



President's Message-?-Dec. 2019

December is here and so is the SNOW! The last fishing trip I took was to the Weiser Community Pond. Here I watched Mike S. helping Steve cast his new Tenkara Rod and waited (with camera in hand) for Steve to hook and land a fish. Didn't happen. However, Bob showed up to fly fish with rod in hand but had left his reel home. Mike gave Bob a Tenkara Rod to use and HE did land his first fish on the rod. Note: Pictures of this adventure are to be found somewhere in this issue of our Newscaster. My catch of the day was a "30 in scuba fin" caught on a size 14 prince nymph. It was apparently lost by some law enforcement officers looking for something thrown in the pond. Hopefully it got returned to the proper owner?

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Thanks Mike S. for your excellent program on "Tenkara Fly Fishing". Also thanks for sending a "thank you" IHFF's Cap to Dragontail for donating the rod Steve so graciously won. I know he was excited to win and also to receive your casting help. Speaking of winning-quest who- won the 50/50 raffle. Again congrats Ray.

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Speaking of Ray—Our fly tying session in November was well attended. Ray's leadership in making Christmas ornaments with hand tied flies suspended inside was our part in Weiser Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees. Ray suggested this project and showed us his first two ornaments before the tying session. Also before this session Dave finished a whole box of ornaments with red and green ribbons around each. We had already decided to donate two dozen such ornaments. Well by 7:30 pm we had counted 46 completed ornaments. A BIG THANK YOU to all you that helped with this project in any way shape or form. The Gala is Wed. Dec. 4 and as I write this a Tree is being decorated with these ornaments. Some of the ornaments will be auctioned off in the live auction. Great Community Project for the IHFF's!

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Our Christmas party will be planned tonight at our board meeting. The December 10 Christmas Party will start at 6:00 (SIX) pm. Pizza, Salad, and a soft drink will be furnished by IHFF's. LOOK for other details in this Newscaster !! White Elephant gift exchange will happen as well as some sort of entertainment proved by Mike S.

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Thanks to Tom and Cindy for taking care of our requirement for our tax exempt status.

Time to think about programs/presentations for our upcoming membership meetings. We would appreciate your input.

Hope to see you at IHFF's annual Christmas Party at Idaho Pizza @ 6:00 pm.

Ole Mike Thomas

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Members whose dues are due this Month:

- Bruce Parsons
- Nina Gammons
- Stanley Graves
- Al Sillionis

Dues are \$30 per year or \$45 for a family (There is a limit of 12 members per family.)

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Indianhead Fly Fishers
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Idaho Pizza Company
17 W Commercial, Weiser

Pizza, salad bar and drinks will be finished by the club from funds raised in our weekly 50/50 raffle.

Bring your significant other and join us for fun and frolic.



If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a WHITE ELEPHANT gift. Please note that a white elephant gift is something that you no longer need, but might be useful to someone else. Please refrain from bringing junk that would otherwise be put in the circular file.



BRING CANNED GOODS

IN YEARS PAST, you were encouraged to bring paper goods for the Elks. THIS YEAR, Idaho Pizza is collecting canned goods for the needy and are offering a discount on a large pizza if we bring a canned good or two. So, let's take them up on this fantastic offer and help the community as well.

FESTIVAL OF TREES CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

As you may recall, at our October Board meeting it was decided that we will donate two dozen Christmas ornaments to this year's Festival of Trees. These ornaments were to be similar to the ones that adorned the tree that the club donated several years ago. They will be clear, 3-inch globe with a colorful fly suspended in the middle.

The Board used the regular fly tying Tuesday evening, November 19, to prepare these ornaments. Below are some shots of that tying meeting.



Perry, Mike and Dick at the xmas fly tying. We need to work on our photo skills.



I have several more photos that I took at the session and would have included them if I could have found them. In the process of moving, they are on a memory card somewhere at this house or that house or somewhere in between. Maybe next time.



