



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

June 2006

Fellow Flyfishers

I am writing this on May 19, always a little strange to write the newsletter so soon in the month and before so many of the activities take place. Seems like I have to predict the future instead of write about current events. Well what can be more current than those things that have not happened yet.

We are having a fish out at Lake Lahontan two days from now, the date I am writing this, and 10 days ago, or more when you are reading this. I know that this is going to be, or was a great fish out. Mike Sevon, Nevada fisheries biologist out of Fallon, is leading, or led the group. He has been giving me reports all this week, or two weeks ago. He did a little pre-fishing, tough job, to make sure there were still fish in the lake. Said he caught a couple dozen. Guess there are fish there, or were fish

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.

there. I am really having trouble with past or present tenses when I am writing about something that is going to happen but already happened .

Actually I knew this even before Mike told me, Gordon Capurro, a once and future member of the club was out there this past Saturday, or three weeks ago if you are reading this now. He claimed that he and two friends caught 200 or more white bass and four walleye. No I did not put an extra 0 on that. Now I want you to know that he was throwing hardware. Rooster Tails to be exact. Sometime I am ashamed of him, but sometimes I am ashamed of me also. I have been known to fish

with garden hackle and "it gives me shivers to say this," lead core line. I would never live it down if certain members of the club got wind of this. Especially one very noisy member I won't mention, but his initials are BL. Now if BL would just mentor me a little maybe I could give up garden hackle entirely.

Hope you did not miss Andy Burke on May 24, he gave a presentation on Czech nymphing and the two handed spey rod. There are some months that the program chair does not know who he is programming, this was one of those months. But you can always bet there is a good program, you just need to show up to enjoy it.

I really enjoyed the April program, it was a tech night and Richard Dickerson demonstrated how to arrange and pack your tackle for short and long trips. Gary was there to show tips on photographing your trips and your success. Bud Johnson was there to show his expertise with knots and my favorite, Elliott Gritton, he demonstrated the lost art of tying pre-snelled wet flies. Thanks to all for there participation.

On bit of real future news, we are going to be fishing Davis in June and meeting at Dollard's store in Portola, look for more information on the web page. If you had been looking at the web page you would have seen a lot about the fish out at Lahontan, Mike Sevon put three pages of information on it. There was information about the Andy Burke presentation also. So If you are not getting your current information and activity report off the web you are missing out on a lot. Open it up, read it, if you have problems opening it please contact me. Some of those with AOL have had problems opening the web, we can help.

Tight lines,

Tom Smith
President and Program Chair. (Just in case you were wondering who he was.)

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Water Conditions: River conditions will continue to be high this month and drop slowly. Lake levels will also be high and cold and will take time to warm. Bear in mind that if you are fishing in shallow water the bottom was probably dry dirt for the last couple of years and will not have any weed growth and little insect activity.

Truckee River: Water levels will probably be high thru out the month. First water to be fishable will be on the California side thru town and move down just like a hatch.

Little Truckee: Traditionally the water drops on or about the 15th of June because that is the end of the Kiwi spawn in Pyramid. This year it could be later due to the fact that we are only a couple of weeks away from that and there is still a lot of run-off to take place. Still you can fish Boca were the water comes in with PMD patterns and do well. Crowded on weekends and weeknights.

Lake Davis: Fish outing on the 17th. The damsel hatch has usually started by now but I believe that it will be late this year. Last year I gave up on it and it was very late. I think that it will be more effective to fish a blood midge pattern. New game warden in the area and he wants to learn how to fly fish!! Just in, a team of wardens were checking peoples vehicles, Pike must be kill immediately and turned over to the Fish and Game Dept.

Lake Almanor: Hex hatch starts here about the 20th of June but I think it will be way late. Also this bug is a borrowing creature so that means that it will come off a bottom that was covered with water last year and the year before. This means about 30 to 40 feet of water.

Eagle Lake: Very high and cold this year I think it will be the hot spot for all of June. Big dragonfly pattern fished next to the tulles.

Knot Creek, Onion, and Blue: Access road is about a week a way from being able to get in to these lakes as of May 24, 2006, according to the patrol warden. Onion was drained in December and fish will be planted as soon as access is available. Maybe 10 percent of the fish survived the drainage. Knott Creek had plenty of water going in to last fall so the big fish that were there in the fall should carry over. Blue Lake should also be good with good water levels. Big Springs is about half full but unless it comes up dramatically, plants are not forthcoming.

