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# *Angler's Line*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

July 2006

Fellow Fly Fishers

Our Lahontan fishout was kind of a bust. After all the good reports of massive amounts of fish being caught in the previous week, we had a hard time finding any thing to brag about. We had a nice turn out, about 12 of us gave it a try. We may not have had a lot of fish but we had a lot of good company. I provided the comedy relief as I found a submerged tree root and despite my best effort to stay upright, didn't. Spent the rest of the day with one leg of my waders full of water. I had dry clothes offered but putting dry clothes inside wet waders just makes for more wet clothes.

There were a few fish caught, Tillie caught a couple of nice White Bass, as did Mike Sevon, and Ken Kersey. Occasionally a small Carp was hooked as well. Gordon Capurro, seemed to catch the most fish, but all on Rooster Tails, including a nice 18" Walleye, that I invited home for dinner.

## 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.

The problem with the fish may have been the cold front that blew in over the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>. We had some rain, cold weather and wind hard enough that we could not use float tubes. We lined up along the beach and if we had just had a ladder or two we would have been right at home. Caught a lot of small fish, 3 to 4 inches long. If they grow up, next year is going to be great out there.

If you were not there, you missed a great lunch, great friends and poor fishing.

Next, our May general membership meeting was kind of like the May fishout, Andy Burke, our speaker was a no show. Next time we have Andy as our speaker, and I really hope we do, he is a great

speaker, I am going to handcuff Bud Johnson to him. Doug Oulette had come to hear Andy talk, and he opened up a great discussion of where and how to fish our local waters. The group that was there visited and talked fishing until about 7:30, had a great raffle and left early enough to go home and watch the finals of the American Idol, about time someone with gray hair won, makes me feel I have a chance.

The Davis Lake Fishout was just this past Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turn out of club members, the fish did not turn out though. There were plenty in the lake, and the teased us by cruising by and rolling just feet away, but they seemed to have had a case of lock jaw. A few fish caught but not many, even the master of Davis Lake, Mr. Wes Ong, was fishless at lunch. Those who had caught a fish were outnumbered by those who did not. It was a great day to be out though. Ryan caught a nice fish while the rest of us were eating the wonderful lunch that Wes brought out, we should have been throwing sandwiches at him for showing off. Had to be nice to him though, he brought the brownies for desert.

We have a lot of great things happening in the club, just a day or two now and we will be having Doug Oulette as our speaker at the June meeting. He has a boundless knowledge of fly fishing and is always willing to share with us. Hope you are there.

On a somber note, we have lost another great friend and a long time member of the club. Walt Tripp passed away on June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you knew him, and all of the long time members did, you will remember what a gracious gentleman he always was. He was preceded in death by his son Richard Tripp, also a club member, unfortunately we saw little of Walt after Richard's death, it was as if the death of Richard took away his reason for and enjoyment of fishing. We missed him then and we will miss him now.

Tight Lines  
Tom Smith, President

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## **Fish Prospects**

By Wes Ong

**Stampede/Prosser Res:** For a change of pace fish small buggers, Clouser's, or poppers mid day by the dam for small mouths. You could also hit a callibaetis hatch in the morning in the coves.

**Antelope Lake:** Warm water species.

**Knot Creek:** Slow on the opener this could be 4 weeks behind because of the cold spring. This isn't a "drag a wooly bugger around and expect to catch fish," type fishery. You'll have to get on the water early, find the fish and match the hatch. Generally the fish are eating damsels or midges. Onion has fished better. It did on the opener.

**Lake Almanor:** The Hex hatch it's a last light bite and there is little time for adjustments in pattern, size, presentation, or location. If you're not where it's happening your only option is to try again the next night. Redeeming factor is that the fish are big. Hatch may last through mid July.

**Butt Lake:** There is also a Hex hatch here. Most noted way to fish here is wait for the inflow water to start at peak power demand times and fish the inflow with a pond smelt pattern. I've written about this the past couple of summers put have yet to try it. Has anyone else???

**Milton Res:** I think that it is still early for this lake.

**Gold Lakes Basin:** It may also be early for the lakes up here due to the late spring. Lots of small lakes to explore here. Mostly a put and take fishery.

