



President's Message

By Mike Thomas

We usually don't have a Newscaster published in August, however, since Dick has again volunteered to take on this project for IHFF's here is August's Newscaster and a President's message I had not intended to write!

Like Dick we need others to volunteer for offices and positions in our Indianhead Fly Fishers organization if it is to continue. It would be nice to have "new blood" leading us! The September meeting (Sept 10) is usually when new officers assume their first duties. I would really appreciate some of you "stepping up" to keep IHFF's going in the proper direction.

Our next meeting on Aug. 13 will be held at Memorial Park (football/ baseball) starting at 6:00 pm under the covered picnic area. This is our annual potluck. The chicken and water will be provided by the club. If you want something else to go with the chicken please bring it. Once again it starts at SIX (6:00). Final planning of this event will take place at Wednesday's breakfast meeting August 7 by those in attendance! Diana and I will be out of town Aug 5—Aug 12.

I invite you to join me at Brundage Res. sometime between Aug 6 and Aug 11. See ya all at the potluck on Tuesday Aug 13 at 6:00 pm if not before. Keep your fly in the water!

Ole Mike Thomas

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Spruce Moth Fly Pattern

by Perry Kelley

The friends (insects) of our fly fishing sport that provide the nourishment for the trout that we love to catch are sometimes the enemy of the trees in the forests. This can be especially true with the trees that can be found close to the mountain lakes and streams in our Idaho and Eastern Oregon fisheries. One common species of trees is the Engelman spruce. The spruce moths which live in Engelman spruce can be real problems. On the other hand, this bug can be a real boon to fly fishing.

Even though the spruce moth is terrestrial (lives entire life cycle on land rather than partially in water), it has a tendency to fly to and land on water. It is unknown why they land on water, perhaps to drink, but often they will fly back to the tree after they spend time on the water. Trout relish the time the moths are on the water. Fly patterns imitating spruce moths are very effective during the time the moths are available.

There are several spruce moth patterns that are available. I chose this one because it is easy to tie, and it doesn't require a lot of different materials. This pattern is one of Bob Jacklin's fly patterns. Bob is a long time fly shop owner and well known fly fisherman from West Yellowstone, Montana.

Spruce Moth

Hook: 2xlong wet fly hook 10-14
Thread: Tan 8x
Wing: Bleached elk hair
Body: Bleached elk hair
Dubbing: Tan dry fly dubbing
Ribbing: White-Tan hackle
Egg Sack: Bleached elk hair



Tying Steps:

1. Coat hook shank with thread; tie front to back and return to front.
2. Prepare bleached elk hair by evening tips and removing short hair.
3. Measure hair from tips (slightly longer than hook shanks), tie in behind eye of hook, making sure there is no space between eye and tie-in point.
4. Tie in butts of hair covering hook shank; make 4 or 5 wraps,
5. At the bend of the hook, tie the remaining elk hair with tight wraps allowing the hair to flare
6. Trim the hair to create small egg sac.
7. Prepare hackle by removing fibers on the side that will be the bottom of the ribbing.
8. Tie in hackle (remove hackle from the stiff part of the stem).
9. Dub tan dubbing on thread, wrap to just behind hook eye.
10. Wrap hackle, stem side down, using 4-5 wraps; this is the ribbing of the fly.
11. Trim hackle top and bottom leaving hackle on sides only.
12. Bring elk hair back to form a moth-shaped wing; tie in bullet head style. Make sure that you have an open eye.

You should be finished with the fly. This is only one of several patterns. I chose Bob Jacklin's pattern knowing that he is a very well-known fly fisherman and fly tier. Good luck to you.

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On Thursday, July 25 I had the pleasure of fly fishing Black Lake north of Bear, Idaho. There were some “firsts” for me: first time to Black Lake, first time to fish out of a Fish Cat 4 float tube, first time to be driven to our destination in a Toyota Rav with 4 float tubes and gear of 4 friends, first one to witness Steve land a rainbow on his fly rod, and the first time to see a wolf in the wild.

Thanks to Mike Stanton for stealing his wife’s car and planning this trip. Perry, Steve, and Mike left from my place at 7:00 a.m. stopping at Lakey’s Cafe out of Cambridge for breakfast. We traveled paved road thru Council and to Bear before gravel and then dirt, rocks, and a little snow greeted us. Perry complained the road was “bumper” if you were in the back seat. Steve seated next to him just made funny noises-like-“oh -aaugh-ewe—eeeh”. Mike S had a steering to hang on to so he just drove and guided us to our destination. I just enjoyed the scenery and tried to block out the whining about the awful rough road.

