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# News Caster



## January 2013

### President's Message

by Mark Sands

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Can you believe it, 2013...wow! Now I'm not big on New Year's Resolutions because like most people I come up with things that don't last. However, this year I decided my NYR is going to be to fish (and hunt) more and work less and with that being said I'm hoping I can finally fulfill one NYR!

Speaking of fishing, here's my "bucket" list of potential BIG fishing opportunities that I'm hopeful to complete in 2013. If I can get the details figured out I will be headed back to Alaska this summer...in exchange for working as a guide, I'll get to do some fly fishing (and probably get some "up close" pictures of some bears too). Another highlight will be if I can squeeze in another trip to eastern Idaho to do a drift boat trip down the South Fork of the Snake in late June/early July. And in early September my wife and I are joining a couple of friends at their place in Canada for some fly fishing for very large rainbows. In between these "BIG" trips I'm hopeful to get in as many local trips as time and work permit.

Since January is so cold, instead of having a club outing the Board suggested we make the Fly Fishing Expo in Boise our "outing." The Expo (<http://www.bvffexpo.com/>) is on January 11-12 at the Fair-grounds located at 5610 Glenwood, Boise. Admission is \$5.00 and it's open on Friday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. If you are interested in going, I'm sure several of us might be interested in carpooling therefore, if you are, see me at the general meeting.

Finally, thanks to everyone who made the Christmas party and contributed to the gift exchange and donated items to the Elks club. Many thanks should go to **Perry** and **Marv** for playing Santa and asking the fishing related questions. Also, there were a few presents left over so, I figured since I was the president I should just keep them. No, really the Board decided to include them in our raffles.

Hopefully we will see you all at the general meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at Idaho Pizza where our very own experts Perry Kelly and Jim Gulu will discuss Still Water Tactics. Also, best of luck on fulfilling your New Year's Resolutions and maybe we'll be able to get together for some fishing fun in 2013. Fish On!

## **AGENDA FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETING IHFF JANUARY 8, 2013**

- 6:00-7:00 DVD on fishing/fly tying
- 6:30 Greeter, raffle ticket sales, sign-in-Nando
- 7:00 Call the meeting to order, welcome all and recognize new comers
- Discuss Year-End Raffle Fly Rod and Orvis reel (**rod of your choice built my Marv**), Tickets \$1.00 a piece or 6 for \$5.00
  - Discuss Rod Building class-Instructor Marv (see list of items needed in the Newsletter)
  - Discuss money from the Mellon Foundation given to IHFF for the Weiser Community Pond
  - Discuss January outing-Fly Fishing Expo in Boise on January 11-12
  - Remind people that Perry Kelly teaches fly tying at the Weiser Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
  - Program: Perry Kelly and Jim Gulu—*Still Water Tactics*

For February we will have the BLM do a presentation on Stream Restoration work done on the Weiser River Watershed to improve fish habitat. If time permits they will also cover work done on other watesheds throughout Idaho.

### **Indianhead Fly Fishers-Library Moment**

Are you interested in a DVD that introduces young people to the sport of flyfishing? "Tomorrow's Fly Fishers" is a 43 minute DVD for just this purpose. It is one of the few DVD'S that I would recommend for your kids or grandkids to watch. Fanny Krieger (Lefty's widow) produced the DVD. The presentation is fun to watch and the methods of teaching flyfishing are simple. (Maybe that is why I liked it.) Bugs, casting, fly tying and catching fish are highlights of the DVD.

You can check it out of our library at the next meeting. (#333 DVD)

# Float Tube Troll Casting

January 25, 2011 By [Mike Monteith](#)

Float Tube Troll Casting January 25, 2011 By Mike Monteith I don't fish nearly as much from a float tube as I do from my pontoon boat these days. And when in my 'toon, I usually anchor down and work an area pretty hard before I move on. There are days though when I feel the need to take the float tube out, dust it off and give my legs a bit of a work out. It's times like this that I go back to what I call 'troll-casting'.

Troll-casting is simply a stillwater technique which combines casting and trolling, a term I came up with to describe my actions to students interested in learning stillwater fly fishing from a float tube. The premise of troll-casting is to slowly work your way along the shore line while casting into the shoal. The ideal distance from the shore is just past the drop-off (where the weeds quickly disappear under the surface). Simply kick away from shore and position yourself parallel to the shore line trying to keep your tube approximately 20ft beyond the drop off while casting your fly 30 or more feet into the shoal. Your kicking movement should be very slow with most of the action on your fly coming from you and not from your tube. Right handed casters should be kicking in the direction so their left shoulder faces the shore line. This makes casting into the shoal effortless as you can easily cast over your left shoulder.

Troll-casting works with all types of patterns. Dry flies, searching patterns, scuds, boatman, nymphs, minnow imitations, leeches and terrestrials. A floating line is the most versatile fly line and adding weight combined with lengthening your leader can help you get down deeper if needed. An intermediate sink line is my second choice. Retrieves can be experimented with, for nymphs I like to stop kicking once my cast is made and let my fly sink before I continue moving and starting my retrieve. For dry flies, I'll also stop kicking and let the fly sit on the top of the water for about 10 seconds then start a slow kick while using a short twitching retrieve making the fly skitter across the top of the water. With leech patterns, I'll continue kicking but mend my line so when I begin my retrieve, the combination of the tube's speed and my retrieve will pull my fly quickly from it's slow, sinking state. Being observant and trying different retrieves and patterns will help you find success when troll-casting.

The nice thing about this technique is the slow leisurely pace and the fact that you're searching a lot of water. When success comes, it's easy enough to anchor down and work the shoal area that you've caught fish in or turn around and continue troll-casting in the other direction, working the area back and forth. When fishing with your rod arm facing the shore, you simply turn your tube so your body is fully facing the shore, make your cast and then return to a parallel position and once again start kicking.



Troll-casting is an enjoyable, slow paced technique that does produce well when combined with good observation of hatching insects and fish activity. It can also work equally well when using searching patterns. It's not confined to float tube fishing alone as pontoon boats, canoes, row boats and motorized boats can also utilize this technique when stillwater fly fishing but when in a float tube, I find the two to be a perfect match and the method I use most.



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The following members have December as their due-date for renewal of membership. Please see Jim Gulu and pay ASAP so he doesn't have to get rough with you.

- Daniels, Charlie
- Thomas, Dave & Pam

Eight new DVD's in the club's library: "Tomorrow's Fly Fishers" -According to Mike Thomas this is the BEST teaching flyfishing DVD for kids he has ever seen. The other seven are:

- ◆ *The Essence of Flycasting,*
- ◆ *Beginnings - an introduction to Flyfishing,*
- ◆ *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting method,*
- ◆ *Black Tailed Devils (Permit fishing),*
- ◆ *Off the Grid (Alaska to Guatemala),*
- ◆ *Metalhead (Northwestern Steelhead),*
- ◆ *Improving Your Fly Fishing.*

### Coming Events

- Jan 1—IFF Board,  
Beehive 7 pm
- Jan 8—IFF Membership  
Fly Tying—6:00 pm  
Meeting—7:00 pm
- Jan 11-12—Fly Fishing Expo in  
Boise
- Jan 15— Fly Tying at the  
Weiser Library-7:70 pm.



## JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 IFF Board Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Member Meeting	9	10	11 Fly Fishing Expo in Boise	12
13	14	15 Fly Tying Library	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					