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## **Jaxson Dyer's First Yellowstone Cutthroat** *by Tom & Cindy Dyer*

Jaxson caught his first Yellowstone cutthroat today (Dec. 21, 2014) while ice fishing on Henrys Lake located in eastern Idaho. He hooked and landed it all by himself. Length was 19". Quite the haul in!



Jaxson is our seven year old grandson who along with his sister Macie live with their mom and dad in Idaho Falls Idaho.

## **Festival of Trees - Club Donation** **“Nets” \$650** - *photos by Jim Gulu*

Indianhead Fly Fishers spread holiday cheer by donating a four foot fly fishing Christmas tree for the hospital’s annual Festival of Trees fund raiser. Lead by Tom and Cindy Dyer, the members tied flies, made the skirt, donated “fish” lights, and joined in the fun of decorating. The tree was auctioned off and was “caught” by some lucky donor for \$650.



**Thanks to all that helped in a good cause.**





A picture for Bob at the annual Christmas Party. Our fishing buddy, Bob Rogers passed away shortly after noon Christmas Eve day. He is now fishing the big waters for big fish in Heaven and no pain and perfect hearing. Thanks, Bob, for inspiring us all. Fish on!



Gerry with nice 18" Owyhee rainbow caught on Mike's "little brown fly" by *Mike Thomas*



Al Sillonis "nets" a prize 16" small mouth bass in Hell's Canyon on Dec. 4th.

## Fly of the month

### Sheep Creek Special and Stayner Duck Tail

by Perry Kelley

The nineteen-seventies was the era of stillwater fly fishing in our part of Idaho. Float tubes were the craze, and Idaho fly fisherman, author, and



Statesman columnist Marv Taylor was the guru of float tubing still waters. Two of his, and almost any fly fisherman you would ask, favorite still-water fly patterns were the Sheep Creek Special and the Stayner Duck Tail. Forty-five years later both patterns are still as effective. As in many flies, one does not need to stick strictly to the original recipe. With modern materials and tying techniques, the sky is the limit. Play around with beads, different dubbing and hook styles. Try

drastic changes in color combinations. You will catch fish. Of course, there is merit in sticking to the originals.

#### Sheep Creek Special

- **Hook:** 3xl wet fly hook
- **Tail:** brown hen hackle wet fly style
- **Body:** peacock herl and olive chenille
- **Wing:** mallard flank
- **Weight:** .020 lead-free wire of tungsten bead

#### Stayner Duck Tail

- **Hook:** 3xl wet fly hook
- **Tail:** hot orange saddle hackle
- **Body:** olive chenille or dubbing
- **Ribbing:** gold Mylar 4 turns
- **Hackle:** hot orange saddle, beard style
- **Wing:** Mallard flank or wood duck



Marvin is "all" smiles when tying flies!



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**A Poem** *found by Gary Herauf*

We fondle the flies in our fancy,  
Selecting a cast that will kill,  
Then wait till a breeze from the canyon  
Has rippled the water so still; -  
Teal, and Fern, and Beaver,  
Coachman, and Caddis, and Herl, -  
And dream that the king of the river  
Lies under the foam of that swirl.

There's a feather from far Tioga,  
And one from Nepigon,  
And one from the upper Klamath  
That tell of battles won -  
Palmer, and Hackle, and Alder,  
Claret, and Polka, and Brown, -  
Each one a treasured memento  
Of days that have come and gone.

A joust of hardest conflict  
With knight in times of eld  
Would bring a lesser pleasure  
Than each of these victories held.  
Rapids, and foam, and smother,  
Lunge, and thrust, and leap, -  
And to know that the barbed feather  
Is fastened sure and deep.

Abbey, and Chantry, and Quaker,  
Dorset and Canada,  
Premier, Hare's Ear, and Hawthorne,  
Brown Ant, and Yellow May,  
Jungle-cock, Pheasant, and Triumph,  
Romeyn, and Montreal,  
Are names that will ever linger  
In the sunlight of Memory Hall.

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An article from Nov/Dec 2014 issue of Northwest FLY FISHING magazine as edited by John Shewey, Editor in Chief

Out Of Print: An Afternoon on the Firehole, from Fly Fishing in Wonderland By Klahowya (Orange Perry Barnes), 1859-1925 Chicago: OP Barnes, 1910

What fisherman is there who has not in [their] fly-book a dozen or more flies that are perennial reminders of great piscatorial events? And what angler is there who does not love to go over them at times, and recall the incidents surrounding the history of each?

## Fall Fishing the Grande Ronde *by Tom Dyer*

Dave Henderson invited me to spend nine days fishing for steelhead on the Grand Ronde River. Dave usually spends the month of October fishing both the Oregon and Washington sections of the river. His trailer, located at Troy Oregon, serves as the base for these adventures. This year I fish with him four days in the middle of the month



and five days the first week in November. It is a great place to fish and as you can see from the photo above; when the rain stops pounding the daylight's out of you, the rainbows are spectacular.

The first half of the trip we spent spey fishing and caught 4 or 5 nice steelhead. They were all between 23-28 inches and very healthy.



During the November trip we nymph fished using a two hook setup with a strike indicator. It was during this period of time that I broke the tip of my 7 weight fly rod while horsing in an 18 inch bull trout. Dave saved the day by allowing me to borrow his backup 8 weight rod. We ended up catching 5 or 6 steelhead using the nymph method. The funny thing about breaking the rod on the 18 incher is two days earlier I hooked and landed my largest bull trout ever at twice that size, go figure.



A Photo Journey below Oxbow Dam - *by Grant Baugh*



*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!!!!!!*

Beautiful scenery en route on the river.



Rough road to get there



*Fish ON!*



Mark Thompson lands a beauty!



Flock of wild turkeys at the Owyhee *by Mike Thomas*

## Coming Events

- Jan. 6 - IFF Board meets 7 PM at Idaho Pizza
- Jan. 10-11 Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo at Idaho Expo building on Glenwood in Boise
- Jan. 13 - IFF Membership & Guests meet at Idaho Pizza 6:30 PM - Fly Tying 7 PM Meeting
- Jan. 20 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM  
News Flash - The club has the Owyhee Cabin for September 5th and 6th 2015. These are great dates, a good time to be on the river.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Years	2	3
4	5	6 IFF Board Meeting	7 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	8	9	10 Fly Fishing Expo
11 Fly Fishing Expo	12	13 IFF Member Meeting	14 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	15	16	17
18	19	20 IFF Fly Tying	21 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	29	30	31