



President's Message-?

March "in like a lion out like a lamb" maybe? It began like a lamb, kind of, and with near 70 degree temp for later this week who knows how the rest of the month will go. Fly fishing will be great this month with trout fishing spots unthawing and roads drying up. Some warm water fishing should also start this month. Catching may or may not be great. But if you don't go fishing you know for sure the catching will be bad.

Diana and I will be going to Tokyo Japan to visit family in the middle of the month and returning at the end of March. We have been discouraged to go by some fearful of the new strain of virus that originated in China. We are not changing our plans however regardless of the Media hype.

Cataract surgery went well and I now have a brighter outlook on life. I can see, without glasses, to tie a size 18 CDC or a little brown fly but I will have to get new glasses to find the river!

Thanks to Ray for talking his friends from Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife into presenting the program for our March meeting. They will talk about the Owyhee River trout fishery (below the dam) and about stocking trout in Southeast Ore.

Idaho Fish and Game will have their fish trailer at Weiser Community Pond on Sat. May 9 from 10am to 2pm. Mike Green is organizing a kids fish tournament during this time sponsored by both IDFG

and IHFF's. IDFG will be supplying the fish, poles and bait. Indianhead Fly Fishers will provide the prizes for the 3 divisions. Mike will discuss this at our meeting. Also Mike started a "group" called Indianhead Fly Fishers on Facebook and is encouraging you to join this group. I think this is another way of letting the public know about our happenings! Thanks Mike.

Organizing and planning of the clean up on the Owyhee River will be discussed. Put Sat. April 18 on your calendar. Fly tying demo before our meeting will be done by Ray. The fly tying session on March 17 at Weiser Library at 7pm will be taught by Perry. The fly we tie will probably be some sort of GREEN fly.

Thanks to all of you that show up to the IHFF board meetings and plan the membership meetings I really appreciate your input! See you Tue. March 10.

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Mike Thomas

Several of us Indianhead fly fishers are trying to put together a fishing trip to Pyramid lake in Nevada for April 7,8,9th. If you are interested, please contact Mike Stanton at . More information will be at the March (next) meeting of the

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

Members Who Owe Dues This Month

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|  Grant Baugh |  Perry Kelley |
|  Bonnie Akbar |  Bob Make & |
|  Tom and Cindy Dyer | Karen Kosowan |
|  Mark Sands |  Mark Picini |
|  Dave Henderson |  Ray Perkins. |

Members Who's Dues Are **Past** Due

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|  Jim Casad |  Stanley Graves |
|  Mike Green |  Jascha Zeitlin |
|  Denny Fields |  Mike & Diana Thomas |
|  Jack Wassard |  Janet Baker |

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Weiser Community Cleanup - **Mike Thomas**
Recruit/New Members - **Jim Gulu & Al Sillonis**

Which Fly?

By Perry Kelley

The Mighty Duo of Fly Tying

Purple and Chartreuse

Sitting at the bench—what to tie? What hatches to imitate? Nothing is coming to me now, too early in the season for damsels or mayflies. Water needs to warm up. What is the sense to tie a fly that just looks colorful.

Hold everything! Perhaps a big bug with bright “come and get me” colors just might wake up Mr Fish. Two colors come to mind, colors that work almost any time during the season even though they are not usually found in nature. Purple sometimes will entice a fish to strike even though it is rare that we see purple insects. Sometimes there are shades of green found in nymphs. Hold everything! The word “perception” might come into play. It has been written that fish perceive colors differently than humans. What if we tie a pheasant tail nymph, mixing the two colors purple and chartreuse. Blending the colors together might be the ticket.

This will be the recipe for our fly of the month: ***the purp-char or the char-pul pheasant tail nymph***

Hook: 2x long nymph hook

Thread: black

Tail: six purple and Chartreuse pheasant tail fibers

Abdomen: purple and chartreuse pheasant tail fibers twisted together

Ribbing: Medium gold wire

Thorax: blended purple and chartreuse dubbing

Wing case: purple pheasant tail

Legs: purple pheasant tail

Introducing the Char-Pul Pheasant Tail Nymph



From the side



From the top



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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.

