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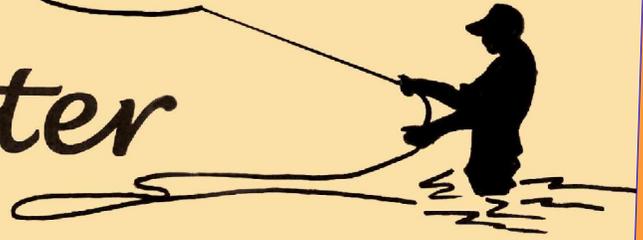
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MARCH 2013

President's Message

by Mark Sands

As I write this message, I'm looking out my window and the snow is quickly losing its grip here in the Mann Creek Valley and it makes me realize that fishing season will soon be upon us. Although January was fairly cold, in all reality we had a mild winter at least with our snow levels and that means that we should be able to fish our rivers and streams earlier. However, the down side is the irrigation reservoirs like Malhuer and Mann Creek will be drawn down sooner as the snowpack won't be there to replenish their levels. I guess like in life (and fishing) there are trade-offs.

Speaking of trade-offs, I recently wrote that my New Year's Resolution was to get out and fish/hunt and enjoy the outdoors more, but unfortunately thus far in 2013, my work has gotten in the way of joining **Marv** while he instructs other club members as they learn how to build a fly rod. This is something I've always wanted to learn especially since my uncle gave me a Sage 6 weight fly rod as a graduation gift from college that he built. To this day, this is the only rod I use when I go fishing. This rod accompanied me to Alaska last summer and although it's a little light for some of the fish, it worked well. However, I do still want to build a 4 weight at some point to use on waters like Brownlee while fishing for bass and crappie.

Our March outing will be to the Owhyee River on the 16th and again I'm going to have to miss this one, but **Jim** volunteered to organize it. So, if you want to join **Jim** either email him at (jgulu@speedyquick.net) or call 208-549-0796 for the details (he'll announce it at the meeting too).

The Board decided it was time for our club to re-institute the annual Owhyee River cleanup. Hence, this will be our April outing on the 27th. So, let's get this on our calendars and help keep the Owyhee River clean and maybe even catch a nice brown afterwards.

In conclusion, I'd like to make you aware of a recent and unfortunately common occurrence Fish and Game has been dealing with. I'm not sure what the cause of this trend is, but lately I have been swamped dealing with kids that think it's fun to shoot and waste deer, waterfowl, and livestock. This trend has not only been in Washington County, but widespread throughout the state as it seems most Fish and Game Officers all over the region are busy chasing down juveniles that are joy shooting anything that moves. I hope this will not continue in 2013, so if you are a parent, grandparent or friend of a teen please let them know this is socially, morally, and ethically unacceptable and will not be tolerated by society or Fish and Game.

See you at the meeting.

Mark

Agenda for Membership Meeting IHFF
March 12, 2013

6:00 Fly Tying Video

6:30 Greeter, raffle ticket sales, sign-in-Nando

7:00 Call meeting to order,

Call meeting to order, welcome all and recognize new comers

Remind about Library

Reminder- year End Raffle-fly rod (choice of weight to be built by Marv) and Orvis large arbor reel.

50/50 Raffle— $\frac{1}{2}$ money to winner, $\frac{1}{2}$ to club—Large \$ amount since no winner last meeting.

Discuss Fly rod building class that started 3-1-2013, Anyone else that wants to jump in there's still time.

Fly tying on the 19th will be at Tom and Cindy Dyer's in Cambridge- Perry will demonstrate how to tie a cgech nymph. Carpool sign-up sheet.

Fishing Reports

Program-Bill Young, Nez Perce Tribe

Outings- March 16, 2013 Owhyee River

April 27, 2013 Owhyee River Clean-up/fishing

May 11, 2013 Duck Valley Indian Reservation

Adjourn

About our Speakers for Tonight

ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT VERY LITTLE

by Perry

Our long winter is seeming to be toning down its mighty roar to a feeble "me-ow." I recognize the signs of spring with my usual quirks of misbehavior. I am sure all of you will recognize the routine: the constant twitch in your casting arm, the mistaking of a May fly for late lingering snow flake, the urge to buy new fly tying material for only proven patterns, and the most alarming procrastination of late winter, to walk five miles a day, eat only health food and strive to become physically what we were 35 years ago. Dream on, old guy! At least now, my thoughts are becoming more pure. You know, PMD hatches, pure mountain air, gin clear lakes and streams and willing wild trout in abundance replacing bad TV, politics and everything else that I perceive wrong with the world.

Those of us who are eternal spring optimists chomp at the bit each nice spring day. Get the fly rod out, grease the reel, organize your fly boxes, and start your season. Let's hope that this year's utopian fly fishing dreams materialize and reach their full potential. We all seem to keep our angling hopes by combining the future with our wonderful past memories. Even though the wonderful past fishing trips last year seemed to be few and far between, they were still there. Two days on the water were very special to me, one at Anthony Lake and the other at Fish Lake both in Oregon. The first was the sheer luck of choosing the day after the hatchery truck planted the lake with really nice fish; the other was purely the time of year. I will dream of these two trips every time I fish this year.

There seems to be an ever-growing hatch of rocks decorated with red paint and very unwelcome rectangular signs all along our fishing venues of yesteryear. Each year more of our favorite spots are no longer available to us. I feel the loss like the loss of a good friend; many wonderful memories are now no longer there. I don't know what can be done, if anything; but it seems that it will only get worse. Is Idaho and America going the way of Europe? Will we have to pay big bucks to fish on private ponds? Fly fishing is a privilege as American as our freedom is. I realize that the "good old days" will never exist as our parents and grandparents knew, but I certainly want my grandchildren and great grandchildren to have the wonderful experiences that I have had. What can we do? One thing is to be good stewards of our fishing waters. Another is to be generous with our enthusiasm, advice and good manners.

