

President's Message

By Mike Thomas

Our favorite fly fishing month of the year is coming to a close and those annoying political ads hopefully will be over shortly. I hope you got a lot of fly fishing and sight seeing in October as the weather has been outstanding. I hope to see your pictures in this issue.

I would like to thank Bonnie for her help in our communication adventure and look forward to an update in our November meeting. There were lots of messages sent out in a very short time. Some messages were received by some members on their work phones and we are sorry for this inconvenience and corrections have been made.

I would like to also thank those that shared about your favorite (destination) fly fishing places. I would like to investigate some that I have not been to like East Lake, Elk Lake, Saddleback Lake and the private lakes out of Maupin Ore. If you would like to organize an outing to some of these interesting places - go for it! My wife Diana organized two outings to the Island Park area and I'm sure those of you that attended

enjoyed the trips and we all got to know each other a little better by spending time together off the water.

Thanks Grant for encouraging us to promote the Indianhead Fly Fishers by becoming more visible in the community. We need the publicity to add new members. Our board members Janet and Bonnie would appreciate your help volunteering your expertise in these areas. Remember to send your photos and articles to Gerry as the Newscaster is a great way to show the community what we are about!

Thanks also to Perry for teaching us how to tie Prince Nymphs on the third Tuesday of Oct.

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It's that time of the year to think about steelhead fishing. So far the runs are way down and things don't look as they will improve much. There are some steelhead in the rivers and trapping below Hells Canyon Dam has started. If you have not witnessed the trapping process I suggest you contact IDFG at Oxbow hatchery and make arrangements to do so. If you need advise on steelhead fishing I suggest you contact the steelhead "whisperers"- Dave, Tom or Charlie.

November's meeting will be about how to purchase the necessary equipment needed to fly fish around the Weiser area without having to spend a lot of money. Dick, Bonnie and Mike S. have been ask to help with our program. I hope to see you on Tue. November 13 at Idaho Pizza in Weiser at 7:00 pm.

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Fruits of the First Fly Tying of the Year

By Mike Stanton

Snapshots on pages 1 and 2 are from the first class taught by Perry.



Dues Reminder for October 2018:

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

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- Nna Gammons
- Stanley Graves
- Kendall Hawley
- Al Sillonis

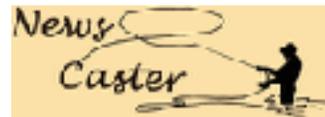


Important IFF Tax Numbers

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.

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

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



Reunion on Flathead Lake

By Tom Dyer

My wife Cindy's family had a reunion at Big Fork Montana, located where the Flathead River flows into Flathead Lake. When the planning for this event occurred I became very interested. I have never fished the Flathead River but heard much about its good population of Westslope Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisi*).



Designated as Montana's state fish, the Westslope Cutthroat's historic range included all of Montana west of the Continental Divide, as well as

the upper Missouri River drainage. These cutthroat trout are also native to streams and lakes in the upper Columbia River basin (Idaho and Montana), the Methow River and Lake Chelan drainages (Washington), the John Day River drainage (Oregon), and Canada's Saskatchewan River. Due to a variety of factors these Cutthroat trout only occupy 59% of their original habitat and as such are managed strictly catch and release, protecting current populations.



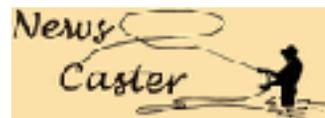
Cindy and I headed up to Bigfork Montana a day early so I could get some fishing in before the reunion was scheduled to start. Lining up a guide through Bigfork Anglers Fly Shop gave me an opportunity to learn the river and

fly patterns to use should family members wished to fish in upcoming days. I met Ryan my guide at 7:30am the next morning and an hour and a half later we were on the river. I fished a two fly set up with a dry fly as the lead and San Juan Worm fly as the dropper. This proved to be a very effective method, with most of the fish hitting the San Juan and the Chubby Chernobyl dry fly acting as a strike indicator. Later in the morning foam hoppers seem to be the hot fly. After four hours on the river I had gained a lot of knowledge on where to fish and what to use. For those wishing to fish out of Bigfork Montana I would recommend dropping in on the fly shop they would have some good information to help your stay be successful.

