

# The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

May 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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## **Upcoming Events:**

General Membership Meeting  
1100 Valley Road,  
6:30 P.M. April 18.

Board of directors meeting  
June 7, 2018  
3080 Vista Blvd. 6:00 P.M.

Happy May!!

The fishout was fun for the 9 people who showed up. No one caught any fish, so the rod will be held for the next fishout. Lunch was good, and the raffle was fun.

A big thank you to Kris Urquart from the Fallon NDOW for an interesting presentation. Good to see some of the water reports!

I want to express my thanks to all the people who have been coming to the Fly Tying Round Table and the meetings. It's nice to see all the people there – and a special WELCOME to the new members!

Fly Tying Round Table is the 9th this month, this month's tyer will be our own Deb, so come on down! Thanks to Mike and Jim for the excellent flies tied in April. Well done!

For those of us who hunt, word is we should know if we got tags by the end of the month.

Don't forget Mother's Day, treat those women in your life right, they'll be more likely to let you go fishin' next time!

Good fishing, stay safe, the waters are still running deep and fast. I have heard Frenchman's is clearing up and the fishing is good!

Stu



## TRF FLY TYING ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: 6:30 PM Wednesday May 9th  
WHERE: NDOW Bldg. 1100 Valley Rd.

Our featured tier scheduled for this month is club member, Director and great fly fisher, Deb Robinson. Fishing has always been an important part of Deb's life. She started fishing at the young age of 4 years old while residing in Spain. Since then Deb has been fortunate enough to fish the Wabash River in Indiana as well as the Salt River and stillwaters of Arizona. Today she loves fly fishing the Truckee River and the local stillwaters. Deb has learned the art of fly tying from some of the best fly tiers in the area.

Deb will be tying the Joe Buck and the Sally Buck, a couple of her go to patterns for Pyramid Lake. Should be a great evening!

Last month's roundtable was a great one thanks to our guest tier, Jim Mitchell. Jim tied up a very popular dry fly pattern, Elk Hair Caddis, and did a splendid job explaining the significance of the materials he used.

To start the evening I tied up one of my favorite patterns, Shakey Beally, to demonstrate the preparation and application of the soft hackle and also how I apply dubbing to create a neat tapered fly body.

A special thanks to Lance Jennings for donating a couple of his great Fly Shadow Boxes which were included in our evening raffle.

Mike O'Brien



## PT VARIANT

The Pheasant Tail Variant is one of my most efficient go to still water patterns, ranking right up there with the Birds Nest. Three years ago I tied this pattern at one of our roundtables and it was just brought to my attention that I have never featured it in our monthly newsletter. I've been fishing this pattern for a few years now and it never ceases to amaze me how a fly so simple and quick to tie can be so effective. Wrapping CDC as a collar is one of the most effective methods to enhance your favorite sub surface pattern.



HOOK: Mustad 9671, Size 14 or 12  
 THREAD: UTC Black 8/0  
 BEAD: Copper, Size - 7/64  
 THORAX: Dubbing blend, 50% Rabbit - Black and 50% Arizona Synthetic Peacock  
 HACKLE: CDC feather - Black  
 RIB: UTC Wire Copper, Size Brassie  
 BODY: Pheasant tail - Black  
 TAIL: Pheasant tail - Black

1. Attach thread just behind bead and create a thread base rearward to just above the barb.
2. Attach pheasant tail fibers (4-6) with tips extending a hook shank length beyond hook bend. Secure and remove excess
3. Attach wire behind bead and secure along hook shank rearward to base of tail.
4. Attach approximately 6 pheasant tail fibers by the tips near base of tail and wrap forward to just behind the bead. Secure and remove excess
5. Counter wrap wire forward 4-5 open turns to just behind bead. Secure and remove excess
6. Apply dubbing and create thorax between body and bead.
7. Attach CDC feather in front of thorax and wrap 2-3 turns. Secure and remove excess
8. Whip finish.

This pattern works exceptionally well early in the season just after ice out. I tie this pattern in olive for fishing mid season and I tie it in Burnt orange for fishing in the fall.

