

## President's Message

By Mike Thomas

Last May I volunteered to lead our 2018-2019 meetings. If that means I'll be president of IHFF then I will need lots of help from the membership. Some of you need to: plan meetings, keep minutes, collect and disperse funds, organize and plan programs, take care of our library, announce and inform the public about our happenings, greet people, find new members, put together and publish our newscaster, teach fly tying sessions, teach fly casting, organize and direct new and old projects and order chicken for the August potluck. You get the idea! It is going to take all of us to keep the Indianhead Fly Fishers organization alive and well.

In the past—Sept. meeting was used to elect and install officers for the coming year. (These people were nominated by the past presidents of IHFF). The first V.P. usually became the president, the second V.P. became the first V.P. The board members were elected on alternate years and on and on according to constitution and bylaws which many of our members spent a lot of time and thought creating! We also had 60 active members at one time—the largest active organization in Weiser.

In the present—I would like all of you interested in keeping IHFF alive and well to attend the board meeting Tue. at 7:00 pm Sept. 4 at Idaho Pizza in Weiser. Together we will get

organized and responsibilities assigned and plan our Sept. 11 membership meeting!

I would like to thank all of you that made last year meetings as good as they were. A special thanks to Perry for his leadership and dedication and to Gerry for such outstanding Newscasters! I hope both of you will continue your efforts in making IHFF great!

Get involved and invite a friend. Lets make this year exceptional!

Ole Mike Thomas

## Dues Reminder for September 2018:

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

- Janet Baker
- Eileen Boots
- Charlie Daniels

### Officers

President - **Mike Thomas** 549-0538

Past President - **Perry Kelley** 208-549-0538

Secretary -

Treasurer - **Jascha Zeitlib** (435) 512-9954

Director - **Tom Dyer**

### Board Members

**Janet Baker**  
**Eileen Boots**  
**Perry Kelley**  
**Mike Thomas**  
**Jim Gulu**  
**Mike Stanton**

### Committees

Youth - **Mark Sands**  
Education - **Tom & Cindy Dyer**  
Historian - **Mike Thomas**  
Library - **Bob Maki**  
Membership - **Mike Stanton**  
Newsletter - **Gerry Bogue**  
Outings - **Al Sillionis**  
Publicity - **Janet Baker**  
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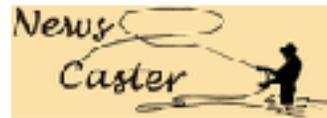


## **Malheur Reservoir**

*By Jim Gulu*

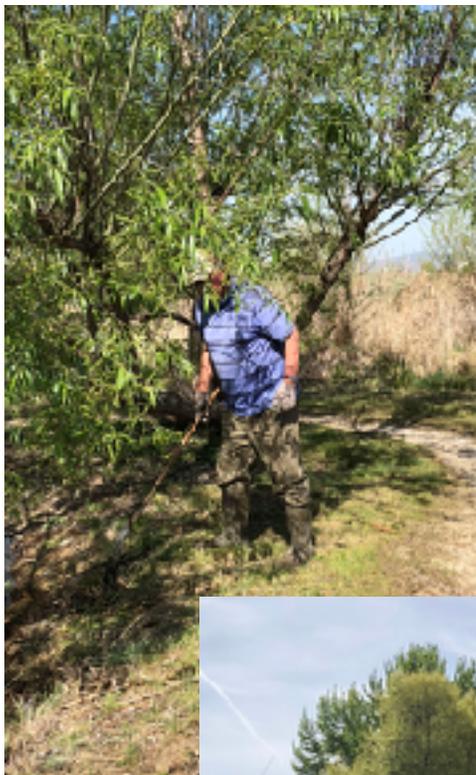
Not all the fish were in the sky on Al and Jim Gulu's Cloudy day at Malheur Reservoir - June 15





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

*By Mike & Diana Thomas*



## **New Member Jack Wassard Enjoys Float-Tubing Brownlee**

*By Jeanette Sillonis*

May 4 new member Jack Wassard and old timers Grant Baugh and Al had a successful fly fishing day on Brownlee at Trail Creek Cove. This was Jack's first experience fishing in a float tube instead of his kayak. All three caught lots of fish. Al caught crappie, bass, blue gill and channel cat.

