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*'Tis the Season of Fur, Fin, and
Feathers!*

Quite a few of you have, by now, downed that big buck or bull elk and maybe and antelope. And, of course, many of you are adding to your basic supply of fly tying feathers by bagging a pheasant or two, a few chukars and gray partridge, and maybe even a sharptail. And we mustn't forget those that wade through the swamps and sloughs for



ducks and geese. That doesn't mean our finny quarry takes a back seat. Die-hard steelheaders are (and have been) swinging flies on their favorite fall steelie waters. Others are pursuing "midnight browns" with mice patterns in Silver Creek and some of it's tributaries. But most of us are still trying to match the fall hatches on our favorite streams and rivers before the general fishing season closes at the end of this month. If you are like me, the pressure is really on because I've just begun to limber up my fly rod because of other priorities and plain ol' procrastination. The pressure is on because of indecisiveness---should I spend more time fishing or should I tune up the dogs, grab the smoke pole and head for chukar country? The beauty of this dilemma is, that no matter what you decide to do, you just can't go wrong. Fall is in the air with cool temperatures, autumnal foliage in full splendor---a time to enjoy nature at it's best---even if you get skunked!

That being said, why not try to make the November 17th meeting and share some of the tall tales and highlights of some of your outings with the rest of the club members? For example: word has it that Dale Quigley bagged an Owhyee canyon bighorn sheep and is off (or already has been) to hunt a bison out in the environs of Utah's Henry Mountains; and, I'm also sure Les Reitz, Dee and Dick Smith and others have some bragging rights to some hard sought steelhead out Riggins way. Another thing to keep in mind when you regularly attend MVFF meetings is that the round robin will keep you informed of where the other members have been fishing, how to get there and what flies to use. And, who knows, for the price of a raffle ticket you may be a winner of one of the prizes donated by the MVFF.

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Last meeting we had an outstanding presentation on fly fishing for baby tarpon by Chad Chorney down Mexico way. This month's program will feature one of Magic Valley's own--the legendary Red Montgomery. Most of you remember Red who ran the Snake River Outfitters fly shop in Twin Falls for a number of years. He plans on tying some ants and snail patterns--yes, snails! And trust me, Red will explain and tell you how to fish them and, rest assured, they will work.

There are a few things in the works that will be talked about as far as new business. One is that we are narrowing the search for a new venue for our meetings; the other is that the club might have some new leadership--yep, someone stepped forward and volunteered to be president. And, hopefully, we will have purchased a new laptop and projector for this month's program as well as for others in the future.

Mark your calendars and we'll see you at our next meeting. Watch for your copy of Windknots and check the Times-News Outdoor section for more information.

Ben

I have fished through fishless days that I remember happily without regret!".....Roderick Haig-Brown



OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Yep, it happened again! We were relegated to the Rock creek back room after (what we thought) we had reserved the main conference room. Such is the life of the MVFF at Rock creek. And, for some reason, the Newsletter didn't make it to most mail boxes until after the meeting. However, there was a good press release in the Times-New but still we had a small crowd of about 12 members. Anyone have some ideas? It appears we need a change of venue. Dexter Ball will be working on it.

Back to the minutes. We attempted to have a Board meeting and a Banquet Committee meeting at 6p.m. but part of the time we used to shuffle tables and set up the back room. Banquet co-chairs, Don Morishita and Nancy Kinnear had a short discussion on planning the Banquet and decided to have a formal Committee meeting on November 10 at Don's office in the Evergreen building on the CSI campus. I have to give credit to those that made the season opener picnic at Centennial Park and special credit to Les Reitz for his outstanding Dutch oven pork loin as well as Dennis and Jana Brauer for bringing plates, knives, forks, etc. and setting up the serving table. Regardless of the small turnout, the potluck turned out to be a gourmet' delight- -thanks to all who brought a favorite dish. And as for accolades, many thanks to Nancy Kinnear for making the arrangements for use of the picnic facilities. I once again brought up the fact that I was basically an ex-officio president and someone in the club needs to step forward and take the reins in my stead--no eye contact was made and no one stepped forward. Wilson Gray resigned as one of our Board members and the position needs to be filled. Is anyone willing to take his place? So far, no takers.

OTHER ITEMS:

-Banquet notebook: Dee Smith assembled a "How to Binder" on what is needed to put on a banquet. Does anyone know where it is? Dennis thinks it may be in the storage unit. Dennis and Jana graciously cleaned out and re-arranged the items in the storage unit.

