President's Message

Fly Fishers International Women Connect photo contest winner of "Best Photo in a Scenic Setting" featuring our very own President!

We're finally well into Fall which means one thing: the fishing is ON FIRE… especially in town on the Boise River!

As temperatures cool and summer crowds fade, trout become increasingly active, taking advantage of seasonal hatches and opportunities to feed before winter sets in. Blue-winged olives, midges, and small mayfly patterns can bring fish to the surface, however nymphing remains the most productive approach throughout the day.

The river is currently running at relatively low, wade-friendly flows, making it easier to access deeper runs, seams, and pools where trout are holding. Midges, small nymphs/perdigons (Pheasant Tails, little green or black perdigons, Blow Torches, Frenchies), small leech/minnow patterns, and egg patterns are good bets, while streamers offer a chance at larger fish. Whitefish (BIG ones!) are also abundant right now. Please watch out for brown trout redds (clean patches of gravel) and avoid walking or fishing directly over them.

With cooler temps (but not TOO cold) conditions don't get much better than this, so grab a friend or two and get out there! Need some fishing buddies, don't forget that our Facebook group is a great place to start. New and need some help? The Facebook group is also the place to look for more experienced people to join you.

Tight lines and fish on!

-Jill Bradley

Upcoming Events

From the Events Coordinator:

Fall Fishing Is ON!

We had great success during our October events! Although the fishing was not productive for our Boise River Friday Night Flies on October 2nd, we had great fun trying to land something more spectacular than Anita's 4 inch rainbow. Ha!

Ladies who participated in our day trip to Louie Lake on October 17th had a fabulous adventure. Golden trout galore! Beautiful Westslope Cutthroat. Everyone caught fish. It was a success. Many thanks to Lisa Szentes for offering up a night in her cabin. A handful of ladies continued on the next day to explore the North Fork of the Payette and found success and a new fishing hole! It was a great adventurous weekend.

Please continue to reach out to your fishing buddies and encourage them to attend our end of season holiday party on December 6. We have over 30 people signed up so far. This will be our December board meeting and we will be electing our board members and committee leads for the new year. Come be part of the fun! There are no events planned for December. We have another fly-tying event in January. Plus the Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo January 29-30.

Now is the season to jump on Facebook and invite others to join you on some fishing outings! Duck Valley, South Fork of the Boise, North Fork of the Payette, and Alpine Lakes towards Cascade and Warm Lake are all fishing well if you can hit them before the winter weather settles in.

Fish ON!

-Amy Haynes

Register for WFFI events here!

Meet and Mingle November 18: 5pm to 6pm

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

Member Meeting November 18th:

"The Analytical, Agile, and Altruistic Angler"
with Kori Frahm

Kori will be talking to us about how female anglers can build on their existing fly-fishing skills to improve confidence, performance, and overall success on the water. By focusing on practical techniques, continued learning, and skill development specific to women anglers, we aim to help women become more capable, independent, and adaptable anglers. Ultimately, it's about more than catching fish—it's about building confidence, overcoming challenges, and developing the knowledge and skills to enjoy and succeed in the sport for years to come.

Kori Frahm has a background in education and outdoor recreation. Being outdoors is a significant part of her life. In college, Kori accidentally got a minor in Biology because she loved taking all the courses that studied nature. She is an avid fly fisher, often fishing close to 100 days a year.

We will no longer have satellite meetings in Caldwell. Going forward, 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, merch/sale table shopping, 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 November 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. If you are bringing items to sell, please make sure they are marked with the price and your name. Cash or Venmo are the preferred payment methods.

New WFFI Merchandise!

We've got some exciting additions to our WFFI merchandise collection!
Cling Magnetic Fly Patches are now available for purchase at our monthly meetings. These handy accessories are a great way to keep your flies organized and close at hand while you're out on the water.

- **Double Fly Patch: $28**
- **Single Fly Patch: $20**

More WFFI gear is on the way! Our merchandise team is working on bringing in new WFFI hoodies and additional sun shirts, so stay tuned for updates.

