September

WFFI Newsletter



President's Message



As we welcome Fall, I'm reminded of how special this time of year is for those of us who love fly fishing. The days may be getting shorter, but there is still plenty of time to enjoy Idaho's beautiful rivers, learn something new, and share time on the water. With that in mind, my humble opinion, that is the best time of year to fish many of our local waters!

One of the things I love most about WFFI is the way we encourage and support one another—whether you're an experienced angler or just learning to cast. We had an AMAZING summer filled with lots of awesome club outings and activities.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, participated in outings and events and shared your knowledge with other club members.

Now that we're off our summer break, our monthly meetings will resume this month. We hope to see you all on Sept 16th for our Meet and Mingle at the Ram Brewery and our program at IDFG. Matt Housel and Joe Moloney from Vice Outdoors are going to talk about how and where to find fish in off-the-beaten-path waters. It's going to be a great presentation! Please note that we will not be having a satellite meeting in Caldwell this month.

Tight lines!

Jill Bradley

Upcoming Events



Meet and Mingle Sept 16th: 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!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

BLUE LINES & BLUE DOTS

PRESENTED BY:
MATT HOUSEL &
JOE MOLONEY

Member Meeting Sept 16th: Blue Lines and Blue Dots with Vice Outdoors
(Social Time 6:30pm to 7pm, Presentation 7pm - 9pm)

If you find you're avoiding certain local rivers because they are too crowded or if you simply enjoy exploring and finding new fishing spots, you won't want to miss this presentation! **Matt Housel and Joe Moloney from Vice Outdoors** will be talking to us about what they call "Blue Lines and Blue Dots" to show us how to scout for new water in areas that are off the beaten path. They will discuss mapping apps, safety, and fishing tactics for these areas.

The equipment sales table will be open for our September 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**.

Our presentations begin at 7pm. We arrive at IDFG at 6:30pm to open up the building for social time, raffle tickets, merchtable 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.

Please note: we will not have a Caldwell Zoom meeting this month. Please consider joining us in Boise!

As we head into fall, it's amazing to look back at what an incredible summer our WFFI members have shared together!

Since our last newsletter in May, we've enjoyed an outstanding lineup of adventures on some of Idaho's most beautiful waters. Add your text here. Edit to add dynamic values like name, email and more.

We kicked off the summer season at **Crane Falls**, then explored **Saga Hen Reservoir**, **Hurrathrief Reservoir**, and spent a wonderful weekend at **Silver Creek** in June. July took us to the breathtaking **Stanley** area, where members enjoyed everything from alpine lakes to the Salmon River, and in August we wrapped up the summer at the legendary **Henry's Fork**.

Whether you were chasing trout, learning a new technique, or simply enjoying the camaraderie around camp, these trips showcased what makes our club so special.



My goal is always to create opportunities for women of all skill levels to learn, grow their confidence, and make lasting friendships, and I love seeing so many familiar and new faces joining the fun!

Our educational programs have been just as busy! We hosted **Foundations FFI Casting Connections** courses in both May and August for members looking to build confidence with the fundamentals of fly casting. For those ready to take the next step, our **Bronze FFI Casting Connections** certification course included a Summer Session, and our upcoming Fall Session has already filled (be sure to add your name to the waitlist if you're interested). It's exciting to see so many members investing in their skills and encouraging one another along the way and others stepping up to share their expertise with our club!

Fall is shaping up to be just as exciting! We had a blast on our day trip to the Owyhee on **August 29th**, followed by a South Fork of the Boise outing on **September 5**.

We still have 1 bed available for one of our most popular events of the year, our September 17–20 Owyhee Anfibi trip, so don't wait to sign up! Even if you're only planning to fish for the day, please register for the day-trip option on our website so I can include you in all of the trip communications. If all beds are full and you want one, please sign up to be on the waitlist.

October brings two Friday Night Fly Fishing evenings on the Boise River followed by a social at Payette Brewing, a day hike and fishing adventure to Louie Lake near Cascade, and an opportunity to swing flies for steelhead in late October/early November (details coming soon!). Get the details at wffi.org and register soon! And don't forget our ever-popular fly tying gatherings! These relaxed, social evenings are a great way to learn new patterns, improve your skills, and spend time with fellow members. Our next tying session is **September 13**, with another scheduled for **November**. Whether you're brand new to tying or have boxes full of flies, we'd love to have you join us!

Our fly fishing community is vibrant and active! Get in on all the fun by registering for a trip or joining a class. Full details (registration for all club events is on our website. We'd love to have you join us!

-Amy Haynes
Event Coordinator

Register for WFFI events here!

WFFI and Community Events Summary

- September 9: Trout Unlimited event (see below)
- September 12: WFFI Casting Connections Bronze FFI - second session
- September 13: WFFI Fly tying
- September 16: WFFI Meet and Mingle and Member Meeting
- September 17-20: WFFI Owyhee overnight or day trip
- October 2: WFFI Boise River night trip
- October 17: WFFI Louie Lake day trip
- November 7: Vice Outdoors River Clean Up (see below)

Redd Alert Project

The Redd Alert Project is a volunteer program that helps protect summer Chinook salmon in Idaho's Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Every year, the salmon return to the river to lay their eggs in areas called "redds," which are basically nests on the river bottom. From about August 15 to September 15, teams volunteers camp for a week in areas along the Middle Fork to help educate boaters about these areas and encourage them to avoid them so the salmon eggs aren't disturbed. This is especially important because the number of salmon spawning in the Middle Fork has dropped a lot over the years. What used to be hundreds of redds each year is now down to only a handful in some years. The project gives people a chance to enjoy the river while also doing their part to protect the salmon and keep this important part of Idaho's ecosystem healthy.



This year, several of our members did week-long volunteer shifts at Boundary Creek and Indian Creek. Huge props to Lisa Szentes (and her husband), Karen Stein and Shannon Eason, and Kim Longfellow (and friend).

For more information about this program or to inquire about future volunteer opportunities, visit their website:

Redd Alert Project's website





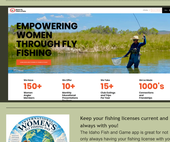
Save the date: Vice Outdoors River Clean Up Nov 7

The in-town stretch of the Boise River takes a beating from the many people who float and 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 restrooms where we'll split into groups and start tackling the clean up on both sides of the river. **Mark your calendars NOW!**

PLEASE sign up on Vice's site: https://www.signupgenius.com/shower-river-cleanup/. Matt and his crew would like a headcount of how many people they're expecting as 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.



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 wffiidaho@gmail.com to learn more about which positions are open and what they entail.



Keep your fishing licenses current and always with you!
The Idaho Fish and Game app is great for not only always having your fishing license with you electronically on your phone but also for looking up every body of water in Idaho with information such as when it has been stocked, sizes of the stocked fish, recommended game fish, types of fish found in surveys, and more.

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

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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