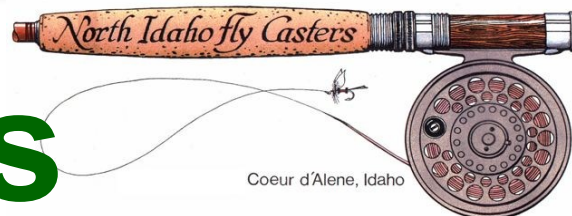


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Flies & Lies



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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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Annual dues are due

It's that time again! Dues for the upcoming year are due by Sept. 30. Individual dues cover the immediate family at \$65 per year. Payment can be made either at the meeting or by mailing a check to: NIFC, PO Box 1698, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816. Thank you!

Program to target bass, carp



—Photo courtesy Drew Evans
Drew Evans, pictured here, will describe the "drag-n-drop" method for successful carp hookups at the Sept. 17 meeting.

Overlooked fish can yield action like exotics

The first membership meeting of North Idaho Fly Casters' 2026-27 year will be Sept. 17, with Drew Evans as the featured speaker. strategies for success throughout the year, as well as insights into using light Spey setups for bass, an approach that's both effective and exciting.

Born and raised Lewis -Clark Valley, Drew is the former Manager of [House of Fly](#), in Lewiston, Idaho, the House of Fly American Small Batch Curator, and Marketing and Content Coordinator at House of Fly.

His presentation will offer a deep dive into the basic essentials of targeting bass and carp on the fly. Starting with bass, Drew will cover the key gear and rigging techniques for targeting fish in all three water columns. He'll share

**Get ready
for an engaging
session
filled with
valuable tips,
techniques,
and passion.**

When shifting focus to carp, Drew will share his personal obsession with these challenging and rewarding fish, highlighting the importance of this fishery. He'll cover the basics of gear and rigging, how to locate carp on a flat without spooking them and introduce the essential "drag-n-drop" technique for successful hookups. Drews also will discuss the annual Jurassic Flats Carp Clave, an

[See PROGRAM, page 6](#)

NIFC President passes baton after five years

Wayne Huddlemeyer to take over for Richard Birkett as club leader

Well, it's time to turn this over to Wayne Huddlemeyer as our new President. Since this will be my last "President's Message," I wanted to touch on a few items coming up at NIFC, plus some comments about the general state of fly fishing.

You might recall that our elections included some new officers, including Wayne.



Unfortunately Ron Smith had a change in plans, but fortunately, Pat Smith agreed to remain as Vice President.

Additional changes, which you will see in the September newsletter, include Doug Fraser

as our new Programs Director (Thank you Doug!). Doug volunteered recently and will be working with Matt Valbusa to

fill out the calendar with speakers. Our Conservation Director position remains open at this time. A few members fill in on a variety of projects and topics but we do not have a dedicated person. If you are interested, please let us know.

Our speaker schedule includes Drew Evans, from Lewiston and the House of Fly. Drew will be on the agenda for September. October's speaker is someone who has been seen by many of us on YouTube and other places. He has traveled to a number of fishing spots around the Pacific Northwest (and elsewhere) under the name Ladin Langeman aka "Fishing with Ladin." I'm sure that these gentlemen will be entertaining and interesting to all of our members!

A few members have asked about Fly Fishing 101. We have also had four people, all of whom are not yet members, interested in learning about fly fishing as a way to learn



—Photo courtesy Richard Birkett

Richard Birkett, shown here with a Belize tarpon, leaves office with this message: "Just do it! Get out there and try to make it happen."

President's Message

By RICHARD BIRKETT

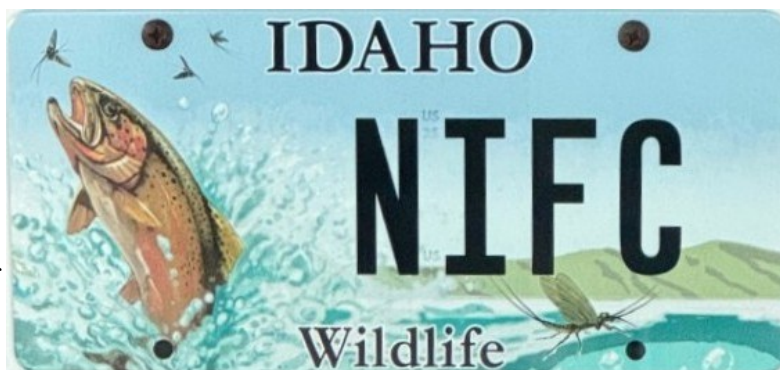
something new or reconnect with their past. The Board has discussed conducting this again early next year, so I'll throw this out as an early "heads up" if anyone has interest or questions. Look for an announcement once we get the details ironed out.

