



## President's Message

By Perry Kelley

I would like to wish all of you a wonderful , happy, holiday season. This is the time of year when our thoughts and wishes go to our family, friends and colleges for the best future possible. One never knows what the year 2017 will bring but I hope that several things will come forth. First, let's hope we have a fruitful winter with plenty of snow to fill our rivers and lakes. Then I hope that all of you will be able to pursue our sport with success. Let's hope all of our fly fishing excursions become a connection of our souls with Mother Nature; in other words, we are not only seeking fish but also the beauty of the environment, the purity of the air and water and the wildlife that we occasionally see. I also hope that we can have the opportunity to spread our love of fly fishing to others.

I have several thanks to give. Thanks to Mike Stanton for the fantastic program on Birds. Mike is very knowledgeable and made a wonderful presentation. We are blessed to have him as a member. I would also like to thank Dick Garrett, Jim Gulu , Tom Dyer and Ray Perkins for their work on the shadow boxes for the silent auction for the Weiser Hospital Foundation. I hope all of you will have the opportunity to see and perhaps bid at the Festival of Trees. Dick and Jim are wonderful craftsmen, Gerry Bogue contributed

the black walnut for the frame and Ray and Tom tied the fly patterns.

This brings up another subject. We think fly fishing is a sport and a device for social experiences. Fly fishing has so many wonderful aspects such as writing, photography, travel, and creating our own equipment and lures. Fly tying has long been one of the best parts of angling with a fly. There is nothing better than taking a 16-inch rainbow on a fly you tied. How about making fly tying an art form. Tom, Ray and other's patterns displayed in a professional frame (shadow box) is truly an art form. I consider it truly a thing of beauty. Let it be known if you are interested in creating a fly fishing legacy. Check with Jim, Dick, or me if you would like to make a shadow box of flies.

I have often been asked what should I give a fly fisherman for Christmas. There is one simple answer: tippet material. Each year you should replace your tippets. Leader has a tendency of weaken over the year, especially if you have been in the sun. I suggest three spools; 4x, 5x and 6x should do the trick. Write the year 2017 on each spool. Of course if you want to give Tom Dyer a new Thomas & Thomas fly rod (no relation to Mike Thomas) you will be at both ends of the expense spectrum.

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### Officers

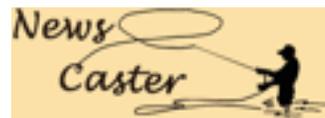
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Another good gift for any fly fisherman is one of the beautiful fly fishing calendars.

Don't forget our December meeting at the Idaho Pizza December 13th. Bring a white elephant gift for each person attending. Remember it is not necessary to go out and buy an expensive gift. Use your imagination. There will be a prize for the most ridiculous gift. We hope to have a Santa and some group activities. Also bring either paper products or canned goods to help the Elks with their Christmas baskets for the needy. Again, **Indianhead Fly Fishers Annual Christmas Party, December 13, 6:30 at the Idaho Pizza. Pizza will be provided by the club.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

## Fly Fishing Thoughts & Ideas to Plant the Seeds for Action:

Washington and Payette county fairs offer a great opportunity to showcase our club. Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers tie flies and recruit potential new members. They tie in three hour shifts. [Grant Baugh]

INC Magazine's cover stated " Where would you be without the. . . Inspiration, Tips and Tactics, How I Did it features, Ask the Experts answers, and Hands-on advice to take your business forward." Sounds like some characteristics that the Indianhead Fly Fishers meetings should have! [Mike Thomas]

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- Have an idea to make the club better? E-Mail it to [grbogue@cablone.net](mailto:grbogue@cablone.net)



## Join in Fly Tying FUN!

*By Gerry Bogue*

November fly tying drew a large crowd - Perry taught how to tie balanced flies.

## Dues Reminder for This Month:

- Jascha & Tammy Zeitlin

## Fly Club Serves Youth in Cambridge

*By Bob McMichael*

Bob McMichael is an english teacher at Cambridge Middle/High School. He has his students read “A River Ran Through It” and then the Indianhead Fly Fishers come to the school and teach the students how to cast and tie flies. It is a great experience for all involved and very much appreciated.



**First is casting**

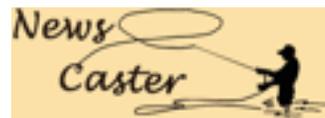


**Then Tie Flies**



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## Fly Tying





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## Henry's Fork Adventure

By Tom Dyer



## Tying Bluegill pattern

By Grant Baugh

Using Puglisi fibers to entice Strippers at Lake Havasu. Long saddle hackle gives great motion to the fly. This stretches the match the hatch mantra a lot. The weather is crappy and I haven't tried the flies yet.

Other fishermen are using live Bluegill to catch larger Strippers. We will see how that works.

## Owyhee Bugs

By Ray Perkins

I spent a couple of days fishing the Owyhee. After fishing slowed I took some pictures along the river. Mayflies were hatching and I got a few shots. The first is a shot of dead callibaetis spinner in a spider web. The second is freshly hatched mahogany dun and adult midge.





### 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.

Dec. 6 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM

Dec. 3 - Owyhee River, spawning red count, meet at the wildlife viewing area 9AM

Dec. 13 - IFF Membership & Guests Party at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM, bring white elephant gift for exchange. Also, bring paper products (towels, napkins, toilet paper, etc.) or can goods to help the Elks club help others during the holiday season.

Dec. 20 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Owyhee Spawning Red Count
4	5	6 IFF Board Meeting	7 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	8	9	10
11	12	13 IFF Member Meeting Party	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 Christmas	26	27	28 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	29	30	31

## Balm Creek Reservoir

By Al and Grant

Al, Jim, Perry and Grant fished at Balm Creek Reservoir, Nov. 10th. Everybody had a good day; and Al caught 34 so he got the trophy for the most!





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## **Check it Out - [West-Fly-Fishing.com](http://West-Fly-Fishing.com)**

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

## **Club Member Makes Custom Flies in Lewiston**

Marvin Orwig has moved to Lewiston, Idaho but he also sells his custom flies that he catches lots of fish with. Contact him at 208-484-6837 or [fishguide43@gmail.com](mailto:fishguide43@gmail.com)

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