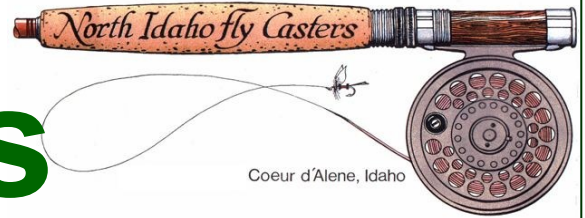


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We are the NIFC

Since 1977, the North Idaho Fly Casters Club has been dedicated to all facets of the sport of fly fishing by providing a wide range of educational, social, and conservation opportunities to the fly fishing enthusiast.

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Steelhead expert on hook for April



—Photo courtesy Bill Herzog

Bill Herzog cradles a steelhead landed recently in the Hoh River on the Olympic Peninsula in Western Washington.

Spey casting seminar signup made available

Tyler Nash, of Moscow-based **White Pine Out-fitters**, brought up some engaging and thought-provoking topics when going through his “Plan B fishing in a low-water year” presentation at the NIFC March meeting.



Speaker's Corner
By **MATT VALBUSA**

While Idaho doesn't have “hoot owl” restrictions to prohibit fishing when water temperatures are high, Tyler urged us to be conscious conservationists and stewards of local

streams. He advised us not to fish for trout in rivers when water temps approach 70 degrees or higher, or when flows are critically low.

Do your part to protect stressed trout from high mortality rates. Utilizing other water areas such as local lakes provides an abundance of easy access and other species of fish that deliver even greater rod action than river trout. As one guide put it to

[See SPEAKER, page 8](#)

Therapeutic effects of fly fishing are in action here

Rivers run through souls of those in need of calmness and healing



—Photo by Richard Birkett

The North Fork of the Coeur d’Alene River runs high in late March, belying an anticipated low-water season ahead.

I still hear about how the movie “A River Runs Through It” changed fly fishing by introducing the sport to millions of people who would not have otherwise known how cool it



President’s Message
By **RICHARD BIRKETT**

can be. Manufacturers and fly shops rode that to higher gear sales, and it became harder to find a fishing spot that wasn’t crowded at the more popular areas, like on the Gallatin, in Yellowstone, or on the Henry’s Fork. I bring this up because even though it’s been 34 years since that movie came out in 1992, Theresa and I have been watching “The Madison,” and it has its share of fly fishing too. I wonder how this may impact our sport as I have been

(big surprise, right?), plus the fact that it took place on the river by the same name, where I have been lucky enough to fish. Also since this was created by Taylor Sheridan, I expected some “Yellowstone”-type action in the western outdoors. But in between the family drama and the changes they were going through, it was the healing process found by a few of the characters while on the river that caught our attention. I don’t want to spoil the show for anyone, so suffice it to say that only the father was the fly fisher, and the rest of the family did not participate in any way, but they learned how important it was to him after he passes. They found that it was more than his annual vacation, and saw it was therapeutic for him. His wife found out how fly fishing was more than catching fish, and why he was trying to get her to also experience the connection he had to the river, the scenery and the art of fly fishing.



That brings me to the therapeutic effects of fly fishing. As you may be aware we are active as a club in a variety of ways sharing fly fishing with a number of groups in our area. Our volunteer members support

hearing people talk about it often, including comments on how fly fishing looks so relaxing.

“The Madison” is only six shows. (And who knows if it will continue?) Now, I am about as far away from a film critic as you can get, so my interest first was the fly fishing

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CLUB NEWS

NEXT CLUB PROGRAM

NIFC holds dinner meetings on the third Thursday of each month from September through May. The next meeting is:

April 16, 2026
Coeur d'Alene Inn
506 W. Appleway Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Wet Fly Hour at 5 p.m.
 Dinner at 6 p.m.
 Meeting at 7 p.m.

Presentation: Bill "Metal God" Herzong, steelhead expert, author, and speaker will share his perspective shaped by nearly four decades of cold mornings and hard-fighting fish. See Speaker's Corner, [page 1](#), for more info on the program.

Dinner options for the April meeting are **Salisbury Steak** OR a **Vegetarian Platter**.