Onward to fly fishing. This summer has been one to remember and forget. Water levels are perhaps the lowest in a very long time. A part of the Spokane River literally disappeared, after the Post Falls Dam reduced output to the legal minimum. Our beloved North Fork Coeur d'Alene runs today at 68 cubic feet per second at the Prichard station. That's a measly 1 foot! So what's a fly fisher to do?

Well, it's not hopeless. Shift gears

and move on to other species and waters. Change the time of day and go earlier, maybe come home sooner too. We have plenty of warm water species, like smallmouth bass in many of our lakes and rivers for example, and they are

[See PRESIDENT, page 6](#)



Seen in the Coeur d'Alene area! Something tells us that this person just might know something about fly fishing. If you see him, ask him your burning questions on fly tying and fly fishing! Bonus double extra points for finding out who he is too!

Fly of the Month: Courtesy of Dave Londeree

FREDDY

HOOK: #10 3X Long 1X Strong

UNDERBODY: Ice Dubbing UV

THREAD: Tan 6/0

BODY: Top: Brown Foam

Middle: Tan foam

Bottom: Tan Furry Foam

LEGS: Round Rubber

POST: Para Post Wig (Orange)

Tying Steps:

1. Cut the Brown and Tan 2mm Craft Foam to fit the Furry Foam. Using spray adhesive on both the brown and tan. Let the adhesive dry then stick them together. The furry foam needs to be pulled apart. Then spray adhesive to the Tan Foam and the back side of the furry foam. Be careful placing them together, once they touch, they are stuck.
2. Cut the body shape with a punch if you have one. If you don't have a punch, cut the shape with scissors rounding the tail end.
3. Pinch the hook barb flat and mount the hook in your vise.
4. Dress the hook with thread from the eye to the hook bend.
5. Make a dubbing noodle and wrap the hook shank from the eye to the bend.
6. Add a drop of super glue right at the bend. Place the foam body on the hook shank so the tail hangs over about a hook gap behind the hook. While holding the body in place, take five or six wraps of thread to bind the body to the hook.
7. Attach the rubber legs to both sides of the body. Lift the remaining body up and move your thread half way to the hook eye. Add another drop of super glue and hold the body to the shank. Tie the body to the hook with five or six wraps of thread.
8. Tie on another set of rubber legs. Double the Para Post material and tie it to the top of the fly. Move the thread to the hook eye and whip finish.



NOTE:

Thank you to Leeanna Young for showing us the Freddy at April club meeting. The Freddy is a high floater and can support a heavy dropper.

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
dlonderee@roadrunner.com
 or 208-946-6631



**FLIES OF THE
MONTH
2015-2019**

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

CALENDAR



September 2026

7th — Labor Day
 10th — Board Meeting
 14th — RSVP for Dinner Meet
 17th — Dinner Meeting

October 2026

8th — Board Meeting
 12th — RSVP for Dinner Meet
 15th — Dinner Meeting
 31st — Halloween



November 2026

12th — Board Meeting
 16th — RSVP for Dinner Meet
 19th — Dinner Meeting
 26th — Thanksgiving

Birthday Wishes

SEPTEMBER

Benita Galland
 September 2
Richard Birkett
 September 10
Doris Londeree
 September 11
Ed Lider
 September 14
Joyce Lider
 September 15
Carol Waters
 September 15
Dennis Cada
 September 17
Patti Holman
 September 21
Tom McLaughlin
 September 24
David Hodge
 September 27

OCTOBER

Jane Shipley
 October 1
Marsha Pina
 October 2
Bill Wolfe
 October 6
Lamar Bennett
 October 31
Bonnie Boehm
 October 31
Sylvia Bach
 October 31



CLUB NEWS

NEXT CLUB PROGRAM

NIFC holds dinner meetings on the third Thursday of each month from September through May.

The next meeting is:

Sept 17, 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.

Program at 7 p.m.

The program presenter will be Drew Evans, of House of Fly, in Lewiston, who will focus on essentials of targeting bass and carp on the fly.

Dinner options for the September meeting are **Jack Daniel's Steak OR a Vegetarian Platter**. The meal price is \$28.

Please RSVP and indicate your menu choice.