And what happened at the Festival



Ray's unique ornaments were placed in the silent auction. Unfortunately we did not get the results of auction.



8 Fly Fisher's Wonderland
 Sponsors: Indianhead Fly Fishers & Festival of Trees Committee
 Designers: Jo Ogburn & Lisa Puccio
 Description: This tree was created around a generous gift from the Indianhead Fly Fishers. Thirty plus clear glass bulbs feature an assortment of hand-tied flies, including some crafted by Ray Perkins who was instrumental in introducing brown trout to the Owyhee River in the 1990s.
 Value *Priceless*



As describe in the program, "About the Trees" prepared for the auction.



The tree was purchased for **\$1,000** by Comfort Zone Heating and Cooling of Weiser. Representing the company was Doug and Gina Applegate (left) and Daryn and Sabrina Young.



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Notes from the Indianhead Fly Fishers Board Meeting

December 3, 2019

You might be interested in several things that occurred the IHFF Board meeting last night:

The Christmas Party scheduled for the next meeting (December 10) was the main topic of discussion.

- Food will be ready to eat at 6:15.
- There will be no raffle.
- There will be no fly tying.
- See the poster later in this newsletter for details.

There will be no fly tying the library this month.

Thank you Dragontail Tenkara

In response to Mike Stanton's request for informational brochures, Dragontail Tenkara wanted to "sponsor" this month's program instead. They sent a \$180 Tenkara rod to be give away. We will do so by giving each member that attends the meeting Tuesday a free ticket to be drawn after Mike's presentation. The winner will take home this beautiful, high quality rod.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Thanks to
Brent Auger,

Dragontail Tenkara
645 Alpine Drive
Chubbuck, ID 83203

www.dragontailtenkara.com



Steve Livingston (right) received his new Tenkara Fly Rod from Mike Stanton, courtesy of Dragontail Tenkare of Chubbuck, Idaho.

Thank you very much Dragontail for supporting our club. It is nice to have a "Made in Idaho" supporter.



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. 10- Our regularly scheduled membership meeting will be our annual Christmas party at the Weiser Idaho Pizza. Starts at **6:00 P.M.**

Dec. 17- There will be no fly tying this month at the Library.

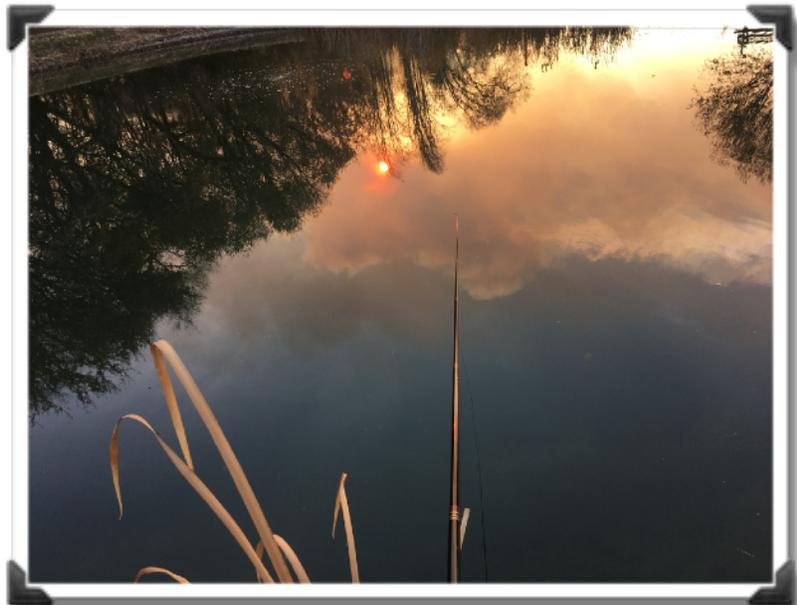
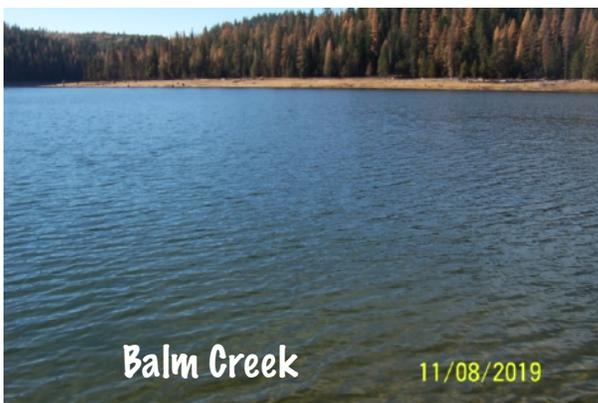
Every Wednesday morning at 8:00 we meet for an impromptu breakfast to talk about fishing for the coming week (among other stuff). This month we are at the Homestead Cafe on State Street.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 IHFF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	4 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10 IHFF Xmas Party! 	11 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	18
29	30	31	1 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.	2	3	4
5	6	7 IHFF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	8	9 <i>January</i>	10	11

