



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

April 2007

Here I sit debating what to write in my first President's Letter. So, let me start off with a quick review of the Squaw Creek Reservoir fish out. Boy was there a ton of fish caught today! We had around 15 members enjoy a beautiful day of fishing, food, and conversation. I am looking forward to the Pyramid Lake fish out on April 14th. Hope to see everyone there!

Another successful event this month was the Annual Banquet. I want to thank Wes Ong, the Board Members, Member Volunteers, Andy Burk, and all of those who made the Annual Banquet a tremendous success! Thank you!!!

Listening to Andy Burk at the Annual Banquet, I found myself wondering... Just what does fly fishing cost? So I figured I should do the math...

I started by making a list of *must have* fly fishing gear:

The Rod: Of course we need different weights, lengths, and actions for the many different fishing environments we find ourselves in... apx. cost \$500 each.

The Reel: Just like the rod we **need** different reels and spools... apx. cost \$200 each and \$85 each spool.

The Fly Line: Sink tip, shooting head, floating line, intermediate line, not to mention the variety of colors (bright yellow, olive green, black) ... and each get their own spool... apx. cost \$50 each plus the \$85 spool.

The Net: Ones that float to replace the ones that sink (sorry Ryan), ones that measure, and ones that weigh... apx. cost \$75.

The Waders: Neoprene for cold weather, thicker neoprene for "are you kidding me" weather, and lightweights for those beautiful fishing days... apx. cost \$185 to \$300 each. Oh, and don't forget the wading boots... apx. cost \$125.

The Vest: To hold the multitude of tippet, leader, fly boxes, pliers, snips, chap stick, first aid kit, split shot, floatant, and whatever else might be needed... apx. cost \$100 plus the cost of everything in the vest.

The Float Tube/Pontoon: Since we must get to where the fish are hiding... apx. cost \$150

and up to Gary's Queen Mary.

The Fly Tying Gear: Because it is *cheaper* to tie our own, we need a full store of materials and tools including a vise, bobbins, hackle pliers, magnifying glass(es), stackers, scissors, light, desk, TV/VCR/DVD player, how to videos and books, marabou, thread, lead, hooks, feathers of every size and color, flash, wire, chenille, hackle, dubbing, biot, etc... apx. cost \$WOW!!!

Videos, Books, Magazines, and all things fly fishing... apx. cost \$200.

Licenses: Oh yeah, can't forget to get the Nevada, California, and Pyramid licenses ... apx. cost \$215 a year.

Total Cost: The first year could end up costing \$2,370 to "Holy Cow".

Yet, I really don't think fly fishing is that expensive. If we were to compare the cost of fly fishing to the cost of a weekly appointment with a therapist (apx. \$7,000 per year), fly fishing is CHEAP therapy, plus you get better stories!!! So, keep fishing and keep those lines tight!!!

- Lisa

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.

Also, I want to extend a quick congratulations to Mike Hoffman who will be retiring this week.

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake: Use light colors in beetles (Olive, tan, and white) and buggers. Takes on the beetle will be soft and you may only get a single bump that will be when the fish spits it out. If you're fast you may get a lot of foul hook-ups. Fish will be in close, maybe behind you so be observant. Guys started indicator fishing in mid March. My favorite has been a Black Copper John with no indicator and a slow strip. I found that if I cast at a 45-degree angle and strip my fly into the cruising fish, I get more takes. The bite should start to shift to early and late instead of mid-day.

Almanor: Waters is cold but some fishing has picked up in the Hamilton Branch and Big Springs area. Pond smelt and PTs have been producing. I heard that this is the time to fish for the Salmon???

East Walker River: Stonefly hatch may still be going. Last month the water was in the 20 cfs range but has come up to a very fishable 100 cfs. With the low snow year this should be very fishable run-off due to the water master holding water.

Frenchman: There use to be an extreme leech activity at the upper end just after ice out, but that was last month. At any rate a small olive woolly or damsel will work besides a black leech. Water will be murky during run-off in any of the Sierra lakes, but this should be short due to not much snow pack. The bait dunkers have been sticking 18-inch fish since the warm spell in February.

