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# *Angler's Line*

**October 2005**

Dear Fellow Fly Fishers,

## NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

**I'm back.** In case you have not heard, the gentleman who has led us for the past three and one half years has had to yield to work and family and step down as President. Billy Lampson has been at the helm graciously and selflessly for a long time now. On Saturday, September 10, at the Club Picnic, Billy announced his resignation from the board and the presidency.

Two weeks ago the remaining board members had an emergency meeting and appointed new club officers. This is not what we wanted to do but our club bylaws require that we operate with officers in place. The following appointments were made.

**Tom Smith, President**  
**Ken Kersey, Vice President**  
**Joe Cendagorta, Secretary**  
**Tim Huckaby, Treasurer.**

We are seeking others from the club to step forward and put their names in the hat for any of the above positions. I have been president in the past, and only stepped forward to make sure that this club and it's important work, both social and educational, are continued. We need your support and even more we need you to step forward and put your hat in the ring.

I would like this to be a very short term as president. One month would be perfect. Come to the General Membership Meeting.

Ken Kersey has other commitments as well and can only accept the position of Vice President until the end of October.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, at the General Membership meeting, being held on Valley Road (Nevada Division of Wildlife) at 6:30 we will be having elections for club officers. If you are remotely interested in being on the board or running for one of the offices, please call me at 741-8825. We need your help.

As an added inducement and to be certain we have a quorum present we are going to be having **Andy Burke** as our speaker that evening. I can not tell you what his presentation will be for that evening. He doesn't know he is the speaker yet. I spoke to Dave Stanley and Dave committed him to the job and Andy won't be back in town until after the newsletter is

printed. The one thing I can guarantee is you won't be disappointed. He has done several shows for us in the past and they are always terrific.

Thanks to all of those who attended the club picnic, we had a great time and good food. New York steak cooked to order (I did the cooking) with all the trimmings. A very special thank you to Elliott Gritton for his generous donation of a fly rod to the raffle, not just any rod either, it was a glass rod built by Mid Lipera and had never been used. Tim Huckaby is the proud owner now.

Tight lines,

Tom Smith

### THE 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.*

Bud Johnson

I have what I believe will be a great lineup of fly tyers to present the programs beginning the second Thursday of October which is the 13th and will feature Chris Vasey, Angler and Hunting Education Coordinator for the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Chris is to be followed by six other outstanding tyers each month through April of 2006. As before, the Round Table will be held at the Verdi Elementary School Library and Nature Center, Bridge Street in Verdi, and will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!!

#### TYING TIPS

Bud J.

During the evening hatch, attempting to thread a 5x or 6x tippet through the eye of an extremely small fly can be ugly, try this --

Measure out several lengths of small diameter tippet material, add a small perfection loop in one end, your fly on the other end (all in the comfort of your home). Coil 'em up and store in plastic ziplocs or in your hat band. Adding a replacement after a break off gets you back in the action in that "just before dark orgy" of slurping trout. Kinda like the snelled flys of those by-gone days.

#### NO DEPOSIT - NO RETURN

Bud J.

While reading a 1949 edition of "Nevada Hunting and Fishing" featuring an article by Thom Trelease, predicting the potential demise of Pyramid Lake Fishery, I came across an ad for Sierra Beer.

It has a photo of a smiling lady holding a glass of beer, and below this picture, the following is printed:

"Sportsmen throughout Nevada will agree that the perfect companion for that outing is a case of Sierra Beer....in cans. You can chill the cans in any creek....and have no empties to lug home again. No bottles to break" . . . . .Hello. . . . .

Pack it in - Pack it Out

## Prospects for October 2005

By Wes Ong

**Frenchman** It has been hot, hot, and hot!!!!!! Normally I fish here in September and catch nothing but 8 to 10 inchers. This year the fish are running from 14 to 18 inches and there are a lot of them. A Strawberry blond worked slow on an intermediate line or if the fish come to the surface a 16 parachute Adams did the trick. Don't pay attention to the paper, Mike Hoffman and Doug at the Gilly can disprove what the paper says is slow to spotty!!!!

**Lake Davis** Fish outing on this month, see the write up for more information. Chris Wharton had his best fishing last year in the month of October. He was on the water at first light.

**Pyramid Lake** As the lake cools the baitfish will move in closer to shore. It may be more productive to use an intermediate line and fish a streamer pattern than draggin' a beetle and a bugger on the bottom.

**Eagle Lake** I generally do not fish here a whole lot in October but this last month was pretty good. Look for the fish to be scattered, with the bite being most of the day, especially during stormy or overcast weather. Some good patterns to use this time of the year are: Doug's Eagle Lake Cinnamon Leech, Strawberry or Peacock Blond, Tui Chub, or a dragon nymph.

**Truckee River** Throw a big meal and don't move it real fast. I like Tim's dead drift crawdad pattern that I buy at the Reno Fly Shop. Water is in real good shape now so it's time to fish the lower river.

**East Walker** Flows are low this time of year so if your nymphing adjust your presentation accordingly i.e. less weight, smaller indicator, and small flies (16 to 18 PT's and caddis worms). BWO, Trico's and Midges will show in the nice part of the day, which should get the fish looking up. The Browns spawn this time of year so be careful not to walk on the reds and if you see one on its red, give it a break, when was the last time you saw a pregnant women run???

### North and Eastern Nevada

**Crittenden:** As far as I know the repair on the dam and gate are ongoing and they did take the water down. Chris Drake said that there was no significant fish kill but the water was very low and there were a lot of weeds.