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Steve L. Is taking lessons out his new Tenkara fly rod at the Weiser Pond. I understand he has another lesson



Study this one closely. Bruce caught a terrific reflection on the Weiser Pond. Would be worth framing!



A sight you don't see very often—in fact it occurs so seldom that Mike T. had to take a picture. Malheur Reservoir without wind. Quit pretty actually!

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From Balm Creek



Pole Creek - Nov. 15. What? 19 inches?

I am sure that I have missed several photos or tales of your exploits in recent months. However, I have an excuse (should you care to hear it.)

I am currently trying to keep track of three different mail address: one for personal stuff including 100 or so pieces of junk mail a day; one for the fly fishers; and one for the state fiddle association. I need two different computers going just for this newsletter because the one that I'm composing on doesn't recognize one of the mail addresses that is being used by some to send stuff to me.

Now, just for some strange reason you are still reading this mess and give a rats a - -, let me congratulate you on your tenacity. It's either that, or you have nothing better to do with your time.

Please stay with me on this and continue to send stuff. I promise it will get better. Be assured that at this point I not printing stuff because I didn't like it for some reason. I just lost it! And speaking of losing it, I wonder where my mind went.

The preposterous luck of a beginner is well known to all fisherman. It is an inexplicable thing.

Zane Gray

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

John Adams



For those that have never seen a cat fish.



<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/tie-steve-cobbs-thanksgiving->

The author's original pattern went viral on social media a few years ago.
All photos by Steve Cobb

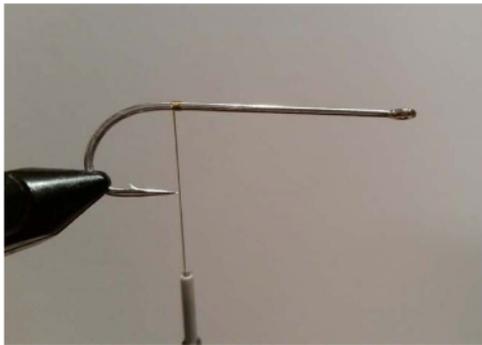
Steve Cobb's Santa Fly has been a favorite of this blog for a few years now, and he has kind enough to show us how to tie a couple of years ago. That post was such a big hit that I asked Steve to come back and walk us through his Thanksgiving Turkey Fly. Whip up a few of these over the next week and you'll be the star of your holiday gathering.

Steve Cobb lives and fishes un Upstate New York, on the northern edge of Adirondack Park. You can follow him on his blog at QuietRaquette.com.

