



President's Message *by Ray Perkins*

In October while deer hunting I was sitting on rims overlooking the Owyhee River sweating. In November I was sitting in our tent stoking the wood stove trying to stay warm, but still glade that I am retired. Arrived at elk camp on Thursday

before the season opened and helped set up camp. Conditions were comfortable, with bright sun and temps in the 40's.

I had brought some fishing gear so on Friday afternoon I fished about a mile of the North Fork Malheur River just downstream of camp. I ended up hooking 5 and landing 4. Nothing of any size but, three nice wild redbands and one whitefish about 9 inches. By Tuesday things had changed dramatically. Night temperatures dropped below zero and daytime temps barely got into the 20's.

Then on Thursday the snow came dropping 10 to 12 inches in camp. Travel was difficult on Thursday for those of us that did not put our chains on before the snow. So, I got to put chains on in 10 inches of snow. Then it makes nothing more interesting to find out that even though I brought 4 chains only three fit, so I was restricted to chains on my rear wheels instead on all four wheels.



Figure 1. the North Fork Malheur River on Friday afternoon.

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Needlessly no more fishing occurred on this trip.

In conclusion elk hunting was fun even though I did not harvest anything. Two of my campmates harvested two perfect bull elk, one was spike not much bigger than a deer less than half a mile from camp and the other was small calf, good meat and easy to pack.

I received a copy of the email Dave Banks, new district bio in Hines, sent out about the trout fishery in the Owyhee River. In summary he looked at flows, water temperatures and dissolved oxygen levels. Flows were lower than observed over the past few years but were within the range observed in the past. Water temperatures were higher than had been observed but far from

lethal. Dissolved oxygen levels were far from lethal levels as well. So there will be no emergency changes for this year.

More news form ODFW, The new assistant fish biologist (my replacement) is Ben Ramirez he is scheduled to start December 1 in Hines.

The club is entering a Christmas tree in the Weiser Memorial Hospital Festival of Trees. The club will be trimming our tree on December 2 at the Vendome (across the street from Idaho Pizza) at 13:00. The monthly meeting is on December 9 at Idaho Pizza at 7pm.

Hope everyone has happy holidays.

Ray



Figure 2 The North Fork Malheur River near camp on Sunday just before returning home.

Indianhead Spey Casting Class - Summer 2014

by Grant Baugh

With Mike Bantam of Dream Cast Idaho, club members got instruction and some practice spey casting.



Tom Dyer getting pointers from Mike



Dragonflies like raspberries TOO!



Mike demonstrating the "broom" exercise



Casting practice on the Weiser River

Dues Reminder for This Month:

- Charlie Daniels
 - Dave & Pam Thomas
 - Jascha & Tammy Zeitlin
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Streamer Fishing Methods

by Jim Gulu

1. **The Swing.** Cast across and slightly down stream, make a mend, and let the fly swing on through. The standard swing covers the most water effectively as possible. By slowly swinging the fly across the river or stream, you give the appearance of baitfish ferrying slowly across the river. Make sure to allow the fly to swing all the way through before retrieving the fly. Often times, a trout following a swung fly won't hit until the first strip or two on the retrieve. After your fly line AND leader have straightened below you, make 4 or 5 honest strips back before considering your next cast.

2. **Banging the Banks.** Casting a streamer to the opposite bank (or other likely holding lie) and immediately retrieving the fly with short quick strips is probably the most used technique. Why? Because it's super effective! We call it banging the banks, and it can be done from a moving boat or from shore. The key is to cast into the first likely holding lie, make a few quality strips, then pick up the fly and hit the piece of juicy water. Covering water is the name of the game when banging the banks and by fishing each lie quickly, you key into the most aggressive fish.

3. **The Dead Drift.** Dead drifting streamers is a highly neglected streamer technique. Baitfish, leeches, crayfish, or any other organism imitated by a streamer does become injured and/or dies from time to time, and a free tumbling fish is an easy meal for a hungry trout. Plunge pools, heavy current seams, or any other piece of water able to disorient a struggling minnow is a great place to dead drift a streamer.

4. **The Drift and Jig.** The drift and jig is a great way to fish a streamer from shore that uses several techniques. Cast upstream as you would fish a dead drifting nymph. Continuously mend to allow your fly to get deep. As the fly drifts below you, make a series of quick lifts of the rod tip followed by a light slapping down of the fly line. Doing so creates a realistic jiggling action imitating that of a struggling baitfish. Once the fly line becomes straight downstream, make a few quality strips back and repeat. Covering the water this way allows you to show your fly in three different forms; a dead fish (dead drift), and injured fish (the jig), and a fleeing fish (the strip) on one cast.

5. **The Jerk Strip.** The jerk strip is a streamer technique that separates the novice fisherman from the seasoned streamer anglers. While a standard 6-8 inch strip will catch fish from time to time, it is not the most accurate imitation of a struggling baitfish or minnow. Instead, retrieve the fly using quick downstream twitches of the rod tip, followed by a slow strip of the line hand to take up the slack created by the 'twitch.' With a little practice, the movement of the rod tip with the rod hand, and the drawing in of fly line by the line hand becomes seamless, providing the most accurate retrieve possible. Give it a try!



