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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The sun came out, I dug out the light two-hander and steelhead gear, staged it in the garage, opened the door to find a blizzard. I am ready for spring!

Just read a provocative article that quickened my thoughts about fishing. Kris Milgate, in the most recent issue of Bugle, describes how different her teenage son's perceptions were from hers, as they simultaneously viewed a wide western valley landscape from the vantage of a cave opening at the base of high rimrock. His first response was a snarky "The earth is flat." The second was "Nothing". In a thoughtful mom response, the author led him to see that various mountains, streams, fields, and other places visible in the distance were the substrate in which their family's collections of memories were born. The photo shows one of my nephews, after I showed him how to swing a soft-hackle hare's ear some 15-plus years ago. I don't get to see him much these days, but when we talk, he usually recalls that day with appreciation.



The last time I was able to be part of our club's breakfast gathering, I sat back and listened (as much as hearing impairment allowed) to the banter. At least 3 different fishing related subjects were simultaneously in play; and I marveled how the different perspectives of individual players interacted to reveal the truism that fishing is good for our souls.

So . . . on to plans and dreams:

I recently received a message from member Dave Henderson about a cleanup effort planned by Boise Valley Fly Fishers next Saturday (March 6) down on the Owyhee. It is short notice, but copied below is the information. Last word I got, the Hendersons and Ray Perkins were planning on participating.

From Dave—

"They had planned on 20 BVFF volunteers for their cleanup and are observing strict COVID protocols. To date they only have 8 or so committed and after our conversation have extended an invitation for IFF to participate. They will be assigning stretches of the river to individuals or pairs similar to what we do. We will meet at the Watchable Wildlife Site at 9:30 and they will also be providing lunches. Volunteers will need to send Gary an email asking to be added to their team...apparently a requirement from BVFF for non-members. It will also give him a count for lunch. His email is lesliegarygreen@yahoo.com."

Last month's club meeting featured a retro (can you believe VHS) flycasting lesson, courtesy of Lloyd and Judy Thurman, featuring Mel Kreiger. Both Perry and Bob demo-tied flies the following week.

Bob informed me that the library cabinets are "open for business" at Artful Bon's. Give Bonnie Akbar a call, to arrange a time to come in to borrow or return something from that treasure trove of fishing related media (the books are best).

Check out the calendar for March meeting and activity dates. The folks at Weiser Community Library have continued to work with us to provide "safe" space for our meetings.

Until we meet again, I am hoping for good fishing times for you all.

Bruce



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The Following Members Owe Dues for:

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Bonnie Akbar	Perry Kelley
Janet Baker	Bob Maki
Grant Baugh	Ray Perkins
Tom & Cindy Dyer	Mark Sands

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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 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** be back on schedule this month as far as the meetings go.

First Tuesday is the Board Meeting

Second Tuesday is the general membership meeting

Third Tuesday is the fly-tying workshop

All meetings will be at the Weiser Library until further notice. And there is enough room to practice the required social distancing as mandated.

So please come to the meetings and get things back to normal!

Note the Wednesday breakfast schedule. Until the Cook Shack can find a cook, we will be at the Homestead.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Board meeting Library	3 Breakfast at Homestead	4	5	6
7	8	9 Membership meeting Library	10 Breakfast at Homestead	11	12	13
14	15	16 Fly tying at the Library	17 Breakfast at Homestead	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Breakfast at Homestead	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	I decided to sell my Hoover vacuum cleaner. It was just collecting dust.		



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Editor's note: Even though written by a non-flyfisherman, some really good points are evident. And, it gives a whole new meaning to the Roe vs. Wade controversy

THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION by Pat Neal*

The whole country is going to hell in a bucket now that we've elected those idiots," my fancy friend shrieked the day after the election.

Which idiot is that?" I asked, pretending to care.

There's nothing like talking politics to ruin a perfectly beautiful fall day spent floating down the river catching salmon.

When you're hooked up to a big king salmon, you generally don't care who the president is.

Once the fishing gets slow, people get bored and start bad-mouthing politicians, no matter who they are.

America is a nation of laws.

I don't make the rules, but I try to follow them.

Similarly, there are rules at the fish camp that allow a free discourse of opposing ideas about the cuisine, the weather and the estimated weight of a fish, while preserving a civilized decorum of relaxation and good taste.