Reservations and dinner choices can be made by emailing craigpbaumann@gmail.com
 The meal price is \$28.

Please RSVP and indicate your menu choice.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 13 at 9 a.m.

Payment for dinner cancellations will be the responsibility of the member after that date.

Please pay for dinner at the door with cash, check or card. A 75 cent card-use fee will be added on.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

2025-2026 club dues can be mailed to:

North Idaho Fly Casters
 P.O. Box 1698
 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-1698

Annual Membership Dues:

\$65 — Family/Single/Senior
 \$100 — Corporate/Business

The current membership year is September 2025 through August 2026.



MERCHANDISE

To order something with the NIFC Logo printed on it, call Patrick Smith at (480) 374-0218 or email smith.patrick075@gmail.com

Spey rod drawing cards are on sale



—Photo by Dave Londeree

This Spey rod will be raffled off at the May 21 NIFC meeting. Tickets are \$5 per card.

By DAVE LONDEREE

Our club was gifted a beautiful ECHO 12-foot 6-inch, 6-weight Spey rod. The rod is brand new and has never been fished.

We are going to raffle it off at \$5 per card. You may purchase as many cards as

you want.

See me at the meetings or contact me via email at dlonderee@roadrunner.com.

I will pick a card at random and put your name on the card for you.

We will pick a winner at the May 21 club meeting. Good luck to all.

MARCH 2026 RAFFLE

PRIZE	DONOR	WINNER
S'mores	Ron Smith	Chris Ford
McCallan Scotch Whisky	Al Baldrige	Mel Wimmer
Hackles	Joe King	Dave Londeree
Whiskey Decanter	Terry Wallgren	David Heberer
Silver Bow Box & Flies	Mark Vehr	Brad Kerr
Waders & Storage Bag	Bob Clark	Doug Fraser
Fly of the Month & Materials	Howard Fennimore	Mike McLean
Fly Materials	Bud Frasca	Ed Santos
Triple Chip Cookies	Christina Haynes	Mel Wimmer
Glove Hot Pad	Doris Londeree	Mike Steiner
N/W Outfitters Gift Certificate	Wayne Hudlemeyer	Wayne Schumecher
Books	Joe King	Mike McLean
Castaway Gift Certificate	Skip Quade	Dave Londeree



If you have anything to donate to the club for the monthly dinner meeting raffle, give Dave Gillmor a call at (208) 920-9000 or email him at davegillmor@gmail.com.

Elections set for three club positions

NIFC wants YOU

By **RICHARD BIRKETT**

Our club has always thrived because of the passion, dedication, and volunteer spirit of our members. As we look ahead to the coming year, we're seeking enthusiastic individuals to help guide and support our community.

Elections will be held on May 21. Right now, however, we need your nominations to build a slate of candidates. Our April 16 meeting will include a request for nominations from the attendees, but if you are not able to make the meeting, you can reach out to any board member with your nomination ahead of time.

Nominations can be for any position, but these three are particularly important to fill, including:

- President
- Vice President
- Program Director

The roles of President and Vice President are especially vital to ensuring

the continued success and growth of our club. If you care about our fishing community and want to help shape its future, we strongly encourage you to consider stepping forward. These positions receive the full support of the board, which includes past President's



and VP's, so there are nearby resources at all times.

Whether you'd like to nominate a fellow member or self-nominate, your participation is what keeps our

club strong.

You don't need prior board experience—just a willingness to contribute, collaborate, and support the club.

This is your chance to:

- Give back to a community you enjoy.
- Help plan events and programs.
- Keep our traditions alive while bringing in fresh ideas.
- Connect more deeply with fellow anglers.

If you have questions about any position or what's involved, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Birthday Wishes

APRIL

- Binnie Maher**
April 5
- Deb Harder**
April 13
- Dave Gillmor**
April 14
- Cathy McLaughlin**
April 15
- Derek Darst**
April 15
- John Mowery**
April 21
- Stephen Sommer**
April 23

MAY

- Bob Beardslee**
May 1
- Bob Seddon**
May 1
- Matt Valbusa**
May 2
- Jessee Fraser**
May 5
- Valerie Hodge**
May 7
- Katie Walters**
May 7
- Marisha Lowe**
May 14
- Tom Christopher**
May 14
- Mike Steiner**
May 15
- John Crossland**
May 15
- Jim Rogers**
May 17
- Dick West**
May 17
- Kay Nelson**
May 21
- Stephan Speer**
May 21
- Adam Borg**
May 21

Please share your Tips & Tales



Help us continue to create an interesting and fun-to-read newsletter by submitting stories and/or photos of your fly fishing adventures.

