



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

It's May already and spring has sprung or whatever you call the signs of a new season. We certainly have plenty of water and it seems like we will get more. Every fly fisherman I have talked to is lamenting "When will the fishing get good?" As I remarked last month. "Water, Water, everywhere and all the boards did shrink. Water, Water everywhere but not a drop to drink (fish)." Some of the rivers are over their banks, and the rest are high and muddy. Some of the reservoirs have let water out to make space for the snow melt.

Where to fish. Mike Thomas drove over to the Owyhee the other day and found several fly fishermen fishing in their drift boats. On a normal year it would be a challenge to float a drift boat on the Owyhee. Mike saw a person playing a fish. At least there are still fish in the river. Several of us tried to fish John Field's pond the other day with no takes. The water was too cold, not good timing for bluegill and bass. I talked to Al today. He, Jim Gulu and Mike Stanton drove over to Murray Lake in Oregon and fished only a short time until the wind blew them back to shore. Al did catch five fish.

Enough of this! What can we do to prepare us for the right conditions. Clean your fly lines is one thing. Go through your fly boxes, organize them and replace your hot patterns. Organize all of your

equipment so that you are ready when the conditions are right.

Last week word got out that Mike Thomas and a couple of others were giving casting lessons to our new members Rex and Eileen Hamlin at the pond. [see photos on page 4] Mike Stanton, Jim Gulu, Charlie Daniels, Al Sillonis and several others were there to give Rex and Eileen advice. I hope they weren't confused by all of the advice we gave them. Afterwards I began to think about fly casting and how, like any physical activity, we can develop bad habits and that we can benefit by having someone observe our techniques. The magic of YOUTUBE is a wonderful thing. There are several casting experts on line that can take you through the many styles of fly casting. All you have to do is sit at the computer with the butt section of one of your rods and practice. Some times you develop habits that can be a detriment to your casting. We all can benefit by observation and practice.

May is an important month for our club. First, our May meeting headlines Grant Baugh, who will present a program that will entertain as well as inform. Grant has spent a lot of time researching his presentation on salt water techniques close to the shore. He is an excellent speaker and really knows his subject.

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Then the big raffle: two \$250 shopping sprees at Anglers Habitat plus two fly reels from Cabelas

Speaking of programs, I would like to thank Mike Thomas and Lyle Kleppin for their excellent program on stream fishing. I hope that our small streams recover from the last several years drought. I have always found that fishing a small stream to be quite enjoyable. For one thing, you usually have them to yourself. You have to work to get to the stream but when you get there and catch native fish you get a whole new appreciation of fly fishing. There is nothing better than casting a Royal Wulff to a pool and watch an 8-inch fish take. Not big but wild and certainly part of the environment. The stream, pure solitude, and wonders of nature make this experience one of the most pleasurable of our sport.

I would also like to thank Al Sillonis for his fly tying session. Al has developed a technique for fly fishing that is somewhat different and very successful. We certainly appreciate Al for all he has done for the club and our membership. Bravo Mr. Sillonis.

Three dates to remember coming up this summer. Weiser Community Pond cleanup May 5, Owyhee River cleanup (highway clean up) June 10 and our annual summer picnic at the Weiser park.

In closing I would like to thank everyone in the club for making this year a success. We are changing, many of our old members no longer live in our area, the droughts have changed our fishing venues but thanks to some of our adventures

members we still great year. I am especially grateful to our members who gave us such wonderful programs. I am proud of the club and the fantastic friendships that have evolved. You are all wonderful and what a pleasure it has been associating with you.

Perry

Want to Try Salt Water Fly Fishing

by Grant Baugh

Have you ever thought of fly fishing in salt water close to home or in some distant land???

Join us as I present Salt Water Fly fishing; our style with no chumming allowed. May Indianhead Fly Fishers meeting, Tuesday May 9.

Photo Pacific coast Barred Surf Perch





Picnic Table Afloat

By Dick Garrett

Here is a picture of the Weiser Pond taken during a high water stage. The table is actually floating in the middle of the pond. You get an idea of the level of the water.

