



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

July 2008

Hi Fellow Flyfishers,

Summer is finally here after a long cool Spring. I hear that the cutthroat trout fishing at Pyramid Lake was good through the end of the trout season. By the end of April, I was ready to move on to some different waters in Nevada. I had an opportunity to fish a private reservoir east of Fallon and hooked into some 3 pound Brook trout and some 5 lb Rainbow. These were happy, happy fish as they made big leaps out of the water and some of them broke me off.

I recently had one of my best fish catching days at Groves Lake near Austin. The fish were mostly small planters with an occasional wild brown trout thrown in. The lake was down about 10 feet, but seemed to be rising with the runoff. The key to catching fish was being out in the deeper water in a tube with intermediate line. I can't tell you how many fish I caught. I lost count. Nevada's waters are few and far between, but they are all well stocked and fishing is great.

TRF 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.

Our neighboring waters in the Sierras can really challenge us as anglers. The fish see lots of fisherman and gets lots of pressure. Our recent fishout at Davis was a good example. I had a couple of hits. I fished hard, but I have to say, I got the fin. Some of the club members caught a few fish, but there were lots of weeds and lots of boaters on the water. Thanks to Jerry for helping with the set-up for lunch. That hard fishing made me very hungry, and ended up having two sandwiches. It was great to see and fish with my fellow anglers.

The general meeting in May was held at the NDOW office. We had quite a turn out for watching Ralph Cutter's latest aquatic invertebrate video. Ralph had some awesome images and I highly recommend you pickup a copy and watch it. We served 3 flavors of popcorn and assorted of drinks. Thanks to Tom Smith and Mike Sevon for arranging the use of the NDOW room and cart. A special thanks to Billy Lampson for setting up the power point projector and running the show. It was great to see some new members show up for the evenings entertainment.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had our June general meeting at the Sparks Marina for the evening rise. I'm hoping the anglers will be hooking up.

Our next TRF events will be a river cleanup on Saturday, July 19th with a BBQ at the Verdi Sierra Pacific Power House.. The general meeting will be on July 23rd at Mayberry Park at 6:00 PM.

Your Pres,
Tillie

TRF Annual River Clean-up

We will have our annual Truckee River clean-up on Saturday July, 19th. We will meet at the Verdi Library/ Nature Center located at 270 Bridge St . The meeting time is 8:00 a.m. We normally split into groups and pick up litter and debris from the Special regulation at the end of Quillici Ranch Rd. down to Crystal Peak Park . This year if we have enough volunteers we want to clean the river bank all the way to Big Bend . Mike Sevon is working on getting us access to the power plant grounds for a BBQ after the clean-up. We will also clean this area. It is suggested to wear comfortable boots as some of the terrain is fairly rough. Also bring garbage bags, sunscreen, and water. It can get very hot. See you there for a great time.

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Knot Creek: Heard that the opener was good but I went the next Thursday with a full moon and the fishing was less than good. It was actually poor until Saturday the 21st of June. Surface water temperature was 68 degrees and the fish were on the bottom. A fast sink line with buggers and leeches produced most fish. With the water temperature that high I am not sure if the hatches have happen or are yet to come?? I have a call in to Jim French to ask why Knott Creek is ten degrees warmer than Catnip Res.

Crater Lake: Liz, at Anglers Edge, requested that we keep as many brookies as possible. This will help keep the fishery from getting stunted. Carter Lake North of Susanville is a nice cool lake to fish in July and August. Mostly a put and take fishery, use an attractor nymph and throw it into the shore cover and let it sink then strip back.

Lake Almanor: Hex hatch should start when you get this, it may be late due to the cool spring. 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 and generally comes off in twenty to thirty feet of water. The lake is low like all other California Res.

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. This is tail water reservoir that the water temperature stays around 45 degrees all summer. An incredibly challenging lake to fish, Andy Burke of the Reno Fly Shop feels that this may be the most difficult still water in the area. An indicator and a small PT in the narrow part of the lake is probably the easiest way to catch a fish. I've heard of this and do not have the patience to sit and watch an indicator. Six X floro is not to light, more the rule with the clear water. Do not go here without mosquito repellent!!!

Gold Lakes Basin: Lots of small lakes to explore here. Mostly a put and take fishery. Packer Lake has an excellent restaurant.

East Walker: Most fish caught here are in July. Good time for cad-dis, hoppers, beetles and ants. Should be a good water level year for fishing due to the small run-off.

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.



Wanted Buy or Trade

Outcast PAC 1200

- Inflatable Pontoon Boat
- 12.5 feet long, 64 inches wide
- 600 pound capacity
- 18" tubes
- Front and center casting platforms
- Electric Motor
- Oars, locks, swivel seats
- Trailer with lights
- Cargo bags (2)
- Anchor
- Electric pump (DC)
- Manual pump
- Rod Holders (3)

Great for Rivers and Small Lakes. Launch from trailer, or single person can carry to water.
 \$2500 or best offer James Hauffer 425-9595 (see the website for more details.)

