



## President's Message

By Ray Perkins

Spring is here but it does not feel that much different from winter the last few weeks. Flows in most streams are high and reservoirs are filling. The snowpack in the three Idaho basins (Table I.) are slightly above normal while the two basins in Oregon are slightly below normal. Owyhee Reservoir has more water in it now than it has had in almost two years. Owyhee probably will have enough water to supply famers with a complete year of irrigation water, which means releases next winter should be higher than the last winters.

Table I. Snow water equivalent and precipitation levels for southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon.

River Basin	SWE % Normal	SWE % Median	Precip % Normal
Weiser River	103	94	121
Payette River	111	106	114
Boise River	114	106	116
Malheur River	92		111
Owyhee River	89	74	120

The Owyhee River Cleanup will be held on Saturday April 9. As in previous years we will meet at the BLM's Wildlife Viewing Area at 9:00 am. Coffee, donuts will be provided to participants. I will go over the arrangements and I will give short safety talk. After the cleanup lunch will be served to participants at the day use area next to the Work Camp below the dam.

The club has scheduled outdoor casting practice for the afternoon of Friday June 3. We will help the City of Weiser with Weiser Pond Cleanup day in the morning. After lunch we will have some casting practice and all are welcome.

I will be leaving as the club's president and Tom and Cindy Dyer will be leaving as club's secretary and librarian after the May meeting. The club will need several people to step up and take on these jobs.

Ray

## April Member Meeting:

The presentation for the April membership meeting will be by Idaho Fish and Game. I asked them to talk about their research into the fish populations in the Weiser River and those secret spots that they manage that no one knows about.

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## **Great Day on the Owyhee**

*Ray Perkins*

March 9th, just got back from the Owyhee. Fished the boot hole from 12 to 3 pm.

The BWO began hatching about 1 pm. From 1 pm to 2:30 pm caught and released 10 browns from 15 to 21 inches. Caught all on size 18 improved sparkle dun BWO. You should have been there.

## **Falls Brand Helps Cleanups!**

*By Mike Thomas*

Falls Brand out of Twin Falls has donated hot dogs (good ones-we can't buy at Riddleys) for not only the Owyhee River cleanup but also for the June cleanup of the Weiser Community Pond.

So look for the Fall Brand when you buy bacon, ham, and sausage at the store. It may cost a little more than cheaper products but their products are high quality.

**Thanks Falls Brand for your Donation!!**

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## **Dues Reminder for This Month:**

- Don Bollen

## **Record Day on the Owyhee**

*By Gerry Bogue Photo by Ray Perkins*

March 2, 2016 found Bob, Mike, Jim, Ray, and Gerry on a very low water level Owyhee River. Up to that point Gerry had a life time record of 1 brown and 1 rainbow trout from the Owyhee. Using a Pheasant Tail fly he smashed his record by catching 3 [one was snagged in the tail however] browns (20+", 16", 18"). Good weather, good fellowship, good fishing, good catching (for some of us), good wildlife, great scenery! It does not get much better!



## **Clearwater Steelhead**

*By Tom Dyer*

Steelhead fishing trip on the Clearwater river. We only picked up one fish for three days of fishing. We had a lot of rain and high water to

contend with but still had fun. Dave Henderson and I met my son and a couple of his friends at Kamiah. We spent two days in a drift boat nymphing with indicators and one day swinging intruders and hobo spey flies.





## BECOMING A GOOD FLY FISHING BUDDY . . . by Vince Deadmond

Most of us joined the fly club expecting to improve our fly fishing knowledge, learn how to tie flies, build a rod, cast better, find new places to fish, and meet new people to fish with. You may have a buddy or two that you already fish with, but I find the need to grow the list of friends that I call to go fish. I have expanded on my original thought of learning how to catch trout, and I am more open to the idea of any fish anywhere. If you are going to spend a large amount of time on the water, traveling near and far, to catch as many different fish as you can, and then release them, you need a good co-conspirator on your travels. First don't limit yourself to one fishing buddy, you will need many over the long haul. Situations change, jobs change, and as much as I enjoy fishing with some of the same buddies they can't always fish where and when I want to fish. I am always on the lookout for new fly fishing buddies. Here are some qualities that I find important in selecting, and being a quality fly fishing buddy.