We arrived at Black Lake well before noon. Two rigs were there when we arrived one was camping the other fishing from the bank where we were going to launch. Mike S unloaded the float tubes from the back and top of the Rav and started to pump up the Fish Cats. The Bucks Bags float tube had aired-up itself by the elevation change.

We launched our crafts where a small creek entered the lake, Mike S first (Top Gun float tube), then I boarded my Fish Cat 4 for the first time (a different experience), then Steve (some time later) after he helped Perry up from putting on his fins. Perry’s launch was not as successful. With fly rod in hand and fins on, he backed into the lake with his Fish Cat Deluxe behind him (lake side) and “attempted” to sit on the craft. This float tube, having a mind of its own, and not wanting to receive this big butt about to sit on it, shot like a rocket away from the big “hinnie” allowing Perry to sit in the lake. Needless to say the water was really cold and quite a surprise for Perry. This launch was a surprise to the rest of us especially when we heard a voice say “Take my rod!”. Maybe he said, “Save my rod” having just broken his most expensive one in his last adventure. I thought he should have shouted something else—but that’s me!

With nothing hurt but a little pride, Perry dried off, Mike got rid of “Top Gun” and took Perry’s rocket boat and Steve, Mike and I started to fly fish Black Lake. Shortly before launch Tom and Cindy surprised us not knowing they planned to join us in this outing. Shortly thereafter Al and Jeanette arrived. Black lake was attacked by 8 IHFFers.

I found lots of 13”-14” rainbows in the shallow water as did Tom (fishing from near the bank). Steve joined me in this area after a bit of “get over here Steve” encouragement! Soon Steve yelled. “I got one! “. This is when I wished I had a video camera. I’ll leave it at that! Eventually I witnessed Steve land his first Black Lake rainbow trout! I landed one small 10”-12” fish and one 17”-18” fish. Eventually Mike S and Al joined Steve and me in this part of the lake and I saw them both catch fish.

On the way home on this 190 mile round trip I heard a lot of “I out-fished Al” from Steve. One way or another it was a great day and ALL had a good adventure! Thanks again to Mike Stanton (Becky) for being a great chauffeur and guide.

Ole Mike Thomas

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The Group got together one Wednesday morning at our weekly breakfast gathering and decided to go to Black Lake. Here are some photos sent by Jeanette Sillanos



Perry, Al, Mike S., Mike T. and Steve were joined by Cindy and Tome (below)



Mike T. Seems to have a really big one!



Since Steve out-fished Al (with his motorized kickboat), Steve decided to give Al a fishing lesson.



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.

AUG. 13 ANNUAL PICNIC at Memorial Park.

See the announcement on. Page 2.

Aug. 20 - IFF Fly Casting Practice and Instruction for those that need it 7 PM at the Weiser Pond.

Every Wednesday morning at 8:00 we meet for an impromptu breakfast to talk about fishing for the week (among other stuff). This month it will be at the Homestead Cafe.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A day without fishing probably won't kill me — But why Risk it?				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	8	9	10
11	12	13 6 pm Annual IHFF PICNIC Memorial Pk.	14 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	15	16	17
18	19	20 7 PM Fly casting practice Weiser Pond	21 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	29	30	31

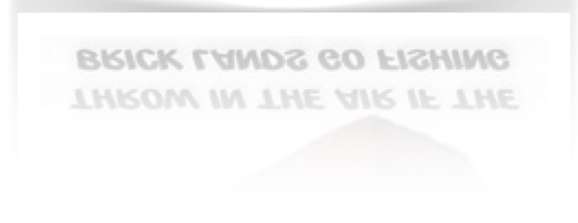


Oregon Stocking Report (for the places AI fishes)

By Al Sillonis

Location	Week of	Legals	Trophy
Anthony Lake	June 24	0	1,150
	July 1	0	1,150
	July 22	0	1,150
	Sept. 23	0	500
Bully Creek Res.	April 1	7,000	0
Fish Lake Halfway	June 24	2,000	200
Fish Lake Steens	June 24	2,000	500
Highway 203 Pond Off freeway Baker	April 15	2,250	825
	May 13	2,250	825
Jubilee Res.	July 1	6,000	2,000
	July 29	3,800	0
Krumbo Res.	April 1	13,000	0
Long Creek Res.	April 8	500	100
Magone Lake	May 13	1,250	0
	June 10	1,000	0
	June 17	1,000	0
Malheur Res.	April 22	6,500	0
Murry Res.	April 8	2,000	900
Owyhee River	June 10	3,000	0
Phillips Res.	April 8	4,667	0
	May 13	4,667	2,250
	June 3	4,666	2,250

You know there is a problem when you realize that out of the three R's only one begins with an R.



*God, grant me the serenity to accept the size of the fish that I catch,
The courage not to fib about it, and
Wisdom to know that no one will believe me anyway.*



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