



# The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

January 2018

## **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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January 17, 2018  
1100 Valley Road, 6:30 P.M.  
Jan Nemeec, speaker

Board of directors meeting  
3080 Vista Blvd. Suite 100  
February 1, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

Happy New Year!!

I hope everybody is enjoying good health and all your resolutions succeed this year.

If you have some ideas for good places to have a fishout, get in touch with your board members, and we can discuss them at a meeting. We're all anxious to see some new places to fish.

Remember the banquet is coming in March, we will need flies. Call Mark or Tom if you need a fly box. Donations are also always welcome.

January 17th will be our first general meeting of 2018. Hope to see you there!!

Membership renewal time is here. Remember to fill out the form on the last page of the newsletter and include that for renewals.

It's also time to renew your California fishing licenses. The out of state fees are, as usual, astronomical. Bring your wallet and be prepared for the usual shock.

Nevada licensing is changing. The license will run for a year from the date you purchase your license. Also, starting the end of the year, if you register a boat, it will be on-line only for payments.

Fly Tyers' Round Table will start in February. Remember to bring TWO flies to get a ticket for the drawing to win a fly box, two winners per night.

Again, I hope you all have a safe, healthy, and happy 2018.

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March 10, 2018 will be our the date of our Annual Banquet, Jeff Putman will be our guest speaker that evening.

## JEFF PUTNAM'S FLY FISHING SCHOOLS

### **Biography:**

At eleven years of age Jeff traded in his spinning rod for his first fly fishing outfit and started fishing many trout-filled streams in the Sierra Mountains. It was not long before fishing challenging gin-clear spring creeks, emerald green coastal steelhead rivers and fertile lakes all over the Western U.S. that Jeff realized fly fishing was more than just a sport. Jeff began fly tying commercially at 13 and started guiding fly fishermen on Northern California's waters as early as age 16. He is a F.F.F. Certified Casting Instructor; both CI. and THCI and was the 5<sup>th</sup> individual to complete and pass the double handed certification test.

Jeff has worked many positions in the industry including retail fly shop sales, manufactures rep, fly fishing guide for 17 years throughout California, Montana and Colorado. Jeff has also been fortunate to have traveled to some top fly fishing destinations around the world in search of the ultimate fly fishing experience including the Dean River for monster steelhead, Tsiu River in Alaska, tropics of Belize for tarpon and Christmas Island for bonefish.

Jeff directs and hosts his self-titled series of instructional fly fishing videos DVD's, including the first 3D Blu-ray fly fishing video. He provides seminars and presentations for fly fishing expos, fly fishing clubs, fly shops, fly fishing manufacturers and corporate groups. Jeff consults with many fly fishing equipment manufactures as a field tester and prostaff member. He runs one of the largest Northern California fly fishing schools and assists individuals and groups on fly fishing travel and outfitting. Jeff enjoys fishing local waters for any fish species he can catch on a fly rod and possesses a true angling passion for steelhead on a spey rod, matching the hatch for spring creek trout and searching the saltwater flats.

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**January 17, 2018, General Membership Meeting  
1100 Valley Road, Reno  
6:30 P.M.**

**Guest speaker will be Jan Nemec**

**Before the age of 18, Jan Nemec was a licensed fly fishing guide and commercial fly tier. He later married Penny who gave birth to son Austin. Jan worked for several years at Orvis, in the fishing section, until venturing out on his own as a guide. Seeking a more secure future for his family, Jan accepted a job with the Nevada Department of Wildlife as their fishing instructor, a job he presently actively pursues. Jan has an extensive knowledge of fly fishing and authored a book, "Flyfisher's Guide to Nevada" and he also contributes articles to "Sierra Fisherman Magazine".**

**Mark Warren**

## PEACOCK CAREY SPECIAL

The Carey Special originated in British Columbia by Tom Carey back in the late 1930s to be utilized as a trolling fly in stillwater. This pattern can be tied using a variety of materials and color combinations to imitate dragon fly nymphs, mayfly nymphs, caddis nymphs and leeches. I prefer a more sparsely wrapped collar hackle, unlike the original pattern which consisted of several wraps of pheasant rump feathers creating a thick collar.



HOOK: Mustad 9671, Size 12 – 6  
THREAD: UTC Black, Size 8/0  
RIB: UTC Wire Copper, Size Small  
BODY: Peacock Herl  
TAIL: Pheasant Rump feather  
COLLAR: Pheasant Rump feather

1. Attach thread near hook eye and create a thread base rearward to hook bend.
2. Attach pheasant rump feather to top of hook shank with tips extending approximately a  $\frac{3}{4}$  shank length beyond hook bend. Secure and remove excess
3. Attach wire near base of tail. Secure
4. Attach 3 – 4 peacock herls near base of tail. Secure
5. Wrap peacock herl forward to 1 – 2 eye lengths behind hook eye. Secure and remove excess
6. Spiral wrap wire forward. Secure and remove excess
7. Prepare a pheasant rump feather and attach tip just in front of peacock herl.
8. Wrap pheasant rump feather, 1 – 2 turns, around hook shank. Secure and remove excess.
9. Create a neat thread head and whip finish.

