We are the NIFC
Since 1977, the North Idaho Fly Casters Club has been dedicated to all facets of the sport of fly fishing by providing a wide range of educational, social and conservation opportunities to the fly fishing enthusiast.

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Flies & Lies
Ron Beck: Teacher & Guide
NIFC September 19, Program Speaker

Ron Beck will present the September 19, program.

By JIM McDonnell and FORREST WHITT
In 1969 William Radcliff wrote his History of Fly Fishing from Earliest times which chronicled significant events in fly fishing. In

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by Renee Blythe

Dear Fly Casters,

Your Board of Directors, committee members and streamkeepers worked diligently over the summer to put together outings, a conservation festival and worked toward a new club year of information, education, awareness, companionship and camaraderie. Here is a recap:

1. Thank you to Mike Satren for his attention and crafting of our club newsletter. Mike will step down from the wonderful job he has done and turn over the newsletter to…

2. Brittany Frasca! Thank you, Brittany, for volunteering to take over the newsletter starting in October.

3. Tom McLaughlin organized a July conservation festival that created new partnerships and introduced new members, residents and youth to responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

4. Jim McDonnell and Forrest Whitt put together an exciting slate of speakers and programs for all our meetings this club year.

5. Streamkeepers Chuck and Sally Leis, Dave and Doris Londeree, Jack Hise and Ernie Cabral delivered delicious food and made our outings happen. Dave Londeree and Bill and Val Wolfe will add to the memories at our September outings.

6. Kim Herndon kept the communication flowing with e-mails and notices, plus her top-drawer website.

7. Steve Sommers made sure the funding was available for all events and kept the Board informed of the club’s finances.

8. Jim Rogers for the Fly of the Month in our newsletter.

North Idaho Fly Casters can use your help. Volunteering is a great way to meet club members, get involved in local and regional events and learn about fly fishing and conservation. The club needs members to volunteer to lead committees and support our activities.

Will you please volunteer to help with the following?

**Raffles at club meetings** – this activity provides a large portion of the funding for the club budget and donations to other groups and charities. The raffle chair collects donated items, purchases items if needed and organizes the raffle items and ticket purchases at each meeting. There are already raffle items in the club storage unit and the club received donations of some framed artwork so some of the work is already done.

**Conservation** – Tom is our chairman, and he could use some help for attending meetings during the daytime and help with some paperwork.

**Fly of the Month** – The Fly of the Month appears in our newsletter each month and we need someone to take over putting this together for the newsletter.

All my best,
Renee

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CLUB NEWS
THE NEXT CLUB PROGRAM
Members can make stroganoff dinner reservations ($17) for the Sept. 19, meeting at the Coeur d’Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Ave. Coeur d’Alene, by contacting Kim Herndon by Sunday, Sept. 15, at (208) 717-1287 or email at northidahoflycasters@gmail.com. The program is Ron Beck about the fly fishing opportunities around Missoula, MT. Wet fly hour 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Be considerate if you RSVP’d but can’t make it, call me to cancel. Remember that you can now pay for meals and memberships by credit or debit card. A 50-cent card-use fee is added for dinners only, not for memberships or $10 or greater bucket drawing tickets.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
2019-2020 club dues can be paid at the next monthly meeting or by mailing them to: North Idaho Fly Casters P.O. Box 1698 Coeur d’Alene, ID 83816-1698 The dues structure: $30 Family, Single, Senior The membership year is September through August. Newsletters will be distributed via email. If you’ve changed your email address, or any other information, please contact Kim Herndon at (208) 717-1287 or northidahoflycasters@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS
No new members.
Kim Herndon

BUCKET DRAWING NEWS
Bucket drawings will resume at the club’s next meeting in September. Thanks for all your support, Doris Londeree and Bonnie Boehm

LIBRARY NEWS
The promised inventory of the twelve bins of library materials has proceeded somewhat more slowly than anticipated. However, rest assured that your library crew is hard at work to provide you an updated web list of materials. We hope to have the list ready in October. If you’ve had DVDs or books checked out over the summer, we’d appreciate it if you would return those materials at the upcoming meeting. And at our September meeting, we’ll have a whole table full of potential learning materials for you to check out and enjoy. By the way, if you have any DVDs or books at home that you’re not using, we would be happy to make them a part of the club library. Just bring them to the meeting and let us know.

