



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

Greetings from Indianhead Fly Fishers country and welcome to the eleventh month of 2017. This is the month of Thanksgiving when we renew our appreciation of things that we appreciate most and understand the things that didn't quite go the right way. As a fly fisherman I would like to express my gratitude to our Maker for lakes and streams with a generous supply of water. Reservoirs such as Owyhee, Brundage, and Malheur are bringing back the "good old days of fly fishing." Let's hope that we will be looking to a future of excellent fishing for some time to come.

Speaking of Malheur, I have fished this wonderful trout habitat with some pleasant success. There are several truisms that one can count on for Malheur fly fishing. (1) When traveling from Weiser to Malheur whether the Snake River is either glassy or white caps, the wind will blow like the dickens at Malheur. When traveling to Malheur from Ontario or Vale during either calm or hurricane winds, white caps and strong winds will be at the lake. (2) Malheur trout are the best fighting trout around. (3) The first year after a drought the insect population will be amazing. When the lake is low, the cattle graze on the lake bed, contributing to the nutrients in the water.

Believe me, all of us will have a treat next spring. I predict that we will have outstanding fishing in the year 2018.

This afternoon I stopped by to check out the Weiser pond. I saw several fish rising. If you have an hour or two, go make some casts. It looked like the fish were planted recently and they are healthy.

The IHFF board is going to publish an area fly fishing manual for all members. Several items will be covered. (1) Fly fishing venues, where, how to get there and how to fish there. (2) Fly patterns and recipes for tying which will include standard flies and those created by members.

This will be a work in progress. A looseleaf format will be used so that we can add venues, gear and tackle. It is our goal to make all members better fly fishers

The program for November will be of interest to all members and guests. Mike Stanton will present a list of places close to home to fish. Most of the venues will be a thirty-minute-or-less drive from Weiser. Mike has become an excellent fly fisherman. He has waters that are close and offer a variety of species and method. We are indeed fortunate to have Mike in our membership.

Also mark your calendars for our Christmas party on December 12. We hope to see all of you at our next membership meeting on November 14.

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Happy 80th Birthday Mr. President

By Mike Thomas



Dues Reminder for November 2017:

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

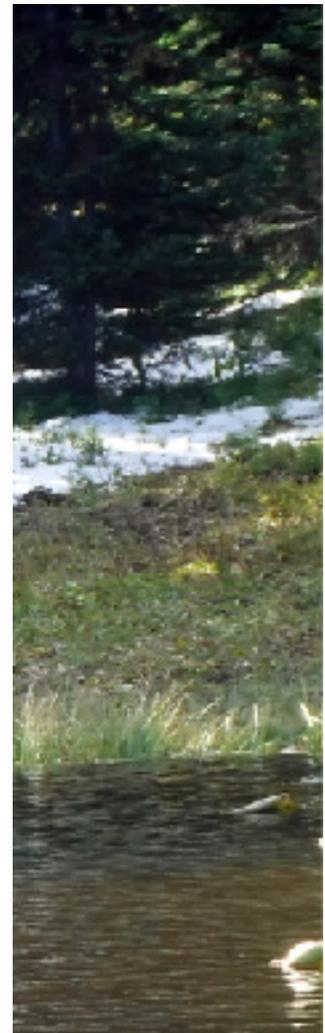
- Nina Gammons
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Grand Ronde Fall Fishing

By Jim Gulu

Pictures from Rex & Eileen's trip to the Grand Ronde with Al and myself. The weather was a bit cold, some snow on the ground but it clear and we had the lake all to ourselves. They both caught their first trout on a fly rod. Great day.





Silver Creek Still has Fish

By Mike Thomas

Thomas fishing Silver Creek



Words of Wisdom

By Jim Gulu

Old fisherman never die. They just smell that way.

Billy's Pond

By Mike Thomas

Bob Maki at "Billy's" Pond



Lipped blue gill - looks like the fish caught Mike?





Malheur Fall Fishing

By Jim Gulu & Jeanette Sillonis

Oct. 18th Malheur trip with Bob, Perry, Al, Mike S., Grant, and Jim.

Fishing was a little slow, yet we all caught fish. What more can we ask for. Al wanted to show how crowded it was when they got there.



two fly fishermen from Ontario, one fly fisherman from Nampa, four bank fishermen from Salem, Oregon, and two bank fisherman from Vale.

It was a good outing. Everyone including all the non IHFF members caught fish.



He thought he had all nine vehicles in the picture but missed three of them.

Besides IHFF members there were



Redband Trout

By *Grant Baugh*

Mann Creek Reservoir is truly a magical sport fishery because of the abundance of “wild” hard fighting Redband Trout.

