Flies & Lies

Net Building Improv!

By DAVE LONDEREE

Thanks to Tom McLaughlin for the use of his shop for our Net Building class this year. All in all, 10 nets were built over the course of four days. Each builder picked his or her preferred size and style handle then cut them out from blanks. After the wood was cut and

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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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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by Renee Blythe

Dear Fly Casters,

Saturday, April 20, was my first fishing day of 2019. I saw 40 elk, 10 white tail deer, numerous mule deer, plenty of ducks, geese and other birds. Although I did not catch any fish, it was great to be out and see the wildlife, budding trees and various shades of green and yellow as North Idaho wakes up after the winter. I did get to try out and observe new material I purchased at the North Idaho Fly Fishing Expo in Lewiston in March. I had purchased a combination package of coral, green and blue material from Alan Wood, founder and creator of Atomic Glow.

Atomic Glow is a new material that is “charged” by exposing the coated side of the materials to sunlight, black light, UV light or LED light for 15 to 20 minutes. The material is reported to sustain glow for more than eight hours that can be seen in shaded situations, such as deep or murky water. The material can be recharged many times for several years and currently comes in three colors: coral, green and blue. I used the coral material on my dry fly and had good visibility on a cloudy, rainy day on off-color water on the St Joe.

Check out the website at: www.atomicglow.net.

May 16, will be our last general meeting of the season before we adjourn for fishing opportunities and club outings starting in June.

Our September general meeting will be Sept 19, even though we will still have two outings in September: the St Joe River and Georgetown Lake.

Stay safe and enjoy the season!

All my best,
Renee

Leroy Pickrel, below, routes his net during the NIFC Net Building Class.
CLUB NEWS
THE NEXT CLUB PROGRAM
Members can make reservations for Malibu chicken - grilled chicken breast in teriyaki sauce topped with shaved ham, grilled pineapple and cilantro and melted Swiss cheese. Served with coconut rice and seasonal vegetables, house salad, dessert, rolls and your choice of coffee, tea or soft drink ($18) for the May 16, meeting at the Coeur d’Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Ave. Coeur d’Alene, by completing the reservation form in the Club email or by contacting Kim Herndon by email at: northidahoflycasters@gmail.com by end of day, Sunday, May 12. Her CDA Inn reservation deadline is noon on Monday.

The speaker will be Bob Holman on Alaska’s Lake Iliamna, Alaska’s largest freshwater lake. 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
2018-2019 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
New members are: Stephan and Andrea Speer of Coeur d’Alene, Kevin Kirking of Dalton Gardens.

Kim Herndon

BUCKET DRAWING NEWS
The April raffle was another great one. Many of the club members have donated some wonderful items and several members were happy to win the items. The winners were:
Wanda Savage – White Stag Dome Tent,
Don Boehm – “Fish” pot holders and adjustable Bed skirt,
Glenn Darwin – Easter Basket,
Wayne Hudlemyer – 8wt. fly rod,
Stephanie Snook – Easter Basket and Garden worlygig,
Dave Londeree – Bottle of Wine, Scented candle and BBQ sauce, wine and corn holders,
Brian Hooker – Deer Hair and books,
Howard Fennimore – Framed Picture and EVOO w/garlic and jar of peppers,
Tom McLaughlin – three-piece batters candle set,
Rod Bosley – Bob’s Awesome Flies & Book and bottle of wine and mono line, flies and wine.

This May meeting is the last raffle for this season. It would be really nice if one or two could take the raffle over for next year. We will help you get started. The monthly raffle helps us manage the club’s budget This is how we help pay for the club outings, speakers and supplies needed for the youth program. Its only eight meetings and you get to meet everyone in the club.

