



# The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

October 2017

## ***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 sportspersons.

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## **Upcoming Events:**

October 11, Fly Tying Roundtable

October 14, Annual Picnic,  
Pyramid Lake

October 18,  
General Membership Meeting,  
1100 Valley Road, 6:30 P.M.  
Travis Hawks will be our speaker  
and will be discussing the Truckee  
River

November 2, BOD Meeting  
6:00 P.M. 3080 Vista Blvd. Ste 100

Things are cooling down with the fall season, and so is the fishing. Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. It doesn't have to be very cold to affect you, especially if it's windy. Bring a warm drink with you to fend off dehydration too.

I would like to thank Mike Sevon for stepping in at the last minute for our last meeting and giving us a great presentation about Christmas Island, featuring some of our fellow club members. Great job, Mike!!

October 11 will start our Fly Tying Round Table. We will have a great guest for our first month, Bill Morgan. Bring 2 flies to get into the drawing for a whole box of flies!

October 14 will be our Pyramid Fishout/Family Day. I will have coffee and donuts at sign-in and we will have lunch at Crosby's Lodge at 1. Check this newsletter for more information.

I had a visit with Bill McCready. He's had a lot of health issues, with multiple surgeries in the last few years. Give him a call, I'm sure he'd appreciate it.

I hope none of our families and associates have been involved in any of the recent disasters, or in the tragic events in Las Vegas. Our sympathy and prayers for all those affected.

Tight lines, stay safe!

Stu

## SHAKEY BEALY

This soft hackle pattern imitates an emerger or a drowned insect and can be fished on top as well as below the water surface. This easy to tie pattern was created by Nick Nicklas of West Yellowstone and named after Frank Bealy, a seasonal park ranger who loved to fish soft hackles on the Madison River. It can be tied with various colored materials to imitate a number of different insects. This pattern possesses the flash, color, movement and profile that should make it a great fall pattern for our local waters.



HOOK: TMC 200, Size #12 or #14  
THREAD: Rusty brown, 8/0  
TAIL/COLLAR: Krystal Flash, Amber/orange  
SHUCK: Mallard flank, Wood duck  
RIB: Sewing thread, Dark brown  
BODY: Awesome Possum, Golden stone  
THORAX: Ostrich herl, Orange  
HACKLE: Partridge, Natural

1. Attach thread near hook eye.
2. Attach 6-8 strands of Krystal Flash, approximately 3 inches in length, on top of hook shank near hook eye with approximately 1 1/2 inches extending forward over hook eye. Secure on top of hook shank rearward to above the hook point. Using the bend of the hook as a guide, remove excess.
3. Attach approximately 12 mallard flank barbs to top of hook shank with tips extending rearward twice as long as the Krystal Flash. Secure and remove excess.
4. Attach sewing thread. Secure.
5. Dub a tapered body forward approximately two thirds of the hook shank.
6. Counter wrap sewing thread forward, 4-5 turns, to front of body. Secure and remove excess.
7. Pull Krystal Flash rearward to measure just beyond hook bend and remove excess. Do not secure. Allow Krystal Flash to remain forward over hook eye.
8. Attach ostrich herl in front of dubbed body. Secure and wrap thread forward to hook eye length from eye.
9. Wrap ostrich herl forward to tying thread. Secure and remove excess.
10. Pull Krystal Flash rearward and spread around hook shank to create a collar. Secure in front of thorax.
11. Prepare a partridge feather and attach in front of thorax. Wrap soft hackle style, approximately 1-2 turns. Secure and remove excess.
12. Create a neat thread head and whip finish.

I can assure you on my next fishing trip a Shakey Bealy will be tied to the end of my tippet.

Mike O'Brien

## TRF FLY TYING ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: 6:30 PM Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.  
WHERE: NDOW Bldg. 1100 Valley Rd.

Hope you can join us for our first roundtable of the 2017 fall-winter season. We will continue with our popular roundtable raffle, to be held at the end of the evening, for a fly box containing great flies donated by attending members and guests. Each member or guest will receive one raffle ticket with the donation of two flies. Bill Morgan will be our guest tier for this month. Bill will be showing us a couple of his favorite patterns, the Canada Fly and Foam Damsel. Be sure to visit our club's website and check out more of Bill's favorite fly patterns. Mike O'Brien

### CANADA FLY

HOOK: TMC 5263 #10  
BEAD: Red 1/8  
THREAD: Olive 6/0  
BODY: Red Holographic Tinsel  
WING: Black Micro Pine Squirrel Zonker Strip

