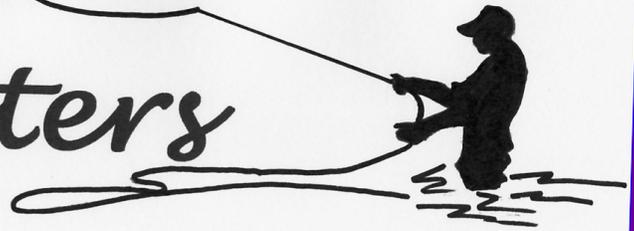




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# News Casters



January 2014

## President's Message

by Tom Dyer

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- Membership:** Bill Betts plus Board members
- Newsletter:** Perry & Sally Kelley, Dick Garrett
- Outings:** Al Sillonis plus Board members
- Programs:** Tom Dyer
- Publicity:** Perry Kelley
- Join in the Fun!**

At the Board meeting last night, we were able to settle on February for the rod building class, exact dates will come later. I called Ben at Anglers Habitat in Caldwell and gave him the names of those signed up to build a rod so you will be able to get the 10% club discount when purchasing your blank and components. I would recommend asking for Ben when you go in to purchase your kit. For those folks planning to attend the Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo Saturday Ben said he plans on being at the store so if you know what you want it may be a good time to stop. If you have any questions please give me a call at 257-4225. Ben was very confident that the would be able to meet our needs, whatever blank and components we wish to purchase.

Thought I'd let you know that the Cambridge News Paper printed the advertisement for the "introduction to fly tying" on the front page, must have been a slow news week. As discussed, it is scheduled for Thursday the 30th of January at 7:00PM in the Cambridge Library. I did put my phone number in as a contact so I hope I get some idea of the number of folks we may end up with.

At the January 14 membership meeting, Idaho Fish and Game will be present. The Regional Fisheries Biologist will be presenting a program on the South Fork of the Boise River and effects of last summer's fires on the fisheries. They will also be discussing fish populations in the Boise River System.

Tight Lines

Tom

Fish First - Apologize Later

Fishing is proof that men can commit

I fish, therefore, I am  
 Sorry I missed your call. I was on another line.

I'm not addicted to fishing. I can quit

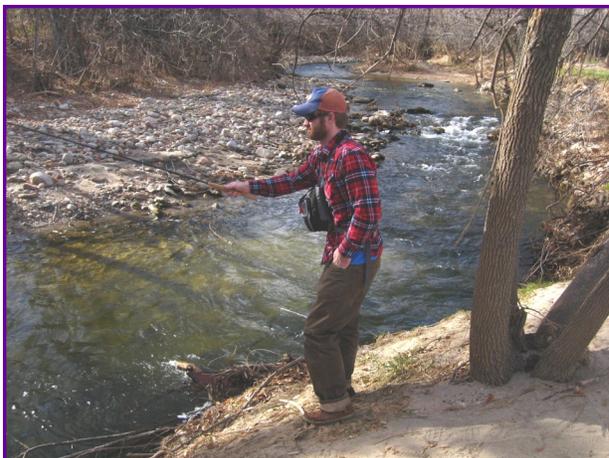
## “Tenkara”

*It's not a new Toyota model*

This past Thanksgiving Cindy and I went to Boulder Colorado to spend time with our son Nate and his wife Yoshi. It's always fun to visit your kids for the holidays to share what's new in their life. Nate and Yoshi just purchased their first home together, a condo in downtown Boulder, about two hundred yards from Boulder Creek. As you probably know from the News, Boulder Creek went through a terrible flood just a couple months before. Evidence of the flood was still apparent during our visit, but most of cleanup had already occurred and things in and around Boulder seemed to be doing fine. I knew that Boulder Creek was a good trout fishery before the flood and wondered if the high water impacted fish populations. When I quizzed Nate, he said it didn't seem to impact numbers at all; in fact he was catching nice brown trout near his condo shortly after the river returned to normal flows.



Nate loves to fish and does it every time he gets a chance. A couple years ago he got into fly fishing with a Tenkara rod and uses it almost exclusively on small Colorado creeks. The main advantage I could see was the simplicity of the technique. Basically, all you have is a rod, line and fly, nothing else—not even a reel. Nate's rod was made out of carbon fiber about 12 feet long when fully extended. The rod telescoped down to 20 inches which made it super portable. When I watched him fish I was amazed with how delicate he could make his presentations. The fun was in watching him try to land these scrappy little trout without tangling in overhanging branches. He fished a



couple times during our visit, catching fish both times. Nate plans to bring the Tenkara rod to Idaho on his next visit. He believes strongly that the Weiser River and tributaries lend themselves to this method of fishing. Based on what I saw, he is right, but don't tell him I said so!