**Wild Horse Res.** Half full it has a lot of perch with the largest trout running to 15 inches.

**Wilson Sink Res.** Average fish 13 to 14 inches with some of the carry over fish going to 17 inches. Chris suggests fishing the canyon area by the dam.

**Ruby Marshes** Better water condition than last year but the water is still low. Fish the dykes. I will be fishing here the first week of October for the first time.

**Comins Lake** Seems like I have heard that a lot of the senior members in the club are making a trip here this month and also fishing the newly opened Adams-McGill reservoir.

**Knot Creek Res.** I've heard few fish but very big. Darrell Harold fished it a couple weeks ago and he called me with a report but I missed it.

**Best Month of the Year to Fish, get out there and Get'er Done.**



## NOVEMBER ROUND TABLE

Bud J.

Our November Luminary will be the ever-popular Steve Bamberger, long-time club member, past chairman for the Trout in the Classroom Program and member of the Board of Directors. Steve began fly fishing at the tender age of three. He taught himself to tie flies at fifteen years.

Recently, he became impressed with the E/C Caddis as created by Ralph Cutter and after some use and experimentation, he has modified it into his "Improved Model" (see picture above).

Be here at the Verdi Library and Nature Center, Dog Valley Road, just beyond the Verdi Elementary School. We start at 6:30 p.m. -- Thursday, November 10th.

***Don't forget that Andy Burke will be the guest speaker at the October 26th General Membership Meeting!! This is one you do not want to miss.***



## UPPER SAC. OLD TIMER

Bud J.

Got a letter, an article from the California Fly Fisher by Chip O'Brien and some sample flies from our Northern Club member, Dave Courtemanche, on some old, but well-known, Sacramento River nymph patterns.

It seems these styles were begun in the 1920's by a local Wintus Indian named Ted Towendolly. Some time later, Ted Fay, a very well-known fly shop operator and Sac Guide met Tollendolly and began buying flies from him, and using them to teach his guide clients. During the late 70's and early 80's, these patterns, all very heavily weighted, became the hot way to fish the Upper Sac using a technique that became known as "short-line nymphing". There is some question as to which "Ted" first used this method whereby a scant two feet of line, a moderate length leader casting a point and a dropper fly, each heavily weighted at the head of a pocket. The line is held tight and watched for any unusual movement.

In 1973, Joe Kimsey began working and guiding for Ted Fay, and upon his death in 1983, Joe began his own shop in Dunsmuir and continued using Ted's flies and technique.

The pattern presented here is named the Cro Fly and is a modification of an earlier fly given Fay by a friend, Bob Croretti, who was a New York Yankee shortstop and later third base coach from 1932 to 1968.

Hook: Sizes 10-8-6 Fay used Mustad 7948A but no longer available. I suggest 9671 Mustad or equivalent.

Thread: Black Danville 6/0

Weight: .020 - .025 lead wire or other type weight

Tail: Ginger hackle fibers

Body: Yellow Chenille

Rib: Ginger hackle

Over Body: Black Chenille

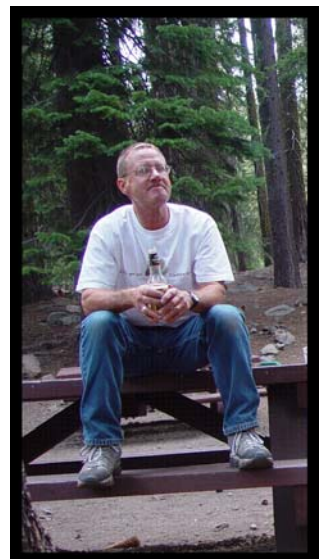
Head: Thread

Tie on the thread and wrap to a point above the bend. Wrap the wire to cover the shank, leaving room to tie off the body and over-body. Secure the weight with thread wraps and cement it. Tie in a bunch of ginger hackle fibers at the bend 1/2 shank length. Add the ginger hackle, tying in by the tip then tie on and closely wrap the yellow Chenille forward and secure it. Spiral the ginger hackle forward and secure. Pull the black Chenille forward over the top and secure. Form a neat head, whip it, clip it and go fish!!

Question: What recent rage style of nymphing is this similar to? Czech Nymphing?

# Thank You Billy!!

For all your hard work and dedication. You put your heart and soul into everything you do and we truly appreciate it!



Events Calendar

**October 2005**

13th Fly Tying Roundtable.  
16th Davis Fishout  
26th General Membership Meeting

**November 2005**

10th Fly Tying Roundtable.  
12th Eagle Lake Fishout  
29th Board Meeting at NDOW Valley Rd, 6:30pm

**December 2005**

8th Fly Tying Roundtable.  
11th Fishout. TBD. Any suggestions?  
27th Board Meeting at NDOW Valley Rd, 6:30pm

**B**oard Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month!!!  
The meetings are held at NDOW Building. All the meetings will start at 6:30 pm, unless otherwise posted. General meetings are at the Nevada Division Of Wildlife Building at 1100 Valley Road in Reno starts at 6:30PM. Keep an eye on the calendars for locations and times of upcoming TRF events.

Please note that Septembers Board of Directors Meeting will be held Wednesday the 28th!! Hope to see you there.

2005 Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Experience: Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_  
Fishing Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
Projects and Activities You Would Like To See  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to volunteer at Club events? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Circle One: Individual = \$25 Family=\$30 Student/Junior = \$10  
New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Question? Contact Tim Huckaby @ 746-3133 or timhuckaby@yahoo.com  
Coming soon - join online at <http://www.truckeeriverflyfishers.org>

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We are in desperate need of individuals to step up and join the Board of Directors. Please plan on attending the October 26th General Membership meeting to vote in Officers so our club can continue.



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