

## President's Message

By Perry Kelley

I would like to begin this letter by offering my sincere gratitude to all members of IFF for your hard work and support for the last two years. It has been truly a wonderful experience working with you developing the spirit and pride we all share for our sport "Angling with a fly." IFF members, you have been an inspiration to our communities and to the wonders of our great fisheries habitats of the great states of Idaho and Oregon. Just think, fly fishing is great, Idaho and Oregon is great, and most of all the past and present IFF members are great.

It really touches my heart to remember IFF members who gave so much of themselves to fly fishing during their final years. Bill, Bob, Ed, and Rod: You were the ultimate anglers and people. I truly admired many of our members who moved to other communities. Their contributions were so amazing in making IFF the wonderful organization it has become.

I especially would like to remember the great angler and the man I hardly knew who called me up with the message: "Perry, let's start a fly club."

"Sounds like a winner to me," I said. Mark Imus had organized a fly club before and Bill Betts and I had tried. In less than a year we were going and already had an impressive membership.

Our annual project was the Owhyee River Clean-up, which is still going strong. Jim Gulu, this year's chairman, did a marvelous job organizing and involving other fly clubs on April 14.

The club had several quality outings over the years. Some were the St. Patrick's Day Malheur Reservoir trip. Not only was the fishing great; there were 18 kick boats lining the shore while we all had the best corned beef and cabbage ever.

The Missouri River fishing in Montana was one trip that was quite interesting. Several IFF members had their initial salt water fly fishing experience at The Sea of Cortez out of La Paz, Mexico. And who could forget the Pyramid Lake trip. There were some really big fish on that trip. I had a wonderful trip to Alaska and also Canada with Mark Imus. He is always a lot of fun as a partner.

Indianhead fly fishers is still important in my life as well as the lives of many other of our membership and hopefully future members. There are many things we can do for angling. Many wonderful things can happen. Keep up your enthusiasm to insure a bright future for fly fishermen. Gerry Bogue is to be recognized as the most incredible editor that has ever published a fly club newsletter anywhere.

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I would like to express my gratitude to Ilene Boots and Janet Baker for their work on publicity and club notes.

Mike Thomas will be your next president. It is interesting; I taught Mike to fly fish. Now he is trying to teach me. He also has given me tips on the fine art of story telling.

Our last general meeting of the year will be May 8. Remember, we will open the meeting room at Idaho Pizza the second Tuesday of June and July for informal get togethers. The second Tuesday of August will be our annual picnic.

Thanks to the world's greatest fly fishermen and people!

## **Weiser Pond Cleanup May 4th**

*By Mike Thomas*

The clean-up on the Owyhee River was successfully completed and now we look forward to our next CLEAN-UP. The CLEAN-UP of the WEISER COMMUNITY POND is scheduled for FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018!

Billy's Creek needs a re-do. The rock steps from the dock to the water needs to be redone as some idiots decided a better place for the rocks is in the pond! A hole in the bank on the south side needs to be filled to prevent further damage. Cattail maintenance will be necessary--getting rid of the old growth and also new growth in some locations. General mowing, raking and picking-up of stuff! Bring any tools you would use to complete any of the above jobs. Look the pond over before May 4 and see what you think needs to be improved and make it your project!

The CLEAN-UP on FRIDAY, MAY 4 will begin at 9:00 am. A lunch will follow with HOT DOGS donated by the INDEPENDENT MEAT PACKING CO. (FALLS BRAND) of Twin Falls, Idaho.

After the clean-up may be a good time to have a fly fishing clinic for those helping with the clean-up that may want to learn about fly fishing?

So bring some fly fishing stuff just incase!

The Idaho Fish and Game FISHing Trailer is scheduled to be at WEISER COMMUNITY POND Saturday MAY 5.

SOME TIDBITS: 1. The pond was dug by Warner Const. at a cost of \$55885.95 2. Jeff Dillion (IDFG) completed the application for a grant from The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program and received \$90682 in grant funds to construct the 1.3 acre pond. 3. October 17,2009 was the grand opening of Weiser Community Pond. 4. Mayor John Walker with the help of Jeff Dillion tagged and stocked the first rainbow trout. 5. From the first stocking of fish thru April 2018 35838 trout have been stocked in the pond as well as some Bluegill. Largemouth Bass and Catfish.