Perry with a fine catch!

Fly of the month

The Timberline Emerger by Randall Kaufmann

by Perry Kelley

This is the original pattern. An improved version is also available but the original seems to fish best. The original Timberline is an excellent representation of a calabeatus



One of my very best days fishing with a fly was fishing Island Park Reservoir in eastern Idaho. I hooked many fish over 20 inches. I was using a Cortland intermediate line and a 5x tippet. I was fishing from a float tube with the rod tip just underneath the water's surface. I held three medium lengths of tippet for a shock absorber.

- **Hook:** 3906 10-14 Mustard
- **Thread:** Gray
- **Tail:** Three Black Moose Body Hairs
- **Body:** Mixture of 30% muskrat and 70% grey seal#
- **Wing:** Grizzly hackle tips tied short
- **Hackle:** Two turns of brown tied short
- **Note:** (seal fur is illegal in US. However, Feather-Craft of St. Louis has legal seal fur that will work for this pattern.)



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Cecil Whittaker "Ted" Trueblood by Perry Kelley

Cecil Whittaker "Ted" Trueblood (1913-1982) was an outdoor writer and conservationist. From 1941 to 1982, he was an editor and writer for Field & Stream magazine. Born in Boise, Idaho, on June 25, 1913, he grew up on the family farm near Homedale and graduated from Wilder High School in 1931. Drawn to writing about the outdoor life, he published his first article in National Sportsman magazine in 1931. He attended both the (at Caldwell) and the (at Moscow), but left before earning his degree.



Cecil Whittaker "Ted" Trueblood

by Perry Kelley (continued from page 5)

In 1936, he became a reporter for the Boise Capital News. In 1937, he became a reporter for the Deseret News in Salt Lake City. From there, he began writing articles for Field & Stream.

He returned to Idaho in 1939 and married Ellen Michaelson. Together they had two sons, Dan and Jack. After struggling as a freelancer, Trueblood took a public relations position with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He became fishing editor of Field & Stream in 1941 and moved to New York City. In 1947, he moved back to Idaho in order to "fish, hunt, and write about it." From his home in Nampa, he remained an associate editor and contributor to Field & Stream, and continued writing articles for the magazine throughout his life.

In addition to his magazine work, he also wrote several books about the outdoors (often based on his articles): The Angler's Handbook (1949), The Fishing Handbook (1951), On Hunting (1953), The Hunter's Handbook (1954), How to Catch More Fish (1955), Camping Handbook (1955), and The Ted Trueblood Hunting Treasury (1978).

Perhaps more important to Idahoans was Trueblood's work as a conservation leader. In 1936, he helped to organize the Idaho Wildlife Federation, the state's major conservation group in the mid-twentieth century. Trueblood often helped the Federation fight many of its conservation battles. One of their most significant victories, in the 1950s, was the successful campaign to protect Idaho's salmon and steelhead trout by stopping the construction of Nez Perce Dam on the Snake River, which would have blocked the migration of fish up the undammed Salmon River. Trueblood advocated for the creation of the River of No Return Wilderness in central Idaho, and worked to oppose the anti-environmental "Sagebrush Rebellion" in 1980. His

conservation work was honored with several awards, including a 1975 Conservation Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the 1975 Outdoorsman of the Year award from the Outdoor Writers of America. His life of conservation leadership is commemorated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Ted Trueblood Wildlife Area, near Grandview. In 1991, the newly organized Boise chapter of Trout Unlimited named itself the "Ted Trueblood Chapter." His papers are housed in the Albertson's Library at Boise State University.

Nothing was more exciting to me as a boy than getting the latest edition of Field and Stream magazine. The first thing I would look for was Ted Trueblood's latest journalistic endeavor which was always exciting and magical. In my opinion, not only did Ted walk on water but also he gave us the insight on how to use it. There was a period of several years that the Ada County Fish and Game League would have annual fly casting instruction for area youth. I will never forget the day that Ted Trueblood gave a casting demonstration. I never would have guessed that a fly rod could control that much line with beauty and grace. His casts were the most beautiful thing that I have ever seen.

The above article gives us the awards and accomplishments of Ted. However it fails to mention that he was one of the most down-to-earth person that I have ever met. Other than his beautiful bamboo rod he enjoyed the outdoors like most of us. He drove a older car (Studebaker) with a food box and tent in the trunk. He loved to visit with people, if you would meet him on the stream he would talk to you. I actually talked to him on several occasions, what a thrill. For those of you new to Idaho, keep in mind that Ted Trueblood was one of the brightest gems in the Gem State.