Now, for the new season, I am going to give all of you a tip. I have been told, in strict confidence, of a fishing lake that angling will surpass all of your expectations. The most beautiful trout you could possibly imagine, huge black spots from nose to tail, deep red sides, give the fish an appearance that a camera or artist could not possibly replicate. Twenty-four inch fish are common, and thirty-six inch fish are not unheard of. The fish are extremely wild. Make sure you have plenty of backing on your reel-you will need it. Did I mention, twenty fish days are the norm?

Now please tell no one! To get there (I am not going to divulge the lake's name) go north on US95 to county road 189, turn left, proceed 8.6 miles, then stop. If your odometer is accurate there should be a really big rock in the shape of Alfred Hitchcock's nose and chin. Proceed 27 feet then turn left on the two-lane track. Engage your rig in 4-wheel drive. Drive uphill for approximately one-fourth mile or until you come to a locked gate. Remove all of your gear (rod, reel, flies, kick boat, waders, lunch, sleeping bag, cooler etc.) and pack to the summit (1.5 miles) If you have timed it right, it should be about 12:00 noon. Look east into the second drainage. If the day is clear and there is no wind, you should see the reflection of the sun on the lake. With your compass, take a reading and proceed to the lake. Be sure that you take all of your gear with you. If you are physically fit you should arrive at the lake in two and a half days.

I promise you will now have the angling experience of your lifetime. When you are ready to return home, proceed downhill on the nature trail (marked *Branta Canadensis* pursuing *Chen Caerulescens*) to the campground. Hitch a ride home and have your buddy take you to retrieve your rig.

Please tell no one about this lake. It would be a shame if the word would get out. Now for the biggest secret of all: The lake is called *The Phantom Lake*.

Basic Fly Casting-(Golf Swing)

This time of year when everything is frozen over and catching is slow we can spend time reading about and reflecting on the many aspects of our hobbies. Since golf and fly fishing are a couple of my hobbies I will attempt to compare the basic rules of casting a fly line with a fly rod to hitting a golf ball with a golf club.

Rule 1: Be certain your “outfit” is balanced. The rod, reel, and line are balanced or matched so they compliment each other. You can now go to a golf store and have a professional fit your golf clubs, golf balls, and grips to match with your golf swing.

Rule 2: Remember your back cast requires more emphasis than the forward cast, because it is a power build-up, whereas the forward cast is a power release. Your take away in golf is a turning of the shoulders to store energy and is released by an unwinding of the body on the down swing. A poor take away or back cast lead to bad results in the down swing or forward cast.

Rule 3: Keep your wrist(s) firm. The fly-cast is basically an elbow movement. The golf swing is basically a shoulder turn, keeping the left arm as straight as possible.

Rule 4: Don't grasp the rod (club) too tightly. Tense muscles are hard to coordinate. An old golf pro once said, “Hold the club (rod) like you have a bird in your hand. Tight enough to keep it but not so tight as to kill it.”

Rule 5: Keep the back cast fairly high. Keep the take away as wide as possible.

Rule 6: Keep the forward cast fairly low. Your rod should end up parallel to the water, approximately waist level, or slightly above. Extend your arm as if you were reaching to shake hands. Keep the down swing going toward the target at the bottom and finish high. Think about completing the swing and not about hitting the ball.

Rule 7: Grip your fly rod exactly as you grip your golf club and grip your golf club the same as you grip your fly rod.

I know there could be a lot more rules but these are basic ones. If you practice these on your lawn before heading to the river (course) it will make the real experience more enjoyable. Practicing on the asphalt or cement is not good for your equipment. Just a couple of thoughts: 1. Aim your cast a foot or two above where you want your fly to land—aim a little left of where you want your ball to land. 2. Keep your back cast shorter than 2-o'clock and your back swing short enough so the club doesn't go beyond parallel to the ground.

Your cost for fly rod, reel, and line is the same as your cost for irons, woods and putter. You can spend as much or as little as you wish. You can play a round of golf for \$18 or buy a one day license for \$18. You can fly fish when it is snowing but it is really difficult to play golf when it is snowing. You can play golf when it is windy but it is really difficult to fly fish when it is really windy.

There have been many books written, many videos made and many DVD's created on both fly casting and the golf swing. It has been a month and a few days since I have taken a swing at a golf ball or made a cast at a fish. It should be obvious if you are reading this that cold weather, snow and iced over waters have forced me to do something I have no reason to do—Write.

About the only thing I really know for sure is that so far I have not found going fly fishing and playing a round of golf to both be bad on the same day!!!



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The following members have December as their due-date for renewal of membership. Please see Jim Gulu and pay ASAP so he doesn't have to get rough with you.

Tom Dyer

Dave Henderson

Rod & Lynette Jones

Perry & Sally Kelley

Nando & Roberta Mauldin

Dave and
Tiffany McPheeters

Marv & Suzanne Orwig

Ray Perkins

Mark Sands

Mark & Mary Thompson

Coming Events

**Feb 5 1—IFF Board,
Beehive 7**

pm

**Feb 12—IFF
Membership**

**Fly Tying Video
6:00 pm**

Meeting—7:00

pm

**Feb 1— Fly Tying at
Dyer's in
Cambridge—7:00**

pm

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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