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Giving Back. Part 1. Education.

By Karen L. Syron

We are the first to admit that we are blessed beyond measure. All of us at the Flying B live in a beautiful area, many of us doing what we consider “dream jobs.” Sure, guides love “working” in the great outdoors and to call a clear and swift moving river or the high point of a mountainside their “office.” I have been in the field with our guides, cooked in the backcountry, and I’m even married to one of our guides. I can vouch for the fact that these hard-working guides have a unique and amazing career that challenges and rewards them beyond measure. Their best days of work are the days that they witness someone change for the better in the field. That change may be perfecting their shooting skills, leaving the field being a confident hunter or angler, or, maybe, it is the first time they really connected with nature. Guides love to see others succeed in the field; they are driven by the joy that the natural world brings to their guests.

Coupled with the enthusiasm and devotion of our guides is the commitment of our owners, the Burlingame family, to giving back. I have known since my start here 10 years ago that our owner is a Korean War veteran and that we do a substantial amount to support veteran causes because he himself understands the value of their service. Equal to that is his devotion to the future of hunting and the education of ethical young sportsmen. Let’s face it-- hunting is a heritage, and if we want to see this tradition carry through future generations, we need to be doing our part to educate young hunters, to teach them the responsibility and importance of harvesting an animal. I always cringe when people refer to hunting as a sport. Hunting is not sport; it is a way of life. How many people do you know that try hunting for a few years and quit? It’s not like going through phases in life where you enjoy racquet ball or join a bowling league only to move on to the next sport in a couple years. Either you are a hunter, or you are not. We want more young people to be introduced to ethical hunting practices and to get that opportunity to challenge themselves afield and decide if they will be a hunter for life or not. I have close family members who are not hunters but still respect hunting because they know ethical hunters like myself that enjoy hunting for the right reasons. I strongly feel that

if someone has a bad perception of hunting it is for one of two reasons: either they don’t understand it or they have been witness to unethical hunters in their past.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME—HUNTER SAFETY

The Flying B Ranch has developed a strong bond with our local Idaho Department of Fish and Game Conservation Officers. We all want to see the future of hunting stay strong and headed in the right direction, and we come together with those goals in mind. Annually we host 3-4 youth hunting events at the Flying B Ranch. Many of these events are geared toward hunter safety students who go through the classroom course and then get to experience their first real hunt on the Flying B Ranch. These days are organized by hard-working conservation officers, community volunteers, and parents who join with our team of guides and give these kids an experience they will never forget. Their day begins with a talk on gun safety in the field. Then we do a dog demonstration, explaining to these young hunters what the dogs will be doing in the field with the guide, the commands and actions to look for while on the hunt, and the fundamentals of safety when hunting with these 4-legged friends. We proceed to our 10-station sporting clays course and each kid gets one-on-one instruction with the shotgun on fundamentals of shooting safety and accuracy. All of this preparation leads up to a real upland bird hunt-- the first hunt of their life. A group of kids will go out taking turns on one shotgun, working the ground with a guide and dogs, and may return with a couple birds or sometimes none. But every single one of those kids comes back smiling. Our hope is that we have just made them a hunter for life, that they feel that connection to the challenge and pursuit, and that they are hooked. That is the best day of guiding we can ask for.

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:Along-side IDFG mentors and volunteers, an elated group of youth hunters gather following a successful first day of hunting at the Flying B Ranch





Above: President of the First Hunt Foundation, Rick Brazzell, coaches first time hunter, Emma, on December 22nd as she mounts her gun on the flush.

FIRST HUNT FOUNDATION

The majority of us were introduced to hunting by family, most likely fathers or grandfathers. Our local Conservation Officers and an amazing group of local hunters give their personal time to build a network of mentors that can be that role model to a young person. There are a lot of broken homes, a lot of kids without fathers or anyone in their lives to introduce them to hunting. In order to support this cause, we host



Aside FBR guide Jim McManus, this young hunter shows off her chukar and “first bird smile.”.

several youth-mentored hunts at the Flying B Ranch also. These hunts make it possible for a young person to still get that experience of hunting and sharing in that excitement and adventure with someone that they know is committed to being there with them. In small towns there are limited options on activities for kids. Generally it's hunting, sports, video games, or trouble. If team sports aren't their thing, but they don't want to spend the day inside, there can be few options for a kid without a mentor to get them started. This is the basis behind a great non-profit organization we have partnered with called the First Hunt Foundation.

The mission of The First Hunt Foundation is "to ensure hunting remains a vital part of the American culture. We believe that by providing a mentor-based hunting experience to youth and other interested individuals, the hunting heritage will be passed on to future generations. Wildlife conservation and habitat management will be better served and supported by having citizens who are educated on the value of hunting as a management tool." This amazing organization was founded right here in Kamiah, Idaho, and will continue to hold mentored hunt days with us at the Flying B Ranch.

