



## President's (?) Message

It is difficult to write about fly fishing adventures when you haven't had many! With the Corona Virus Scare came a lot of closures, as you all know, but Governor Brown's closure of Oregon waters to non residents doesn't make any sense. I sent an email to find out what the State of Oregon was going to do for those of us that had already invested our \$100+ in a non resident license— - -guess what - -no reply! I'm not sure if Steve had already bought his but I'm sure Al is bored out of his mind by not being able to fish his home state. He didn't move back to Oregon did he? ?

Our main way of communicating is through our NewCasters and Dick is doing his best to make sure this continues. As far as I know we will not be having board or membership meetings in May! The best meetings we can have at this time is to attend an outing to some body of water close to home (Not in Ore to us Idahoans). Some of us did that at Mann Creek Res a few weeks back. It was good to see those of you that were there. The fishing was good but the catching not so good for some of us. We were out numbered by Ada, Canyon and Payette County people! Since Idaho's Governor Little had not banned out of State fishermen, Grant felt obligated (guilty) to provide lunch for this outing! Thanks Grant and Jim for creating this successful adventure.

The Weiser Community Pond was closed but is now reopened to fishing.

Because of the closing IDFG did not stock it in April. It will be stocked again the middle of May. We are still planning on having our clean up on June 5. I'm not sure about Mike G. Kids fishing tournament scheduled for May 9. (more on WCP in another Article in Newscaster).

My wife and I traveled to C. Ben Ross one Sunday afternoon. There were more people there than normal for this time of the year. It is almost full, has the same chalky looking water and the wind was blowing. There were some boats on the water but we didn't get close enough to ask if they were catching fish.

By the time you view this NewsCasters the boat ramps controlled by Idaho Power will be open. This includes Woodhead on Brownlee Res. The main camping areas in the Hells Canyon Complex, however, remain closed.

As of now, our next "togetherness" might be WCP clean-up. Our next membership meeting will probable be our annual chicken picnic the second Tue in August. This event is planned by the new PRESIDENT of Indianhead Fly Fishers. Dick wanted me to write a 3 or 4 page President ? Message for this news letter? Sooo- -(I don't it's possible)

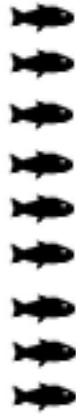
**Be safe and healthy while we are apart ( 6 ft or 1.8 m )**

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*Mike Thomas*



The Following Members Owe Their Dues This Month



- Bonnie Akbar
- Ken Burber
- Tom Dyer
- Mike Green
- Stanley Graves
- Dave Henderson
- Ray Perkins.
- Mark Sands
- Jack Wassard

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.)

**Officers**

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

**Directors**

- Ray Perkins**
- Mark Sands**
- Mike Green**
- 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 - **Marg & Mike Green**
- Club Outings - **Mike Green**
- Programs/Presenters - **Chris Clark & Mike Stanton**
- Weiser Community Cleanup - **Mike Thomas**
- Recruit/New Members - **Jim Gulu & Al Sillonis**



## **WEISER COMMUNITY POND - 2020**

It has been over 10 years since Weiser Community Pond opened for fishing. In those 10 yrs. Indianhead Fly Fishers membership has changed. I thought that a small history and some "tidbits" of its development may be of interest.

The idea of a place for kids to fish around Weiser was discussed in our membership meetings around the spring and fall 2007. Mark Sands and I were looking for such a place long before and got serious about finding a place for the pond. Our first meeting to discuss how we might proceed was held Jan 9, 08, with a group called "Bridge to Bridge" to discuss grants to fund the project. Also in attendance was Mayor Walker (deceased) and City Clerk Dave Tate, members of Weiser Feed and Storage (eventually donators of the property for the pond), representative of Rail to Trail, Ducks Unlimited, RC&D and at least 7 members of Indianhead Fly Fishers including president Perry Kelley and vice president Jim Gulu and State Representative Diana Thomas. Monthly meetings followed and on March 31, 2008 Mark introduced regional director IDFG, Jeff Dillion (eventually wrote the grant application for funding). In that March meeting Ken Gissel (Payette County Commissioner and IHFF) joined our pond group.

