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by Tom Dyer

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Join in the Fun!

The month of May is going to be very busy. May 13th will be our club's last formal membership meeting until next September, and as such, we will be focusing on our end-of-year drawings. We also have a variety of other activities for club participation:

On Friday **May 2nd** we have our yearly Weiser Community Pond clean up.

May 10th is the Weiser Community Pond Casting Clinic.

May 17 and 18 is our Club's outing to Mann Lake, south of Burns Oregon.

In June we will have our Spey Casting Clinic with Mike Bantam as instructor.

Also on May 17th Gem State Fishers is having an outing to Manns Creek Reservoir. Now don't confuse this with the Lake south of Burns Oregon; this is the Reservoir North of Weiser. The Gem State Fishers have graciously invited our club to participate and attend their hamburger fry. If you are not planning to travel to Burns to fish, this may be an outing you wish to attend.

As a side note, have any of you followed the Spring Chinook numbers over Bonneville Dam? To date (4/29/2014), 61,253 Chinook salmon have been counted over Bonneville Dam. The ten year average for this date is about 42,000 fish—this may be the year to try your hand at catching a salmon on a fly. It won't be easy but if you do hook one it should be a wild ride, at least for a little while. Please remember that you will need a separate salmon permit if you do intend on trying your luck.

We will have informal meetings throughout the summer and hopefully several outings. These informal meeting will occur at the same time and location as our regular meetings, 7:00 pm Idaho Pizza the second Tuesday of the month. This is just a time to get together and share information. We will let you know of any outings planned through your email.

I hope you have a great summer with family and friends. Remember "We don't lie about the size of the fish we catch, we just remember them bigger."

Tom

FLY TYING WITH THE BIG BOYS

By Perry Kelley

The Indianhead Fly Fishers were well represented by Tom and Cindy Dyer, Jim Gulu and Perry Kelley April 25 and 26 at the **TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL EAST IDAHO FLY TYING AND FLY FISHING EXPOSITION** held in Idaho Falls. This annual event is considered the premier event for fly tyers and fishermen in the Western United States. With over 150 tyers, many of whom have celebrity status, we were able to glean some great ideas and techniques that can be shared with our membership.

There seems to be a fraternity of fly tyers who travel the circuit of Expos at their own expense, all around the country. Their motivation is to promote and exchange ideas, and methods with other tyers, regardless of experience. It is interesting how diverse the tyers were. I have sort of put them in several categories. First are the historic tyers. They specialize in methods used by famous tyers of yesteryear. One example was Randy Stonebraker of Green River, Wyoming.

He is a scholar of the Glenn Grant style of tying. Grant flies were designed to imitate stonefly nymphs. The dominant feature was the hackle. Grant created a woven hackle of elk mane. He would prepare the material by separating and trimming to length elk hair in groups of 7 hairs. He then would weave them between two strands of thread. This was a time consuming project.

Another category is fly tying as an art form. Some patterns are just too ornate to fish. These are flies that go into display cases and shadow boxes. Greg Landry of Meridian, Idaho, exemplifies this style. His steelhead style fly patterns have a unique feature, a woven body. To achieve the weave, he uses a foam wheel that appears somewhat like the face of a compass. He is able to move and weave threads to make a very complex and quite beautiful body.

One of the true legends of fly tying is Bob Jacklin. Bob, who must be in his eighties, is an amazing fly tyer. He is the epitome of speed, accuracy and precision. The only word that I can think of to describe Bob is "whirr." It is amazing how fast he can create a fly. But even more amazing is that he talks at the same rate that he ties. He always draws a crowd.

Complex patterns that require exotic and difficult-to-get materials to the opposite extreme was dramatically demonstrated by Greg Mussel. His patterns were incredibly easy to tie, required very little material and were apparently very effective. This category of tyer is the simplistic style. His first was his Easy hopper pattern. For the body he used Rainey's Float Foam, a foam cylinder that comes in several diameters and colors. He used yellow float foam tied on a Daiichi 1270 # 12 hook for the body. The wing was a turkey feather strip squared off at the back end. The legs were rubber leg material tied in the middle. That was it.

Unique material is the mark of many of the tyers. Perhaps none was more unique than Dave Hamelton of Grant's Pass, Oregon. He ties exclusively with skunk fur. His nymph pattern uses guard hair for the tail, fur with the guard hair removed for the body and black ostrich herl for the hackle. Skunk fur dubbing is soft, easy to work and makes a very effective fly.