Davis: The only thing left in Davis is large fish and Pike. Ice fishing takes a lot of nice fish out of the lake so what's left??? Feather River thru Portola opens about three weeks earlier than the normal California opener. Water levels will be in runoff stage. Check your Regs.

The Sleepers: Dodge Reservoir and Sweringer.

California Opener: Martis Res. is about the only think left now that most of the rivers that we fish close have opened already. Martis is usually good on the opener because the fish have not seen an imitation for 6 months. My pick would be the Pit River, big stonefly nymph and bead head dropper with lots of lead. If that doesn't work Hat Creek, Baum Lake, Burney Creek, Lost Creek and Montgomery Creek are all nearby.

Special Notices:

Member Photos needed: Do you have digital photos from a club function you would like to share with everyone in the club. Forward them to me ASAP, I am looking to build a slide show for the banquet and for Orvis' Spring Days. With the photo include the names of anyone in the photo and the location. Photos from personal trips will be accepted, but please keep these to eastern side of the Sierra and any where in Nevada.—Tim Huckaby



Wanted Buy or Trade

A white or clear crystal-like multi-stranded material the commercial name is "Banlon". It was used in polo shirt manufacturing and was found in parachute shroud lines. If you have some, or know of some please let me known...Thanks Bud J 345 0458 or jonce77@aol.com

Here we will post your items for sale, things you have for trade or a list of things you want. The only stipulation is

that you are a club member. Forward your request to Tim

Pyramid Fish Out!

April 14th will be our Pyramid Fish Out with our big fish contest. Sign ups for the biggest fish will be from 7:30am to 9:00am at the North Nets (if you can't make that time, call Lisa Shea at 575-5901 and let her know so she can put your name in the contest). The big fish prize this year is a Winston Rod! Yahoo! We will also have our luncheon at the Marina. Food will be served at 12:00pm. We will have steak, salad, bread, dessert, and also

our raffle. Cost of the lunch is \$20. Oh yeah, the fishing! This will be the prime time to fish for those nice cutts as they cruise in close to taunt you. It's fun to watch them go under

your ladder, but more fun to catch them! Just have a variety of your favorite Pyramid flies. Nymphing is good this time of year, but you can still knock em dead on your shooting head. Any questions, please call Lisa Shea. Hope to see you all there!

Banquet/Fund Raiser Wrap Up - Wes Ong

This year we accomplished everything that we expected too; we installed new officers, had an excellent program by Andy Burk, raised a significant amount of funds, and had a great time doing it!

Thanks for the great effort Banquet Committee, Tom Smith, Tillie Arizmendi, Tim Huckaby, Phil Baity, Bud Johnson, Mike Hoffman, Cheri Pierce, Ken Kersy, Gary Bonnici, Clyde Wilson, Joe Centagorda, and Jerry Holtgrave!

Big thanks also to the great council of Bill Lampson and the generous donation of Winston Rods by our anonymous member.

And thanks again to our local shops that support us, Orvis, the Gilly and the Reno Fly Shop!

And if you thought that we had a lot of raffle "Stuff" just wait until the Pyramid Fish out and Barbeque!!!!

A few words from our outgoing president—

Fellow Fly Fishers,

Just a brief word of thanks to all of you who have helped and supported me for the past couple of years, especially to those on the board.

The banquet was a great success, and it was a real nice change to hand over the microphone to Lisa Shea, our new president. Jerry Holtgrave is the new Vice-President, he should be good at that, he has a lot of vices, as all good tiers should.

It was my real privilege, before handing over the microphone, to make presentations to some very dedicated anglers and club members. Richard Dickerson was presented with the Mid Lipera Award, it is given for "unselfish contributions to their fellow fly fishers." No one could contribute more than this unselfish gentleman, a tying instructor, author, guide and speaker. Doug Ouellette was presented with the Cal Bird Cup, it is for "outstanding contributions to fly tying." No one would deny that Doug is a great and innovative tier, who shares both his flies and his techniques for fishing them with others. Wes Ong received the President's Award, this award is given by the President of the club at his discretion, this year it was given to Wes Ong, in recognition of the outstanding help and leadership that he provided to the club as Vice President, he chaired the banquet, served the food and acted as fish master at many fish outs. He has done more than there is room to say. My personal thanks to him.

