

Good first snowy fall Saturday evening Magic Valley Fly Fishers.

November 4, 2017

Here is your November Flier & Update—Hope you set your clock or it's earlier than you think!!

This is one of those months where the third Thursday comes up on us quickly!

One week from this coming Thursday is the 16th and our next general meeting.

Our guest speaker Todd Lanning is coming down from Henry's Fork Anglers in Island Park for a show on the flies and tactics he uses on his home waters that are so beautiful and productive so much of the year.

The flier is attached with the details.

We hope you will all come and enjoy a great informative presentation and a fine fall buffet at the Turf Club.

As I said last month, we need as many folks as possible to partake in the dinner to defer our costs for this great central meeting location. The club makes zero-zip-nothing on the meal which is very generous as are the Turf Club's service and hospitality by waiving all cover costs to our club as long as we get a good buffet turnout.

Thanks in advance. Call, text, or e-mail me as shown on the flier with your buffet RSVPs by the 14th.

Other updates and club info. **Happy Thanksgiving early if you can't make the meeting.**

Our annual Officers and Board of Directors election is at this November 16 meeting so please try to attend.

The Banquet Committee is in full swing for our 49th edition coming up on January 27, 2018. Donation request letters and receipt forms are available if you have items you want to donate or if you know of likely donors to help support our club. We strive to do as much as possible to advance fly fishing and support our fisheries in the Magic Valley and beyond. Our registration and poster featuring Tim Tollett, owner of Frontier Anglers in Dillion MT. www.frontieranglers.com are in process and will be available soon.

Our Christmas Pot Luck is on Saturday December 9 at the Senior Center on Shoshone St. 5 – 8:30 p.m.

Our new website is live and we encourage you all to go there, register and log into the members only section. Let us know your likes, dislikes and things you want to see in the future. Post lots of good stuff, links, tying and rod building info and what you're doing in the fly fishing world in the existing groups and suggest or start new ones you want to see. We want this to become a real cool tool for our club interaction and a gleaming window to the world of fly fishing fanatics!! Contact me or Greg Edgar anytime to help upload pictures or other large content outside of the members only section. All our contact info is on the site.

Glenn's tying and presentation at the October meeting really showed and taught us a lot of terrific tactics!

We had a good turnout and a great time.

My Op/Ed.

Yesterday I learned from Bob about the IDFG's every six year Angler Opinion Survey on line at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/form/open-survey-2017-idaho-angler-opinion-survey> and just completed it.

While I was seriously underwhelmed with its spin, architecture and inability to accept real specific input, I

STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL FLY FISHERS TO FILL IT OUT NOW. It's only open to Nov. 13!!

We must use every avenue we have to get our fly fishing viewpoints heard along with our championing of the highest quality fisheries and habitat management practices achievable throughout Idaho and everywhere.

We must be heard at least equally with all the other angling voices yelling in IDFG's ear. If we aren't, we will continue to be drowned out by the roar of the other crowd, no matter how bad it is for the fish, the waters and habitat and the overall quality of our sport now and in the future. Please don't give up the cause—we need you! Many of you have years of knowledge, experience and effort expended in dealing with all the specifics brought up with state & regional managers and legislators on so many occasions on issues including:

Access; planted stocks survivability & cost/benefit; continuity of good long range projects and processes not dead-ended after their begun; scientific, realistic and reliability based methods versus bureaucratic expediency shortcuts; research data based evaluation of the effects of things like ice fishing on specific waters even if costly and difficult—not just hand waving; and on and on and on. Take the survey. Do what we can. Write letters. Go to hearings and meetings and give your good opinion-- with data & details! Be heard for the record.

YOU ALL COUNT. DON'T FORGET IT!!! BE THE MOUSE FLY THAT ROARED-HOOK BIG FISH!

More on this soon from this old curmudgeon—"I believe the game is afoot"!! Bryan. 208-934-6405