Be sure to stop by the merchandise table at our next monthly meeting to check out what's available!

Register for Meet and Mingle here

Register for Member Meeting here

Little Free Fly Library

Have you ever come across a Little Free Library in your neighborhood? Now imagine that same concept, but for hand-tied fishing flies!

Little Free Fly Libraries can sometimes be found near popular fishing spots, trailheads, and river access points. The idea is a sweet nod to the fly-fishing community: take a fly, leave a fly, or enjoy a fly the day. It's a fun way to discover new fly patterns, appreciate the creativity of fellow fly tiers, and share a little piece of the sport we all love.

We're excited to bring this concept to WFFI! Our new Little Free Fly Library will be available at monthly member meetings, giving everyone an opportunity to discover different patterns, share their favorites, and connect with fellow anglers.

A huge thank-you to longtime WFFI member Janet Adolphsen for spearheading and managing this wonderful project!

Want to get involved? We're looking for volunteers to help Janet staff the library at upcoming meetings. If you're interested, let us know and we'll connect you with Janet!

WFFI and Community Events Summary

- November 14: Owyhee River Cleanup with Boise River Guides (see below)
- November 14: Trout Unlimited fall stream bed restoration planting volunteers needed. Sign up here: Volunteers Needed for a Boise River riparian: Sat, Nov 14, 2026
- November 18: Part 2 of the IDFG/BVFF/Vice trout count needs volunteers. Sign up here: https://www.bvff.com/event-6905737
- November 27-28: FREE fishing day in Oregon (including for non-residents), with no licenses, tags, or validations needed
- December 6: WFFI End of Year Holiday Party (see below)
- January 23: WFFI Fly Tying Anita's Bam Bam Bam Green Leech
- January 29-30: Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo

New Member Raffle at the Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo

The Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo is January 29-30, 2027! We traditionally do a new member raffle where everyone who purchases a WFFI membership for the first time that weekend gets their name put into a drawing for an awesome fly fishing related prize. This year, we're going to raffle off a "new angler bundle" filled with lots of things a newbie needs to get started. We have several items for the bundle, but we'd love your help to fill it up! If you'd like to donate a new and/or very gently used item to the bundle, please bring it to the November meeting, the WFFI Holiday Party, or the January meeting. We already have a hip pack, net, Cling magnetic rod holder, forceps, leaders, fly boxes and a good selection of flies. If we get duplicate items, we'll likely create multiple bundles.

Upcoming Board Nominations

We have nominations for all open board positions with the exception of Communications Chair. Are you organized, detail oriented, good written/digital communication skills, and have solid computer skills? If so, we'd love to talk to you about our Communications Chair board position. Bonus points if you have past/current professional marketing and communications experience…but certainly not required. If you have a couple hours per week to spare and a desire to give back to WFFI, we'll train you! Contact Jill Bradley for more information at wffidaho@gmail.com!

WFFI Holiday Party

Date: Sunday, December 6

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Amy Haynes' house in East Boise

Mark your calendar! Our WFFI Holiday Party is December 6th. Please bring a fishy gift valued at around $20 or less. This will be a potluck...see flyer above for suggestions!

Register for the Holiday Party on December 6 here

Boise River Guides Owyhee River Clean Up
November 14

- Time: 10am
- Location: Meet at the Watchable Wildlife Area

Details: With the river levels dropping to winter levels, now's the time to get it cleaned up! If you've fished the Owyhee this year you've likely seen that it needs some love.

Boise River Guides is organizing this clean up event. Please meet at the Watchable Wildlife Area at 10am. WFFI has always had good representation at the river clean-ups, so mark your calendar for this event. It's a great way to give back to the community plus it's a lot of fun! Feel free to bring family and friends…many hands make for light work.

You don't need a fishing license to participate in this event however if you plan to fish before or after the cleanup, you will need an Oregon fishing license. Please watch for redds since it's brown trout spawning time!

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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