



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big thanks to all of you that volunteered for responsibilities in the Indianhead Fly Fishers organization! In case you forgot what you signed up for there is a list in this month's Newscaster.

October is usually one of the best months of the year to be on the water fly fishing. The weather and water are cooling down from a hot summer and the scenery is gorgeous! The warm water fish and the trout are feeding better, it seems. The days are shorter and the weather is usually good this time of year. And the Spooks don't come out until the last day of the month.

Continue to write articles and send pictures to Dick at " " for future Newscasters! He would like to get it published before the end of the month and before our board meeting.

If you have a program or presentation you would like to give or know of a program you know of please let us know. As of now we have none planned for any of the monthly membership meetings. We need a quick response, before or on Oct. 1 (7pm board meeting), for the Oct. 8 membership meeting!

The BLM had a cleanup day on the Owyhee River on Sept. 28. We didn't know about this date to publish it in the Sept. Newscaster. However, IHFF's, will (had) representatives there! Like our cleanup in the spring they start(ed) at the

viewing area and cleaned to the dam with a noon lunch.

We had some guests/new members: Dan Shaw and Madora and Lance Albertson attend our Sept. meeting. Lance and mom also attended our fly tying session at Weiser Library on the third Tue. of the month. Both lance and his mom tied their first fly. Bruce brought additional fly tying vices for them to use. Ray furnished tools for them and taught all of us how to tie a grasshopper pattern. At the end of the session Bruce gave one of his vices to Lance to keep as his own. Thanks Bruce I'm sure we will have another fly tier in our future. Thanks Ray for teaching this session and providing the materials! Maybe you keep winning the raffles just to cover the expenses for our fly tying sessions?

I would like to thank Eileen and Janet for taking over the raffle and also for setting up and organizing our Sept. membership meeting. Neither were able to attend the board meeting the previous week where we try to plan the membership meeting. Thanks again for taking charge.

If you are going fly fishing somewhere and want company give me a call!

Ole Mike Thomas

P.S. Now that they have been paid, most of the whiners have have been silenced except now one wants interest paid for the time he wasn't paid. Go figure!

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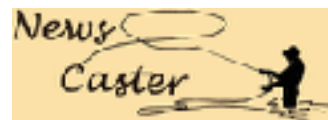
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Fly of the month
by Perry Kelley

Spruce Fly

Sometimes we are smothered by the number of fly patterns that are available. How can you choose what to use. This becomes a point of frustration—on the stream do you try to match the hatch or do you go by your old standby pattern? It is confusing. Which fly to use? I have a pattern book that has hundreds of fly patterns from the flies that we used to use to the fly patterns of our times. How could you possibly make a choice which to use and which to tie?

Why not fish only with the flies that we used 30 years ago? They caught fish then, why not now? The Spruce Fly was my “go-to fly” for many years. Why? It caught fish! From the rivers to the lakes, it worked miracles. This is actually a streamer pattern. The secret is the badger hackle wings. The hackle is imported from China or India. It is somewhat hard to find this hackle but if you look hard, there are some fly shops or catalogs that still carry these. Although I have a Whiting badger neck, I always use the china neck for the wings.

Spruce flies (not like the spruce moth fly patterns) really do not imitate any aquatic creature. They can possibly suggest minnows or just look like something for fish to eat. Whatever, they used to be a fantastic fly—why not now? They are easy to tie—try one.

Spruce Fly

- Hook: 3xlong 6-14
- Tail: Peacock sword fibers
- Body: back 1/3 red floss, middle 1/3 peacock hurl, front 1/3 badger hackle, size for hook size.
- Wing: 2 matching badger hackles, one from the right side of the hackle the other from the left side. Tie with the concave side facing outward. The wings will be separated at the tips and touching at the tie-in point.
- Hackle: front 1/3 badger hackle



Incidentally, badger hackle feathers are white- to cream-colored with black or dark brown centers. The India-China badger hackles are quite different from the Whiting hackles. A size 16 India-China hackle feather would likely be about 3/4 inch long. Two turns would be as much as you could expect. The wings on the India-China hackles are usually the right size. On the other side, the Whiting hackles are too long and too thin to tie wings on a Spruce Fly.

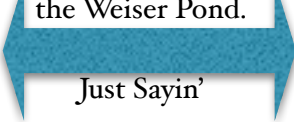
One more comment: An India-China neck would cost under \$10, Whiting, \$50 up.
Good Tying and Happy Halloween Wear your waders and bring your fly rod if you are to trick-or-treat at my place.

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The monster "19" of 25 acre lake at 7214' elevation in Adams County was caught by Jack Wassard. On Thursday September 26 as evidenced by partner Grant Baugh.



Compare the catch from Black Lake to the Weiser Pond.