See you at the May meeting,
Doris Londeree and Bonnie Boehm

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Calendar
May 6
Panhandle TU Meeting,
6 p.m. Two Presentations.
IDFG Regional Office, 2885 W. Kathleen Ave., Cd’A

May 16
NIFC Club Dinner Meeting,
5 p.m. wet fly hour, 6 p.m.
dinner. Program is Bob Holman on Alaska’s Lake Iliamna.
Coeur d’Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Ave., Cd’A

June 22
CDA River Fishout, Chuck and Sally Leis, streamkeepers
Leis CDA River property

July 13
North Fork Clearwater Fishout, Dave and Doris Londeree, streamkeepers
Hidden Creek Campground

Aug 17
Heyburn State Park Fishout, Jack Hise and Ernie Cabral, streamkeepers
Plummer Point Pavilion, Chatcolet Lake, ID

Sept 7
St. Joe River Fishout, Kent and Rio Setty, streamkeepers
Huckleberry Campground

Sept 14
Georgetown Lake Fishout, Bill and Val Wolfe, streamkeepers
Georgetown Lake, MT

May Birthdays:
Russell Grange 5
Valeria Hodge 7
Mike Steiner 15
Ron Voights 24

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LIBRARY NEWS
The Librarians need your help. This summer we will be conducting a complete inventory of our vast library holdings in order to upload a complete list on the Fly Casters website before fall.
We're asking all Fly Caster members to look in closets, bookshelves, trucks, boats, workshops, and wherever else you stash your stuff, for Fly Casters library materials, both books and DVDs. Please bring all library items to the May meeting. Thank you very much!
By Stephanie Snook, Scott Forssell and David Hodge

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

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Youth Fly Tying

By Dave Londeree
April was a very busy month for the NIFC Youth Program. Starting at Lake City High School on April 11, and 12, we worked with 70 students that tied two flies and did some casting in the gym. Mr. Corey Owen is the “Outdoor Activities” teacher and really puts his heart into his class. These were some great kids and we look forward to working them again in the future.
April 23, 25 and 26, we were at the Timberlake Jr. High School in Spirit Lake. Mr. Aaron Cameron had called a few months ago and asked me if it was possible for the club to help with the “Outdoor Adventures” class. My response was “sure, why not.” They were another great bunch of kids, but it did prove to be a challenge. The first day was a bit hectic because most of the folks that normally help with instructing had scheduling conflicts and were not able to there that morning. So, with Jack Hise and Sylvia Bach the three of us managed to work with all 27 students and accomplished a Wooly Worm and a Foam Beetle. It was a real buzzer beater, but everybody finished. The second day, (in bright sun shine) with plenty of help and extra fly rods the kids assembled on the school’s soccer field and spent an hour learning to “cast.”
Friday, April 26, brought us to Spirit Lake at the Fireside Park, (that’s the site of the now gone Fireside Lodge). With the help of Google, I was able to show them pictures of the old lodge and some of its history. Can you imagine 25 students and three teachers all trying to catch a fish, all in the same 150 yards of lake front. With only 16 rods being used at one time it really wasn’t that bad. Of course, it was raining and chilly that day. Still fun, and still one of the best ways to promote our sport.
I want to thank Chuck Leis, Steve Backman, Gary Tarvin, Joe Defort, Roger and Kathy Grigg, Kent Setty, Gary Robertson, Jack Hise and Sylvia Bach for all their help.
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soaked in hot water, the laminates were clamped in their forms. The next day was spent applying glue to the laminates and handles. Next a lot of time and effort was spent to clean up and sand the net frames, route the inside and outside edges then cut a slot around the bow. Layout and drilling holes came next so the net bags could be stitched to the frame and the finish applied to the wood.

Again, thank you Tom for the use of your shop.

Kim Herndon puts a kick into it (above) as husband, Steve, hand sands his.

Jim McDonnell puts the finishing touches on his net.

Steve Flory routes the long handle on his big net.
Conservation Report by Tom McLaughlin

The 2019 Conservation Festival will be held on July 27. This year’s festival project will be roadside and river access clean-up at the Albert Bridge area in Cataldo. Our plan is to meet at the river access area at 9 a.m. the morning of July 27, and dispatch teams to multiple sites to pick up roadside and streambank litter. Trash pick-up will commence at 9:30 a.m. and will last for four hours. A cookout will immediately follow at 12:30 p.m. The Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club will also be joining us in this joint summer conservation festival. We have a commitment from the Idaho DEQ to provide the trash bags and I am currently trying to connect with the Shoshone County roads department to establish a trash bag drop site. I recommend that all participants either bring a gripper or a stick with a nail at the end to ease the burden on the back from bending over multiple times for the four-hour trash collection.

