

# The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

August 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:**

Webber Lake Fishout August 11, 2018 Get there early and enjoy the fishing, lunch will be at 1:00

> Swap Meet Mayberry Park August 15, 2018 5:00 P.M.

"Conservation Project"
Independence Lake
Sept 23, 2018
9:30 to 3:30
Details in September
Newsletter

Board of directors meeting September 6, 2018 3080 Vista Blvd. 6:00 P.M. August is here!! ....And it's too dang hot!!!

We will have a fishout on August 11, at Webber Lake. This is NOT the Nevada Weber Lake, but the California Webber Lake, off highway 89, between Independence Lake and Jackson Meadows. It will be a potluck, so bring your favorite dish and coordinate with Deb Robinson. Don't forget your BUG SPRAY.

On the 15th, we will have our annual Swap Meet at Mayberry Park, starting at 5 p.m.

There is another fishout in the planning stages, September 7, 8, and 9, at Crowley Lake. Remember, Crowley is barbless look/catch and release ONLY. We're letting you know about this one early, because it is so close to the September Board of Directors meeting, so you can make your plans early. Keep your eye on the website!

With all the fires this season, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to be aware of where you park, your muffler and other hot car parts can start grass to burning. Carry plenty of extra water (recommendation is 5 gallons per person per day for back-country activities). If you see a fire, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY. Be aware of your location so you can direct fire and rescue if necessary.

Board of Director's meeting is the 2nd of August. Contact your board members if you have a question or an issue you want addressed, phone numbers are in this newsletter.

Let us know about your fishing, and if you had luck. Again, carry extra water, stay hydrated, use sunscreen, and wear a hat. We want our friends and members healthy and safe.

Anne and I will be out of town for a few days, so we will miss Weber, but if I can figure out how to get this collar and leash off, I will be at the Swap Meet.

Tight lines!!

Stu



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#### FLY TYING ROUNDTABLE WILL START AGAIN IN THE FALL

#### WOOD DUCK NYMPH

I consider the popular Pheasant Tail nymph to be one of our most versatile fly patterns with Ringneck pheasant tail fibers making up 95% of this pattern. These pheasant tail feathers can be found in natural brown or numerous other dyed colors. The Wood Duck nymph is tied utilizing Mallard flank to create the same effect as the Pheasant Tail pattern but offers a different color scheme and striking composition with it's pronounced barring. Water fowl flank feathers are far more durable than you may think.



HOOK: Dai-Riki 075, Size 10-18 WEIGHT: Brass bead Copper, Size 7/64 THREAD: UTC Gray, Size 70 Denier RIB: UTC Wire Copper, Size Brassie BODY: Mallard Flank, Wood Duck TAIL: Mallard Flank, Wood Duck THORAX: Spirit River UV2 Dubbing, Rust WING CASE: Mallard Flank, Wood Duck LEGS: Mallard Flank, Wood Duck

- 1. Attached thread just behind bead and create a thread base rearward to just above the hook barb.
- 2. Attach Mallard flank with tips extending approximately ½ length of the hook shank beyond hook bend. (Secure to top of hook shank forward to bead and remove excess)
- 3. Attach wire and secure along hook shank to the base of the tail.
- 4. Attach several Mallard flank fibers by the tips near base of tail. (Secure and return thread forward near bead)
- 5. Wrap Mallard flank fibers forward 2/3 length of hook shank. (Secure and remove excess)
- 6. Wrap wire forward with 4 to 5 open turns. (Secure and remove excess)
- 7. Attach approximately 16 Mallard flank fibers near bead with tips pointing rearward over the body. (Secure and remove excess)
- 8. Dub a small thorax forward to the bead.
- 9. Pull Mallard flank fibers forward over thorax to bead and secure with 2 thread wraps.
- 10. Divide Mallard flank fibers evenly and secure half to the near side of the hook and half to the far side of the hook.
- 11. While holding Mallard flank fibers rearward make 4 to 5 securing thread wraps just behind bead.
- 12. Whip finish and remove thread.

The flank feathers from Teal, Wood Duck, Pin Tail and Gadwall with their distinct barring can also be used to create some great looking flies. Mike O'Brien

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#### Mike Hoffman has this boat for sale, \$3000 OBO, 775-750-6900



#### Webber Fishout

The club is planning a fish-out at Webber Lake in California on August 11, 2018. It's a Saturday. It will be a pot luck, so bring your favorite dish. I will provide the silverware, plates, napkins and drinks. There are numerous picnic tables in the area that we can hopefully procure. Lunch at 1 PM.

Webber Lake is a several hundred acre lake in the Sierras. It was private until 2012 when it was acquired by the Donner Lake Land Trust and is now open to the public.

Contact the campground host, Ken and Joan, directly at 530-587-2267 to reserve a camp site. All 46 sites are spacious, well shaded and come with a table, fire pit and bear box. Dogs must be leashed.