Mar. 10- Our regularly scheduled membership meeting will be at the Weiser Idaho Pizza. Starts at **7:00 P.M.** Dave Banks from Oregon Div. Fish & Game is the featured program.

Mar. 17- There will be fly tying this month at the Library headed by Ray Perkins.

Apr. 3 - Regular Board Meeting. Every member is invited to attend and provide input for the good of the club.

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.

MARCH-APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 IHHF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	4 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Homestead	5	6	7
8	9	10 Regular IHHF Member meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	11 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	12	13	14
15	16	17 Fly Tying, 7:00 at Weiser Library	18 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Homestead	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. HomeStead	2	3	4
5	6	7 IHHF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	8 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	9	10	11

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Jim Gulu found this list. Back in 2008, members were asked to share their favorite fly. This was the list from that request.

Indianhead Fly Fishers Favorites

March 22, 2008

Jim's Gu -Gu (Jim Gulu)

Hook: Daiichi 1750 size 12
Thread: black 8-0
Tail: root beer, rust or burnt orange marabou
Abdomen: gold-copper black chenille
Hackle: brown ties sparsely
Where used: still water

Malheur Minerva (Perry Kelley)

Hook: 3xl nymph hook size 8 or 10
Thread: red 6-0
Tail: 2 Spenser grizzly chicken marabou feathers
Body rear 2/3: red Krystal Flash chenille
Body front 1/3: after shaft from red chicken marabou feathers
Bead: gold
Where used: still waters

MT Zug Bug (Mike Thomas)

Hook: 2xl nymph hook 8 - 10
Thread: black 8/0
Tail: peacock sword 3 to 6 fibers
Abdomen: peacock herl (tapered)
Thorax: peacock glimmer chenille
Wing: wood duck trimmed to a triangle
Where Used: all waters
Notes: can be effective as a dropper for smallmouth bass

Green Outfouse (Mike Thomas)

Hook: 3xl nymph hook 8 - 10
Tail: olive marabou or olive arctic fox
Thread: 6-0 chartreuse
Body: chartreuse chenille or chartreuse Kristal Chenille
Hackle: undersized grizzly tied palmer (Woolly Bugger style)
Ribbing: counter wrapped chartreuse wire
Weight: gold bead, gold cone, or hour glass eyes
Where: Excellent searching pattern on the Owyhee River

Gargler (Mike Thomas and Perry Kelley)

Hook: TMC 8089 6 - 10
Thread: your choice
Tail: marabou (your choice of colors)
Body: chenille or dubbing
Shell back: 2mm craft foam
Head: 2 mm craft foam tied as a hood over the hook eye
Legs: rubber, either threaded through the body, or tied on side of body
Where: anywhere smallmouth bass are found.
Excellent in Ox Bow Reservoir. Color and material combinations are endless.

Birdnest (Marvin Orwig)

Hook: nymph
Thread: rusty dan 8-0
Tail: lemon wood duck
Body: Australian possum
Legs: lemon wood duck 8 - 12 fibers tied on each side
Bead: gold
Where used: all waters for trout

Purple Puzzier (Cecil Benintendi)

Hook: Mustad 3603B 10-12
Thread: black 8/0
Body: large purple chenille
Hackle: grizzly heavily palmered
Shell back: purple craft cord bend of hook to eye
Where used: Malheur Reservoir

Hills Trailing Shuck Midge (Perry Kelley)

Hook: TMC 101 18-24
Thread: 8-0 rusty dun
Shuck: tuft of muskrat fur tied on at the middle of the hook shank
Body: peacock herl tied on front half of shank
Hackle: appropriate sized grizzly palmer, Griffiths Gnat style
Where used: Owyhee during midge hatches

Mercury Zebra Midge (Perry Kelley)

Hook: TMC 2488 #18 - 24
Thread: 8-0 match color of body
Body: tying thread slight taper to head
Ribbing: fine silver wire or Krystal Flash
Thorax: dabbling to match body color
Bead: silver lined glass bead
Where used: Owyhee River

