



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

February 2008

Let me start off with a quick review of the Pyramid Fish Out. The fishing was slow and turned into a day of football games instead of fishing. Thank you to Wes and Jerry for cooking and to everyone who attended!

The Fly Tiers Round Table by Mike Sevon was fantastic! Mike tied Tillie's hot pink tadpole (it's killing them at Pyramid!), a very cool grasshopper, and a seal bugger. Thanks to Mike for tying and to Bud for organizing the event. Make sure to make the next round table... it should be a good one!

Arlo Townsend gave an amazing presentation on Hunting Big Fish! I know Ryan came home brimming with ideas, information, and excitement. Thank you to Arlo for sharing your knowledge and tips with the club!

We have our Annual Banquet coming up March 15th. Make sure to get your tickets and renew your annual membership! It should be a great evening. Now on to my fly fishing ramblings...

What Was I Thinking?

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.

I know I have mentioned before that I pushed Ryan into this fly fishing addiction... but every now and then, the question arises: What was I thinking?

Ryan has always been addicted to fishing. He used to fish about once every two weeks. He

would spin fish for trout, walleye, northern, perch, and anything else with gills. He had quite the collection of lures and one nice fishing pole and spin reel. It *seemed* like an expensive little hobby.

After we had lived in Nevada for about a year, I had a great idea. I decided that Ryan needed to expand his fishing horizons to include fly fishing. I had seen *A River Runs Through It* and thought fly fishing looked relaxing, almost therapeutic. I kept bugging Ryan about trying fly fishing. He truly was not very interested. He told me he was happy fishing with his current gear and that he did not need to spend any additional money on one more kind of fishing. I really should have listened, but of course I did not!

I decided that Ryan *really* needed to give fly fishing a try. So, I went on Ebay and bought him a fly fishing kit... you know, a rod, reel, line, tippet, and flies. I was very excited when the kit arrived in the mail. Ryan was uncertain as he opened up the multiple pieces. I kept getting funny looks and hearing mutterings of, "What the heck is this for?" or "This looks way too complicated!"

Of course, I kept encouraging him to give it a try. So, he did. I still can picture the first time he came back from a day of fly fishing... It was not a good day. Ryan walked into the house, looked at me, and said, "I hope you didn't waste too much money on that stupid kit because I am **never** doing that again!" There was my out, but NO... I kept pushing him to try again, even buying him how to videos. Before I knew it, Ryan was bit by the proverbial bug and pushed into a full on fly fishing addiction.

And now I sit at my computer, wondering "What was I thinking?"

Keep those lines tight!
Lisa

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake: Generally I consider this a slow month at Pyramid, but last year most of the big fish caught by fly fishers were caught in the month of February. If these are some of the remnants of the original Cuts that spawned in the winter, then it would stand to reason that the mouth of the Truckee would also have to yield some big fish this time of year. Last month's fish outing was only attended by 8 members. We had a lot of home made Mac Stew left. Not many fish were caught.

American River: Flows have been consistent this winter around 1400 cfs. Using an indicator and an egg/caddis set-up has been producing good numbers of steelhead. Swinging a black bunny leech or Alvin pattern should also work. Make sure you check the current regulations for this water because the NCCFFF has purposed at the February 8th meeting of the commission, a closure of this water.

Yuba River: Decent wading flows here are less than 1000 cfs. Fish above and below the highway twenty bridge. Same stuff for the American will work here but there are also stoneflies, mayflies, and caddis flies in the system. Catches here could include steelhead and trout. Nice weather will get a mayfly hatch going but make sure that it is a trout rise that you are casting to and not a chub or squaw fish rise.

Little Truckee: Now that this water is open all year we could fish it in February if the road was plowed. But because it isn't we need a couple of weeks of sun to melt it off the road. Snowmobile in if you are really desperate!!

Squaw Creek Res. Just because we didn't make it there in January doesn't mean to forget about it. This year it will take a little bit of warm weather to melt some of the ice and snow but it will still produce good numbers through spring. Due to popular demand we will reschedule this fish outing in March.

Hinkson Slough: Fish outing on the 17th and the Carson City Club will fish here on the opener on the 16th. I remember last year catching fish on a #16 gray midge with red wire and a bead. A Strawberry Blond tied in peacock is a good searching pattern for this water. Chris Wharton talked about fishing from shore; well here you can fish from the road without getting in to your waders. I did that last year because the wind was so strong.

Pleasant Valley Reservoir: This is another fishery that fishes well in the winter. Concentrate on fishing the inlet near the first access path and fish back towards the river mouth. Also the river leading into the reservoir can fish well with a small midge pupa or mayfly nymph under and indicator. Three high mountain passes to cross to get there so check the weather and don't go if a storm is pending.



Wanted Buy or Trade

Silk Fly Lines—
 Look around in your old tackle boxes or your Dad's or Grandad's stuff. It may be coiled up and secured with pieces of pipe cleaner or on a reel. It will most likely be olive or dark green or possibly tannish-yellow. The surface will appear woven and probably sticky, and have a varnish-like smell. If it looks like an enamel or shiny finish, it aint silk. But I'd like to see it.

