



# *The Flyline*

The Newsletter of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

April, 2018



## **"Making a New Friend"**

**First Place 2018 HFFA Photo Contest by Dale Tayloe**

## **Save the Dates**

**February 15-17, 2019**

**HFFA 45th Annual Fly Fishing Show  
Little Amana - Williamsburg, Iowa**



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# The Presidents Hatch

It's the first day of Spring as I sit down to write this. No matter what the weather, it's a time that raises one's spirit, much like the annual HFFA show. I hope you had an opportunity to stop in and see at least part of the show. For me, it was the most enjoyable show that I can remember, great programs, super tyers, lots of vendors, and mostly meeting up with friends that I only see on occasion.

This show surely met all four of the goals in HFFA's preamble. ***"The Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association is a non-profit organization of anglers and conservationists dedicated to the promotion of fly fishing and associated activities, to the education of others in the art and joys of fly fishing, to the preservation and conservation of those natural resources that are important to fly fishing and to the enhancement of fellowship and camaraderie among fly fishers."***

The show surely promotes fly fishing to our members and to the public. The speakers, vendors, and tyers all worked to educate us on fishing, tying, and what equipment is available. It certainly looked like the show should provide some funds needed to preserve and improve our natural resources, especially the streams, lakes, and rivers. And, probably the most enjoyable part for me, the camaraderie that I felt at this years show and meeting.

I hope you can make it to next year's show and meeting to be put on by the Cedar Rapids club. It will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It will be held at Little Amana along Interstate 80. Speakers will be Tim Landwehr, Blane Chocklett, and George Daniel.

Of course, there are other ways to reach the goals of the preamble. First to



John Carl Miller

come is the HFFA "WORK DAY" to be held on April 28, 2018 from 9:00 AM till noon at the Manchester Trout Hatchery. The project is the removal of shrubs, so dress accordingly, bring gloves, and hand saws or loppers if possible. The DNR staff will use the chain saws.

The "Bluegill Outing," to be held at Lake Wapello, is another way to showcase and promote fly fishing. The more people attending, the more others see us out there on the water fishing with a fly rod. Surely there will be questions. Get there if you can, if even for the day of Saturday, May 19, 2018. There will be a potluck at noon and a board meeting to follow. More details on the web or Face book.

Spring is also a time to get out on the water, especially to the trout streams. The snow melt is mostly over and the streams are running cold and clean. I took my Granddaughter out yesterday to a trout stream for the first time ever. We have fished the ponds at the Elkader Trout Hatchery several times, but never a

stream. She has been helping teach casting to kids with the DFF for a couple years, so I thought it was time to take her skills up a notch. I didn't choose the best stream for fishing, but one that I felt we could fish without walking through the water (she doesn't have waders or boots yet).

She did better than I did when I began fly fishing. She didn't hook the trees near the stream and there were many. The wind didn't seem to bother her casts. And, she did a great job of getting the fly to make the proper drift past where there should have been fish. Alas, no fish.

After two hours of fishing, we went back to the vehicle and had lunch. We then checked out another trout stream that wasn't accessible without waders and had a much stronger wind blowing right down the stream. Of course, we couldn't leave the area without checking out Mossy Glen Hollow, a part of Iowa that is thought to be haunted. I think we found it, but no ghosts. We checked out the Little Turkey access, then headed for an ice cream, making it home in time for supper.

I think we have another fly fisher in our ranks, but more importantly, we had a great day.

Get out there and take a kid fishing, its good for everybody.

