



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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Upcoming Events:

November:

18th General Mtg. –
Dan Fairbanks, Manager
of Pyramid Lake
Fisheries.
6:30 at NDOW

21st Fish Out –
Pyramid Lake 8 a.m. at
North Net. Look for banners
and Mike's tent.

December:

1st Board of Directors Mtg. –
6:00 at Round Table
Pizza (4th & Vine).
Vine).

Banquet:

March 6th – Kevin Peterson
will present on Fly Fishing
the Eastern Slope of the
Sierras From Bridgeport to
Bishop.

November 2009

President's Message

by Tillie Arizmendi

Hi fellow fly club members,

We have been blessed with a long Indian summer. Our first hard freeze in Reno happened just last week. Those of you who made our Davis Fish Out had a chance to experience some nice fishing near the Camp Five boat ramp. Joe Cendagorta showed us all how to hook up and caught something like 16 fish during the middle of the day. Everyone was hooking up using woolly buggers and sheep creek specials or Sash's swallow. It was a nice day to be on the water and savor the last of the great fall fishing.

For November, our fish out will be held at the North Nets at Pyramid Lake on Saturday November 21. Mark Warren and Mike Sevon will be preparing lunch for everyone and Mike will have his Wall Tent set up on the beach if we need a place to get warm. Look for the wall tent. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and have lunch around noon.

Our guest speaker for the November General Meeting was Dan Mosely from Pyramid Lake. Dan was responsible for assisting the tribe in getting water quality standards for Pyramid Lake. He has worked in water quality for the tribe since 1989 and has been using the aquatic insects to monitor the health of the lower river. Dan shared his experiences with us and talked about how the good insects are able to survive in the Truckee River below Reno when there are adequate flows. In good years it is possible to have stoneflies all the way down to Pyramid Lake. We also got some good tips on where there is good trout fishing on the river below Wadsworth. But you had to be there to get in on his secrets. Jerry Holtgrave continues to run our raffle and do a great job. I even won something at the meeting. For next month's meeting, on Nov. 18th, we will have Dan Fairbanks, the fisheries manager for the Pyramid Lake Tribe as our guest speaker. This is a meeting you will not want to miss.

Congratulations to Ryan Shea for taking second place in the One-Fly Tournament at the McCarran Ranch. It was good to have a club member represented in the competition and next year we hope to be more involved in this fund raising event for habitat improvements on the Truckee.

Club members need to be thinking about volunteering to serve on the board. We will have nominations for all positions at our next general meeting. Come March there will be at least three the board members stepping down to let someone else run this train. We hope there will be some folks willing to get involved. Curt Kamada has volunteered to be our new webmaster for the upcoming year. Thanks Curt!!! If you are interested in becoming more involved feel free to give me a call and I will put you on the list.

Your Pres,
Tillie Arizmendi

Let's go fishing. Let your hook be always cast. In the pool where you least expect it, will be a fish.

Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge

The Tribe is pleased to announce the Pyramid Lake \$50,000 Cutthroat Challenge on November 27th and 28th at Pyramid Lake. Fisherman of all ages and skill levels are invited to register to compete to win \$50,000 worth of prize money. A total of 25 Cutthroat Trout will be tagged with 5 fish being randomly tagged and worth \$10,000 each. The remaining 20 tagged fish will be worth other prizes. Fishing is no harvest and allowed in all regular fishing areas on the shore and in boats.

Registration for the event costs \$75 and will be limited to the first 500 fishermen registered. Registration will only be accepted online at www.plpt.nsn.us. Online registration will open Sunday November 1st and will run until Tuesday November 24th.

From the Biologist

by Mark Warren

Every other year the Department goes through changing any needed fishing regulations for the upcoming year. In 2009 we went through this process for 2010, any changed regulations going into affect March 1, 2010.

Two of the changes that are of interest to us as fly fishermen are Smith Creek Reservoir east of Fallon and Dacey Reservoir in the Kirch Wildlife Management Area southwest of Ely. Both reservoirs are now, or will be March 1, designated as Trophy Waters with a one fish trout limit. Smith Creek has a single barbless hook restriction, but at Dacey you can use a treble hook. This is because Dacey also has a summer largemouth bass fishery and we did not want to restrict the bass fishermen. At Smith Creek, we will be working with the owner to provide additional access, but for now one must access the reservoir through BLM land from the south.

Hopefully these two waters will develop into terrific Trophy Trout fisheries in the future.

Conservation Snapshot

by Joe Cendagorta

A Shocking Experience

On October 15th, TRF members Doug Ouellette, Tom Smith, Terrell Ogburn and I volunteered to help NDOW shock, capture, and relocate sizable numbers of recently stranded fish located in an irrigation ditch near Verdi.

Every year about this time, for various reasons, water in this area is cut off from its source in the Truckee River, inadvertently isolating large numbers of fish: rainbow, German brown, western white fish, suckers, etc. Without this yearly salvage operation, a mass die-off would soon follow seasonable hard freezes.

In the morning we assembled at the Verdi post office parking lot where we were given a brief overview of fish salvage operations and what to expect. On arrival at the first collection area, we were shown how the fish shocking equipment works, general safety procedures that are always in effect and other pertinent information.

