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## President's Message

### Greetings!

If that doesn't scare you, perhaps you missed the movie: in any case, this is a first for me in so many ways, I can't count. I hope I will be able do you all justice, in attempting to fill the roles that so many others have fulfilled in the past. Most recently we have all benefited from the efforts that Mike Thomas, who has patiently and faithfully worked to guide Indianhead Fly Fishers.

The picnic/potluck meeting was held Sept. 8 at the park. It was good to see some folks that I haven't for some time. I am told the chicken tasted great (my grandkids got the leftovers): thanks to Mike Stanton for bringing it.

I especially appreciated the discussion, and ensuing suggestions, regarding the importance of attracting more members. Strategies for encouraging young folks to embrace the sport (way of life?) we have come to enjoy were introduced. I encourage you all to explore and participate in those discussions, and jump in to address that pressing need.

Another issue confronting us, is the continuing trend, from many sources, of threats to our access to the lands and waters that we cherish for our fishing experiences. Various regulatory and legislative efforts to do so, are cropping up repeatedly, from all levels of government and various private/corporate entities. Most of you are aware of organizations such a Trout Unlimited, International Federation of Fly Fishers, and The Nature Conservatory: they disseminate information about such happenings, and provide some avenues for the public to address them (with, of course, their own slant on things). There are others, one of which I have come to appreciate, is Backcounty Hunter and Anglers. I think that a look at their website will give you some good ideas .

Plans are afoot to restart various activities: fly tying sessions, membership meetings, outings, etc.. Mr. Garrett will be applying his technological skills (which I highly appreciate), to keep us informed. Help him out please, with articles, photos, or other items that would interest us all.

Most importantly, **go fishing.**

A Welch Blessing: May the winds you find be always blowing gently toward you non-casting shoulder.

*Bruce Parsons*



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**The Following Members Owe Dues:**

September and October;

For Previous Months

Chris Clark  
Eileen Boots  
Jim Gulu  
Bruce Parsons

Bonnie Akbar  
Ken Burber  
Stanley Graves  
Dave Henderson  
Ray Perkins.

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

Dues should be mailed to:

Mike Stanton  
Box 654  
Weiser, ID. 83672

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Officers

Directors

President -Bruce Parsons  
Vice President -  
Past President -**Mike Thomas**  
Secretary - **Eileen Boots**  
Treasurer - **Jascha Zeitlin**

**Ray Perkins**  
**Mark Sands**  
**Janet Baker**

**Board / Committees**

Greeter - **Eileen Boots & Janet Baker**  
Fly Tying - **Bruce Parsons & Perry Kelley**  
Library - **Bob Maki & Karen Kosowan**  
Membership/Dues - **Mike Stanton**  
Newscaster - **Dick Garrett**  
Tax Exempt - **Tom & Cindy Dyer**  
Publicity - **Janet Baker**

Raffle - **Ray Perkins**  
Owyhee River Cleanup - **Dave Henderson**  
Christmas Party -  
Club Outings -  
Programs/Presenters - **Chris Clark & Mike Stanton**  
Weiser Community Cleanup - **Mike Thomas**  
Recruit/New Members - **Jim Gulu & Al Sillonis**



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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.

We will have a board meeting the first Tuesday of the month for the rest of the season. This month it will be at Idaho Pizza as usual. It starts at 7:00 (October 6) and should last about an hour. If you are interested in the functions of the club, please attend and do your share in promoting the club.

All things considered, we will try to have a general membership meeting this month, as well as a fly tying workshop at the library.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Board meeting Idaho Pizza	7 Breakfast at Cook Shack	8	9	10
11	12	13 Membership meeting Idaho Pizza	14 Breakfast at Homestead	15	16	17
18	19	20 Fly Tying Library 7:00	21 Breakfast at Cook Shack	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Breakfast at Homestead	29	30	31



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## **Tie A Better Fly Everything you need to know about hackles**

**By  
Perry Kelley**

When you consider the basics of fly tying, one of the first subjects that come to mind is hackle. Hackle is essential on practically all dry fly patterns and also part of many wet fly and nymph patterns. Hackle can be the most expensive of the many fly tying materials and somewhat difficult to find; therefore it is important to get the best use from each hackle feather.