If you're interested in Tenkara please visit "Tenkara USA" on the internet at [tenkarausa.com](http://tenkarausa.com).

Tom Dyer

## 50 Things We Love About Fishing

1. Morning light
2. Line cuts
3. High fives
4. Beers on tailgates
5. Screaming reels
6. Solitude
7. Inventing the perfect fly
8. Packing for a trip
9. Hitting the perfect cast
10. Stepping into a run
11. Fishing a friend's fly
12. Sweet slow rods
13. Virgin cork
14. The white rabbit
15. Slashing strikes
16. Laughter
17. Turning the cell phone off
18. Putting a friend in the bucket and having it work
19. Evening hatches
20. The 'splish splash' of wading a flat
21. The Bimini Twist
22. Shore lunch
23. The first cast of the day
24. Poppers
25. Keeping secrets
26. Getting a fly back from a snag
27. Sharing a wee nip
28. Fake fish size controversy
29. Bleary-eyed McDonald's stops
30. Piles of old fishing licenses
31. Coining new phrases
32. The Soul Noodle
33. Exploring new water
34. Teaching kids
35. Dry fly days
36. The tug
37. Tailing fish
38. Rum and tonic with a lime
39. Assembling the quiver
40. Good coolers
41. Wooden drift boats
42. Old guys out-fishing young guys
43. New waders
44. That broken in cap
45. Storytelling
46. Keeping a rod rigged
47. Pulling into camp
48. Stalking fish
49. DEET
50. Anticipation

How about you?

*I have a fishing license and a marriage license, but I only carry one of them in my wallet.*

## Winter Fly Tying Hints

Winter is here, and for many of us that means it's fly tying season. If you're looking to restock your boxes for next season, try a few of these tips I was able to find on the web.

1. **Take Your Time on the First Pattern.** Before you hit production mode, take your time on your first fly pattern. Experiment with the most efficient way to tie it. Figure out the most efficient order in which to add materials as well as the direction (up and down the shank) in which you wrap them. Also, use this first pattern to measure how much of each material will be needed per fly (more on this below).
2. **Prepare Materials.** Prep any materials that can be prepared. Decide how many flies of a particular pattern you are going to shoot for and prep enough materials for all of them. If you will be spinning hackle or marabou, select and prepare each feather by stripping fibers down to the quill at the correct tie in point. Cut all necessary materials to the appropriate length – chenille, braid, wire etc. If using bead chain eyes, cut enough out to meet your goal. Obviously, it depends on the pattern you are tying, but the point is to prep every material possible ahead of time – it'll save a lot of time in the long run.
3. **Organize.** Organize both your prepared materials as well as your tools so that you know where everything is. Fumbling around the tying bench looking for your whip finisher wastes a lot of time, not to mention it's just plain frustrating! Find a system for your tools and head cement that works for you. You don't have to spend all your hard earned on an expensive tool caddy – a block of craft foam from the craft store with holes punched in it works great.
4. **Production Mode.** If you are looking to tie a lot of the same pattern (like dozens worth), try to think in production mode. Try to do as many of the same step on as many flies as possible. This is most important on steps that require extra time, such as waiting for glue to dry. For example, if tying flies with lead or bead chain eyes, anchor the eyes in the appropriate spot, add some super glue, tie off your thread and repeat. This way, this step is complete on all your flies and you can continue to tie while the rest dry.
5. **Use Two Vises.** We're not saying you have to go out and buy another vise, but if you have upgraded in the past and still have your old vise collecting dust, try setting it up too! Throw a hook in each vise and complete each step on both flies as you go. Not only will this increase speed, it will create better consistency in your flies too.
6. **Hold Your Scissors as You Tie.** It may not seem like a lot of time, but if you are tying by the dozen, picking up and putting down your scissors between each step wastes a lot of time in the long run. Practice holding your scissors in your bobbin hand at all times while you tie. That way you never have to reach for them to trim materials. It may feel awkward at first, but after a little practice you will feel naked tying without them in your hand.
7. **Don't Trim if You Don't Have To.** This depends greatly on the material and pattern you are tying, but sometimes there is no need to trim the excess of some materials, especially at the tie in point. For example, when palmering marabou many tyers will tie the marabou plume in by the tip, trim the excess, and begin wrapping the plume around the shank of the hook. This tiny excess at the tie in point will be engulfed by the rest of the plume and will never be visible. The next time you add a material take note to whether or not it is necessary to take the extra time to trim. If not, eliminating the extra step could save time in the long run.
8. **Use Fewer Thread Wraps.** A mistake made by many new tyers is making too many wraps to anchor down each material. Tying thread is surprisingly strong when wrapped tightly. It depends on the material, but for most natural materials, a good 3-5 wraps will outlast the material itself. Also, if adding sev-

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eral materials at the same tie in point, only take a few wraps on each to hold them in place before covering them all at once with a layer of thread. Doing so will save time as well as create less bulk for better looking flies.

