



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

Greetings to all fly fishers. Let you be the first to know that rainbows up to twelve pounds and ten-pound 32-inch large mouth bass are being caught even as we speak at C. Ben Ross reservoir. Both species have fallen to fly anglers using size 2 chartreuse crawdads and purple medicinal leeches. Our upper country Indianhead fly angler swears this is the best fishing of his life. (*AF)

April the month of spring fishing and unpredictable weather, it is also the beginning of the fly fisherman antsy desire to get with it. What are some of the best spring waters? Malheur Reservoir, Mann Creek Lake, Owyhee River, and Brownlee for warm water fish can be good choices. Get your equipment ready and exercise your casting arms. Incidentally, would you be interested to have a casting get together the fourth Tuesday of April and May at the Weiser Pond? I will present this idea at the next board meeting.

One sad note, Lefty Kreh, fly fishing's top celebrity passed away on March 14th at the age of 92. Lefty was everything to fly fishing—designer of fly patterns, casting instructor, author and very entertaining speaker. Lefty was the keynote speaker at the yearly banquet of the Boise Valley Fly Fishers in the seventies. He was highly entertaining bringing his own experiences to illustrate fly fishing

techniques and tips. He also had some wonderful tips on photography.

Speaking of tips, I would like to bring up the subject of strike indicators. This is actually quite a large area of interest, for there are different designs and functions of indicators. We are often reminded that indicator is just a fancy word for a bobber. When most of us were in our youth, we used a red and white plastic ball hoping that when a fish ate our bait, the ball would become submerged and we would catch that fish. The indicator is an object of subtle movement, sometimes a slight hesitation is all. It also has different functions. The styles of indicators cover everything from steelhead fishing to still waters. There are many different styles on the market, and some are made by anglers. Perhaps this would be a good subject for a program.

Speaking of programs, the April membership meeting program will be on guided trips. Not many of us have had the opportunity to go on a guided trip, but if you are on the Alaska trip of a lifetime or want to learn how to fish a certain spring creek or lake this will be an interesting program.

*AF(April Fool)

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Welcome to New Members:

★ Bonnie Akbar - E-mail is

Spring Friends are Back

By Jim Gulu



Weiser Pond Tid-Bit

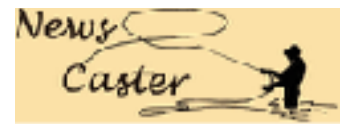
By Mike Thomas

Since the first stocking of trout in the Weiser Community Pond in August of 2009 through March of 2018--Idaho Fish and Game have stocked 35334 trout in our pond!!

Dues Reminder for April 2018:

Please send a check to PO Box 734 Weiser, or pay at a meeting - \$30/year for individual or \$45 for a couple.

• Rex Franklin



Owyhee Cleanup

By Grant Baugh

Photo taken April 15, 2015

Dog owned by cleanup volunteers just couldn't resist rolling in fresh cow manure. Everyone is needed in the cleanup effort, but me thinks the dog could have chosen something less messy to clean up.



Al Caught a Big One

By Jeanette Sillonis



March 6, 2018

The weather was good, but the water was high on the Snake River below Hell's Canyon Visitor's Center. Al landed this huge Carp that was 25 inches long and weighed 9 1/2 pounds.

Nice Catch!



Pyramid Lake Lahontan Cutthroat

By Grant Baugh

In a snow storm, beer is good!!!!

Notice the back of his jacket and guy on ladder in background. Fishing poor because of storm and

count. I scrambled through the few fly tying materials in the motorhome and found some polar bear hair scraps purchased in Canada. I whipped together the hair, a big nickel cone head and chartreuse body yarn, on size 4 hook that proved to be the winning formula.

Of eight anglers on my beach fishing six hours, two fish were caught today, both by me on the polar bear special.



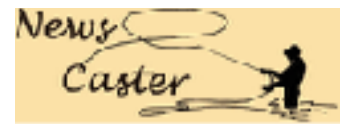
poor fisherman.

This is what they look like after being rescued from extinction now reaching over 25 pounds.

Success at last...

My daily score 0,0,1,0,2...at Pyramid Lake. A big winter storm, days long shut down the bite big time.

I got up early this morning determined to make my last day



Browns in the Owyhee

By *Mike Thomas*

Bob Maki and Mike Stanton fished the Owyhee River with me on Pi Day! (3.14). The Browns were all around us but not real cooperative at eating our offerings. Pictured are a couple of the dumber browns that got caught.

The picture of the dime is surrounded by flies I have tied that catch browns on the Owyhee River. They are (starting at 12 going clockwise): adult mayfly--Little brown fly--Little black fly--CDC emerger--Bead head Prince nymph--CDC fly--The two bigger flies at the bottom (L-R)--Ray Perkins Skwala Nymph with the wrong color of biots for a tail--and--Adult Skwala stone fly!

P.S. A close look at one of the pictures of the browns shows the prince nymph in its mouth.





Al Followed the Fish Truck

By *Jeanette Sillonis*

March 23, 2018

In Hell's Canyon the Snake River was full of steelhead smolt since the Fish and Game

Department dumped three loads in the river that day. Al caught smolt on crappie jigs, but did not report how many or how big they were?



Al & Jeanette in Hell's Canyon

By Jeanette Sillonis

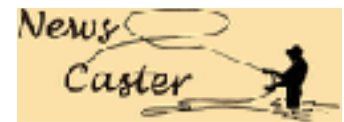
I went with Al to Hell's Canyon yesterday. Took my camera. Fish and Game dumped three more loads of smolt.

Saw twenty wild goats and quite a few turkeys.
A great DAY!





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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.

- April 3 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- April 10 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.
- April 17 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter April Fools' Day	2	3 IFF Board Meeting	4 Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	5	6	7
8 Orthodox Easter	9	10 IFF Member Meeting	11 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	12	13	14
15	16	17 IFF Fly Tying Tax Day	18 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	26	27	28
29	30					



Romancing With Fish

By Jim Gulu

"Anglers have a way of romanticizing their battles with fish."

Ernest Hemingway

Carp Fishing Wisdom

By Grant Baugh

Fly fishing for carp is like dragging a piece of fried chicken through the local senior center...if it moves slow enough.....

Fish Bait on the Wing

By Ray Perkins

This one I found in my back yard, but they have been hatching on the Owyhee as well.





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