this is *YOUR* newsletter!

This publication will reflect EYTU. I need your help to fill these spaces with articles of interest to our local fly-fishermen (and women!), recipes, tips, and photos of your fishing adventures.

Please send all items of interest to me. Any suggestions regarding this newsletter are also welcome. My email address is listed in the column on the right side of this page.

The goal is for this newsletter to be a use-

ful tool to keep our membership informed and to be something we can be proud of. I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Casting!

P.S. Be sure to look at the Calendar of Events on page 3. The fly-tying workshop is being scheduled again, but in a new location. You will hear more about that at January's regular meeting.

## Lead Lines...

*From the President*

In trying to choose a title for this column, and as my first attempt ever at something of this nature, I realized that 'lead' can be understood in two ways: 'lead', as in to lead or guide, and 'lead', pronounced as 'led', referring to something that sinks. I will leave that distinction up to you...

As 2009 draws to a close, a quick look back at this Chapter's activities shows we have been very busy with projects and events such as the Paul Stock Trail work, Shoshone River clean-up, assisting WGF with restoration projects on Soldier and Dead

Indian Creeks, completion of stairs at the Paul Stock Trail, installing benches and tables at both Paul Stock and Belfry Accesses, and Trout Rescue, to mention a few.

After the fall State Council meeting in Casper, I began to look forward to 2010. This Chapter was awarded a Home Waters Initiative Grant for the restoration of a 9.5 mile section of the Shoshone River. Right in our back yard! Another project we hope to start this year is fencing along Timber Creek on the Pitchfork Ranch west of Meeteetse. This will be done in conjunction with

Cory Toye who will work to mitigate three stream diversions and one obstruction to re-open fish migration. A third new conservation project I hope this Chapter will adopt is the Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program, which you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter.

These and other new ideas will be discussed at our next meeting, January 14, 2010. I hope to see all of you there for an exciting start to our new year!

*Rich Hostetler*

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*Bobbie Hostetler, Editor*

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## Notes From The Wyoming Council...

*Dave Sweet, Council Chair*

As most of you know, the Wyoming Council is made up of two representatives from each Chapter in Wyoming (there are 12 Chapters). Typically the representatives are the Chapter Presidents and Vice-Presidents although they don't have to be. The Council elects a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. In addition, the Council has a Conservation Committee and a Fundraising Committee with committee members from both the Council and from the general TU membership statewide. Your Wyoming Council has two formal meetings each year with one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Other informal meetings and conference phone calls occur as needed. The Council has a set of By-Laws, Financial policies and a five year Strategic Plan. I am honored to be the current Chair. Your Chapter Newsletter Editor (Bobbie) asked me to write a column for each issue of the newsletter and I'm glad to do that. In this issue, I would like to just give you a little background on the Council; who we are, what we do, and what are the current priorities. In later issues, I'll give more depth on some of our activities.

Who are the Council officers? The current officers of the Council are myself, Jim Broderick of Jackson as the Vice-Chair, Chauncey Goodrich of Pinedale as the Secretary, Kathy Buchner of Jackson as the Treasurer, and Jay Buchner of Jackson as the Past-Chair. Together these five individuals are the Executive Committee and are given authority to act on behalf of the Council on many issues. Jim also heads up the Conservation Committee and we are currently looking for a Chair-

man of the Fundraising Committee (want to volunteer?).

So, what does the Council really do? The Council has many roles, among them being communication between TU National and Chapters, dissemination of TU National information and direction, statewide TU policy decisions, financial decisions including the collection and dispersal of Council funds, coordination with the TU National staff that are based in Wyoming working on programs like the Wyoming Water Project or Sportsmen for Conservation Project, indirect supervision of the Wyoming Coordinator, setting the conservation priorities for Council activities, Chapter support and capacity building, encouragement and support for Chapters in their conservation project planning and funding, and coordination of strategic planning. Obviously, this is a big job especially when you consider that all of the Council members are volunteers. That is why the Wyoming Council has been encouraging the hiring of a Wyoming Coordinator, who is a paid fulltime staff member who facilitates and accomplishes much of these responsibilities. As many of you know, two years ago the Wyoming Council with financial assistance from TU National hired Nelli Williams as our first ever Wyoming Coordinator. Nelli made a tremendous change in the way we accomplished our mission and was instrumental in any successes we had. Then in May of 2009, Nelli announced she was leaving to move to Alaska with her husband Austin. Nelli is now the Alaska Coordinator for TU. Since that time, we at the Council have been attempting to convince National to again partially

fund that position. We're getting close. The final details on the position are currently being worked out and we hope to have a new Wyoming Coordinator by later this Winter.

