



The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

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TRF Mission Statement

We are dedicated to: improving and promoting the sport of fly fishing in Nevada. Promote and encourage the conservation of game fish, especially wild trout, through the betterment of the streams and lakes everywhere. Encourage and assist our youth to become fly fishers and true sports persons.

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President's Letter

Finally, we are going to have our Pyramid Lake Fishout!! Set your calendars for Saturday, April 15th. Mark will be at the North Nets at 8 a.m. for registration, with coffee and donuts. Lunch will be at Crosby's at 1 o'clock, a tri-tip dinner, paid for by the club. The prize for the biggest fish this year is an 11 foot Cabela's switch rod. There will be raffle prizes at the lunch. Come one, come all, bring your significant other for a good time.

Doug Ouellette is going to have his Pyramid Lake Clinic on Monday, April 17th at Pyramid at 9 o'clock, and the price is \$75 each. Come and learn from one of the best.

On May 19th to the 21st, we are headed to South Fork Reservoir for a fishout. More details will be available in the May newsletter.

Doug reported to me that the Summit strain of trout is the one being caught right now at Pyramid, nothing real big, but nice fishing!

The board will be meeting on the 11th, if you have any issues, give one of us a call and we'll try to address it then.

On a personal note, I was invited to go to Topaz Lake for fishing on March 23rd, and was in such a hurry to get out of the house at 0-dark-thirty to meet my fellow fishers, I forgot my HAT, my SUNGLASSES, and my SUNSCREEN!! Don't you be like me and go out there unprepared!! I got VERY badly burned, and with the weather looking like there's going to be an opportunity to fish once in a while, you don't need to take the chance with your tender winter skin.

The ice is starting to get off the lake at Davis Lake, and is unsafe to go ice fishing on, and it's looking like the lake is going to be FULL to the brim this year. Hope to have a fishing outing there this summer, some good friends and maybe some good food.

The fly-tiers roundtable continues with the help of Mike O'Brien, with me backing him up. We are keeping things going as best we can in Mike Hoffman's absence. We hope Mike H will be able to be back to participating soon. Best wishes to Mike H, it was great to see you at the banquet.

Hopes for you all for good fishing!
Stu Chandler

Pyramid Clinic

Doug Ouellette had a clinic planned for earlier this year, but had to cancel as the lake was closed to fisherman. He has rescheduled it for Monday, April 17. The cost is \$75, which is \$50 cheaper than the \$150 other guides charge for their clinic. Doug is an excellent teacher and skilled Pyramid fisherman, he always seems to be able to get his clients on fish, something I have trouble doing consistently. He will hold an instructional meeting at Sutcliff in the morning starting at 9 AM, going over equipment, knots, techniques, etc. He has written a manual, which he will provide to all. In the afternoon, the class will journey down to the lake to put into practice, under Doug's watchful eye, what they've learned. No matter how long you've fished Pyramid Lake, it's always good to learn a few new tricks. After all, that's one of the reasons I love fly fishing. I'll be in the class and I hope to see several of you there also.

This is open to club members only. Have you renewed?

Mark Warren VP

From The Biologist Mark Warren

People keep asking me, "How's fishing going to be this year after all that moisture we've received?" There are several things involved here. One, all the water actually benefits the fish, now and in the future. Fish need plenty of fresh, clean, cool water in order to survive and thrive. Two, good fishing in such waters as the Truckee River won't happen until July due to the late run-off. You can still catch fish, it just won't be easy until mid-summer. The lakes will take a while to thaw out and warm up. The best trout fishing usually occurs at water temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees F. Three, just because there's a lot of water, doesn't mean there's a lot of fish. I was talking with Travis Hawks (NDOW – Reno Fisheries Biologist) the other day. They are looking to stock tui chubs in Washoe Lake (as a forage fish), white bass and channel catfish. NDOW can buy the channel catfish and net the chubs from other waters such as Spooner, but they are having a hard time finding the white bass. There were a few white bass remaining in Little Washoe Lake, and, since the lakes have connected (Little and Big Washoe), they, the white bass, could migrate over to the big Lake. It could be several years before the fishing returns, except for the carp in Little Washoe Lake. The same is true of Lahontan Reservoir and Rye Patch Reservoir, which were almost dry during the drought.

Lakes like Davis and Frenchman are spilling now (which is great), but any remaining fish will be spread out in 70% more water than they were in last year. Hopefully the California Department of Fish and Game will be stocking both lakes, but then again the stocked fish are usually only 9 to 10 inches in length.

So rejoice in the 200% normal snowpack and the fact that the fishing will get better and better in the next couple of years.

Prospects are not available in this issue, the weather and water conditions have things a little confused. Hopefully back next month. Water going over the dams and Davis and Frenchman. Last time that it happened at Frenchman the fishing in the creek below the dam was great.