I use peacock herl for the body because I believe the color, shine and softness of this material produces a pattern that is more attractive to the fish. I frequently fish this pattern when I'm searching for the fish on those slow days.  
Mike O'Brien

## Wild Sheep Foundation (Sheep Show)

For many years now members of the Truckee River Flyfishers have been involved with the Wild Sheep Show and their efforts in educating our young and future sportsmen and women. The TRF volunteers have been teaching school aged children to tie flies during all of the shows.

Those of you who have attended are aware that for three days the Wild Sheep Foundation has classes and seminars for hundreds of students from our local schools, they are introduced to many facets of our outdoor sports, fly tying is just one of many classes offered.

This Sheep Show will be held January 18, 19 and 20, 2018.

Thursday, January 18 will be from 11:30 to 2:00

Friday, January 19, will be from 12:00 to 3:00

Saturday, January 20 will be from 10:00 to 4:00

We are looking for volunteers for all three of those days.

**WE HAVE ENOUGH  
VOLUNTEERS  
NOW.**

One of the perks of volunteering is that you are given a pass that will give you entry into the entire Sheep Show and this includes lunch for those attending as well.

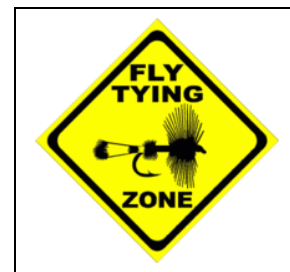
Please call Tom Smith at 775-741-8825 or email at [edsontiger@aol.com](mailto:edsontiger@aol.com) to volunteer.



WHAT – Fly Tying Roundtable

WHEN – February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

WHERE – NDOW Bldg. 1100 Valley Rd.



The Truckee River Flyfishers will resume our monthly fly tying roundtables in 2018 beginning in February. We will be featuring a number of our club's talented fly tyers and experienced fly fishers. Even if you're not a fly tyer it can be beneficial to attend our roundtables because the featured fly tyer will tell you how, when and where to fish the flies being tied that evening. It's a great opportunity for our beginner fly tyers to advance their skills. The advanced fly tyers will have a chance to learn different tying techniques plus be introduced to new tying materials and where they're able to purchase them.

We will be continuing our raffle for a chance to win a fly box filled with flies donated by attending members to be raffled off at the end of the evening. Each member or guest will receive one raffle ticket when they donate two flies.

If you are interested in becoming a featured fly tyer for one of our future roundtables you can email me and I will add your name to our list of available fly tyers.

I will have more information on February's roundtable in our next month's newsletter.

Mike O'Brien [avidflyfisher@aol.com](mailto:avidflyfisher@aol.com)

## January 2018 Prospects

**Pyramid Lake:** This is the month that I generally catch my largest fish. Unfortunately, I have not heard of many large fish being caught recently. Right now fly pattern doesn't seem to matter, finding the fish does. Two schools of thought, stay in one place and wait for the fish to come by or move around a lot until you find fish. Overcast days are better. South end beaches are crowded but have the better deep water drop offs. Tribe may vote soon on whether to open Dago and Howard beaches, still using the road conditions as an excuse.

**Truckee River:** Water levels have finally subsided to really good fishable levels. Sparks to Glennshire is in great shape. California side is zero limit now but I believe that the Nevada side holds more fish. Use small nymphs with maybe a San Juan worm above it. Winter tactics call for fishing the slower deeper pools and seams.

**Little Truckee:** Light to Lonesome has good numbers being caught. Warmer overcast days you could see some dry action.

**East Walker:** Also in great shape with good flows but can be subject to anchor ice on the side if we get some really cold weather. Old pattern that worked well was a Prince Midge during this time of year along with the usual PT's and small caddis patterns.

**Topaz Lake:** Opens New Year's Day you can fish it with your current Nevada License. Size 8 Purple Woolly Bugger where the West Walker dumps into the lake. Last year I fished it during the Pyramid Closure and did well on the East side, not far from the County Park boat ramp. I think I got them on a Swallow.

**Squaw Creek Res.** This is where we normally go in January. I think that I heard that it either had a fish kill or was drawn down and they lost the fish. Not sure, call NDOW for clarification.

**Collection Ditch:** Been warm in Elko lately so there should not be a lot of ice on the ditch. Also, Harrison Pass probably doesn't have any snow on it so its just a 50 minute drive from Spring Creek. You can call the National Wildlife Refuge there, they're probably bored to tears out there now that duck season is ending.

**Sleepers:** In California, Pardee Lake, Iron Canyon Res. Amador Lake, Bullard's Bar, and Lake McCumber. These are the lower elevation lakes.

New California fishing licenses are needed now.

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# Membership Form



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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 International 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 \_\_\_\_\_