Mike O'Brien

### May 2018 Prospects

**Truckee River:** Flows have been good for the last 3 weeks. We are in a more typical Spring runoff situation than last year. Hopefully the water doesn't drop too much because we just put eggs in the river in Verdi. Green Drake hatch should start the end of the month. Also if you are going to fish a stone fly pattern make it small, less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch. This is the size of next year's golden stones.

**Little Truckee:** The bite here should be in the mid-day. Water levels have been high but have dropped recently for the California Open on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 106 cfs. Try Dave's emerger under a Beatis Dry, stay off of any reds.

**Pyramid Lake:** April was slow again as it was last year and the year before. The hot spot seemed to be Pelican Point area with several fist fights being reported, they don't call it combat fishing for nothing. Look for a feeding bite to start in about three weeks after the spawning funk ends. Unfortunately we won't be able to fish the North end of the lake that was so good two years ago when we still had access.

**Frenchman Res:** Fishing well now with not much insect activity, so lots of presentations and patterns are working. With some warmer weather the blood midges and Calibeatis should start hatching. I think they are out of the spawn funk.

**Lake Davis:** DFG has only been putting in fingerlings so they have only been feeding the good Small Mouth Bass fishery here. What fish are left here should be really big, over 22 inches.

**Milton Res.** Not sure what the access is like, you can call the ranger station in Sierraville for access conditions. Fish now before Memorial Day because this lake gets a lot of pressure and fishing it early the fish are not as educated. Always have ant patterns with you in the Spring here.

**Wilson Sink Res.** This reservoir has had good water for the last four years and has had a lot of good fish in it and I have heard of no one who has fished it!!! Yes it is 20 miles of dirt road and the biologist in Elko said that I should not take my boat trailer in there. So why has no one tubed it.?

**South Fork Res.** Last year the club fish out in May here was great, lots of fish, including Wipers. Should repeat this May. Also do not forget to make a day trip to Wild Horse. The fishing last Fall was great there and I will certainly be there on my Elko trip in May.!!

**Sleepers:** Hinkson Slough, Indian Creek, Comins, Illapah, and Adams-McGill, Darcy (I was here last fall and it was not worth it, but the Spring is the best time for down here because you do not have to deal with the extreme weed situation).

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## PILOT PEAK LCT EGG PLANT 2018

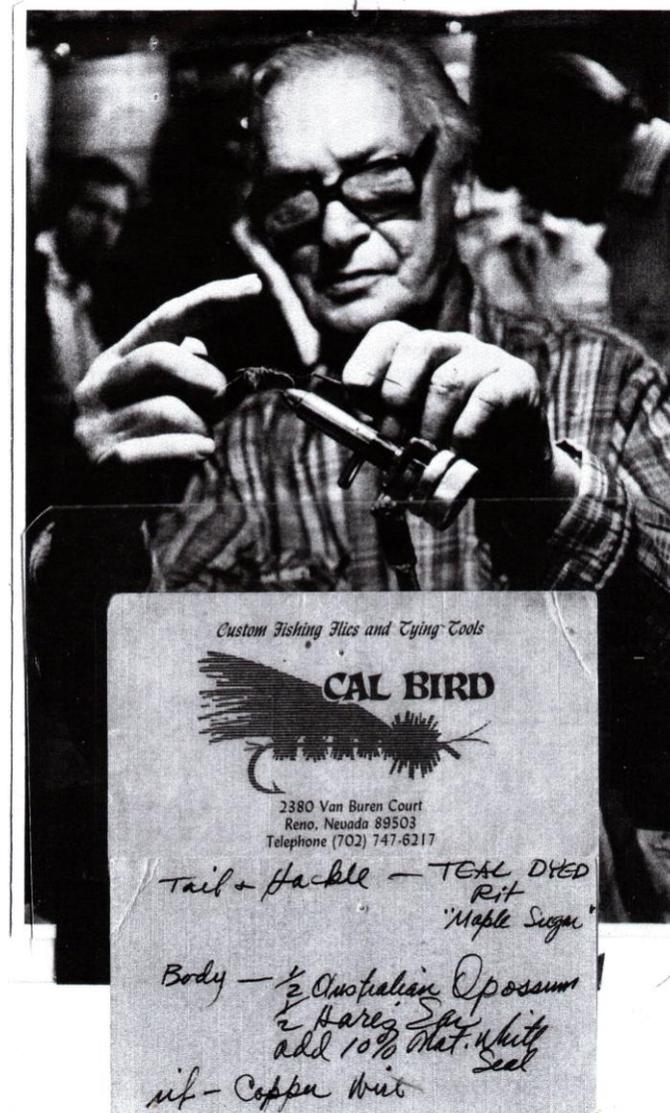
The day, April 27<sup>th</sup>, was warm and beautiful, although a little windy. Jimmy Greenhalgh and I were driving to the Lahontan Federal Fish Hatchery just outside of Gardnerville. It would good to get back to my roots – my first job was at the Verdi Hatchery. We watched as the US FWS and hatchery crew picked the white eggs (dead) away from the pink ones prior to delivery. The hatchery manager asked me for my NDOW permit to introduce wildlife. I had picked up an envelope off the table that read NDOW Important Document. I opened it up to give him the permit and, lo and behold, it was my boat registration, which, coincidentally was in an identical envelope back on the table at home. A moment of panic ensued, but a quick call to Marsha and, with the help of modern electronics, she was able to photograph the permit and send it to us. The day was saved. Otherwise the next day's paper would read, "TRF Vice President found hanged from the Verdi Bridge."

