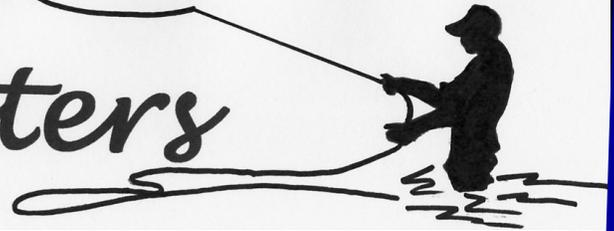




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February 2011

## President's Message by Mike Thomas

Thanks, Dave and Tom, for a great program on steelhead fishing! Your program and fly tying demonstration is testimony to the tremendous talent of our Indianhead Fly Fishers members. Henderson and Dyer--names to remember when we need a great program for our membership meetings. I personally would love to have the two of them teach me their fishing techniques first hand. I really need help in increasing my chances to catch steelhead. I spend a lot of time flyfishing for them but my catching time is almost nil.

The program for our **February 8th meeting will be Greg Montemurro of Troutlie.com**. Some of you remember meeting him at last years Owyhee River cleanup. If you want to know more about him and his partner Tim Burke you can check out their website mentioned above. Also Ray Perkins (last month's and Multiple winner of our 50/50) will give his annual report on the Brown Trout redds in the Owyhee River. Our Experts (?) will be ready to answer your flyfishing questions. Let me know your questions before our next meeting so we will know what to Ask The Experts. I liked our "Library Moment" and "Off the Shelf" report concerning our library both of which I would like to continue in our meetings. Volunteer for presenting either one or both of these if you found a DVD, video or book from our library you enjoyed.

Our turnout to January's Fly Tying session was not as good as usual but the quality of instruction was excel-

lent as always. Perry taught us to tie an original and a present day version of the "Timberline Emerger" which he described in the January issue of our Fly-caster newsletter. Thanks Perry and we will look forward to another tying session on the Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Indianhead Fly Fishers were well represented at the BVFF Expo on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Boise. Perry and Ray tied flies (told lies) both days and did an outstanding job. I counted 13 of our members in attendance. Lots of fly tiers from all over the northwest demonstrated their skills. A good site to watch videos of some of the fly tiers we saw (Jerry Criss and Chris Williams) is called "The Weekly Fly.com". "There were also a lot of vendors selling fly fishing stuff one of which was a new fly shop in Nampa owned by Charlie Bagley called "Faded Fly". Mike Mosley of Blue Fly.com donated fly boxes to our club--which is really appreciated. The BVFF members thanked us for our support and offered their support in our upcoming Owyhee River Cleanup project (Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup>).

Just a few other THINGS to note: Lynette is our chairperson for the Owyhee River Cleanup; Jim Gulu is head guru for the Pyramid Lake Outing; Ray spent all his 50/50 winnings at the BVFF Expo; Al caught his first fish of 2011 (a 22" steelhead on a worm) on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> off the boat dock below Hells Canyon Dam; and I haven't bought my fishing licenses yet! (Jan.21<sup>st</sup>)

Thanks for your support!!

*Ole Mike Thomas!*

## Pyramid Lake Outing

The date that has been booked is the first weekend in **April—the 1st-3rd**

### **How it works:**

Friday is a pre-fish day. Anyone that wants to show up early can fish with Rob Anderson for half a day. We also decide that day where to meet the next morning for the first day of the weekend trip.

Rob uses Friday afternoon to get ready for the next two days.

Saturday morning Rob will be at the lake at the designated location at daybreak.

People can show up whenever they choose. We have breakfast on the beach around 9:00am and lunch around 1:00 pm. We normally fish all day.

Sunday is a repeat of Saturday—breakfast around 9:00am and lunch around 1:00pm. Most anglers usually call it quits after lunch so they can use the afternoon to return home. Rob will be there all day for the folks who choose to stay longer or plan to leave Monday.

**Included** – Hosted guide service, breakfast and lunch both days, ladders, flies and rods and reels if I know in advance. And any other misc. items important to the trip.

The cost is \$140 per angler total for the trip. We need 10 anglers at least to do it for that price. If we only come up with 8 anglers, than it is \$160. If we have more than 10 that is no problem but the price stays the same.

We will also need fishing permits from the tribe at a cost of \$9.00 per day.