Reservations and dinner choices can be made by emailing craigpbaumann@gmail.com

Deadline for reservations is 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14.

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

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 2026 through August 2027.

MERCHANDISE



To order items with the NIFC logo, contact:

Patrick Smith

480-374-0218 or email

smith.patrick075@gmail.com

Youth fly tying, fishing volunteers needed

By DAVE LONDEREE

It's that time of year again to teach in the local high schools. This fall we will be at Lake City, Timberlake and Priest River high schools and fishing at the Silverwood Pond.

Priest River H.S. fly tying will be Oct. 5 and 6. The fishing date is yet to be determined.

Lake City H.S. fly tying will be Oct. 14 and 15, and fishing will be Oct. 26 and 27.

Timberlake H.S. fly tying will be Oct. 21 and 22, and fishing will be Oct. 23.

We will need a lot of help for all events. If you want to join in on the fun, contact me at 208-946-6631.

RAFFLES

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

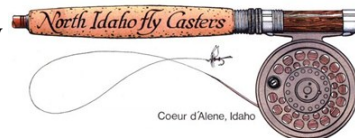
The monthly raffles are major fund raising events for the club.

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 a real work of art. To order one of these badges, contact



Pat Smith at the next meeting.

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

Payment is due at the time of order.



PROJECT EST. 2005
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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

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Meeting Date	Topic	Speaker	Confirmed	Affiliation
Sept. 17	Fly Fishing for Carp & Bass	Drew Evans	Yes	House of Flies, Lewiston
Oct. 15	Our Favorite Trout Towns	Ladin Langeman	Yes	"Fishing with Ladin" TV show
Nov. 19	TBD			
Jan. 21	30 Years floating Middle Fork of the Salmon River	Gary McDannel	Yes	NIFC club member

event that supports the growth of freshwater flats fishing and why it's so important for the community.

Get ready for an engaging session filled with valuable tips, techniques, and the passion that drives Drew's love for these unique species.

Whether he's chasing hard-fighting carp, smallmouth bass, or steelhead in the Lewis-Clark Valley, or hunting for the elusive bull trout and west slope cutthroat, Drew is always in pursuit of

the next fish. Beyond the local waters, he takes anglers on unforgettable experiences through House of Fly's hosted trips. These range from sight casting for redfish and sheepshead on the sun-drenched flats of Texas to exploring the world-class bonefish, permit, and tarpon fisheries of Belize and the Bahamas.

With a passion for fishing and a sense of adventure, Drew makes every trip an exciting journey on and off the

water.

The program was arranged by outgoing Program Director Matt Valbusa, who has also lined up presenters for a couple of upcoming meetings. Incoming NIFC Programs Director is Doug Fraser. See Club Officers & Committees on [page 8](#).

Don't forget the next NIFC meeting is Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Coeur d'Alene Inn. See Club News on [page 5](#) for more info about the meeting.

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hungry!

Times like this are perfect for finding something new to try. How about poppers? If you have not tried these, they are perfect for bass, but they also work on panfish and pike. It also helps us get over that desire to use dry flies and the wonderful surface action that they provide when we fish for trout.

Then there are the terrestrials. Hopper fishing isn't only for trout, and hoppers aren't the only terrestrials. Ants are prevalent now, and beetles are found flying around too. Find some over-hanging

trees or bushes and throw one of these under-neath the branches and you just might find a fish or two.

The real message here is to just do it! Get out there and try to make it happen. It might take a bit of sun-

screen, a good hat, and some protective clothing, but you'll find it's always better than staying at home. Besides, tying flies and looking at fishing videos are for the wintertime,

right?

I'll stop here, but not without thanking you all for a fun time these past five years. Wayne is a super guy and will do a tremendous job as your new President. Thanks and see you around!

The club's Conservation Director position remains open. Please let us know if you're interested.



How to get our newsletter

The North Idaho Fly Casters newsletter, is emailed monthly to club members who are current on their dues.

The NIFC website also hosts the current newsletter, which is available to the public.

Archived newsletters, Fly of the Month articles, and Board info are available via the club website to current members.

For the current issue, access the website at www.NorthIdahoFlyCasters.com and click on the Newsletter tab near the top of the page.

For member access to archived newsletters: Log in, click on the Dashboard tab, and click on the newsletter bar that's below the "Welcome members!" greeting.

