



President's Message

By Mike Thomas

Merry Christmas to one and all from the Thomas family! Our Dec. 11 meeting will be our annual Christmas party meeting. Since our Dec. 4 board meeting has not happened at the time of writing this article the following information is without board approval. This meeting will start at Six (6 pm) not 7 pm as usual. Pizza, salad, and pop will be furnished by IHFF's other beverages can be purchased. In addition to bringing yourself and significant other bring paper products for the Elks Christmas Baskets or canned foods for Love Inc. Also I suppose "White Elephant" gifts will be exchanged. The pizza and salad bar is supposed to be ready to start eating at 6:15 MST.

I would like to thank Dick and Mike S and (Hank Patterson) for sharing their stories for "How to fly fish the Weiser area inexpensively!". A big Thank You to Ray for his fly tying demo before our meeting and also to his fly tying lesson on Tue. night! I also appreciate those of you that stepped up without warning to help teach others how

to tie the Blood knot. ALSO, Perry (I suppose) would like to thank all of you for donating to the stick raffle and fixing the drawing so he could win!

Weiser's Festival of Trees sponsored by Weiser Memorial Hospital was held Wed. Nov 28. Indianhead Fly Fishers were asked for a donation to this event between board meetings. I ask permission and received it from several board members to purchase a fly rod/reel combination from Maxcatch fly fishing for under \$100. USPS delivery was to before 8:00 pm Nov. 24 (today Nov. 26) still not delivered. [It was shipped from China Nov.12 and in San Francisco Nov 19]. Not knowing if we would receive it in time for the auction I wrote a description of the purchase and found a picture of the package to include. I also donated on behalf of IHFF's two fly casting sessions, a IHFF's hat and a dozen favorite hand tied flies from our membership. Thanks to those that tied flies and got them to me before this event! A comparable rod/reel combination (by Sage) found in Feather-Craft Christmas catalog sells for \$550 without the hat, flies and casting lessons.

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A membership application was also included, maybe we will gain another member. Thanks for letting our community know Indianhead Fly Fishers support our hospital.

I appreciate Gerry's efforts to continue to publish our "Newcasters" long distance. Some of our new members have not met you! (Maybe you will post a selfie sometime). Along with Mike S. Email notifications this is a very important way to keep in touch with membership.

Our January program will (hopefully) be a presentation by IHFF Mark Sands if he didn't fall and break a leg dragging elk out of the hills.

See you and your better-half at the Indianhead Fly Fishers Christmas party Tue. DEC. 11 at Idaho Pizza (Weiser) at 6:00 (six) pm.

Ole Mike Thomas



<https://www.fg-a.com>

Dues Reminder for December 2018:

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

- **December**
- Jascha Zeitlin



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.

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

Dec. 11 - 6 PM. Pizza, salad, and pop will be furnished by IHFF's. In addition bring paper products for the Elks Christmas Baskets or canned foods for Love Inc. Also I suppose "White Elephant" gifts will be exchanged.

Dec. 18 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Hanukkah	4 IFF Board Meeting	5 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Waffleberry	6	7	8
9	10	11 6PM IFF Christmas Party	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 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Waffleberry	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve					

Spey Clave 2018

By Tom Dyer

I just returned from the Clearwater River where the 2018 Spey Clave just finished. The Clearwater spey clave is a gathering of people who are interested, more like obsessed, in fly fishing with the long two-handed rods. An entire segment of our fly fishing community gravitates to this method of fishing mainly due to steelhead and hopes of the tug of a large sea run trout. What generally is covered at a spey claves is: techniques in two hand casting, rods and reels designs that facilitate this activity and all the new equipment developed from manufactures domestic and abroad. The

main sponsor for the spey clave is the Red Shed fly shop located in Peck Idaho roughly fifteen miles west of Orofino.

I think this year's Clearwater Spey Clave was their 14th, I've been to four of them and each time I come away with a desire to be a better two hand caster, better tier of steelhead flies and a wish that I lived closer to the Clearwater River. But the best part is meeting people with the same desire for swinging flies for big steelhead. For example, this year I met a father sons group that moved from Seattle Washington to Kooskia Idaho for a change in life style (slower) and affordability. Even though they

had to start over, Kooskia's low cost of living made it so they were able to come out ahead. Anyway, if you get a chance you may want to put a spey clave on your Fall calendar next year (last weekend in September) it is kind of fun and you can always sneak away from the event and try to catch one of those B run fish that the Clearwater is so famous for.



Bone Fish

By Jim Gulu

Received a call early, a couple of Saturdays ago, from Al about heading down to Hell's Canyon for some small mouth bass fishing.

Anyway I'm fishing for them with my fly rod and AL with his hardware of the day. Attached

is a picture of the fresh water bone fish caught on a Clouseau minnow.

Al out fished me for the day(26 to 5), still had a great day. We saw a bear on the way home and at least 250 or more turkeys.



Hells Canyon

By Jeanette Silonis

Some of the Indian Head Fly Fishers took advantage of Oregon's free fishing day Saturday, Nov. 24 by fishing in the Snake River below Hell's Canyon Dam. Mike Stanton, Steve Livingston and Jack Wassard along with Al Sillonis all had a good but cold day of fishing.



Why Do I Fish

By Jim Gulu

I don't want to sit at the head table
anymore. I want to go fishing..

George Bush



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