Foam Skwala

Hook: TMC200R# 8-12
Thread: FMD yellow 8-0
Tail: rounded 1/4 to 5/8 inch wide brown craft (2mm) foam strip 1/4 inch long
Abdomen: foam strip base tied down covered with black dubbing.
Ribbing: yellow Krystal Flash counter wrapped
Thorax: yellow dabbling over foam strip
Under wing: synthetic wing material flat stone fly style over body
Over wing: elk hair
Head: foam doubled over thorax, tied down and trimmed
Legs: black Flex Boss, two tied on each side of thorax
Where used: Owyhee River

Al's Bugger (Al Sillonia)

Hook: #8 3x1
Thread: yellow or chartreuse 6/0
Tail: yellow Marabou tied length of body
Tail flash: 4 strands of rainbow Krystal Flash
Body: yellow chenille
Hackle: grizzly palmer woolly bugger style
Weight: gold cone or bead or lead free wire
Where: Owyhee River

Wine Leech (Al Sillonia)

Hook: #6 3x1
Thread: Red 8-0
Tail: root beer marabou
Tail flash: 4 strands rainbow Krystal Flash
Body: Mocha-Dea Gleam (rubellite color) mohair yarn
Hackle: Brown tied small and sparse behind head
Head: red
Weight: lead free wire
Where: still waters

Al Sillonis Annual Fishing Report

Hi Club Members,

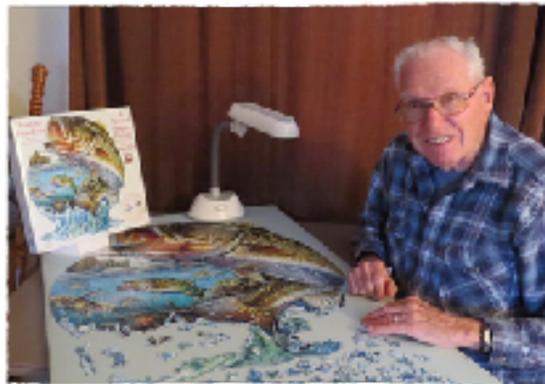
Mike Thomas has been after me for a fishing report, so here is a brief history and condensed 2019 report.

In 2006 I kept a record on a calendar. I no longer have that record. In 2007 I started keeping a journal. That year I fished 122 days and caught 1680 fish. My best year was 2009 when I fished 100 days and caught 2,482 fish which was an average of 29 fish per day. My worst year was 2013 when I fished 62 days and only caught 671 fish. In 2011 I got skunked 17 days.

Condensed 2019 Report

- ◆ I fished 72 days. That's an average of 6 days a month but I only fished 1 day in February and 12 days in July.
- ◆ I caught 1,224 fish which averaged 17 a day, but I got skunked 5 of those days.
- ◆ Most fish caught one day was 83 in Grande Ronde Lake.
- ◆ I caught 10 species, fished 20 different locations with 11 different people.
- ◆ 49% of my catch was rainbow trout and 37% were small mouth bass. The other 8 species made up 14%.
- ◆ 68% were caught on a fly rod, 32% on a spinning rod and 1 perch on bait.
- ◆ I caught a 21 inch rainbow in Fish Lake on Steens Mountain, but my biggest fish was a carp I caught below Hell's Canyon dam. I didn't weigh or measure it.
- ◆ I drove one of my pickups most of the time for 10,271 miles.
- ◆ I fished by myself 35 days and with others 37 days.
- ◆ Since December though March are mostly cold winter days Jeanette and I did 46 jigsaw puzzles for a total of 36,000 pieces.

Al Sillonis - When he is not fishing, he's putting together fishing jigsaw puzzles.



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And From Tom Dyer

While cross country skiing the Weiser River Trail Cindy and I noticed small skinny black bugs on the snow. In some locations you could stop and count ten or more of these little critters around your skies. Taking one of these guys home I was able to identify it as a group of stoneflies that hatch in rivers every fall when leaf litter is packed on our stream bottom. Apparently, this leaf litter is their major food source. As active nymphs they go on a growth spree that leads to maturity during winter months. Winter emerging stoneflies tend to leave the river during sunny days when their dark bodies can absorb as much of the sun's energy as possible. As you would guess, these stoneflies are poor fliers and would rather skitter across the snow to save energy (see picture below). I would guess the bug we brought home, and the others I've seen, are less than a half inch long and about as big around as a pencil lead.