What are our current priorities? Besides hiring a new staff person, the Council has been focusing on several important priorities. First, is our Conservation Agenda. Our Conservation Committee wrestled with many agenda items but finally settled on a three part agenda. Item number one is the coordination of a statewide Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS)/Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) management plan. The second is the reduction of loss of trout to irrigation diversions. And the third is the establishment of the Wyoming Home Waters Initiative which focuses Wyoming Chapters on conservation issues on one "home water" of greatest concern in that area. Other priorities include financial solvency, new Chapter development and growth, participation by all Chapters in Council activities, and the development of a meaningful strategic plan. You can see that the Council has its hands full.

In future issues of the Newsletter I will try to expand on some of our activities and focus on specific plans to accomplish our mission which is "To preserve, protect, restore and sustain Wyoming's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds."



## E.Y.T.U.

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### Calendar of Events

#### Jan. 14, 2010,

Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Monthly Meeting @  
Sunset house,  
6 pm social & dinner

#### February 11,

Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Monthly Meeting @  
Sunset House,  
6 pm social & dinner

#### March 4,

Thursday, 5:30-7:30  
pm  
Workshop @ Park  
County Library in the  
Grizzly Room;  
**Program:**  
Fly-Tying Clinic

*"It's Not So  
Much About  
Catching Some-  
thing As It Is Just  
Letting Go."*

Anonymous

## E.Y.T.U. Website Update ...

*Lorna Anderson, Web Mistress*

### Great Member Support Helps Launch Web Site

The EYTU Web Site is 18 months old, and helping to serve the mission of the Chapter thanks to the input and support of our members.

July had the greatest number of visits, with over 500 hits. The most visited page after the *Home Page* was *Projects*. Tied for third are the *Calendar* and *Photos*.

*Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat* received two inquiries and a donation, as a result of the web site.

Trout Unlimited National strongly encourages chapter web sites as a cost effective way to keep in touch with local members. Posting chapter newsletters online saves money on postage that can be better spent on conservation projects. TU National offers free web graphics, and a yearly award for the best chapter website.

Thanks to all members who have sent photos, news, and links to help keep the web committee on top of things for the web site.

## Monofilament Recovery & Recycling Program: A proposal worth considering

At January's chapter meeting, E.Y.T.U. will be presented with a proposal to consider: the Monofilament Recovery & Recycling Program.

This conservation and recycling project began with the Berkley fishing products company in 1990. Since that time, they have recycled more than 9 million miles of line, turning it into Fish Habitat, a non-degradable plastic structure that creates new habitat for plant growth and fish.

Monofilament fishing line is non-biodegradable and can last up to 600 years in the environment. Improperly discarded line can entangle or be consumed by migratory birds and fish. The line can be lethal to bald eagles, osprey, waterfowl, fish, and even pets. Improperly disposed of line can also be the difference between good

and poor relations with private land owners that allow public access to our waterways or that work with agencies to establish fishing access sites.

The plan is that E.Y.T.U. will develop partnerships with Wyoming Game and Fish, Wyoming State Parks, National Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, City of Cody, and local businesses in establishing this conservation program in our community and fishing areas.

Details will be discussed at the January 2010 meeting.

*Rich Hostetler*

### Did You Know?



Beetles are the only insect found in a trout's diet 12 months out of the year.

It's a great pattern to try in the winter.

### Crowe Beetle Fly Pattern Recipe

- Hook: Dry fly, long shank, #12-20
- Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0
- Body: Black thread wrapped over black deer body hair.
- Dubbing may be applied to the body if a wide silhouette is desired.
- Shellback: Black deer body hair
- Legs: Three black hairs from shellback, pulled out on each side.
- Head: Balance of deer hair cut square over eye of hook.

