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CALENDAR:

BREN Sponsored Idaho Gives Day Party

01 May 2019 5:30 PM •

May Meeting: Double Program: Warm Water Fishing Opportunities & Tackle

09 May 2019 6:30 PM • Elks Lodge
6608 W Fairview Ave.

Woolly Buggers Kids Club-- BVFF Guest sponsor

14 May 2019 6:00 PM • Idaho Fish & Game HQ Trophy Room (enter at back door) 600 W. Walnut Street

BVFF May Outing - Bruneau Sand Dunes

17 May 2019 • Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park

Graylings Coffee Meet

21 May 2019 9:00 AM • Moxie Java

Idaho 2 Fly Event: Derby

01 Jun 2019 8:00 AM • Ron Sali Ranch

June Meeting:

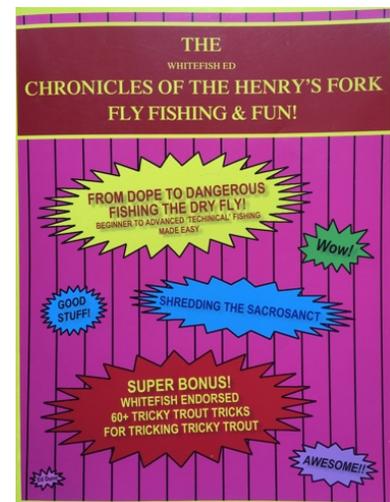
13 Jun 2019 6:30 PM • Elks Lodge
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BOOK REVIEW:

Whitefish Ed writes a Book!

The Whitefish Ed Chronicles of the Henry's Fork Fly Fishing & Fun!

Ed Dunn, more commonly known as “Whitefish Ed”, is a Treasure Valley gem. Anglers on the Henry’s Fork and South fork have long seen him setting up camp from his van, which doubles as a fly tying room, beer tap and center of fishing tips and secret flies. And there’s no mistaking either Ed or his van. It’s the one plastered with funny bumper stickers and decals, from “I live in a van down by the river” to “Bigfoot saw me but no one believes him”. As for Ed, he’s the one who is wearing bright orange tie-dye shirts or a suit of silver out on the water.



Silver? Orange tie-dye shirts? What is he, nuts? No, actually Ed has thoroughly field tested whether wearing colorful or shiny garb truly spooks fish or not. As it turns out, it doesn’t. But it does spook anglers who might otherwise fish too closely!

The book covers lots of ground. The first few chapters are a great introduction to fly fishing for beginners and those teaching kids. The latter part of the book goes into great depth, especially on dry fly fishing and the ultra-challenging Henry’s Fork. It’s full of tips and even homework assignments for the reader to try to apply the techniques Ed gives them along the way.

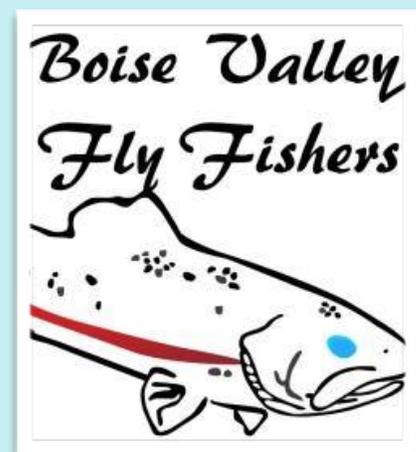
Anyone who knows Ed knows how he loves puns, and the book is written in his voice, so there will be no shortage of puns. Ed may be funny, but he knows his stuff. The dry fly stuff on the Henry’s fork is really good and will help you become a better dry fly angler regardless of where you wet a line. I’ve seen it at fly shops in the Treasure Valley, Picabo and the Henry’s Fork. Or you can buy it from Ed himself, and he’ll probably throw in a free pun or two.

NEXT MEETING, MAY 9:

6:30 pm to 7:15 pm - Social and Fly Tying
 Ken Held tying the 2020 Western ID FF EXPO Fly! See the fly at the meeting!
 7:15 pm to 7:30 pm - Club Business/Updates

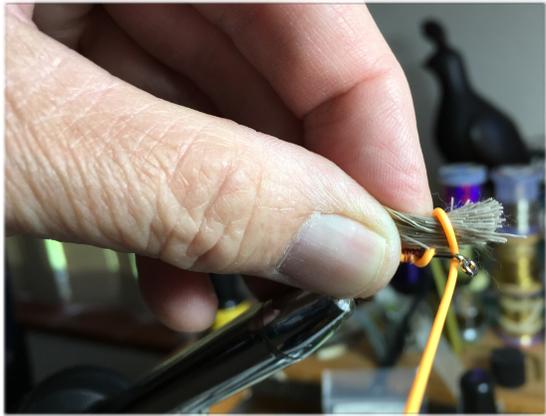
- BVFF Member drawing for the Idaho2Fly Derby --- members can register online to enter, up to May 8th.

Presentation: A two part program that will get us ready for those warm water trips this year with Michael Kingston and Tim Parris. They will cover flies and tackle for warm water species and fishing the C.J. Strike area.



Fly Tying Tip

Are you tired of trying to tie an Elk Hair Caddis and having the hair spin all the way around the hook? Fear not, here's how to corral that hair.

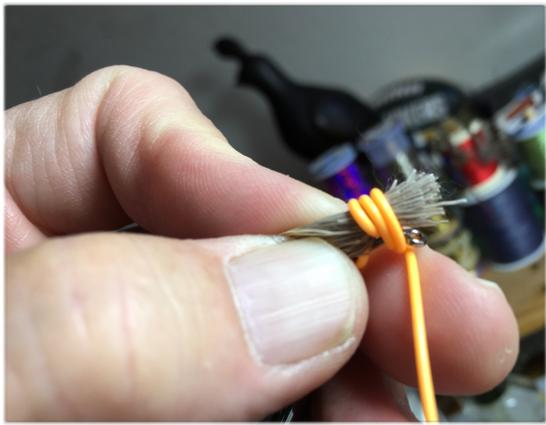


1. Take the thread UNDER the hook clockwise, then OVER the hook but UNDER the hair.

2. Bring the thread full-circle around the hair going COUNTERCLOCKWISE and then back under the hook (First picture)

3. Now put 2 regular clockwise wraps around the hair. (Second picture)

4. Tighten thread. The elk hair will not spin!



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