By Scott Forssell, Stephanie Snook and David Hodge

MERCHANDISE
To order something with the NIFC Logo printed on it, call Adam Mills (719) 469-9891.

A Big “Thank You” to Dean Griffin
By JIM ROGERS
Dean Griffin, a long time member of the NIFC Club, recently contacted me and offered to donate all his fly tying tools and materials to the club. We distributed most of the items to the Project Healing Waters organization. The NIFC club and board members thank you for your generous donation. Sylvia Bach, program lead for the organization, personally thanks you for the donation. Sylvia along with NIFC members conducts a weekly fly tying class for Project Healing Waters participants. The tools and fly tying materials are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. The Vise will be donated to the NIFC bucket drawing.

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the book, Radcliff credits the invention of the sport back to the late second century when Roman citizen Marcus Valerius Martialis dipped his line into a stream—and the line had a natural fly attached. Over the centuries the debate has raged as to who invented fly fishing and where the sport began. We may never know for certain if Martialis was the first, but today we do celebrate the sport!

The North Idaho Fish Club (NIFC) starts out the 2019-20 year with Ron Beck who hails from Missoula, MT. Ron grew up in the Missoula area and recalls going out with his dad learning the art of fly fishing along Rock Creek. He has vast experience in the sport—working as a guide in Alaska waters for two years and in the Missoula area for over 10. Early on, Ron was recognized for his fly-tying winning awards for his skills; he began tying commercially at age 17. In Missoula Ron has worked at the Missoulian Angler Fly Shop since 1986. His greatest pride is working with students

Ron’s NIFC program will focus on the waters around the Missoula area and how these waters behave during different seasons. He will share his insights on hatches, “secret places,” fly tying and gear. When a person is done fishing for the day in Missoula, Ron just may point out some of the many activities available in Missoula (plus he knows his restaurants & pubs) that he shares with visitors to the Angler shop.

Incidentally for 17 years, our own Mike Owens worked with and mentored Ron where they taught classes and coached winning wrestling teams at Sentinel High School. Ron still teaches social studies and coaches at the high school. As a teacher, Ron observes that his greatest achievement is teaching students how to tie flies and how to fly fish. And so, Ron passes on the skills and knowledge of the sport begun so many centuries ago.

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Youth Fly Tying

*By Dave Londeree*

Here it is the last week of August and I just received requests from two of our local High Schools. Timberlake High School in Spirit Lake would like us to instruct their “Outdoor Pursuits” class the first week of October. I do not know the exact days, but it will be the first period of the day with 15 students in each class. I will let you know as soon as I can.

Lake City High School in Coeur d’Alene is requesting us to work with them again on October 24 and 25 from 7:40 to10:40 a.m. There will be 20 to 24 students in each class (first and second period) both days.

Please let me know if you are able to help out. Remember we will be building the future of the sport we love so much.

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Georgetown Lake - May 2019

*By VAL WOLFE*

Bill Wolfe holds a nice rainbow he caught this spring. Join Bill and Val at the Georgetown Lake Fishout the weekend of September 14-15.
Fly Fishing South East Idaho
Story/Photo By DAVE LONDEREE

Last October at the Casting For Recovery Banquet, Gary Robertson and I out bid everyone for a trip to the Three Rivers Ranch just outside of Ashton, Idaho. We had decided to make the trip August 7-10 of this year. From Athol it is about 550 miles so Gary met me at 0700 Wednesday morning. Off we went, stopping at the Rose Lake Café for a wonderful breakfast. We headed east almost to Butte, Montana then south on I-15, back into Idaho and on to Ashton. We arrived at the Three Rivers Ranch about 4:45 p.m. Mountain Time. We checked in at the 3RR fly shop and found our cabin. A two-bedroom cabin with a nice bathroom complete with shower and a Jacuzzi tub. A bottle of chilled wine in the frig, what more could you ask for. Happy hour at 6:30. We met out host, Ms. Lonnie Allen and the other guests, dinner, a 6-course gourmet meal, was served at 7:30. We finally hit the sack after 10 with full bellies.