Looks like Jack is happy with the size of those crappies.

Brownlee is down about 60 feet.



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## **Denali Grayling - Cowboy Style**

*By Grant Baugh*

Fly fishing is perceived as the highest level skill in the pursuit of one of God's unique creatures.

Men and women alike are drawn to fly fishing by the dream of standing alone in a clear meadow stream surrounded by magnificent mountains casting a minute fly in pursuit of a beautiful fish.

So it was for me, standing in that clear meadow stream near Mount Denali, North America's tallest peak, hoping to catch my first ever Grayling, the symbol of the Arctic.

Now, everybody knows that Grayling are easy to catch, they will grab almost anything thrown on the water. I had decided to make the catch of my first ever Grayling even more difficult by catching it in a more cowboy like method.....I lassoed it by the tail .....not even hooking and injuring it.

The secret of how it is done, I shall forever keep to myself.



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## **Murray Reservoir**

*By Jeanette Sillonis*

Al and Jim went fishing June 21, 2018 at Murray Reservoir. And it was a good day!

Jim Gulu had 20 fish day - Rainbows with the best one stretching to 18 1/2 inches

Al had a 62 fish day with 16 inches being his best.





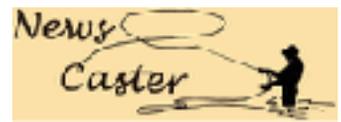
## **Long Creek Reservoir**

*By Jeanette Sillonis*

Al and Jim Gulu went to Long Creek reservoir June 2. Jim caught 14 and Al

caught 15. Jim's biggest was 16 inches. Al's biggest was about 13 1/2 inches. The weather was great and they had a good day.





## Sierra Trading Post Pond- Billy's Pond

By *Mike Thomas*



Bill gave us permission



to take a couple of IHFF's to fish his sister's pond. A couple--ended up being seven. This included one of our newest members-Steve Livingston. He caught his first fish(bluegill) on his fly rod (picture) We also caught crappie and lots of largemouth bass as shown!



Everyone had a great day!

Perry Kelley, Mike Stanton, Steve Livingston, Jim Gulu, Bob Maki, Al Sillionis (seated) and the picture taker Ole Mike Thomas!





## Panko on the Weiser River Trail

By Tom Dyer

June is always an interesting month in Cambridge: schools out, Hells Canyon Days, flows drop on the Weiser River and the bicycle migration starts. Over the past several years we have noticed a steady increase in the numbers of folks biking the Weiser River Trail and this year is no exception.

I had just finished using the weed-eater on the hill side reducing a potential fire hazard when I hear “how far to Cambridge?”, looking up I see two guys on bikes both with little trailers. Now these guys weren’t your normal trail rider, no color coordinated outfit with matching riders’ helmet. No, these guys wore tattered Levis, Nikes and ball caps. Their bikes were a quality brand but beat to hell and both guys were, I guess about late 40s, yep a perfect age to do something stupid! So I thought I’d pass their story on to you.

It seems these two gentlemen (won’t use their real names in case I see them again) are writing an article for a culinary magazine on eating well when biking. They had heard of the Weiser river trail at a bike shop in Boise and made plans for a five day ride from Weiser to Tamarack, about 82 miles. They were planning to catch fish and cook at each one of the planned overnight stops. They were hauling several different bottles of Idaho wine, freeze dried vegetables and a lot of Panko.

Apparently they made it to the canyon south of Midvale with time to spare so they spent quite a bit of time fishing. Not sure what to expect one of the gentlemen drifted nymphs the other was stripping streamers. They said in no time they both caught their limit in smallmouth bass and spent the rest of the afternoon filleting fish and drinking wine. After finishing the filleting they broke out the new two-burner propane stove, mixed up some freeze dried eggs, hydrated the freeze dried vegetables and started heating up the peanut oil in their new Primus stainless steel pot, yep they’re still drinking wine bottle number two. They said they dipped the bass fillets and

vegetables in the egg batter then rolled in panko before placing in the hot oil. Since this is going in an article, photos were taken at each step in the preparation. Based on their description there must have been a heck of a pile of food when they were done. They had no way to keep left overs cold so they decided to eat all they prepared and oh yah, they’re still drinking wine. When they finished eating it was dark and they were too toasted to set up the tent. Not Good!

