



President's Message

By Mike Thomas

What a great way to start off a new year! January's weather was amazing if you don't like to shovel snow. We have had some open water to fish if you are willing to wait until the afternoons to keep the ice out of your guides. Hopefully our mountains will continue to receive the snow so we will have plenty of water this summer to keep our fishing spots productive.

Thanks Mark for the great program at our Jan. membership meeting. Your pictures of Alaska scenery and wildlife are great. Hopefully some of us get to make a similar trip in the near future. Thanks to Perry for his fly tying expertise at our meeting and at the library. His demonstration of the E.P. Weepy fly was a little different than the the way I remember him showing me how to tie it a few years ago. My memory however is not as great as it used to be! Our tying session at the library had one of the most tiers we have had in attendance in a long time including two kids. [Thanks Bruce for bringing your grandkids]. I would like to thank Ray for running our raffle and

donating extra prizes along with Perry's fly donation. When Janet and Eileen are not present at our meetings to keep some of us [Me] informed as how things are to proceed they are really missed especially when I forgot they were not planning on being there. Thanks again Ray for stepping up and also for winning Perry's flies which I was supposed to win!

I finally purchased my non-resident Ore. fishing license and now I'm wondering how I'm supposed to to cast my fly rod with that stupid briefcase in my arm?? Maybe some of you have a better way of carrying your license?

There are some members of IHFF's I would like to thank that haven't attended a meeting in some time! Gerry Bogue has put together and published our Newscasters and what a great job he continues to do for us. Cecil Benintendi and Stan Graves we miss our Malhuer Res. & Brownlee fishing reports? Nando and Roberta Mauldin we need your exciting stories.

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Roland Mullinix, I haven't won a raffle since you were here to touch me. By attending our membership meetings on the second Tuesday of each month each of you have something to share that makes the fellowship of Indianhead Fly Fishers important.

Our program for our February 12th meeting will be presented by past president and creator of IHFF's Perry Kelley. Ray Perkins will be our fly tying expert and teacher for the month.

I welcome our newest members Mike and Margaret Green. I encourage the new members as well as other members to let those of us that attend board meetings (Feb. 5) on the first Tuesday of the month know what you intend to get out of our membership meetings and also what we can do to make fly fishing more enjoyable for you. See you On Feb. 12 if not before!

Ole Mike Thomas

Dues Reminder for February 2019:

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

- **Roland Mullinix**
- **Matt Nourmohamadin**
- **Ed Pollard**
- **Mike Stanton**
- **Mike Thomas**
- **Cecil Benintendi**



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. 5 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM

Feb. 12 - Members and guests Idaho Pizza 7 PM

Feb 19 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5 IFF Board Meeting Lunar New Year	6 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Waffleberry	7	8	9
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Weiser River Wiggler

By Tom Dyer

It's January and the holidays are over, now we settle in for short days that can provide some great adventures in Fly Fishing! That's right, you may think I'm crazy but the same reasons you want to stay inside close to the fire are the reasons you should venture out; fewer people on the rivers, cool /highly oxygenated water and fish more concentrated in runs and holes.

The Weiser River is a good example, flows are consistent (no irrigation) and the water temps more conducive for active trout.

The past few years I have had luck with small chironomidae's fished under a strike indicator. I usually locate a strike indicator four feet above a size 10 barrel swivel, to the lower lobe of the swivel I add a 12 inch piece of maxima leader material and after knotting the end crimping on a split shot. The fly is attached to a section of tippet secured to the swivel's upper loop. The main issue with this formula is the size of the fly, usually 14, 16 or 18, and with cold weather and shaky hands it's hard to thread the hook eye, at least for me. Due to this situation I've been playing with the San Juan fly patterns in sizes 8 and 10, much easier to tie on the leader and it looks like a worm, what could be better.



The Weiser River Winter Wiggler (WWW) is a pattern that requires a few things you may not have in your normal tying arsenal. First a hook, I use an Umpqua U202 size 8, second a 3/16" bead, and the main ingredient is "sili worms from Wapsi". I use 140 denier thread to tie this stuff together. Sili worms reminds me of gummy worms the grandkids like to eat, nasty looking stuff. This material is kind of tricky to use, too much tension on the thread and you cut the worm, too little and it slides around. Another thing, you must use water base head cement otherwise you chance melting wormy, spoken from experience.

Yesterday was slightly warmer and

brighter than what we have experienced lately. About three in the afternoon I donned my cross country skis and headed to the river. The water looked good except for an ice shelf which extended ten feet into the river. Right off the bat I noticed a nice sized trout working the surface. On my second cast my indicator went down after a short drift. Now how do I land this fish over this ice shelf? As it turned out my fish flipped up on the ice, the hook was still in it's mouth but my line was no longer attached to it. The second

hook-up saw the fish swim under the ice and stay there. No matter what I did Mr. Fish didn't move and when the leader broke I was done. I need to rethink how to fish around shelf ice, maybe one of those long Tenkara rods would be the ticket.

January Fly Tying

By Mike Thomas



Fisherman's Saying

By Jim Gulu

Fishermen are an optimistic class or they would not be fishermen.----Herbert Hoover



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