



The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

March 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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Annual Banquet**
Speaker will be Jeff Putnam

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Delectable Lil' Red Spanker

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March 15**
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Upcoming Events:

Banquet March 10

General Membership Meeting
There will not be a GM
until April 18, speaker
will be announced in
April Newsletter

Board of directors meeting
April 5, 2018
3080 Vista Blvd. 6:00 P.M.

Hey all, just a "short and sweet" message this month.

Banquet time is HERE, Saturday the 10th at the Tamarack Junction, doors open at 5 for no-host cocktails, festivities begin at 6.

Tom and Mark tell me there are lots of good items available this year for silent auction and raffle. Remember, we can no longer accept credit cards, sorry. Bring your wallet or checkbook, we'll take some of that off your hands, LOL.

With the crazy weather going on, we need to remember our cold-weather safety hints, wear a warm hat, dress in layers, bring extra clothing in case you get wet, hypothermia kicks in quick, especially if it's windy. It is especially important to tell someone where you're going, just in case we need to call out the dogs. Remember, cell phone service is very spotty in parts of Nevada, there is no guarantee that you are going to be able to call out. See you at the banquet!!

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

5:00 P.M. doors open, no host bar, 6:00 buffet dinner, tri tip, salmon, chicken, raffle/auction

JEFF PUTNAM'S
FLY FISHING SCHOOLS

Tamarack Junction Casino
13101 S. Virginia Street.
Reno, NV

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 5th 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.

Jeff Putnam's Fly Fishing Schools - 9035 New Dawn Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 (916)366-7554

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A special thanks to Elliott Gritton

One of the real gentlemen of our sport.

Many of our silent auction items at the banquet will be things that Elliott donated to us.

Elliott has given up his life time sport of fly fishing. His legs just don't want to carry the load any longer; we all come to that stage of our life cycle.

Elliott has been a long time member of our club and has received many of the clubs awards; foremost among them is the Cal Bird Cup. For years Elliott headed up and scheduled tyers for the Roundtables, he has tied and donated hundreds of flies to our raffles and banquets. He was a monthly contributor to the newsletter with articles on flies and fishing. The rivers, the lakes and the club are all going to miss him.

Now, he has donated a lot of things he is no longer able to use to the Truckee River Flyfishers, fly tying materials chief among them, you will see a lot of the materials in our monthly raffles, we donated some in turn to NDOW. Other items you will see at our banquet, waders, fly rods and reels, chest waders, hip boots, vest and hundreds of flies.

My special thanks go out to him as he has been a friend, a mentor and a fountain of knowledge to all of us over the years.

Tom Smith

DELEKTABLE LIL' RED SPANKER

This pattern was originated in Montana and designed by fishing guide, Dan Delekta. The Delektable Lil' Red Spanker imitates a wide variety of insects making it a great searching or attractor pattern. The Midge Flash combined with the Holographic tinsel creates an enticing fly for a variety of water conditions. The CDC feather traps and holds air bubbles emulating emerging insects.