After many meetings and a lot of work by Jeff we received word on June 4, 2009 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Federal funding would come under the authority of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. The grant was for \$90,682. On June 18, 2009 an invitation to bid on

construction of pond was offered. Nine (9) bids were received ranging from \$55885.95 to \$107939. Warner Construction, Boise, was awarded the contract as the lowest bid. They started construction on Aug. 10, 2009. The City of Weiser employees constructed the access area to the pond by clearing trees and private "stuff" in the right of way to the pond. The WEISER COMMUNITY POND was official opened Oct 17, 2009.

During this planning and construction of the pond IHFF membership grew close to 60 active members. Probably the largest active group in Weiser. The Weiser Chamber of Commerce awarded the Indianhead Fly Fishers the Non Profit Organization of the year for 2009 for its involvement in the development of the "new community resource".

The Elks were awarded a grant from their National Assoc. for handicap access and a fishing dock. Many others got involved in helping either through donation of money or time to create the pond as it is today. IHFF members also obtained additional grants from State Parks and Recreation and at least 2 special grants from the R.K.Mellon Family Foundation. This money was spent on walking paths, aeration equipment, trash cans etc. The last of the Federal money,(\$14000) was spent on the vaulted toilet. The City of Weiser has installed lighting, fencing, Billy Creek, access to the Weiser River and lots of time maintaining the grounds around the pond.

The monthly meetings have ended and now we have a meeting or two a year and the Pond committee is composed of members

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from: the City, the Elks, the old Weiser Feed and Storage ,Idaho Fish and Game, and IHFF.

Ten years of use and some parts of the Weiser Community Pond need a bit of attention. The asphalt path needs attention, the aeration equipment may soon need replacements, and the chemicals needed to keep algae and cattail in check and kill weeds needs replenished. All of these things I'm sure the City of Weiser will eventually budget for. But in the application for our Federal grant Jeff Dillion made reference to our obligation in a memorandum of understanding to help maintain this "pond" as Family Fishing Water. So

maybe the Indianhead Fly Fishers may want to consider making it their "new project" to help the City of Weiser in financing and making the Weiser Community Pond even a better community resource than it is.



If there is anything else you may want to know about Weiser

Community Pond just ask me and make sure you do soon before I forget or can't remember!

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*Mike Thomas*

### TIDBITS

1. As of April 2020, IDFG have stocked 41,987 rainbow trout in WCP.
2. Lynette Jones and Rod Jones attended those monthly meetings in-08 and 09.
3. Lynette (Sec.) called members to remind them of Pond meetings.
4. Lynette was instrumental in getting \$27,000 in grants after the pond opened.
5. Lynette is living in Florida?
6. Pat's Paradise sign for the pond still doesn't exist.
7. The Pond was closed in April- -Corona Virus.
8. The Pond was reopened in late April.
9. IDFG did not stock trout in April because pond was close.
10. 40 large Bluegill and 6 Largemouth Bass were stocked in Oct. 2019 by IHFF.
11. Zac Sedlmayr (IDFG) supervised the Oct. 2019 stocking.
12. The toilet paper in the vaulted toilet is furnished by the City of Weiser.
13. The Pond has Irrigation rights!
14. The spring coming out of the rock (Billy Creek) is not a spring.
15. The City of Weiser maintains the Elks dock.

## The Almighty Quill from Yesteryear

by Perry Kelley

When I first started my career angling with a fly (many years ago) I remember that there were several popular fly patterns that were identified by "Quill." Ginger Quill, Brown Quill and Catskill Quill were common fly patterns that were in most fly boxes.

At that time in my angling career I had no idea what a quill was other than a feather pen that was dipped into a container of ink to autograph famous documents.

Move ahead 70 years and I find out the significance of "quill" in the art of fly tying. A quill, as one might expect, is part of a feather used to replicate the segmented abdomen of an insect. To tie, shape the abdomen with flat tying thread. Either use the rotary feature of your tying vise or wrap several times and allow thread to untwist. Count wraps and then count rotations when untwisting. From the back, wrap quill using touching wraps. You may tie off the quill when you get to the thorax. Usually the thorax is tied with dubbing.