When we actually got going, we were amazed that so many fish could be found in such brackish, mud-filled shallow water. We were told to rescue all fish encountered — none were to be excluded. We took turns running the electrical stunners, netting, and carrying the fish-filled buckets to the holding tank. Later that afternoon, we followed NDOW to the fish release area at the Verdi Bridge. As far as we could tell, the relocation was a success, with few 'floaters' evident.

Because of looming budget concerns, this may be the last season for this much-needed salvage operation. Hopefully, something will change between now and next fall. If you have a chance, volunteer for this worthwhile activity. You will learn fish behavior, entomology, and generally feel good about what you accomplished.



Pyramid Lake Fish Out – Big Fish Contest

50/50 for Biggest Fish (measured from nose to fork of the tail) caught at the Pyramid Lake Fish Out on November 21st. Registration will be \$5 and will be open from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. You must be a member prior to the fish out to participate and must have at least one club member as a witness. Look for Curt Kamada at the fish out! He will have all of the details.

November 2009 Prospects

by Wes Ong

Truckee River: Flows are really low and maybe it is time to give it a rest. If you must, be aware that the Browns are spawning and give them a break. Beatis should be hatching mid-day.

Little Truckee: The pressure has subsided here and a good time to fish. Beatis hatches mid-day and a good time to swing a soft hackle through some of the tail outs. Small Brassie fished near the bottom is always a good choice.

Boca Reservoir: Missed this one last month but fishing the inlet with a streamer for the run up Browns could work this month too.

Lake Davis: The fish out last month was just ok. I think the fish were up at the north end of the lake. This month the fish should be down closer to the south end of the lake. Traditionally November yields the biggest fish of the year but judging from what I have heard about October the holdover fish from last fall are all gone. At least I have not heard of anyone catching any six to seven pounders.

Frenchman Reservoir: Fish are hotter and more plentiful than Lake Davis. I think that the Davis fish have been affected by the parasites and the Frenchman fish are healthier. The north end of the lake will do well until the water temperature starts to drop then fish the south end of the lake with the expectation of getting fewer fish but a better size fish. This fall the fish have been in one location one day and gone the next. Fly specific is not so much the case but finding the fish and getting your offering in front of them. Remember that a bump with out a hookup is either a small fish or a refusal. This is when I change flies.

Pyramid Lake: The Lake generally turns over this month and the fishing could be tough. Most fall fishing occurs up at the north end of the lake. Several years ago tubing in twenty feet of water in the Warrior Bay produce good numbers, not that I recommend tubing in Pyramid. Key on any bait balls and use a streamer pattern or white bugger.

East Walker River: Flows have been low so a low profile approach is necessary. Good streamer fishing should still be happening. In the lower water use a small size streamer and instead of a sink tip use a floating line with a little weight in the fly itself.

Eagle Lake: I heard that the lake is fishing well this year. Last couple of years some of us have ventured here in the late fall and have had a tough time. The spring was good so I think the fall should be just as good if not better. Here is a good spot.
<http://eaglelakefishing.net/eagle-lake-best-fishing-locations.php>

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How about you????

Join us on the first
Tuesday of the month at
6:00 at Round Table
(4th and Vine).

TRF Annual Banquet

March 6th – Kevin Peterson will present on Fly Fishing the Eastern Slope of the Sierras from Bridgeport to Bishop at the Truckee River Flyfishers' Annual Banquet.

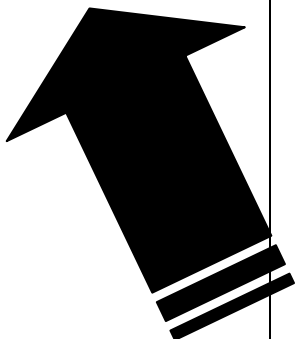
Kevin Peterson has lived in Mammoth Lakes since 1982 and has been guiding the waters of the Eastern Sierra for over 20 years. His love for the outdoors and fly fishing and his skills as a teacher make him a natural for this sport. He is the ex-co-owner of The Trout Fly and The Trout Fitter as well as the lead guide for both shops.

As an F.F.F. certified casting instructor, Kevin can teach the beginner all of the skills needed to start a lifetime of fly fishing adventures or even teach that old dog a new trick or two. He guided for the prestigious Clearwater House on Hat creek in Northern California for 6 years and has been featured on four episodes of Inside Sportfishing on the Fox network as well as three episodes of "Familiar Waters" with Mike Pawlawski on The Outdoor Channel.

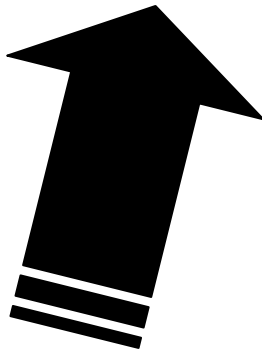


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If you have sent anything to our old mailing address at North Towne Ln., please contact **Tom Smith** ASAP!!!



NDOW Volunteers Needed ASAP!!!

NDOW is scrambling for volunteers to assist in salvaging fish out of the canals above Reno. The river flows are going to be cut severely in the next couple of weeks. Here is your chance to save some fish and build some good fish Karma for this winter. Contact Kim Toulouse at NDOW at 775-688-1893 or email toulouse@ndow.org

2009 Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Fly Fishing Experience:

Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Are you willing to volunteer at Club events? Yes _____ No _____

Are you interested in being on the Board? Yes _____ No _____

Circle One: Individual = \$25 Family = \$30 Student/Junior = \$10

New Member _____ Renewal _____

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