WOMEN ON TARGET by the NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

This May we hosted a sold-out event called Women on Target, organized by the National Rifle Association, that coaches women on gun handling safety and proficiency. This is a one day event, put on

by the NRA, in which participants pay a small course fee and have the opportunity to learn safe handling and operation of shotguns, handguns, and rifles. Their team of volunteer instructors work one-on-one with the women with real firearms and ammunition to help them become familiar and comfortable with a firearm. This may be the first step toward hunting for some of these women, but for many, it is a big step in understanding and respecting the use of firearms. If a woman can learn to safely handle a handgun, she is being proactive in her safety. Self defense is important and nobody is more responsible for your safety than you. These women all went outside of their comfort zone for the day and came away educated and empowered.

If you want to know how you can directly get involved with any of these causes please email me at karens@flyingbranch.com.

Join the conversation about hunting, fishing, and the outdoor life on our Facebook page, and see more of the Flying B Ranch life by following us on Instagram.

Use #flyingbranch and #flyingbisthelifeforme to show us how you're connecting to the outdoor world, Flying B style.



Ladies pay close attention to their long rifle instruction during the Women on Target event at Flying B Ranch



CALENDAR & NEWS

- Wingshooting Season runs through April 15th. Great hunt dates still available!
- Steelhead Season!.... We expect steelhead to be reaching our stretch of the Clearwater River around October 1st. This is your chance to land one of the Clearwater River's famous big B-Run Steelhead with gear of your choice!
- Whitetail and Mule Deer rifle hunts are booked full for 2016. Taking waitlist names for rifle Whiteail and Muledeer for 2017 now!
- Backcountry Elk rifle hunts booked full for 2016, and now booking for 2017.
- Shooting Sportsman Readers & Writers Hunt December 3-7, 2016. Enjoy 3 days of wingshooting with contributing editor Bruce Buck! Experience all the inclusive features that make wingshooting at FBR the best, worry-free hunt experience available.
- Mountain Lion Season opens December 2nd through March. 80% success for past several years, and there are great dates still available for this once-in-a-lifetime traditional hunt experience. If you enjoy dog work on upland hunts or the pursuit of big game, you will love working with our well-trained team of hounds and experienced guides on these challenging hunts.
- Drinks? Dinner? Please come see us at the winter conventions! Drop by to say hi and let us buy you a drink or give us a heads up you are attending and we would love to visit with you over dinner! We will be attending the following conventions/ events this coming season:
 - Dallas Safari Club convention in Dallas, TX on January 5-8, 2017. Booth # 3626
 - International Sportsmen's Expo convention in Denver, CO on January 12-15, 2017. Booth #776C
 - Safari Club International convention in Las Vegas, NV on February 1-4, 2017. Booth #s: 5231,5233, 5235
 - Park Cities Quail Dinner & Auction in Dallas, TX on March 2, 2017





Top Ten Flies for Backcountry Westslope Cutthroat

By Ian Privette

Let's face it. Cutthroat aren't known to be the pickiest eaters out there. As a result, many anglers tend to take the generalist approach to fly selection. But on the other hand, getting too technical about it can be like trying to argue your preference for PBR over Busch Light based on some minute difference in the brewing process. Cheap beer is cheap beer. You drink it because it works. But that doesn't necessarily mean fly fishing for westslope cutthroat can't involve a working knowledge of entomology. Westslope cutthroat can provide a really good opportunity to learn how size, color and profile relate to fly selection. I've broken this top ten list down into three basic groups of insects found on most freestone rivers: mayflies, terrestrials and stoneflies.

Mayflies:

1. Parachute Adams (size 12-18)

Here's a perfect example of how size affects fly selection. By changing your offering from a size 12 to a size 18, you've changed mayfly species. The color grey imitates so many different aquatic insects, a smaller sized adams could represent a baetis dun, or even a trico, while larger offerings could represent anything from march browns to gray drakes. Knowing how and when to fish different sizes of a generalist pattern takes an awareness of what else is floating on the water.

2. Pheasant Tail Nymph (size 10-18)

This is the same exercise as above, but done below the water's surface. But here is where flashbacks, beadheads and soft hackles can make all the difference. The same pattern with minor variations in profile and size can cover almost all of your underwater needs.

Terrestrials:

3. Schroeder's Parachute Hopper (size 8-12) yellow, tan, olive
What I think makes this fly so effective is its profile. The way it sits on the water with its tapered body, rip the legs off and it could pass as mayfly drake, a stonefly or even a caddis.

