



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

Greetings fly anglers and welcome to March the month that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Despite the discrepancies of March weather, fly fishermen all over will begin to turn their thoughts to their favorite stream or pond and that exhilaration felt when hooking a nice rainbow, the first fish of the new season. Our memories of seasons past motivate plans for the new year for the thrills of angling with a fly. Let the 2018 angling season be one to create fantastic memories for years to come.

Fly tying has been the dominant subject of my thoughts lately. You know, fly tying could be defined as the collection of a wide variety of feathers, fur, yarn, thread, hooks, pattern books, tools and vises. Some might even say that fly tying is a vice. I have been tying for about 55 years now and you would think that I would have gotten it right by now. The problem is there are always new materials and tying techniques that tempt us. Late winter is the time new catalogues come out with the new stuff. Some of the new tools makes one wonder. One tool will safely put a bend in a razor blade which supposedly make trimming a bass bug easier and safer. Another will split the thread to make dubbing loops. There seem to be many others. My problem is that it is hard to find the right tool on my bench. However after 55 years of

tying I have enough tools that one of them will usually work.

Lately I have been experimenting with pine squirrel zonker strips. These are made by cutting the hide, with the hair on, of tanned pine squirrel into 1/8 inch strips. The hair (fur) has incredible motion in the water. The fur is dyed to several fish-getting colors such as olive, black, brown, rust, natural and sculpin olive. The strips can be used as a tail, zonker body, wrapped body and hackle. This material is especially useful in tying leech and streamer fly patterns.

At our last fly tying session we learned how to tie a Pine Squirrel Mini-leach.

Landon Mayer, a well known Colorado fly fisherman, has the pattern to this fly on Youtube. He uses a size 14 Temco hook, black Krystal Flash, black 8-0 thread, 1 1/2 inch strip of Pine squirrel strips, and ostrich herl to match the color of the Pine squirrel.

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Instructions for Mini-leech

- Tying instructions are basic. (I recommend that you go to Youtube: Go to Landon Mayer mini-leech for more detailed instructions)
- Place hook in vise (note that 2488 hook has a rather short shank and a wider bend)
- Cover hook with thread
- Get one strand krystal flash; double and double again and slide under the thread
- Wrap krystal flash around the hook from the middle of the bend to the shank.
- Tie in the 1 inch of the Pine Squirrel at the start of the shank
- Remove the hair on the front 1/2 inch of the Pine squirrel wrap the bare hide on the hairless hide to the eye of the hook with thread making a smooth base for the head of the fly.
- Wrap matching color ostrich herl over the thread and hide base for the leech head.
- Tie in small head being careful to not cover the hook eye.

I will demonstrate tying this fly at the March 13 meeting both before and after the meeting. I will start at 6:00 and tie after.

Think fly fishing.

Welcome to New Members:



Dues Reminder for January through March 2018:

Please send a check to PO Box 734 Weiser, or pay at a meeting - \$30/year for individual or \$45 for a couple.

- Mike & Sue Bischoff
- Mike Bishop
- Cecil Benintendi
- Rolland Mullinix
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Homemade Tenkara Pole Gets a Workout at the Weiser Pond

By Mike Thomas

(In reference to February's Newscasters pictures] —Why does Perry, Mike, and Rex have their heads down in the pictures instead of looking UP? The answer is obvious to me. They just spent way too much for their new Tenkara Fishing Rods, over \$100 I'm sure!

So I decided to build my own Tenkara? POLE. (notice that tenkara is pronounced just as it is spelled in English) BiMart came to my rescue by offering a bag of six bamboo sticks each one 6 feet long on sale for \$1 for the whole bag. I thought, that is enough to make 3 POLES each 12 feet long —WOW— three for a dollar. Now all I needed was some extra parts lying around the house to complete the pole that these three down-headed fishermen were looking at!

I found an old broken fly rod cork handle with an unnecessary reel seat, a stainless steel piece of a windshield wiper blade for the tip of my pole, a piece of pinkish red nylon string for the lillian, about 10 feet of old floating fly line, some unused tippet I found on the Owyhee River and a fly I tied out of

peacock with a bad front hackle.

