



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

“Water, water everywhere, more than ever you could wish! Water, water everywhere, but nary a place to fish.” This is my take-off on Samuel Coleridge’s poem “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.” It is also what happens when we have too much water. Two givens we have to cope with: high water/poor spring fishing but great summer and fall fishing, or low water and good spring fishing but less good fall fishing. But more important, we are in a period of revision of adequate water for the season. Perhaps fisheries such as Malheur Reservoir and Pole Creek will regain their excellence.

Because of high water, the annual cleanup on the Owyhee has been postponed to June 10 (tentative). The Board felt that with the current flow, (950 cfs) could be a safety factor for the clean-up crew. It appears that “Mother Nature” is doing the job for us. If only she could pick up the beer cans and other trash on the highway. Having been a participant for all of the previous clean-ups, I know that those fishing on the river must appreciate what we have done. Even if we do not get a lot of credit for this project, we can feel a terrific sense of pride. The Owyhee is a blessing for all of us—incredible scenery, a blue ribbon

water, and a reasonable short drive from home. What more could you want.

I would like to give a hearty thanks to Al Sillonis and Jim Gulu for the fantastic program at the March general membership meeting. What a wonderful program! Al told it like it is. His methods really work and he presented techniques in a way that all could understand. Jim covered still water fly fishing covering the more important factors for success. Lines, fly patterns, structure, tackle, water temperature. I think Jim and Al should write a book. Perhaps a title such as Still Water Fly Fishing by Two Boys, or Count your fish for Still Water Success and Scientific Still Water Angling with a fly.

We will be in for a treat for the April meeting with Mike Thomas on rivers and stream fly fishing. May program will be Grant Baugh on various salt water shore and kick boat angling. Don't forget April 11 for the membership meeting.

If you find any really good spring fishing, let me know. I promise not to tell anyone.

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Totaba bladder in Mexico

By Grant Baugh

The Totoaba is a marine fish, the largest member of the drum family Sciaenidae, that is endemic to the Gulf of California in Mexico. Totoaba. Formerly abundant, the Totoaba has become rare, and is listed on the Red List of Threatened Species, and the Endangered Species Act. The bladders are prized for soup in China and sell for as much as \$200,000 .





April Member Meeting - Special Academia Speakers

The April membership meeting will include Lyle Kleppin a local expert on fly fishing the small streams and creeks in our area. Lyle, a retired math teacher at Weiser High School, is an avid

fly fisherman with many years experience fishing the Weiser River forks as well as many other local creeks. He will share many techniques and methods that will be informative to all.

Mike Thomas, also a retired WHS math teacher will share the program with Lyle. Both promise to not give each of you algebra, geometry and Trig home work. This promises to be an outstanding program.

Dues Reminder for April 2017:

Please send a check to PO Box 734 Weiser, or pay at a meeting - \$30/year for individual or \$45 for a couple.

April

- Ron Mooney
- Rory Caldwell
- Rex Franklin

Fly Tyer's Secrets

by Cutup Fumblefingers

Perhaps of all of the tools and gadgets used by fly tyers the one that seems to have the shortest longevity are the scissors. Do you have several pairs of scissors that could not even cut through a glob of Jello? Are you waiting for a Leprechaun to come in to your fly tying area on a dark night to sharpen your scissors? Are you raiding your wife's sewing areas hopefully for scissors that are small and delicate enough to trim a size 18 dry fly? If you answered yes to all or any of the above, your problems are solved. The solution is easy and there are two methods that both seem to work. Now I will not guarantee the longevity of each method, but I will say they both seem to be a major fly tyers gem.

Fist method is get a glass bottle. Make sure the bottle has a small smooth neck. Start by cutting a piece of scrap paper and try to cut the downy part of a hackle feather. Then: Simply try to cut the neck off the glass bottle with your scissors. Open the scissors to the full extension and cut away. Do this about 15 or so times.(You will not be able to make a dent in the bottle but you should get result on the sharpness of your scissors). Now go back to the paper and feather and notice the difference.

The other method is even easier. Get some fine grit sand paper, 200 grit or finer. Just with your tying scissors cut around the edges of the sand paper 10 or 15 times. That is it! Again test with paper or feather. Also use tying thread to test.