When I was a boy on the farm and trying to get the basics of fly tying, I occasionally found myself chasing one of the the free ranging bantam roosters that had, what looked like, great hackles. The process was always the same: a boy, a chicken hook (6 foot stiff wire with a handle on the boy's end and a hook on the other end that would catch the foot of the rooster. Quite often it would take an hour or more to catch the fowl. The hackle feathers were always way too big with stiff stems that would hardly wrap around a hook. Needless to say, it was hard to get enthusiasm as a fly tier.

Move ahead; 12-year-old boy became a 26-year-old father and was given a fly tying kit for Father's Day. For me that was the beginning of my 56 years of fly tying. Obviously not many of my 80-year-old-plus contemporaries are running around with chicken hooks chasing bantam roosters.

Over the years the quality of hackle made amazing improvements. Growers such as Metz and Hoffman produced hackles that were superior to any other. Then came Tom

Whiting, the true master of the hackle industry. One neck of a Whiting hackle will produce feathers for the tiniest of flies to salt-water patterns. One feather from a Whiting saddle feather can adequately hackle 8 flies. Whiting and his poetry genetics crew also produce outstanding new colors as well as new products such as soft hackle and tailing material. Obviously the Whiting products are expensive. However the amount of feathers, the quality of feathers and the size range makes up for the expense.

How does this affect the fly tier? Most of the Whiting necks can be divided into two halves; thus for the price of one grizzly neck you can get a 1/2 brown and a 1/2 grizzly, both with ample number of feathers in all sizes. Whiting also offers a hundred pack of hackles for around \$20. These come in all colors and have outstanding quality. Each feather will tie up to 10 flies.

How do you tie hackles on the hook? One must understand the parts of the hackle feather. The stem or quill is the center part running from the skin of the bird to the tip of the hackle. The feather is stiff near the base and gradually become flexible towards the top. The stiff part of the feather should be removed. To find the honey part of the feather to be fixed on the hook, grasp the base of the feather with the right hand and the tip with the left hand. Pull down on the tip. It will be easy to tell where the stem becomes flexible. Tie in a smooth thread base, then lay the stem on top of the hook



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**Malheur  
Réservoir  
—Smooth?**



I this Mann Creek Reservoir's largest fish ever???

A U of Idaho study of Redband Rainbow trout spawning in Mann Creek in 2008-2009 found the largest trout captured was 22.1" and weighed 3.4 pounds.

This Largemouth bass captured on April 21, 2014 with a three weight fly rod and size 10 black leech weighed an estimated 6.5-7 pounds using length/circumference chart. It was approximately 22"+/- long. (you guess by printed stripping apron ruler).

I released her. How old was she? An Alabama study chart said largemouth reached 17" at 5 years old. Alabama has much more favorable growing conditions than Mann Creek Reservoir.

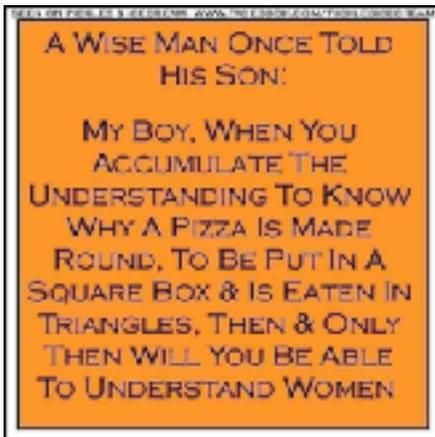
My suggestion, don't hunt Grizzly bears with a willow switch or fish Mann Creek Reservoir with a three weight rod!!!



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## On the Lighter Side



*The days of good grammar has went.*

*The rotation of the earth really makes my day.*



Latte (n): Italian for "You paid too much for your coffee."

<b>Weiser, Idaho</b>	
Established	1871
Elevation	2129
Population	5597
Zip code	83672
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93269</b>