Now all I needed was a way to make my pole telescope—a sprinkler key, which could not only fit over the cork handle but could also be used as line winder keeper when changing locations on the pond.

By the way my computer wanted to put a capital "L" on lillian—you know, the little string fastened to the tip of a Tenkara rod.

I have attached a picture of my Tenkara pole for your inspection and you can ask either of the other Mikes for a picture or video of the pole in action.

PS Can you figure out the reason for the Orange duct (duck) tape!??



A Trout/Bass Micro-Intruder

By Tom Dyer

It's Super Bowl Sunday and Cindy and I just completed our walk on the Weiser River Trail. What a difference a year makes, last year we had four feet of snow on the ground while today the trail is clear with little to no mud. As we were sauntering along the trail I kept noticing locations on the river where I either caught a bass or trout and in most cases I was swinging streamer flies like the muddler minnows, sculpin, and the ubiquitous woolly bugger.

flies to entice steelhead to strike, so I guess it wasn't too far a stretch to tie small intruders for trout and bass. I tried a variety of materials too but most were too bulky to cast affectively with lighter lines. I have even looked at YOUTUBE videos, that advertised "how to tie mini or micro intruders", for ideas. After several tries I finally settled on a pattern that seems to work nicely, I even picked up a steelhead below Hells Canyon Dam with this fly. If you would like to try tying it here are the materials:

Hooks: Mustad 9671, size 6-10

Bead: 5/32 black or rainbow bead tied in 2/3rds up from the bend

Tail: Pink micro chenille followed by white Lady Amherst tippet than UV copper polar chenille
Body: Pearl lateral scale wrapped over your thread up to the bead

Rib: small oval silver



Frankly a person could probably use only a woolly bugger to catch all the fish he or she wants, but what's the fun in that right?

Over the past several years I have enjoyed swinging intruder style

tinsel

Collar: between the bead and eye of the hook make a dubbing loop holding ringneck pheasant tail fibers sandwiched between peacock and golden brown ice dub. The bead will help maintain the umbrella shape of the collar plus add a little weight to the fly. For a good tutorial on dubbing loops try "How to tie a micro intruder with Ben Paull" on You Tube.

Head: finish with head cement, I would also recommend 140 ultra-thread for making the fly. I tried 6/0 uni thread but it tended to break when I spun the dubbing loop.



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Jim Gulu on the Owyhee - In January

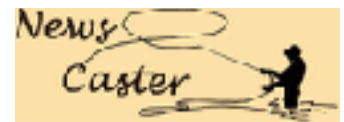
By Ray Perkins





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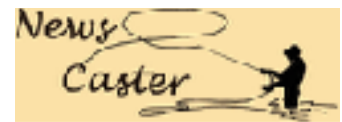


Mike Thomas on the Owyhee - In January

By Ray Perkins

Mike Thomas trying to fish the Lower Owyhee River without waders. Looks Cold...





Important IFF Tax Numbers

The club is a (501)3C charitable organization #C142076 so you can deduct contributions to the club (see your tax advisor for details). FYI our federal tax number is 71-0998737.

- Mar. 6 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- Mar. 13 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.
- Mar. 20 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 IFF Board Meeting	7 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	8	9	10
11	12	13 IFF Member Meeting	14 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 IFF Fly Tying	21 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	29	30	31



Memory

By Jim Gulu

The time must come to all of us,
who live long, when memory is more than
prospect.

An angler who reaches this stage
and reviews the pleasures of life will be
grateful and glad he has been an angler.

Lord Gray of Fallondon

Club Tid-Bits

By Mike Thomas

1. The Weiser Community Pond was stocked with 469 rainbow trout 6" or more in length Feb.21. Idaho Fish and Game plan to stock it again around March 15, 2018.
2. Some of us fished Malheur Res. in February and caught fish. We fished from the bank as ice covered 95% of the res.
3. Mike Stanton broke the tip of his New Tenkara rod.
4. New member Jack Wassard caught 5 (FIVE) fish on the Owyhee River a week or so ago while fishing with a friend from Payette.



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