We received a request from Kirsten Larsen of the ID DEQ requesting confirmation of NIFC $2500 pledge toward the Wolf Lodge Creek restoration project and 100 volunteer hours was still a firm commitment. The club responded that we pledge our support to the project. The Wolf Lodge Creek project has been approved by the Restoration Partnership for submission of a full proposal. Having the club’s support should help it pass the full proposal hurdle. Hopefully, this passes the full proposal hurdle and we have our Summer Conservation Festivals mapped out for the next couple of years.

Additionally, we received a notice from the USFS Idaho Panhandle National Forest regarding New Jersey Mining Company’s “Plan of Operations” to mine their private land within the National Forest near the Kings’ Pass area. The essence of their request is to use County Road 605, Forest roads 6003 and 605UB, and Trail 151 to access their mine sites. Currently, Forest Road 6003 is closed but is being used for a timber harvest, while Forest Road 605UB is restricted to administrative use only and Trail 151 is seasonally open to motorized vehicles. The NIFC Board of Directors will be reviewing this “request for comment” and at the May Board Meeting will be drafting a response upon the consensus of that meeting.

Any club members who have a personal interest in responding to this proposal can respond by email to: Comments-northern-idpanhandle-coeur-dalene@fs.fed.us or on the project website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55550. On the right-handed side “get Connected”, click “comment on Project” to submit comments on this project. Those submitting electronic comments should put in the project name (Crown Point Access Project) in the subject line.

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Renee Blythe to volunteer (208) 660-0384

Raffle/Bucket Drawing Chair
An exciting volunteer opportunity is the raffle chairperson. The raffle is a great way to meet club members and be involved in the club. This includes collecting and organizing the raffle items for each general meeting, displaying the items and selling tickets at the meeting and writing the monthly raffle report for the newsletter.

Thanks to Karen Olson and Ellen Smith for operating the raffle last year. Safe travels to Ellen as she will be completing an item from her bucket list.

Special thanks to Doris Londeree, Bonnie Boehm and Nancy Whitt for agreeing to handle the raffles until the end of 2018 and on through May 2019.
Youth Fly Tying/Casting Photos

Students at Lake City High School learn the craft of fly casting from NIFC volunteer instructors.

Timberlake High School students who participated in the NIFC fly tying and casting instruction.

Meeting called to order by President Renee Blythe at 6:28 p.m. Apr. 11, at Elmer’s Restaurant.

Old Business:
Finance & Budget Update: Stephen Sommer sent the Board electronic copies of the financial report as he was unable to attend the April board meeting.
Youth Programs: Dave reported that the LCHS program is going well with approximately 60 participants learning to tie flies and cast. He also stated that there will be between 60 and 70 students participating in the Timberlake Jr. High program. Dave also advised the Board that fly cups need to be ordered for next year.
Conservation: Tom McLaughlin stated that he had received a letter from a potential mining operation asking for a letter of support from the club. He recommended that a letter be provided on the condition that mitigation and restoration be incorporated into their plan. Tom stated that he would draft the letter to the Panhandle Forest Service. He also stated that he is having difficulty in contacting individuals for planning and scheduling the July Conservation Festival.

Programs: The May program will feature Bob Holman’s presentation on Lake Iliamna, Alaska’s largest freshwater lake. Jim McDonnell reported that there are two confirmed presenters for next year: Jessica Bryant, as well as, a taxidermist.

Up North Distillery Event: Renee reminded the board of the upcoming NIFC activity at Up North Distillery on Saturday, April 27, from noon to 3 pm. It is open to the community and the NIFC will provide fly casting and fly tying clinics.

Rod and Net Building: Dave reported that the net building is moving along well and will meet next Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

New Business:
Nominations for club officers: Renee reminded the board that the election will be held at the May meeting.
Idaho Public TV Donation: As a result of the recent donation to IPTV, the club has received a new DVD for the library.
Membership: The Board is discussing making changes to fee structures for non-members attending club functions/activities.
Fly Tying: Based on feedback from the club, the Board will look into offering fly tying classes for members next year.

