



December WFFI Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Holidays! We had a wonderful year-end party at Amy Haynes' home on December 7th; it was so great to see everyone, share some food and drink, and exchange fishy gifts. If you weren't able to make it, you were missed!

2025 was an awesome year for our club! We did a total of six day trips and went on 5 overnight outings. We held three fly tying sessions, three Casting Connections events, and a members-only casting clinic with Master Casting Instructor, Mary Ann Dozer. We introduced about 30 new women to fly fishing at our annual Spring Workshop. We taught 15 to 20 teenage girls how to fly fish at a Wild Hearts event this past summer. And last but not least, our club participated in 2 river clean-ups. Whew! What a year it's been!

Our board is already planning our 2026 events...we have some really great stuff in the works, so stay tuned!

I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for being part of Women Fly Fishers of Idaho. Your passion, camaraderie, and shared love of the sport make this club truly special, and it's because of you that our community continues to grow, support one another, and inspire new adventures. Here's to another year of FUN and ADVENTURE!

Please take a moment to read through this month's newsletter as we have some important news to share. Remember, there's no member meeting this month or in January so we'll see you at the WFFI 30th Anniversary Party on January 23rd!

Happy holidays and tight lines!



Upcoming Events



January 23, 2025: WFFI 30th Anniversary Celebration 6pm - 9pm The Stonehouse

We're not going to have a regular member meeting in January...we're having a party! January 2026 marks our club's 30th anniversary so come celebrate with us! We'll have some food (provided by our club), raffle prizes, and loads of fishy fun!

To make this event extra awesome, we want your fishing pictures! If you have pictures from our club events or fishing outings you did with other club members, we'd love to have them for the slideshow we're putting together for the event. We set up a Google Photo Album [HERE](#). Please caption your photos with names, dates, and locations! When you upload the image to the album from a phone, click on the three dots on the top right to add a caption/comment. When you upload from a desktop computer, click on either the info "i" on the top right or the text bubble on the bottom right to add your caption/comment.

[RSVP HERE](#)



January 30-31, 2025: Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo Expo Idaho, Garden City

The annual [Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo](#) is coming up January 30-31 at Expo Idaho. If you've never been to the Expo, it's a great way to learn about all things fly fishing, test and check out new gear, and even get casting lessons. The Expo is a fundraiser for Boise Valley Fly Fishers to help support all the valuable conservation and education they provide the fly fishing community. Mark your calendars to save the date!

Volunteers needed for WFFI booth

WFFI will have a booth at the Expo to introduce people to our club. We need volunteers to help staff our booth both days! Each shift is only 2 hours so you'll have plenty of time to check out the show before or after your shift.

Volunteer sign-ups are [HERE](#). (Please note that Expo admission is \$15; if you plan to volunteer in our booth and the admission presents a financial hardship, please let us know.)

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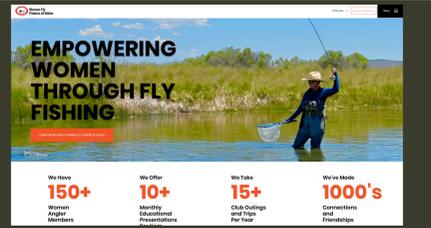
In exchange for giving our club a booth at no charge, Boise Valley Fly Fishers asks us to provide volunteers for the Expo. If you volunteer for the Expo, you will receive free admission for that day. You can register for a volunteer shift [HERE](#).



February 1, 2025 2pm - 4pm Anita Hurlbert's House

Please join us for an all-levels fly tying class at Anita Hurlbert's home. We'll be focusing on tying perdigons; an extremely productive fly pattern primarily used for nymphing. The club will provide vises, tools, and tying materials. A nominal fee (about \$5) will be collected to cover the cost of materials.

[RSVP HERE](#)



We have a new website!

If you haven't already checked it out, head over to our website to see our new look! You should have received an email with log in instructions but in case you haven't had the chance to read it, all you need to do is hit the Log In link on the top right side of your screen and then use the Forgot Password option.

This new site is faster and has much better features than our last site that allows our members to manage their accounts more efficiently. We still have our member's only zone where our event calendar and event registration is behind a "paywall" so it can only be accessed by current members. We also still have a member directory so you can reach out to members to connect, plan fishing outings, etc. There's also an awesome Groups page that serves as a forum to discuss upcoming events, fishing stuff, fishing gear, etc. Check it out!

We fully expect a few hiccups along the way, so please bear with us as we work through them. If you see anything wonky on the site, please reach out to us so we can fix it.

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Welcome 2026 Board Members!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new WFFI board members who were elected into their positions at the Annual Meeting at our Christmas Party on December 7th!

Your 2026 WFFI Board is:

- President: Jill Bradley (elected via special election in October)
- Vice President: Liz Pollard
- Treasurer: Amy Hovan (elected via special election in October)
- Secretary: Karen Shein
- Member At Large: Brooklyn Finlay
- Meeting Programs: Kimberly Longfellow (reelected)
- Events: Amy Haynes (reelected)
- Membership: Barb Wagner
- Communications: Julie Arevalo
- Ex-Officio Past President: Lisa Szentes

We want to give a big, huge THANK YOU to our outgoing board members who served their respective terms: Janet Adolphsen (President), BJ Carter (Vice President), Jennifer Rogers (Treasurer), Sara Mairs (Secretary), Barbara Kisse (Member-at-Large), Mallory Wilson (Membership), Jill Bradley (Communications), and Alex Heath (Programs). We appreciate your hard work, service, and contributions to our club!



Volunteers Needed for Trout Unlimited's 2026 Trout Camp!

Planning is already underway for the 2026 Trout Camp at Silver Creek Plunge June 22-27, 2026! Each year, dedicated volunteers help create a safe, fun, and educational fly fishing and conservation experience for campers ages 10-13.

They are looking for Gillies (fishing attendants), Gear Captains, Fire & S'mores helpers, Cooks, and more.

If you are interested in volunteering, or just want to learn more, contact Trout Camp Director Mark Barker at markb.burke@gmail.com

AND... Stay tuned for official volunteer registration details.



Renew your fishing licenses! Many state fishing licenses expire on December 31st each year. This includes Idaho and Oregon so be sure to renew so you don't forget!

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