I like to celebrate diversity of opinion as much as the next guy.

We have even let a fly fisherman into the fish camp in the interest of burying the hatchet on the row vs. wade controversy.

Fly fishermen typically wade the river. I row a boat down the river.

Can't we all get along?

The first rule in any fish camp is no arguments before breakfast.

Chances are if you wait until after breakfast, you'll forget what you were arguing about.

Rule No. 2, no bear meat in the chili contest. That should be self-explanatory,

The final and most important rule in any fish camp is no politics.

Start taking politics and you are gone.

Politics has always been a nasty business.

Aristophanes said it best when he summed up what constitutes a popular politician, "a horrible voice, bad breeding and a vulgar manner."

Since then, the abuse of politicians has become the great American pastime, where we conveniently forget we voted them into office against our own self-interest, in the first place, and keep them enthroned until they are rich and old.

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But if you think we bad-mouth politicians now, it's nothing compared to the good old days.

George Washington was the father of our country, but he had an enemy list as long as your arm.

Fortunately, those events occurred in a period of our history when journalists had a command of the English language.

James Thomson Callender, a reporter for the Richmond Recorder, called President Washington, "the grand lama of the federal adoration, an immaculate divinity of Mount Vernon."

Callender described our second president, John Adams, as a "hideous hermaphroditical character which has neither the force nor firmness of a man, nor the gentleness and sensibility of a woman."

He accused Adams of wanting to crown himself king and said "it would have been best to have President Jefferson beheaded five minutes before his inaugural address."

Journalism has always been a risky business.

Destitute and drunk, Callender was found drowned in 3 feet of water in the James River in Virginia.

Not much has changed since the time of our founding fathers.

We are still using the Electoral College to elect our president.

Journalists still use eye-catching headlines to increase sales. And if we have to exaggerate and speculate to educate, so much the better.

In this age of misinformation, all news is suspect.

Journalists have to face the facts these days that nobody will believe what we write anyway.

Still, at the end of the day, Americans can be proud that we elected the best politicians money can buy.

In these uncertain times, only one thing is certain: Have some Faith—the country will change, but it will survive.

**Pat Neal is a river fishing and rafting guide and "wilderness gossip columnist."
(The column appeared in the Peninsula Daily News, November 4, 2020.)*

Editor's note: Since no one contributed articles or pictures (or jokes) for inclusion in this month's *NewsCaster*, you are stuck with what I consider to be of interest to the membership. There is only one way to change that....



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On the Lighter Side

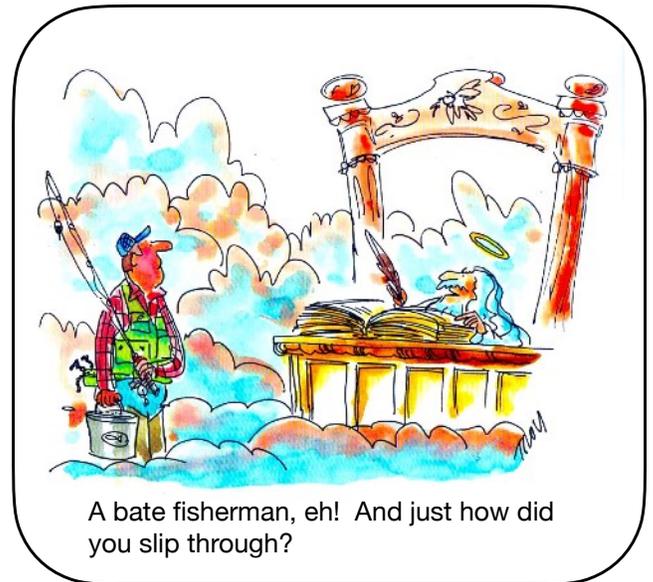
Being a little older, I am fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

I HEARD SOMEONE WAS STEALING WHEELS OFF OF POLICE CARS. THE COPS ARE WORKING TIRELESSLY TO CATCH THEM.

Editor's Note: If you would send me a few good jokes, maybe you wouldn't have to put up with my warped sense of humor!

You can tell a lot about a woman by her hands. For example, if they're around your throat, she is probably upset.

The world is getting too sensitive. Pretty soon I won't be able to make fun of myself without someone getting offended.



Cartoons are from a book called *Hilarious Fishing Cartoons*, by John Troy.