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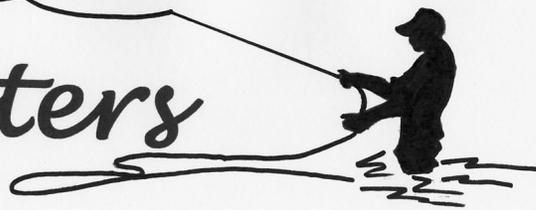
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May 2009

President's Message by Jim Gulu

Greetings all,

It's not possible, yet it is. It seems like only yesterday when we began our eighth year as a Fly-Fishing club. After May's meeting, we will transition into our summer mode and won't meet on a formal basis until next fall. Remember, our web site (Fly Flingers) can still be used to set up outings and stay in contact with club members.

It's has been a busy and outstanding year for the club: From the activities associated with the Weiser Pond project, the Weiser Little Theatre Dessert night and fly-fishing basket fund raiser, the Festival of trees, the eighth annual Owyhee River cleanup, Redd counts on the Owyhee, monthly fly tying classes at the local library, fish stocking, Mann Creek Weir project, BVFF Exposition and other various activities.

These accomplishments and activities are only possible through the hard work and enthusiasm of **YOU**, the members. The latest example of this was the turnout for our annual Owyhee River cleanup. We had our largest turnout yet—over 75 people participated, representing nine different organization or clubs: 19 members of our club, Gem State Fly Fishers, Anglers Habitat, Idaho Angler, Fly-Fishers of Idaho, BLM, Oregon Fish & Wildlife, Geocachers, Treasure Valley Cacheolics (members of the Geocachers). We managed to collect over 860 lbs. of trash. Now, that's a lot of paper plates, beer and soda cans. The river seems to be a little cleaner this year—only one tire!

Thanks to all who participated and notable the following: Roy Davis, Don Roark for marking out the sections, Rod Jones for placement of the road signs, Geocachers for the morning sweets, Lynette Jones and Sarah Gulu for overall coordination, John Hickey and Rod Jones for the excellent BBQ.

BLM for the water and soft drinks, Geocachers for the kids' gift bags.

During our April meeting we welcomed two new members, Ron Mooney from Ontario and Michael David Bishop from Weiser. I hope you both felt welcome and we are looking forward to your participation in the club and its activities in the coming years.

Well, it's been a great year and I have enjoyed my time as your club president. I don't believe I have enjoyed my association with a group of folks as much as I have enjoyed you all. Special thanks to Lynette and Mary for all their support during the year. This club is blessed to have these two outstanding members to offer guidance and support to the club. Also, a special thanks to Perry Kelley for all his support during the year. Perry is one of the founders of the club and his counsel is always appreciated.

To all members new and old, a simple reminder: This club exists for you, so if you have any ideas or want to serve as an officer or board member, please step forward. New ideas and fresh eyes will only help the club expand and flourish.

See you at the May, 12 meeting. The big drawing is at hand. Custom-built 5 wt. rod and reel. Four shadow boxes built by Dick Garrett with flies tied by Perry Kelley and Marv Orwig.

Jim

There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process.

Paul O'Neil, 1965

Another Look at Fly Tying

by Perry Kelley

Just when I thought that everything to be known on the subject of fly tying has already been expressed by IHFF fly tying members, more comes along. Some of the latest new techniques, methods and materials have significantly changed the way most of us approach tying. I feel blessed. In my forty-five plus years as a fly tyer I have learned a lot and have even caught a few fish on my homemade flies. However I have forgotten a lot more than I have learned. Occasionally I feel the need to watch the “big boys” of fly tying and update my techniques and methods. The Idaho Falls “Eastern Idaho Fly Tying and Fishing Expo” was the ideal vehicle to recharge my fly-tying batteries. Last weekend I had the time of my life watching numerous fly tying experts do their thing. Here is some of the things that I learned:

1. Look all around for tying materials and tools. I saw flies tied with Dollar Store dust mops, plastic strips from shopping bags, mouse glue, embroidery floss, imported felt pens, and fake hair from wig shops. Many of the tying tools used were either hand made or were designed for other uses. One tyer must have had over a hundred tools at his disposal; most were hand made and were made for specific patterns. For those of you who are clever and creative, consider designing and making tying tools.