Thursday morning, the coffee was on and breakfast served at 7:30. We met our guide Mr. Cliff Weisse, a 30-year guide in the area, and he really knew his stuff. We geared up and off we went to the Teton River for the day. It was about a 45-minute drive to the launch site. After a few fly changes our guide Cliff had us tie on a “Rusty Spinner,” and that’s when the action started. We hauled in several really nice Cutthroats. I asked Cliff if these were Westslope cutts, Cliff told me they are “Snake River Cutthroats.” Some call them Yellowstone cutts but they are a different breed all together, according to Cliff. Later that day I hooked a really nice fish. It took me to the backing and had my 10 ft. 6 wt. bent way over. I managed to gut this big cutthroat up to the boat. Just as Cliff tried to net this big guy, SNAP my 3X leader broke and this 24” beautiful cutthroat swam off in a hurry. What a bummer. We did land several more fish on the Rusty Spinner and a Yellow Sally. Gary took quite a number on a small Soft Hackle dropper. All in all, it was a great day on the South Fork. We returned to the lodge just in time for another outstanding gourmet dinner and a few libations to quench our thirst.

Saturday morning, we were up and ready to head out after another wonderful breakfast. We said good bye to Lonnie and the staff and off went. We had decided to make a short stop in Ririe, Id.to visit our friends Lee and Nancy Davison. It’s always good to see old friends.

I really want to thank Ms. Lonnie Allen for her donation to Casting For Recovery and to Roger & Kathy Grigg for securing the trip at the CFR banquet.
Conservation News

By TOM McLAUGHLIN

Chip Corsi, from the Idaho Fish and Game, will be presenting at our September general membership meeting regarding a project he is shepherding to transition the Priest River into a cold water fishery. Chip is looking for help gaining access to high influence individuals who will help champion the benefits of this proposed project to the local, regional and state communities and governing bodies. I had the opportunity to attend the meeting held in CDA last month and the project has great potential benefits for our club and the habitat of the sport we enjoy, in addition to watershed quality and the economic benefit to the local communities. I believe you will find this presentation informative and engaging for the project that he is trying to move forward.

The Wolf Lodge Creek Restoration and Habitat Enhancement Project has received grant approval and is moving forward. The North Idaho Fly Casters had committed $2500 toward this project once it received the required grant approval. Our distribution of our commitment will be in the near future. Hopefully this will be an opportunity for our Conservation Festival next year.

Soon you will be seeing the NIFC Logo on many signs along the tributaries to the CDA River. The US Forest Service is replacing many of their information signs along the river and will be posting the logos of organizations that have partnered with the Forest Service to enhance the watershed and recreation opportunities along the river. Good Job NIFC.

Finally, I was able to attend the US Forest Service Hayden Open House for their “Honey Badger Project”. This project area encompasses approximate 50000 acres from Hayden Lake Area to the south end of Lake Pend Oreille. This extensive forest management plan is located primarily at the urban interface with the forest. Below are sections of the US Forest Services hand out explaining the project with web links, timeline and area map. This project looks to improve and enhance our nearby lake fisheries.

About the project… Objectives of the Honey Badger project are to improve ecological and social conditions in the area and to meet desired conditions described in the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Land Management Plan (Forest Plan); including but not limited to improving forest health, reducing high-intensity wildfire risk, maintaining/improving water quality and aquatic species habitat, and providing sustainable recreation opportunities.

