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Meetings are held the 2nd  
Tuesday of each month at Idaho  
Pizza, 1255 State Street,  
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meeting at 7 pm.  
**Join in the Fun!**

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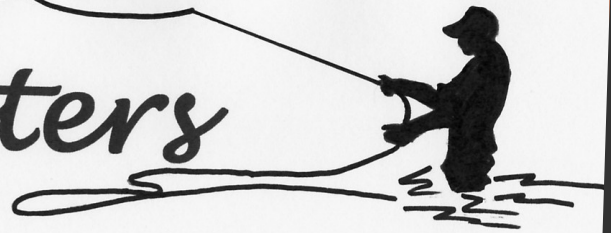
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# News Casters



May 2010

## President's Message by Bill Betts

Greetings,

I have spent this day hunting morel mushrooms and experienced five snow or hail storms in the process. So I am a little cold and wet. Having only collected five morels and kicked up a snake, I am surprisingly upbeat and happy. The Mann Creek Road past the campground is closed because the creek has jumped its bank in numerous places. There is some damage to the road. The campground is open. The water is spilling over the glory hole and there is at least one land owner on the creek below the dam who is reported to be somewhat tight jawed. I report this to illustrate what we all know—this has been a cold and wet spring. Skiers reported the best powder skiing of the season at Brundage last weekend and skiers will be skiing there next weekend—in May, if you can believe! Those of you who keep journals of your fishing adventures may not find those records to be useful for the next month or so. Bummer.

What a wonderfully entertaining program we had last meeting. Nando and Roberta can tell great stories. All we needed to have made the evening perfect was a campfire and a little gut warming elixir. As Nando has been known to say, "Talk is cheap. Whiskey costs money." Thanks Nando and

Roberta for a those great stories. You really are Idaho Gems.

Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Owyhee River Clean Up another resounding success. Eighty-one people signed the sign-in sheet. All workers reported to the park for the barbecue by noon, so again nobody had to work too terribly hard. I know I will probably slight some people by listing those who worked so hard, but this letter has to have some space limitations. Most importantly, thank Lynette for her hard work and fantastic attention to detail to have this project succeed. Lynette, Rod, Jim and Sarah Gulu were up early in the morning, and I do mean early, to get to the site to set up. Sarah and Jim laid out the stakes with the plates. Thanks to Al Sillonis, Ken Gissell, Jim and Sarah, and Lynette and Rod for providing the barbecues. And thanks to Bi-Mart, Wal-Mart and Albertson's for financial support and to Ridley's and the Geo-Cachers for doughnuts. And of course a big thanks to the BLM for the manpower, the truck to haul off the garbage, beverages and general support. Thanks to the Boise Valley Fly Fishing Club for the potato chips. Thanks to Greg Montemurro of Troutlie.com for reaching out to 1600 of his subscribers to advertise the event. And thanks to the members of the Gem State Fly Fishing Club for coming over to help clean up the river. Those of you who started this project ten years ago assure

us newbies that our effort each year is making a difference.

Please keep open the first Saturday of May to help the Head Start families on their fishing day at Weiser Community Pond. The day starts at ten in the morning. Mark Sands will be there with the Idaho Fish and Game trailer of rods, reels, tackle and bait. Mark just needs some knowledgeable fishers to help the kids have a fun day. Then at one p.m. we are hosting a fly casting clinic at the pond. This is an excellent opportunity to renew your skills and maybe learn a new trick or two. Bring your friend who has expressed an interest in learning to fly cast. Thanks to Mary Thompson and Bob Maki for organizing this event.

On the fifteenth we need some help in hosting the Boise Woolly Buggers. Then, we get to play on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our outing is tentatively set for Oxbow Reservoir when the smallmouth bass fishing should be prime. I hope you can all make that outing. Stay tuned for details.

The May meeting is our last of the year. Go forth and enjoy fishing this summer. We will gather on August 10 at the shelter in Memorial Park for a picnic--details to follow.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### ***IFF Membership Picnic***

***Tuesday, August 10, 2010 6:30 pm***

***at Weiser Memorial Park***

***The club will provide the Fried Chicken***

***Bring a salad, vegetable, dessert or any accompaniment.***

***Don't forget all your summer fishing stories to share! ? !***



**Have a Wonderful and Safe Summer  
and we will see you September 14, 2010  
at the Membership meeting.**

**Bring photos and stories of you summer  
fishing trips to share with the members.**

**~ ~ ~ REMEMBER ~ ~ ~**

**Idaho Pizza is moving to the strip mall  
on East Commercial Street,  
across from the Vendome Events Center**



**Al's Crappie or Panfish recipe**

Very lightly season the fillets with Johnny's Seasoning Salt. Put two or three tablespoons of flour and small amount of Sea Salt and pepper in a plastic bag. Put the fillets in the bag and shake well. In a large frying pan add about 1/8 inch of peanut oil. Fry the fillets on medium high about 2 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Enjoy the taste of the fish!