*John*

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### **Quad Cities Chapter**

Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday 6:00 PM  
October to May  
Meets 1st Sunday 6:00 PM June to September  
Riverdale Fire Station, 110 Manor Drive, Riverdale, IA  
Contact: Larry Thompson  
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Meets 2nd & 4th Monday 7:00 PM  
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### **Central Iowa Fly Fishers**

Meets 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM September to May  
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Meetings held second Thursday of month  
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### **TROUT UNLIMITED DRIFTLESS CHAPTER**

Meets the first Thursday of the month October through May @ 7 pm in the basement of T-Bocks Sports Bar and Grill, 206 Water St. Decorah  
[www.iadriftless.org](http://www.iadriftless.org)

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### **Iowa Women Fly Fishers**

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### **Trout Unlimited Spring Creeks Chapter**

Nate Hopkins – President  
Check Their Web Site  
[www.tu-springcreeks.org](http://www.tu-springcreeks.org)

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**Iowa's Coldwater  
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# Event Calendar

<p><b><u>April 2018</u></b></p> <p>April 7  <b>IA Driftless TU Stream Cleanup Day</b>            9:00 to Noon            N&amp;S Bears, Waterloo, French &amp; Patterson            Meet at Campground, 1280 Quandahl Rd            1 mile East of Highlandville            Contact: steve.perry@mchsi.com            641-423-7655</p> <p>April 28  <b>HFFA-Iowa DNR Work Day</b>            9:00—Noon            Manchester Trout Hatchery            22693 205th Ave., Manchester, IA</p> <p>April 28  <b>Driftless TU Annual Findraiser Banquet</b>            5 pm            Danan Lansing Memorial Bld            Winneshiek County Fairgrounds            900 E. Main St.            Decorah, IA 52101            iadrifttufr@gmail.com            Gary Arner 319-321-1819</p> <p><b><u>May 2018</u></b></p> <p>May 18, 19, &amp; 20  <b>HFFA Bluegill Outing</b>            Lake Wapello, Drakeville, IA            Dan Peterson            dpeterson578@gmail.com</p> <p><b><u>June 2018</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>July 2018</u></b></p> <p>July 9-13  <b>Project Aware—River Cleanup</b>  <b>Maquoketa River</b>            Delaware, Jones, &amp; Jackson Counties            www.iowadnr.gov/aware</p> <p>July 31  <b>Deadline for State Fair Tying Contest</b>            State Fair Admin            P.O. Box 57130            Des Moines, IA 50317</p> <p><b><u>August 2018</u></b></p> <p>August 6-11  <b>FFI Annual Fly Fishing Fair</b>            Boise Center, Century Link Arena            Boise, ID 83702</p> <p><b><u>September 2018</u></b></p> <p>September 8  <b>4th Annual Brule River Spey Day</b>            Lake Superior Steelhead Assn.            Brule River @ Mc Neil's House            Brule, WI            Www.steelheaders.org</p> <p><b><u>October 2018</u></b></p>	<p>October 13  <b>2018 Driftless Flyathon</b>            Decorah, Iowa 52101            flyathon@driftlessonthefly.com</p> <p>October 19-21  <b>2018 Casting For Recovery IA</b>            Camp Ewalu's Stone Retreat Center            Strawberry Point, IA 52076            norrisk@ihaonline.org</p> <p><b><u>November 2018</u></b></p> <p><b><u>December 2018</u></b></p> <p><b><u>January 2019</u></b></p> <p><b><u>February 2019</u></b></p> <p>February 15-17  <b>HFFA Annual Fly Fishing Show</b>            Little Amana Ramada Hotel            2211 U Ave            Williamsburg, IA 52361            Mike Jacobs            hawkeyeflytyer@yahoo.com</p> <p>Please Help Me Fill in the Spaces            A Full Calendar is Nice to Have            Thanks            Don            djottovet@gmail.com</p>
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**Iowa Driftless TU Spring Clean Up**

DRIFTLESS CHAPTER TU will have a spring stream cleanup on Saturday, April 7 with a rain/snow date of May 5. Meet @ the DNR campground 1280 Quandahl Road, 1 mile east of Highlandville @ 8:30. We will focus on cleaning litter from the fishing access areas on North & South Bear, Waterloo and French creeks. Areas covered will be dependent on the turnout. The chapter has trash bags and a couple of grabber tools. You can bring gloves, your own tools and a smile. These cleanup days have always been a rewarding experience, hope to see you there. Any questions contact Steve Perry: steve.perry1@mchsi.com or 641-583-1604. We will discuss a possible lunch after the workday @ the April 5 Driftless chapter meeting.