**A deposit of \$70 per person will be required by the end of February.**



**There is space available for anyone wanting to go! We would like to have at least 10 people.**

**Contact: Jim Gulu 208-549-0796 e-mail: [jgulu@gotsky.com](mailto:jgulu@gotsky.com)**

## **February Program**

**Greg Montemurro**  
(troutlie.com)

Greg, an accomplished fly tier and fisherman, along with his good friend Tim Burke have created an in-depth web site featuring a good deal of information on the waters that surround us. The program in store will be on the Owyhee River and a particular fly they use when fishing it.

Greg also joined us on the Owyhee clean up last year!

**Because we are so busy and time gets away from us, this is a friendly reminder of membership dues.**

**Dues are \$30 for an individual and \$45 for a couple**

**Due in January**

**Grant Baugh, Tony & Tami Buthman, Jose Calderon, and James Torrel.**

## Ask the Experts

### Which Fly do I Use?

By GFW

The Indianhead Fly Fishers is starting with a different approach for the *Fly of the Month* column this month. We want to be helpful to the less experienced fly anglers and to those of us who still, after many years, struggle to know which flies to choose for the destinations that many of us fish. The format will combine the "Ask the Experts" segments of our membership meetings and the *Fly of the Month* for this column. Hopefully this will help you to prepare for your fly fishing adventures.

This month we chose three destinations: Malheur Reservoir, Little Weiser River, and Mann Creek Reservoir. The experts suggest the following:

**Malheur Reservoir:** Spring: (March-June) Black Leech, Red Blood Midge & Callibaetis Mayflies (Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear nymph and Parachute Adams). Summer: (July -August) Olive Damsel, Dragon fly, Fall: (September - November) Olive Woollybugger, Olive Scud and Water Boatman

**Mann Creek Reservoir:** Spring: (March - June) Leeches (small olive & black), small pheasant tail nymphs, streamers (bait fish imitations), Fall: (September - November) Leeches, bead head nymphs and Gugu.

**Little Weiser River:** Summer: (June - August) Renegade, Yellow Humpy, Royal Wulff, Hopper and nymphs. Fall:( September - October) Small olive and black Woollybuggers, Renegade

Note: It appears Malheur Reservoir will have enough water to sustain a fishery this year. The fish should be eight to twelve inches long by fall. Next year "Hang on to your rods!"

### Fly of the Month

#### Renegade

Ask any old timer Idahoan fly fisher what their favorite fly is; you are likely to get an enthusiastic "Renegade!" The fly does not specifically imitate any insect but it really works. Note: the rear hackle should be tied concave side forward and the front hackle concave side backwards.

**thread:** black

**hook:** dry fly or standard shank nymph 10 -16

**tag:** optional gold tinsel

**rear hackle:** brown (one size smaller than front hackle)

**body:** peacock herl

**front hackle:** white



## CHOOSING A FLY LINE

(continued from the January Newsletter)      By Bruce Richards

For lots of different reasons, fly fishers often end up using rods and lines that aren't well matched to their skill levels. Very stiff or "fast-action" rods tend to get more marketing play these days, and they're great for experts wanting to cast long distances but typically a poor choice for casters who don't have excellent timing. The same holds true for fly lines. There are a number of lines on the market that are designed for expert casters and for advanced techniques that are required to fish specific conditions. Long-distance casters might search out very long heads to which they will attach a running line, but lines built for extremely long casts may make medium-length casts more difficult. An expert with bamboo rods might want a very fine taper, but lines that can provide pinpoint accuracy at short range for an expert angler might make loading the rod a challenge for the novice fly fisher. There are over 2,000 unique fly lines available to today's fly fishers—enough to match any situation and casting style. Just keep in mind that novice anglers often won't usually benefit from highly specialized line designs.

### Some Line Choice Scenarios

Finally, here are a couple of scenarios that show how you can use the basic guidelines above to make a good line choice.

**Example #1:** *An intermediate angler is making his first trip to the Bahamas to fish for bonefish.*

The recommended bonefish flies for this trip are sizes 4 through 8, so any line over a 6-weight would suit his needs, but an 8-weight line would make casting easier in strong winds. The likelihood of lots of midrange and shorter casts dictates that he has a line that will cast well without a lot of line outside the rod tip. And hot weather demands a line with a stiffer core and/or coating.