9. **Fold Materials Back.** When tying in long synthetic materials such as flash or rubber legs, use half the amount you want on your finished fly and add them in by making a couple wraps to hold them in place, fold them over, and anchor down. Less wraps are needed to secure the materials this way and thus will save time. By tying in materials in this fashion, you also waste fewer materials as well as create more durable fly patterns.

10. **Shorten Your Thread.** Tie with the least amount of thread outside the bobbin as possible. This may require you to tighten up your bobbin. Big, long wraps of thread not only take longer, they are also not as strong or accurate as small tight wraps.

11. **Applicator Bottle:** Try using an applicator bottle when applying your head cement. Applicator bottles can be found at most well stocked fly shops and are typically very inex-

pensive. These bottles use a needle tip to squeeze out a drop of head cement that can then be used as a bodkin to spread around. This simple tool eliminates the steps of opening a head cement bottle, dipping your bodkin, and closing the cement bottle. It may not seem like much time, but in the long run it adds up! Applicator bottles can be purchased with head cement included or empty if you have a cement of choice.

12. **Practice Practice Practice.** This one may go without saying, but tying as many flies as possible is the best way to tie better flies faster. We're not exactly sure of the number, but according to fly tying guru A.K. Best, you are not really familiar with a pattern until you have tied twelve dozen. We have also seen it quoted as ten dozen as well as a hundred dozen, but the message is clear – practice makes perfect

So get to it and fill up those boxes, and remember if you run out of boxes, the club as plenty..

Tight Lines in 2014..



BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2013  
INDIANHEAD FLYFISHERS

President, Tom Dyer, called the meeting to order at 3:45PM. This meeting was held at the home of Tom and Cindy and was a "pot luck" of fabulous foods.

A motion was made and seconded and it was "fish on" to accept the November board meeting minutes as emailed to board members. Treasurer, Jim Gulu, presented the treasurer's report showing the balance in our club's account as of November 30 was \$2,407.95.

Tom showed us a trash collection bag for fly tying that he will bring to our next meeting and suggested that anyone interested in having one of these bags that possibly Cindy Dyer, Sally Kelley and Suzanne Orwig could make these.

Our January general membership meeting speaker will be Joe Kazofka on the South Fork of the Boise River. Perry Kelley reported that our February meeting speaker will be Mark Imus on Bass Flyfishing. Tom reported that for our April or May meeting he is trying to get an ODF&G speaker and we will also be discussing a club outing in the Burns area. Tom is trying to get Mike Bantam lined up to speak at our March/April/May meeting. The subject would be The Federation of Fly Fishers. We are also looking for other program speakers and ideas and will finalize these contacts at our Feb. meeting.

Also at our February board meeting we will discuss having a fly casting clinic on a Saturday in April or May. Additionally, we will plan our Owyhee River Cleanup which will be scheduled for the first or second weekend in April.

Perry suggested we get the newsletter out earlier and Tom will call Dick Garrett with this wish.



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

Grant Baugh

### Coming Events

Jan 7—IFF Board,  
Idaho Pizza, 7 pm

Jan 11-12—Boise Fly Fishing  
Expo (see article, P4.)

Jan 14—IFF Membership  
Idaho Pizza,  
6:00 pm—Social Hour  
7:00 pm—Meeting

Jan 21—FlyTying,  
7:00 pm  
Weiser Library

Jan 30—Fly Tying class  
7:00 p.m.  
Cambridge Library

If at first you don't succeed, cast, cast again.

I don't fish everyday. Some days, I watch fishing on TV.

No one ever mounted a golf ball above his fireplace.

Spare the rod-Spoil the man.

## Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo

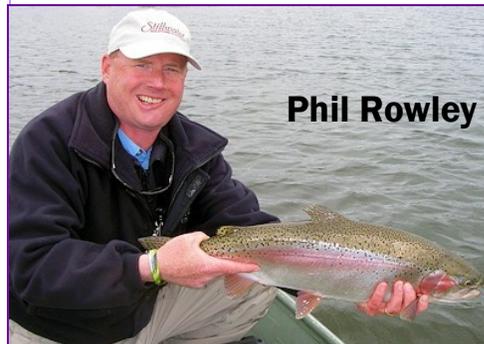
January 11th - 12 th 2014

(Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood, Boise, ID, 83714 )

Admission \$5.00 per person

Saturday 9am - 6pm Sunday 10am - 5pm

Children under 13 free



Phil Rowley



Kelly Galloup

...and more

## JANUARY 2014

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12 Boise Fly Fishing Expo	13	14 IFF Member Meeting	15	16	17	18
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