How you can help… We want to hear your ideas about activities to improve resource conditions and wherever feasible, to build those ideas into the proposed action as it is developed. Sheets are provided for you to write down your specific recommendations for proposed activities. You may leave your written recommendations with us now or mail them in later to the address below. If you prefer, you can email your recommendations directly to Project Leader Kerry Arneson (kerry.arneson@usda.gov).

For more information

Honey Badger online story map: https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=47e717bc0e7848ba90c309a800a159dc

Honey Badger project website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ipnf/landmanagement/projects

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Conservation Map

Honey Badger Project Area
Heyburn Barbecue Memories

*Photos by JACK HISE, Co-Host*

**LEFT:** Don, left, and Bonnie Boehm relax as co-host Ernie Cabral tends to the barbecue.

**ABOVE:** Renee, left, and Greg Blythe and Wanda Savage enjoy Ernie Cabral’s fine cooking.

**LEFT:** Greg Blythe, left, Bonnie Boehm, Doris Londeree, Sylvia Bach, Don Boehm and David Boswell (Project Healing Waters) share good food and conversation.

**RIGHT:** Dave Londeree, left facing away, Renee Blythe, Doris Londeree, Wanda Savage, Greg Blythe, Sylvia Back and David Boswell enjoy the serene comfort at Heyburn State Park.
Ask the Streamkeeper by David Heberer

St. Joe River Fishout

Who: Streamkeeper Replacement
Dave Londeree
What: The St. Joe River Fishout
When: Saturday, September 7, through Sunday, September 8 (come earlier - stay later)
Where: Huckleberry Campground (47.267° N, 116.09° W)

Streamkeeper: Dave Londeree (208) 946-6631 or dlonderee@roadrunner.com is replacing Kent and Rio Setty. If you have responded to Kent already, Dave knows, from now on please email Dave your RSVP.

Note: If you don't camp, there are accommodations at Spring Creek about three miles upstream or in Avery (Sheffy’s hotel or St. Joe Cabins) about 12 miles above the campground.

1. Huckleberry Campground is our designated meeting spot for the early-September fishout. Why do you like this section of the St. Joe River?
We have camped there several times and fishing is available right behind the campground. The convenience of electricity and water is a nice addition. There is also a dump station. Bring your own wood, the new campground hosts are not selling it now.

2. Tell us a little bit about the water we can expect to find at this location (riffles, runs, pools).
All of those as well as numerous tributaries coming into the main stem where the new cool water helps. The river consists of long sections of shallow flats over cobble, and deep pools with short sections of riffles between them. It’s excellent dry-fly water. Below Gold Creek, the river becomes wider and has lots of rapids. It’s tougher to fish but still contains plenty of cutthroats for those willing to go to the effort to fish it.

3. What type of equipment (rod, reel, line type) is appropriate for fishing this section of the St. Joe River?
4-, 5- or 6-weight rods/lines are adequate. Floating lines and sink tips for nymphing are appropriate. 5X or 6X leaders. By September, the fish all have their PHDs in fly identification, 0 to 2X for streamer fishing Greg!

4. Are there any hatches to be aware of? Tell me what three flies I should have in my fly box.
Caddisflies consist mostly of different species of spotted sedges but there are plenty of green sedges, short-horned sedges, little black caddis, October caddis and others. Terrestrial insects are plentiful, especially ants and beetles. A little Japanese Beetle has proven to be a good summertime fly selection on the St. Joe. Some sections of the river have good populations of grass hoppers.

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I would have a selection of Caddis flies, Chernobyl Ants and if you can find them, some Deer Hair Bees. The late Eric Schubert swore by them on the St. Joe.

5. When will the potluck begin on Saturday? What's on the menu? The food will be out at 2 p.m. so we can catch the evening hatch. We will be having burgers and brats, so fixings for that would be great.

