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# *Angler's Line*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

April 2008

Hi Fellow Anglers

This is my first letter to you fellow friends and anglers as the club president. It's hard to believe that I began fly fishing just 6 years ago. I joined the Carson Fly Club in 2002 and have been fishing with the Truckee River Flyfishers since 2003.

There have been many people who have helped me learn the fine art of fly fishing. These include club members, the fine staff at the Reno Fly Shop, Nevada Department of Wildlife biologists, Lisa Cutter, and Richard Dickerson. Even out on the water I have met many anglers that I have provided me with fishing tips and helpful pointers.

Flyfishing has become a passion that has taken me to many beautiful places from the mountain lakes of the Sierras to rivers in Alaska. It's given me the best opportunity to enjoy the wonders and the beauty of nature. I love this quiet sport and the art of creating artificial flies. There is always a new challenge and something to learn. I have experienced the thrill of catching many different species of fish. I think all of them are beautiful. Even the lowly carp!

## 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.

We had a successful Annual Banquet in March at the Airport Plaza. So many thanks are in order. Thanks first to our guest speaker, Kate Blubaugh. She shared her European adventures and her enthusiasm for teaching others how to fly fish. Kate is truly a world class ambassador for the sport of fly fishing. Thank-you, Kate, for a beautiful pres-

entation. Billy Lampson, our past president many times over, received the Mid-Lipera award for his unselfish contributions to the fly club and forwarding the sport of fly fishing. Those of you, who know Billy, know he is a kick to be around and certainly worthy of receiving this award. Tight lines and screaming fish to you, Billy.

I would like to thank those who came to the banquet from the neighboring clubs, those who donated your time planning to make this banquet a success and those who donated raffle prizes. Billy Lampson championed a host of sponsors that include: Ford Wholesale Co. Inc., Insulfoam, D & D Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. Wes Ong's employer, Rel's Food, donated the jerky. Our local fly shops assisted with selling tickets and donating raffle prizes and include: Orvis, Reno Fly Shop, Sportsman Warehouse, and the Gilly, Thanks again to the set up and take down crew.. Thank you, Mike Sevon, for the beautiful introduction as incoming president. You can be sure I will be calling on each of you for assistance with next year's banquet.

I would like to thank Lisa for being the first lady president and paving the way. You did a great job, Lisa. You were well organized and always had a lot of fun. I would also like to give an extended thanks to the following people for their role in the Club: Ryan for Secretary, Jerry Vice-President, Tim for Anglers Line Editor/Membership, Bud for Fly Tiers Round table. Board members Wes, Ken, Joe, Jim, Gordon and Tom. I would like to thank my fishing partners Sevon, Lucky, Joe, Ken, and Jerry. Sharing the fly fishing camaraderie with all of you on our local waters makes for some wonderful memories.

The TRF is a strong club because of the willingness of its members to share in any work that needs to be done on the programs, round tables and fishouts. Fly fishing, traditionally, has been a mans sport, but I can tell each of you that I have always felt comfortable out on the water and have learned that it's ok to fish by yourself. Most often there is someone around more than willing to lend you a helping hand and give you the hot fly. **Continued on page 4**

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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. If the fish are coming right at you and then spook out, you should back up. 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. So where do you fish now that the Nets are closed and there is only so much room at Pelican??? South of Separator toward the Marina RV park, the end of South Nets Beach, were ever that is, has the Tribe put up a sign to define where you can and can't fish? Anyone tried Howard Bay at the South end of the Lake?

**Truckee River:** I have heard that guys have been doing well on the river but have yet to actually see some one on it. The California side is open and looks good if the run-off holds off. May be able to get into the LT this month.

**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 have just started. Last month the water was in the 20 cfs range but should come up with the heavy snow pack.

**Hinkson Slough:** This water has had a slow start this year and did not fish particularly well in March. It should pick up in April.

**Frenchman:** There use to be an extreme leech activity at the upper end just after ice out. 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.

**Davis:** They planted some large fish last fall and were getting some thru the ice. Most of the fish that they will plant this year I've heard: will be sub catchables. Feather River thru Portola opens about three weeks earlier than the normal California opener. Water levels will be in runoff stage. Check your regulations.

**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. Higher elevation will still be snowed in.

**2008 Membership Dues is now due.  
If you haven't paid your 2008 dues this will be your last newsletter.**

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12.5 feet long, 64 inches wide  
600 pound capacity  
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Front and center casting plat-  
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Oars, locks, swivel seats  
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Electric pump (DC)  
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timhuckaby@yahoo.com

### Trout Unlimited—Tim Huckaby

Are you a member of TU? The Sagebrush chapter is back in business and asking that you attend the April meeting if plan to attend only one meeting in 2008. The officers for 2008 will be elected and by-laws amendments will be voted on..



The meeting is scheduled for April 29th, please check out our website the meeting location.