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## In Appreciation...



Cody High School FFA students receiving 'thank you' gifts from East Yellowstone Trout Unlimited.

On December 18, 2009, EYTU President Rich Hostetler and Chapter Conservation Chair Bob Capron met with Cody High School's chapter of Future Farmers of America at the school. The Trout Unlimited group wanted to show their appreciation to the FFA kids for their continued support and assistance with the Paul Stock Fishing Access and the annual fish rescue from the irrigation canals. To thank them for all their work, EYTU presented the group with a fly rod and reel, and a check for \$500.

On the same day, Bob, Rich and Dave Sweet also presented a rod and reel to the FFA group in Lovell in recognition for their assistance with the fish rescue efforts. We sincerely appreciate all the help these young people give the EYTU projects.

## Conservation Corner.. A Look Back: 2009 EYTU Projects

*Bob Capron, Chapter Conservation Chair*

Bob Capron has agreed to be our chapter's Conservation Chair for 2010. TU National defines this position as follows:

"Traditionally, the Conservation Chair is responsible for coordinating chapter level conservation projects and campaigns, as well as staying abreast of regional trout and salmon conservation issues within the chapter's area." Mr. Capron is a perfect fit for this position!

Here is a recap of EYTU 2009 projects as provided by Bob:

- 1) Shoshone River Access Trail: Club members along with FFA members constructed stairs from the parking lot down to the edge of the river. Materials were provided by City of Cody, Park County Recreation, Shoshone Recreation, WY Game & Fish, Cody Concrete, and Pro Build Lumber. Financial assistance came from a grant made by Embrace-A-Stream.
- 2) Shoshone River Clean-up: An annual project where WGF employees and citizen-volunteers work together to collect trash and debris from the river and along its edges several feet back from the water. Float boats are used to get to trash objects within the water, and other volunteers walk along the river's edges to bag the trash they find. The volume of trash we pick up each year is amazing!
- 3) Beaver Creek Fish Transplant: Club members joined WY Game & Fish and Bighorn Forestry people on this project. We electro-shocked Cutthroat Trout in S. Beaver Creek and transported them to N. Beaver Creek to establish a population there.
- 4) Buckskin Ed Creek: Our chapter campout. We assisted WGF and Bighorn Forestry people in the second chemical treatment to remove Brook Trout so a new population of Cutthroats can be intro-

duced in the Creek next year. While we were there, we caught a bunch of brookies in North Paintrock Creek and they went right to the campfire for a fish fry! If you haven't made it to a TU fish fry, you don't know what you're missing! Consider joining us for a great time at our next one.

- 5) Dead Indian Creek: A Cutthroat Trout enhancement project done in cooperation with WGF and Shoshone Forestry people. Dave Sweet and I assisted in getting equipment and chemicals in by horseback so the creek could be treated to remove invasive species fish so a pure strain of Cutthroat Trout can be established. Next summer, a second treatment is planned with Cutthroat being stocked in the fall.
- 6) Shoshone River Trail Benches & Tables: Joint project with City of Cody, Park County Rec., Shoshone Rec., WGF, Cody Concrete, Pro Build Lumber, Beauchamp Concrete, and EYTU. A big thank-you to John Beauchamp for donating his labor for the concrete pads for the tables and benches. Also thanks to Dave Sweet for providing equipment. Many thanks to EYTU members for their hard work on this project.
- 7) Fish Salvage: Our thanks to the canal operators for allowing us access to their canals every year. Without their cooperation, this project would not be possible. Thanks goes to WGF for the use of their equipment and personnel, and to Rocky Mountain Sports who, for that last two years, has allowed us to use their parking lot as a central place to gather and park as we car-pool to work locations. Let's show our appreciation by patronizing this store.

We have enjoyed seeing kids coming out to

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**Looking Back...***(Continued from page 4)*

help and want to thank the Cody and Lovell FFA groups for their work.

My deepest thanks to those EYTU members who come to most all the rescue work days: you are the foundation of this project!

We could use more trained operators for the fish electro-shocker. If you are interested, let me know.

