



The Angler's Line

Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

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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:

January:

14th – Fishout at Squaw Creek Reservoir
25th – General Meeting

February:

2nd – Board of Directors
12th – Fishout at Hinkson Slough
22nd – General Meeting

March:

1st – Board of Directors
10th – Annual Banquet
10th-11th – USA Qualifier
17th – Spring Days at Cabelas

President's Message

By Wes Ong

With the beginning of the New Year we see the same dry pattern we have seen in the past, which means that with this mild weather pattern we should have a good fish outing at Squaw Creek on the 14th of this month. But, as always with Squaw Creek, there is a “plan B,” so keep an eye on your email.

We have a busy three months ahead of us in activities and planning. On January 21st Tom Smith is coordinating the fly fishing expo at the Sheep Show. If you can give him a hand, call him. On the 25th we will have guide Kent Anderson talk about steelhead fishing in Oregon. This will **NOT** be at NDOW, but rather in the meeting room at **Cabela's** at 6:30pm.

Nominations for officers, Awards (Mid Lipera, and Cal Bird) need to be in to the BOD by this month in writing. Email any Board Member.

Upcoming is our Banquet and the Team USA Qualifier. If you missed it in the last newsletter, we are combining our banquet with the Team USA Qualifying event on March 10th and 11th. We will need help with the Team USA event and Banquet. Right now we need support in fundraising to make the Silent Auction and Raffle a success. Call any BOD member with any ideas or support you can offer. We could use more participants in this effort.

With Team USA at our Banquet we will have 32 great fly fishers for us to listen and talk to! This will be one you won't want to miss. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

“The tug is the drug”

Wes



Silver Salmon Fishing On Vancouver Island

by Mark Warren

My wife Marsha and I got to visit Vancouver Island the third week in September last year. As I sat in our hotel room reading about the attractions along the east side of the island that we were going to visit next, a sentence caught my eye. It read, "Shore fishing for silver salmon can be good in September". We then Googled a fly shop that we eventually paid a visit to. I found myself conversing with an enthusiastic 20-year old who informed me that, yes indeed, silvers could be caught from shore using flies and spinners. In Vancouver, as it is in other parts of the world, the beach is owned by the government and the public is allowed access, as long as it isn't across private property.

After purchasing several flies that looked like shiny sparsely tied wooly buggers and colored chartreuse, Coho blue, pink, chum green and Kelly green, Marsha and I drove to a suggested access beach and began fishing. I was wet wading, the water was very cold and the fishing slow. Although I did not catch a fish, three 10 pound plus silvers jumped directly in front of me as they cruised the beaches, jump starting my heart and allowing me for a brief second to forget that my feet were turning into ice blocks. Like fly fishermen everywhere, several dropped by to ask my wife if I had caught any fish and admire me for wet wading – they being decked out in full garb including waders. Marsha was kind and didn't tell them that I was just being stupid, plus I hadn't packed any waders and was too cheap to buy a pair for a couple of hours of fishing.

Apparently these guys drive up and down the coast trying to locate the silvers. One of the guys told me that he had hooked 6 along this beach the day before (the old day before story). Anyway, I got to thinking that this might be a relatively inexpensive way to fly fish for silvers. Plane fare was about \$350, the ferry \$77, motels were \$80 to \$120 per night and the car was \$250 for the week. Split two ways, between you and a friend, you could get by with 5 days of fishing for under \$1000 and have a chance to catch 10 or so silvers over 10 pounds each. The string of cities started at Parksville and continued on to French Creek, Qualicum Beach, Bowser and Deep Bay. There were plenty of cheap restaurants around as well as fast food joints. Or you could get a room with a kitchenette and cook for yourself. The fly shop can be reached at nilecreekflyshop.com. It's something to think about for next September.



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TROUT WATER BASICS

By Joe Cendagorta

When evaluating the viability of a fishery, consider the underlying factors of the aquatic food chain. The primary building blocks are plants (forms of algae) called phytoplankton and periphyton: the former are free floating and the later attached to rocks and structure.

Nutrients supporting phytoplankton and periphyton are phosphorus and nitrogen. These two must be in equilibrium with one another for maximum growth potential.

The quality of trout water nutrients is largely determined by the soils in which water has contact. In our area, soils originating from volcanic deposits are highly productive. Volcanic deposits tend to weather quickly and add a wide range of dissolved minerals to the water.

Lakes subject to high rates of evaporation encourage trout growth due to mineral concentration. This bonanza of ions (in the form of salts) encourages insect and trout growth.

Waters of higher alkalinity are a plus. Most have pH levels from 7.5-to 9.5 — neutral being 7. High (alkaline) pH is associated with high mineral content.