Turkey Fly

Hook: Stainless steel hook, size 1/0	Adhesive #2; UV-cure resin
Thread #1: Brown, 6/0	Thread #2: Red, 6/0
Body: Natural brown deer hair	Head/beard: Red zonker strip (1/8" wide)
Wings: Brown or tan soft hackle saddle feathers	Beak: yellow sheet foam
Legs: Tan round-rubber legs	Adhesive #3: Superglue or head cement
Adhesive #1: UV-cure resin	Eyes: 5X tippet and small black glass beads
Tails: Brown or tan soft hackle saddle feathers, glued at base	Adhesive #4: Superglue or head cement
	Tools: Sewing needle

The following set of images are taken from the web site noted above for instructions on how to tie the TURKEY FLY



1. Start thread at hook point and take a few wraps



3. Cut the bottom hair even with the hook point.



5. Square off the sides.



2. Spin clumps of deer hair to about half way up the hook shank....Pack it tight.



4. Cut the top hair slightly longer than bottom.



6. Tie in a wing feather on each side of the hook, with the feather tips pointing slightly downward. Trim the corners of spun hair to make the body rounder.



7. Spin some more deer hair to about 3/4 up the hook shank, packing it in as you go. Trim it to blend in being careful not to cut off a wing. (Then curse because you cut off a wing.)



11. Put some UV-cure on the hair on the topside of the hook and work it upward with your finger. (Swear because you've got some glue and feathers and deer hair all over you fingers.)



15. Glue the tail assembly to the body and the hook shank.



8. Fold a tenth of rubber leg material in half and tie in on top of hook.



12. Hit it with your light to cure it. This creates a base for the tail feathers.



17. Turn the hook around, clamping the hook eye in the jaws of the vise.



9. Grab the legs and work them back into the trimmed hair, to keep them out of the way.



13. Now's your last good chance to do some final trimming and shaping. (Curse because you just cut off a leg.)



18. Tie off the brown thread, and cut it. Put some UV-cure resin on the hair above the hook and work it upwards with your finger. Hit it with the light.



10. Spin and pack some more hair until almost to the hook eye.



14. Make a tail assembly by gluing five feathers together at the bases. Cut a little notch in the bottom center.



19. Tie in the red thread. Cut a 1/8-inch-wide piece of red zonker, a little longer than the height of the body.



20. Work the fibers down from the hide, then split them.



24. Cut a triangle from a sheet of yellow foam.



28. Position the tip of the needle on the and push the bead off the needle.



21. Place the zonked head on top of the hook and tie it in.



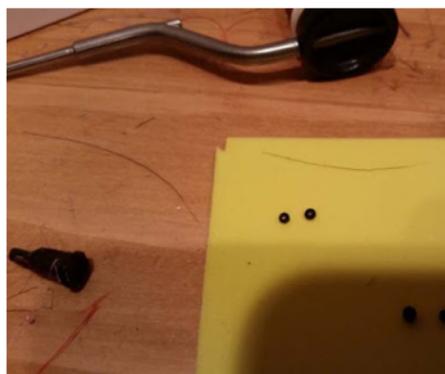
25. Glue the beak to the front of the head.



29. Add the second eye.



22. Tie wraps around the top of the zonked head, like a post. Tie off with a couple of half hitches. (Catch the top point between the thread and your finger, then tighten.)



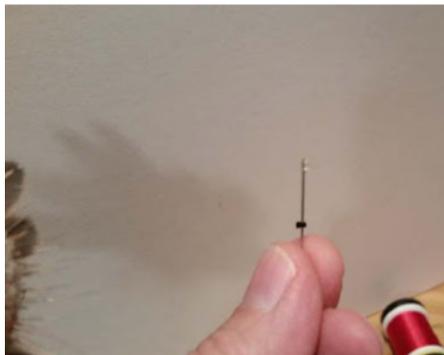
26. Select two glass beads of the same size.



30. Trim the legs. Give thanks you've got yourself a Gobbler Fly!



23. Trim zonked beard on bottom Side of the hook.



27. Thread the bead on a pin and put a drop of glue on the point.

Editor's Note: In order to format the images from the original website (noted at the beginning of this section) I had to retype the captions at the bottom of the images. If there are typographical errors, they are mine and not of the author, Steve Cobb.

Please note that there are many other fly tying articles and instructions of equal quality to this at the Orvis website



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