**HFFA - Iowa DNR Work Day**

HFFA and the Iowa DNR will hold a work day on April 28, 2018. Meet at the Manchester Hatchery at 9:00AM. The project will be removal of unwanted brush. Please bring gloves, hand saws and limb loppers. The DNR will operate any needed chain saw jobs. We will work from 9:00 AM until Noon. There will be time for fishing in the afternoon for all that want to.  
**Contact Kate Lodge katelodge25@gmail.com**

**Driftless TU Annual Fundraiser Banquet**

If you fish your way North from the Work Day, you can make it a red letter day by attending the TU Banquet in Decorah. The banquet will be held at the Danan Lansing Memorial Building at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds, Decorah, Iowa. It starts at 5:00 PM on April 28, 2018.  
**Contact Gary Arner 319-321-1819**



# *HFFA Business Report*

## **Minutes of HFFA Board of Directors Meeting March 3, 2018 Isle of Capri Hotel, Bettendorf, Iowa**

Meeting called to order by President John Miller at 12:30 PM

Attendees: Kate Lodge, John Miller, Dave Oliver, Brad Mullin, Don Otto, John Channon, Willa Campbell, Ron Stahlberg, Dave Jones

### **New Business**

Motion made by Kate Lodge, seconded by Ron Stahlberg to approve the 2018 Conservation and Education block grant budget for \$5,000. John Miller, as President, is authorized to approve individual grant request with input from board members. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Dave Jones, March 3, 2018



Steve Veysey gave a report of the cattle feeding operation in close proximity to Bloody Run Creek. HFFA has sent a letter of concern to the State of Iowa. This is a 10,000 head operation with the affluent going into a clay lined lagoon in an area known for sink holes and porous ground structure.

Editors note: Steve was much happier in the afternoon, when he won the Steve Pennington bamboo fly rod in the rod bingo game.



Dave Jones, left and Tom Murray discuss the Iowa Coldwater Conservancy on Friday night. They and Ryan Maas, right presented some information at the business meeting as to HFFA's contribution. They saved the bulk of the information for the ICC presentation, which directly followed the business meeting. See a report from Tom Murray on ICC on the next page. Expect to see a regular feature in the Flyline as to status and projects of ICC.

# *ICC Report by Tom Murray*

**Iowa Coldwater Conservancy Update  
Tom Murray, President of Iowa's Coldwater Conservancy**

March 9, 2018

The following article is the first in a series of update reports from *Iowa's Coldwater Conservancy* ( ICC ), a relatively new non-profit organization in Iowa, that has significant ties to the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association. This is part of a historical update about ICC, that I presented at the recent HFFA Annual Show. Thank you for the opportunity to stay connected with the members of HFFA.

On December 9, 2016 a diverse group of leaders from the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association, three Trout Unlimited Chapters in Iowa, Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort ( TUDARE ), the Iowa DNR Fisheries Bureau, NE Iowa Recreation & Development Inc., and local landowners, met for the first time ever at the Franklin Hotel in Strawberry Point, IA.

The focus of this historic meeting was to gain a better understanding about the current thinking related to stream habitat restoration projects in the "driftless areas" of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin and to learn more about "handshake agreements" that have existed for many years, primarily in northeast Iowa, between the IA DNR and private land owners.

As this open discussion progressed, it became clear that we also needed to come to terms with the significant challenges we face in Iowa, before we could begin to employ new, best practices for stream restoration projects and ways to expand public access for future generations.

When considering recent dramatic challenges like climate change, agricultural practices, shrinking state and federal conservation budgets, increased competition for philanthropic dollars, the rising costs of environmental restoration, and the potential loss of handshake agreements that could change in a heartbeat, we realized that we could not continue to conduct our conservation work as usual if we were to be successful in the future.

Over the next five months a working group of volunteers from this initial meeting exchanged many emails and participated in conference calls and strategic meetings, often including potential new partners beyond the angling community. These efforts lead to the conclusion that a new organization needed to be created that would work specifically "to enlarge the conservation tent". In May of 2017, *Iowa's Coldwater Conservancy* ( ICC ) was officially established as an Iowa not-for-profit organization. ICC began immediately to meet with new potential partners to compliment the on-going work of angling groups like HFFA and TU. We also developed new funding strategies to begin the work ahead to attain the necessary resources and policies to protect and restore the ecosystems that sustain Iowa's coldwater rivers and streams, while expanding public access to these vital and unique natural resources.

