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Pizza, 1255 State Street,  
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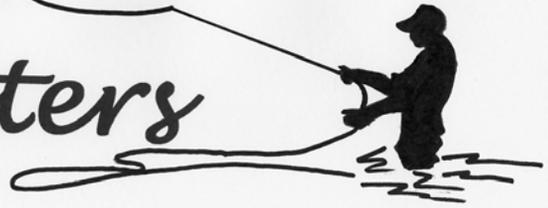
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# News Casters



February 2009

## President's Message by Jim Gulu

Oh, Where! Oh, where has the sunshine gone? I swear I haven't seen the sun since the calendar changed to 2009. I know it will be back—just be patient. Kind of reminds me of fishing on the Owyhee. Be patient, there are fish there. Speaking of the Owyhee, in our January meeting Ray Perkins provided an update on the Redd count results. The count stands at 995, the most in the last four years, so the Owyhee is healthy and continues to provide some of the finest fishing in our local area. Don't forget. The Owyhee clean-up is planned for early April. Further details will be provided.

Presently we have two Weiser Community Pond fund-raising activities underway. The first is the raffle for the fly fishing basket/wader bag. The value of the items is \$800 plus. There will be 250 tickets sold at \$10 each. The drawing is planned for the end of March. The second is a joint agreement with the Weiser Little Theatre. We will be providing and serving the desserts for the February 24 performance of "On Golden Pond." Sarah Gulu and Lynette Jones are coordinating this activity. The theatre will donate 100% of the proceeds from the night's performance to the Community Pond fund. We have also been given permission to sell raffle tickets at all performances of the play. We will be looking for volunteers to help in this activity.

At the January meeting we welcomed a new member, Frank Puccio. Welcome, Frank. I hope you felt welcome at the meeting. We are looking forward to your participation in the club and its activities. We also had a guest at the meeting, Chuck Kroll, who plans to join in February.

Big thanks to Roy Davis for tying flies at the meeting and conducting a lesson on knot tying. Roy also held the class on tying Copper Johns at our monthly fly tying class held at the Weiser library. We had a great turnout of members and the class was very informative.

Mark Sands, thank you for an excellent and informative presentation on your fly fishing and hunting trip into Alaska. I overheard a number of members talking about how much they enjoyed the presentation and the fact they need to go and enjoy the experience for themselves. Thanks again.

Our **scheduled program for our February meeting is Bob Barowsky** (Fish & Game commissioner representing the Southwest Region).

The **February 17, 2009, 7:00 pm fly tying class** at the Weiser library will feature **Mike Thomas tying the MT Zug Bug.**

*Jim*

*When you're Dry Fly Fishing in the rain, Are you really Dry Fly Fishing?*

# Klutter is Kool?

by Perry Kelley

I would like to share with you all a life-changing experience I had a couple of months ago. This magical moment was like a combination of a thousand flash bulbs (antiquated photographic devices designed to illuminate and to temporarily blind subjects) and eight hundred lightning flashes synchronized to happen at the same instant and place. This major life-changing experience was related to my life-long love of clutter and the comfort and security that I seemed to have with such. Not only did the messes I created not bother me, they also stimulated my creativity and certainly my well being. Of the major locations of the PSCM (Perry's super chaotic messes) including my closet floor, shop and garden shed, the place that exemplified the worst (my comfort level) clutter was my fly-tying bench.

At any time there were at least three dozen tied flies, fifteen partially used hackle feathers, scraps of marabou, short pieces of tinsel, wire, lead, pheasant feathers piled on my bench. Also there were always dust balls on the bench which I occasionally confused with my dubbing. Can you imagine a Hare's Ear tied with a dust bunny. Underneath all of that would be my fly-tying tools, some of which would hide for years. This accounts for the duplication of some of my tools. They were simply lost in the clutter. I was always accusing family members of pilfering my tools. My wife would always reply to my accusations that the dog did it. That seemed to work with her for awhile until I finally realized that we did not have a dog. I just thought that the family dog was hiding in the clutter.