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

Evening Rise on the Little Truckee

Our general meeting will be held on the Little T. on Wednesday the 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The meeting place is the Boyington Mills campground located four miles above the Boca dam. From here you can fish the river, Boca, or Stampede. For the river 3-6 wt. rods with a floating line is recommended. Flies to have in your box Include BWO's, PMD's and small stones. Check at the Reno Fly Shop for current flies that are hot. If you fish either of the reservoirs 4-6 wt. rods with both floating and sink lines. The usual still water flies are recommended.

See you there to rip some lips!!

Wakeling Swallow

By Bud Johnson

While reminiscing with old time club member, Doug Quелlette, we somehow got talking local lakes, then good times, good flies and good friends. Well, after a bit more chatter, the "Swallow" came up. I asked Doug if he knew when this pattern was done and he told the following: Jim Wakeling came up with this fly in the seventies. Doug, Jim, Sash N. and Murphy did a lot of fishing at Frenchmen together and the fly was used for the Damsels and the name Swallow was given due to the many times that the trout swallowed the fly. So that is the "rest of the story" and here is the recipe.

Mash the barb, thread the bead and wind thread to a point above the barb. Coat with cement, strip off some of the fluff at the bottom of a brownish-olive bulk hackle and tie in a shank length bunch for your tail.

Tie in a 4 inch piece of copper Krystal Flash and 4 or 5 strands of Peacock herl. Now gather these with your thread, twist all 3 together and wrap forward to a bit behind the eye allowing enough room to apply 4 or 5 turns of medium brownish olive hackle. Form a thread dam against the bead, tie off and add a small drop of cement.

That's all there is to it and that seems to be the beauty of this very effective still water pattern. I suggest that when you experience moderate to heavy Damsel Fly Nymph migration, keep the stripping slow, slow, slower with frequent pauses. Occasionally, let it sit.

Wakeling Swallow	
Hook	3906B or 9671 Size 12--14
Thread	Black or Olive Danville 6/0
Bead	Brass 1/8 or 3/32
Tail	Short Olive/Brown bottom hackle fluff
Ab/Thorax	Peacock herl with copper Krystal Hair accents
Hackle	Medium Olive/Brown saddle



Some Other Stuff - Bud J.

- ◇ Never utter a word or phrase that might result in a jinx...like "Aahh, the wind won't blow" or "Catching trout is a piece of cake" or "I'm never skunked".
- ◇ Print a list of the things you must have with you while on stillwater and one while on the river. Stick it on your dashboard.
- ◇ Approach the river or lake cautiously with your line and leader still on the reel. Stand back and look at the shallow water along the shoreline. Look for bugs and you might see the largest trout of the day cruising by.
- ◇ Wind, although tough, can be your friend. Trout know that wind delivers lots of goodies to the windward shore. Learn to cast into the wind. It's tougher. But it can be rewarding.
- ◇ No angler can hope to feel a grab with coils and kinks in the line and the leader. You must stretch every inch of your working line and leader.
- ◇ When you decide to move and pull your anchor, don't get rid of the "spinach" before you pick through the "yucky stuff" and check out the critters that were just under your boat. You might find a gold mine of information.

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	

Learn to fish Crowley Lake with Chris Wharton

Chris Wharton, Owner of Stillwater Guide Service, will be hosting his annual Crowley Lake Clinics on July 16th and September 11th, 2008. Chris grew up on this premier fishery in the Mammoth Lakes area. He quotes "These are the hardest pulling 16"-22" Rainbows, Browns & Cutts I have fought anywhere"! Participants from our area fly fishing clubs who attended the clinic last year can definitely vouch for this! If it's been awhile since you've seen your backing, you might want to sign up for this one!

There will be a instructional evening at Chris Wharton's home the week prior to each clinic so no time will be lost on the water. Covered items will include Midge, Damsel and Perch Fry patterns and presentations, as well as discussion on rigging up lines, leaders and equipment. Because Crowley is such a large body of water, Chris will break it down into sections for discussion purposes, and maps will be provided. This is a great 2-day trip as camping is right on the lake! Participants may stay and fish on their own after the clinic.

Cost for the Clinic will be \$130.00 and includes one day of fishing, snacks and drinks. Each participant will need a valid California fishing license. Sign up is on a first-come basis.

If interested, you may contact Chris at (775) 851-1558 or email him at chris@out4trout.com.



Events Calendar

July 2008

Tue 1	BOD meeting at NDOW
Wed 18th	Full Moon
Sat 19th	Truckee River Clean-up in Verdi with BBQ
Wed 23	General Meeting Evening Rise Little Truckee River/Boca/Stampede

August 2008

Tue 5th	BOD meeting at NDOW
Sat 16th	Full Moon
Sat 23rd	Milton Reservoir Fish out
Wed 27th	Mayberry Park Annual Swap Meet

Check the website or your inbox for August updates.

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

Local Supporters—

Support them, they support us!

The Orvis Store—13945 S. Virginia St. # 640
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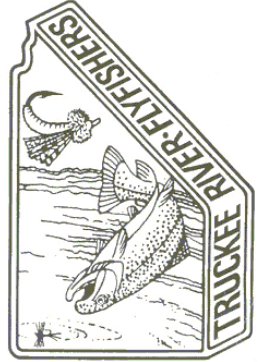
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Reno Fly Shop— 294 E. Moana Lane # 14
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BOD Mtg	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 	19 Truckee River Clean Up
20	21	22	23 General Mtg	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		