Many members of HFFA will recognize this photo of North Bear Creek as it flows through the Langeland Family Farm in Winneshiek County. It represents everything that *Iowa's Coldwater Conservancy* is about: building alliances with organizations like HFFA to provide the necessary funding for state of the art stream restoration work and to attain permanent public fishing easements on our beautiful coldwater streams.

Editor's note: Tom Murray is a long time member of HFFA, IA Driftless TU, and the Winneshiek County Conservation Board



# *The Old Wood Boat*

*by Dale Tayloe*

*First Place 2018 HFFA Show Essay Contest*

As a boy of 10 growing up in a small east central Missouri town, many events of 1968 were etched in memory. As a nation, we were going to the moon and there was a war that had drag on far too long. My folks bought a new Chevy Impala and there was a family vacation to western states. I got a new bike and I was playing Khoury League baseball with my best friend from school. My brother and I were given Revelation fiberglass fly rods with automatic reels from Western Auto. Besides all that, my dad and grandpa built a wood boat. It's the wood boat I want to tell you about. The boat has brought about good times and family fun for four generations; four generations SO FAR.....

My dad was a self-taught woodworker. He and mom owned and operated a cabinet shop making a meager living for the family. I remember my grandpa coming to the shop one day saying he wanted a boat. I suspect money was a little hard to come by and boats, new or used, were not readily available like they are now. I am not sure how much one would have cost but after some conversation they believed building one made more sense than buying one.

In the days that followed things in the shop were pushed to the walls creating space where the boat would be built. The boat was very simply designed.....square in the front, square in the back, with three seats. The sides and the bottom all tapered so boat was narrower and shallower at the front. The boat had to fit in the back of a pick-up. Grandpa had a 6hp Johnson outboard and one design criteria was the boat would use this motor. It was to have handles in the front and rear and be light enough that two people could lift the boat into a truck and move it around. Light weight woods were chosen for the front, rear, seats, and frame. If they happened to be rot resistant, that was a plus. Half inch and 3/8" marine plywood was used along with many brass screws for the sides and bottom. Solid white pine was used for the front and rear ends. There were no plans or drawings for the boat as I recall; the plan resided mostly in my dad's head and the boat was built on the fly.

Most of the building took place on the floor. As it progressed, saw horses were used. When there was structure enough and the sides attached, it was flipped over. The bottom was attached. Next fiberglass cloth and resin were applied to the bottom and sides. The next phase of the build was painting the boat inside and out with pine green paint. I remember helping paint the boat. The outside was easy but there were lots of nooks and crannies on the inside to reach with the brush. Lastly, those steel strap handles were attached to the front and rear. I was only 10, but I knew it was great working together like we had for something we were going to have fun using.

Finally, the boat was ready. Everyone was anxious to go fishing! We used it on the Bourbeuse and Meramec Rivers and on a lake where my grandpa farmed. The boat handled well in the water. Dad always said, "She floats like a leaf!" From the boat, Dad and Grandpa taught my brother and I how to use those new fly rods casting mostly poppers for largemouth bass, perch, and crappie. During the fall, Grandpa would outfit the boat with a railing and a light at the front and with a homemade generator sitting in the middle of the boat, we gigged rough fish from the river at night. The boat allowed us all to have fun and good times together year-round year after year.

Boys grew and men aged. Priorities changed. After several years the boat was in bad repair some of which was the result of neglect. Fiberglass had worn off the bottom from dragging it on gravel in low water. The boat leaked. Worse, Grandpa stored the boat uncovered, outside on the bare ground. The untreated pine portions began to weaken from rot. When the leaking became bad enough Grandpa smeared on fiberglass resin mixed with an insufficient amount of hardener. The goo that never hardened may have stopped some leaks for a while but soon the boat was leaking again and leaked worse. Each time the boat was used, quick repairs had to be made before taking it to the water. My dad could hardly stand to see the boat in such decay.

