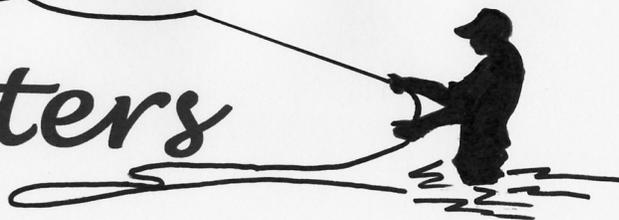




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President's Message

by Ray Perkins

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Join in the Fun!

I looked at my calendar the other day and realized it was late August already. Where has the summer gone! I also realized it was time to write the September Presidents Message. I would like to thank Tom Dyer for a great job over the last year. He was able lineup excellent speakers that gave good presentations.

Meetings will continue in September. Board meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month and membership meetings on the second Tuesday with fly tying on the third Tuesday. Board and membership meetings will be held at Idaho Pizza in Weiser starting at 7:00pm and tying at the Weiser Library also starting at 7:00pm. For the September meeting we will not have an outside speaker. I thought we could go around the room and discuss our fishing experiences for the summer.

After finding out I would become the club's president I noticed that amount of time Tom spent getting speakers. During the Club picnic several members noted that some of our membership lacks knowledge about some of the common equipment and basic skills that many of us have learned. We thought it would be nice if club members could give short presentations on fly fishing subjects to supplement outside speakers. To this end I thought I would give a presentation on Fly Lines. I was thinking I would be prepared after Christmas. I have also been talking with ODFW personnel and I think they have hired a new biologist in Hines. So we might be able to get him over to talk about fishing in Southeastern Oregon. If anyone has an idea for a presentation, let me or one of the board members know and we will look into the possibilities.

As the second summer of my retirement comes to a close, the fishing in the area has been impacted by the dry winter and hot summer. As for the Oregon side of our area, Bully Creek and Warm Springs reservoirs hit minimum pools, with Beulah Reservoir going dry in early August. The early date of occurrence suggests that the fish populations in these reservoirs were probably impacted. Just how big of an impact we will not know until next spring. I have not heard any information about Malheur and Pole Creek reservoirs, but I assume both are very low if not dry and the trout populations are gone. The more unusual occurrence this summer is Owyhee Irrigation District shut off water deliveries from Owyhee Reservoir in early August for only the second time since 1932. The fish populations in Owyhee Reservoir probably have not been affected because of the large amount of water in dead storage.

Trout fishing on the Owyhee River downstream of Owyhee Dam remained good to excellent during July. In August as the weather remained hot, the catch rate in the lower parts of the river began to slow as the water warmed. Bass, catfish, and carp fishing on the Snake River from Adrian to Brownlee Reservoir has been slow, primarily due to the large amount of weeds floating down the river. These conditions should improve as we move into the fall.

Ray

Basic Primer on Fly Fishing Leaders

Glossary of terms

1. **X Factor** X refers to the diameter of the tippet leader material. 0x (.011 of an inch) is the starting point. .010 is IX, .008 is 3X and, .004 is 7X. Leader material larger diameter than .012 and larger uses the diameter as a label.

2. **Tapered leader** Almost all trout fly leaders are tapered. They are designed to receive the energy of a cast from the fly line. Some are hand tied but most are machine extruded to give a knotless leader.

3. **Butt Section** This is the section of a leader that is attached to the fly line. The butt section is normally the longest section and always the largest in diameter.

4. **Tippet** The tippet is the smallest diameter and the part connected to the fly of the leader.

5. **Leader Label** Leaders are labeled by the overall length and the tippet diameter. A typical leader might be 9ft 4x. This leader would be 9 ft. long with a 4x tippet.

6 **Leader material.** Monofilament is the standard for dry fly leaders. It is less expensive, floats and is readily available. Negatives are memory (retains the shape of the reel spool), strength is compromised by UV light, tippet material should be replaced yearly. Monofilament leaders are satisfactory for most leader situations.

Fluorocarbon leader material has some interesting characteristics. It is all but invisible to fish in the water. It sinks which is a true virtue for still water fishing. It is impervious to UV rays, and Tippet material will last longer. Negatives are: Sometimes knots won't hold when connecting mono, and Fluorocarbon is more expensive, and diameter to breaking strength is not quite as good. Fluorocarbon is standard for sinking lines and still water fishing.

