



President's Message *by Ray Perkins*

I was listening to a local weatherman discussing the weather we have been experiencing the last month and are likely to continue to experience into the first part of February. The weatherman explained that we are experiencing very similar weather to the weather we experience in July and August, except for one major difference temperature. In July and August the air temperature commonly exceeds 100⁰F, while in December and January it is commonly below freezing overnight and barely reaches above freezing during the day. I think the weatherman called these days the winter doldrums, a time when we all get a severe case of cabin fever.

Since most waters are ice covered, I spend this time refilling my fly boxes reorganizing my equipment and plan trips for the spring and summer. The flies I am tying are small nymphs good from local streams and medium to large sized midges for lakes. Reorganizing my equipment centers around my fly boxes. It does not seem to matter how I reorganize my fly boxes in the end I always need a couple of new boxes to fit all of the flies I cannot fit into the boxes they came out of.

This year I plan on making trip to most of the local waterbodies, at least the ones with water. I also want to start fishing the Boise River from

Eagle Island Park upstream through Boise to Lucky Peak Dam. In late April, I plan to fish several of the trout lakes in central Washington with my family. Fishing Beulah Reservoir in May has been a goal of mine since I retired. I would also like to fish some of the water along the Fly-Highway starting with the South Fork of the Boise, the Wood River and upper Salmon River.

I tied flies at the Western Idaho Fly Tying and Fishing Expo this year. I tied a size 14 hare's ear jig and a size 18 olive nymph. Some of the attendees made comments about the size of the flies. I explained that these were the flies I used on the Owyhee much of the time.

Just after the expo I was over at Anglers picking up a new reel for an old line and talked with John Wolters about WIFFE. He said attendance on Saturday was an all-time record but attendance on Sundays was low, which has been to pattern in the past. I expressed to him that I thought the speakers in general and the featured speakers specifically were very good. I tried to get a hint about next year's speakers but John had no information. *Continued on page 2*

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The club will conduct a cleanup of the Owyhee River downstream of Owyhee Dam on April 11, 2015. Many of the details are yet to be set. At this time it will occur on the 11 of April, we will probably meet at the BLM's Wildlife Viewing area to start, and I will bring my personal trail for garbage collection. As more details are determined we will let the club members know through the newscaster and/or email.

Feb. 17th Meeting: There has been a change in the February's presentation, Dick Wilson of Idaho2Fly will be coming over to give the club a presentation on his project. Idaho2Fly is similar to Reels to Recovery program that Bob Rodgers attended a couple of years ago. He will explain the program and how the club or individuals can participate. Ray

Welcome to New Members:

Mike & Sue Bischoff - They both like to fish, especially lake fishing; but, would like to learn more about river and stream fishing. And they could use some tips on areas to fish around here, as well as what gear to use. They are semi-retired and anxious to wet a line or two.

Dues Reminder for This Month:

- Cecil Benintendi
- Frank Thomas
- Mike & Diana Thomas

Ever get yourself hooked?

What is the best way to remove it? There are three recommended methods.

Pull Line Method:

This is the best method if the hook is imbedded well below the surface of the skin. It is surprisingly painless as well. Clip off any line or leader still attached to the eye of the hook. Make a loop of heavy leader, string, or line and make sure it will not break with a good yank. Loop it around the bend of the hook and while holding it taut; use your other hand to apply downward pressure to the eye of the hook. This enables the barb of the hook to exit the same way it went in. With a quick yank, pull the hook out parallel to the shank of the hook. Make sure to use a firm quick pull, slow and easy will not work.

Push it Through and Clip Method:

If the hook is near the surface of the skin (and you don't mind ruining the perfect fly you tied yesterday), this method is less damaging to your skin. Clip off any line or leader still attached to the eye of the hook. Roll the bend of the hook until the barb is exposed. Cut the barb off the hook with wire cutters; or flatten the barb with pliers or forceps (making it barbless and still usable). Back the barbless hook back out the way it went in.

Barbless Method:

The third method is the easiest to remove, but the most challenging when fishing. It is simply to make your hooks barbless to begin with and when you get hooked, just back it out.



Idaho Youth Conservation Camp - 2015 IFF Club to Sponsor Young People in Memory of Bob Rogers *by Mark Sands*

Youth Conservation Camp

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- Hunter Education
- Range Day with rimfire, centerfire and muzzleloaders
- Challenge Course
- Wildlife Identification
- Fishing Techniques
- Archery Intro
- Trapping Intro
- Float the Payette River



"After all, the one place you almost always want to be is on a trout stream with a fly rod. Once you're actually there, it seems unreasonable to impose further conditions"

- John Gierach

Fly of the month

Spruce Fly

by Perry Kelley

The Spruce Fly is a classic fly that should be in all of our fly boxes in sizes 2 - to 16. It is basically a streamer fly designed for steel head and sea-run cutthroat utilizing materials such as peacock herl and sword feathers, red floss, and badger hackle wings and hackle. The way the materials are tied on create a magic image that is pure excitement to trout and steel head. Let your imagination come to play: The spruce fly is swimming in riffle water in the Middle Fork of the Boise Rive controlled by



occasional twitch and short pull by the angler. The fish, a 14-inch native, has commandeered a spot below a medium-sized boulder in which the current directs a smorgasbord of nutritious aquatic morsels. All the fish has to decide is whether it is a mayfly, stonefly, or caddis day. The angler having fished the Middle Fork much of his 58 years, knows how to direct the spruce fly to the pockets, runs and holes of the river. With his classic Payne four foot, four weight bamboo rod and his many years of experience, he swims the Spruce Fly to about ten inches from the fish's nose. The image perceived by the fish is red (sure food), peacock (subtle movement and color), body (cream with black lateral line and tips constantly moving in the current), and the hackle (black center, cream fan-shaped top matching the body). Without hesitation the spruce fly is his and the fight is on. The angler gently plays and lands the fish. In the net there is almost a sense of recognition. The angler carefully removes the barbless hook, directs the head first into the current, smiles and thanks the fish.

Forty years later the same event takes place. This time the angler is the great grandson who discovered a very interesting fly in great grandfather's fly box.

Spruce Fly

- **Hook:** 2-16 3x long streamer hook
- **Tail:** peacock sword
- **Body:** rear third red floss, front 2-3rds peacock herl
- **Wing:** badger hackle feathers. Tie shiny side facing center so tips splay out
- **Hackle:** badger hackle swept to back



Did you know - Idaho fish and game has stocked rainbow trout in our Weiser Community Pond since October of 2009. They last stocked it in November of 2014. Usually they stock 500 to 600 fish at a time. The most they stocked at one time was 1384 in September, 2014. But the most surprising statistic, is the total number of rainbows stocked since the pond was built is 28,894!! They have also stocked largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish, none of which are included in this 29 thousand count.

Submitted by - Mike Thomas

- Feb. 7 - IFF Board meets 1-4 PM at Dyers, bring significant others, desert and salad/vegie.
- Feb. 17 - IFF Membership & Guests meet at Idaho Pizza 6:30 PM - Fly Tying; 7 PM Meeting
- Feb. 24 - 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.
- April 11 - Owyhee River cleanup.

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



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