Tight Lines

Tom Smith Ex-president.



Events Calendar

April 2007

<i>Fri 2nd</i>	<i>Full Moon</i>
Sat 14th	Pyramid Fish out
Tue 24th	Board Meeting
Wed 25th	General Meeting

May 2007

<i>Wed 2nd</i>	<i>Full Moon</i>
Sun 20th	Lahontan Fish Out
Wed 23rd	General Meeting
Thu 29th	Board Meeting

Local Supporters—
Support them, they support us!

The Orvis Store—13945 S. Virginia St. # 640
775-850-2272

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

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

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

2007 Membership Form

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

Trout in the Classroom—Bud Johnson

To bring to an end of a very successful program of Trout in the Classroom, club members, Gary Bonnie, Joe Cendagorta, Bill Morgan and Bud Johnson, presented a fly tying class for the fifth graders in the Jesse Beck grade school.

Classroom teacher, Ryan Brock, had his group start-up, run and care for a trout tank, then release he trout at Oxbow Nature Center. The students fielded quite a few questions from the club members and these kids were a great surprise as they appeared well versed on trout and the catch and release philosophy.

Let us hope we can continue to assist NDOW in this very important program which, incidentally, was begun mainly through the efforts of club members, Ann and Ron Privrasky.

Spring Days at Orvis—Wes Ong

I want to thank all the volunteers that have agreed to tie at the Orvis Spring Day's. Here is the schedule for the tying:

Thursday April 26	4pm to 6pm	Elliot Gritton
Friday April 27	4pm to 6pm	Mike Hoffman
	6pm to 8pm	Tom Smith
Saturday April 28	12pm to 2pm	Ryan Shea
	2pm to 4pm	Bud Johnson
	4pm to 6pm	Steve Bamberger
Sunday April 29	12pm to 2pm	Tim Huckaby
	2pm to 4pm	Wes Ong

Orvis has asked us if we would like to have a table to represent the club and sign up new members. If I can get six volunteers to man this, we could have 2-hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday from 12pm to 6pm. Please call me at 530-0725.

Fly Tier's Roundtable (FTR) April 2007 Featuring Bud Johnson

Due to some requests and questions asked him in the past, he will be demonstrating a method of folding and applying hackle, use of tools to produce loose and tight dubbing, speedy ribbing, thread sense, Bird's distribution wrap, building smooth under bodies and four wire bodies.

Bring your questions, if any.

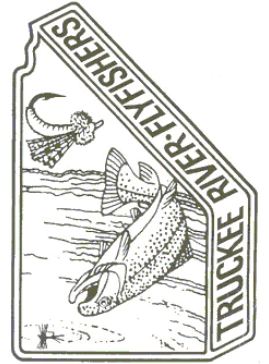
BUD'Z Tips and Tricks—Bud Johnson

Spinning and flaring hair, whether it is Deer, Carabou, Elk, etc., can make some very great patterns. However, after the first cut, you have or very soon will have, a big mess. Having a cool and understanding spouse, or significant other, a vacuum cleaner or tying in the outdoors is possible. But I stumbled over this and it keeps the mess to a minimum.

I tie on a roll top desk and, in the past, on a bench in the garage. Both had a center drawer, and without removing the "stuff", I drape a plastic garbage bag over the partial opening. No drawer you say -- the same bag taped to the table top and the other end tucked in your belt will do the trick.

Spraying your hunk of hair and your tools with an antistatic product or rubbing with a piece of "Bounce" used in the dryer should make everything behave.

It works for me.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	 3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Fly Tier's Roundtable	13	14 Pyramid Fish out
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 BOD Mtg	25 General Mtg	26	27	28
29	30					