




## President's Message



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I want to take a moment to talk about an important topic: advocacy. In the context of fly fishing, advocacy means actively supporting or speaking up for clean, healthy rivers and streams, supporting fish habitat, and protecting access. It's asking key decision makers to consider the needs of fish, rivers, and anglers. With many of our local rivers and streams seeing so much recreational use, and with so many different groups, they need our help to thrive.

Supporting organizations like Trout Unlimited and other fly fishing conservation groups (Deschutes Groups like Boise Valley Fly Fishers, Fly Fishers International, and many others) is one of the most meaningful ways we can give back to the sport we love. These organizations work to protect habitat and national fisheries, restore and improve trout habitat, advocate for healthy rivers and streams, and help ensure that wild trout populations thrive for generations to come. Our ability to enjoy beautiful waters and healthy fisheries depends on people willing to invest time, money, and energy in protecting them.

Conservation is also about education and creating the next generation of stewards. By supporting organizations that teach responsible fishing, habitat protection, stream restoration, and the importance of healthy ecosystems, we help ensure that anglers understand not only how to fish, but why protecting these resources matters. Whether through a membership, donation, volunteer hours, or simply spreading the word, **every one of us can play a part in protecting the places and fish that make fly fishing so special.**

Since advocacy is something I'm passionate about, I'm so excited about this month's meeting presentation. Jane McAnulty, WFFI member and president of our local Trout Unlimited chapter, is going to be here to talk to us about Trout Unlimited in the state of Idaho and how we can all be River Champions. Hope to see you all there!

Tight lines!

Jill Bradley

## Upcoming Events

From the Events Coordinator:

### Fall Fishing Is ON!



September was a lucky (and incredibly fun!) month for WFFI! We hit the water for a day trip to the South Fork of the Boise, had an absolute blast on our annual overnight campout at Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, enjoyed a fun evening at Bowhunter Alley casting skills, and enjoyed a fun social while supporting our friends at the Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make September such a great month!



We're kicked off October on the Boise River right here in town, just as it seemed to "turn on" for the fall season. The fishies dropping and big trout settling into the deeper pools, the timing couldn't have been better!

We still have a few fun events ahead. On October 17, our more adventurous members will hike into Lower Lake for a beautiful fall day of fishing and float tubing. November brings a Franchise themed fly tying afternoon, and then we'll wrap up another fantastic year together at our annual WFFI Holiday Party on the Rod Sculley in December. And here's a little incentive to join us - we'll unveil the 2027 WFFI Events Schedule at the party!

Although our club-sponsored fishing events are beginning to wind down for the season, your fishing season doesn't have to! Fall is one of the BEST times to jump onto the WFFI Facebook page, find a few fishing buddies, and organize a small group outing. Fishing is generally excellent (cooler air temps, fish are feeding in preparation for winter conditions), the South Fork of the Boise, and the Boise River in town have cooler temperatures arrive and our fish (and perhaps a few of us) start hunkering down for winter.

Check wffi.club for event details and registration.

Hope to see you out there. Fish ON!

-Amy Haynes

Register for WFFI events here!



**Meet and Mingle October 21st: 7pm to 9pm**

Join us before our monthly meeting for a bite to eat and drink before our monthly member meeting! We meet at 5pm at the Rain Restaurant and Brewery right down the street from ID Fish and Game (where our monthly meetings are held). The Rain has a great, inexpensive happy hour menu. This is a great opportunity to hang out and socialize with other club members. See you there!

Register for Meet and Mingle here




**Member Meeting October 21st: Every River Needs a Champion**
with Jane McAnnti from the Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited

(Social Time 6:30pm to 7pm, Presentation 7pm - 9pm)

Being a River Champion means doing more than enjoying time on the water. It means giving back to the rivers that give us so much. Join Jane McAnulty, WFFI member and Jane McAnulty, WFFI member and president of our local Ted Trueblood Trout Unlimited chapter, will talk to us about what Trout Unlimited does, the many projects they are working on in Idaho, and ways we can all be River Champions to help protect and preserve the places we love to fish for future generations to enjoy.