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One day, we planned to go fishing and went to Grandpa's to pick up the boat. We made the usual repairs quickly patching it up before taking the boat to the river. By this time though there was some concern that the rear end of the boat was too weak to support an outboard motor and boat, motor, and everything else could end up on the bottom. We paddled on that trip. When our fishing trip was finished, the boat did not go home to Grandpa's. Instead, it remained at dad's and was stored outside again as there was nowhere else to put it. Dad at least dad covered it up and put something at the corners to keep it from contacting the ground. After a couple of years mowing around the unsightly boat out in the yard, dad hung it in the newly built garage. There the boat hung for years unused.

By 2004 I had lived in Iowa for many years. I figured my family needed a boat for fishing and it would be good for my young son to learn how to manage a boat on the water. I was going to get one. Perhaps I did not know what I was getting into and I should have known better, but I asked dad if I could have the old wood boat. He thought he would never get around to fixing it himself. With him and mom in their sixties, he thought they would not be able to move the boat around anymore. He said I could have it, but I had to promise that I would always store it under roof. The boat had been tied up to the trusses in the garage right side up for about 20 years and had become the storage place for everything from deer hides to books and even engine parts! We first had to unload the boat but finally lowered it to the floor of the garage before carrying it outside. It was in worse shape than I remembered! We were careful not to lift at the rear while putting it on the truck for fear it would break off. The fiberglass resin Grandpa applied on the bottom was still goeey. I hauled the old wooden boat from Missouri to my home in Iowa.

There were only two cars in my 3-car garage so there was room to store the boat inside as I had promised. I could begin restoring it there. I replaced the transom. I tore off all the fiberglass (and fortunately the decades old goo came off with it) and replaced it with new. I gave it a new coat of green paint and reattached those steel handles front and rear. I registered and licensed the boat in Iowa. A small trailer allowed for moving the boat around saving my back and improving logistics for taking it places. The old relic was saved from the burn pile and was going to be used again! We were ready to go fishing with it again!



**The Old Wood Boat restored and ready for Iowa registration**

Since then, my son and I have used the boat every year on local and regional waters occasionally casting a fly. With him, now 4 generations have enjoyed using the old boat. It is hard to believe the boat is 50 years old! It is hard to believe it survived! This summer, to mark the 50 years since it was commissioned that day in the cabinet shop, I'll take the boat and dad to the lake, so I can hear him say again, "She floats like a leaf."

My family and I are blessed to still have this boat. Who else has a boat their dad and grandpa built five decades ago? Who else has the boat whose nooks and crannies you helped paint in 1968? Who still has the boat from which they learned to cast a fly? I am hoping the boat will now endure a few more generations bringing joy, happiness, and togetherness amongst family members who use it. In the next few years I plan to use the old boat to build bonds with the next generations. And like my father and grandfather before me, I'll teach my grandchildren to manage a boat on the waters and hopefully to cast a fly.



# 2018 HFFA Show Photos

For those of you who unfortunately were not in attendance at the 2018 HFFA Annual Meeting and Show in Bettendorf, these photos will hopefully give you a feel of what went on. I will try to credit the photos taken by Lisa Davis and James Wilson. Lisa of course is the former editor of this publication. James aka Jimmy is a professional photographer, who has been nice enough the last two years to share his photos with us. His link is [jimmynotjim.com](http://jimmynotjim.com)

*Don*

## Thanks to Vendors and Non-Profits For Their Displays

Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association would like to thank all those who supported the 2018 Annual Show in Bettendorf, Iowa. We would especially like to thank our vendors and non-profits who went all out to help make the show a success. Many also made donations to our bucket raffles and voice auction. Please thank them when you do business with them! J. Wilson photos below show most but not all.

