



# The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

## **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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Welcome to 2019. Let's hope this year is filled with peace and prosperity for all.

The New Year is starting with our fly tying guru, Mike O'Brien. Fly Tying round table on the 9th, and our regular meeting on the 23rd. Hope to see you at both.

We still need help for the banquet in March. Volunteers to help at the dinner are always welcome, and donations of any kind are needed, it does not have to be fishing related. My garage and shed are off-limits for treasure hunting.

Fishing is spotty at Pyramid. One person will say it was great, two others will say it was slow. As they say, I guess you should have been there "yesterday."

The bad weather season is starting. Keep your eye on the weather report, drive carefully, and let someone know when you're going out, and where you're going. If you can it's always best to go with a companion. Carry water and snacks, and dry clothes in your car in case you get wet.

There is always someone out there who is looking for a teacher, a mentor who can help them learn to fish. Whether it's a young person or an adult, a patient instructor can make or break an opportunity. Let's all help where we can, and open someone's eyes to the opportunities to get outdoors and fish.

I hope everyone had an excellent holiday season, and look forward to 2019. See you at all of the meetings!

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## HIGA'S SOS FLY

This easy to tie fly pattern was designed by a Utah fishing guide, Spencer Higa, primarily to imitate a baetis. The bright red wing case also makes this pattern a versatile attractor nymph. SOS stands for Save Our Skin. When tied in larger sizes this pattern can be very productive in stillwaters fished under an indicator or retrieved behind a larger fly. The primary color is black but can also be tied in olive, brown or tan to imitate a variety of small mayflies as well.



HOOK: TMC 2457, Size #12  
THREAD: UTC Black, Size #70 Denier  
BEAD: Brass Silver, Size 7/64  
RIB: UTC Wire Silver, Size Brassie  
WINGCASE: Flashabou Red  
ABDOMEN: Dubbing Rabbit Black  
LEGS: Krystal Flash Black  
TAIL: Pheasant tail Black

1. Attach thread behind bead and create a thread base rearward to well into the hook bend.
2. Attach 3 to 5 pheasant tail fibers with tips extending rearward a hook gape in length. Secure fibers on top of hook shank forward to the bead. (Remove excess)
3. Attach wire and secure rearward along hook shank to base of tail.
4. Create a slim tapered body ending just forward of the hook point.
5. Wrap wire forward, 4 to 5 open turns, to thorax area. (Secure and remove excess)
6. Attach flashabou on top of hook shank behind bead with excess extending rearward over body. (Secure)
7. Dub a thick thorax forward to the bead.
8. Attach 2 strands of Krystal Flash to top of hook shank just behind the bead. While placing 2 strands on each side of hook shank pull rearward and secure. Trim excess just short of the hook length.
9. Pull flashabou forward over the thorax and secure behind bead. (Remove excess)
10. Whip finish.

The use of pheasant tail fibers in this pattern and the slender wire segmented thread abdomen makes it sort of a hybrid of the popular Pheasant Tail and the Zebra Midge.

Mike O'Brien

## TRF FLY TYING ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: January 9<sup>th</sup>. 6:30pm  
WHERE: NDOW Bldg. 1100 Valley Rd.

Hope you can join us for our first roundtable of the New Year. Our featured fly tier will be club member, talented fly tier and one of the most dedicated stream fishermen I know, Jim Mitchell. Jim will be tying a few of his go to fly patterns for fishing our local Truckee River during the winter months. I will have a complete description and the recipes for these flies in our February's newsletter along with pictures of his completed flies.

We will be continuing our evening raffle for an opportunity to win a fly box loaded with some great flies donated by attending club members. All you have to do is bring 2 flies to donate and receive your raffle ticket.

Mike O'Brien

January General Membership Meeting  
January 23, 2019, 6:30 P.M. 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV

### Doug Ouellette

Our speaker will be Doug Ouellette, long time club member and guide. Doug has an outstanding program that will feature an in depth look at reading moving water. Reading water is a skill set, that along with casting, will enable a fly fisher to fish any stream, anywhere. Wading, fly selection and other skills are important, but reading the water is probably the most important skill for success. Doug has a lifetime of experience on the water and will share with us where and why fish prefer certain waters. He will explain the hydraulics of a stream and why seams, edges, chutes, bumps, runs and soft water occur in the first place. He will discuss primary lies, secondary lies and other less desirable spots along the way.

Doug will share with us his techniques for photo graphing fish, the correct way to handle them so that they return to the wild unharmed. He will discuss the correct way of hooking, playing and landing a fish then photographing it and then releasing it.

All of Doug's programs are memorable and this is one that should not be missed.



## January 2019 Prospects

**Pyramid Lake:** This is the month that I generally catch my largest fish. On the Third I finally stuck a double-digit fish. I did not get one last season. 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. Early and late have been better for large fish with the typical size fish coming in during the warmest part of the day (this makes more sense to me). South end beaches are crowded but have the better deep water drop offs. Tribe opened Monument and Nine Mile last month I had one good report from Monument but was not sure how old it was. Guides are saying it's slows so no one go out there this month! Not!

**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:** Little to lonesome not sure what access is like. Caution, last I checked, January 1<sup>st</sup> flow was at 164 cfs. This is 4 times normal flow for this time of year. They could drop it any day, just make sure you're not there that day.

**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 Wooly Bugger where the West Walker dumps into the lake. Two years ago I fish 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 (this is what I wrote last year). Things should be back to normal now. Not sure, call NDOW for clarification.

**Collection Ditch:** Weather has been cold out in Elko for a few months now, so I think that Harrison Pass has snow on it and the ditch will have a lot of ice on it. 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. San Luis Reservoir, O'Neil Forbay and Discovery Bay for Stripers, Fresno Bee has a great fishing Report on line.

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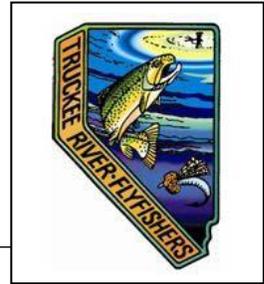
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Experience:      Beginner      Intermediate      Advanced

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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