I started fishing with family, and some of my best trips have been family fishing trips. I am lucky to have family to fish with, but I want to fish more often than the once a year family vacation. Here are some qualifications, in no particular order, for making my fly fishing buddy call list.

Being punctual, (if not a bit early). Fly fishing time is scarce so this is a highly prized quality. Along with being punctual, is not bailing out at the last moment, or having drama that distracts from the fishing experience. I try to be ready for the spontaneous trip, I keep a saltwater and a freshwater bag packed.

No sniveling. Being able to roll with whatever mother nature tosses your way. Travel complications and calamities happen along the way, and sometimes you need to be the good sport.

Being enthusiastic about the trip is appreciated. Sharing responsibilities for planning, checking on fishing conditions, weather, setting up camp, breaking down camp, being the camp cook, or driving are all mundane chores that don't need to fall on one person. Staying in the conversation by email or phone is another way to enjoy the pre trip, then sharing pictures and comments at the end are a good way to close.

Paying your share of the trip expense is important. Make sure the guy that is driving, providing the boat, has storage fees, extra insurance expense, camper, etc. is covered for his expenses. A partner that brings something extra to an outing is desirable. One of my fishing buddies' spouse always sends homemade cookies on our longer trips. You can bet he gets called regularly. Paying your share of the trip is always important to a cheap skate like me.

Knowledgeable fly fishers are always desirable to fish with, they require little or no maintenance. A novice fly fisher is fun to fish with also, especially if they are willing to learn some knots, and techniques. No one knows it all, and anyone who knows anything about fly fishing has had much mentoring along the way.

## I need a selfie stick!!!!

By Grant Baugh

Imagine this. I have just caught a bass after an intense battle to get it to take my fly, lipped it and now am trying to get it in position for an under water photograph. I lean over the side of the boat, bass in my left hand, camera in my right, leaning as far as I can.

Suddenly the pontoon on the right side lifts out of the water threatening to stick me head first into the Mexican Cienega. (marsh). I quickly stick my right leg out to right the boat and find myself slipping off the seat forward. Oooops!!!!

The clear water is only three feet deep, plus however deep you sink into the muck. It is going to be tough to get back up onto the boat. Fortunately I get my act together and get back up on the seat without getting wet.



It is full of fish, Largemouth Bass, Common Carp, and Bluegills, that when light and wind conditions are right you can see fish 50 yards away in the clear 3-4' deep water, making an interesting challenge to approach in a pontoon boat. When you can make a cast how do you not line the fish?...not very often!

They are tough. How many places do you sight fish for big Bass? My fiend Vice Deadmond says it is like fishing for Bonefish.

I work my way up a narrow channel and see a Bass in the shadows. He follows the first cast of my shrimp pattern and rejects it. On the second cast he follows closely and I finally see him dip and turn...I have him, 16" of a fighter, now I try to photograph him without a badly needed selfie stick.

Later in the day I spend an hour trying to get a 24" Bass to take several different flies, but she is guarding a nest and indifferent to my excellent flies and presentations. I need some of Perry Kelly's flies.....and Marvin's experience.

Oh well, maybe she will be there next spring.....I hate to come back to Oregon.



*Photo caption....the Bass of the near accident.....note the reverse surface reflection at top.*

The Cienega de Santa Clara is a 50,000 acre marsh in the Colorado River delta of northern Mexico, the last remaining vestige of what was once the mighty Colorado River. It is watered by a medium sized concrete canal diverted at the US/Mexican border as the result of a treaty between the governments.



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**Owyhee Browns**  
*By Mike Thomas*





### Important IFF Tax Numbers

The club is a (501)3C charitable organization #C142076 so you can deduct contributions to the club (see your tax advisor for details). FYI our federal tax number is 71-0998737. Make a note of these numbers as they may be needed when you request donations from companies.

Apr. 5 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM

Apr. 12 - IFF Membership & Guests meet at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM, Fly Tying demo. 6:30PM

Apr. 19 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Apr. 9 - Owyhee Cleanup - meet at the BLM's Wildlife Viewing Area at 9:00 AM. Coffee, donuts will be provided. Ray will give a short safety talk. After the cleanup lunch will be at the day use area next to the Work Camp below the dam.

Proposed outing to Warm Lake - Sept. 14-17

Weiser Pond Cleanup Day - June 3

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



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**More Owyhee Browns**

*By Mike Thomas*



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