Flies & Lies editor Mike McLean (a retired, but not expired outdoors writer), can set up a time to interview and transcribe your account for you.

Even let Mike know if you have a tip about a club member or friend who has a story worth sharing.

Mike can be contacted at mclmik@hotmail.com, or (509) 842-6590.

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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June 2026

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CALENDAR

April 2026

- 5th — **Easter**
- 9th — **Board Meeting**
- 13th — **RSVP for Dinner Meet**
- 16th — **Dinner Meeting**
- 22nd — **Earth Day**




May 2026

- 10th — **Mother's Day**
- 14th — **Board meeting**
- 18th — **RSVP for Dinner Meet**
- 21st — **Dinner Meeting**
- 25th — **Memorial Day**

June 2026

- 11th — **Board Meeting**
- 14th — **Flag Day**
- 19th — **Juneteenth**
- 21st — **Father's Day**





PROJECT HEALING WATERS
EST. 2005

VFW meeting room
 406 N 4th Street,
 Coeur d'Alene, ID

10:00 a.m. — 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Open to all veterans.
 You do not need to be a veteran
 to volunteer your services.

Brian Saks, Program Lead (208) 561-1375
brian.saks@projecthealingwaters.org

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Fly of the Month: Courtesy of Dave Londeree

PURPLE HAZE

HOOK: #12-10 Standard Dry Fly

THREAD: Purple 8/0

TAIL: Moose body Hair

BODY: Purple Sexi Floss

POST: White EP Fibers

DUBBING: Purple Euro Dub

WING: Grizzly (or Purple)

Tying steps:

1. Pinch the barb flat and mount the hook in your vise.
2. Dress the hook shank from one eye length back to the bend.
3. Cut six to eight strands of the moose hair from the patch. Clean and stack the hair. Measure the tail to be equal in length as the hook shank. Tie the tail to the "TOP" of the hook shank at three hook eyes back from the eye to the bend.
4. Using one piece of the Sexi Floss, tie it to the hook shank in the same place as the tail (with the floss hanging back toward the vise).
5. Pull a small amount of the EP Fibers from the package. (Equal to the hook eye when twisted.) Tie the post to the hook shank just in front of the tail. Cut the excess fibers at an angle behind the post. Hold the fibers up. Wrap thread around the post about 1/8-inch up.



6. Add a sparse amount of dubbing to the thread. Form a thorax behind and in front of the post covering the bottom of the hook shank.
7. Remove about 1/4-inch of the barbules from the butt end of the hackle's shaft. Place the hackle shaft to the post with the shaft up. Bind the hackle shaft to the front of the fibers to stand the post up. Wrap thread around the base of the post about 1/16-inch to strengthen the post. Return the thread to the front of the post.
8. Wrap the Sexi Floss around the hook shank, stretching the floss a little and easing up as you move forward to form a

slight taper. Wrap the floss up to one eye length back from the hook eye. Tie off the floss and cut off the excess. Return the post.

Wrap the hackle around the post from about 1/8-inch up, winding down seven or eight wraps to the base of the post. Tie the hackle to the post with thread three or four tight wraps. Whip finish around the base of the post. Cut the thread and excess hackle from the fly. You can turn the fly around and add a drop of head cement if you want.



FLY OF THE MONTH BOOKLET

A collection of five years of the Fly of the Month in booklet form is still available. The booklet is filled from cover to cover with flies from the vice of Jim Rogers and a few from Dave Londeree. It can be yours for \$25 plus postage, or you can pick them up at the next club meeting.