### FOAM DAMSEL

HOOK: Mustad 9672 #10  
THREAD: Olive 6/0  
TAIL: Dark Olive Marabou  
BODY: Micro Thin Foam, Olive  
THORAX: Olive Dubbing, Awesome Possum  
WINGCASE: Micro Thin Foam, Olive

## Annual Picnic

October 14, 2017

1:00 P.M. Crosby's Lodge, Pyramid Lake, Judy Crosby or her lovely employees will be serving lunch. There will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and more. **This is a free luncheon for our members.** Earlier in the morning Stu, our club president will be greeting members at the North Nets and will have hot coffee, hot chocolate and donuts, he will be there at 8:00 A.M.

## General Membership Meeting, October 18, 2017

Our Guest Speaker will be **Travis Hawks**, he has a degree in biology from UNR and has been working for NDOW as a fisheries biologist. He is an expert on the Truckee River and will provide a lot of insight to the fishery and fishing on the River. The meeting will be at 1100 Valley Road, 6:30 P.M.

### October 2017 Prospects

**Truckee River:** Flows have been high for this time of year but they are fishable. Water has cooled into the mid 50's and should drop even more with the cooler overnight lows and longer darkness. Fish streamers and crawfish patterns, even though there is still a sporadic PMD hatch.

**Little Truckee:** The pressure has subsided and so have the flows. Flows are lower than normal but what's unusual about that. Beatis hatches mid-day, a good time to swing a soft hackle thru some of the tailouts.

**Boca, Stampede, & Prosser Res:** Some of the Koke's have started to change color and are staging at the mouths. Browns have already moved into the LT and a large offering could yield a big fish.

**Lake Davis:** Forget it!

**Frenchman Res:** Same Daphnia hatch happen here last year and I expect it to happen again. Bite should pick up as the water cools toward the end of the month.

**Pyramid Lake:** The long awaited opener has arrived and the crowds had the opening weekend packed! Generally not much fly action this time of year but, those who find the bait do get bit once in a while. Water is up 12 to 14 feet from last year and your favorite beach may yield a lot of grass and sage brush on the bottom. The Southern beaches should not have this problem.

**East Walker River:** Flows have good for the last month and reports have been good with most fish being on the small side. Look for this water to improve with the onset of Fall and the end of irrigation season in Mason Valley. Try something with rubberlegs!

**Eagle Lake:** <http://eaglelakefishing.net/eagle-lake-best-fishing-locations.php> This is a good place for information on Eagle Lake. The water is way down.

**Lake Almanor:** Fishing here has been good all Summer so this should equate to a good Fall bite. Hamilton Branch area has been crowded and should continue to be that way. Pond Smelt patterns have been producing in the Prattville area. Smallie fishing should be good until the water temperatures start to fall.

**Knot Creek Res:** I have heard good reports from here and because of the elevation, should fish well right now. NDOW has a minimum pool agreement so there should be a decent water level.

**South Fork Res:** Temperatures have been on the high side in September but the east is cooling down fast. Look for good numbers of fish and some real hogs this time of year. This lake is no secret anymore. Half of Reno will make a trip here in the fall. Wipers are in the mix but I have never been able to find them here.

**Wildhorse Res:** Most of the fish that NDOW has put in here should be in the 18 to 20 inch range by now. Water should cool faster than South Fork because it is further North.

**Wilson Sink Res;** Good reports last year, good water levels with good reports again this year. This is the third year in a row that Wilson has had good water levels and I hear that there is not algae bloom going on here. How come no one fishes here??

**Comins Res:** Chris Crookshank gave a presentation on the pike eradication and subsequent re-introduction of trout to the eastern Nevada lake. This summer the Unipiker was at it again and put some pike back in here. Is hanging still legal in Nevada?

**Delta:** Lots of small fish has been the rule last month with an occasional 3 to 5 pounder. Lots of fish around Frank's tract. Look for bigger fish to show as the water cools.

**Sleepers:** Collection Ditch of the Ruby Marsh, Wild Horse (only think left is big ones), Squaw Creek, Mann and Kumbo (Oregon north of Denio), Cold Creek, and Illipah.

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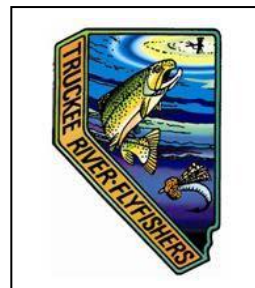
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Experience:      Beginner      Intermediate      Advanced

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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