This information should lead the angler to purchase a line designed for tropical use, with a head length that is relatively short. Most manufacturers make at least a couple of versions of lines suitable for bonefishing—often one with a rather long head and one with a shorter head. As an average caster, this angler would most likely struggle using the line with the longer head and would be much more successful with the shorter head line. Lastly, since almost all bonefishing is done with floating lines, the best choice for this angler would be a weight-forward, floating, 8-weight line.

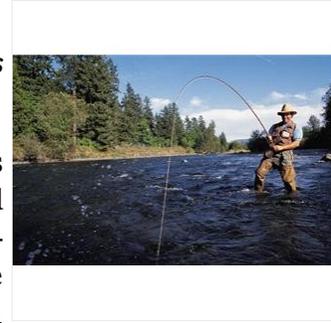
**Example #2:** *A beginning angler lives in the east and wants to fish smaller streams for small trout.*

While small streams and small trout usually mean small—and medium-sized flies that can easily be cast with a light 2- or 3-weight line, very small lines can be more difficult to cast than heavier lines. Most beginners will do better with a 4-, 5- or even 6-weight line, even though the fly sizes don't demand it. Since casting distance is short, the line can be either double-taper or weight-forward; it makes no significant difference since there won't be much line out of the rod tip during the cast. Although an experienced angler would probably pick a line with a very delicate front taper, a beginner will have a hard time making it work, because delicate tapers require good casting loops to work effectively. In this case a 4- or 5-weight, double-taper line with moderate taper would be the best choice.



**Example #3:** *An expert caster wants to go to Oregon to swing dry flies for steelhead.*

West coast steelheading, especially when swinging dry flies, often requires long casts and long-range line and fly control. For long-range casting, and for lots of pick-ups, mends and roll-casts, a line with a very long head is required, as there must be line mass at the rod tip to allow long range line control. The right line for this application, and caster, will be a line with a very long head—60 plus feet. To make this all work through, the caster must be quite skilled. In the hands of someone who is not capable of casting long distances, a line with a shorter head would be better.



## Cleaning and Lubricating Glass and Graphite Ferrules

Take time after every two or three fishing excursions to clean and lubricate the ferrules of your rods. This will help the sections seat together more smoothly and precisely and — more importantly — it will prevent the sections from sticking together. Many an angler has finished his day of fishing, only to find that he can't get his rod sections apart. A regular practice of cleaning and lubricating the ferrules will prevent this annoying problem from occurring.

To clean the female portion of the ferrule (the one with the open end), use a Q-Tip saturated with plain rubbing alcohol. Rub the inside surface thoroughly, around the entire inside circumference, then use a clean swab to wipe off any dirt or old wax residue.



Clean the male portion of the ferrule with a soft cloth moistened with rubbing alcohol. Rub the male slide well to remove any dirt or old wax from the surface. Finish by drying the ferrule with a clean, soft cloth. After the alcohol has dried, apply a light coating of white candle wax to the entire surface of the male ferrule.



"I don't know what Dewey sees in her. She's such a phony."

### Membership Raffle

This year's Membership raffle has two prizes!

A Sage 6 wt. 11'6" Switch rod \$800 value  
(built by Marv Orwig)

and

Cabela's 2 piece 5 wt. with reel, backing and line

Drawing to be held at the May meeting!



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Well, here we are—another month and no pictures added to the Flyflingers' website. In fact, I notice that there is has been very little use of the website this past month. Is it because all you fishermen ('scuse me, you fisherpeople) have been too busy fishing to check into the website? This would have been a great month to add some of your photos and/or stories. I could have used one or two pictures of the great catches at Pyramid Lake since the club is hoping make it an outing destination in April. I took the next best and posted some from other sources.

Let's get some photos and some use out of the website. \Dick



These are photos of some of the fish (The Lahontan Cut-throat trout) taken out of the Pyramid Lake fishery in recent years. Please check out Jim Gulu's article and picture on page 2. You might also find some very interesting reading on the lake itself and how to fish it at the following website:  
<http://www.fishsniffer.com/guest/041104pyramidtechnique.html>

All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish.

*Harold F. Blaisdell*

### Coming Events

**Feb 1 - IFF Board- 7 pm** the place has not been set, Mike will be sending the board an e-mail about the location. If you don't hear from Mike give him a call.

**Feb 8 - IFF Membership**  
Beehive Café  
6 pm Fly tying Demo  
7 pm Program

**Feb 15—Fly Tying 7 pm**  
Weiser Library

**Feb 19 - Outing TBA?**



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