**Membership Dues**

**Past Due:** Travis Curry, Larry Parks, Grant Baugh, Jim Mosier, Frank Puccio, Herb Haun, Mike Bishop, Nando & Roberta Mauldin, Marv & Suzanne Orwig, George Kautz, Ron Mooney

**Due in May:** Steve Cox, Dick Garrett, Ivan Guyer

**Thanks for your continued support!**

# Go Buggy about Bugs

by Perry Kelley

I had an experience at the Weiser Community Pond the other day that got me thinking about my passion for fly fishing and the ramifications that seem make up the total experience. Al, Mike and I were helping Billy Taylor from the city install the new aerators. Actually Skipper Mike, in his USS Miss Matched Pontoon kick boat, was helping Billy; Al and I only gave unwanted advice which mostly went unheeded. The installation went without a hitch and everything seemed to be working smoothly. Because our responsibility was so minute, Al and I began to lose interest in the project. To combat boredom we even considered fishing, but Al forgot his pole and worms; and I was too lazy to walk to my pickup to get my fly rod. Then we noticed it!

A major hatch of Mayflies was coming off the water. Now this is a common event that most of us see many times during the fishing season. The thing was, this was right at our feet and the entire process of this part of the metamorphosis was taking place. Let me elaborate. We could see the nymphs rising toward the surface. Some of them were not convinced they were doing the right thing and were trying to go back down to their protective rocks, but the pull of nature was too great. They would again ascend toward the surface. They then would lie suspended on the surface, and we could see a splitting of their wing cases (the top part of the thorax). The color showing in the split was a light grey-olive that was a major contrast to the brownish dark grey of the nymph. This process was not rapid. During a several-minute period, wings that resembled crumpled cellophane would emerge from the split, one at a time. Gradually the adult would slither from the nymphal shuck and rest on the surface to dry out. Again this process would take several minutes. Some then would start moving on the surface,

much like a sea plane trying to take off. Others could not get it going and seemed to give up. Others could not break away from the nymphal shuck, and their fate became sealed. I would guess that close to half of the insects didn't make it to the sub-imago stage (dun-adult).

Now this process was significant to Al and me as fly fishers. What fly do you choose to use during a hatch? Most of us try to match a Mayfly hatch with a dun pattern. Sometimes a dun is the ticket, but not always. How long will the sub-imago rest on the surface before flying away? What else would be available to trout during the hatch? Nymphs ascending and descending certainly could entice fish. How about the floating nymph? A fish taking either would disturb the surface and appear to be taking a dry fly. The cripples (adults caught in the shuck) will not fly away and are easy takings for fish. The stillborns (those that did not make it) also are consumed by trout. If the hatch is similar to the one we observed, there are a lot of possibilities when choosing a fly.

Al, having too much common sense to watch bugs for a couple of hours, made his excuses and went home. Mike was much too compelled to expound upon his incredible capacity for PR and reeducated the entire city work force, thus forgoing the entomological experience of the decade and maybe his lifetime. I went to my pickup and got my fly rod, just to practice casting. I went to the other side of the pond, not wishing to catch Billy's hat or Mike's ear on my back cast.

The day was quite breezy (what else was new?) and the wind was at my back. After making a couple of casts, my attention again was at the bank of the pond. I saw a couple of Mayflies take off from the water. They were bigger than those at the other side, and they appeared to be a darker grey color. My curiosity got the best of me again, and I started watching. Although there were not as many as on the other side, I again got a great lesson in aquatic entomology. These