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## **Dues Reminder for May 2018:**

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

- Dick Garrett

## **Owyhee River Cleanup April 14**

*By Jim Gulu*

This Saturday morning was bright and sunny and about 40 people were in attendance to enjoy the sunshine and to brighten up the River area. We all meet at the wildlife viewing area to enjoy coffee and doughnuts (donated by Virginia Hickey at Albertson's, Payette) and to get our safety and cleanup instructions. We had not only IHFF club members but attendees from BLM and their extended families, GEM State Fly Fishers and the Fly Fishers of Idaho joined us.

Approximately 11 miles of river area was combed clean by the volunteers. Most of what was

found this cleanup year was cans and bottles, although 1 tire was found. It was refreshing to note that people are beginning to clean up what they would otherwise leave behind. We don't have an exact amount of pounds that were picked up but we know it was less than in previous years.

Around 12:00 noon cleanup was completed and we met up at the picnic grounds, to enjoyed conversation, hot dogs (Falls Brand), supplied by Mike Thomas) and fixings.

We want to thank all of the folks, behind the scenes, who put in the time and effort to insure this day was successful. A big thanks to all those came out to support this important activity.





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## Owyhee River Cleanup

*By Diana Thomas*



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Mike Stanton and Jack Wassard help a young fly fisherman rig up his fly rod!



## April in the Scablands of Washington

By Ray Perkins

For the last few years my brother, cousin, and I have been coming to eastern Washington to trout fish some the many lakes found in the Moses Lake to Ephrata area. Over the last few years we have been almost exclusively fishing Dry Falls Lake. This year trout fishing was a little slow. We arrived on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday and Monday, the three of us landed only two trout in total. On Tuesday a front moved through the area which brought with it winds (20 to 30 mph sustained with gust to 40 mph) which eliminated

any fishing. After the front passed fishing picked up on Wednesday and Thursday.

Dry Falls Lake has been stocked with rainbow trout and brown trout. The number rainbow trout significantly out numbers browns, but trout in the lake are good condition. I caught just two rainbows this year but both were 21 inches and probably weighed four to five pounds.

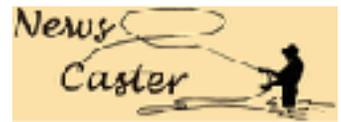
On Friday my cousin and I drove south to the Quincey Wildlife Area and fished Quincey Lake. Water temperatures were warmer and fish more active. We hooked two dozen trout but only landed 9. Most ranged from 15 to 18 inches with a few 12 to 14 inches. I also got to fish my first callibaetis hatch on a lake. I was able to cast and retrieve hares ear nymphs on an intermediate line and hooking 9 but only landed 3 trout.



Figure 1. Dry Falls Lake looking north towards old method of packing float tubes to the lake.



Figure 2. A rainbow trout 21 inches in length caught and released from Dry Falls Lake.



## **Al's Gear Was There, but Where is Al?**

*By Jeanette Sillonis*

Can you identify the places?





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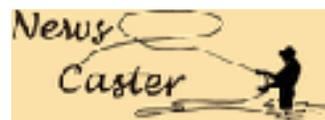
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## **IFF Logo Fly Box with Flies for New Members**

*By Mike Thomas*





### 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.

- May 1 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- May 4 - Weiser Pond Cleanup - see article page 2
- May 8 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM. **Last Meeting Until the Picnic Aug. 14th**
- May 15 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 IFF Board Meeting	2 Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	3	4 Weiser Pond Cleanup	5 Cinco de Mayo
6	7	8 IFF Member Meeting	9 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 IFF Fly Tying First Day of Ramadan	16 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		



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## **Why Do I Fish**

*By Jim Gulu*

Why do I fish? The answer is: My father and all my ancestors did it before me..

Jimmy Carter



<http://www.fg-a.com/fishing.shtml>

**Have a great summer and  
do catch lots of FISH!**

**p.s. Take pictures and send them along  
with stories of your adventures to  
[grbogue@gmail.com](mailto:grbogue@gmail.com) for the September  
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