For fishing, Sierra county requires an AIS form be completed before launching (available there). Joan, whom I talked to today (July 29th), said that the water temperature has been running 72 degrees and most of the fish being caught are down about 15 feet (suggest shooting head lines or fast sink or indicators). I have fished it in the past and caught rainbow and brown trout up to 3 pounds. There are also naturally reproducing brook trout in the lake. The California Fish & Game has taken over the management of the lake and are concentrating on cutthroat, so who knows. Boating is allowed, but there is a 5-mph speed limit. For several hundred feet in front of the boat ramp the lake is only 5 or 6 feet deep, but then it drops off. Webber is fairly large, so there are several fingers to fish. It lies in a lovely setting, so it is a pleasure just to be there.

To get there take Hwy 89 about 17 miles north of Truckee, take the Jackson Meadows Road west about 8 miles to the sign for Webber Lake. Turn left and proceed down a dirt road for about a quarter mile. At a closed gate, the road forks to the right and in about another quarter of a mile is a dirt road to the left and a sign pointing to the parking area. Follow this road for about 0.6 miles to the parking area. Mark Warren

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#### August 2018 Prospects

**Truckee River:** Flows have been decent on the California side as they were last year. Fish are there but scattered, you have to cover a lot of water to catch fish. Small offering in size 14 and 16 produce better. Nevada side has more fish but gets warmer faster, fish early and late. Move to cooler water if it gets above 68 degrees. Also, white water holds more oxygen and is cooler so fish there.

**Little Truckee:** This year the summer flows have been 95 cfs and the LT has fished good all summer. Rainbow Warrior or red or black zebra midges with a San Juan worm or tiger worm seems to be the most common offering that works. Evening dry fly action will start to wane as the bio mass completes it cycle. This is when I like to fish an ant pattern. Crowds should start to subside a little as the number of vacationers slows down.

**East Walker River:** Flows have been decent here all summer, 200 cfs which will keep the temperature down and also the ph. Try a hopper dropper.

**Lake Almanor:** I heard that the Hex hatch here was good and it is still fishing good for both trout and small mouths. On hot days when power usage is high the powerhouse at Butt Lake is a good bet.

**Spooner Lake:** Lots of small willing fish with maybe a 14 inch Brown hold over. Lots of stuff works here the key is to get in a floatation device and work the edges of the weeds and the deeper center of the lake. **How come we have not had a Fish Out here?** 

Milton Res. Water here can be too cold at times. I've been here in the middle of summer and the temp is 46 degrees. If they stop letting water out of Jackson Meadows Reservoir the water will warm quickly. Last year I started using a sinking line in the deeper end of the lake and did quite well with a Swallow. Hatches have been inconsistent this year and there seems to be fewer fish and not many bigger ones. The cold water is refreshing.

**Marlette Lake:** Fishing here has been good all summer and this would be a good month to go. Hike in or ride a bike. A float tube helps but is not necessary.

Carp: Lahontan has been ok, you have to cover a lot of water to find fish up on the surface. When you do find them it doesn't mean that a hopper/dropper is going to work or that fish are in casting range of shore. A boat or float tube solves that. White bass are a bonus if you can find them, they seem to be an early or late bite.

**Others:** Silver Fork of the American; West Walker, up stream of 395 to the Marine Base; Carter Lake, north of Susanville (had a good report a month ago); or Yellow Creek West of Almanor. Or stay in the A/C and tie for the fall fishing

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SPRING CREEK PRAM

STILLWATER CLASSIC 7' 10" FIBERGLASS HULL
WOOD RAILS WITH SWIVEL SEAT





- ☐ Minn Kota 30 lb, 36" electric motor
- ☐ Eagle Cuda 242 fishfinder/sonar with transducer
- ☐ Two of each: anchors, pulleys, ropes & oars

\$1,200 0BO

(775) 750-6900





Other equipment available

Ask what I've got



Mike also has a Pyramid platform ladder, with extra wide base, \$65, OBO Cabela's Super Mag waders, size 11-12, \$75, OBO Stripping basket, \$20, OBO

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## Swap Meet

August 15, 2018, 5:00

Mayberry Park, take W 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Woodland Ave. drive to the end of Woodland and we will be dead ahead. Bring your extra goodies, fishing tackle, boats, waders, flies, rods, reels and whatever's, enjoy the evening with friends and join in the casting contest, two \$50 prizes will be awarded. Hot dogs and drinks will be available.

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## Membership Form

## Truckee River Flyfishers, P.O. Box 7231 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	t @ \$10	
Project Healing Waters @ \$0		
Circle one: New Member Renewal		
Circle: Trout Unlimited Member Federat	tion of Fly Fishers International Member	
Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Emo	ergency Contact	
1. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both	RF events and activities, I, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreced high known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my participations and policies and customary terms and conditions for participations.	ticipation; and I
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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.		
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