



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

Here we are in February, the month of Valentine's Day(not much fishing there) and Presidents' birthday (could be if we celebrated Eisenhower and Carter). So is winter relegated to fly tying and telling fish stories? Oh, and I forgot, what about ice fishing? Even that is not a big thing on a mild winter. There is something, rumor tells me, that might be appropriate and interesting. Several of our members are catching trout in the Weiser pond and one in particular is having a ball using an old time-tested technique from ancient Japan, Tenkara.

Tenkara is both a technique and a special fly rod. The tenkara rod is made up of short lengths of about two feet of rod blanks that progressively get larger. The section of the largest diameter has a cork handle; the rest get progressively smaller and nest in each other. For transportation to the lake or stream, the rod is only about two feet in length. Like a telescope rod of our youth, the tenkara will telescope up to 10-15 feet in length. A short line is tied to the tip and a tippet is fastened to the line. A reel is not used. This is much like the old bamboo pole (a word not used in sophisticated fly fishing).

The advantage with tenkara is the fisherman has better control of the fly and the drift. It is much easier to avoid drag and to actually feel the

bite. Another advantage is the overall investment. You do not have to have a rod, reel, and fly line, just a rod and a line which is only a small fraction of the cost of a fly line and flies. Most tenkara anglers only carry a few flies, their rods which are telescoped down to two feet, their line and a tippet. Two feet is much better than a full extended fly rod catching on brush.

What are the disadvantages? Try to land a twenty inch rainbow on a rod without a reel. With few flies it is harder to match the hatch and carrying a long rod in brush can be challenging. Again, however, when you telescope it down it is a snap to carry.

Incidentally the correct pronouncement of tenkara is with a flipped "r". It is like the very beginning or a rolled "r".

Indianhead fly fisherman Mike Stanton is the proud owner of a new tenkara outfit and states that he is having a ball fishing with it and is catching fish in the pond.

Later on in this issue there is a list of the still waters in both Idaho and Oregon that was suggested at last membership meeting. I have caught fish in all but four of the lakes and ponds suggested. I would like to know how many of you have fished them all. I have listed the species of fish in each lake and also indicated the ones that have large fish. I consider an trout 18 inches large.

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The program for the February meeting will be techniques for fishing a new lake or pond. This will be a group discussion type of program much like last meeting. All ideas and opinions will be welcomed.

John McCarthy, local bass and crappie expert, has contacted me about a 9 foot, 5 weight fly rod for sale. The rod is made by Lamiglass and is equipped with a new looking reel. He said the price is \$60 or the best offer. I have not looked or cast the rod but Lamiglass is a well known maker of fly rods.

Winter months are kind of tough. We all want to fish but getting cold is not much fun. One way is to tie flies. If any of you are interested in learning fly tying, or learning new techniques give me a call. I am more than willing to help anyone learn to tie a fly.

At the February 13 meeting, we will again talk about still water fly fishing techniques. Have a safe winter and think hatches, big fish and enjoying the Idaho-Oregon beauty.

Tight lines

Perry

Welcome to New Members:

★ Steve Johns - retired living in Weiser and available for fishing any time!

Dues Reminder for February 2018:

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

- Matt Nourmohamadin
- Ed Pollard
- Don & Deana Roarke
- Steve Scrivner
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Indianhead Fly Fishers January Meeting in the Round

By Thomas'

First 2018 was a meeting in the round at Idaho Pizza. Perry conducted the meeting and lead a program on fishing on still waters. Members organized a list favorite still water fishing spots in Idaho and Oregon. The second half of the program discussing equipment, etc. for fishing still waters will be at the February meeting.



Mexican Big Mouth Reef Fish

By Grant Baugh

Found along Mexican coast, including Sea of Cortez. Highly territorial reef fish, up to 8" long.

Defense posture is to display wide mouth making it look much larger. Mouth big enough to hold a golf ball.

Skin feels like wet fine leather. And notice the very large eyes as well.