Contact: Dave Londeree at
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 or 208-946-6631

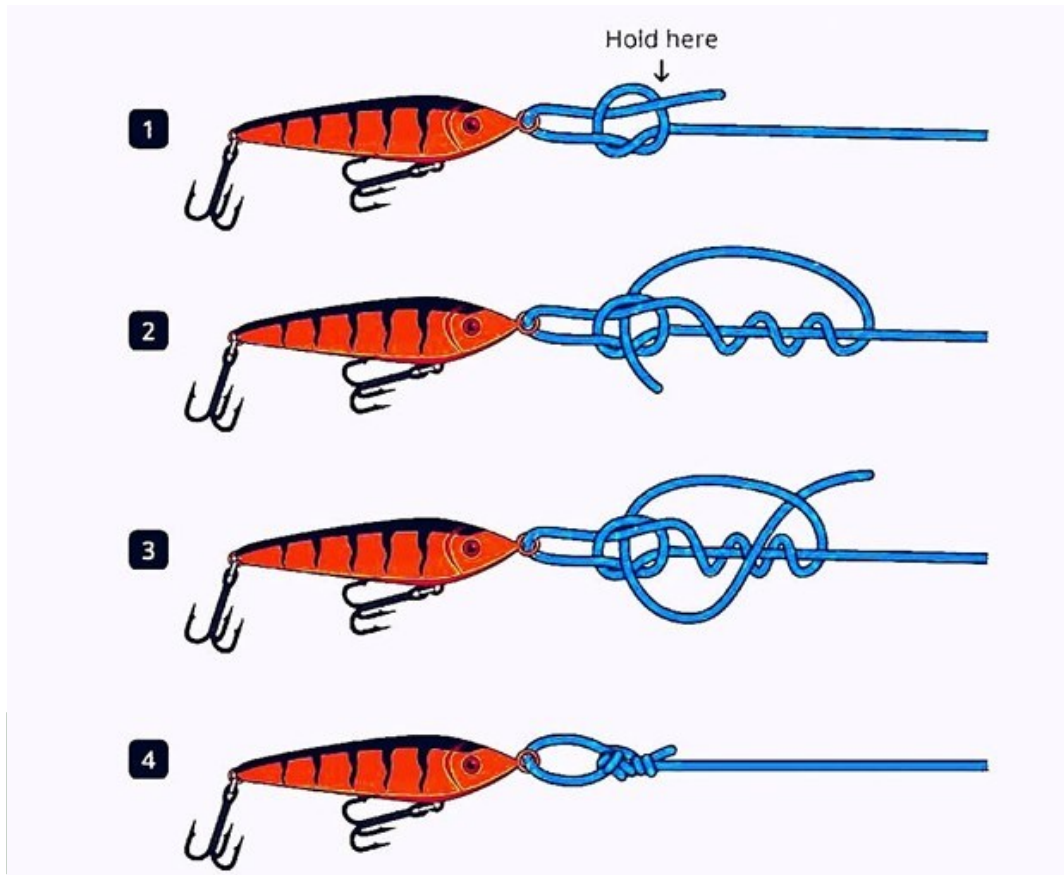
Knots to Know

By DAVE LONDEREE

RAPALA KNOT



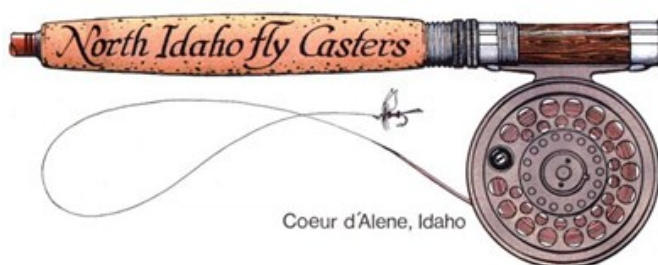
The Rapala Knot is a very good knot to attach your fly or lure to the leader or tippet. It is easily tied and a very strong knot.



Club Name Badges Available

You may have noticed club members sporting name badges adorned with the club logo and the owner's name.

These badges are beautiful, a real work of art.



To order one of these badges, please contact Pat Smith at the meeting. He will place your order.

The cost is

\$15 for a badge with a magnetic fastener and \$12 for one with a pin back.