There will be a link regarding TU on OUR website:

- ◇ Links to the Sagebrush meeting minutes
- ◇ Newsletters to the membership
- ◇ Calendar of events

### Mark's Stoneflies By Tim Huckaby

Mark Warren will be a guest tier in April. Mark a retired fisheries biologist from the Nevada Department of Wildlife will have some great stories to share regarding the creation of this incredible fly.

As a biologist Mark had to know what a fish needs to live including what they eat. So be sure to stop by and listen to Mark's tales of the fish that "ate" this fly. How and when to fish it.

You will need to bring this page or something similar to the roundtable April 10th to get the recipe.

#### Stonefly

Hook

Thread

Tail

Body—Back

Body—Front

Hackle



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My goals for the upcoming year are to continue the fine fellowship we have been enjoying at our meetings and fishouts. I will be needing a lot of help from each of you at our fishouts and I know I can count on you to make this a successful year. I would like to bring some new opportunities for the club members such as bringing in some certified casters for instruction, fishing new waters and having a joint get together with our neighboring clubs in Carson City, the Sierra-Nevada Woman's Fly Fishers and the High Sierra Flycasters. The board has been discussing have a big fishout at Lahontan Reservoir this Spring and inviting all of the local clubs. If the white bass we caught there the last two years are growing, we should have some great fishing to share. I think the most important thing we can do is help promote our sport to others, to show them how much fun we can have even if we get the fin. I look forward to learning about any conservation efforts we can be involved in to protect our precious sport fishing resource. I am proud to have the honor of being your new club president and look forward to seeing all of you at the general meetings, round tables and on the water at the fishouts.

Yours truly, Tillie Arizmendi

**Pyramid Lake Annual Outing—April 26th.**

We will be meeting at Separator with coffee and donuts. Separator is located about a mile or so North past Sutcliffe.

April 26 fish contest runs from 7a to 5p. Registration starts at 7a to 9a only the contest ends at 5P need to post your fish size by 5p and no later. at Separator.

Lunch will be served at the Sutcliffe Marina at 12p to 1p with raffle prizes. Lunch cost is \$15.00 Big fish contest and lunch for \$20.00.. DON'T FORGET DEAD FISH WIN NO PRIZES. Rules will be on the sign-up sheet.

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	

## ARE WE READY? By Bud J.

With some cooperation from the weather and the prospects for a wetter year, I for one am looking forward to some good fishing. I've got my license, tied some flies, but can't remember if I replaced that snake guide on the four weight and, oh yeah, that wet foot I felt last fall -- did I patch that?

Maybe now is the time to check things out, like rod guides. Run a "Q" tip in and out each one. A snag there can eat the finish on that line. Sticky ferrules -- a bit of candle wax on the male fixes that.

Take your favorite reels out on the lawn (pay no attention to the neighbors' weird looks). Run off the line and check the backing-to-line knot, then pull the line between your thumb and finger feeling for cracks and wear. You can seal a break with two-part epoxy. Now clean it with warm water and detergent. Tighten screws and lightly lube the reel.

Leaky waders can ruin a good day's fishing. Those pin hole leaks are hard to find but if you will gather the upper end of the waders around your vacuum hose, inflate the wader, then pour some soapy water over the surfaces, you will see bubbles. Dry 'em out and hit the spots with your choice of "stickum". And speaking of waders, if you wear them, you should include a belt as an accessory and never go on or in the water without one on. Believe me, the shock of the water temp is bad enough but trying to climb out if you make it to shore is enough to make you a believer and you won't care to repeat it.

The lake fishers should check over their float tubes, kick rafts, etc. by deflating and re-filling the bladders tighten straps and screws and apply a sunscreen like "303" to those Vinyl or rubberized areas.

Finally, my favorite rant on P.F.D.'s -- the rules say "You must have one with you". So you are out some bunch of yards on Davis, it's windy, the water is 53 degrees. Now you are in the water holding one of the parts, still floating with one hand and attempting to untie the cushion with the other hand. Now do you stay there or strike out for shore? I strongly suggest that when on an inflatable you buy and wear a CO2 vest -- they might just be the thing you can't live without. **Get out there and "rip them lips"**.



## Events Calendar

### April 2008

Thu 10th

Fly Tier's Round Table  
Mark Warren

Sun 20th

Full Moon

Wed 23rd

General Meeting

Sat 26th

Annual Pyramid Outing

Tue 29th

Board Meeting

### Local Supporters—

Support them, they support us!

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

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

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

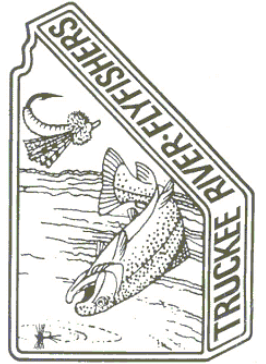
### NOTE:

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
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 FTR Mark Warren	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23 General Meeting	24	25	26 Annual Pyramid Outing
27	28	29 BOD Mtg	30			