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Meetings are held the
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6 pm, program at 7 pm.

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November 2010

President's Message by Mike Thomas

Time "flies" when you are (having fun) fishing. It's time to write the "President's Message" for November, so say those responsible for putting the Newscaster together. See the side bar—for those on the committee. Also take a look at the other committees listed there and check out which committee you are on! If your name is not by the committee you chose to be on, maybe you forgot to sign up at the last meeting or you were absent from the last meeting—whatever! If you want to be a member of a committee and are not listed, please let me know!

Congratulations to Diana Thomas, this month's 50/50 winner and to Frank Thomas who won the great flies tied by Perry Kelley. I'm sure they will both share their good fortunes and luck with a poor and unlucky relative. Thanks, Diana, for donating part of your take back to the club, and thanks to Perry for donating the fly box and flies! The monthly 50/50 drawing has been fun for members

(especially those that win) and has been a good fund raiser for IFF. Congratulations to Rosa Yzquierdo (a non member) whose name was drawn as the winner of the Fly Fishing Basket we donated to support Angel Wings and Casting for Recovery. Speaking of drawings, thanks to Lynette, Cabelas donated a 9 ft. 5 wt. fly rod, reel and line for the membership raffle, for which the drawing will be held at the May 2011 meeting. To get your name in the drawing, you must put your name on a ticket that costs you only one dollar—or if you want your name on 6 tickets, you can pay eighty-three and one third cents per ticket.

Ole Mike Thomas!



Fly Of The Month
Newscasters Staff
Brite Bead Stretch Emerger
Ed Engle

Hook:	TMC 200R size 16-20
Tail:	Pheasant tail tips wood duck flank or microfibetts
Abdomen:	3-4 Pheasant tail fibers counter clock wrapped around the tying thread for durability
Rib:	Fine copper or gold wire
Bead:	Small clear glass bead with silver center (Mercury Bead) secured with 3/0 to 4/0 tippet material
Thorax:	Peacock herl counter clock wrapped around the tying thread for durability
Wing:	Small clump of CDC extending rearward from thorax
Legs:	Pheasant tail tips or wood duck flank
Comments:	This is an emerger pattern imitating various May Fly species designed to float in the surface film. It is most effective fished by trailing it from a dun of the same species. Tie emerger 8-14 inches from the hook bend of the indicator fly. Tie the glass bead on top of the shank in the middle of the thorax. Tie in bead first then wrap the thorax.

Fly Fishing 101
Fly Rod Cleaning Made Easy
by Joe Evans

Keeping a fly rod clean and nice-looking is not a difficult task, nor does it take a lot of time. Yet, it is a job that most anglers tend to avoid, if they do it at all. They clean their fly lines and reels and other items of equipment fairly regularly, but for some reason they often seem to neglect their rods. With the cost of good fly rods skyrocketing, it only makes good sense to keep them clean and in top condition.

Cleaning the Cork Grip

The cork grip on a fly rod generally needs the most attention, because it can really become dirty over time. Just the natural body oil from our hands can cause a grip to become soiled rather quickly. And add to that, fish slime, floatants, sun-screen, and numerous other items that often come in contact with our hands while fishing, which can build up layers of dirt and grime. I have tried several different types of soaps and mild chemicals to clean cork grips, including dish detergent, tooth paste, alcohol, hand soap, household bleach, spray cleaners, and several other things. Most of these work pretty well, but the one I like the best is liquid household cleanser. One such product is "Soft Scrub Cleanser with Bleach." It not only cleans a soiled grip quickly and effectively, but it helps to bleach-out any dark blemishes in the cork, as well as lighten the cork back to its original color. Having used this product for many years, I can attest to the fact that it does not harm the grip in any way when properly used. Here's how it's done:

First, assemble all the items you will be using, including the rod, the cleanser, a sponge or old wash cloth, and a clean, dry towel. Also, have something to protect your clothing from any splashes of the bleach-containing cleanser. Any drops that get onto your clothing will have a permanent bleaching effect that will end up as a white spot. Work at the kitchen sink with a small stream of warm running water. Wet the grip under the tap, apply a quarter-size blob of cleanser to your dampened sponge or wash cloth (Be sure to shake the bottle of cleanser well before using), and scrub-down the cork grip. Scrub the cork thoroughly, starting at one end of the grip and working toward the other end. As you work, avoid rubbing the metal hardware and wood spacer on the reel seat, as well as the finish on the blank. Scrubbing those shiny surfaces can cause light permanent scratches, so keep the cleanser off those parts as you work.

