



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

Greetings to all of our fine fly fishermen. What a winter we are having! I have never lived in or seen what this much snow can do to a community. Thank goodness the people of Weiser are strong enough and caring enough to ride this challenge through. Let's also hope that the water supply this year is sufficient for all of the needs—irrigation, resisting forest fires and, of course, fishing.

I wish to congratulate the Boise Valley Fly Fishers for their tremendous expo this year. It was well attended with many wonderful activities and displays. The number of exhibitors exceeded any expo that I have attended. It is always interesting to be exposed to the latest line of tackle or fly tying material, although some of the old standbys still seem to do the job. As an expo fly tyer, I always enjoy meeting many different people. Every fly tyer has new or different techniques to demonstrate. A fly tyer, Don, tying next to me was incredible in his command of realism in his patterns. Not only did he tie flies that looked like the real critter, he even had other water critters such as ducklings, crawdads, mice and an amazing platypus.

I had a young man from Garden City stop at my station. "Hi, I am Perry" I told him. He replied, "Hi, I am Perry." I repeated myself not knowing whether he was mocking me or not. He also repeated himself. Perry then told me that his name was Perry. This Perry, in his old age, has trouble getting things sometimes. When I finally got the point, I turned to Don, the amazing imitator next to me, and asked if he would let me borrow his mouse pattern. I then gave the the mouse fly to young Perry, told him to put it on top of his head and asked him what it was. "It's a mouse" he replied. "No," I said, "It's the Little Mouse on the Perry." Young Perry started with a look of confusion, then a half smile, then a full smile with a chuckle and finally a full laugh which morphed into a belly laugh. Later young Perry brought his dad over to meet old Perry. We had a great conversation on the techniques of carp fly fishing.

Fly tying at the expo is one of my favorite activities. You meet the most interesting people. Sometimes I am intimidated by those whose experience is way beyond mine. However, we all have things to share.

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This February 14 meeting of the Indianhead Fly Fishers will combine two programs, Maintenance of Fly Fishing Tackle and Equipment, and Nymph Fishing Techniques.

I am especially excited about the maintenance portion. So many of us rarely clean our fly lines and then begin to wonder why they don't work. We also fail to clean and wax the ferrels on our rods, and they get stuck or are difficult. Just a little maintenance will eliminate most problems with equipment.

Perhaps by February 14 our snow piles will begin to melt and our minds will again focus on life's more important things, **Fly Fishing!**

Fly Fishing Thoughts & Ideas to Plant the Seeds for Action:

Washington and Payette county fairs offer a great opportunity to showcase our club. Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishers tie flies and recruit potential new members. They tie in three hour shifts. [Grant Baugh]

INC Magazine's cover stated " Where would you be without the. . . Inspiration, Tips and Tactics, How I Did it features, Ask the Experts answers, and Hands-on advice to take your business forward." Sounds like some characteristics that the Indianhead Fly Fishers meetings should have! [Mike Thomas]

Now is the time, with the passing of Bill Betts to begin the custom of dropping A memorial plaque into the Owyhee River or some favorite water.....Good idea to present a copy to the family also.

Perhaps I can get a photo of Olympic Peninsula FF plaque if you want? Theirs is really neat. [Grant Baugh]

- Have an idea to make the club better? E-Mail it to grbogue@cablone.net

Dues Reminder for This Month:

- Cecil Benintendi
- Gerry Bogue
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Winter Fly Fishing

by Tom Dyer

It's 20 degrees with 30 inches of snow on the ground and I'm getting ready to fish the Weiser River. Yup it does sound nuts but I shouldn't run into a crowds and the wildlife viewing will be great. Winter also offers the benefit of sleeping in and a full flask of an amber liquid guaranteed to warm you up. So if you are willing and your flask is full you may want to consider a few season specific tips before you head out:

1. Layering for warmth - It's a good time to use those neoprene waders you gave up on many years ago. As long as there are no holes in the material they will provide good insulation on those cold days ahead. I try to stay away from cotton as much as possible preferring to use synthetic fleece or wool instead, its warmer even when wet. I tend to hit the thrift stores in the area when shopping for wool shirts and sweaters. They are much more economical and you are supporting a local business. Usually my head gear consists of a stocking hat over a baseball cap. I have even found wool baseball caps instead of cotton which is a big plus if you're in wet snow or rain. Pay particular attention to your gloves, I prefer wool but there are many dexterous synthetic gloves available at your local fly shop.
2. Pick your Spot - Identify fishing locations that are easy to access, snow and ice may limit many locations you normally frequent. Also, fish may be congregated in deep runs or tail water below a dam. Trout will often pod up in the deepest, slowest holes in a stream this time of year so let your fly dredge low and slow.
3. Nymphing time - As they say "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Winter is truly nymphing time for fly fishers and low and slow is the mantra. Strike indicators will greatly improve your success, many of the takes will be light, almost imperceptible even with a strike indicator. Keep fly and indicator size significantly smaller than you would in warmer months. Some possible go to flies include: pheasant tail, hare's ear, zebra midge, and San Juan worm. Remember the mantra low and slow so use weight to get the fly down.

4. No fear gear - Don't use your most expensive rod, reel and fly line. Ice in your guides and slippery footing may compromise your fly rod; ice may also scratch the coating on your line and freeze up your reel. This is a great time to break out that old fiberglass rod and Pflueger reel from the 60's as well as taking what's left of that old fly line used to wrap boxes and head to the river.

Now let's go have some fun!

Fishing Worms?

by Grant Baugh



Nope, they have eyes and are in the ethnic food section of Sam's club, Puerto Pensaco, Mexico.

Photo on the label shows them scattered over a plate of vegetables.



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Al Wonders Why the Fish Are Not Biting

by 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. Make a note of these numbers as they may be needed when you request donations from companies.

- Feb. 7 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- Feb. 14 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.
- Feb. 21 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7 IFF Board Meeting	8 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	9	10	11
12	13	14 IFF Member Meeting Valentine's Day	15 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 IFF Fly Tying	22 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	23	24	25
26	27	28				



The Mighty Colorado

by Grant Baugh

The mighty Colorado River in Mexico is not more than a big canal, which is mostly used by Mexican farmers in the delta.





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