Many of the demonstrating tyers were well known and published. If name dropping is your thing, this is the place to go. This was my sixth Expo and it certainly will not be my last. I would like to encourage all Indianhead Fly Fishers to consider next year's Expo.

Don't open your mouth unless you can improve on the silence.

Sara Gulu

About the Pond Clean-Up

On **Friday, May 2** the City of Weiser and the Indianhead Fly Fishers will sponsor a clean-up day of the Weiser Community Pond starting at 10:00 am. Our club agreed to upkeep of the pond a couple of times a year to help with maintenance so the city would not incur additional expense to its parks department.

We also received a second grant from the Mellon Foundation to defray costs of maintenance and upkeep which the City of Weiser is using to buy chemicals to control weeds, cattails and algae. They are also installing a sprinkling system for the trees and flowers with monies from this grant.

We will be building a retaining wall and placing rock around the paths to prevent the asphalt from breaking. A pair of gloves may come in handy. Lunch will held for all volunteers! [Support this project if possible.](#)

This clean-up is being held to prepare for our Fly Fishing Clinic chaired by Mark Sands and Ray Perkins. This event is to take place on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00am--2:00pm. The pond will be stocked with trout just prior to this day, according to Mark. Mark has also arranged with Fish/Game to make this a free fish day for those that take part (no license required)! **Mark and Ray can use your help** and expertise in this project! This project is being held to replace all the little fly tying and fly casting clinics we have held in the past for groups like 4-H, Boy Scouts, schools as well adult casting and fly tying classes!

About the Fly Fishing Clinic

From Ray Perkins

Mark and I discussed the clinic being held on May 10. We decided on a simpler format. We thought it would be best to have a simple clinic this year, then listen to comments and expand next year. We agreed that the club would have three stations; a casting station, a fly tying station, and a fishing station. I am hoping that Ron Jones could lead the casting station and Perry Kelley could lead the tying station, and _____ could lead the fishing station. Each station should have several others helping. We will need to start gathering equipment for each of the stations. On Friday after the pond cleanup we can discuss these and

Editor's note: Ron and Perry have agreed to lead their portions of the event. Ray and Mark still need a person to head the "fishing station," and please volunteer to help these three individuals.

*Give a man a fish
and he has food for a day*



*Teach a man to fish
and he has to buy bamboo rods,
graphite reels, monofilament lines, neo-
prene waders, spinner, worm jigs, slip sink-
ers, offset hooks, gore-tex hats,
20-pocket vests, fish finders, depth sounders, motors,
boats, trailers, global positioning systems, coolers, . . .*



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From Members

The following members have May as his or her due-date for renewal of membership. Please see Jim Gulu and pay ASAP so he doesn't have to sick Sara on you.

All dues are current as of May. Way to go, fly-fishers.

Mann Creek Reservoir



I caught this while fishing for trout. It is a large-mouth bass, 22" long, 16" girth, caught on a size 8 black marabou w/green bead head. Both Carrol and I caught about 20 trout.

Grant Baugh

Owyhee River



Gerry Bogue caught his first Brown on the Owyhee River.

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intent of arriving safely and in one pretty and well preserved piece—but to skid in sideways thoroughly used up, worn out, and defiantly shouting, WOW, WHAT A RIDE!!!!!!!

MAY 2014

Coming Events

- May 2—Pond Clean-Up
10 am, Weiser Pond
- May 6—IFF Board,
7 pm, Idaho Pizza,
- May 10—Fly Fishing Clinic
10 am, Weiser Pond
- May 13—IFF Membership
6:00 pm—Social Hour
7:00 pm—Meeting
Idaho Pizza,
- May 17-18—Club Outing
Mann Lake, Burns, OR
- May 17—Gem State Fly Fishers
Mann Creek Reservoir.
- May 20—Fly Tying,
7:00 pm
Weiser Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I'm not addicted to fishing. I can quit anytime my wife makes me.				1	2 Weiser Pond Clean-UP	3
4	5	6 IFF Board Meeting	7	8	9	10 Fly Fishing Clinic, Weiser Pond
11	12	13 IFF Member Meeting	14	15	16	17 IFF Outing Mann Lake, OR
18 IFF Outing Mann Lake, OR	19	20 Fly Tying Weiser	21	22	23	24
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