Several different feathers can be used to tie "Quill" patterns. I will cover several options, some contemporary and some traditional. Peacock eye feathers are a common source. The colors of the quill are brown with a narrow black edge. Peacock eyes are flat and sometimes without fuzz. Probably you will have to

remove some of the fuzz to have enough length to complete the abdomen. To prepare peacock eyes, rub the fuzz from the feather with a pencil eraser. There are other ways to remove the fuzz from peacock feathers using chemicals or household bleach.

Other common feathers that are common sources for quill are hackle feathers. Preparation of hackles is quite simple.



Simply remove all hackle fibers from the stem of the feather. It is suggested to soak the stem in water to make the quill pliable. Other methods to soften the quill is to put a drop of cooking oil in a package of quills. Without soaking or using oil, quills are somewhat fragile.

Although quill patterns are somewhat yesteryear patterns, they have some advantage especially for smaller dry fly





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## **Grant Baugh's Educational Opportunity**

That is what my wife, a kindergarten teacher would call it an educational opportunity.

Do not try Crappie fishing with a standard trout fishing rig.....#5 weight rod, intermediate sinking line, and match the hatch fly. It just doesn't work that way for Crappie.

It was painful to watch, even more painful to live through.

Jack and I fished Trail Creek inlet on Brownlee Reservoir twice in the past week, each time Scott from Eagle showed up with his little funky Crappie spinning rod equipped with two red head white jigs. He proceeded to catch fish after fish while Jack and I caught a scant two or three. Yesterday he caught over 50, maybe 75, possibly 100 while we caught zip.

I finally violated ethics rules and cuddled up as close as I dared, watching him fish, catch fish, and release all but the largest. I copied where he cast, how he retrieved his two fake jigs. I just didn't catch and release another fish like him. I was catching NADA, NIENTE, NIEN, NYET, NOTHING!!!

In desperation I scrounged a lost bobber from the shore, mounted it along with the aforementioned fake red and white jigs, and WOW caught a Crappie, and then another, and another!!

The educational opportunity was that when fishing for Crappie, use a funky little Crappie rig, with fake plastic red and white jigs not an overweighted heavy sinking line trout rig where you cannot feel the bite.

*I was addicted to the  
Hokey Pokey, but I turned  
myself around.*

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

**Do Clouds ever look down on  
us and say, "That one is  
shaped like an idiot?"**



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## REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS?





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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.

May 5 & May 12 - Our regularly scheduled board meeting, our membership meeting and our fly tying sessions at the Library will be kaput until this quarantine is over.

Every Wednesday morning at 8:00 we USUALLY meet for an impromptu breakfast to talk about fishing for the coming week (among other stuff). Obviously, with the Coronavirus, that is also put on hold. When we resume, the location will vary, so check the calendar. It will either be the Homestead Cafe on State Street or the Cook Shack on W. 7th St.

**MAY-JUNE**

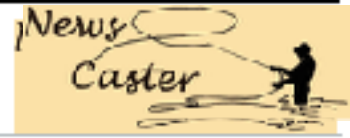
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3	4	5 IFF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	6 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	7	8	9
10	11	12 Regular IFF Membership meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	13 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Homestead	14	15	16
17	18	19 Fly Tying; 7:00 at Weiser Library	20 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Homestead	28	29	30
31	JUNE		1 IFF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	2 Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. CookShack	3	4
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## Useful and Interesting Fly Fishing Links - *Come and Explore*

### Films and Flies sites

[www.filmflies.com](http://www.filmflies.com)

[www.grahamowengallery.com](http://www.grahamowengallery.com)

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Maxine McCormick began fly casting when she was 9 years old. At 14, she has back-to-back world titles.



Check her out at the **Mozart of Fly Casting.** <https://nyti.ms/2MHY2K0>

## Good Web Sites for Low Cost Fishing Supplies

The Fish Guy-Box 302, Florence MT. 59833

[www.thefishguy.com/](http://www.thefishguy.com/)

Maxcatch-Qingdao, China

[www.maxcatchfishing.com/](http://www.maxcatchfishing.com/)

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Both are good places to buy fly lines, fly reels, and fly tying hooks at reasonable prices!!

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### Idaho Fish & Game Southwest Region Fisheries Report

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[joe.kozfkay@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:joe.kozfkay@idfg.idaho.gov).

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