



## President's Message-?

Happy New Year-Ya all ! What a beginning to year 2020 weather wise? If you haven't been out fly fishing yet you have a problem! There is a lot of open water around our area. For you ice fishermen you may have to travel up in elevation. But it is a good time to practice casting to that little hole you drilled in the ice. I have had good reports from steelhead fishermen and Jet Boat operators on the Salmon and Snake Rivers. There seems to be a lot more steelhead in the river system now than the Fish and Game thought there were supposed to be. Maybe Tom and Dave are just keeping it a secret? Hopefully we get a report from you steelhead fly fishers at our Jan. 14 IHFF's meeting. Make sure you have a current license and tags (steelhead) for the states you plan to fish.

I thought our Christmas Party went well. Thank You Idaho Pizza! The food was great and on time! A big Thank You to Mike Green and helper Dan for the White Elephant gift presentation. The weed quiz Mike Stanton gave us was a challenge but very interesting. Thanks Mike for this presentation and also for the gifts you gave to the winners and losers! Thanks also to Jascha for picking up the tab for the food! I think a good time was had by all. Lloyd and Judy Thurmond chose a good night to attend their first IHFF's meeting and were welcomed with free pizza , salad and drink. Welcome you two as our newest members. We will

have a small presentation for you at our Jan. 14 membership meeting.

Bruce will start the evening with a fly tying demonstration. He will be tying a damsel nymph. During the membership meeting I would like the membership to take part in sharing a memorable event of your Fly Fishing adventures from 2019. Our program: "**Fly Fishing the Sea of Cortez**" will be presented by Tom. The 50/50 raffle and the year end raffle for members will be available.

This weekend Jan 10 and 11 is the Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo held at the fairgrounds in Boise. Anything fly fishing can be seen here. From fly tying, casting, building a fly rod, to planning a trip to boat the Salmon or Snake Rivers and maybe booking a trip to the Sea of Cortez. You can buy a new Tenkara rod from those guys in Chubbuck, Idaho that donated the rod that Steve won, and many other things. Google "*Boise Valley Fly Fishing Expo*" for all the details and exact times. A great place to learn more about the sport of Fly Fishing.

Perry will be conducting the fly tying session Jan 21 at the Weiser City Library at 7:00pm. He will be "showing us some interesting tying techniques".

See you at the Jan. 14 IHFF's meeting if not before!

*Ole Mike Thomas*

Thanks to  
**Brent Auger,**  
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 If you are attending the BVFF Expo this weekend be sure and stop by their booth and say "Hello," and thank them for their support of our club.

Members whose dues are due this Month:

<i>Mike &amp; Sue Bischoff</i>	<i>Denny Fields</i>
<i>Jim Casad</i>	<i>Dick Fencer</i>
<i>Stanley Graves</i>	<i>Bruce Parsons</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Margot Green</i>	<i>Jack Wassard</i>
	<i>Jascha Zeiten</i>

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

# JANUARY 2020

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Programs/Presenters - **Chris Clark & Mike Stanton**  
Weiser Community Cleanup - **Mike Thomas**  
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## The Tiger Trout



Have you ever caught a Tiger Trout?  
Have you ever seen one?  
Do you really know what one is?  
Maybe you should check out this unique trout  
on the following web site! (Simply click on it  
to go there.) 

<https://swittersb.wordpress.com/2009/07/23/tiger-trout-reasonable-genetic-mixing/>



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## Isaac

by Perry

A strange thing happened at the Indianhead Fly Fishers' Christmas party this year. We had all found our places at the tables, and the pizza was plentiful. After a few minutes, everyone was gorging, conversation slowed down to a whisper, and Mike Green began to speak. I didn't give him much thought, for my mouth was stuffed with at least half a pizza. Then I heard my name—probably someone, correctly, who was offended by my lack of table manners (trying to eat half a pizza at one time!). Mike presented me with a present. I felt obligated to at least open the present. It was a doll dressed like a fisherman (hat, vest, white hair, etc.) I found it rather amusing for the members of the IFF to see the resemblance between the doll and me.

The home base for all of my fishing-related things (rods, reels, fly boxes, materials, hooks, tying magazines and books, waders, left-over worms, decayed live baits) is in my basement fly-tying room. Or as my wife calls it, my Man Cave. I was putting the doll (by the way, I dubbed him **Isaac**) in a closet where I keep hook boxes and other obsolete items that I will never put to use but feel some degree of comfort that if—or when—I need them, I can always—perhaps, probably—never find them.

I then began to have second thoughts. Even though **Isaac** is a doll, he has an expression of knowledge acquired by many years of experience. He needs a permanent home on my tying bench where we can communicate each time I tie flies. I have to admit that **Isaac** has been a really wonderful source of creativity for my tying techniques. It seems that I communicate with him for help, ideas, technique, and size and colors for each fly I tie. Thanks, Mike Green and others, for giving me my new buddy and *confidante*—**Isaac**!

**Isaac is to Perry Kelley what Harvey is to Elwood P. Dowd!**



You got to admit, there is a certain similarity! The littler one just needs a fly rod and some glasses. Or maybe that is Mike's Tenkara rod he's holding.

Who's teaching whom?  
Maybe the better question is  
who is enjoying it the most?





### 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.

Jan. 14- Our regularly scheduled membership meeting will be at the Weiser Idaho Pizza. Starts at **7:00 P.M.**

Jan. 21- 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). The location varies, so check the calendar. It will either be the Homestead Cafe on State Street or the Cook Shack on W. 7th St.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	2	3	4
5	6	7 IHFF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	8 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Homestead	9		
12	13	14 Regular IHFF Member meeting. 7:00	15 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	16	17	18
19	20	21 Fly Tying, 7:00 at Weiser Library	22 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Homestead	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	30	31	1 Feb
2	3	4 IHFF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	5 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. HomeStead	6	7	8

*Fly Fishing the Sea of Cortez* presented by Tom Dyer

## **The Festival of Trees**



The members of the club should take pride in their work creating the ornaments (left) for auction at the Festival of Trees last month.

With the help of some volunteers from the hospital, a tree was created using those ornaments (right.)

The tree was purchased by Climate Zone Heating and Cooling (above) for \$1,000.

Thank you Climate Zone and thank you IHFF for your time and effort. It was a very successful endeavor.



*Happenings among the Indianhead Fly Fishers*



President (?) Mike fishing the Weiser Pond with his infamous hand-made Tenkara rod which was meticulously assembled from selected bamboo (purchase from the garden supply area at BiMart.)



A good time was held by all at the annual Christmas party last month. Looks like I should have been there



Cabin fever got to Al so he went fishing last Thursday in the Snake River below the Hell's Canyon Visitor's Center. Caught two of what Ray says are peamouth chubs. He also played tourist and took pictures of things he saw coming and going.





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## Useful and Interesting Fly Fishing Links - *Come and Explore*



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### Great Web Site for Smallmouth Bass Fly Fishing

<http://www.flyfishingforsmallmouthbass.com/>

### Good Web Sites for Low Cost Fishing Supplies

The Fish Guy-Box 302, Florence MT. 59833

[www.thefishguy.com/](http://www.thefishguy.com/)

Maxcatch-Qingdao, China

[www.maxcatchfishing.com](http://www.maxcatchfishing.com)

Both are good places to buy fly lines, fly reels, and fly tying hooks at reasonable prices!!

Take a look at the **Mozart of Fly Casting** <https://nyti.ms/2MHY2K0>

### Films and Flies sites

[www.filmflies.com](http://www.filmflies.com)

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