I suppose that the reader is assuming that the tenor of this article is anti-clutter. One of the true legends of Idaho fly fishermen was Ruel Staynor. Ruel had a fly shop in Twin Falls which was a wonder. He did not package material; he kept everything in garbage sacks. You would ask him if he had any wood duck dyed mallard. He would scratch his head and start looking in his bags. It was worth the wait because the quality was always outstanding as was the generous amount he would give you. Each time he opened his bags, some feathers would escape. There were more stray

feathers on the floor of his shop than many shops have in their entire display. He always apologized for the mess. That was part of his routine. Incidentally the Staynor Duck Tail is named after him.

Small items such as small beads and midge hooks were especially frustrating for me to find. I found that beads are like puppies; when you let them out of their containers (kennels or zip lock bags) they run and hide all over the place. Every couple of months I would clean up my tying bench. That would be a half-day job. I would discover dozens of flies that would be relegated to fly boxes that haven't been used for years.

Now for my moment of enlightenment. What if I could find both a system of organization and procedures that would make my fly tying more efficient and reduce the clutter? Here is what I have come up with.



1. Consistently keep tools and materials in the same place on the bench. I now keep my tools on the right-hand side of my vise. I only use the tools that I need for the pattern that I am tying and I keep my other tools that I do not use in their proper storage place. When I am finished with a tool, I always place it back at the same place. It is amazing how much time you can spend looking for a whip finisher or a dubbing brush. Keeping them in the same place saves the tyer from this frustration. Tools you use before the actual tying process such as hook sharpeners and duck billed pliers that are used to de-barb hooks should be put away. This will eliminate the frustration of finding the tools you need for the tying process. It is always efficient to tie several flies of the same pattern and size at a time. Preparing the hooks before you start the tying process will speed up your tying and you will tie a better product.

I keep the materials that I use for the fly I am tying on the other side of my vise. Determine which materi-

als you need for the specific pattern you are tying and place them on the bench. Some materials need to be prepared. Biots should be soaking in water, hackles should be sized, wire and tinsel should be cut and the list goes on. You also should have your dubbing wax tube and head cement handy.

2. Create storage on your tying bench for small items to be used in each tying session. A most satisfactory item for the storage is common craft foam, the type we use for Chernobyl Ants or Gurglers. Craft foam is a common item in craft and variety stores. To make storage for hooks and beads, etc., cut a piece of white foam no larger than 3 x 5 inches. From another piece of foam cut several pieces about 1/8 inch wide. Glue strips to form a border on the larger piece. Make a divider in center to separate compartments. Super glue will work to glue border to strip. A better method is to buy several pieces of adhesive backed foam. Simply peel off the paper backing of the 1/8-inch wide strip and press to the 3x5 piece. Picking up a hook or bead is much easier on foam and the border helps contain them. Also, foam will stay in place on the desk. Magnetize the tips of your scissors to pick up hooks. Use curved tweezers to pick up beads. Simply place one of the jaws in the bead hole.

For storage of your masterpieces, the flies you just tied without fly tying bench clutter being a factor, make a similar piece of foam complete with border. This time make the dividers 3/8 inch wide and double the thickness. You can use two strips or get thicker foam. When tied you can place the hook point in to the edge of the divider much as you would fill up a fly box. One further suggestion: Use a full sheet of foam and glue on 3/8 inch double wide dividers every two inches for storage of flies. Later they can be put in fly boxes.

3. Know how to prepare your tying material and most important have a good storage system for your materials. Plan your tying session to know what pattern and size you will be tying. Several factors come into play. Do not get out more material than you will

need. Sometimes it can be quite challenging finding places to store partially used material. If material needs preparation such as soaking or stripping off fluff from the base of a feather, do it ahead of time. Some suggestions are: conserve material like chenille, wire, lead. Plan how much wire and ribbing you will use for each fly and cut appropriate lengths. Use cards for yarn, and chenille. Punch two holes on top and use card as a bobbin. Estimating the length of tinsel and wire can be more challenging. You will eventually get a feel for it. Do not try to save small pieces of wire. First it will be impossible for you to find it, and secondly, there is nothing worse than trying to tie a fly with wire that is one inch too short.