AZ Creative Art – Appleton, Wisconsin  
Bear Creek Anglers – Decorah, Iowa  
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# 2018 HFFA Show Continued



## Thanks to the 2018 HFFA Show Fly Tiers

Scott Nordby holds court in this photo by Lisa Davis. Lisa is captured creating one of her musky flies. If you look close Lisa has a banana in front of her. Not sure if that is lunch or an exotic fly material. C.J. Klenske, Brad Bohlen, Andrew Sigwalt, Lance Zook, and Jeff Moore rounded out the outstanding group of tiers that shared their skill and tips.

## Thanks to the 2018 HFFA Show Sponsors

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## The Show Begins

The first person you usually see at an HFFA show is our Treasurer Brad Mullin at the registration desk. He had very good help this year and we have 48 new members!! Two other busy people were Ray Shackelford on the left and Pat Tray. It is my understanding that Ray supplied 14 dozen cookies for the hospitality suite. This picture of Pat is my pay back to him for selling me a winning spot on the Rod Bingo board. I now have a 3 wt to make six inchers fight like monsters. Don



# 2018 HFFA Show Continued



## A Good Reason to Come to the Show

Lisa Davis captures four good reasons to come to the HFFA Show. The three guys on the left; Landon Mayer, Kip Vieth and Tim Landwehr have close to 100 years of guiding experience to share. Landon and Kip spoke at this year's show and Tim will speak at the 2019 HFFA show. These guys will take the time to answer your questions.. The young gentleman on the right, Tony Schnupp age 7.5 is the future of the sport. He was helping his grandfather Rich McElligott with Rich's booth. Find a young person like Tony and bring them to the next show.



## Speakers, Speakers, Speakers

Marlene Huston on left and Liz Siepker in the upper left photo, show their fly fishing equipment . Scott Nordby upper right is demonstrating. My wife thought it was a PFD (personal floatation device), but I told her I was sure it was a tying technique. I am not so sure now. Bottom left is Landon Mayer showing us his guide flies. Photos by J. Wilson



# 2018 HFFA Awards



President John Carl Miller presented the following awards. The Conservation Award to Tom Murray for his work on conservation projects especially the formation of the ICC. The Outstanding Member Award to Dave Jones for his work as Secretary, the annual show and the formation of the ICC. Two President's Awards were given. Don Otto on efforts for the Flyline and Kate Lodge for planning work days and so many other things.



Kate Lodge presented copies of Dun Magazine to left to right Cheryl Channon, Barb Cato, and Willa Campbell for their support of Iowa Women Fly Fishers.

Dave Oliver accepts the Grand Raffle Prize Sage Rod from Brad Mullin. Dave was heard to say as he left just before the drawing. "He was going to his room as he never wins." LOL Don

**Congratulations!!**



## *Tales From The Vise by Scott Nordby*



### **Pink Seducer**

**Hook** = Heavy Scud size 6

**Thread** = Red 6/0

**Body** = Medium Pink Ultra Wire

**Thorax** = Pheasant Tail Ice Dub (or Golden Brown)

**Hackle** = Hen Saddle or Chickabou (Grizzly Soft Hackle)

**Thorax** = Pheasant Tail Ice Dub (or Golden Brown)

Designed as a fly for panfish, there is no reason this would not entice a nice trout or two. Try some different colors also.

Well another year of HFFA is in the books. I had a great time down in Bettendorf at the Annual meeting. It's nice that you let people from Minnesota come down and enjoy with you. If you got to see either of my presentations or stopped by the table and see me tie, you probably picked up on the fact that I'm nuts about fly tying. Whether you call it passionate or nuts, I know I have a problem (LOL). But it is easy to be passionate when you are able to create something by attaching materials to a bare hook and then you catch fish on it.

This new fly, the "Pink Seducer", was developed in an effort to try to find a fly that would fool fish all year long. It was also created to hopefully fool many different species of fish. While I have had great success with it on Minnesota Pan Fish, I hope to find good success with it on my next trip to Arkansas for trout. Like many flies that are created, this is a mixture of characteristics that have been proven to be great triggers for fish. I wanted a little flash without being overdone and movement to give it an "a live" look. Pink is a big trigger for panfish and especially crappie. The soft hackle can be tied from almost any type of soft webby feather. It can be a great way to get rid of all those large Partridge feathers that are on that expensive skin you bought just so you could tie a bunch of small soft hackle flies. One thing that I want in the feather I use for hackling this fly is some barred markings or some modeling. That will help give it the live like look that I am looking for. I have a couple variations that are in the works also. I hope you have fun tying this fly and have success fishing it. For panfish, they mainly take it on the drop. If not it will give it a short twitchy retrieve to keep it deep and slow. For trout I'm planning on just a dead drift, with maybe a swing rise at the end.