FFI Fly Fishing Expo: Dave Londeree reminded the Board of the upcoming Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Expo 2019 being held in Bozeman, Montana, July 23-27 at the Montana State University Campus. Interested individuals can contact Dave for further information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.
New Club Name Badges Available

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.
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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

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Fly of the Month: Courtesy of Jim Rogers
Parachute Purple Haze

Materials list:
Hook: Daiichi #1180 size 12 or 14
Tying Thread: #8/0 purple
Tail: Moose body hair
Post: White McFlylon
Body: Purple Uni-Stretch thread
Hackle: Brown and grizzly

Tying Steps:
1. Pinch the barb flat.
2. Secure the hook in the vise.
3. Cut approximately 12 moose body hairs, stack and remove the underfur. Reduce the hairs to about eight and mount on top of the hook. They should extend about the same length as the hook shank. Secure and trim the excess.
4. Cut about one inch from a strand of McFlylon. Mount the post at the 2/3 point on the hook shank. Tie the McFlylon material down at the mid-point, double it over and create the post.
5. Return the thread to the tail. Tie on a three-inch piece of purple Uni-Stretch thread. Secure it to the hook shank and return the thread to the eye.
6. Wrap the Uni-Stretch in tight turns over the hook shank to create the body. Wrap the thread back and forth to create a tapered body. Tie off the thread against the post and trim the excess.
7. Prepare the hackle and tie the hackle stem to the post.
8. Wrap the brown hackle around the post, four turns and tie off against the post.
9. **NOTE**: I prefer to wrap the hackles individually.
10. Wrap the grizzle hackle around the post, working it through the brown hackle. Spiral it to the bottom of the post and tie off with three thread turns around the post.
11. Return the thread to the eye of the hook. Lift the hackle fibers and wrap the thread around the hook shank at the eye. Using your half hitch tool tie a few half hitches at the eye and cut the thread.
12. Cut both hackles close to the post.
13. Trim the post about the length of the hook gape.

How to fish: Fish like any dry fly. If you see a rise cast upstream from the rise and let the fly float into the rise and like magic the fish will raise to the fly, set the hook and you will have another trophy fish.

Option: You can add rubber legs. My personal flies will always have the added rubber legs tied in at the post.
Tips for Fly Casters: Courtesy of Jack Hise

Clean up others’ trash: Help preserve access

Certain river users (some kayakers and float tubers in particular) will turn over their light weight craft at the take out and just leave bottles, wrappers, etc. on the ground. When access points become locked gates with “Keep Out” signs, this may be one of the reasons.

So, let’s try to do our part to keep our rivers beautiful and our access assured.

Tight Lines!

DOUBLE HAUL FOR SUPERIOR RESULTS.

PACK OUT A BAG FULL OF GARBAGE EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE THE RIVER.
Idaho Panhandle Chapter – Trout Unlimited
upcoming general membership meeting

The Idaho Panhandle Chapter of Trout Unlimited invites you to attend a general membership meeting on Monday, May 6, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Panhandle Regional Office located at 2885 W. Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d’Alene.

In addition to updates on Panhandle Chapter activities, there will be two presentations:

**AVISTA Clark Fork Settlement Agreement Projects: Fish Habitat Improvement and Creel Survey of Lake Pend Oreille Tributary Streams**
Ken Bouwens, Regional Fish Biologist
Idaho Fish and Game

**Idaho Forest Group – Prichard Creek Conservation Easement and Stream Restoration Project**
Erin Plue, Community Outreach
Idaho Forest Group

Door Prizes and Raffle Items will be offered!

For additional information contact:
Bill Love, President
Panhandle Chapter – Trout Unlimited
Email: Loblollylove@Hotmail.com
Telephone: (208) 597-1710

Photo by DAVE LONDEREE
Timberlake High School students being taught to tie flies by NIFC volunteer instructors.
Up North Distillery Event

Photos by MIKE SATREN

Dave Londeree, upper left, and Bob Clark, upper right, and both, lower right, demonstrate fly tying. Gayle Wehlacz demos a fly cast presentation to Jack Hise at the Up North Distillery Event.