



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

May 2007

Let me start off with a quick review of the Pyramid Lake Fish Out. We had around 25 members enjoy a chilly day of fishing, food, conversation, and the Big Fish Extravaganza. Gary Bonnici (a.k.a. Lucky) used his skills and lived up to his nickname and caught a 29 inch cutthroat to take home the Winston Rod. I want to thank all of the members who helped throughout the planning, preparation, and the day. I appreciate all of your time and efforts!

I am looking forward to the Lahontan Fish Out on May 20th. Mike Sevon is our Fish Master for the Fish Out. He said he has been in contact with Pat Sollberger, the area fisheries biologist, and he indicates there are "lots" of white bass up to 13 inches available. With the added potential of wall-eye, wipers, and possibly carp we will have a nice mix of fish to catch. Make sure to check the website for directions, meeting place, and time. Hope to see everyone there!

Bud Johnson put on a **fantastic** Round Table this month. He tied several flies (including a Bird's Nest) and gave us some great tips about bending hackle, curling peacock hurl, weighting your bobbins, graduating your dubbing, etc. We do have this Round Table on DVD available for check out. Email or call me, if you would like to borrow the DVD.

As I was fishing with Ryan today at Frenchman's, I started thinking about the fish stories I have grown up with and those I continue to hear. The stories range from numbers caught to amazing weights and lengths to the ones that got away. The ones that got away seem to be the stuff of which legends are made. Whenever one of these stories of loss is told, there is a look of despair on the storyteller's face. So, I decided to apply the stages of grief to losing the big one.

The first stage we usually hit is denial. This is where we see the fisherman looking back and forth from his rod to his loose line. Often the thought process is like this: "This is **not** happening to me."

After the realization hits that this is happening, we move into the second stage... anger. This can look like head shaking, hands on hips, rock kicking, and so on. Depending on how big the fish was, especially if the fish was seen, this stage can even include swearing.

Once the swearing subsides, we move into the third stage... bargaining. This is where we start thinking if we make the same cast and retrieve, maybe the fishing gods will smile on us and answer our prayers... just one more time.

If the fishing gods overlook our prayers and casts, we move into the fourth stage... depression. This can include tears and thoughts of retiring the fishing gear. Okay, maybe not that extreme.

Finally, we move into the fifth stage... acceptance. This is where we make peace with the fact the fish is gone, for today, and the fish story is born.

Stages can be revisited, stages can be skipped, and stages can come in any order... Just remember, if it was the big one, it is okay to grieve.

Keep those lines tight!
Lisa

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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.

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake: As of this writing I don't believe all the fish have spawned. Just as the in close cruise started the weather put it down. Catch rates have been high about every third or fourth day. This is typical for this time of year. With the water temperature staying cold for so long the bite may extend thru the month of May. When California opens the crown should subside. The Tribe has talked about closing the Nets area due to the high catch rates during the spawn and the way Nymph fisherman have been handling the fish. I think this pales in comparison to the number of fish killed at Tournaments!

Frenchman Res. Lots of members have been fishing here recently with good success. Fish are close to shore in the upper bays. Big black leeches always work well this time of year. Also there are damsels in the water here yearlong.

Lake Davis: Fish should be out of the spawning mode soon and the middle of May should see some strong blood midge hatches. This lake will not be full because California DFG will be eradicating the Pike in August. I believe the Westside roads are open, check with Dollard's Market.

Hinkson Slough: As the water here warms some strong midge hatches will drive the fish to feed on the surface. Ryan had good success here last year in May.

McCoy Flat Res: Holdovers should be about 18 inches. The lake is only 9 to 10 feet deep at its deepest. Try to find the channels, fish will hold here.

Truckee River: The River looks good! If we get a slow run-off we may be able to fish the Green Drake hatch although I'm not exactly sure when it comes off. (records indicate mid to late June—th)

East Walker: As I said in the last letter this river has been fish well due to the stable flows caused by the low water year. Even the Reno Fly Shop has been reporting on it in the RGJ. Look for thinks to continue.

Eagle Lake: Opens on the 26th and with this cold spring the fish may still be on the spawning beds. This means that you may catch two fish in the same spot if you hit their nest. Area around Pine Creek would be a good bet if this occurs. Peacock sheep bugger or Doug's Eagle Lake Cinnamon Leech.

Sleepers: Stampede, Martis, Ballard, Adams/McGill, and Almanor.

Special Notice:

Our new website is up if you have not had a chance to view it, please stop by soon.—Tim



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

Need a boat (see the website for more details and photo)

Press Clewe—8' Pram w/ motor (775) 852-8021

Pyramid Fish Out! By Jerry Holtgrave

I would like to thank everyone who donated items and there skills in the kitchen and BBQ for the Pyramid Fish Out. Thanks also to **Tim and his crew at the High Desert Recreation Marina** for allowing us to use their facility again this year. In all the day was a great success.

Our top four fishermen were:

1. Gary Bonnici - 29
2. Jason Graham - 27.3
3. Keith Arnold - 27
4. Wesley Ong - 25

I look forward to seeing everybody at the next club meeting at the fish outs. Remember to clean your lines and reels this spring!

Federation Fly Fishers Update (taken from April 2007 newsletter)

After 14 years October's newsletter have the last Fly of the Month. If you would be interested in contributing to this fine publication please contact Tim Huckaby.

From a few years back—The Biggs Pheasant (Idaho Lake Flies) By Bud Johnson

Pioneer Idaho float tuber, George Biggs, dreamed up this minimal, though excellent, Chironomid pattern for imitating ascending hatching Midges and similar Diptera. Biggs and two other early Idaho float tubers, Ruell Stayner and Marv Taylor, produced many stillwater patterns which are quite popular today. This is a good one.

Biggs suggests the use of a fairly long tippet with the fly six or more feet below an indicator. Let the fly hang down, then retrieve very slowly so it travels vertically in the water column. Takes are often soft. Sometimes, when there is a great hatch going on, switching to a size larger than the naturals will bring on a grab.

Begin wrap an eye length behind the eye then on to the bend. Tie in the small end of two tail fibers and close wrap forward..

Select eight or ten flank fibers, tie them in so they lean at a 45 degree tilt, 1/3 the body length. Now for a nice thread head, then whip it and clip it.

Since this is a simple, but good, pattern, why not tie up a bunch in various sizes as it is easy and quick.

Biggs Pheasant

HOOK Mustad 94838 (1x short) or equal Size 14 –22

THREAD Black

Body One or two center Pheasant tail f

Wing 8 to 10 Mallard flank fibers (short0

* Flash Silver or gold rib can be added for flash and protecting the fragile pheasant fibers



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:

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

Volunteer Opportunities with Nevada Department of Wildlife

Assist NDOW with beginning fishing clinics, fly tying, fly fishing, and kids clinics.

Contact Chris Vasey 775-688-1622

Assist NDOW in taking eggs and milt from several species of fish at Marlette Lake. Marlette is located above Lake Tahoe around 8,000 feet in elevation. Volunteers are needed seven days a week throughout the course of the project.

Contact Kim Toulouse 775-688-1893

Construct a fish barrier in remote Wall Canyon Creek in northern Washoe County

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Visit NDOW's website for all the current opportunities throughout the state.


<http://www.ndow.org/learn/vol/recruiter/index.shtm>





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