Both methods are products of YOUTUBE. We all know that everything on Youtube is the absolute truth.



Grunion Fishing in Mexico

By Grant Baugh



El Golfo de Santa Clara, Sonora



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Why Read This?

by Sparse Gray Hackle

I love reading, especially literature using fly fishing as part of the story. The late Bill Betts had a wonderful collection of mysteries and novels with fly fishing. They were a great read and most important the story brought the reader into the habitat.

I saw at the Weiser Library the other day David James Duncan's book *The River Why*. I had read this book at least 23 years ago and thoroughly loved it. The new version was revised in 2016. The setting is in Oregon on some of the famous steelhead and trout rivers. This is close enough to us that we can relate the places we may have fished or at least seen. The humor is incredible.

The opening story is about Henning Hale-Orviston main character's father meeting his mother. Father hooked a steelhead of a lifetime which he named Nijinsky after the famous Russian ballet dancer because of the fish's acrobatics. He played the fish all day and into the evening. Much of the time the fish was into the backing and several times only 3" from the spool. Finally Nijinsky found a very deep pool in which he settled down for the evening.

Along came a cowboy, which he later identified as Mr. Hale-Orviston's future wife, wearing all of the correct things: cowboy hat, chaps, shirt, etc., with J. C. Penny's cowboy boots and a bait caster's rod and reel. Not a good thing, for Mr Hale-Orviston was a dedicated fly fisherman. Long story short, the cowboy/girl decided to fish in the same pool as Nijinsky was resting. She cast the gob of worms and a 4 oz. sinker and of course, snagged Mr Hale - Orviston's line. Hale -Orviston lost the fish and Cowgirl landed it. Tempers exploded and you will have to read the book to see how it ends.

I will finish the book by April 1. The next time I go to Boise I will look for the book at Barnes and Nobel. This book is really a great read. I have to have it in my library.



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.

- April 4 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- April 11 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.
- April 18 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

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

By Bob Maki

That's what a FAC pilot (forward air command) is called and Major Ed Gammons (Ret), I am quite sure, was one of the best. That just one of many duties he performed during his four tours of Nam. He was a soldier's soldier and I'd have been glad to him flying overhead during my tour.

Our friendship began Christmas Eve 2000, the year he and Nina moved in next door. We'd stopped in to welcome them to our neighborhood and they welcomed us into their home to join them in a traditional Mexican meal. That visit that would be the first of many others, but Christmas Eve, well, it became an annual tradition for years to come that extended invitations to family & friends to the point it was standing room only.

I had early on found out that Ed had served in Vietnam as had I and hence we shared a war story or two, his as a pilot and I as an army soldier.

Now I love to fish and hunt, and this was something one would realize was also a huge passion of Ed and Nina's shortly after you had enter their home. Their log home simply embraces the outdoor world with various trophy mounts, Even a fly rod stood in one corner.

One day I asked Ed about the fly rod and if he fished with it. Flyfishing was an aspect of fishing my Dad and I had talked about trying but neither of us had ever pursued. Ed didn't hesitate a moment and he took me outside for a brief casting lesson and encouraged me to take the rod home and practice with it for a few days. I loved it and couldn't wait to learn more. Shortly after Ed mentioned they belonged to the IndianHead Fly Fishers and that the club held monthly meetings most of the year. So Karen and I attended a meeting and joined up.

Ed provided me with information on fly fishing and many of its nuances. He didn't see the need to tie fly's, and simply bought what he would need for his next adventure. Like so many do, he'd rather spend time fishing than tying. Over the years we had many good flyfishing trips.

Bird Dog, we each had one, Ed's a Boykin Spaniel named Sugar. Mine an American Water Spaniel named Cookie.

The lung cancer now had him on oxygen and was slowly taking him down an irreversible path.

I was honored to be Ed's friend from the time he moved in next door until his passing. We sat watching golf one afternoon in late winter and he turned to me and said he was doing pretty good and thought he would last until spring, I agreed. He did just that, and the first day of spring his time was up. I will remember him always.

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

- Have an idea to make the club better? E-Mail it to grbogue@gmail.com



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