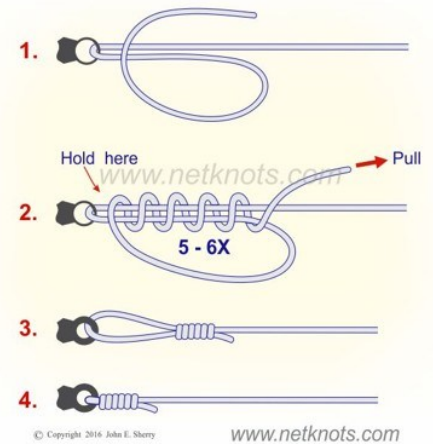
Contact Rich Birkett at birkettstl@gmail.com to ask questions or report problems.

Knots to Know By DAVE LONDEREE UNI KNOT



The Uni Knot is another great knot to attach the tippet or leader to your fly, hook, tippet ring, swivel or lure. It is easy to tie and holds tight. You can trust this knot.

NOTE: Each month we will show a new knot. Proper knots are very important and need to be tied well. I will pick a knot and have the instructions on the page. If there is a special knot you would like to learn, let me know. I'll do my best to have it for you.



NIFC Board Minutes Submitted by RICHARD BIRKETT, President

Date: Aug. 13, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Brewscape – 9551 U.S. 95, Hayden, ID 83835

I. Call to Order

II. Social

A. Fishouts

1. Idea from Pat for potential fishout activity – Casting skills
 - a. Pat conducting research as to potential equipment needs

B. New: Lochsa River, Summer 2027

III. Educational

IV. Conservation

1. Prichard Day Use Area Project
 - a. Met with stakeholders at USFS
 - i. USFS agreed to take next steps for scheduling of work
 - b. Mark published notes from meeting: "This was a positive meeting and a lot of progress was made. Holly indicated the project would be moving forward and presented at the "small NEPA project" meeting later this month. It would also be going in the queue for the various "consultations" that are required.
2. Hudlow Meadows Rehab Project w/TU (Cathy Gidley, North Idaho Program Manager)
 - a. As of April 20: Construction set to start in July. Structures/planting set to start in Fall.

V. Other

A. Financial statements

1. Motion, Rich: Accept financial statements for June and July; Second, Dave. Unanimous.

B. VP replacement for Ron Smith

1. Pat Smith graciously offered, and we agreed to restore him as VP.

C. Netrekk (<https://www.netrekk.com/nets>)

1. Company: Albuquerque, NM. Owner: Jerry Hicks. Only sells direct.
2. Nets are collapsible, telescoping, double as wading staff in most cases, has own bag for packing.
3. What's in it for us?
 - a. NIFC members can get a discount
 - b. The club can earn money
4. Motion: Approve up to \$150 to purchase two nets w/50% discount for club use (Mark). 2nd: Wayne. Dave L. Abstain.
5. Agreed to send out email to all members offering 10% discount AND include mention of pool and use for club activities.

D. Joint meeting with Panhandle TU

1. Jan. 21, 2027
2. Bob H. provided The Fly Shop as potential speaker
3. Additional thoughts:
 - a. Sell tickets in advance
 - b. Get top speaker
 - c. May have to seek venue depending on headcount

E. Discussion on Silverwood: New ownership and subsequent changes led us to be concerned about future access for our youth fly fishing. Looks like we will be okay for at least this Fall.

F. Next Board meeting: Sept. 10

VI. Adjourn

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

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Fly Fishers International

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River Flows:

USGS North Fork Coeur d'Alene River @ Prichard

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

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Committees

New Programs Director



Please welcome your new Programs Director, Doug Fraser!

Doug raised his hand and offered to help us secure speakers for our membership meetings. It's always great to have people volunteer to have some fun while working to make NIFC run better. Thanks Doug for pitching in!

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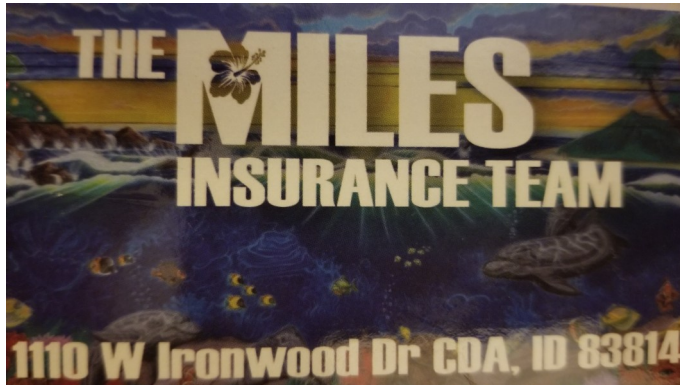
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