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President's Message

Greetings!

We have been given a precious gift. Hidden in and around the waters we visit are secrets waiting discovery. Sights, sounds, sensations, memories: all there anticipating our presence and engagement. We just have to go there.

Fall is here. The fish are putting on weight for winter. Time to go after them.

Our October members' meeting went off without a hitch, thanks to the generous offer of time and space from Bonnie Akbar. Perry previewed the Amy's Ant fly that Bob presented at the following week's tying lesson. I was truant from that class: I can only blame some of my grandkids. They took to me to some lovely places.

The brookies were spawning, and the rainbows feasting.

If you get the chance, check out the Weiser Community Pond, and if you connect with Mike Thomas or any other members, clear some bulrushes to improve access. I have received some reports that the planted rainbows are biting.

The November member meeting is planned for Tuesday, 11/10/20, location to be announced. If you are a Facebook user, there is a group page for the club (just search for Indianhead Fly Fishers). I'm not real proficient at using it, but I will try to use it for announcements.

Plan on another tying class on the 17th at the Weiser Public Library.

Hope to see you all on the water.



Bruce Parsons



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The Following Members Owe Dues:

September October & November

- Jim Gulu
- Bob Sievers
- Al Solanis

Dues should be mailed to:

Mike Stanton
Box 654
Weiser, ID. 83672

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

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Officers

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

Directors

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 (November 3) 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 have a general membership meeting this month at Artful Bon's as well as a fly tying workshop at the library.

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time ends.	2	3 Board meeting Idaho Pizza 7:00	4 Breakfast at Cook Shack	5	6	7
8	9	10 Membership meeting Artful Bon's	11 Breakfast at Homestead	12	13	14
15	16	17 Fly Tying Library 7:00	18 Breakfast at Cook Shack	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Breakfast at Homestead	26	27	28
29	30	Why did the buzzard cross the road? Because the chicken didn't make it.				



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A DAY IN MY 2020 LIFE!!

Last Saturday, (Oct. 17, 2020) Al, Mike Stanton, Steve and myself decided to head out to Zoto for a day of fishing. Needless to say the road from Westfall to Zoto has not improved one little bit. Just a lot more dust from the fire equipment sent out that way to fight the fires. The road had been widening in some areas to serve as a fire break, still rough as hell and lots of rocks. Lots of burned grass and sage brush on the way out, bare ground only left. Sad sight..

We made it to the lake and found the water to be every low; they had been pulling water out to fight the fires I believe. Got our gear together and hit the water. Fish were biting, Steve is barely in the water and hooks up with a nice healthy rainbow. Al and Mike are catching. I hook a 15" and so the trip out was worth it. Looks like we are in for a great day. Sun out, very little wind, fish are biting, couldn't ask for a better start to the day. *If I only knew!!*

As I'm fishing I notice my fly line was outside one of the eyes on the rod, big hurry to get on the water (rookie mistake). So, I cut off the flies and re-string the line, tie the flies back on and start fishing again. Then I notice I was having a tough time casting my line, seem to not want to cast real smoothly. Well, now what! 2020, when I had re-strung the line 10 minutes earlier I wrap it over the rod and then thru the eye (another rookie mistake). Not a good idea. While this is going on the wind is moving me all over the place. Next thing I feel cold water on my leg, the gator on my left leg had slid down and cold water was getting in and my leg and foot are

getting wet. So I pull the gator up, tighten its strap. Then, I hear a loud bang the whole boat shakes and starts to tip sideways and to sink into the water. My mind goes crazy for a few seconds, (WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON NOW 2020) then I calm myself down, because I'm not sinking, the pontoons are inflated and holding me up. Thank "God" for the help!!

What happened is the frame welds on the left side broke in two spots, one forward and one in the rear*. So the pontoon on the left roll inward and was holding the left side barely out of the water. The right side luckily was holding in place. So I'm trying not to panic (RIGHT), to get to shore and not lose my equipment, guess what, there on the shore, fishing is a gentleman that I find out later knows Mr. Kelley, small world at times. He helps me carry the equipment out and to my truck. In the mean time, Al hooks up to my broken boat and hauls it to shore to be loaded in the truck.

The guys wanted to load up and head out. I say no, we came out here to fish, go back at it. I will dry out and try my luck from the shore. I ended up with 7 fish for the day and consider it to be a good day. Could have been a lot worse, I thank the good Lord for the day and all the help he provided. I want 2020 to get over...

* I believe a few months ago when the boat had come loose in the back of Al's truck and flew out and landed on the freeway. I think the welds were compromised at that time..



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Some of the fish I caught this fall at Malheur Res.(18in), Mann Creek Res.(17 in) and the last two at Brundage Res.(both about 15 in). The bigger fish are rainbows and the smaller ones are cutthroat and cut bows?

ole *Mike Thomas*



Al went to Unity by himself. He had a 21 fish day with his biggest being 18 inches. Jim's new purple fly was a killer.



Jim had fished for about half an hour before the frame on his kick boat broke. As quick as he could he paddled to the nearest shore which was a distance away from his put in spot. With the help of Al and a bank fisherman from Nyssa, who knows Perry, Al was able to tow Jim's broken boat back to the truck while Jim walked. Since they had traveled all those bumpy miles they resumed fishing with Jim fishing off the bank. Everyone caught fish. Mostly it was a good day.





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On the Lighter Side

Murphy's Law Illustrated:

Everybody knows that you cannot cook an egg in the microwave (with the shell on). However, one should be able to warm a hard boiled egg (shell off). This is true if it is only for about 15 minutes.

But it doesn't get very warm—so how about, say one minute.

Okay, so now you're thinking it's going to explode.

Therein comes Murphy's Law. Now, many folks think that the law says, "Bad things are going to happen." What it really says is, "When bad things happen, they will do so at the worst possible moment."

Back to the egg. Now that we suspect it will explode, one would think it would do so in the microwave. But Murphy's Law dictate a different outcome. It says, "Wait until the idiot bites into the egg."

So with a burnt lip and a mess on the kitchen table, I hereby add one more piece of evidence that Murphy's Law predominates our existence.

Yours truly,
Dick Garrett



Any salad can be a Caesar salad if you stab it enough.

I wish more people were fluent in silence

HOW ABOUT A FEW PUNS?

I tried to catch some fog in a jar, but I mist.

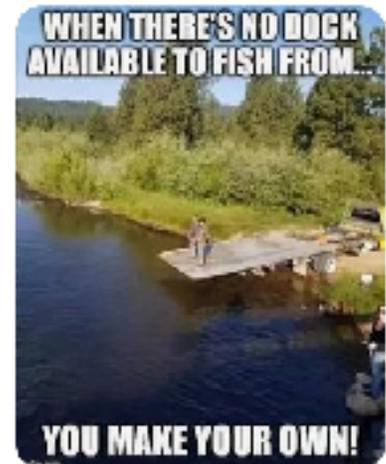
I am reading a book on antigravity. I can't put it down.

The Energizer Bunny was arrested and charged with battery.

My blood card came back and said I was Type A. But it was Type O.

A girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I never met herbivore.

I went to a ballgame today. I wondered why the ball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.



Welcome to Weiser where everybody knows everybody and the weather is bipolar.



LIFE IS TOO SHORT. IF YOU CAN'T LAUGH AT YOURSELF, CALL ME AND I'LL DO IT FOR YOU.