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Upcoming Fish Outs—Wes

June 17th @ Davis Lake

We will be meeting at Dollard's Market at 7:00 AM

Designated Fish Master presentation: **Jerry Dollard.** Dollard's Market is the first gas station/market on the right as you enter Portola.

LARVA ROPE-A-DOPE by Bud J.

This little bug builds a nice chimney-like house of square sides. It is mainly constructed of weeds. They usually inhabit bouncy tumbling waters and can be found along lake shores.

Most of the time the larva attaches its case to a rock, then, holding up its second and third leg pairs, filters drifting particles from the currents. At other times, the larva attaches a thin silk line to the substrate, lowers itself downstream, then begins crawling again.

Entomologists called them *Brachycentrus*, fly fishers call them the American Grannom.

Early Truckee River fly fishers were known to knot on a section of white sewing thread as a final tippet, then they added a fly and drifted it on the bottom.

Modern fly fishers can whiten the last several inches of their tippet with a "Sanford" brand permanent marking stick called "Mean Streak" or paint it with typewriter correction fluid. A weighted cased imitation dangled along the bottom can be quite effective. Quartering across and downstream with a dark brown bodied and brown Partridge soft hackle can be a great help. Use it in slow to moderate flowing currents. At the end of the drift, stop your rod and allow the fly to rise and flutter in the current. Then give it a twitch or two and recast.

Lake Davis Fish Outing—June 17, 2006

Meeting Place: Dollard's Market in Portola at 7:00 AM

Designated Fish Master presentation: Jerry Dollard
Dollard's Market is the first gas station/market on the right as you enter Portola.

Lunch will be at 1:30 pm, Deli Sandwiches. Location will be determined by fishing conditions, and hatch location.

Jerry Dollard fishes the lake during the season several times a week and is very successful using nymphs under indicators. His knowledge of the lake is unmatched in the area. His presentation will not only be informative but extremely current.

To get to the lake take 395 north to 70 west. In the town of Portola turn right at the sign for Lake Davis, which is the corner where the True Value Hardware store is.

We always try and time this particular fish out to coincide with the damsel migration, it almost never happens because we set the fish outings months in advance. I believe we will be early but in this case early is better than late. Be prepared to try calibaetis patterns along with blood midges. Also I have seen ant falls this time of the year. As of this writing I have not yet fished Davis but I'm sure the water will be high.

Where to fish...

Northeastern Area: Wildhorse Res. is full and spilling over, things are slow now and about three weeks behind a normal water year. Some Tigers have been planted here. Wilson is spilling hard and below the dam some good fishing is occurring but there is a heavy Mormon cricket hatch and the fish are filling up on them. Ruby Marshes will be high and the trout fishing should be fair to good according to Chris Drake. The Bass are making a slow recovery. Some Tiger trout were planted in the Collection Ditch. Angel Lake will also get some Tiger trout as soon as NDOW can get in. Billy Shaw as I had told you to get to about three years ago, will fish good but it has been discovered and you won't be alone. As if the middle of nowhere ever gets crowded. This lake should harbor some extremely huge fish but they will take some special tactics to catch. The fish here have finally learned how to use the sagebrush on the bottom. Crittenden is private water now and it takes a \$200.00 a year membership to fish. The NDOW fish are still there but as the seasons go on there will be less and less fish in this impoundment because the owners believe that a thousand fish a year will sustain this fishery. NDOW has been planting fourteen thousand a year. The whole **North-eastern Area** I believe will not turn on till the end of June.

Sleepers: Martis, it gets little pressure; East Walker, when it drops; Sweringer, because nobody in the club has ever told me that they have fished it, although it is in Dale Lackey's book of the best Northern California still waters; and Milton as soon as you can get in.





Events Calendar

June 2006

Sun 11th *Full Moon*
 Sat 17th Fish out—Davis Lake
 Tue 20th *Newsletter deadline*
 Tues 27th Board Meeting
 Wed 28th General Membership Meeting

July 2006

Tues 11th *Full Moon*
 Sat 15th Alamanor Fish out
 Tue 18th *Newsletter Deadline*
 Tue 25th Board Meeting
 Wed 26th General Membership Meeting

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 Support them, they support us!