6. Personally I can fish from sunrise to sunset. In the off chance a person did grow tired of fishing what other activities are there to pursue in the area? You can go into St. Maries for a Mexican dinner at Casa de Oro at the golf course, or do some antiquing there. If you are into mountain biking, you can take Moon Pass Road west of Avery to the Hiawatha Trail and ride up and back, or drive all the way to Wallace for a brew at the Wallace Brewing Co., or a hamburger at the 1313 Club.
Ask the Streamkeeper by David Heberer

Georgetown Lake

Who: Streamkeepers Bill and Val Wolfe
What: The Georgetown Lake Fishout
When: Saturday, September 14, through Sunday, September 15 (come early - stay late)
Where: Stuart Mill Bay Campground

Please let us know if you are coming to the fishout by calling Bill or Val Wolfe (208) 819-9848 or val_leane@yahoo.com

Note: Georgetown Lake in Montana is located between Philipsburg and Anaconda on Hwy 1. Take the I-90 Drummond Exit east of Missoula and head south on Hwy 1. There are four campgrounds around the lake and two motels. Seven Gables Resort (406-563-5052) is available and located just one block from the lake, complete with a restaurant and bar.

1. Georgetown Lake is our designated meeting spot for the mid-September fishout. What do you like about Georgetown Lake?
   Georgetown Lake is my favorite Stillwater fishery for many reasons. I-90 will get you within 45 miles of the lake and only the campground accesses are dirt. The view of the surrounding mountains is spectacular and worth the trip alone. There is good access to the lake and - best of all - the fishing can be outstanding. Large rainbows and brook trout can reach sizes over 18” and there are also some blueback.

2. Tell us a little bit about the water we can expect to find at this location (surface area, depth, inlets and outlets).
   The water varies in depth to about 20 feet deep and areas can have weeds to the surface at times. Most of the lake can be productive; however, the Stuart Mill Bay area on the east side is probably the most popular. The surface area is about the size of Hayden Lake with bays along the shore line and large open water in the middle. The water visibility is similar to Cocolalla Lake north of Athol. The lake elevation is about 6400 ft. so bad weather can make for miserable conditions without proper clothing. Weather temps can range from the 70s to below freezing.

3. What type of equipment (watercraft, rod, reel, line type) is appropriate for fishing Georgetown Lake?
   The best way to fish Georgetown is with some type of water craft. A boat, float tube, small pontoon boat or raft will all work well. Wind can turn the lake to white caps with a lot of wave action very quickly so life jackets should be utilized. A 9’ 5wt or 6wt rod with floating and/ or intermediate lines is fine for fish that average 12” to 18”.

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4. Are there any hatches to be aware of? Tell me what three flies I should have in my fly box.
Most of the surface hatches are over by the middle of Sept. but there may still be some bugs available. The flies I use this time of year are dark colored leeches (8 to 10), Carey flies (8 to 12) and callibaetis or pheasant tail nymphs (12 to 14). 2X or 3X tippets should be used for these patterns. I will be fishing subsurface most of the time.

5. When will the potluck begin on Saturday? What's on the menu?
There will not be a potluck this year because of weather considerations. We will try to reserve a spot at the Seven Gables Resort for a No-Host Luncheon, about 2 p.m. Montana time on Saturday, September 14th when we know how many members are going to show up. Everyone who attends will be responsible for their lunch bill and tip. We will finalize plans at the outing. Also, a campfire is planned Friday or Saturday evening with snacks - weather permitting.

6. Personally I can fish from sunrise to sunset. In the off chance a person did grow tired of fishing what other activities are there to pursue in the area?
If the fishing or weather doesn’t cooperate, there are other streams and lakes in the area that are worth trying, and a trip to Philipsburg should be on the list for the historical buildings and of course, the Candy Palace. Also the ghost town of Granite is worth a look. It is about 7 miles of dirt road into the mountains east of town. A small Orvis Fly Shop is in town for any forgotten gear as is a small grocery store.

Stunning sundown last year at Georgetown Lake.