2. Make your dry flies sparse. Fly tying is nothing more than creating devices that fool fish. Now even a very clever trout has extremely limited cognitive functions. I read a couple of years ago that the IQ of a typical trout is estimated to be about 6. To fool a trout the artificial will have to look and act like the natural. Look at midges, mayflies, etc., and look at your imitation. I'm sure that most of the time your imitation is much larger than the

natural. What do we need to do to make them more realistic?

- A. Limit the thread wraps.
- B. Use flat thread to avoid buildup.
- C. Use minimum material.
- D. Use a short shanked hook to make a fly appear to be smaller.

3. Get the fish's attention! Consider dubbing that incorporates flash, such as Polar Dub or Ice Dub. Put a sheen in flies that imitate emerging insects. Consider using a Pheasant Tail that does not have a dubbed thorax, but uses a dubbed pearl (ice dubbing) bubble ball that suggests the air bubble many insects generate when emerging. The bubble ball will seem realistic to many fish and will get a lot of strikes.

4. Do research on waters that are unfamiliar to you. Call fly shops, use a guide, talk to friends and relatives. Not only are the insects different in waters away from your home streams, they come off at different times, are sometimes different in size and color and the presentation used for fishing. Factors such as stream size, chemical content of water, stream bottom structure can make a stream totally different from the ones you fish at home. Do your homework!



5. Cross styles and classification of fly pattern. Quite often at a tying expo you will have tyers that have expertise in certain areas of fly fishing. For example: bass bug tyers, full dress Atlantic Salmon fly tyers, Steelhead fly tyers, still water fly tyers, midge and small mayfly tyers and the list goes on and on. Learn to tie patterns from styles that you normally don't use. For example a well-tied saltwa-

ter fly probably will be effective for bass and brown trout. You may have to adapt the size in converting, but a bass bug tied with salt water hooks will probably catch salt water fishes. More important, each style has techniques that will make you a better fly tyer.

I would like to challenge all of you IHFF fly tyers to search for new materials and tools. Let me know what works. We will share this information with the club. Incidentally, I in no way wish to suggest that we don't support the area fly shops. They are absolutely essential. We have excellent fly shops in our area. We also depend upon the shops for our sport. They teach us, encourage us and most of all keep us in quality equipment and materials.



Indianhead Fly Fishers

Upcoming Events

May 9 – Head Start Fishing program – Mark Sands – Plan to meet at Judy's Inn for breakfast at 8am, then car pool over to the Payette ponds.

May 16 – Duck Valley outing ??

May 21 – Stocking of Pole Creek & Malheur (Ray Perkins-more info coming)

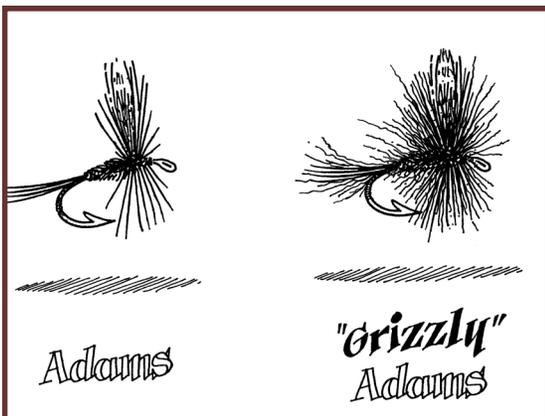
May 28 – Stocking Desert Reservoir (Ray Perkins-more info coming)

June 3 – Stocking of Owyhee River (Ray Perkins-more info coming)

June 26 – Kids' day at the Fiddle Festival (Dave Steppe will coordinate with the Fiddle Board)

July 9 – Second stocking of Owyhee (Ray Perkins-more info coming)

August 22 – Annual club picnic (Bill Betts – Committee Chairman)



"THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSION, BUT WE'RE SORRY TO SAY WE FIND IT UNACCEPTABLE."

Fly Fishing 101

Take care of your Fly Line

by Leon Chandler

The modern fly line is a remarkable product that has evolved over a period of several decades by utilizing a blend of space age materials, efficient taper designs and manufacturing know-how. The fly line you buy today can be expected to provide you with many hours of pleasant fishing - but a fly line is not indestructible. By following a few reasonable precautions, you can insure that your line will last longer.