**East Walker:** Hopefully the high water has cleaned out some of the weeds. Most fish caught here are in July. Good time for caddis, hoppers, and ants.

**Truckee River:** Great dry fly time on the river. My evening set up is usually a CDC Yellow Sally with an Iris Caddis dropper. The CDC wing is easy to spot in the low light of the evening. Hopefully the water will come down.

**Sleeper: Kirman**

For Sale

Spring Cleaning Time has come and gone.  
Did you find someone else's treasurer in the garage or back 40?

"FOR SALE: Keaton 8 ft. fiberglass pram with Johnson 3.0 hp gas motor, oars, anchor, rode and cleating hardware, manual and toolkit, fire extinguisher, USCG approved floatation vest, approved gas container, improved trans and wheels for boat ramp/driveway movement. Asking \$850 complete, OBO; contact Press Clewe, 852-8021."



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If you'd like to see the boat and all extras, let me know.  
Regards,  
Press Clewe



Margo with an 'ok' fish says Peter.

Type of Water: Spring Creek with strong flow  
Hatch in progress: Little yellow stones together with PMD  
Fly: Little Yellow Stone Adult (dry fly)  
Tippet: 6x  
Landing Method: Prayers and Miracles

Way to go Margo!!

Check out these websites when you have a few minutes.

<http://www.czechnymphs.com>

<http://flyfisherman.com/skills/lkknets/>



# Events Calendar

## July 2006

Tues 11th  
Sat 15th  
Tue 25th  
Wed 26th

*Full Moon*  
Alamanor Fish out  
Board Meeting  
General Membership Meeting

## August 2006

Weds 9th  
Wed 23rd  
  
Wed 29th

*Full Moon*  
General Membership Meeting  
Mayberry Park swap meet  
Board Meeting  
Fishout location and data TBD

**Local Supporters—**  
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Reno Fly Shop— 294 E. Moana Lane # 14  
775-825-3474

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

High Desert Recreation, Inc.  
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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 style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Date	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Address	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
City	State	Zip	
Home Fone	Work Fone	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	
Email	Occupation	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	
Experience	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Fishing Interests	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>		
Projects and Activities Interests	<input style="width: 95%;" 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

A-BUNCH-A-CRUNCH by Bud J.

They prefer alkaline lakes and slow weedy streams and spend a great deal of time foraging among the stems and stalks of plants consuming algae and decaying veggies. Many times they attach themselves to these plant stalks where trout can pick them off. Observant lake fishers have noted these beasties making sudden rises during spells of hot weather and then they hang up against the surface film and are propelled by the breeze. When disturbed, they can descend like an express elevator.

Many fly fishers are mystified as trout are seen making smooth head and tail rises. The usually broken surface on hot and breezy days hides these critters from all but the most careful observer. The drab olive, gray, tan and brown shells help to disguise these fishy escargot.

*Entomologists named them Mullusca Gastropoda. We fly fishers know them as Snails.*

You can create a reasonable pattern for these floaters by wrapping a thin strip of closed-cell foam spiraled forward and enlarging as you go toward the eye. Tie off and cover with Peacock Herl or with similar colored Crystal Chenille. Then finish with three wraps of brown hackle.

Another pattern has a copper-ribbed body and a flap of tan or gray closed-cell foam bulging out over the eye. This represents the snail's "foot" as it hangs with this foot clinging to the surface.

For both these patterns, cast them out down and across the current letting them drift, then adding an occasional twitch. Long casts are not very productive as these patterns sit low and are very hard to keep sight of. Some type of small but colorful indicator attached to the leader a short ways up from the snail will help you detect strikes.

Since no one has come up with a pattern imitating a snail clinging to a plant stalk, let's build a fat herl body leaving out the foam, then add two or three turns of brown hackle fore and aft. Now cast this in and around the shore weeds and stalks, count it down, then begin a retrieve of slow strips with pauses. This should do the trick.

Next year's Pyramid Lake official measuring device





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In memory of long time member  
 and great supporter of the club—  
 Walt Tripp (April 1923—June 2006)

# July 2006

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