For me, the most rewarding moment of this project is releasing the rescued fish into their home river and watching them swim away. Add to that the free donuts at the start of the workday and you have one of the best projects around!

We are already working on plans for 2010, so get your gloves ready—there is work to be done!



Bob Capron and Lew Wisner with the results of a Shoshone River clean-up day. That's a lot of junk, guys—good job!

## What To Do About Your Felt-Soled Boots...

*Bobbie Hostetler, Editor*

While reading the December issue of *The Backcast*, the Wyoming Fly Casters newsletter, I saw this: "Don't add felt-soled boots to your Christmas wish list". The small article sparked my curiosity, so I searched the web for more information. The following is taken from the website nzfishing.com:

"With a ban on felt-soled boots when freshwater fishing in New Zealand effective from 1st October 2008, many anglers are seeking out the best options for replacing or resoling their felt-soled boots; Trout Unlimited is calling on the fishing tackle industry worldwide to stop manufacturing felt-soled waders and wading shoes by 2011.

Here we report on some of the options:

- **Sticky Rubber:** Trout Unlimited says that wading shoes with synthetic "sticky rubber" soles of materials such as Aqua Stealth have been around for years, and while some anglers say they work just fine, others complain that they don't grip as well as felt. To help avoid falls, a wading stick is well worth considering.
- **Sticky Soles:** "Sticky soles" is a unique rubber mix with super grip that grabs hold of all kinds of terrain and minimal water absorption. They are a different product to AquaStealth but are very similar (and cheaper).

*"Many anglers are seeking out the best options for replacing...their felt-soled boots."*

*Brands*  
Sierra Dynatrack and Ipac boots

- **AquaStealth:** AquaStealth has good grip on grass and gravel but not as good as felt on smooth rocks, particularly if combined with studs. One Flylife forum participant concluded "looks like the best way is a pair of plain AquaStealth and a pair of studded plus a wading staff".

*Brands*  
Simms 'AquaStealth' boots

- **New Products:** Simms Fishing Products' top announcement at this year's Fly Fishing Retailer show in Denver last week was a new line of non-felt wading shoes.

"It's very easy to clean, which is very important for wading boots from the aquatic nuisance species standpoint, and it offers exceptional grip," Simms executive Diane Bristol told blogger and podcaster Zach Matthews. "We feel like it will be as good as, if not better than, felt."

**Hodgman:** One of the biggest makers of waders, Hodgman, probably won't discontinue its felt-soled products—but

it is working on alternative materials that are easy to clean and provide the necessary traction, said Parrish Lewis, the product manager for waders and accessories of Hodgman's parent company, Coleman. "We are working with some materials that are completely new to the wading industry."

Due to space limitations, the above is only the first half of the article. You can read the rest of it at [www.nzfishing.com/News/FeltSoleBoots.htm](http://www.nzfishing.com/News/FeltSoleBoots.htm). New Zealand appears to be the first to eliminate the felt-bottomed footwear. In the U.S., Alaska has banned their use in freshwaters of Southeast Alaska. Colorado and New Mexico are considering such a ban. Wyoming will not be far behind.

I found many interesting articles as I 'googled' my way around the Internet. Below are some websites with more information about this issue:

1. [stopans.org/Science\\_of\\_felt.php](http://stopans.org/Science_of_felt.php)
2. [troutunlimitedblog.com/alaska-moves-to-protect-waterways-from-invasive-species/](http://troutunlimitedblog.com/alaska-moves-to-protect-waterways-from-invasive-species/)
3. [troutunlimitedblog.com/response-to-felt-sole-ban/](http://troutunlimitedblog.com/response-to-felt-sole-ban/)

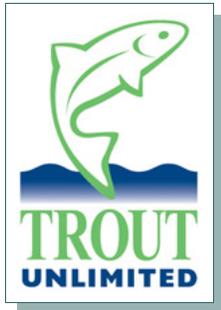
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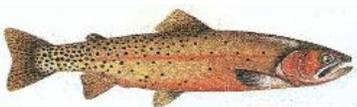
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## East Yellowstone Trout Unlimited:

### Our Mission:

*"To conserve, protect and restore North America's cold-water 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.