The appearance of small radial cracks in the finish coating will offer the first visual clue that a fly line is reaching the end of its useful life. Cracks occur because the plasticizers within the finish formulation have migrated or moved. The role of plasticizers can be compared to the milk in bread dough—in simplest form, they are the liquids that hold solids together and provide the suppleness that is so important in fly line performance. Once cracks appear and water is admitted, further deterioration is fairly rapid. Plasticizer migration will occur naturally over a period of time. The chemical process can be accelerated if the surface of the line is exposed to solvent base chemical substances (such as are found in most brands of insect repellent, suntan lotion and gasoline), to excessive heat, or prolonged exposure to the ultraviolet rays of direct sunlight.

It is a well-known fact that most insect repellents are murder on fly lines, they are equally destructive to rod finishes. If it is necessary to use liquid repellents, be especially careful about handling your line with repellent residue on the palms of your hands. Use the back of the hands to spread repellent to the neck and face.

Keep your floating fly line clean! In normal use, even on clean water, microscopic particles of dirt and debris will adhere to the surface of a floating line, adding weight that may eventually overcome the natural buoyancy built into the line itself. Because it contains a thinner coating of the buoyant finishing material than does the larger diameter body, the tip section of a tapered line will begin sinking first - an indication that it should be cleaned. What is the best method to follow in cleaning a floating line? Opinions vary. Some manufacturers include cleaner saturated felt pads in the line package, with the recommendation that the working part of the line be wiped with the cleaner pad each time before starting to fish. In addition to removing surface residue, the pad will leave a film of lubricant on the surface to assist the line in moving efficiently through the rod guides. Another manufacturer recommends washing the line with a mild soap and water solution and wiping dry with a soft, clean cloth. Regardless of the method used, clean your floating line frequently and you will be rewarded by a line that will give you better performance and considerably longer life.

Heat. Never ever leave a line-filled fly reel on the dashboard or rear ledge of an automobile parked in the hot sun. The level of heat buildup from the sun coming through the windshield or rear window can literally cook the line and start internal plasticizer migration. Visible cracks may not occur immediately, but the damage will have been done.

Most anglers are acutely aware of the importance of frequently checking rod guides for wear-induced sharp areas that will scuff or cut the surface of a fly line. Most, however, overlook the fact that the line guard area of the reel actually gets more wear from stripping off line than do the guides. A sharp projection on the reel line guard can slice and ruin a line in short order.

Some fishermen use methods of retrieving and controlling line that do little to prolong the life. For example, the procedure commonly referred to as the "hand twist" retrieve can place an unusual

amount of stress on that portion of the line that is handled. Gradually, the portion continually squeezed and stretched will break down.

Fly line manufacturers are frequently asked to identify the life expectancy of their products—an impossible question to answer because of the variables involved. Much depends upon the conditions under which lines are used, the degree of care given and, of course, the amount of time a line is in actual use. One manufacturer suggests that, except for the most avid angler, the average user can expect his line to perform well over two seasons. Another suggests that if his lines are used under normal conditions and given normal care, one can expect to log 200 to 300 hours of actual use. Beyond that time he should expect that the end of useful life is being reached.

Most experienced fly rod anglers agree that the fly line is just about the most important part of the equipment because it plays such an important role in the effective presentation of artificial flies. Your line deserves Tender Loving Care. It will respond by giving you much fishing pleasure.

~ *Leon Chandler, (comparadun)* former Vice President, Cortland Line Company

Quite a group showed up to help clean up the river and to enjoy the festivities afterwards.



A good time was had by all at the barbecue following the clean-



Members who owe dues are: Spencer Chandler, Wayne Chandler, Dick Garrett, Sharon Truax & Chris Burke. Check with Mary if you have any questions. Feel free to mail your dues if you wish!
To the P.O. Box Thanks!



"If a man is truly blessed, he returns home from fishing to be greeted by the best catch of his life."
~ E. Hubbard (thanks Robert)



Coming Events

- May 5 - IFF Board**
7 pm at Idaho Pizza
- May 9 - Head Start Fishing**
Mark Sands—Plan to meet at Judy's Inn for breakfast at 8 am. then car pool to the Payette ponds.
- May 12 - IFF Membership**
6 pm—Fly Tying
7 pm—Membership
- May 16 - Duck Valley Outing**
- May 19 - Fly Tying**
7 pm Weiser Library



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