That night we had a thunder storm with wind blowing rain horizontally and these gentlemen learned a valuable lesson, the tent must be up before the wine is uncorked. Anyway the whole reason they wanted to talk to me was to find out if Cambridge had a motel, I let them know it did and to make sure not to be a grouch or they’ll end up on the sign outside the motel.

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Panko (パン粉) [says Wikipedia] is a variety of flaky bread crumb used in Japanese cuisine as a crunchy coating for fried foods, such as tonkatsu. Panko is made from bread baked by electrical current, which yields a bread without a crust, and



then grinding the bread to create fine slivers of crumb.[1] It has a crisper, airier texture than most types of breading found in Western cuisine and resists

absorbing oil or grease when fried, resulting in a lighter coating. Outside Japan, its use is becoming more popular in both Asian and non-Asian dishes: It is often used on seafood and is often available in Asian markets, speciality stores, and, increasingly, in many large supermarkets.

## Fish Lake

*By Al Sillonis*

June 21, 2018

Jeanette and I camped at Fish Lake on Steens Mountain for four nights. I took the kick boat out three times and caught a total of 120 fish. Twenty of the fish were 16 to 22 inches and mostly Rainbows, but I did catch four Brook Trout. The Rainbow in the picture is 21 inches long. It was great fishing with an averaged of about one fish every five minutes.



## Monster Lurks in Weiser Pond

By *Mike Thomas*

Look at this beast! Rock Olsen was fishing in the Weiser pond and hooked into this monster. 30 inches and 18 pounds! I've fished for 34 years, I've never caught a cat like this.

It was fun to see his face, he used patience and technique to land this guy without a broken line or rod.

We released him back in the pond, so good luck to the next person that books him!



## **Tilting with Windmills in Alaska**

*By Grant Baugh*

I have been, as Migel Cevantes wrote in Don Quixote, tilting with windmills.

However unlike Don Quixote, who used a sword, have been using a spey rod to tilt with Chinook Salmon on Canada's Kitimat River.....and have achieved the same result...nada, nyet, niente, nien, nothing oh sh.....!

Fishing for Chinook with a fly is a fools game....despite the fact that my other guided partner hooked three and landed two my first day out.....I am still a fool for standing in the perpetual wind and rain of the Pacific coast making 1000 spey casts over three days following my dream of catching the fifth of five Pacific salmon on a fly.

It is #!%@ being an old man with a young man's dream. Will I have the physical strength and will to continue Tilting with Windmills chasing the elusive Chinook?

My brother in law Sage says I should name my spey rod Raconinte.

However, Wikipedia says that is Don Quixote's horse who is awkward, past his prime and engaged in a task beyond his capacities...that is me, not my spey rod.

## **First Fish at Billy's Pond**

*By Mike Thomas*

This is Bonnie's first Fish on a fly rod! A nice largemouth bass. Bonnie Akbar is one of our newest members.

She moved here from Reno and was accompanied by her dad-Dick Garrett. Dick also landed a huge (19" -3-4lb) largemouth bass.

The day was windy and the fishing and casting a bit on the "TUFF" side! But I enjoyed being with father and daughter on this fishing trip. I know I had as much fun watching Bonnie cast her fly rod and catch her first fish as did her dad.





## **Jubilee Lake**

*By Jeanette Sillonis*

Camped from Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13 at Jubilee Lake out of Tollgate which is out of LaGrande in northeast Oregon.

Fishing was good for small rainbow trout 8 to 12 inch. Al caught 5 rainbow 15 to 17 inches.

The weather was much cooler than at home in Weiser. Mid 70's during the day, but Weiser was 97 when we got home. Because it is July the campground and day use area were very busy. When we left in the morning all 53 campsites were full.