\*\* You can see step by step pictures at my blog at [flychucker.blogspot.com](http://flychucker.blogspot.com) there should also be a link to a step by step PDF.



# *Fly Tying Competition at 2018 Iowa State Fair*

*By Larry Murphy*

The Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association will again be sponsoring the Fly Tying competition at this year's Iowa State Fair. The competition is supported by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa State Fair. The goal is to provide an opportunity for the public to view the art of fly tying and to promote fly fishing in Iowa.

This year's fair will be held from August 9th through the 19th. The fly tying display will be in the DNR Building on the Fairgrounds during the fair. The judging is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fly entries need to be received at the Fair Administration post box by July 31, 2018.

There are three divisions

- Adult division is for anyone **17 years of age and older**.
- Junior division is for anyone **16 years and younger**.
- Expert division for tiers who have **sold flies**.

There are four categories for each division. The categories are the following:

- Dry Fly
- Wet Fly/Soft Hackle/Nymph
- Streamers
- Open Class

You may enter in each of the categories, but **only one fly for each category**.

You must be an Iowa resident to enter or a member of the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association. If you have **ever tied flies commercially or sold the flies that you have tied, you must enter the Expert Division**. If you won a blue ribbon for one of the categories last year, you are not permitted to enter the same category this year.

The Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association will provide judges for the competition. Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Each fly will be judged in its category. In our contest, a panel of judges will choose the places in each category and division. The visitors to the state fair will see the flies displayed in the DNR Building

**No flies smaller than size #18.**

Flies must be sent to the Iowa State Fair Administration Office, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317 and **received by July 31, 2018**. Each fly entered must have the **Fly Tiers name, address, telephone number, name of the fly, division to be entered and the category**.





### Getting to know your fellow HFFA member:

**How long have you been a HFFA member?** *Since Vic Gibson called the original meeting to order in the Cedar Falls Howard Johnson in 1974.*

**Family?** *My wife , Jenny and I have 8 children and 15 grandchildren scattered from northeast Wisconsin to western Montana.*

**Occupation?** *I just celebrated 50 years with my Landscape Architectural firm. I have enjoyed a variety of clients that have included the U.S. Corp of Engineers, the Iowa DNR, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, and many of the fine County Conservation Boards in Iowa.*

**Hometown?** *I attended two high school reunions, Dallas Center and Ames, where I graduated. I have lived and worked out of Waterloo since 1968.*

**When did you begin to fly fish?** *I bought a fiberglass H & I fly rod and a South Bend automatic reel from the sports shop in Dallas Center with some of my first paper route receipts. I don't remember exactly, but somewhere around 12 years old. No one I knew fly fished, so I taught myself to cast in the back yard. I had to tie my own flies using a pair of pliers for a vice and scrounged materials. I was lucky enough to have a good local pond within range of my bicycle.*

**When did you join HFFA?** 1974



## HFFA Member Profile Craig Ritland

**Why did you join HFFA?** *For the comradely first, but stayed to help promote healthy waters in the state of Iowa.*

**What is your home water?** *Iowa Driftless Area streams.*

**What is your favorite species to fly fish for?** *Wild trout, but only by a nose. I love the warm water species as well.*

**What is your most memorable fly fishing experience?** *A childhood memory of catching little warmouth bass in a small stream that flowed through our family farm near Huxley. They were the first fish to fall victim to my crude homemade flies. The little sunfish were only there one time after a high water year.*

**What are your other hobbies?** *I am a dyed-in-the-wool bird hunter, with two English setters. I love ruffed grouse and woodcock hunting. I also hunt prairie grouse of central South Dakota and eastern Montana.*