Joe Cendagorta

Volunteers ALWAYS Needed

NDOW regularly has volunteer opportunities... check out their website at www.ndow.gov or contact Kim Toulouse at NDOW at 775-688-1893.

January Prospects

by Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake: One of the slowest two months of the year here, but I like it. Crowds are sparse, possibilities for big fish are good, and when you get a grab they don't play with it, they hold on. Generally the fish will be in the deeper water and you have to move often to find them. The South end of the lake tends to produce better now over the North end. The South Nets water is so high from last spring that you cannot hit the drop off. I don't know about the North Nets. You could fish all day without a grab!

The Rivers: The place to fish is the slower water with finer tippets and smaller flies. Use to be down on the East Walker when the water was 34 degrees in the morning and warmed a few degrees in the afternoon a bite would start. It seems to me that the same should happen on the Truckee if the water conditions are stable.

Topaz Lake: Opens New Year's day you can fish it with your current Nevada License. Size 8 Purple Woolie Bugger up by where the West Walker dumps into the lake is what Pete the former owner of the Anglers Edge use to recommend. It's a prospect but I have yet to catch a fish there.

Squaw Creek Res.: This is where we normally go in January and it should fish well. There are good numbers of fish as reported by Charles L. but it is a significant drive. Fish outing here on the 14th.

Baum Lake: Fishes well in January if we get some mild weather. Float tube, pontoon boat or pram needed to fish the popular water. Long leaders and 6x or 7x tippet are needed to fool these PhD fish. If you find some feeding fish use an emerger first before going to a dry fly. My favorite fly for this situation would be a #18 hunch back infrequent.

American River: Steelhead fishing in this urban environment, it helps to be the first one on the water. Indicator nymphing with a #12 Olive Bird's Nest and a dropper with either an egg pattern or a salmon fry should work. Typical down and across with a sink tip and a steelhead pattern will also work. There is less angling pressure at Goethe Park, Gristmill or Watt Ave. Beware, vehicle break-ins are common so don't leave anything in sight!

Discovery Bay: "I hear this is where the Strippers are at in January." This is what I wrote last year and now that we have come close to going I hear that this is not the place to fish for them!

Sleepers: In California, Pardee Lake, Iron Canyon Res. Amador Lake, and Lake McCumber.

**Don't forget to get your
Nevada Fishing License!!!**

January Events

January 14, 2011 Squaw Creek Fish Outing: Take I-80 East to the Wadsworth exit, from Wadsworth turn left (North) on Nevada 447 to Gerlach. We will have breakfast at Bruno's Country Club between 7:00 am and 8:00 am for the early risers, then proceed 15 miles north to the lake. Float tube or pontoon boat advisable but fishing from shore is possible. Four to Five weight rod with floating to intermediate line with small attractor nymphs and midges. At this writing the lake is 2/3's iced over but the upper end is ice free. **Plan B:** Pyramid Lake, 8:00 am, Wino Beach. Take Pyramid Highway out of Sparks until you hit the lake and then take a right to the first fishing access with a new cinder block toilet.

January 25, 2012 General Meeting: 6:30 pm at Cabela's (Not NDOW) in the meeting rooms next to the Big Horn Grill. Guide Kent Anderson will talk on steelhead fishing in Oregon. Because we will be in a retail store there will be no raffle, and the Big Horn Grill closes at 7:00 pm so if you would like something to drink please purchase it before the meeting, we will not have the usual beverages and snacks.

Help Support Trout Unlimited

The Trout Unlimited annual banquet is scheduled for February 25th at the Resort At Red Hawk in Sparks. Contact Bodie Monroe for tickets and details. 813-4382

Fly Fishing Books for Sale

Fishing Bamboo

Signed by author, John Gierach, hard copy w/ dust jacket 1st addition

Large Trout for the Western Fly Fisherman

Signed by author, Charles E. Brooks, Soft copy

The Trout and the Steam

Signed by author, Charles E. Brooks, soft copy

The Living River

Signed by author, Charles E. Brooks, hard copy , no jacket 1 addition

The Henry's Fork

Signed by author, Charles E. Brooks, hard copy, no dust jacket 1st addition

A Master's Guide to Building a Bamboo Fly Rod

By Garrison, with H. Carmichael, hard copy, no dust jacket 2nd addition

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Members Photo Gallery...

Want to share your catch of the day, week, month, year, life-time... email your picture(s). Make sure to include all of the important information: who, on what, when, and where.

Jerry Holtgrave and Richard Dickerson

November Louisiana Redfish





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Are you a member of,

Federation of Flyfishers _____ Yes ___ No

Trout Unlimited _____ Yes ___ No

2012 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 _____

Fishing Interests: _____

Projects and Activities Interests: _____

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

Individual = \$25 Family = \$30 Student/Junior = \$10 Healing Waters = \$0

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Healing Waters _____

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.

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