If you would like to try winter fly fishing on the Weiser River and take advantage of these little stoneflies, I'd recommend using zebra midges and pheasant tails in size 16. I have caught fish using size 14's but that's because I have a hard time tying smaller flies. Just remember to use a strike indicator as well as a bit of weight to get the fly down. All of the fish I have been picking up are in deeper runs.



Tom decided to keep a few to try out in his "new" smoker. Looks good!

And From Bruce Parsons

Who came up with this plan? It was hatched somewhere during a big stick-string-lots of little sticks discussion.



Experience usually is what you get when you don't get what you want, but if there was no such thing as optimism, there wouldn't be any such thing as fishing.

Michael McIntosh

Whoever, I'm glad he did.

Jack and I went looking for a hungry/territorial or just plain angry trout (or bass or cat or . . .) in the Weiser between Presley siding and Galloway dam. Beautiful sunshine, chill wind, and water temps in the mid 30s. Very few bugs in evidence, although Jack called out that he saw a mayfly . . . as in one mayfly. Some baby grasshoppers gave me ideas for a late spring hopper-dropper attack.

I tried crawdad, sculpin, and a couple of nymph patterns with no detectable response. Other than the beaded leech with which he started, I'm not sure what Jack used, also to no avail.

A good day!

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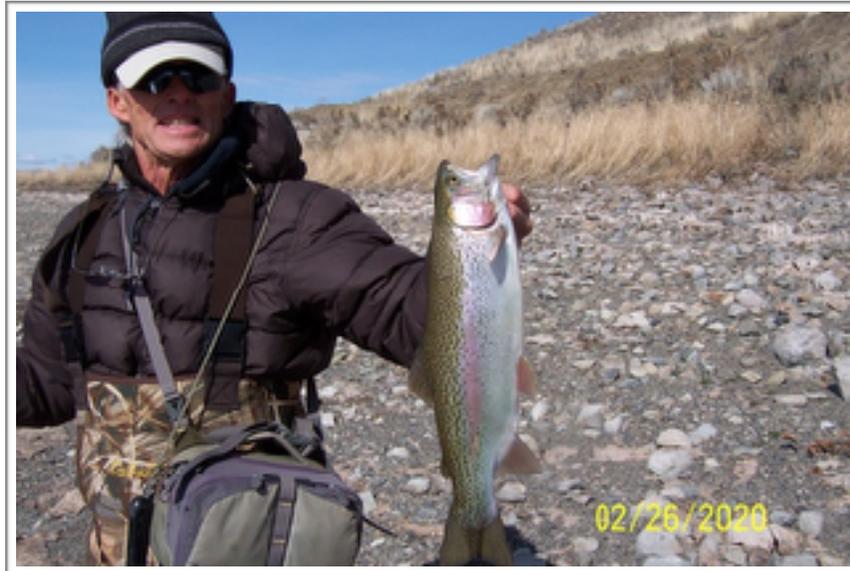
The SHOE Tree



IFF Cabin



Beulah Reservoir



Rainbow? Jack seems to be having a great time.

Oregon has announced it's
Free Fishing Days for 2020:

February 15-16

June 6-7

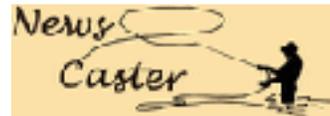
August 15-16

November 27-28



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



Montana Fly Fishing Magazine (<http://MontanaFlyFishingMagazine.com/>)

Idaho Fish & Game Southwest Region Fisheries Report
If you want to receive it electronically send you e-mail

Good Web Sites for Low Cost Fishing Supplies

The Fish Guy-Box 302, Florence MT. 59833

www.thefishguy.com/

Maxcatch-Qingdao, China

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**
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