Photo by BILL WOLFE
You may have noticed club members sporting new name badges adorned with the club logo and the owner’s name. These badges are beautiful, a real work of art. To order one of these new badges, please contact Adam Mills (719) 469-9891 or ak.mills2344@gmail.com and let him make an order to the North Idaho Trophy Co. We can get a break in cost if we order in higher quantities. The cost is about $15 with a magnetic fastener and about $12 with a pin back. An alligator type clip may be attached to the pin for an additional 80 cents.

### Club Officers

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### Programs

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### Fly Fishing Gear Classified Ads for NIFC members

*Classified Ads may be placed by club members or permitted by trustees.*  
They must be submitted by email to Mike Satren, mike@satren.net.  
Ads will run for one month only (unless requested each month by owner to continue) and must contain your name, a short description of the item, price, and a phone number and/or e-mail address.  
A jpeg photo always helps.
NIFC Corporate Memberships

Please support these businesses
NIFC corporate memberships cost $50 per year. Each corporate member will see his/her business card in our monthly newsletter for one year plus the business card will be shown several times on the big screen at each normal club meeting.

Dave Londeree: dlonderee@roadrunner.com

Your Business Card
Can Be Displayed in our monthly newsletter and Projected Prior to Every North Idaho Fly Casters Club Meeting
Contact Dave Londeree
(208) 946-6631
To find out more about your corporate
Fly of the Month: Courtesy of Jim Rogers
Holy Grail Caddis Emerger

Materials list:
Hook: Dai-Riki #135 size 12
Thread: #8/0 brown
Bear: 3/32 gold
Body: Natural Hare’s ear dubbing
Rib: Small tinsel
Wing case: Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax: Natural Hare’s ear dubbing
UV clear fly finish: Thin
UV light: Clear
Legs: Partridge feather

Tying Steps:
1. Pinch the barb flat.
2. Slide the bead on the hook. With the small hole opening toward the eye.
3. Secure the hook in the vise.
4. Start the thread at the mid-point on the hook. Wrap a few turns and cut the tag end.
5. Tie on the tinsel to the near side and bind it with thread wraps down the hook bend.
6. Create a small dubbing noodle on the thread. Wrap the noodle up the hook creating a tapered body just past the hook point.
7. Wrap the ribbing in open spiral wraps over the dubbing to the hanging thread. Secure the ribbing and cut excess.
8. Cut 10 to 12 pheasant fibers from a pheasant tail feather and trim both ends.
9. Tie on by the tips behind the bead.
10. NOTE: Leave one eye length of space between the bead and the hook eye.
11. Dub another small dubbing noodle on the thread to create the thorax. The thorax should be slightly larger than the body. Push the bead against the thorax and whip finish behind the bead.
12. Retie the thread in front of the bead and cut tag end.
13. Pull the pheasant tail fibers over the thorax and bead and tie down behind the bead. Trim the excess fibers.
14. Cover the wing case with UV resin and cure with the UV light.
15. Prepare a partridge feather. Tie on by the tip behind the bead and grasp the stem with hackle pliers, wrap 2 to 3 touching turns behind the bead. Tie off and trim excess.
16. Whip finish and cut the thread.
Fond Farewell

By MIKE SATREN, “Flies & Lies” Editor Oct 2009/Sept 2019

It has been my privilege to edit NIFC’s “Flies & Lies” newsletter these last 10 years, but it is always good to know when to pass the baton and fortunately you will have a fine new editor in Brittany Frasca.

As editor Britt will set the tone of the newsletter, choose her own style and layout.

Please give her material to work with so she can give you a fine monthly newsletter.

Photo by MIKE SATREN

A thunderstorm threatens the departure path at Upper Loon Creek Airstrip on July 10, 2010. Loon Creek flows north into the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, the wildest drainage on the “River of No Return.”

Mike rigging fly rod on the tire of his 1957 Cessna 182A at Magee Airstrip on June 27, 2010.