TRF FLY TYING ROUNDTABLE

(NOTE :) Due to several club members being out of town this month there is no roundtable scheduled for April.

You won't want to miss our next roundtable scheduled for May 10th. Our scheduled fly tier will be club member and talented fly tier, Jim Mitchell. Jim has been successfully fishing the Truckee River for over 50 years. Jim is also no stranger on the spring creeks of Montana and Idaho. Jim will be tying up a few of his proven European style patterns. He will also be illustrating different methods of weighting flies with the use of beads and lead wire.

I will have a complete description of the flies Jim will be tying, along with their recipes, in our May newsletter.

Mike O'Brien

Mike

Terry Barron Annual Pyramid Fishout

Saturday, April 15, 2017, 8:00 A.M.

Registration will be at the North Nets, 8:00 A.M. Mark will be registering participants for lunch and the big fish contest. Donuts and coffee will be available.

At 1:00 we will have lunch at Crosby's, it will be tri-tip. Since weather in October prevented us from having our annual picnic and club appreciation day this lunch is going to be paid for by the club. After lunch we will have a raffle as well.

The only cost for the day is a \$5.00 registration for the big fish contest.

The contest will run from 8:00 to 4:00, Mark or Tom will be at the North Nets at 4:00 P.M. to finalize registration for the big fish contest. Your entry has to be witnessed by at least one club member. The fish has to be caught on a fly and it has to be released.

The prize for the biggest fish caught and released is an 11 foot Cabela's switch rod.

Once again this event is club members only. If you are not sure you are a current member call Tom Smith at 775-741-8825 or email him at edsontiger@aol.com.

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A.P. BLACK NYMPH

Andre Puyans designed this nymph pattern back in the early 1960s and based his design on three main criteria: size, shape and color. Andre utilized the natural aquatic fur for his dubbing to create a unique texture. He also dubs a small head in front of the thorax with the same material. The wing cases of the natural nymphs are usually darker and larger as the nymph matures. The A.P. Nymph is more of a style rather than a specific pattern.



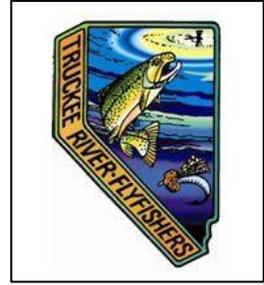
HOOK: Mustad 3906B Size #12
 THREAD: Black 8/0
 WEIGHT: Lead free wire, .015
 RIBBING: Copper wire, Brassie
 WING CASE: Moose body hair, Dark
 BODY: Beaver dubbing, Black
 THORAX: Beaver dubbing, Black
 TAIL: Moose body hair, Dark
 LEGS: Moose body hair, Dark
 HEAD: Beaver dubbing, Black

1. Wrap lead wire forward from mid-point of shank. (8 to 10 wraps)
2. Attach thread and secure lead wire then create a thread base returning thread forward to lead wraps.
3. Attach moose body hair (10 to 15 fibers) just behind lead wraps using 3 or 4 thread wraps with the tips extending approximately the hook length beyond hook bend. (Do not trim excess)
4. Trim about half of the moose hair to thin out the tail and secure remaining hair to the top of hook shank back to the hook bend.
5. Attach copper wire.
6. Dub a tapered body forward to the lead wraps.
7. Wrap copper wire forward with 4 to 5 open spiral wraps. (Secure and remove excess)
8. Dub a thorax slightly larger than the body.
9. Pull moose hair forward over thorax and secure. (Do not remove excess)
10. Separate 3 hair fibers from the tag ends of the wing case and secure with thread wraps so fibers sweep rearward along far side of hook shank. Repeat this process on the near side of the hook shank. (Trim excess)
11. Dub a small head and whip finish.
12. Trim legs off to the rear of the thorax.

I've had great success with this nymph pattern pursuing trout in stillwater and streams during spring and early summer.

Mike O'Brien

Membership Form



Truckee River Flyfishers,

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Reno, NV 89510-7231

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Experience: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Fishing Interests: _____

Projects and Activities Interests: _____

Are you willing to volunteer at club events? Yes No

Are you interested in being a TRF Board Member? Yes No

Payment Method: Check # _____ Cash _____

Circle one: Individual @ \$25 Family @ \$30 Student @ \$10

Project Healing Waters @ \$0

Circle one: New Member Renewal

Circle: Trout Unlimited Member Federation of Fly Fishers Member

Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Emergency Contact

In consideration of being allowed to participate in TRF events and activities, I, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and I willingly agree to comply with the stated instructions and policies and customary terms and conditions for participation.

2. I, hereby release the Truckee River Flyfishers and their officers, directors and sponsors harmless with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Contact's Name _____ Relation _____ Phone _____