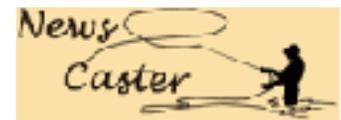


Dues Reminder for May 2017:

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

May

- Dick Garrett



Pond Spring Cleanup

By Mike Thomas

The annual spring clean-up of the Weiser Community Pond is scheduled for **Friday, June 2**, from 8:00 am till lunch time. The hot dogs for the lunch are provided by Falls Brand (Independent Meat Co.) in Twin Falls. After lunch the Indianhead FlyFishers will host a fly fishing clinic for all who are interested learning the art of fly fishing. The IHFF will furnish equipment for those that do not have their own. The clinic will include fly casting, rigging up a fly rod, fly tying and answer any questions about the sport.



Fly Fishing Lessons at the Pond

by Al Sillonis

When Rex and Eileen Hamlin joined the club they had never fly fished. To get them off to a good start Al has been helping them get set up with rods, etc. and on April 21st Al, Mike Thomas, Mike Stanton, Perry and Jim took them to the pond for their first fly fishing lesson.





Owyhee River Cleanup

By Mike Thomas

Because of the increased flow in the Owyhee River below the dam (2690 cfs) our clean-up will be an informal clean-up scheduled currently for Sat. **June 10**. We will meet at the wildlife viewing area about 9:00am and decide exactly what we will clean up. Invite any groups that use the river to help on this day. If you know guides, fly shops or members of other fly fishing clubs please ask them to help. We will NOT be hosting a lunch for all as we have in the past.

IHFF will furnish bags. Bring your own lunch if you plan to stay and fish after.

What if Catching is Not So Good?

by Gerry

Try changing colors:

- Bright Day, try bright fly
- Dark Day, try dark fly
- Glacial water, try light fly
- Tannic water, try fluorescent fly

Why Carry a Boat Patching Kit

by Grant Baugh

Tom Dyer on the Weiser River June 2014





Weiser Get a New Restaurant

By *Mike Thomas*

A new restaurant- ANGLERS-has opened in the old Pizza Company building on State Street. The Indianhead Fly Fishers welcomes Sierra Cantrell (owner/operator) and wish her luck and success with her new business.

Fly Tying Tips

by *Sparse Gray Hackle*

How many of you have lost hooks while tying at your table or bench? What do you do with the trimmings or whatever you cut away from the fly you are tying? Probably most of you have some type of "catch the junk" device. I use one called a Wastetroll which is a hoop holding a small bag all of which is retractable from under my vise. In that bag you can find everything including hackle trimmings, marabou, fur, paper, tools, thread, tinsel, and many others. I empty the bag every month or so and in doing so I try to salvage hooks that have fallen from my bench. I miss some of my hooks and more important it gets frustrating when a hook falls off the bench while tying.

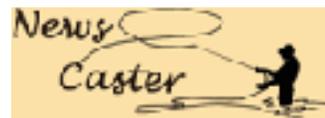
Problem solved!! I went to the hardware store the other day shopping for the typical hardware items, toilet tank repair kits, hose gaskets, screws, etc. when something caught my eye. There were small magnets about the size of a nickel. I have long been a fan of magnets and what they can do. I looked a bit farther and I found a box of refrigerator magnets that came in a box of four. I bought that box and put them into my Wastetroll bag. A couple of days later I picked out the magnets and there were several hooks and two pins on them.

Larger magnets work great for finding hooks on the floor and you can buy a telescope rod with

a magnetic tip for picking spilled items from the floor.

Dubbing needles are a staple for fly tying. They are good for picking out dubbing, manipulating material, putting eyes on flies, and adding and manipulating head cement and clear glue. The needles work best when the tip is clean and sharp.

To keep them in the best shape get a small bottle filled with fine steel wool. Each time you use the needle just push it through the steel wool. The container of choice has traditionally been a 35mm film container, but with the advent of the digital camera film is scarce as hen's teeth. Pill bottles work just as good and they are common. Just heat up the tip of your dubbing needle to make a hole in the lid and insert it in the pill bottle filled with steel wool. Your needle will always be clean and sharp.



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.

May 2 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM

May 9 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.

May 16 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

June 2 - Pond cleanup (see page 4)

June 10 - Owyhee cleanup (see page 5)

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

20 Pound Carp in the Weiser Community Pond?

By Mike Thomas

Finally caught the carp out of the Weiser Community Pond. 32" long about 20lbs. Hope this is the only one illegally stocked in the pond. Caught on a blue and orange beadhead



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

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- Have an idea to make the club better? E-Mail it to
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