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 775-825-3474

The Gilley Fishing Store— 1111 Rock Blvd
 775-358-6113

High Desert Recreation, Inc.
 2500 Lakeview Drive
 Sutcliffe, NV 89510
 775-476-1176
Stop by to thank Tim, Tom, Maria, Ron, and Wendy for letting us use their facility in April for the Pyramid fish out.

NOTE:

All meetings are held at the NDOW Headquarters at 1100 Valley Road—unless otherwise noted.

General Meetings start at 6:30, BOD meetings start at 6:00

2006 Membership Form

Name	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	State	Zip	<input type="text"/>
Home Fone	Work Fone	<input type="text"/>	
Email	Occupation	<input type="text"/>	
Experience	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Fishing Interests	<input type="text"/>		
Projects and Activities Interests	<input type="text"/>		
Are you willing to volunteer at club events?	Yes	No	
Circle One	Individual = \$25	Family = \$30	Student = \$10
Circle One	New Member	Renewal	

Something to think about

Looking for a Few Good Fishermen by Paul G. White

As an outdoors writer, I frequently get letters and e-mails from readers seeking information. Some are interested in finding a tried-and-true fishing spot to take their children or grandchildren to catch their first trout. Some want the inside scoop on where to find chukar or quail and others just want to pass along words of encouragement or story ideas. Sometimes, readers pass along jokes, humorous articles or something meaningful that has deeply touched their heart. John Blake of Boise, Idaho, has read several of my newspaper columns in the Idaho Statesman. His brother is the recreation director in Elko County Nevada and, together, they have fished some of those "secret" spots here in Nevada. He and many other readers said they share the sentiment that there are plenty of places to fish. "I feel that no matter how secluded the fishing hole, there's always room for a few more fishermen." Blake wrote in an e-mail. He sent along a poem he wrote about fishing and gave me permission to publish it here.

Also, an assistant pastor of a local church, who wishes to remain anonymous, e-mailed me recently because he needed help writing a sermon. He writes: "My purpose for this letter is this: What makes a fisherman, in your opinion? I mean, what qualities do you think a fisherman needs to have to be successful or at the very least being able to call himself a fisherman?" I whipped up the following response in about five minutes. Looking back, it's not too shabby. But before all you ladies get offended by the use of the word fisherman and not the politically correct term, angler, please note that I am complying with the pastor's request. Feel free to substitute the words 'angler' and 'she' where it applies. What Makes a Good Fisherman? A good fisherman is bound – heart and soul – with the Great Outdoors. He is constantly in awe of God's magnificent creations and craves frequent opportunities to immerse himself in nature. He is intensely alert and insatiably curious. He is keenly aware of his surroundings: the melodies of birds. He makes time to observe the subtle color variations in the water, wildflowers that are in bloom and insects that are hatching. A good fisherman is a conservationist whose goal is to leave the areas he visits unblemished and is duty bound to remove unsightly trash and debris left behind by others. He also respects the fish and animals he encounters and sincerely grateful when an animal surrenders its life to allow him to continue on his own life's journey. He silently grieves over their ultimate sacrifice and, through the nourishment of his body, continues his life through his own existence. A good fisherman never takes more than he needs. He also is not inclined to "play" with God's creations by playing them for the thrill of the tug on the end of the line only to release them, exhausted, weakened and in such poor condition, they die a few days later. And, if he returns home with an empty creel, he does not become bitter and resentful. Instead, he cherishes the memories of the experience. A good fisherman also reflects on the privilege of being alive and part of God's beautiful creation.

A Wish John Blake, Boise, Idaho

My father taught me how to fish
When I was just a boy.
He granted me this childhood wish
And filled my life with joy.
He showed me how to tie a fly
And cast the pole just right.
How to find the mountain sky
And bed down for the night.
He taught me how to give the land
What it had given me;
Something a few can understand,
To let the fish go free.
Now, I've taught my son to fish
And hope that he will see,
Granting him this childhood wish
Has meant so much to me.

On a lighter note: What's another definition of a fisherman?

Answer: A jerk on one end of the line waiting for a jerk on the other end.

Editor's Corner—Tim Huckaby

In an effort to help cut costs we are now offering members the opportunity to receive the newsletter by email only. To date, 25 members have asked to receive the newsletter via email. This will cut the cost for publishing and mailing the newsletter by 25%. If you are interested please email me—timhuckaby@yahoo.com.




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