You will become a better fly tyer if you know exactly where each item of material is stored. Be consistent with your storage. One other suggestion: Keep a notebook on your tying bench. When you are running out of an item of material, make a note. When you replace this item, cross off the note.



4. This is most important: Clean up the tying bench when you finish your tying session. Put away leftover hooks, put your tools in the proper storage place, discard short wire, chenille or tinsel. If you get in the habit of putting everything in its proper place, you will find that your bench is always neat.

I would like to say that my new found clutter management system is working so beautifully that when we have company, Sally always invites them to see my fly-tying room. Proudly she exclaimed, "Can you believe such a beautiful and neat tying room!" She, of course, takes credit for this immaculate change in my former slovenliness. I guess I will have to return the favor and work on her sewing room. Wait a minute! She does not have a sewing room!



**A Special "Thank You" to  
Suzanne Orwig**

**who volunteered to be the Historian for our club. She will be keeping a scrapbook for our club. Let's all help and supply her with any pictures we take of our events, or members, or scrapbook supplies we may have.**

# Member Spotlight

**Rob Presley**

by Al Sillonis

Rob was born back east, but his folks moved to Vale, Oregon, when he was two or three years old. He attended school at Vale and played sports there.

He now lives in Ontario, Oregon, and works for the City Water Works department. His wife works at the school in Huntington. He has a son and a daughter in their twenties and on their own.

As a kid he hunted for elk, deer and birds and fished with his dad and uncle. Sometimes after a few days camped out elk hunting they would take baths at the Juntura Hot Spring. It is a natural outdoor hot spring and swimming suits are optional.

He has fished Malheur River and Reservoir, Beulah Reservoir., Unity, Pole Creek, Brownlee and other places. He has also fished at You Can't Find it Reservoir. But it can be found as Al, Jim G., Perry, Mike and Ray know where it is.

Rob started fly fishing about four years ago and loves it. He joined our club in October and has started tying flies.

Welcome to the club, Rob. Glad to have you.

## “On Golden Pond”

To the sounds of the thwack of hammers and the buzz of saws, the Weiser Little Theater stage is being transformed into a summer cabin on a lake in Maine for the February production of *On Golden Pond*. IFF members Bill Betts, Jim Gulu, and Dick Garrett have been using their expertise to build a fireplace and staircase, install pine paneling, and do a myriad of other tasks to “set the stage” for this Pulitzer-Prize winning play starring two more IFF members. Perry and Sally Kelley will be playing the “old poops” Norman and Ethel Thayer. Other members will add shadow boxes of flies, fish mounts, and other appropriate fishing paraphernalia to help the audience feel they are sitting in the living room of a lake-side cabin where the inhabitants love to fish.

The reason for all this activity: community service. The payback: Weiser Little Theater will donate the proceeds from one night's performance to the Weiser community pond, IFF's current project. This performances will be on Tuesday, February 24, and will be a dessert-only night. IFF members will be providing and serving the desserts under the direction of Sarah Gulu.

Members are encouraged to attend any of the performances. February 19,20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 will be dinner shows with doors opening at 6:30, dinner at 7 pm, catered by Rebecca's Cakes and Catering, at \$25 a ticket. The February 24 dessert-only performance will be \$12.50, with doors opening at 6:30, the play at 7 pm. Tickets are available at the Weiser Chamber of Commerce in the Vendome; call 414-0452. The theater is located in the Veterans' Memorial Hall at 405 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St. In the past, performances are usually sold out quite far ahead of opening night, so don't procrastinate! Let's all support this great fundraising opportunity for the community fishpond.







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*If fishing interferes with your business, give up your business*

If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2008-2009, they are probably due and payable.  
Please check with Mary Thompson to see when they are due!

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**Coming Events**

**Feb 3 - IFF Board** 7 pm at  
Idaho Pizza

**Feb 10 - IFF Membership**  
6 pm—Fly Tying  
7 pm—Membership

**Feb 21 - Club Outing** TBA

**Jan 17- Fly Tying** 7 pm  
Weiser Library



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 IFF Board	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 IFF Member	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Fly Tying	18	19	20	21 TBA Outing
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