After the grip has been thoroughly cleaned, wash it off under the stream of running water, rubbing it well with your fingers to remove all traces of the cleanser. Then dry the grip with a soft clean terrycloth towel and set it aside to dry thoroughly before putting it back into its case. When dry, the grip will be clean and look almost new again!

GFW's Fly Tying Tips #2

THREAD CONTROL

1. Where to start the thread wraps. Normally the thread wrappings begin immediately behind the eye of the hook. However if you wish to have a small tapered shaped head, especially on a small dry fly, there is merit in beginning the thread wraps back on the shank, leaving the space to be occupied by the head, bare. The results will be at least one fewer layer of thread when forming the head. Classic steelhead and salmon flies many times require the tier to start the wraps at the point of the shank directly above the hook point. Some of the more complicated patterns require changing size and color of thread during the tying process. For dry flies and tying classic patterns, it is essential to wrap the shank with a single layer of thread wraps without any voids or cross wraps. A couple of techniques are used to achieve this. Leave a larger-than-normal tag of thread when tying the jam knot. Hold the tag at a 45 degree angle facing the bend of the hook. Apply tension on the tag while wrapping. Each wrap should cross the tag at a point just above the shank and slide into the wraps. Another technique is to angle the thread slightly toward the bend of the hook and slide it back after crossing over the top of the shank. If a void is visible, unwrap and re-wrap. Thread wraps can be smoothed by burnishing. This is a technique used by rod wrappers. Use a smooth small piece of metal. Rub the wraps back and forth and around the body. This will smooth the wraps and fill in the voids.



2. One last comment. A smooth shanked thread base is essential when using floss, tinsel and other flat materials. Sometimes it will be necessary to wrap to the rear and then back. Tying classic fly patterns will certainly challenge the fly tier and will take more time. Probably the classic fly will not catch more fish, but the fly tier will improve his/her skills.

Good tying!

**We wish to extend a most sincere “Thank You” to all the members who
contributed items for the “Casting for the Cure” raffle basket.**

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated and thanks to everyone who
purchased raffle tickets.**

Diana, Karen, Tiffany and Mary

Angel Wings Network, and Casting for Recovery, Idaho

THE COLONEL AND I GO ELK HUNTING

BY NANDO MAULDIN

(continued from the October Newsletter)

The elk didn't drop as I expected but began scrambling to depart. I sighted and fired just prior to him getting up on his front feet, striking him just under the ear. He dropped dead instantly. As I was ejecting the empty cartridge from my gun, the Colonel jumped up and departed in a wild happy run directly to the elk. He was just hopping and jumping over the ferns that were in his way and yelling, "I got him, I got him, I got him." I really didn't know what to do. I felt that I had killed the elk. After sitting there a couple of seconds, I knew that I could not take the excitement of his first kill from him. I unloaded my gun, walked to the horses and placed it in my saddle scabbard. Then I pulled my hunting license from my wallet and tore my elk tag off and digging a hole in the ferns with the toe of my boot I buried my elk tag. I then walked to the dead elk and joined the Colonel. He said, "I did kill it, didn't I?" I replied, "Colonel I'm sure your first thought was your best judgment at the moment." He was so tickled and shook my hand and thanked me for showing him such a neat way to hunt elk. He was just absolutely thrilled. He was one happy soldier. Even I was thrilled at his excitement.



As I began dressing out the elk I heard saddle horses coming to our position. The hunting guide and his two clients rode up and dismounted. As I was gutting the elk they made small talk about the size of the animal. They were hoping to be as lucky. The Colonel was advising of our having stalked the elk and this being his first hunt. The guide stepped close to me and said very quietly, "Who killed the elk? I only see one bullet hole and yet I heard two shots?" The Colonel or the other hunters had not heard the guide's question. I quit field dressing the elk and asked the guide to accompany me for a moment. He and I walked back to where our horses were still tied. He then said, "We watched you sighting in your guns yesterday and you never missed a shot and we also watched you shoot the Colonel's gun and heard you tell him it was shooting to the right and

you offered to align his sights." I advised him that my elk hunt was finished as I thought I had killed the elk. I then removed my gun from my saddle scabbard and opened the firing chamber showing him that the gun was unloaded. I then showed him my hunting license advising that I had "voided" my license by tearing off the elk carcass tag. Then taking the toe of my boot I then uncovered the torn off elk tag that I had earlier buried. The guide stood there quietly for a moment with a thoughtful expression on his face then said, "Well I'll be damned. I expected you to still be hunting and intending to kill two elk." I stated that I did not believe in party hunting and had been raised with a belief that if you compromise your principles you soon wouldn't have any. Without speaking he extended his hand and we shook hands. We walked back to the dead elk and visited a few minutes with the other men as they prepared to depart. We finished field dressing the elk. The Colonel filled out his elk tag and legally tagged the carcass. We then went to camp for the pack mules. The day was pretty well used up by the time we had packed in the elk and hung it on meat poles in the shade of the trees.