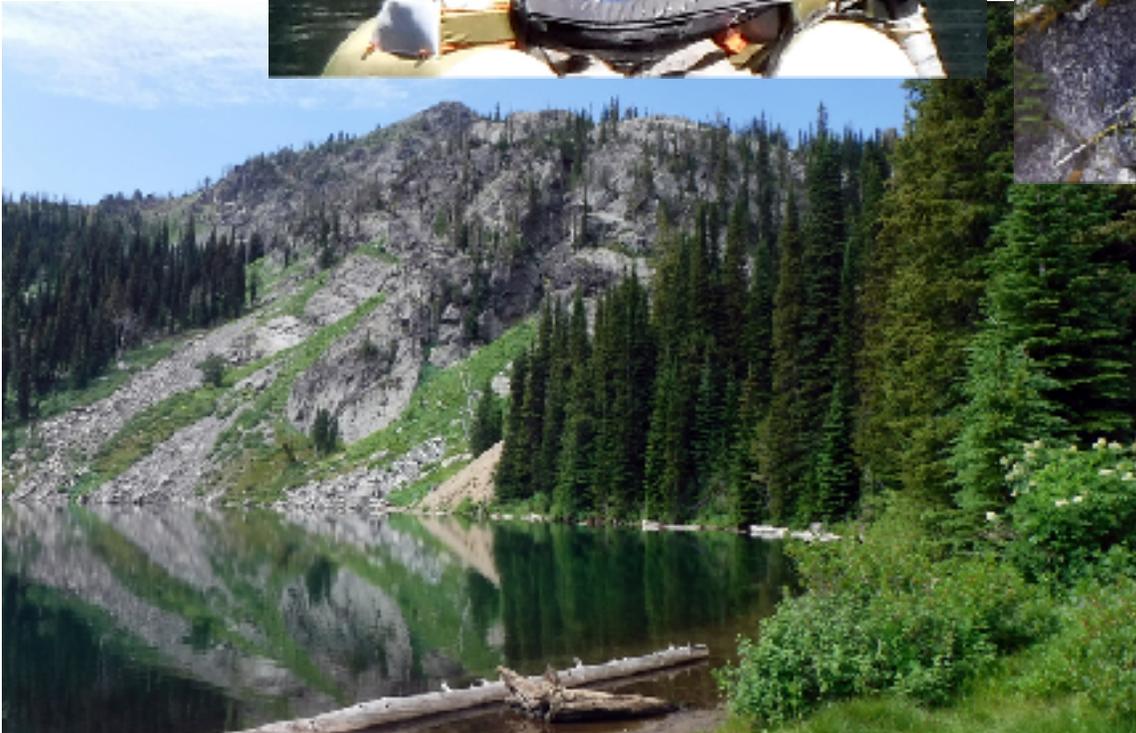
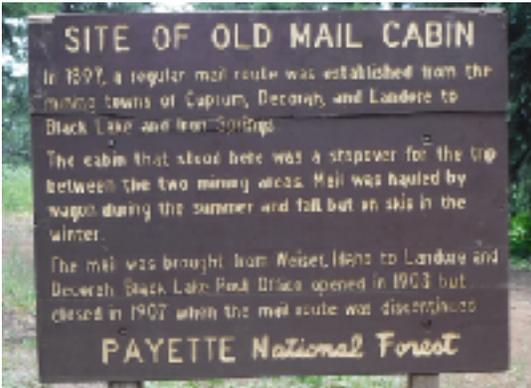




## Black Lake

By *Jim Gulu*

The Snicker Boys fish Black Lake...



## Denny Field - First Lady of the Year

*By Diana Thomas*

IFF member, Denney Field was honored by Weiser Beta Sigma Phi chapters as First Lady of the Year on Saturday, April

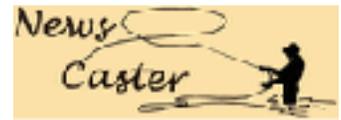
7. Joining Denney in the picture are her husband, John; daughter, Debbie and son-in-law; and Sue Peterson, president of Snake River City Council of Beta Sigma Phi of Weiser.





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## **No Wind at Brundage - WOW!**

*By Mike Thomas*



August  
2018  
No wind!  
A little  
Smokey!  
But the  
Brundage  
Cutthroat  
were  
biting.



## Annual IFF Picnic

*By Mike Thomas*

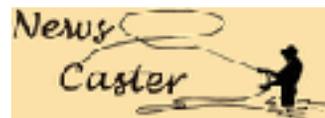


*Best catch of the day*



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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.

Sept. 4 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM

Sept. 11 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.

Sept 18 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

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