4. More or Less Hopper (size 8-12) pink, yellow, tan

It's all about the legs for me. And well, maybe the eyes. Though, it's hard to tell what difference it makes to a trout when your fly has been hammered so many times its missing body parts and still works. I'm a huge sucker for foam. Luckily, so are westlope cutthroat. Don't forget to..Twitch It!

5. Foam Ant (size 14-18) black, brown

I remember one day on the water where a black bear had ripped open a rotten log next to the bank and sent most of it floating downstream. The main current was blanketed with black ants and big noses. Ever since then I've had a rotten log's full of ant patterns in my fly box.

6. Hi-vis Griffiths Gnat (14-18)

What is a midge pattern doing in the terrestrial section? Under the right circumstances a properly sized Griffiths gnat can double as an ant or even an ant cluster.

7. Foam Beetle (size 10-18)

There are between 350,000 and 400,000 different species of beetles. Because of this, beetles account for almost 40% of all insect life. Based on those numbers alone, it shouldn't be a surprise that trout key in on them as a food source. Don't be afraid to go big... Sometimes the nail that sticks out gets hammered down.

8. Elk Hair Caddis (size 12-16)

Caddisflies can be easy to pick out on the water by their fluttering flight pattern. But again, what is a caddisfly doing in the terrestrial section? Two words. Spruce Moths.

Stoneflies:

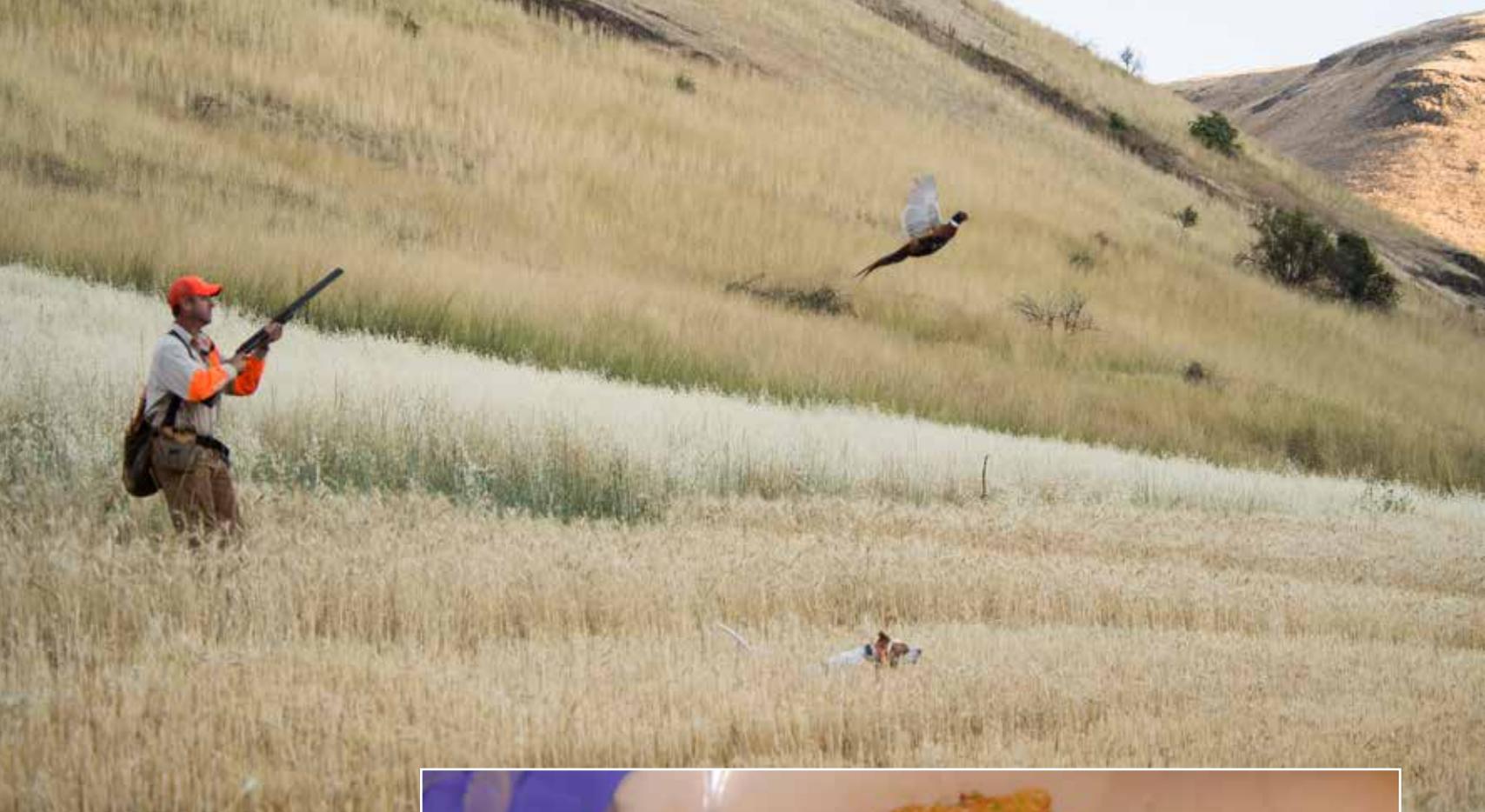
9. Yellow/ Orange Stimulator (size 8-14)