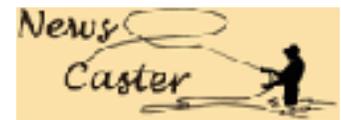




IFF Favorite Still Water Fisheries - Oregon

By Perry Kelley

Place in Oregon	Miles from Weiser	Travel Time	Fish Species (* = Large Fish of that species)
Malheur Reservoir	73 miles	1 hr. 34 minutes	rainbow trout*
Murray	89 miles	1 hr. 39 minutes	rainbow trout*
Pole Creek	59 miles	1 hr. 10 minutes	rainbow trout, crappie*
Brownlee Reservoir	54 miles	1 hr. 4 minutes	small mouth bass, large mouth bass, crappie, blue gill*
Ox Bow Reservoir	74 miles	1 hr. 36 minutes	small mouth bass, crappie, blue gill, rainbow trout, catfish*
Krumbo	200 miles		rainbow trout*, large mouth bass*
Fish Lake (Halfway)	108 miles	3 hrs.	rainbow trout*
Grand Ronde	114 miles	2 hrs. 15 minutes	rainbow trout, brook trout*
Anthony Lake	111 miles	2 hrs. 5 minutes	rainbow trout, brook trout
Bully Creek	40 miles	50 minutes	crappie, large mouth bass, small mouth bass
Magone	151 miles	3 hrs.	rainbow trout*
Owyhee Reservoir	62 miles	1 hr. 31 minutes	crappie, large mouth bass
Fish Lake at Steens	230 miles	5 hrs.	rainbow trout*
Jubilee Lake	160 miles	3 hrs.	rainbow trout*
Beulah Reservoir	103 miles	2 hrs. 21 minutes	rainbow trout*
Unity Reservoir	104 miles	2 hrs.	rainbow trout*, large mouth bass*
Long Creek Reservoir	108 miles	2 hrs. 10 minutes	rainbow trout*
Philip's Reservoir	86 miles	1 hr. 35 minutes	rainbow trout*
Mann Lake	230 miles	5 hrs.	lahonten cutthroat trout*

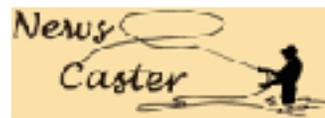


IFF Favorite Still Water Fisheries - Idaho

By Perry Kelley

Place in Idaho	Miles from Weiser	Travel Time	Fish Species (* = Large Fish of that species)
Mann Creek Reservoir	14 miles	19 minutes	rainbow trout*, large mouth bass*
Ben Ross Reservoir	48 miles	1 hr. 14 minutes	rainbow trout, blue gill, large mouth bass*
Sage Hen Reservoir	66 miles	2 hrs. 8 minutes	rainbow trout*
Granite Lake	118 miles	2 hrs. 25 minutes	rainbow trout, grayling
Hazard Lake	99 miles	2 hrs. 21 minutes	rainbow trout, brook trout
Horse Thief Lake	118 miles	2 hrs. 27 minutes	rainbow trout*, brook trout*
Goose Lake	96 miles	2 hrs. 19 minutes	rainbow trout
Brundage Reservoir	93 miles	2 hrs.	rainbow trout*, cutthroat trout*
Cascade Lake	114 miles	2 hrs. 16 minutes	rainbow trout*, perch*
Sawyer Pond	112 miles	2 hrs. 17 minutes	rainbow trout, crappie*, large mouth bass*
Magic Reservoir	192 miles	3 hrs. 24 minutes	rainbow trout, perch
Black Lake	106 miles	4 hrs.	rainbow trout, brook trout
Hornet Lake (very hard to get to)	90 miles	2 hrs. 30 minutes	rainbow trout*
CJ Strike	120 miles	2 hrs. 15 minutes	rainbow trout*, crappie*, small mouth bass*, large mouth bass*
Lake Lowell	51 miles	1 hr.	Catfish, crappie*, large mouth bass*
Island Park Reservoir	379 miles	7 hrs.	rainbow trout*
Henry's Lake	442 miles	6 hrs. 24 minutes	hybrid rainbow cutthroat trout*, cutthroat trout*, brook trout*
Crane Creek	35 miles	42 minutes	crappie*, large mouth bass*
Duck Valley Reservation	211 miles	3 hrs. 41 minutes	rainbow trout*

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IFF Favorite Still Water Fisheries - Idaho

By Perry Kelley (continued from page 6)

Place in Idaho	Miles from Weiser	Travel Time	Fish Species (* = Large Fish of that species)
Payette Lake	92 miles	1 hr. 49 minutes	rainbow trout, lake trout*, kokanee
Upper Payette Lake	133 miles	2 hrs. 15 minutes	rainbow trout
Chesterfield Reservoir	400 miles		rainbow trout*
Community Pond	1/4 mile	10 minutes	rainbow trout, blue gill, catfish*, muskrats
Winchester State Park	195 miles	3 hrs. 35 minutes	(?)

Note: I have fished in all but four of the above waters. Like all lakes and ponds, fishing can be good or average. If you are unfamiliar with some of the waters, check with our members who have spent time fishing and catching.

At the community pond checking out the Tenkara Rod - looks like it catches fish! (but why does everyone have to keep their head down?)





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.

- Feb. 6 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- Feb. 13 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.
- Feb. 20 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

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



Fisherman's Attitude

By Gerry

"Some Days the fish win." Most rivers and lakes that we fish on are surrounded by some of the finest natural scenery in the world, so the next time you have a slow day fishing, remember to look up, take it all in, and appreciate it with the same respect we give our finny friends.

Don't Lose Your Paddle

By Jim Gulu

When one carry's oars in the bed of their truck and fail to close tail gate, you might find yourself up a creek with half an oar!



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