



## President's Message *by Ray Perkins*

While getting gas last week just before I went up to fish on the Owyhee River I had a conversation with the attendant. He said was almost ready to start working in his shorts and tee-shirt. I pointed out to him it is still February. When I got to the Owyhee that day I was able to fish all afternoon in my tee-shirt. This all happened on Wednesday and by last Friday temperatures had dropped about 10<sup>0</sup>F and a nice light breeze picked up. We all must remember that the weather during this time of the year can dramatically change and we must be prepared.

During early February I made two trips up Owyhee River. On both trips I noticed large numbers of black midge shucks in the water. I even observed trout rising to take an adults seen floating on the surface. On the first fishing trip I tried a couple of midge patterns but had no luck with them. I did catch two fish on that trip. The belly of one of the trout was literally covered with small dark colored leeches. On the second trip I fished a small black and red leech pattern near the bottom and caught four trout, landing one brown and one rainbow trout. In March trout anglers on the Owyhee River need to remember that skwala stoneflies begin showing up in early March.

I dodged several large sleds boats going up to Owyhee Reservoir. Anglers going up on Owyhee at this time are probably searching for crappie and largemouth bass. Searching for bass and crappie in south aspect shorelines can be very productive.

Owyhee River Cleanup is scheduled for April 11, 2015. We will meet at BLM's Wildlife Viewing Area just inside the canyon at 9:00 am. We will provide coffee and donuts and give a short talk on safety and guidelines. Afterward the club will provide a barbecue lunch for club members.

At the last general meeting five people signed up for Rod Building class. The class will held in Weiser at the public library. Even though Marv Orwig is not around to lead the class this year a couple of experienced club members signed up for the class, we should be able to help the less experienced builders and complete the rods.

Ray

Dave Banks and Ben Ramirez, fish biologists out of Burns,OR., will be speakers at the March membership meeting.

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### Board Members



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## Welcome to New Members:

**Matt Nourmohamadian** - Matt works with Jascha and wants to improve his fishing skills.

**Ed Pollard** - Ed likes to fish, but has no experience fly fishing and is anxious to learn.

**Steve Scrivner** - Steve was referred by Gordon Adams and is anxious to learn fly fishing as well. He was born in southern California, but moved to Weiser at age 7. At age 8 he caught a 3 pound trout in a stream near Warm Lake, that he will never forget. His father built the Tri-Y service station in Weiser, but when the highway moved they ended up back to California where he has bait fished for the last 30 years.

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## Dues Reminder for This Month:

- Grant Baugh
- Tom & Cindy Dyer
- Dave Henderson
- Rod & Lynette Jones
- Perry & Sally Kelly
- Ray Perkins
- Mark Sands
- Mark & Mary Thomas

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!!!!!! by *Grant Baugh*

## Owyhee Fishing is GOOD - even in February!

One of the MANY post spawn Brown Trout caught in Feb. 2015. 19" long 13 ounces. But it put up a great fight!! Took Jim approximately 3.5 minutes to get it into his net!! The scenery and weather were super as witness by Ole Mike Thomas, Jim Gulu, and Grant Baugh!! Sorry more of the IHFF didn't join us!!





## Thinking Beyond the “NET”

by Grant Baugh

Fly fishing is a recreational pursuit and can be a game as well. Some folks just fish and others "keep score" of their numbers or size of fish, others tie flies as well and make rods and travel to strange and wonderful places, and take photographs. Some enjoy the journey as much as the fishing and the fishing as much as the catching. Some even eat what they catch and delight in new ways to prepare and serve their prize catch. I guess we could add dine, dance and drink also. And don't forget meditate and commune with nature and the friends that came with you.

The game is whatever you want to make it. I have added keeping score of the species of fish I have caught, now standing at 49, and looking for several more when I go to Canada this summer.

Below is the list. It may add another dimension to your recreation. I have a friend who has caught 28 different species at Rocky Point Mexico in the Sea of Cortez - I have 15 there.

### **COUNTING COUP** - Fish I have caught on a fly:

1. Rainbow Trout (redband) everywhere ID, OR, etc.
2. Brown Trout - Owyhee River, OR
3. Bull Trout - Salmon River, Idaho
4. Steelhead - Salmon, Clearwater Rivers Idaho, Calawah River, Washington
5. Westslope Cutthroat - North Fork Clearwater, Idaho
6. Walleye - Columbia River, Trail, B.C
7. Yellowstone Cutthroat - Fall River, ID
8. Largemouth Bass - Colorado River Delta, Mexico, Mann Cr. Res., Idaho
9. Smallmouth Bass - Lake Havasu, AZ, Oxbow Reservoir, Idaho
10. Striped Bass - Lake Havasu, AZ.
11. Whitefish - S Fork Boise River, Idaho
12. Northern Pikeminnow (Squawfish)...Payette River, Idaho
13. Sucker - Boise River, Idaho
14. Carp - Lake Lowell, Idaho
15. Channel Catfish - Oxbow Reservoir, Idaho, Lake Havasu, AZ,