Outing Recommendations for OREGON

by Al Sillonis

BULLY CREEK RESERVOIR

- 7 miles west of Vale, Oregon on paved road
- concrete boat ramp
- well developed county campground with water, electricity, and dump station
- crappie, bass, bullhead, big carp
- best fishing late April through June during the week
- water skiers and jet skiers on weekends

UNITY RESERVOIR

- 3 miles northwest of Unity, Oregon on paved road
- concrete boat ramp
- state campground with water, electricity, flush toilets, solar showers, and dump station
- two rental cabins
- water skiers and jet skiers at times
- restaurant, motel and very limited convenience store with gas pump in Unity - 4 miles
- rainbow, crappie, large and small mouth bass
- best fishing May, June and September

PHILLIPS RESERVOIR

- 18 miles west of Baker, Oregon on Highway 7 to Sumpter and John Day on paved road
- timbered area
- Forest Service campground with water, electricity, vault toilets and dump station
- a few campsites have sewer hookups
- fish cleaning station near the paved boat ramp with docks
- second campground at west end of the reservoir - 1 mile of gravel road - drinking water and toilets - gravel boat ramp
- nearest restaurant and motel is at Sumpter which is 8 to 10 miles
- rainbow, perch, large mouth bass, tiger muskie and tiger trout
- best fishing April through September

MAGONE LAKE

- 18 miles northwest of Prairie, City, Oregon on paved road
- nice timbered area with natural lake with depths up to 90 feet
- concrete boat ramp
- Forest Service campground with drinking water and vaulted toilets
- restaurants and motels to the south in Mt. Vernon - 10 miles - half of the way is gravel road or Prairie City - 18 miles
- rainbow, brook trout
- some big fish but hard to catch
- best fishing June through September

OLIVE LAKE

- 11 miles southwest of Granite, Oregon - paved road from Baker to Sumpter and then Granite last 11 miles from Granite to the lake are gravel
- small Forest Service campground with drinking water and vaulted toilets
- boat ramp
- lake sits in the timber at 6200 feet
- rainbow and kokanee - can be tough to fish
- best fishing June through September

FISH LAKE

- 18 miles north of Halfway, Oregon
- timbered area at 6200 feet
- 16 miles of good graveled road
- gravel boat ramp
- Forest Service campground with drinking water and vaulted toilets
- good huckleberry picking area on the road in to the lake
- brook trout - 7 to 12 inches, rainbow - 8 to 14 inches
- fun fishing area - at times good dry fly fishing
- best fishing June through September



Outing Recommendations for OREGON

by Al Sillonis (continued from page 7)

ANTHONY LAKE

- 19 miles northwest of Baker or 19 miles southwest of North Powder, Oregon on paved road timbered area at 7200 feet adjacent to Anthony Lakes Ski Area
- Forest Service campground - sites not large enough for big trailers and motor homes
- one rental cabin - check with Jerry Bogue for information
- concrete boat ramp
- rainbow - 8 to 16 inches, brook - 6 to 10 inches
- Grande Ronde Lake is about 1 mile on up the road - also very good fishing
- best fishing July through September

JUBILEE LAKE

- north of LaGrande, Oregon
- last 12 miles are a good two lane gravel road but usually very dusty
- concrete boat ramp with separate boat dock
- Forest Service campground that gets very heavy use especially on weekends
- drinking water and vaulted toilets
- 40 acre lake with depths up to 40 feet in timber at 5500 feet
- electric motors only
- good huckleberry area
- rainbow - gets stocked in June and August with 12,000 legal and 600 trophy
- some big fish but can be hard to catch - good for wet or dry flies
- I have only fished it in August but think it would be good June through September.
- ask Al for directions

FISH LAKE - STEENS MT.

- 80 miles southeast of Burns, Oregon or 20 miles east of Frenchglen, Oregon
- paved to Frenchglen - then gravel up Steens Mt. to the lake - at times bad washboard

- 20 acre lake with depths up to 40 feet sits at 7400 feet with sagebrush and aspen
- BLM campground with drinking water and vaulted toilets
- two gravel boat ramps and a small handicap fish dock
- rainbow - 8 to 16 inches, brook trout 7 to 14 inches
- very good fishing at times for both wet and dry fly fishing
- best fishing July to October
- other fishing areas near Frenchglen
- very scenic area - Steens Mt. is the highest place you can drive to in Oregon - 9500 feet

Want more information, regulations, stocking schedules, etc. - take a look at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife web site: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us>



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Elk's Annual Christmas baskets

The Elk's have requested we donate items as we have in the past: dish soap, laundry soap, hand soap, any toiletry items, also toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, etc. These are items they usually have to purchase for the holiday baskets. Please bring any of these to our annual holiday party on Dec. 9th.

Coming Events

Dec. 2 - IFF Board meets 7 PM at Idaho Pizza

Dec. 9 - IFF Membership & Guests meet at Idaho Pizza.

6:30 PM - Holiday Party - the club provides pizza and pop; don' forget the white elephant gift exchange & year end raffle!

Dec. 16 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library at 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tree trim. Vendom 1:00 PM IFF Board Meeting	3 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	4	5	6
7	8	9 IFF Member Meeting & Party	10 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	11	12	13
14	15	16 IFF Fly Tying	17 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead			