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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can we provisionally, if somewhat wistfully, declare the end of winter a couple of weeks early? (I know; we need more snowpack, but I lust for water that doesn't have a crust.)

The tug on the end of my line, even if it is was a bit anemic, gave me that little thrill, in that short time before the fish's identity could be known. Such is the joy of fishing. I really appreciate bluegill, and thanks, Mike, for the Charple.



I trust this issue finds you well, and hope you all are able to get some wet line time. We have some news.

We welcome several new members: I hope you can make our next meeting so you can meet them, if you have not had the opportunity. Tuesday March 8, 7:00 pm at Idaho Pizza. Fishing reports, library availability, raffles, and general shenanigans can be expected. Royce Stearns will be previewing the fly he will be teaching us on the 15th at the Weiser Library

The Hendersons contacted us about a river cleanup event on the Owyhee. Involving the Vale BLM staff, and Boise Valley Flyfishers, it has been held later in the year, but this year it is scheduled for Saturday, March 26. Meet at the Wildlife Viewing Center at 9:00 am. As far as I am aware, there is no provision for food or beverages, so it will be a BYOE event.

Your "board" has been discussing ideas for some spring day trips; so if you have some ideas, now would be a great time to bring them.

May the slack in your line be eliminated frequently, by interesting fish.

Bruce



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Board meeting Idaho Pizza 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Breakfast 8:00 am Los Chipenos	4	5
6	7	8 Meeting 7:00 p.m. Idaho Pizza	9	10 Breakfast 8:00 am Los Chipenos	11	12
13	14	15 Fly tying, Weiser Library 7:00	16	17 Breakfast 8:00 am Los Chipenos	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Breakfast 8:00 am Los Chipenos	25	26 Owyhee River Clean-up 9:00 am
27	28	25	26	27 Breakfast 8:00 am Los Chipenos	28	29
30	31	1 April Board meeting Idaho Pizza 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Breakfast 8:00 am Los Chipenos	4	5

Remember: There will be fly tying at the Weiser Library this month. Royce Stearns will lead the group

Board meeting every first Tuesday of the month. Everybody is welcome at the Board meetings.

Regular meetings will always be at 7:00 at the Idaho Pizza on the Second Tuesday of the month.

[Please note the part of the Presidents message that announces the date and time of the Owyhee River cleanup on March 26.](#)

Dues do the Month:

- Bonnie Akbar
- Grant Baugh
- Tom & Cindy Dyer
- Dave Henderson
- Bob Maki
- Ray Perkins
- Mark Sands



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From one of our fly tying experts comes
this handy tip
(For a clue as to who that might be, read
the article.

Fly Tying Tip ; Hackle

Hackle is one of the most important part of almost any fly. It is also one of the most expensive materials used in fly tying. It is true that many fly tyers use a hackle feather from start of the stem (the part of the feather nearest to the skin of the bird) to the tip of the feather. Because the stem is very stiff it is difficult to have proper placement of the hackle itself without the stem twisting in incorrect directions. The remedy is actually quite simple. Grab the hackle at the beginning of the stem with one hand, then grab at the tip of the feather with the other hand. Put both hands together. Then, with scissors, clip at the top. Use the small stem half of the hackle feather to hackle the fly. You will find that you have a much improved fly, both in looks and function. Save the larger stem section of the hackle for tailing fibers. Usually these fibers are much longer and stiffer, ideal for tails.

One other way of getting professional effects when hackling a fly is to pull off about a half inch of the fibers on the bottom of the small section of the hackle. Place the hackle on the side of the hook, with the end facing the front. Lift up at the start of the hackle (often either behind the wing or the end of the abdomen) then tie in the hackle to begin the hackle as required by the fly pattern.

Submitted by Perry Kelley,
Now living in Ammon, Idaho
honorary member and co-founder
of the Indianhead Fly Fishers.



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Ray Perkins submits these two flies. Can you identify them? If not come to the meeting Tuesday and he will ease your pain!





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Editor's Note: Received this in an email from an anonymous source. Any thoughts?

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM SCANDI

Hello Weiser Fly Fishers, or should I say the Idaho fly fishers that sneak over the border to Oregon to catch a fish that grows in both size or length by the time they sneak back home. Well at least most of you have an Oregon fishing license which is a cheap piece of paper with a number on it that leaves you in the poor-house. Now, how can one take that paper with them fishing and not have a great chance of losing it, then be checked by a game warden?

I was fishing in Oregon recently and solved the problem by cutting the paper license getting rid of all the blank paper. I slipped and fell getting into my boat and my wallet was soaked and my Oregon license became a spit wad. It is difficult to have a fishing license that can't stand at least one soaking a year. With some luck the Oregon game wardens and I haven't crossed paths again this year. My goal this year for the Indianhead Fly Fishers is to have each member have a wonderful season. I hope that everyone goes to the right place at the right time and can catch their dream fish.

I would like to tell you something about me. First my last name is Navien. I have lived in many places in this world. I can't honestly say that one place is better than others. Every place is different and also similar than other places. Trout can be caught in every state and also every country in Europe. Then there is New Zealand, Australia and South America all with fantastic fishing. I have fished many places in this world and usually find places close to home can be as exciting as exotic places around the world. For Indianhead Fly Fishers one thing - - make every trip exciting and fun.

Thanks Scandi Navien.



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On the Lighter Side



My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

THANKS FOR TEACHING ME THE MEANING OF -PLETHORA-
IT MEANS A LOT
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