Volunteers sought for youth fly tying/fishing

By DAVE LONDEREE

We will be teaching fly tying again this spring at Lake City, Priest River and Timberlake high schools and fishing at the Silverwood Pond.

Priest River High School fly tying will be on April 27 & 28. No fishing date is set yet.

Timberlake fly tying is set for May 11, casting on May 12, and fishing on May 13.

Lake City fishing will be May 21 & 27.

If you would like to help with this effort, please contact Dave Londeree at (208) 946-6631 or dlonderee@roadrunner.com.

Streamkeepers wanted

We are seeking someone, or a few people, to be our streamkeepers.

Streamkeeper duties include selecting site and dates; providing details to members, including dates, camping options, and fishing options; providing one meal (either lunch or dinner) to attendees as part of a pot luck.

Past streamkeepers, including [Mel Wimmer](#), [Tom McLaughlin](#), and [Mark Vehr](#) can provide guidance. You might want to get a buddy or two to share in the duties.

Contact [Richard Birkett](#) if interested.

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me, “The tug is the drug,” and smallmouth bass on a fly rig can provide that action.

Tyler also provided a signup sheet for those members interested in trout Spey or Spey casting in general seminars. If interested, give White Pine Outfitters a call at (208) 883-3900 and get on the list.

April’s meeting will feature Bill Herzog, extraordinary Pacific Northwest-based Spey caster, expert steelhead fly tyer, and author.

Here is some info Bill supplied about himself:

“I’ve been a part of the steelheading community for nearly 37 years. We live in a small world, this thing of ours, and we practically all know each other. In a nutshell, I’ve been a freelance writer, rod tester and representative, lure maker, radio personality, and seminar speaker for a majority of that time.

“Most know who I am, but what no one knows is how I got here. I can thank a 14-pound Nisqually River steelhead for it all. Back in April of ’84, I caught a perfect native male steelhead in the Kahuna Hole on the south Sound’s Nisqually. I was going to release it, as it had a bit of color and I did not want to pack it out a mile to the truck. As I reached down, there next to the dorsal was a red/white disc tag with Japanese script. It wouldn’t pull off, so I reluctantly

killed the fish, just to see where the tag came from.

“I sent the tag to the University of Washington fisheries with a note. Terry Rudnick, who worked for the UW, called me with nothing short of amazing news. It seems my steelhead was captured, tagged and released by a Japanese squidding vessel off Adak Island in the Aleutians seven months earlier. This fish had traveled a bit over 2,700 miles, making it the longest recorded traveling steelhead ever, just beating out a fish from Dworshak hatchery on the Clearwater in Idaho.

“Well folks, the national media got wind of this, I have newspaper (remember newspapers?) clippings from Texas, New York, and even Germany. The Today Show and Paul Harvey covered the TV and radio end of the story. The kicker was not just the fact this was a long-distance record steelhead, but when the UW asked for a scale sample (this is the part the media went gaga for) I told them I could pluck one off the barbecue for you ...

“As with all things steelhead, the Godfather, Frank Amato, of Amato Publications, contacted me and asked if I would do a short piece about my fish. Star struck and a bit overwhelmed that this man wanted anything from someone like me, I sent him a short story, and it was printed in the winter issue of Salmon Trout Steelheader. I was sent a check for \$50 and a small, hand-written note. Mr. Amato was pleased with

my writing style and asked if I had anything else I would like to contribute to his magazine. The rest, as they say ...”

Don’t forget the next NIFC meeting is Thursday, April 16, at the Coeur d’Alene Inn. See Club News on [page 3](#) for the program time and meal options.

Lastly, at the March meeting, Rich discussed how NIFC is looking for enthusiastic individuals to take the batons to fill three

pending vacancies for club positions. One position is the Program Coordinator that I currently fill. This is a great opportunity for an interested individual (or possibly two) to engage further into the fly fishing world, meet some super great folks, and be totally appreciated for the effort put forward to make the meetings enjoyable and informational and to get to know your fellow club members a little better.