Flies used:

- Gold Bead San Juan Worm size 12
- Chubby Chernobyl size 8 and 10
- Daves Foam Hopper size 8 and 10





Bluegill and Bass Salvage

By Mike Thomas

Saturday, Sept. 28 a group of Indianhead Fly Fishers, a city worker and our local game warden salvaged Bluegill and Largemouth Bass from a private pond up Willow Creek between Payette and Emmett.

The Indianhead Fly Fishers were: Jim Gulu. John Field, Steve Livingston, Grant Baugh, Jack Wassard, Charlie Daniels, Frank Thomas and Mike Thomas. Bruce Hamilton represented the City of Weiser and IDFG game warden Zac Sedlmayr. Zac who lives in Payette drove to Nampa Friday to get a fish transport trailer and brought it to the pond Sat.

We arrived at the pond about noon and

catch 39 Bluegill and 6 largemouth which Zac transported to Weiser Community Pond.

Thanks to all that helped with this project. Weiser Community Pond needed more warm water fish for people to catch during the hot summer days when the trout are dormant. We had hoped to stock more than we did. Hopefully the ones we stocked will multiply and improve this fishery.

A special thanks to Keith and Bobbi Richardson for allowing our club to fish this pond as a group and salvage some fish before the pond is drained and a new valve installed!

Those of you that were not able to participate missed an opportunity to catch Big bluegill. Maybe you will get a chance in the future to catch one or their offspring in Weiser Community Pond!



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Largemouth Bass photo By Jonathunder - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=9745251>

started fishing shortly after. Because of a fire in the area we were told by one of the employees that we would have to leave the area by 2 pm so they could move some cattle. This information made Zac happy as he had already put in a 60 hr. week. However we would miss the best part of the day for catching warm water fish. We did manage to





Hells Canyon

By Mike Thomas

Every year in October Idaho Power reduces the flow below Hells Canyon Dam to facilitate Fall Chinook Salmon spawning in the Snake River. During this time the river can be a magical place to fish, not only are you able to catch the smallmouth bass in large numbers but also do well on hooking beautiful rainbow trout in the 14 to 18 inch range. Many folks claim, me included, that these fish are the planted steelhead that don't make it to the Pacific but instead hang out in the snake and Columbia system. Whatever they are or where ever they come from these trout seem to be much more abundant now when the flows drop as well as the temperature in the canyon.

I just returned from my first pilgrimage to

pole strung and wading stick secured. From the parking area I fish several locations along a one mile stretch of the river trail. In past years I have had some great days targeting steelhead but with the current numbers this year you're better off targeting trout and if a steelhead hits so much the better. I focus on pocket water close to the bank in water roughly 2 to 4 feet deep and usually use a six or seven weight rod with a two fly set up. My absolute favorite fly is the prince nymph in size six and a soft hackle wet fly in a size eight or ten for my dropper. The soft hackle does well with gray, brown and orange bodies due to large number of caddis flies on the water.

I know it's a bit of a drive for folks but it is a beautiful time of year in the canyon, fall foliage ribbons the river with reds and yellows making the drive seem shorter. Just remember you need an Oregon license and the rocks along the river are slick when wet so a wading staff is mandatory when walking the bank. It's a big river but if you fish it small focusing on pocket water close to the bank, you'll find that it will be one of your special places as well.



Hells Canyon yesterday afternoon and it didn't disappoint. My routine is to park below the visitor center get my waders on,

Hells Canyon photo By X-Weinzar - Self-photographed, CC BY-SA 2.5, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=4162923>



Fall Fishing at Balm Creek

By Grant Baugh

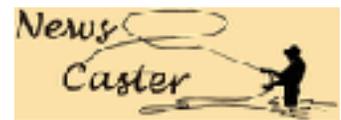
This is what fall fishing is all about.

Abundant fall colors.....great weather.....great fishing....great friends.

Balm Creek Reservoir with Jim Gulu, Mike Stanton, Al Sillonis, and myself.

We all caught nice fish, Gulu the largest.. 20", and of course Al the most... what's new about that.