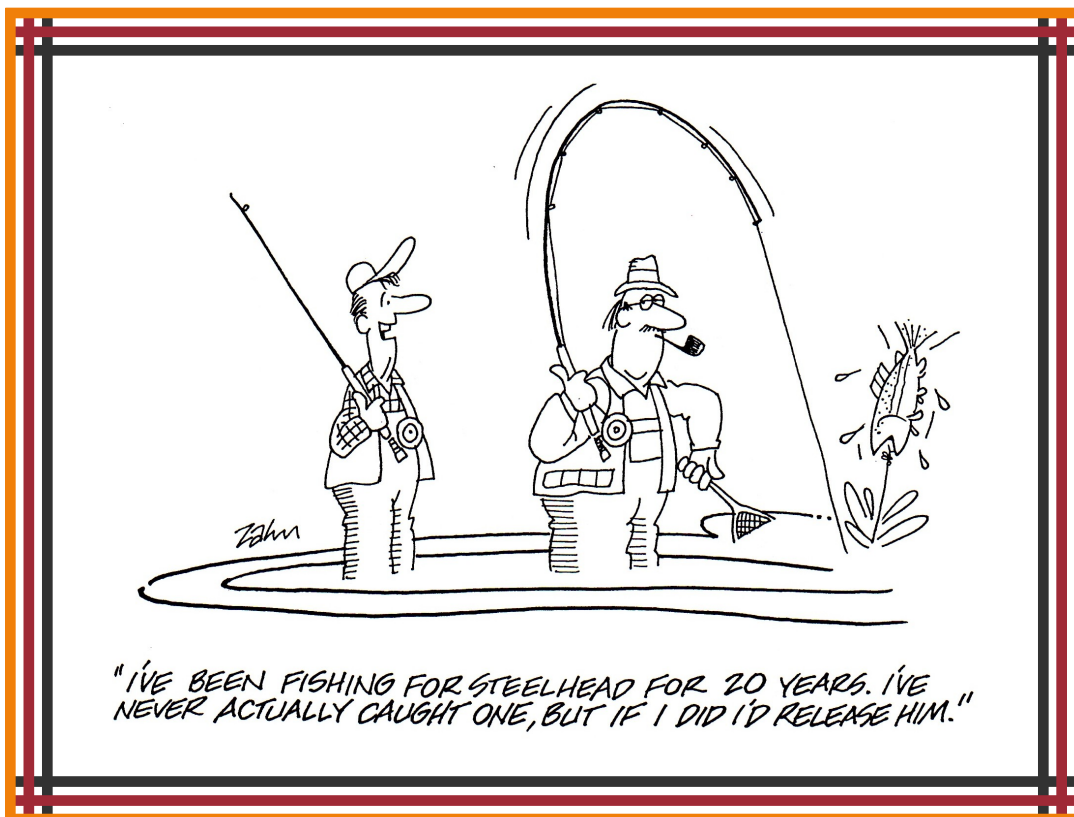
nymphs were longer and much more active than the others. When ascending they were vigorously wiggling. On the other side they seemed just to rise to the surface. I could see the split in the wing case of the nymphs while they were coming toward the surface. The closer to the surface they came, the bigger the split. Just before they reached the surface, the wing case appeared to have a grey ball on top of it. When they reached the surface, they immediately popped out of the shuck and took wing. They caught the breeze and were immediately gone. Almost all these Mayflies were successful in the metamorphosis between nymph and dun. I can assure you that a dun would not catch many fish. One would have to use a nymph or a split case nymph and give it some action.

Now my point is that we as fly fishermen need to spend time studying the water. Be aware that hatches do not always occur and fish are not always enticed by hatches. However when there is a hatch and you observe fish working the surface, try to determine which stage of the insect you should imitate. Also note where you are fishing. Last fall I was fishing just below a riffle, and my fishing partner was a couple of

hundred yards below me fishing slower water. I observed some duns on the water but not many. However, I did see a lot of surface activity. Some of this activity was fins and tails. I use a sub-surface nymph and got a lot of hits. The nymphs did not seem to work in the water below me. Duns and emergers would have been a better choice.

Observe the water. Some of the giants of successful fly fishers would spend up to an hour observing the insect activity before casting. Not only were the observations critical to their success, but they would develop a keen sense of the variations that Mother Nature puts on our place to confuse us. One other bit of advice: Organize your fly boxes into specific species of Mayflies. Have nymphs, split case nymphs, emergers (use scud hooks so that the shuck and abdomen is below the surface and the thorax, wings and head float), duns and spinners.

Tight Lines,  
Perry





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See Perry's article on pages 4 & 5 on mayflies at the WCP.



Sometimes you just get more help than you really need!



You've had two on at one time, right? How about this guy (or gal)?



How many members can tell me where I found this picture?

"The fisherman who isn't plagued with suggestions is fishing alone."  
*Beatrice Cook*

- May 4 - IFF Board  
7 pm Idaho Pizza
- May 11 - IFF Membership  
6:00 Fly Tying  
7 pm Program
- May 15 - Woollybuggers @  
Weiser Community  
Pond 10 am-3 pm
- May 18 - Fly Tying  
7 pm Weiser Library
- May 22—Oxbow Club Outing
- May 27 - Fly Casting  
7 pm at the Weiser  
Community Pond -  
Assistance with Casting



# May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Fly Casting
2	3	4 IFF Board	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 IFF Members	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Fly Tying	19	20	21	22 Club Outing
23	24	25	26	27 Fly Casting	28	29
30	31					

Woollybuggers Club Outing Weiser Pond! IFF members attend & support!