



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

September 2008

Hi Fellow Flyfishers,

All of this hot weather has really made for some tough fishing through August. As most of you know, the Board of Directors decided not to do an August fishout due to the hot weather and the forecast of mossy waters and slow fishing.

Last week I had one of the biggest thrills in sharing my fishing passion with my daughter Naomi and my grandchildren, Hayden(6) and Mia (8). They were visiting from California and wanted to do something different. They have always wondered about Grandma's strange obsession with flyfishing. Acting on a tip from one of the board members, we spent a morning fishing at the Truckee Canal entrance to Lahontan Reservoir. By rigging up a barbless Clouser minnow to a bobber (That would be a BIG strike indicator to you hard core flyfishers), Mia and Hayden caught one white bass after another on their spinning rods. They can claim they caught their first fish on a fly. Hayden lost interest after awhile as young boys

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.

do. He was content to play in the mud along the shore. I think I have a future partner in Mia who couldn't get enough of our catch and release action. They thought Grandma's 9 foot Sage was an awfully big fishing pole.

I am sure looking forward to fall and our club members are making plans for what should be the best fishout of the year. Webber Lake will be the destination for our September fishout. This private water is not far from Reno, but is in a beautiful setting. Webber Lake is a natural lake just west of Henness Pass in the Little Truckee River drainage. At an elevation of 6,776 feet it should be a cool place to be on September 13. You might want an extra layer of clothing early in the day.

We are planning on meeting at the gate at 6:00 AM and all anglers will need to have a valid California fishing license and pay a discounted fee of \$25.00 to fish for the day. One of the rules at Webber is that all fishing must be done from tubes, pontoon boats or other floating craft. There is no fishing allowed from shore. The lake is perfect for tubing as it is less than ¾ of a mile wide at any spot. If you can't get there at 6:00 you will find a locked gate. It is very near the lake and you can access the lake from the gate if need be. We will have a lunch for all that attend.

It is with regrets that I inform you that Tim Huckaby is resigning as our newsletter editor. This will be his last newsletter. If any of you have spent much time with Tim, you know he has a lot of irons in the fire. He is involved with the Carson Fly Club, Trout Unlimited, being a fireman, getting an education and raising a family. Tim, you should know your irreplaceable. We need to try to find someone in the club who has the skills to maintain the website and do the monthly newsletter. We don't know what Tim's immediate plans are, but we all wish him the best of luck and hope he doesn't become a stranger. Thank-you Tim for your dedication to our club for all of these years. We wish you the best.

Your president,
Tillie Arizmendi

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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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Truckee River: I can't think of a section of the river that has not seen a lot of pressure for the last 3 to 4 months. Toward the end of the month water temperatures should start falling and the Browns should start running up river. Time to start fishing streamer and crawfish patterns.

Little Truckee: This month the crowds should subside, all reports for the last two and a half months have been good. Try swinging a soft hackle thru some of the runs. Low water so make a low profile approach.

Lahotan Res: Mike Sevon says that this water may be down to 5000 acre-feet!!!! To me that means it will be a long muddy walk to the water but it should be like shooting fish in a barrel!!!

Spoooner Lake: Small and black works well at this lake. For those of you who have not been here there is a six-dollar park fee. Also the water is a hundred yard walk with about 30 feet of vertical so a battleship size pontoon boat will need a wheel or a partner to help you get it to the water. Float tube is all that is necessary. No shore fishing because you cannot get out past the weeds. NDOW should dump some Brookies in from Hobart this month.

Knott Creek Res. Great for the last two years, I don't know why anyone would not plan a trip here this fall. True the fish have taken more pressure than they have in the past and the spring fishing was not that terrific because of warm water and low levels. Don't stay on any one fly or presentation if you are not getting grabbed. Those who have the most success at this lake are the ones who figure out what the fish want. Also, just because it is fall does not mean that the big fish will not feed early. I have been here in October with frost on the ground at first light and the fish are already feeding. Side trip to Catnip???

Heenan Lake: Opens the Friday before Labor Day, the reports show that it is always slow in the beginning and is more consistent later in its season. Only open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until the last Sunday in October. Small Olive Woolly Bugger on the bottom seems to work the best.

Crowley Lake: This should be Perch fry time. Chris Wharton is doing a clinic here in September and don't forget the Double Haul in the fall. I would stay away from that weekend. Remember that fall comes early at 7000 feet.

Northeast: Billy Shaw and Wilson should have the most water and fish. Wild Horse had a fish kill last year but Chris Drake has been putting in a lot of Bowcutts and Rainbows since last fall.



Wanted Buy or Trade

Sage 9' SP rods, 4 piece, 4 thru 7 weights, mint. 3 have never been fished. \$350.00 each. Sage 11' 8 weight "Switch" rod. Brand new. \$575.00. Abel Super 7 reel plus extra spool. Both spools are size 3S and equipped with lines for the Switch Rod. \$550.00 Contact Dan Boone 323-4179

Are you looking for something or have something to sell? Call Tim Huckaby, 746-3133

Annual Family Picnic at Webber Lake Ranch

The picnic and fish out at Webber Lake Ranch is coming soon. If you have someone who would like to fish that does not need a license, they can fish with a paying adult. Please try and come at the times we are requesting so we don't have a bunch of cars parked outside of the gate! There is a designated parking area inside for parking and quite a few private campsites. For the morning fishing Bud Johnson or I will meet you at the gate between 6:00 and 7:00 am. If you are coming for the picnic and raffle or an afternoon fishing, one of us will be at the gate from noon to 1:00 pm. Any one wanting to leave right after the picnic we will let out of the gate. From 5:00 to 6:00 pm one of us will be at the gate to let you out after the late fishing. The gate is locked 24/7.

The water has been about 69 degrees the last couple of weekends. Zebra midges, blood midges, copper johns, prince nymphs and some dry fly's have been producing fish up to 5+ pounds. Size 14 & 16 have worked well. The fish have been holding in 8' to 25' of water. It is usually 10 to 15 degrees cooler at the lake. There is a liability form you need to fill out and \$25 before fishing. I will have the form available at the swap meet at Mayberry Park Wed, the 27 of August.

Please contact Tillie or I and let us know if you can help cook or help with the raffle.

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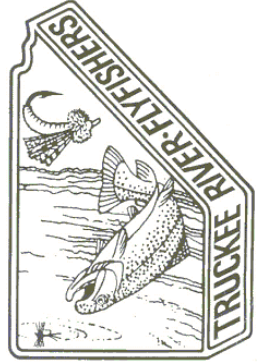
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 BOD Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Family Picnic
14	15 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 General Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30				