16. Crappie - Oxbow Reservoir, Idaho, Alamo Lake, AZ
17. Bluegill - Teal Lake, Washington, Crane Falls, ID
18. Yellow Perch, Cascade Reservoir, Idaho, Phillips Reservoir, Oregon
19. Salmon (landlocked) - East Lake, Oregon
20. Kokanee - East Lake, Oregon
21. Speckled trout - Laguna Madre, Texas
22. Redfish - Laguna Madre, Texas
23. Flounder - Laguna Madre, Texas, Seward Bay, AK
24. Stingray - Laguna Madre, Texas
25. Sculpin - Meristone Point, Washington
26. Sea run Cutthroat - Quillite River, Wa, Blue Jay Lake, BC
27. Coho Salmon - Quillite River, Wa , Seward Bay and Montana Creek, Alaska
28. Pink Salmon - Campbell River, B.C. Canada, Quillite River, WA, etc.
29. Sockeye Salmon - Kenai River, Alaska, Cluxewe Point. B.C. Canada
30. Chum Salmon - Bella Coola River, B.C. Canada
31. Ling Cod - Vancouver Island, B.C.
32. Broom Tail Grouper - Sea of Cortez
33. Croaker...Sea of Cortez
34. Gafftopsail Pompano - Sea of Cortez
35. Leopard Grouper - Sea of Cortez
36. Mexican Goatfish - Sea of Cortez
37. Puffer - Sea of Corez
38. Salema - Sea of Cortez
39. Sargo - Sea of Cortez
40. Spotted Sand Bass (Cabrilla) - Sea of Cortez
41. Steel Pompano - Sea of Cortez
42. Silky Shark - Sea of Cortez
43. Trigger Fish - Sea of Cortez
44. Wavyline Grunt - Sea of Cortez
45. Wounded Wrasse - Sea of Cortez
46. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout - Pyramid Lake, NV
47. Whitehorse Basin Cutthroat Trout - Whitehorse Creek, OR
48. Brook Trout - Eastern Idaho beaver pond
49. Surf Perch - Cluxewe Point, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Species being pursued - Chinook Salmon, Arctic Grayling, Northern Pike, Chistelmouth, Snake River Finespotted Cutthroat, Chub, Lake Trout, Bullhead, any species to get to number 50

## “Charple” Flies

by OLE Mike Thomas

These amazing flies catch all kinds of trout - Cuttbows, Rainbows, Cutthroat, Rainbows, Brook and Bull; as well as largemouth and smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Carp, Perch, Shiners and even “yucky” Catfish and Suckers.



I usually tie this fly weighted with lead wire, but you can also tie it with a bead head with lead or not, or don't weight it at all. It will sink when it gets wet and it is a matter of how fast you need it to sink, given the water

conditions, as to what kind and amount of weight to use.

1. Put the weight on the hook.
2. Tie a thread base starting at the eye and wrap to the bend of the hook and back to the midpoint of the hook.
3. Tie in a purple tail.
4. Tie in the CHARtreuse chenille at the tail and wrap forward to the eye of the hook.
5. Don't crowd the eye .
6. Tie off the chenille and whip finish the head. And I always whip finish the fly with red thread to identify that it has added weight (because Chris Burke does it that way).

### **Charple Fly**

- **Hook:** TMC, Mustad, Daiichi, Fish Guy, Allen, or whatever you like
- **Size:** Any size depending on how big a fish you what to catch
- **Tail:** Anything purple that has a lot of movement in the water
- **Body:** CHARtreuse chenille
- **Thread:** Depends on the size of the fly! purple or CHARtreuse or white or red or whatever you might have
- **Hackle:** none - Why do you want a fly with hackle? (ask a fly fisherman)

## Fly of the month

### The Super Bugger

by Perry Kelley

When learning to tie flies, most of us made a woolly bugger of some sort. This is an improved model. Several things depart from the normal fly: Arctic fox tail, peacock body, bead, hot spot and hackle wound to the tail and back to the head make this pattern unique. Arctic fox tail has several desirable qualities that make it superior to marabou: it really has good motion in the water, it compresses at the tie-in spot, the colors are quite vivid and it expands in water. Peacock herl has more fish attraction qualities than chenille. Beads add weight and give the fly more motion in the water. Hot spot gives the fish a message to check out the fly.

The main difference is the way the hackle is applied. Start with a saddle hackle tied in from the butt right behind the bead. Make 2 touching wraps then palmer hackle to the end of the body

counting the wraps. Five to eight wraps is sufficient. Double the last wrap at the end of the body and make the same number of wraps forward. Make one more wrap at the start-in point and tie off hackle stem.

The advantage is the Super Bugger will not twist in the water, Your leader will not kink and you will be a much happier fisherman.

#### Super Bugger

- **Hook:** 3xl 10-4
- **Thread:** black 6-0
- **Tail:** Arctic fox tail
- **Body:** Peacock herl
- **Bead:** Your color choice
- **Hackle:** Saddle hackle(see directions)
- **Hot spot:** Hot orange or pink thread
- **Weight:** Lead or lead free wire 0.15





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Mar. 3 - IFF Board meets Idaho Pizza 7 PM.

Mar. 10 - IFF Membership & Guests meet at Idaho Pizza 6:30 PM - Fly Tying; 7 PM Meeting

Mar. 17 - 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. Meet 9AM at the Wildlife viewing area. BBQ after for members.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 IFF Board Meeting	4 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	5	6	7
8	9	10 IFF Member Meeting	11 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	12	13	14
15	16	17 IFF Fly Tying St. Patrick's Day	18 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	19	20 Fly Fishing Expo Lewiston	21 Fly Fishing Expo Lewiston
22	23	24	25 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	26	27	28
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Call (208) 462-0402

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Call Renee Nelson (208) 870-4102

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#### **Check it Out** - [WestFlyFishing.com](http://WestFlyFishing.com)

Everything to do with fly fishing in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Montana.

#### **Cutthroat Utopia** *pointed out by Gary Herauf-*

Check out the article in Nov./Dec. 2014 North West Fly Fishing on Tepee Creek Idaho.

[\[www.matchthehatch.com\]](http://www.matchthehatch.com) If you are headed to Canada,, it is right on the way!