-Dennis said the Ducktails will be planting willows along the Little Wood River on October 29th. Plans are to meet up there around 10a.m. IDF&G will have bundles of willow stalks ready to go for the planting. Anyone interested in participating or just watching is welcome to attend.

-Projector and lap top computer purchase- - At least 2 years ago the Board received the go ahead to buy our own projector and computer for presentations. Dennis will work with James Harper to go ahead and buy the combination and have it ready for our November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Scott Stanton suggested we donate a few dozen flies to Ducks Unlimited in exchange for a DU print. We have done this in the past and it would be a good cooperative venture. It was also recommended we frame one of our bull trout prints to go with the flies. DU will use these items for a raffle. **Action Item: tie up a half dozen or a dozen flies and see to it they get to Dave Anderson before the DU Banquet, November 12th.**

-Along that line, Rick Allen suggested that members bring flies they tie to our meetings for display. Photos on CD's of the flies could also be projected and discussed as part of our monthly programs. Quality tied flies could also be raffled off at our Christmas party.

THE PROGRAM:

-Chad Chorney presented an outstanding program on the tarpon fishing trip he and others took last May to Compeche, Mexico. They fished off the coast of the northern Yucatan Peninsula. They may be called "baby tarpon" but weighing in over 20 lbs. or more, you have almost more than you can handle. He covered the outfitter used, fly fishing tips, techniques, tackle and flies, and traveling in Mexico. Chad had some great photos of the tarpon, boats used, and mangrove groves that grew along the coast. He also had some excellent photos of the party's accommodations, restaurants, churches, and other attractions he came across. Super program Chad, thanks.

ROUND ROBIN:

-Dave Anderson swung a few flies on the Salmon near Riggins. Had a few bumps but nothing in the net. Ron Quenell didn't fish. Jim Stanton bottom fished up in Alaska and did exceptionally well. Jana fished with Dennis Brauer on the Madison. Dennis said there was a hatch of grasshoppers which was unusual in that part of the country. He also fished the S.Fk.Boise and said he had never seen so many folk- - at least two folks at each hole he like to fish. Rick Allen hit Henry's Fk, S.Fk.Snake and other waters last summer- -did very well. Dexter Ball visited the Conservancy stretch of Silver Creek and did well with some mahogany duns. Also haunted the Big Wood and S.Fk.Boise. Chad Chorney of baby tarpon fame also took a trip of a lifetime down the Middle Fork of the Salmon. Lots of easy to catch cuts. Ben Collins made his annual llama pack trip to the high country but fished close to home plying the waters of Roseworth and floating a few flies on Billingsley creek.

RAFFLE:

-Raffle winners: Jana Brauer won a bottle of dry shake and a gift certificate to Rock Creek Restaurant. Chad Chorney was also the winner of a Rock Creek gift certificate. Dexter Ball won a bottle of dry shake and a hat, Ben Collins got some indicators, Nancy Kinnear the bottle of wine, and Dave Anderson a hat.





NOVEMBER SPEAKER

CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

NOVEMBER MEETING

LOCATION: Canyon Crest, Trailside Rm

DATE: November 17, 2011

TIME: 7:00p.m.

Please make sure to pass on this information to anyone that might be interested in attending the MVFF Club meeting for the month of November. Our speaker is Red Montgomery.



Red Montgomery, now retired, was the owner of the former Snake River Outfitters in Twin Falls. Red's fly shop was not only the best place to get nearly all a fly fisher might need to pursue his/her sport, but, along with all the equipment and supplies, Red was a fountain of knowledge on what fly to use and where; how to tie the fly; and when to use the fly. His knowledge was not limited just to the Magic Valley but was based on practical experience he gained from fishing throughout the West. But perhaps the best feature of his fly shop was the old cracker barrel atmosphere where tall tales were swapped, politics were cussed and discussed--all over a cup of coffee that was known to melt stirring spoons. Red will put on a fly tying program at our November meeting--don't miss it!!



NEWS

MVFF Needs Flies For Donation!

As we've done in the past, the MVFF will trade donations with the Hagerman chapter of Ducks Unlimited for their respective banquets. **Please bring a few flies to the banquet planning meeting.** We'll put all the flies in a nice fly box and give it to Hagerman DU for their dinner on Nov. 12, 2011. In turn, Hagerman DU will donate a print, decoy, etc. for our banquet in 2012. Please contact Chad Chorney at 420-4096 with questions or concerns.