HOOK: TMC 5262 or your favorite 2XL nymph hook, Size 16 – 12

THREAD: UTC Red, Size 8/0

BEAD: Silver, Size 7/64

TAIL: Mallard Flank, Medium Dun

BODY: UTC Holo Tinsel Red, Size Medium

RIB: UTC Wire Silver, Size Small

THORAX: UV Ice Dub Gray

WINGCASE: Midge Flash Pearl

HACKLE: CDC Natural

COLLAR: UV Ice Dub Gray

1. Attach thread behind bead and wrap rearward to create a thread base, length of hook shank.
2. Attach 8 to 12 mallard flank fibers to form the tail approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ length of hook shank. Secure and remove excess
3. Attach wire behind bead and secure along hook shank rearward to base of tail.
4. Attach tinsel at base of tail and wrap thread forward creating a slightly tapered under body.
5. Wrap tinsel forward near the bead. Secure and remove excess
6. Counter wrap wire forward to the bead. Secure and remove excess
7. Attach 8 strands of Midge Flash to top of hook shank just in front of the body with excess pointing rearward.
8. Dub the thorax forward to just behind bead leaving room for the hackle.
9. Bring Midge Flash forward over the thorax and secure. Do not remove excess
10. Divide the Midge Flash equally and secure half to the far side of hook shank and half to the near side of hook shank. Pull Midge Flash rearward and trim near the length of the body.
11. Prepare a CDC feather and attach the tip to the top of the hook shank just behind bead. While stroking barbs rearward wrap feather forward, approximately 2 to 3 turns. Secure and remove excess.
12. Dub a collar just behind the bead and whip finish.

This pattern can be tied in a variety of colors including red, purple, black, olive, gold and silver. Black, olive and red are my favorites.

Mike O'Brien

A note from the Editor, I was watching a video of Darrel Harold last week, he tied nearly the same fly as the one above on a video from Nov 13, 2003, he called it a CDC Bead Head Chironomidae, also tied in black and green. Can also be tied with a glass bead to fish very shallow waters.

TRF FLY TYING ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: 6:30 PM Thursday, March 15th.
WHERE: NDOW Bldg. 1100 Valley Rd.

Hope you can join us for our first roundtable of the New Year. We will be continuing the popular roundtable raffle giving attendees a chance to win a fly box filled with great flies donated by attending members and guests. Just bring in two flies to donate and receive your raffle ticket.

Our guest tier for this month will be long time club member Richard Dickerson. Richard is a great fly tier and a first class fly fisherman with a vast amount of knowledge on fishing our local waters. The flies Richard will be tying for us will be two of my favorite patterns, the Sheep Creek Special and Birds Nest Nymph.

Sheep Creek Special

Hook: 6-12 3X Long, Weighted
Thread: Black 6/0, Prewaxed
Tail: Brown or Furnace Hackle
Body: Chenille, J Fair's Shuck, Sized to the hook
Wing: Mallard or Wood Duck Flank Feathers
Head: Tying Thread

Birds Nest Nymph

Hook: 10-16 1X Long, Weighted
Thread: 6/0 or 8/0, Prewaxed color to match body
Tail: Wood Duck Flank Feather or Dyed Mallard Flank Feather
Ribbing: Gold Oval Tinsel Size to match Hook
Body: Hare's Ear Dubbing or similar Dyed to desired shade
Wingcase: Same Dubbing as Body
Legs: Same Feather used for the tail using distribution wrap
Head: Tying Thread

In April we will be back on our regular schedule which will be every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Suggestions on fly patterns you would like to see demonstrated at our roundtable can be emailed to Mike O'Brien at avidflyfisher@aol.com. Volunteers to demonstrate a pattern are always welcome. Mike O'Brien

Banquet

The Banquet will be held at Tamarack Junction Casino, 13101 S. Virginia Street, Reno,

We will open the doors at 5:00 to no host cocktails and dinner at 6:00, it will be buffet style with Tri Tip, Salmon or Chicken. There will be a raffle and silent auction.

Lots of goodies will be offered, with jewelry donated by one our members as well as a ton of flies, 600 flies were donated by Elliott Gritton, there are some fly plates by Lance Jennings, waders, books, gear bags and so much more.

Tickets are \$45. You can contact Tom Smith at edsontiger@aol.com or 775-741-8825

Even in the coldest of times some of us have to be out on the water..... we were lucky we found some awesome trout food.



As u can see the stone fly hatch is upon us and we will go to any length to catch those wily trout.



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some great wada
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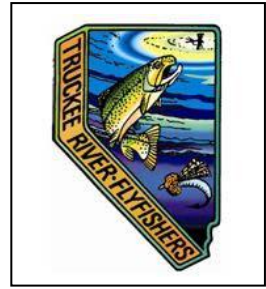
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Membership Form



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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 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:

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