



The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

November 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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Fly Tyers Roundtable
November 14, 2018
1100 Valley Road, 6:30

General Membership Meeting
November 28, 2018
Dan Le Count
1100 Valley Road, 6:00

Hope your Halloween was nice and scary!!

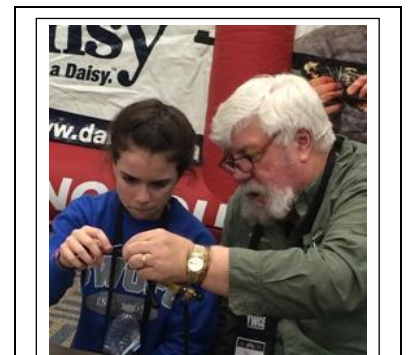
I'm happy to see so many members at the Fly Tying Round Table and the meetings. It's nice to see old friends and make new ones.

I haven't heard about the Pyramid Lake fishout. Hope it was great for all.

Curt asked me about a webmaster replacement. As you all know, Curt will be leaving for Arizona at the first of the year. We're looking for volunteers to take over the webmaster position, so training can take place before Curt leaves. Contact the board of directors if you're interested; training needs to start SOON.

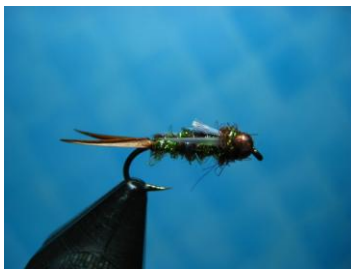
Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Hope to see you at this month's Round Table and meeting, and hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

Holiday greetings!
Stu



PSYCHO PRINCE NYMPH

This pattern is an awesome variation of the very popular Prince nymph designed by Mike Mercer of the Fly Shop located in Redding California. It's wild flashy body, contrasting colored biot tail and wings and along with the ultra white wing tuft, the Psycho Prince Nymph gets the attention of the most finicky trout. When tied in larger sizes it can be an effective Steelhead pattern. The most popular colors for this pattern are orange/purple and purple/black but don't be afraid to try out different color combinations to find your favorite.



HOOK: Mustad 3906 or your favorite standard nymph hook, Size #12

BEAD: Brass Copper, Size 7/64

THREAD: UNI Camel, Size 8/0

WEIGHT: Lead free wire, Size .015

TAIL: Turkey biot Brown

RIB: UTC Ultra Wire Copper, Size Brassie

OVERBODY: Pheasant tail

BODY: Hareline Ice Dub Olive Brown

WING TUFT: Spirit River Lite Brite Polar Pearl

WINGS: Goose biot White

COLLAR: Spirit River UV2 Diamond Brite Rootbeer

1. Slide bead onto the hook and attach lead free wire, approximately 10 wraps just behind bead.
2. Attach thread just behind wire wraps and create a thread base rearward to just above hook barb.
3. Attach a pair of turkey biots, one on each side of hook shank, with tips extending approximately a hook shank length beyond the bend of the hook. (Secure along hook shank forward to wire wraps and remove excess)
4. Attach copper wire just behind wire wraps. (Secure along hook shank rearward to base of tail)
5. Attach tips of 8 to 10 pheasant tail fibers to top of hook shank near base of tail with butt ends extending rearward.
6. Dub a tapered body forward 2/3 length of hook shank.
7. Pull pheasant tail fibers forward over dubbed body. (Secure and remove excess)
8. Wrap copper wire forward with 4 to 5 open turns. (Secure and wrap excess)
9. Prepare a small clump of Lite Brite material and attach to top of hook shank. Trim so it extends rearward approximately 1/3 length of the body. (Secure)
10. Apply small amount of dubbing, same as body, to cover thread wraps.
11. Attach goose biots, one on each side of hook shank, with tips extending rearward approximately the length of the body. (Secure and remove excess)
12. Dub a small collar forward to the bead. Whip finish.

When it comes down to the color of the wing tuft I prefer white over yellow unless I'm using a lighter colored dubbing for the body and need more contrast. Mike O'Brien

TRF FLY TYING ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: Wednesday November 14th. at 6:30pm

WHERE: NDOW Bldg. 1100 Valley Rd.

Our featured fly tier this month is club member, Director and dedicated fly fisher, Deb Robinson. Deb will be tying a couple of her favorite flies, Hot Wire Prince and a very effective Chub pattern, for us. I encourage anyone having an interest in fishing nymphs or streamer patterns for big trout to join us for what should be an informative and enjoyable evening.

I want to thank Mike Sevon for his great presentation at our last month's roundtable. Mike shared his innovative tying techniques for his productive Pyramid Lake fly patterns and his unique strategy for fishing them.
Mike O'Brien



PYRAMID LAKE FISH-OUT

The fish-out at Pyramid Lake on Saturday, October 27, was well attended with 13 club members and my guest, Sean Zmak age 15, showing up. We met at Warrior's Point at 8:00 A.M. and found only about 10 fishermen (shore, pontoons & kayaks) and 5 boats, already there.

Bill Tait caught 2 fish in six feet of water while paddling out, Dave Neihaus caught a nice cut in about 25 feet of water, Tina Smith captured 4 on the far side of the point and I managed to hook a nice 7-pound cut in deeper water using explosives.

Lunch at 1 P.M. was great, yours truly braised a roast and cooked chili and two people made potato salad. There was also cole slaw, green salad, zucchini bread (Jerry's special), 3 types of homemade brownies and a lemon cake. The weather was most pleasant, but the fishing was a little challenging.