We have gone on fishing trips together, arranged and attended skill building seminars and just had a great time on the local waters. The possibilities are endless, and hopefully some new directions can be taken by some willing folks to step-



—Photo by Mike McLean

Tyler Nash, of White Pine Outfitters, discusses alternative local fly fishing options.

up and carry on. If you enjoy the club, are willing to keep it moving forward, and you have some good ideas to develop, I encourage you to get ahold of club President, Rich Birkett at (208) 660-1975 or birkettstl@gmail.com and let him know of your interest.

By the way, I have a total package set up for approaching potential speakers and have three spots already filled for the next round of 2026-27 meetings.

So the transition would be relatively easy to assume the role of NIFC Program Coordinator. Give it some thought, you would be totally appreciated for filling the role.

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teaching fly tying and fly fishing to members of Project Healing Waters (our local veterans), The Mayfly Project (our local foster youth), Casting for Recovery (our local breast cancer survivors), and several area high schools (our local students). There exists an exchange of knowledge that transfers from an experienced fly fisher to a newbie, which results in a new experience. We often only see a smile, or it becomes a question that leads to a conversation. But the result we see is more confidence.

Diving a bit deeper, I did some research and found a few studies that measured the impact of fly fishing. Starting with two of the groups mentioned above, Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters. CfR mentions their retreats which include oncology and psychological professionals to help women recovering from cancer treatments. Fly fishing is helpful in exercising soft muscle tissue damaged by radiation and/or surgery (American Fly Fishing Museum **Heritage Award** Given to Casting for Recovery, 2010). CfR was based on an idea by Dr. Benita Walton, a breast reconstruction surgeon, and Gwenn Perkins, a former Orvis casting instructor. Together they designed the program and started with four retreats in 1998.

Project Healing Waters uses fly fishing as an intervention for active military and veterans. Using fly tying, casting, fishing and rod building, PHW has found a way to increase post-traumatic growth and a sense of belonging. This organization began in 2005 and has grown to over 7,000 participants.



The Harvard Medical School published a paper in 2015 titled “**Fly Fishing and the Brain.**” They point to studies that show that 38 million people participate in fly fishing. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) is quoted as saying “that among the people in this country hope to take up fly-fishing and other forms of angling, 38 percent say they see fishing as a means to relax and relieve stress.” Stress comes from our perceived threats to our well-being, which come from a variety of directions throughout our lives. They continue to write that a relaxation response helps to change how a person responds to stress, including reduction in blood pressure and, in some

cases, reduction in blood pressure medication. Fly fishing was found as a “beautiful way” to evoke the relaxation response. They also mention that the RBFF published another study in 2009, documenting the results from a fly fishing retreat on veterans, which showed an increase in sleep quality and reductions in PTSD symptoms.

It isn’t surprising to me that relaxation takes place when fly fishing when I see people putting away the electronics. But I have found that fly fishing takes my mind to another place, away from distractions and the daily demands we all have. I bet that when you have a fish on the line, you aren’t thinking about having to go shopping, get the car repaired, or having to face a problem that’s been bugging you, right? It goes further though. Building your first rod and using it on the water takes more time than landing a fish, but it also opens up more time away from those same

demands. Tying flies ranges from learning how to tie your first pattern over a few minutes to learning many techniques and multiple patterns. Again, more hours away from the persistent worries, and better relaxation. The result, just like in the Harvard article, is creating a better relaxation response. I would argue it also creates a healthier lifestyle.

Several of our club members also point to other examples the time spent with someone new to fly fishing resulted in smiles, laughs, and amazement – all excellent examples of relaxation. Whether it was a veteran or a foster youth, fly fishing is the common theme by a number of organizations to help treat stress. That is our first priority, but we hope that they continue to carry on with their fly fishing journey and maybe, just maybe, find a permanent solution to help them along the way!

Finally, I have been getting the itch to get out on the water again, only the levels have risen thanks once again to our rain and warmer weather doing their best to melt what little snow we have in a hurry. I don’t know if you also share the drive to get out on the water, but I am sure that many of us do because we talk about it often.

I spent the last Friday of March on the North Fork planning on seeing how the river has changed and hoping to catch some fish. The water was high and the animals were out. Nobody else was fishing that I saw, so it had the potential for a relaxing day, yet challenging given the fast current. The water temp was 40 and the river was running 3,400 cfs at Prichard, but the elk, deer and turkeys were plentiful and it was a perfectly blue sky. I’ll be back out there again very soon!