**What fishing magazines do you subscribe to?** *Eastern Fly Fishing, the Drake, Gray's Sporting Journal and Fly Fisherman.*

**What's your favorite fly?** *The effectiveness and versatility of the Trude, whether it be the royal, the lime, or a version like the Pass Fly. It continues to amaze me.*

**What's your favorite fly fishing book?** *"Trout Madness" by John Voelker, pen name Robert Traver.*

**What do you like about HFFA?** *The great people that are so passionate about life and our sport.*

*Craig*

### Editor Notes by Don Otto

I am happy that the space worked out, that I can make my comments below Craig's profile. I bought the three CD set of historic Flyline PDF's, when I first joined the club. Craig of course was very instrumental in the art work in the early issues and for many years after. I did not approach Craig at the annual shows for several years and that is my loss. Guys like Craig and Dean Elder, who were there at the start inspire me. This is another good reason to come to the Shows. These guys are approachable and have a lot to share.

Waiting for a Tug

*Don*

# *An Idaho Odyssey 2010*

*by Mike Jacobs*

Editor's Note—This will be the first of a series of 6 or 7 essays on Idaho kindly given to me by Mike. This is just the introduction. Don

Vivid Flashes of lightning lit up the midnight sky around us as we neared the end of our first day on the road. The thunderstorm that was producing the lightning had been nearby for the last two hours as we traveled west on I-80 toward our destination for the day. We left home in early morning darkness and now, 18 hours and three states later, we were arriving in Lyman, WY. shortly after midnight (Iowa time). Worn out from the long day in the car, it was a great relief to see the porch light on in the Kabin we had reserved at the KOA Kampground. Carol and I both were developing severe cases of bucket-seat-butt after the long travel day and it was going to feel good to be able to stretch out our legs and to curl up into our toasty warm sleeping bags for the rest of the night.

With great foresight (and because of threats from my wife if I didn't) I had planned a much shorter day on the road for our second travel day. Six hours on the road took us across a small part of Wyoming, then through the northeastern corner of Utah, and finally to our first destination in Idaho.

This year's westward journey took us to Idaho, a state I had not fished before. Dr. Phil Schmid, who is a regular attendee at my fly tying classes in Cedar Rapids, has told me for several years about the great fishing available in parts of Idaho. He is familiar with the area we were planning to fish because he had worked in the region during the summers of his college years, one year with a survey crew and three years as a smoke jumper. Since his time in college he has fished the area many more times over the past thirty years. I wanted to sample the states fishing also, in particular the fishing for two species I had not caught before, Bull Trout and Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

Joining Carol and I again on this years trip were Pat and Doug Nauman. Ward Bean, who had gone along with us on our previous two trips, decided to sit out this years' journey. Pat and Doug, who are retired and have no schedules to plan around, began their trip a few days before Carol and I would be able to hit the road. They were going to take their time going west and would meet us in Ketchum, ID., on Sunday afternoon, August 29. The area around Ketchum, Idaho offers many fishing possibilities but I chose this location primarily for its proximity to the South Fork of the Boise River and its tributaries, most of which hold rainbows, whitefish, and Bull trout (emphasis on the Bull trout). For shorter fishing excursions we also had the Big Wood River and the upper reaches of the Salmon River close to where we were staying at the Smiley Creek Lodge, in Sawtooth City.

After 3 ½ days at the Smiley Creek Lodge, which is located 35 miles north of Ketchum, we would take our journey further north, crossing the border into Montana, and then following highway 12 over the Lolo Pass back into Idaho. We planned to stay for 3 ½ days at the Three Rivers Resort in Lowell, conveniently located at the junction of the Selway and Lochsa rivers along highway 12. From Lowell, Doug and I would be able to make day trips to the North Fork of the Clearwater River and Kelly Creek, two great Westslope Cutthroat streams. We also had over 30 miles of catch and release water (for Westslope Cutts) nearby on the Lochsa River that we could fish, with easy access off highway 12.



Mike Jacobs on left and Doug Nauman on right.. Photos by Mike Jacobs



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