Those fish that resulted from generations of natural spawning in Mann Creek provide us with great fishing in what may be the finest place in the west to catch a large naïve Redband. Hook one and almost immediately you know it is not a hatchery fish.

They are probably what Behnke describes in his book *Trout and Salmon of North America* as the Stream Resident Form of the Redband Trout of the Columbia River Basin, *Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri* that grow to three pounds and 18” in larger water bodies. Obviously they occasionally grow somewhat larger in Mann Creek

Reservoir because a 22” fish was trapped during the fisheries study a few years ago.

Redband Steelhead is described as the same fish but migrate to the ocean. Prior to the construction of Brownlee dam, Steelhead ran up the Weiser River, and I remember a strong battle by sportsmen who tried to stop the dam construction. Fish migration mitigation systems failed and we have what we see today.

Behnke describes seven other separate subspecies of Redbands in isolated sub basins of the Great Basin that have evolved with identifiable characteristics. However because of the efforts of fish departments in various states who introduced hatchery trout into most waters, there are probably no pure genetic strains of true Redband Trout anywhere, including Mann Creek.



What if Catching is Not So Good?

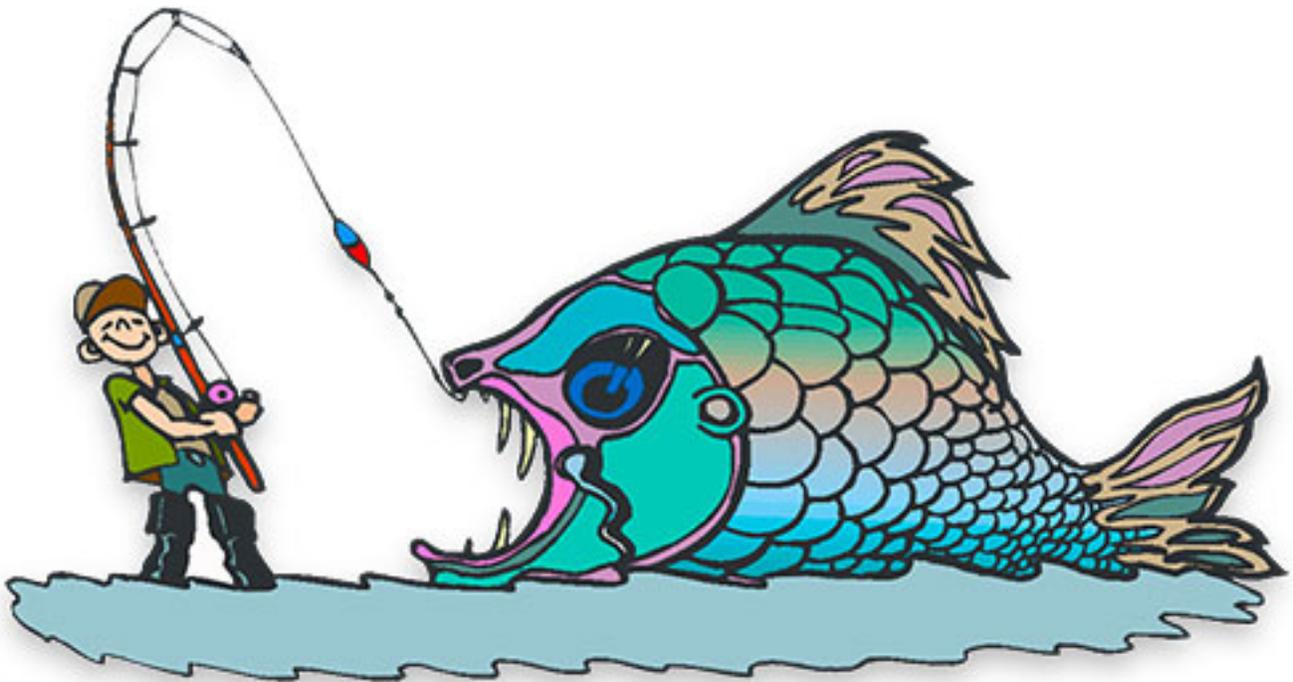
by Gerry

Try changing location:

- If the feed is being blown to one side of the lake, the fish will follow.
- If the sun is heating one side of the lake for a longer duration, chances are you will find fish there in the spring and fall, and the opposite side during the heat of summer.
- Fish closer to estuaries on high tides.

- On rivers, fish the lower end of the river at the start of the season and then fish higher up as the season progresses.

- In lakes, look for areas where fish congregate like points and drop-offs.



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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.

- Nov. 7 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- Nov. 14 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.
- Nov. 21 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

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



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Tom Crawford's fish from Malheur Reservoir

By Mike Thomas





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