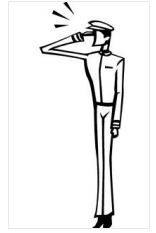
The weather continued warm and on the morning of the third day we decided the Colonel should probably get the elk meat out of the mountains and into a cooler. As we loaded the pack mules he was a little apprehensive about packing out 26 miles alone but I assured him that the mules knew where they were going and all he had to do was go along for the ride. I would have gladly accompanied him except for the fact that I had to remain in the field and check other hunters.



After the close of the nine-day hunt and as I returned home, my brother and I stopped in Las Cruces to see our parents and was advised the Colonel had spent the night in town and had left half of the elk at the local meat locker for us.

After returning to my district I drove to the Roswell office and met with my Supervisor. He reported that the Colonel had contacted the office several times in an

effort to check on our hunting success and to report his thrill at having killed his first elk. Later, I would meet with the Colonel and he would question me once more about him having been the one that killed the elk. Again, I reminded him that at the moment of our having shot at the elk he was certain that he had killed it and that was good enough for me. Neither my brother or I saw another legal elk during the hunt but it was a great time for all of us. The Colonel and I remained friends during all the years I lived in that area and later the Air Force would close Walker Air Base and I would lose contact with him. The Colonel was an older man than myself and I am now 83 years old so the likelihood of him reading this is slim but I have not named him for I have no intention of bringing embarrassment to anyone, much less a man I admired and considered a friend. Not only that, he added a chapter to my life that was fulfilling.



IFF Shirt Order

If you are not aware, a shirt order will be placed in **November** for **Columbia long sleeve fishing shirts** in the color of **Lox** (which is the color as in the photo, but with long sleeves). The shirts will sell for **\$47.00 plus \$6.00 for the IFF Logo**.

The **Denim shirts** may also be purchased at this time. They are **\$15.00 plus \$6.00 for the Iff Logo**. For sizes **2x and above add \$3.00**.

Your shirt order **must be paid in full** before they can be ordered.

If you would like to order shirts but cannot make it to the meeting, please **contact Lynette Jones 550-2264**.



IFF Shirt Order



"I ENJOY THE FLY-FISHING SHOW MORE IF I DRESS UP FOR IT."

Contrary to common belief,

It is not true

That if you cut a worm-
fisherman in half,

each half

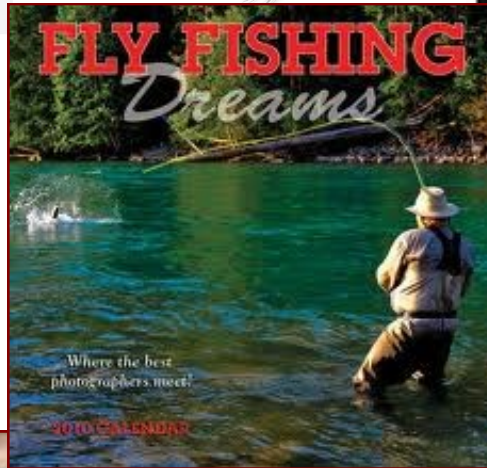
Will grow into a complete
fisherman.

For which we should all be
thankful.

Ed Zern



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"There ain't but one time to go fishin' and that's whenever you can."
Diron Talbert

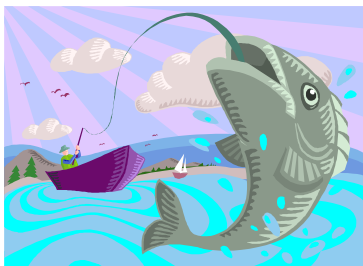
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Nov 2 - IFF Board-Grid Iron
7 PM

Nov 9 - IFF Membership
Idaho Pizza
6:00 Fly Tying
7 pm Program

Nov 16 - Fly Tying

Nov 20 - Outing TBA



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