Arriving at River Bend, and only 20 minutes late, we found 15 anxious club members waiting to plant the eggs. We got Laura Murph started putting the eggs into individual boxes and into the crates (12 boxes to a crate). These were then submerged into the river with large rocks put on top to hold them in place. Cosmos the dog supervised the whole operation. There were four crates with 48 Vibert boxes containing a total of 18,422 future Pilot Peak 40-pound cutthroat. The eggs were eyed, which means they had been developing in the hatchery for approximately 20 days and little eyes could be seen in the egg case. They will hatch out in about 14 days in the 40-degree water. They are then termed "sac fry" as they carry a yolk sac on their stomach that is absorbed and used as food for about a week. Following that, they are called "swim up" and will leave the confines of the Vibert box and venture out into a hostile world where everything wants to eat you. Two years ago we had a 90% hatch rate. Long term survivability is low, but several hundred of them could make it to adulthood and grow into monster fish.

My thanks to my wife Marsha for helping put together 96 Vibert boxes and being an electronic genius, Doug Ouellette for arranging the eggs, Jimmy Greenhalgh for accompanying me to the hatchery and, of course, the 15 TRF volunteers that showed up to get the eggs put out in record time (30 Minutes).

Mark





Cal Bird's Birds Nest

Bud Johnson

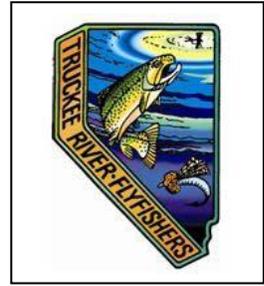
The birds nest nymph has become an extremely popular pattern, when heavily weighted, it becomes a great bottom-bouncer through the riffles or lightly weighted through flat water with timed pauses, twitches and pauses. Wherever they really work, they can be tied in colors ranging from black all the way to light crème. When under a bright sky, trout like a dark color, but go for a light color on darker days.

Cal's business card with his recipe should help those who wish to make them "his way". One final note on his recipe, copper ribs are called for on all colors except the Light Cahill, on which he preferred silver wire.

As seal is no longer available, you may add a light color mix of "Sealex" or other light shiny material in your mix at 5% to go along with the 50/50 mix of Aussy Possum and medium hare's ear. Get out the coffee mill and whip some up. It works for me.

Bud

# Membership Form



Truckee River Flyfishers,  
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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:

Contact's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_