Zotto Reservoir

By Jeannette Sillonis

Beautiful fall weather and hungry fish made for a great day of fishing for Al and Jim at Zotto Res. which was completely full. Fish size ran from 8 to 18 inches. Only bad thing was the road hasn't improved. It is still bad.



Hells Canyon Fishing

By Al Sillonis



Just caught two salmon using a rock creek fly and I was fishing for trout.

Club Library is Brimming

By Bob Maki

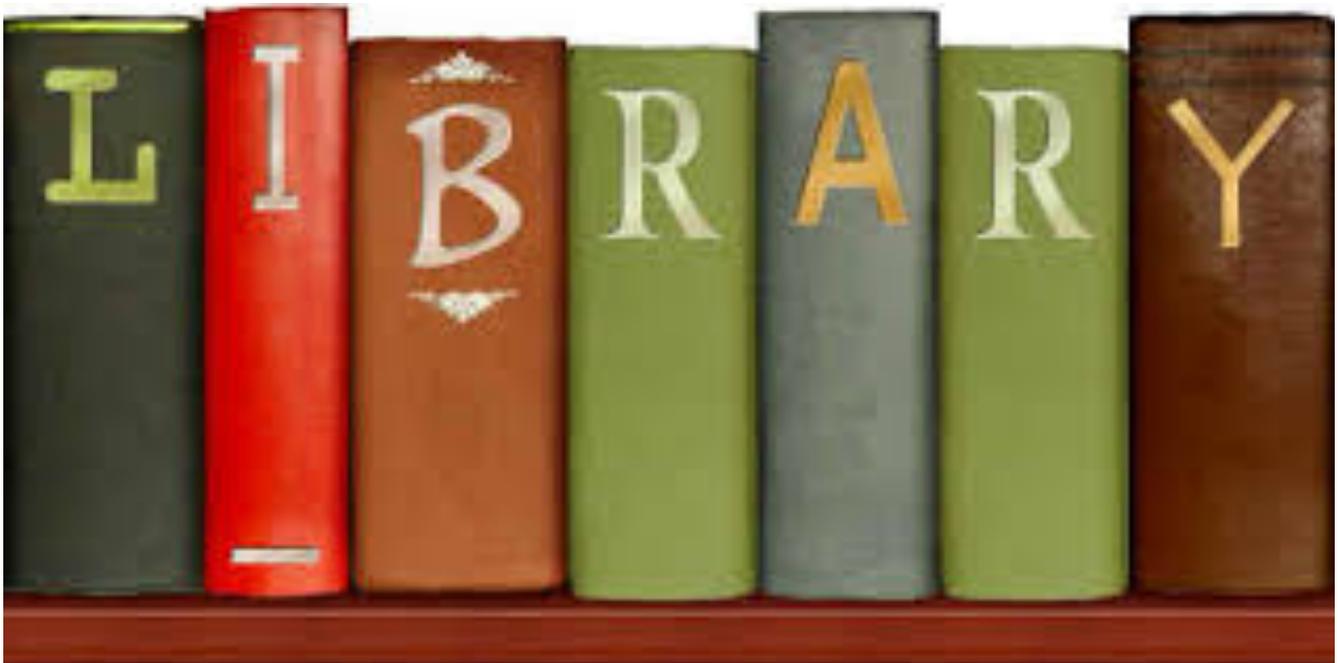
There are 136 books, 31 DVD's and 43 VHS video's in our library all there to inspire one in the pursuit of fly fishing.

I'd been fishing seemingly all my life when I joined our club but none of it involved fly rods and fly's. So as it was all new to me, I found our library a fantastic source of information to study and aid me in this new world of roll casts and wind knots.

Where's my Rapala? What I knew then about flyfishing could have been chronicled on one side of a post it note with room left over. Now it would take two, much yet to learn.

Reading water, casting, retrieve's, knots, leaders, tippetts, and flies are among the many subjects more than likely to be found within the tale-waters of our library and all at no charge!

The degree you receive is relative to the water you fish, the choice is yours.





Why Do I Fish

By Jim Gulu

And this is no small thing, for in all its history, angling has brought delight to many and harm to no one.

Roderick Haig-Brown



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