



President's Message

The fall weather continues to develop and by the end of October our temperatures are about normal while precipitation continues to lag far behind. Long term forecasts indicate this pattern may continue into early next year. This is not good for our water needs, but, could allow us to fish a little longer on local rivers like the Owyhee and the Boise in town. Some lakes and reservoirs may not ice-over as normally giving us a few more days of fishing on them as well.

Just got back from my trip to fish three Washington Lakes. Normally my cousin, uncle, brother and I go fishing but this year my brother was unable to go because of work issues and my uncle was limited by health issues so it was just my cousin and myself this year. We camped near Lenice Lake and fished it for three days, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Saturday and Sunday were good days, we caught about 35 rainbows all of mine were on red chironomids under an indicator. Monday was a little slow, we caught less than 10 trout. When we finished on Monday afternoon we pulled our boats out to get ready to drive to Dry Falls and Lake Lenore. We fished Dry Falls on Tuesday. On Tuesday the fishing had slowed at Dry Falls between the two of us we only caught one trout. The next two days we fished Lake Lenore. Fishing for my cousin picked up, he



Lake Lenore near the south boat ramp.

ended catching 6 nice cutthroat, while I caught nothing. While pulling my boat out on Monday I tweaked my knee, by Thursday it had swollen enough to make boat control difficult. So I had to call it quits and drove home. I went to the doctor on Saturday when I got back and the knee was only strained so I am on a naproxen and ice and it is slowly improving.

Ray

Dues Reminder for This Month:

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November Member Meeting:

Kari Points from Vale BLM is the guest speaker for November (10th 7:00PM) and she will talk about future planning activities for those lands along the Owyhee River below the Dam. We hope to have a good turnout, this will be a good opportunity to ask questions on current management plus identify issues and concerns for the future.

Welcome to New Members:

No new members in October.

As the Saying Goes

Inspired by Grant Baugh

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fly fish and he has to buy a kick boat, waders, boots, hats, a truck, dark glasses, vest, graphite rod, Orvis reel, several different lines on spare spools, tippets, leaders, flies, rod cases, fly vices, bobbins, thread, hair evener, rotating hackle pliers, hook and hackle gauge, line clippers, bodkin, dubbing teaser, dubbing, hackle pliers, beads, eyes, cements, chenilles, yarns, hooks of every size and type imaginable, hackles, feathers, hair from many, many animals and in many, many colors, flash and sparkle materials, foam, wires, lead, UV material, streamers, wings, floaten, CDC feathers, sparkle organza, swiss straw, biots - What did we forget?

Brown Trout - *Salmo trutta*

Provided by Jim Gulu

Tis the season for brown trout to spawn. Shorter days and drops in water temperatures initiate spawning season which occurs now until early December.

So what is going on? Females begin sculpting their redds by using their bodies and tail fin to move fine gravel into an indentation in which to lay their eggs. The rocks and gravel must be cleaned in order to remove silt which will suffocate the eggs and the water here must be swift, cold, and oxygen rich. Here they deposit up to 4000 eggs, alternately depositing eggs and covering them. Since this process can take up to 3 days, it is an exhausting process. The male's role is to fertilize the eggs with milt (milky fluid containing sperm) and he will do this simultaneously while the female lays her eggs. He will fend off competing males and may battle competitors. He may have developed a kype (hooked snout on the lower jaw) to use as a weapon. Even though he may be diligent, other males can deposit their milt in the redd. This entire process leaves the spawning browns stressed which can compromise their immune systems. The loss of the female's protective slime layer from sculpting redds can leave her susceptible to fungal infections as well.

Fertilized eggs will hatch the following spring, usually March or April. These small fry will remain in the gravel and will absorb nutrients from a yolk sac. They will begin feeding on plankton after their yolk sac is absorbed. During this early part of the brown trout's life cycle, they are very prone to predation by both birds and other fish. It is estimated that only 2% of fish live until spawning age.

So spawning is not all fun for fish. It takes a tremendous toll on their bodies and leaves them vulnerable to predators and fungal infections. For anglers, it is our job to identify the redds and leave them alone. If you do see redds, stop and watch the spawning process for a time. You may find it is just as enjoyable as catching a beautiful brown.

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Fish Lake Does have Fish!

by Al Sillionis

October 8th found Perry Kelley, Al Sillionis, Jim Gulu, and Gerry Bogue kick boating around what was left of Fish Lake, above Half Way, Oregon. The lake was very low, as you can see from the pictures. The weather was nice enough and all caught fish, but Perry was the king of catching - the estimates ranged from 50-100 fish! He caught them on a fly he invented and has not named yet (Octobers fly tying fly, by the way). His catches ranged up to 17"! Gerry tried on top first with nothing to show for it; then tried a sinking line with an orange and black leach, with not even a bite. Perry gave him one of his wonder flies and 5 nice fish in quick succession were landed. Perry won all the prizes and a sore arm for the day! We all celebrated with a great dinner in Half Way.