Most golden stonefly activity happens at night. But that doesn't mean trout forget that type of food throughout the day. In the evenings, stonefly nymphs will crawl out of the water on to rock outcroppings or trees close to the bank and hatch into adults. After a night of gorging themselves, I've seen a few trout that aren't afraid to try the hair of the dog the next morning.

10. Girdle Bug (size 8-10 Olive or Brown)

This fly is known by a few different names, Rubber Legs, The Turd. Whatever you choose to call it, it works. Many times you can trail a girdle bug behind a foam grasshopper and convince a cutthroat who has already been stung on the surface to eat again on the bottom.





Chef Says...

Sesame Pheasant

By Ryan Nelson

You will need:

Seasoned Flour

2 Cups Flour
1 tablespoon Kosher salt
1/2 tablespoon Black Pepper

In a small bowl combine all ingredients

Egg Wash

1 cup whole milk
3 Eggs

In a small bowl whisk eggs and milk

Sesame Breading

4 cups Panko Crumbs
1 cup Sesame Seeds
Combine Panko and Sesame Seeds in a 13"x9" cake pan

Rinse and pat dry 3 pheasant breasts. Cut 1/2" strips lengthwise and coat with seasoned flour and drop in egg



wash a few strips at a time. Remove and transfer in a single layer to the breading. Cover and gently press until pheasant is thoroughly coated. Remove to cookie sheet.

Frying the Pheasant

Heat 2-3" of oil until thermometer registers 350°. Cook pheasant 3 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer to cookie sheet lined with paper towels. Sprinkle immediately with kosher salt. Allow oil to return to 350° and continue

Sweet Hot Mustard

4 oz. dry Mustard
1 cup Vinegar
Combine mustard and vinegar. Place in refrigerator for 24 hours.
In a double boiler combine the mustard and vinegar with 1 cup Sugar
2 Eggs

Cook over low heat stirring frequently for 2 hours.



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Pro Shop Sneak Peek

Introducing Ball and Buck at the Flying B Ranch

Our primary goal has always been to have a pro shop stocked with all the quality essentials should a hunter or angler forget something in their suitcase. Beyond that, we want to provide products to our guests that we can vouch for. Being a team of professional guides and experienced sportsmen ourselves, we continue to field test gear under consistent use in all conditions of weather and terrain. In short, if it can stand up to our use, we can stand behind the product. We are proud to again carry quality brands like Filson and Orvis in our pro shop for the coming season in addition to some exciting new products. We were able to field test several prototype upland items from Orvis over the past year and were so impressed by the new Pro Series Hunting Vest that you will see all of our guides wearing them in the field this season. The Orvis ELOS line of shotguns have surpassed expectations and we are restocked with these great handling guns in our line of complimentary house guns for use, as well as a new stock of 12,20, and 28 gauges for sale in the pro shop.

Last year at the Dallas Safari Club Show, the founder and owner of Ball and Buck, Mark Bollman, came into our booth to shake our hands. Immediately

we were impressed by the person behind the brand. Mr. Bollman founded Ball and Buck in 2008 when the economy was suffering as a way to increase American jobs. Their 100% American made products are composed of the highest quality materials and constructed for quality and consistency. If you are not familiar with Ball and Buck, you will want to be. This company is taking on sporting clothing with an entirely fresh perspective. Ball and Buck chooses the highest grade fabrics over the cheapest, the most time-consuming and durable stitches over the fastest... they are a brand that puts out the best products possible. Their attention to detail is apparent, right down to the 2nd Amendment text sewn into each garment.

Not only are they field-tested for serious hunters, but they are cut to modern styling, so you will want to wear these to the office as well as the field. It is unique features like these that are catching the eye of discerning sportsmen around the world. You may have seen their items featured in Covey Rise's On Point section. Ball and Buck does not sell their products through other retailers. They have few store fronts and primarily sell their products online. Mr. Bollman was looking to expand their reach to a select group of locations where they could put their products in front of the most experienced and well-traveled sportsmen so that they could meet the brand in the right setting. After months of working with them one-on-one, we have created our own signature Flying B Ranch fabric and will be carrying a one-of-a-kind item, created specifically for Flying B Ranch guests. These items are still in production, but we can share the custom label created for these pieces that will be featured in our pro shop this Fall.



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