Water Resource Info

Suggestions from our readers

Regional Fly Shops:

Northwest Outfitters Orvis 208-667-2707

2171 N. Main St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Castaway Fly Shop 208-765-3133

1114 N 4th St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Castaway Outfitters 208-682-2929

1560 Coeur d'Alene River Rd., Kingston, Idaho

North 40 Fly Shop 208-666-0506

170 E Kathleen Ave., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Silver Bow 509-924-9998

13210 E Indiana Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

Links to Fishing Reports:

<https://nwoutfitters.com/river-reports>

<https://www.silverbowflyshop.com/fishingreports/>

Weather:

National Weather Service/NOAA

<https://forecast.weather.gov/>

Information (Regs/Maps):

IDFG North Fork Coeur d'Alene River

<https://idfg.idaho.gov/ifwis/fishingplanner/water/1162568475573>

<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/>

Associations:

North Idaho Fly Casters

<https://www.northidahoflycasters.com>

Fly Fishers International

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org>

River Flows:

USGS North Fork Coeur d'Alene River @ Prichard

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/id/nwis/uv/?site_no=12411000

North Fork Coeur d'Alene River @ Enaville

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/id/nwis/uv/?site_no=12413000

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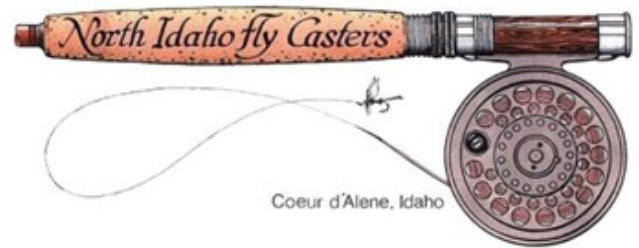
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North Idaho Fly Casters club bylaws are available upon request to the Secretary.

The Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of the month.

NIFC Board Minutes Submitted by RICHARD BIRKETT, President

Date: March 12, 2026
 Time: 5:30 p.m.
 Location: Brewscape – 9551 U.S. 95, Hayden, ID 83835



1. Call to Order
2. Social
 - A. Speaker Schedule

Meeting Date	Topic	Speaker	Notes
2/19/2026	Clark Fork Trout	Danner Haskins	Owner, Clark Fork Trout
3/19/2026	Warm Water Fishing	Tyler Nash	White Pines Outfitters
4/16/2026	Swinging Flies for Steelhead	Bill Herzog	Author and Photographer
5/21/2026	Kootenai River	Leanna Young	Guide, The Last Resort

- B. Hidden Creek Fishout, July 11
- C. TU Panhandle Discussion
 - a. Potential joint meeting discussion
 - iii. TU and NIFC will explore possible partnering with IDFG and advise of potential options.
3. Educational
 - A. Trout Spey Class by Steve Bird
 - a. Rich working on venue. Will be in area.
 - b. Date, price, etc. to come.
 - B. High School Fly Tying and Casting
 - a. Priest River HS
 - i. April 20-21 — Fly Tying and Casting
 - b. Lake City HS
 - i. May 21 & 27
 - c. Dave L to send out announcement on date to prep tying kits.
 - C. Rod building class
 - a. Delayed as several folks in PHW are waiting for rod kits. Anticipate early April'ish. Will advise.
4. Conservation
 - A. Prichard Day Use Area Project UPDATE
 - a. USFS Meeting Notes and Discussion
 - i. Short version: USFS has no money and little staff. Wants us to take over as project designer. We refused.
 - ii. Attendees included Friends of the River Coalition, TU, and NIFC.
5. Other
 - A. Elections
 - a. Plan for election of new President and VP.
 - b. Send out more communications.
 - B. Finance
 - a. Financial Reports Review
 - i. Motion to accept: Dave. Second: Craig. Unanimous.
 - C. Regular Meeting Agenda
 - i. Tyler Nash, White Pines Outfitters
 - D. Next Board meeting: April 9
6. Adjourn

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