



The
Angler's Line

NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

Presidents Letter

January 2006

Another month, another year and only 6 weeks to the banquet, time flies when you are having fun.

Our annual banquet is going to be held on February 11, 2006. Please contact us about tickets and donations early. We always appreciate members donations, boxes of flies, rods, niks, just anything you feel another member might like would make a nice donation.

Shortly Trout in the Class Room will be going on in our area schools. As usual we always need a few volunteers to help the teachers. Please call me or Chris Vasey, at Nevada Department of Wildlife, if you are interested in helping with this important educational program.

Right now our speaker for the January meeting is still an unknown. I have been working with a gentleman from Canada as a possible speaker, but he is not sure that he can be here. I will have speaker for the January 18th meeting, but right now it is going to be a surprise. To me as well.

Not so for the banquet speaker. Al Smatsky is going to be our speaker at the February 11th Banquet. He guides in Baja, and in the Sacramento area for shad. I have been with him on a couple of occasions and he is a great guide, always personable and helpful and just fun to be with. A day on the water with him is always a pleasure and I am sure an evening with him will be just as good.

Was I the only one surprised when I read that "Bass Pro" is coming to town." Shouldn't that be a Christmas song? Now if they would just bring us some bass things would be great. Hope no one tells them there aren't any bass before the get the store built.

Tom Smith

2006

Membership dues
are due now!!!

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.

January 2006 Prospects
By Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake: Traditionally January is one of the slowest months here. A few large fish were taken in December and I believe that the trend will continue. Talk around the town is that the bigger fish are taken on the same old thing, a dark wooly. Last year the Popcorn Tadpole with the favorite among some of us but it doesn't seem to be producing as well as it did last year. Same advice for the winter months, low light, fish the shallower water and deeper water in full light. Move often until you find fish. Fish Outing on January 22, 2006

East Walker River: Nobody in the club that I know has fished it recently. The water is low this time of year with 25cfs being the normal flow. You need a least a short warming trend before you fish, say a couple of three days in the fifties. Dr. J Wilkersons Prince Midge works well this time of the year as does a Copper John or beaded flashback Hare's Ear (as reported by Liz at the Angler's Edge). Good idea to check in here before you head anywhere South.

Topaz Lake: Opens January 1st and you can use your current Nevada fishing license is valid here. Last year the Carson City Club had a fish outing here and no one caught a fish. The lake if very low which is puzzlement to me. Last year I drove 395 through the West Walker Canyon more that a few times. Each time I was amazed at how much water was running off. What did they do with all of it? #8 Purple Wooly up by where the water comes in.

Baum Lake: Fishes well all thru the winter. Problem for us is getting there and back with out a serious weather event. Small midges on 6X fluorocarbon or a HBI hand twisted. This is one place that the Strawberry Blond failed.

Stone Lagoon: If your are going to drive all the way to fish the crowded Trinity River why not go a couple of more miles to the coast and fish this sea run Cutthroat fishery. Intermediate line dragging a Strawberry Blond will bring a ferocious hit for a 20 inch Cutt.

Squaw Creek Res. Still producing large numbers of 10 to 12 inch fish. Try and hit it on a warm day, no use driving all that way to be miserable. Fish are spread-out over the entire lake, fish the upper end and then move to deeper water. Using two fly set up will only increase your odds that you will have to unhook two fish at once. It takes a lot of cold weather to freeze this lake over. Fish outing here is scheduled for March.

Sleeper: Amador Lake by Ione.

Wes

Pyramid Lake Fish Outing

We will have a fish outing at Pyramid Lake on the 22nd of January. Meeting place will be at Wino Beach at 8 am, coffee and Danish will be served but I suggest that you eat a full breakfast before heading to the lake. Calories turn to heat and you can't stay warm or fish long with out calories to sustain your body heat. Soup will be at high noon. The fish Master will be the current big fish catcher in the club "Gary Bonnici." He will share with us his secrets on how he catches the big ones. Currently the fish have been a bit finicky and what worked last year does not seem to get the results this year. A brown bugger seems to be working well, also the old standby black with small red tail.

TRF 2006 Banquet & Fundraiser

TRF's biggest event and fund raiser is quickly approaching. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it. When is that you say? February 11, 2006 is the date to remember.

Our featured speaker this year is Mr. Al Smatsky. He will present a program about fly fishing the west from Alaska to Central America. He has fly fished and guided these areas for the past 25 years pursuing fresh and salt water fish of all kinds. His favorite fly fishing is for steelhead & shad. He will share his angling prowess and adventures with us. So don't miss it!!

As usual we are taking donations of fly fishing and non fly fishing related items for the silent auction and raffle. Donations can be dropped off at the Reno Fly Shop, the Gilly, or any TRF function.

If you wish to tie some flies for the banquet TRF boxes can be picked up at the Reno Fly Shop, Gilly, or any TRF function.

Date: Saturday February 11,2006

Times: Starts at 5:30 p.m. , Dinner 7:00, , Program 8:00

Place: Airport Plaza Hotel, Reno, NV (corner of Plumb & Terminal)

Ticket Price: Early Bird \$35.00 UNTIL Feb. 4th, There-after or at the door \$45.00

Tickets are available at the Reno Fly Shop, Gilly, and all TRF functions. No tickets available by mail.

For more information call any TRF board member listed in your TRF Angler's Line

JANUARY ROUNDTABLE

REMINDER

Thursday evening, January 12th, at 6:20 p.m., Peter Markl will be our featured tyer at the Verdi Nature Center next to the Verdi Elementary School on Bridge Street. I hope to see you there!

BANQUET FLY BOXES

Bud J.

The Club is looking for members to donate some flies for the Annual Banquets and Fund Raiser, February 11th. empty boxes may be picked up at the Gilly on Rock Blvd. or the Reno Fly Shop on Moana Lane. For more information, call me at 345-0458 or leave a message and I'll get back to you. Thanks.

TYING TIPS

FOR YOUR ACHING BACK AND EYES

Bud J.

Whether you sit to tie a few flies or get ready for an "all nighter" you should be comfortable. A four or five legged adjustable chair is a must. I have found that when I sit with the back rest against my middle back I have my forearms flat on the desk top. I then adjust my chair so I am looking down at the fly at about a 30 degree angle. However, try other positions such as looking eye level at the fly or looking on top of the fly. Try 'em all, and pick the one for you.

Along with your general comfort while tying the ability to clearly see what you are doing becomes very important. Good lighting is a must and the proper placement of the light or lights critical. I prefer a fluorescent with one of the new "natural light" tubes, and to avoid clutter on my desk, this light is mounted on an arm and is suspended over my vise. Another acceptable way with a moveable base light is to aim it to the right from the left side over the vise, if you are a right hander. The opposite would hold true for us wrong handers.



Events Calendar

January 2006

12th Fly Tying Round Table
22nd Pyramid Lake Fishout
25th General Membership Meeting

February 2006

9th Fly Tying Round Table
11th TRF Banquet
18th Fishout Hinkson Slough

Board 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.

2006 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 _____

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
RoundTable						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Pyramid						
29	30	31	Board Meeting			