Mark Warren

From the Past

ENTER WITH CAUTION... CHECK IT OUT FIRST – (Originally printed in 2001 Angler's Line)

A few years back, while fishing my favorite Nevada river, I noticed the bite had started to slow a bit. I decided to move up river. To try one of my "hot spots" that had always produce good action in the past. As I rushed in I instantly threw on my nymph setup to the left of the seam next to an over hanging branch. Just as my indicator, weights, and weighted nymphs were about to hit the water I saw two nice trout rise and take dries off the surface. Needless to say that was the last time I would see those fish rise again!

It's always wise to enter streams, rivers or even when fishing still water with caution. Step back and take a minute to observe what is going on around you. Mother Nature, or our friends the fish, just might provide you with the answer to the puzzle. At least when you step into a river with your eyes and ears wide open you won't spook all the feeding fish and that time will enable you to come up with a game plan.

So I worked my way up stream, catching a few fish here and there but the entire time the thought of those trout rising to dries in my "Honey Hole" was driving me nuts! After about an hour I hiked back down stream past the spot and once again entered the river, this time with extreme caution, I was instantly rewarded as I viewed the fish still rising in the seam but now it looked like they had been joined by quite a few other relatives! A few well placed size #20 BWO's and ended the day a happy man.

Mike Hoffman

TRUCKEE RIVER CLEANUP

On Saturday, October 13th, 14 brave souls from our club ventured out to help keep the Truckee River beautiful, at least from Lake Street downstream. We started at around 9 AM and were pretty much finished by 11 AM. It is always interesting to me to observe the people living along the river. Most were friendly, although a short blond woman came running out of the vegetation and kicked over our debris bucket and then ran back into the foliage. There was also the man screaming obscenities and telling everyone he was going to kill someone. Halfway through our cleanup a man and a woman came by pushing a cart offering free coffee, orange juice and breakfast burritos. Doug O and I quickly ditched our buckets and tongs, threw dirt on each other and proceeded out of the willows to get a burrito.

We picked up a total of 16 garbage bags of trash. According to Lorain McConnell, Project Manager for KTMB, 776 volunteers at 22 sites picked up 24,450 pounds of trash, 108,810 pounds of invasive weeds, stenciled 324 storm drains, planted 42 plants and 2 pounds of seeds and removed 67 tires.

Thanks to Dave Patula, Mark Warren, Bruce Parks, Dave Nelson, Jerry Harding, Terrell Ogburn, Jim Kwasny, Doug Ouellette, Deb Robinson, Tillie Arizmendi, Mike Sevon and Laura Murph.



November 2018 Prospects

Truckee River: River fished well most of this fall and should continue. Water is cold, 48 degrees on the Nevada side. Some beats are hatching but the fish are not on them, try the river east of town. **STAY OFF THE REDDS!**

Little Truckee: The pressure has subsided here and a good time to fish. Unlike last year the water levels have remained good, 62 cfs. Still there are good numbers of good size fish here like always. Stay off any reds in the area.

Lake Davis: Same as last month, forget it unless you want to beat the water for that one lone fish which is probably a big one.

Frenchman Res: The catching has been sporadic so far this fall. The fish being caught are good size though. Look for thinks to improve this month as the water temperature drops. In the low 50's right now.

Pyramid Lake: The lake generally turns over this month and it is doing so at this writing. Look for things to improve in about 10 days. Bait should disappear and then the fishing should improve.

East Walker River: Flows have been stable all last month and this month it should stay the same. There is a new Wildlife Area that opened recently and I hear that the fish has been good. Check with NDOW for more information on this new water. This is a good time to fish a streamer here for some of the large browns. Otherwise use a small PT or caddis imitation and keep an eye out for a mayfly hatch in mid-day.

Indian Creek Res. Good time to hit this one because it is a low elevation lake and will fish well late in the season. Have heard

South Fork Res. Out there last week with the retired crowd, catching was fair to good with good numbers of 18 to 20 inch fish. South end where the water comes in did not hold many fish. The East side of the South lake did yield some. Most were in the main lake in 5 feet of water. This may improve as the water gets colder; it was in the low 50's for the most part.

Delta: Lots of small stripers with a few bigger fish to be had. Look for bigger fish to appear this month. Largemouth fishing has been good all fall, smallies in the upper delta.

Sleeper: Collection Ditch of the Ruby Marsh. Knot Creek (closes Nov. 15)

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November General Meeting

Dan LeCount

"Dan LeCount is a fly fishing guide in the north Tahoe region, based out of Truckee, Ca. He has been fly fishing for over 25 years, and has worked in the industry for 16 -17 years. He works primarily as a guide, but also builds custom fly rods and is a contract fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. In his spare time, he works on the board of Trout Unlimited Chapter #103, the "Tahoe Trout Bums." He loves sight fishing for trout and bass, but will chase anything that will eat his flies. "

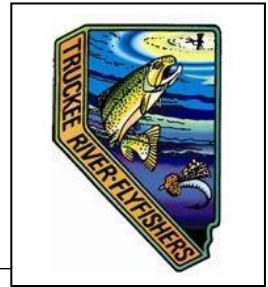
At our November general meeting, Dan LeCount will be presenting
"Advanced Streamer Tactics"

Tips, tricks and tactic for targeting big fish with streamers, showing rigging, retrieves, flies and how to locate predatory fish".

Come early as doors open at 6:00. Dan will be tying a few flies before his presentation.



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:

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