Great Table Fare!

By Mike Thomas

A sampling of great fish from Mike's "private pond". Gerry and Mike caught a bunch more Bluegill, Gerry caught the Crappie, and Mike landed a handful of Bass as well. And we didn't even put the boats in the water.



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Fun Facts about Brown Trout

- ★ Most brown trout live 5-6 years but can live up to 12 years of age with a shift to a piscivorous (fish and crayfish) diet. This diet will result in a large, healthy fish capable of producing more eggs or an increase in fecundity (reproductive potential).
- ★ With adequate food supplies, brown trout grow 4 inches a year for the first three years, then growth slows to 2 inches per year.
- ★ Browns usually become sexually mature at 3 years of age.
- ★ Brown trout have 38 to 42 pairs of chromosomes. Humans have 23 pairs.
- ★ A spawning female is called a hen.
- ★ Large trout in New Zealand have been known to prey on mice.
- ★ A trout can focus out of both corners of each eye simultaneously so it can see you coming from all directions.
- ★ A trout's pea sized brain is effective at outwitting fishermen.
- ★ Montana's record brown trout weighed 29 lbs. and was caught in Wade Lake by E.H. "Peck" Bacon in 1966.
- ★ Otwin Kandolf of New Zealand caught the world record brown trout in March 2013. It weighed a whopping 42 lbs. 1 oz!

Info came from the Madison River Foundation

Steelhead Fishing this Fall

By Grant Baugh

Fishing is great, but it is still very slow "catching" on the Salmon River this fall. I fished Monday (October 26) evening, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning and never touched a fish.....saw gear guys above Whitebird bridge catch three on Tuesday. Six fishermen all using planers on two rods each were fishing from dark to dark [now that is dedication].



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Access to fishing the south fork of the Salmon River

By Al Silliness



Al didn't fish he was just sight seeing.

Twist-Your-Tongue

By Jim Gulu

If one doctor doctors another doctor, does the doctor who doctors the doctor, doctor the doctor the way the doctor he is doctoring doctors?

Or does he doctor the doctor the way the doctor who he doctors doctors?



Fly of the month

PK Humpy

by Perry Kelley

This world famous fly was invented by Perry and has proven to be a great dry fly! The original "Yellow Humpy" was one of the most successful dry flies of all times. That fly called for deer body hair for the tail, hump and wing with a yellow floss body and brown and grizzly hackle. Getting the proportions correct was a real challenge, thus even experienced fly tiers hied away from this pattern. Hence a pattern easy to make and just as effective on the water, needed to be developed. Thus the PK Humpy - easy to tie, very effective, visible to both the fish and the fisherman, and it really works.

- **Hook:** dry fly 12-18
- **Tail:** moose body hair or hackle barbs.
- **Hump:** tan razor foam
- **Body:** dry fly dubbing color your choice. Red, yellow, tan, brown, olive, peacock.
- **Hackle:** grizzly, brown, or both.
- **Head Thread:** When in doubt, use black. Matching the thread and the body color would be effective. There is a contemporary concept of adding a 'hot spot' of neon red, pink, or orange to a fly. If we do all of these things to fool a critter with a "7" IQ and this critter actually fools us with an IQ of more than "7" it does not say much for the sport of fly fishing.

1. Cover hook shank with thread.
2. Tie in the tail. Tail should be body length.
3. Cut razor foam about 1/8 inch wide. Cut a point at one end of the foam.
4. Tie in the trimmed point of the foam where the tail begins. Bring the foam back over the tail to provide room for the body.



5. Dub in the body.
6. Bring the foam over the body and tie it in. Leave room for hackle. The foam should form a sheath over the body and have somewhat the appearance of a beetle.
7. Tie in the hackle, let the thread hang and wrap the hackle starting behind the hanging thread.
8. Whip finish, and trim away the errant hackle fibers, whip finish again and stand back and admire your creation.



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Nov. 3 - IFF Board meets Idaho Pizza 7 PM.
 Nov. 10 - IFF Membership & Guests meet at Idaho
 Pizza 6:30 PM - Fly Tying; 7 PM Meeting
**Presentation on the Owyhee River
 Planning Effort by BLM**
 Nov. 17 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

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



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Jim Gulu - who caught most of the fish on the Yellowstone trip in September to Henrys Lake, holding a nice Yellowstone Cutthroat.

By Mike Thomas



And from Mike Thomas's adventure October 8th, a 17" Brundage Cutthroat (he caught it and a bunch more all from the bank).

And can you believe Brundage this low and no wind!





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