## President's Message

May in Idaho feels like the official start of fly fishing season — rivers are waking up, bugs are hatching, and it's finally time to dust off the gear and think about getting back on the water once the flows settle down a bit. Since we had such a mild winter, many people are predicting that many of the iconic hatches like the brown drakes and stoneflies will happen much earlier this year. Heck, people are saying they started seeing grasshoppers in April…which is really early!

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members who joined WFFI so they could attend our annual Spring Beginners Workshop! It was amazing to see so many many new women eager to learn how to fly fish. We look forward to seeing you all at upcoming club events! Just a reminder, if you haven't done so, please join our private Facebook group since that's where much of our communication happens.

Please keep in mind that our flows are too high on many of our local rivers to safely wade. This includes the Boise River in town which is currently running at over 1500cfs; it needs to drop down to about 600 cfs or below to be safe. Now is a great time to float tube on our local lakes and ponds or fish our rivers that aren't as affected by runoff such as the Owyhee River (you'll need an OR license) or Silver Creek.

Tight lines!

Jill

## May Meet and Mingles

Join us for a bite to eat and drink before our monthly member meeting!

The Boise Meet and Mingle is 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. The Caldwell Meet and Mingle is at the Craft Lounge at 5:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to hang out and socialize with other club members. See you there!

RSVP HERE FOR BOISE MEET AND MINGLE

RSVP HERE FOR CALDWELL MEET AND MINGLE

## May Member Meeting:
## April 20th 6:30pm-9pm

Timothy D'Amico from Idaho Fish and Game will discuss trout fisheries management in southwest Idaho and its focus on maintaining healthy, sustainable trout populations across the region's rivers and reservoirs. Efforts include monitoring fish populations and water quality, protecting spawning habitat, balancing wild and hatchery trout management, and addressing challenges such as drought, warming water temperatures, invasive species, and increased recreational use.

The equipment sales table will be open for our May 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.

Please note! Our presentations begin at 7pm. We arrive at IDFG at 6:30pm to open up the building for social time, merch/sale table shopping, and give folks time…

RSVP HERE FOR BOISE MEETING

RSVP HERE FOR CALDWELL MEETING

## Upcoming Outings and Day Trips

**5/22 - 5/24 Bruneau Sand Dunes**
Join us for our annual spring float tube trip to the Bruneau Sand Dunes! We will be fishing at Cove Arm, Crane Falls, and the ponds near the campground in Bruneau Dunes State Park. There are several lodging options available for this trip. We have two cabins reserved that will sleep 3 people each. As of right now, only one person has signed up for a bed in one of the cabins so there's still space. You can also choose to camp at the campground; please check availability HERE. If there aren't any more sites available, you can post something in our Facebook group to see if anyone is willing to share their campsite. There's plenty of free dispersed dry camping at both Cove Arm and Crane Falls. Since this area is so close to Boise, many people choose to just come up for the day. Take your pick and RSVP on our website!

**6/13 Horsethief Reservoir Day Trip**
We're heading up to Horsethief Reservoir, east of Cascade, Idaho. This is a great place to beat the summer heat! It's possible to fish from the bank, but most ladies choose to float tube on this trip. Full details and RSVP on our website.

RSVP HERE

**6/20 Casting Connections Bronze Level**
We have a few spots left in our Casting Connections Bronze Level event at Kleiner Park in Meridian. Sign up today and reserve your spot for the SUMMER SESSION - June 20th and July 18th with the Women Fly Fishers of Idaho Casting Connections - BRONZE training course—two evenings focused on building skills, confidence, and working towards your certificate with FFI. You must commit to attending both days of the Summer Session.

RSVP HERE

**6/25-6/28 Silver Creek**
We're heading to the legendary Silver Creek Preserve and Big Wood area near Picabo, ID for a weekend of fishing! When the hatch kicks off, be READY for some emerger/dry fly action! Or, hit the S-curves in your float tube and get into some BIG BROWNS.
This is still an amazing brown trout and rainbow trout fishery. Some members will choose to hire a guide; others just DIY. You can float tube and walk-and-wade. There are many lodging options available. See full details and RSVP on the website

RSVP HERE

## No Summer Meetings or Newsletters

Please note that we won't hold meetings or send out our monthly newsletters June through August. We do this each year for several reasons. The biggest reason is summer is when most of our members travel and FISH! Plus, aside from fishing, people get busy with graduations, weddings, vacations, and other family activities. Lastly, but certainly not least, it gives our board members a bit of a break. They work incredibly hard to make our club awesome, so they're taking some well-deserved rest and time to focus on their own fishing.

## WFFI Spring Beginners Workshop

Our 2026 Spring Beginners Workshop was a huge success! We welcomed 36 women eager to learn the fundamentals of fly fishing — from knots, bugs, and equipment to casting techniques and time on the water. It was so inspiring to have so many new women want to learn more about fly fishing and walk away with some tools they can get started with.

Let's give a big huge **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers who made this event happen. We can't do this event without the help of our more experienced members who share their time and talent.

Each participant and volunteer walked away with some awesome swag from Trout Hunters, Fly Fish Food, and Cabela's.

We also want to thank our members who graciously donated fly fishing gear to the club sale table. We raised over $500 for our club from these donated items that we can put towards our operating expenses and programs we offer.

Women Fly Fishers Of Idaho