Jane is an Idaho native who grew up in Boise. She spent her 31 year career teaching in elementary education and completed her Doctorate in Education. In retirement she has focused more on volunteering into educating children on the outdoors and the environment. Jane enjoys fly fishing, skiing, hiking, biking, gardening and playing music.

**We will not have an October Zoom meeting in Caldwell.** Please come join us in Boise for the Meet and Mingle and for the presentation!

Please note! Our presentations begin at 7pm. We arrive at IDFG at 6:30pm to open up the building for social time. Raffle tickets, memorabilia sales/buying, and give folks time to settle in their seats from 6:30-7pm. If you arrive prior to 6:30pm, the building will likely not be open.

**The equipment sales table will be open** for our October meeting! It's a fantastic opportunity to find top-notch equipment at affordable prices, or if you've got some extra fishing gear you can sell it here. Cash or Venmo are the preferred payment methods. **Our WFFI merch table will also be open.**

Register for Member Meeting here

### WFFI and Community Events Summary

- October 17: WFFI Lower Lake Hike and Fish Outing
- October 21: WFFI Meet and Mingle and Member Meeting
- November 4: WFFI Fly Tying Event at Bowhunter Alley
- November 8: WFFI Fly Tying Day Hosted at Jane's Home
- December 9: WFFI End of Year Holiday Party (see below)
- January 23: WFFI Fly Tying Hosted 8am-9am 8am Down Leech

### *Please cancel your RSVP as soon as you know you can't make an event!*

We aim to provide an opportunity for as many members as possible to participate. Because many of our events require us to cap attendance for space or other resource limitations, event rsvp shows take opportunities away from others.

If you can no longer attend an event you have signed up for, please cancel your RSVP on the website or contact Amy Haynes as soon as possible. She will allow someone else to take your spot.

### *Give another the chance to go when you can't:*

1. Cancel your RSVP on the website asap
2. Contact Amy Haynes to ensure she is aware, and
3. Announce the open spot on our Facebook group so others know your spot is open.



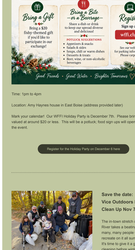

We have many board and committee chair terms that are up at the end of this year. We need your help to fill these positions! There's a LOT that goes on behind the scenes to provide all the programs, educational opportunities, and events we offer. Without board members and committee chairs, we can't continue to do what we do without members willing to step up and help.

If you have a few hours a month to spare and would like to serve on the board, please reach out to a board member or email us at info@wffi.club to learn more about which positions are open and what they entail.




Register to tie the Frenchie on November 4 here

## WFFI Holiday Party




Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Amy Haynes house in East Boise (address provided later)

Mark your calendar! Our WFFI Holiday Party is December 7th. Please bring a fishy gift valued at around $20 or less. This will be a potluck, food sign ups will open closer to the event.

Register for the Holiday Party on December 9 here



### Save the date: Vice Outdoors River Clean Up Nov 7

The in-town stretch of the Boise River takes a beating from the many, many people who recreate on it all summer long. It's time to give it a good cleaning before winter!

Please join us for Vice Outdoors annual fall clean up event on November 7th at Ann Morrison Park. We'll be meeting at 9am by the submarine where we'll split into groups and start banking the river up on both sides of the river. **Work gloves are provided, NOW!**

**PLEASE sign up on Vice's site:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/river-river-cleanup/ Matt and his crew would like a headcount of how many people they're expecting so they can ensure they have enough group leaders on hand. Please don't skip this step!

Vice will provide trash bags. They usually also provide some coffee and light breakfast snacks beforehand. You might want to bring gloves (both work gloves and latex gloves). Dress for the weather! You might also consider wearing waders since some of this trash isn't confined to just the banks. This is a family-friendly event, so feel free to bring your family members, friends, and neighbors.




If you haven't already, download the Idaho Fish and Game app. Its fishing planner lets you check stocking records, suggested game fish, and rules specific to each body of water. And keeps your license on hand.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife app also lets you keep your license on hand.

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