Just Sayin'



A challenge to Indianhead fly fishers: Can YOU catch these monsters in the Weiser Community Pond? I caught 12 (for AI) of them the last two days and they are all about the same size, "BIG". By the way-for Perry, Ray and Bruce - "The bead head prince nymph in the picture is tied on a size 17 Alec Jackson's COVERT NYMPH HOOK! (manufactured in Japan by Daiichi--a high carbon steel - needle point & mini barb - chemically sharpened). I paid \$7.90 for 25 of these fabulous little devils on Marv Orwig's recommendation from THE RED SHED up river from Lewston! " These hooks really met the task of catching the Largemouth Bass that are surviving in the "clear " water in the Weiser Community Pond. All these Hugh fish were gently released back into the place from whence the came!



Notice the feet



This tumbler was left at the August IHFF picnic. Anyone wishing to claim it, see Bruce Parsons. Otherwise it will probably show up as a white elephant gift at the Christmas party in

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Happenings among the Indianhead Fly Fishers



Al and Jim tried out a new to them fishing spot Aug. 27. Pond 203 out of Baker right along the freeway. The bluegill were very thick but as you can see in the picture they weren't very big.



Al went fishing at Malheur on Thursday, Sept.26 and not saying it was slow, but he did study the clouds quit extensibly.



Mike Stanton sent this picture that was taken at Crane Creek Res. out of Midvale! The Largemouth Bass was "hand measured" at 18 inches and estimated to weigh 2.5 - 3 lbs. The famous fisherman is hiding behind dark glasses and goofy hat to conceal his identification - that of being a great grand nephew of the late Reno multi millionaire LaVere Redfield!



Al at Zoto with guess what!! — No motor!

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Images taken from the Montana Fly Fishing Magazine. You owe it to yourself to check out this free, on-line magazine for more beautiful pictures and informative articles. For example the latest issue has a good article on feathers for fly tiers.



You can visit the magazine by following the link below. (Simply click on the link.)

[\(http://MontanaFlyFishingMagazine.com/\)](http://MontanaFlyFishingMagazine.com/)

Don't Forget the second regular meeting. As usual, it is the Second Tuesday of the month (October 8).

Also, your presents would be welcome at the second IHFF Board meeting on the first Tuesday (October



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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.

Oct. 8 - Our regularly scheduled membership meeting at the Weiser Idaho Pizza.

Oct. 15 - We are not sure about who will be tying at the Library, but if it is, by chance cancelled, we will let you know via email.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 IHFF Board meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	2 Breakfast at the Homestead 8:00 a.m.	3	4	5
6	7	8 Regular IHFF meeting. 7:00 at Idaho Pizza	9 Breakfast at the Homestead 8:00 a.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15 Fly tying at the Weiser Library, 7:00	16 Breakfast at the Homestead 8:00 a.m.	17	18	19
20	21 Columbus Day	22 Fly casting at the Weiser Pond, 7:00	23 Breakfast at the Homestead 8:00 a.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

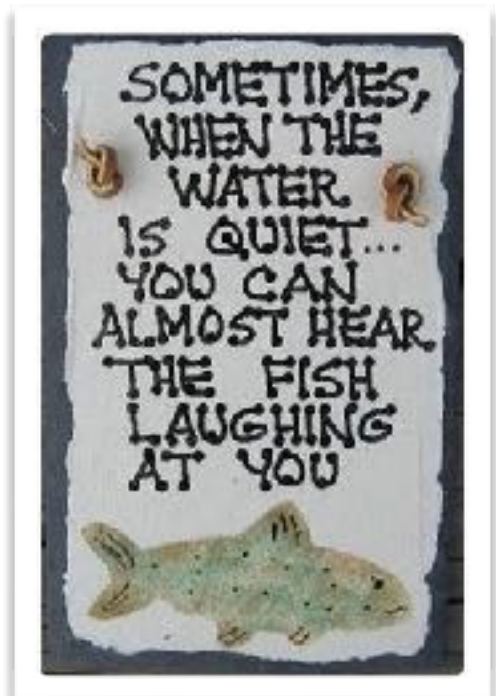
On the Lighter

I HATE BEING
SEXY
BUT I'M A
FISHERMAN
SO I CAN'T HELP IT

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I was only kidding when I said, "It's me or your fly rod."



Five things I like almost as much as fishing:

1. Tinkering with my fly rod and reel
2. Talking about fishing.
3. Movies and TV shows about fishing==especially about fly fishing.
4. Reading fishing reports and the IHFF Newscaster.
5. Bacon



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Useful and Interesting Fly Fishing Links - *Come and Explore*



Beautiful On-line magazine.
Check it out!!

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Great Web Site for Smallmouth Bass Fly Fishing

<http://www.flyfishingforsmallmouthbass.com/>

Good Web Sites for Low Cost Fishing Supplies

The Fish Guy-Box 302, Florence MT. 59833

www.thefishguy.com/

Maxcatch-Qingdao, China

www.maxcatchfishing.com

Both are good places to buy fly lines, fly reels, and fly tying hooks at reasonable prices!!

Take a look at the **Mozart of Fly Casting** <https://nyti.ms/2MHY2K0>

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