6. **Knotted Tapered Leaders.** In yesteryear almost all leaders were hand tied. Hand tied leaders are still available but are more expensive to buy. You can make your own; but you must buy leader material, which can get expensive. One caution—knotted leaders will attract aquatic vegetation when fished subsurface. You need to be able to tie two different knots. The barrel knot and the triple surgeon's knot and the perfection knot are all you need to know. Formulas for leaders are available on line. It is hard to evaluate them without trying them out. I really think that knotless leader is much less trouble. Get a leader with a larger diameter tippet and tie on a tippet that suits your needs

7. **Sinking Leaders** For dry fly or emerger fishing, many times a long leader with a fine tippet is necessary. Some situations call for a 12' 7x leader. Subsurface fishing is another matter. The fly line creates the depth. A long leader can be a problem. The fly will sink at a slower rate than the line. The line may be at the depth of the fish but the fly may be above them.. A short Fluorocarbon leader will get the fly in the depth of the fish. 3 or 4 feet of Fluorocarbon will cover most situations.

8. **Connections** The standard way of connecting lines and leaders is a loop-to-loop connection.

Both the fly line and the leader need to have a loop. Learn to tie a perfection loop for the leader.

The line may have a welder loop or you can apply a braided loop. Another possibility is to have a traditional butt section nail knotted to the fly line and tie in a perfection loop. To attach, place fly line loop through leader loop and place the tippet through the line loop. Carefully tighten. It should look something like a square knot.

9. **Typical knotted leader formula.** This is a 9' 4x leader. .019 36", .017 16", .015 12", .013 6", 0x 6", 2x 6", 4x 26" When tying a knotted leader you must determine how much to compensate for the knots. Use the barrel knot for all sections up to the 2x then use triple surgeons knot.

As most members are aware, Perry Kelley won the raffle of the fly rod at the May meeting. He elected to have Marvin build him a spay rod. Below is the first fish caught with that rod. Congratulations, Perry.



Now this looks like one happy fisherman!!

On August 30, the good mayor of Weiser issued an ALS, ice water bucket challenge to the Indianhead Flyfishers Club. Five of the brave members took the challenge. Luckily it was a warm day!

Do you recognize the three covered with ice water?



Of course, there were the onlookers sitting on the sidelines.

Bill Betts really seemed to enjoy the activities—as did several others!



It is that time of the year when the club faces a monumental junction in its path to a future. ELECTION TIME.. To the best of my knowledge, except for the president, there is no one with a lock on any of the offices—and the at least three seats on the Board of Directors.

Please take note:

Jim Gulu is resigning as Treasurer.

Lynette Jones is resigning as Secretary.

(Dick Garrett is resigning as Newsletter editor.

It is obviously a time for new blood. An organization needs to incorporate new ideas from time to time. And now is the time for the Indianhead Flyfishers. So, you newer guys and gals, please step up to the plate so this organization can continue to prosper. Come to the meeting next Tuesday and get involved.



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

- Janet Baker
- Bill Betts
- Eileen Boots
- Ernie Chandler
- Julie Spence
- David Robidoux
- Bob Rogers

Tom Dyer asked to pass this note along to all of the members.

Received a note from Jerry Hughes with Hughes River Expeditions on upcoming float trips down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. He is inviting our club on Fly Fishing trips down the Middle Fork at a 15% discount if we can meet the following dates: August 25 through 29, September 11 through 16, and September 25 through 30. If folks are interested in one of these dates please give Jerry a call at (800)262-1882. I don't have all the email address of our members so please pass on to the ones I missed. Thanks.

If you are interested, contact Tom at 208-257-4225.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Coming Events

- Sept 2—IFF Board,
7 pm, Idaho Pizza,
- Sept 9—IFF Membership
6:00 pm—Social Hour
7:00 pm—Meeting
Idaho Pizza,
- Sept 16—Fly Tying,
7:00 pm
Weiser Library

Will Rogers had a lot of advice, much applies to a successful marriage:

- ◆ There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works
- ◆ Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- ◆ Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 IFF Board Meeting	3	4	5	5
7	8	9 IFF Member Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Fly Tying Weiser	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				