Are you looking for something or have something to sell? Call
 Tim Huckaby, 746-3133 or timhuckaby@yahoo.com

2008 Membership Dues is now due

Don't forget pay your dues by February 28th and get a new personalized club name tag. See the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter issue or the website. Print an extra one or two for your friends and family.

You don't want to miss out on 2008 outings, events and meetings.

Be sure to stop by one of the shops and pickup your banquet tickets and pay your membership at the same time.

Copper Golden Stone
 By Elliott Gritton, photos by Paul White

February's featured tier Elliott Gritton, long time club member (1972).

Elliott's program will feature three quick descent Stonefly nymphs, one of which is outlined below. Then, he will demonstrate a quick method for tying a very famous Montana woven hair fly and the technique of snelling a hook for quick change fishing. Don't miss this one.



Have a look the electronic version of this.

Copper Golden Stone	
Hook	Dai-Riki 700B # 6-10
Thread	6/0 Rust Brown
Head	Copper tungsten, sized to hook
Antenna/Tail	Amber Goose Biots
Underbody	1/8" Wide tungsten strip wrapped over hook shank
Rib	Small copper wire
Shellback	3/16" wide Golden Stone Thinskin
Body/Thorax	Copper Quick Descent dubbing
Legs	3 or 4 wraps of gold/orange Emu hackle
Wing Case	Same as shellback



Hinkson Slough Fish out—February 17th - by Wes Ong

We will have our usual Hinkson Slough outing on the second day of the open season this year. And as usual the Carson City Club will be fishing on the opening day. This fishery is not a highly technical one and small midge patterns or small attractor nymphs on a floating or intermediate line will produce fish to 12 inches. A float tube or pontoon is helpful but not necessary. You can fish from shore; I usually do this during lunch to warm up a bit.

To get there take highway 80 east to the first Fernley exit and go into town and take a right at the light which is 95A. Go through Silver Springs and Wabuska. Turn left at Sierra Lane and the first right into the Mason Valley Wildlife Area. After crossing the Walker River turn left at the big sign that gives directions to the different ponds, the Slough if not far behind the sign.

Special Invite from the Sierra Nevada Women Fly Fishers

Dear TRF Members:

The Sierra Nevada Women Fly Fishers would like to invite you to their fish out at Pyramid Lake on Sunday February 24. We thought it would be appropriate if the two groups came together to enjoy an outing and had the opportunity to meet each other.

The group will be meeting at The Lake Bar and Grill, 9716 Pyramid Lake Highway around 7:30 AM for breakfast. The Lake Bar and Grill is located in the strip mall situated at the north east corner of the intersection of La Posada and Pyramid Lake Highway. We will be starting at The Nets between 9:00-9:30 and chili with the fixing?s will be available for lunch at a cost of \$5.00; we bring our own beverages.

We hope you all will join us in what is certain to be a fun outing.

Sincerely,
Sierra Nevada Women Fly Fishers

2008 Membership Form

Name	_____			Date	_____
Address	_____				
City	_____	State	_____	Zip	_____
Home Phone	_____	Work Phone	_____		
Email	_____	Occupation	_____		
Experience	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced		
Fishing Interests	_____				
Projects and Activities Interests	_____				

Are you willing to volunteer at club events?	Yes	No	
Payment Method—Circle One	Check	#	Cash
Circle One	Individual = \$25	Family = \$30	Student = \$10
Circle One	New Member	Renewal	

News from the Federation of Fly Fishers

Have you joined the FFF? Let some one on the board know as it effects ours membership dues annually. You have not joined you can do so now and keep on the what is going on with this group of fellow fly fishers. Check out their membership drive information -

FFF Clubs Sign Up New FFF Members at Discounted Rate –

FFF Affiliate Clubs ... special rate extended until April 15, 2008

Club members may join the Federation at the special discounted price of \$15.00 for a regular one year individual membership. Add below postage for countries outside USA.

Also:

1 year Senior - \$15.00

3 year Individual - \$60.00

1 year Family - \$25.00

3 year Family - \$95.00



The FFF has many programs and resources that we can utilize as an affiliate club for community and internal education events. We learn of conservation efforts the club can back with manpower and money of the FFF and we can support with both our



Events Calendar

February 2008

Sun 17th	Hinkson Slough Fishout
Thu 21st	Fly Tier's Round Table Elliott Gritton
Tue 21st	Full Moon
Wed 27th	General Meeting

March 2008

Thu 13th	Fly Tier's Round Table Dan Lecount
Sat 15th	Annual Banquet

Local Supporters—

Support them, they support us!

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

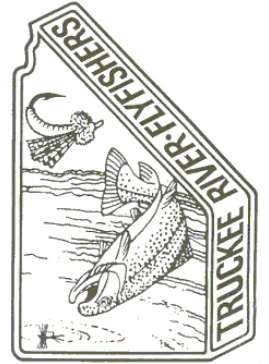
The Gilly Fishing Store— 1111 Rock Blvd
775-358-6113

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17 Hinkson Slough Fishout	18	19	20	21 FTR Elliott Gritton	22 	23
24	25	26	27 General Meeting	28	29	