While you're at it make a few extra flies to donate to the club. Whatever we collect from now until the banquet will be attached to a hat and auctioned off at the banquet.

Banquet Planning Meeting

Please plan to attend a banquet planning meeting on November 10, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the CSI Evergreen Building/University of Idaho Extension Office. Our first attempt to meet and begin making plans was unsuccessful as Rock Creek booked another group for the conference room. This will be the first time we get together as a club and decide what will take place at this years banquet. Please plan to attend.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011

featuring

Boots Allen

Boots Allen is the senior guide for *Snake River Angler* in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Each season he guides 100 plus days on Wyoming's Snake River and Green River, Idaho's South Fork of the Snake River, and in Yellowstone National Park. Boots is a three-time high scoring guide in the annual *Jackson Hole One-Fly Contest*, a top scoring angler in east Idaho's *Bass on the Fly* tournaments, an accomplished custom fly tier, and a writer with articles appearing in several regional and national fly fishing magazines. After completing his Ph.D in Sociology from the University of Texas in 2006, Boots shunned the world of academia and policy work so that he could focus his attention fulltime towards fly fishing. During the off-season, Boots fishes and guides around the world in places like Argentina, Costa Rica, Panama, Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, and British Columbia. He is a pro-staff member for Scott Rods and Clackacraft Drift Boats, and is the author of *Snake River Fly Fishing* (Amato Publications, 2010).



PHOTO GALLERY

Glenn Buscher, Megan Buscher (granddaughter) and Robert Norman enjoying a successful catch. Looks like Megan is following in her grandfathers foot steps.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

**Banquet planning meeting, November 10th, 2011, 5:30 p.m. @ CSI Evergreen Building/U of I Extension Office.

**Club Meeting, November 17th, 7:00p.m., Canyon Crest, Trailside Rm. Speaker: Red Montgomery.

December

**NO CLUB MEETING

**Christmas Party, December 3rd, 2011 will be held at the American Legion Hall (same place as last year). This years speaker is Boots Allen, a guide on the South Fork.

January

**NO CLUB MEETING

**Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo, January 13 & 14, 2012

**The 43rd Banquet and Membership Drive will be January 28th, 2012 at the Turf Club. Jim Teeny will be the featured speaker. Additional information will be provided at a later date. DONATIONS, DONATIONS, DONATIONS.....please start collecting donations for the banquet.

February

**Club Meeting, February 16th, 7:00p.m., Rock Creek Restaurant

March

**Club Meeting, March 15th, 7:00p.m., Rock Creek Restaurant



April

**Club Meeting, April 19th, 7:00p.m., Rock Creek Restaurant

**Eastern Idaho Fly Tying Expo, April 20 & 21, 2012

May

**Club Meeting, May 17th, 7:00p.m., Rock Creek Restaurant

June

**NO CLUB MEETING

**Casting for Recovery, June 8, 9, & 10, 2012, Living Waters Ranch, Challis, Idaho





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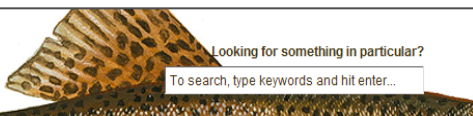
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MVFF Membership Renewal

If you were unable to attend the banquet in January 2011, but would like to remain a member of the Magic Valley Fly Fishers, don't forget to send in your annual membership dues to \$25.00. Payment, made out to MVFF, can be sent to: MVFF, PO Box 1037, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Send in your dues to make sure you receive our newsletter and don't miss out on all the club news, events, and outings. Our monthly meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Rock Creek Restaurant. Check out the club website at www.magicvalleyflyfishers.com, for some great photos and additional information.

Magic Valley Flyfishers



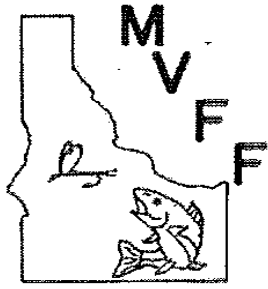
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Windknots

The Magic Valley Ducktails are Soliciting Donations!

The MV ducktails need your donations of old, new, or used fly-fishing and fly-tying gear. Any item is helpful: rods, reels, lines, leaders, flies, and fly-tying materials. Please consider making a donation to the MV Ducktails and help some kids get started in fly-fishing! Please contact Dennis Brauer (539-1882), Chad Chorney (420-4096), or Wilson Gray (324-7162) to help out with the Ducktails.



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