



The Angler's Line



Newsletter of the Truckee River Flyfishers

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.

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Upcoming Events:

January:

23rd Project Healing Waters – 11:00 – 2:00 we will be teaching veterans how to tie flies at the EL Cord Building at 1670 N. Virginia St. If you would like to volunteer or participate, contact Charles Lorang at 775-815-7426 or drifly@charter.net

27th General Mtg. – TBA... We will have homemade brownies by Lisa. 6:30 at NDOW.

Banquet:

March 6th – Airport Plaza... No Host Cocktails begin at 5:30

January 2010

President's Message

by Tillie Arizmendi

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Fellow Flyfishers,

By the time you all get this message Christmas and New Years may be past, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making TRF a great club. Welcome to 2010!!

Things are really slowing done in the fishing scene. Not much going on except for fishing Pyramid Lake. I have been to Pyramid at least one day a month since the opener and it's been pretty slow for me. I did manage to catch a 9 pound 8 ounce fish on the south end last month. The fish did not come into shallow water until the very end of the day. This month has been cold and windy and the fishing has been pretty slow for most of the club members I have talked to.

It's a good time of the year to be working on your fishing gear. I've been sorting through my flies over the holidays and getting my fly boxes organized. All the board members have agreed to tie a couple of their favorite patterns for a special fly box at the fund raiser, so it's time for me to get out my vise.

Our next scheduled meeting will be the last Wednesday of January, which is January 27th. We haven't confirmed our speaker yet but we are trying to get Dan Fairbank from the Pyramid Lake Tribe to talk about the fisheries program at Pyramid Lake. We will have more details available on our website this month. I would like to welcome Curt Kamada on board this month as our official webmaster. We know you will do a great job, Curt.

See you at the meeting and on the water!

Your Pres till March 2010,

Tillie Arizmendi



*Let's go fishing: Let your hook be always cast.
For in a pool where you least expect it, will be a fish.*

Conservation Snapshot

by Joe Cendagorta

The Bureau of Reclamation is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed modification to Stampede Dam.

The dam is part of Reclamation's Washoe Project in east-central California. Flood hazard criteria have changed since construction of the dam in 1970. According to the Bureau, recent investigations revealed that during a probable maximum flood event Stampede Dam would be overtopped by floodwater, resulting in dam failure.

Two alternatives have been offered:

(A) No action alternative. Reclamation would continue operation of the dam as usual with no improvements to handle extreme events.

(B) A Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall would be constructed on the crest of the existing dam. Construction of the wall would raise the crest of the dam by 11.4 feet and provide additional emergency storage.

Construction would require closure of Stampede Vista Picnic Area and the road across the dam also known as a segment of the Dog Valley Road. The reservoir and other recreation facilities would remain open and be accessible via State Highway 89.

For more detailed technical information or to provide input, contact the Bureau of Reclamation in Carson City.

Volunteers Needed for Project Healing Waters January 23rd Event!!!

As most of you know our club is sponsoring a Project Healing Waters event January 23, 2010. This is going to be a fly tying demonstration and introductory instruction event. We need volunteers for this event. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the E.L. Cord Building 1670 North Virginia St. This is the Channel 5 KNPB building and we will be using their community room. I am asking volunteers to come at 10:00 a.m. to help with set up.

We have secured vises and tying materials from Chris Vasey at NDOW. He wanted to know what flies we would be tying and Charles suggested Woolly Buggers as being the easiest. He agreed but said some of you might have other suggestions, if so please let Charles know and he said he could supply materials within reason. We will need volunteers for non-tying tasks such as sign-in, etc.

Charles has been in contact with the local DAV, VVA, the Guard and the OEF/OIF officer at the VA. Flyers will be ready for distribution by next week and we will try to get an announcement in the RGJ. All that being said we have no idea how many people will show up. It would be nicer to have too many volunteers than too few, so please check your calendars and see if you can join us.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Charles Lorang at drifly@charter.net or at 775-815-7426.



TRF acknowledged at the Nature Conservancy Annual End of Year Gathering...

When Joe walked in they had a media presentation depicting the year in review. There we were, along with various other groups, individuals, etc. Later that evening TRF was introduced and a description of who we were and what we had done. Thanks to Joe Cendagorta for representing TRF at the Nature Conservancy Annual Gathering!

Banquet Volunteers Needed ASAP!!!

More good fishing karma... Volunteer to make the TRF Banquet a success!!! We need volunteers to plan, organize, solicit donations, tie flies, help with set-up and take-down, and for all of the fun stuff in between. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lisa Shea at 775-575-5901 or at shealife@hotmail.com.

TRF Annual Banquet



March 6th – **Kevin Peterson** will present on Fly Fishing the Eastern Slope of the Sierras from Bridgeport to Bishop at the Truckee River Flyfishers' Annual Banquet.

Kevin Peterson has lived in Mammoth Lakes since 1982 and has been guiding the waters of the Eastern Sierra for over 20 years. His love for the outdoors and fly fishing and his skills as a teacher make him a natural for this sport. He is the ex-co-owner of The Trout Fly and The Trout Fitter as well as the lead guide for both shops.

As an F.F.F. certified casting instructor, Kevin can teach the beginner all of the skills needed to start a lifetime of fly fishing adventures or even teach that old dog a new trick or two. He guided for the prestigious Clearwater House on Hat creek in Northern California for 6 years and has been featured on four episodes of Inside Sportfishing on the Fox network as well as three episodes of "Familiar Waters" with Mike Pawlawski on The Outdoor Channel.

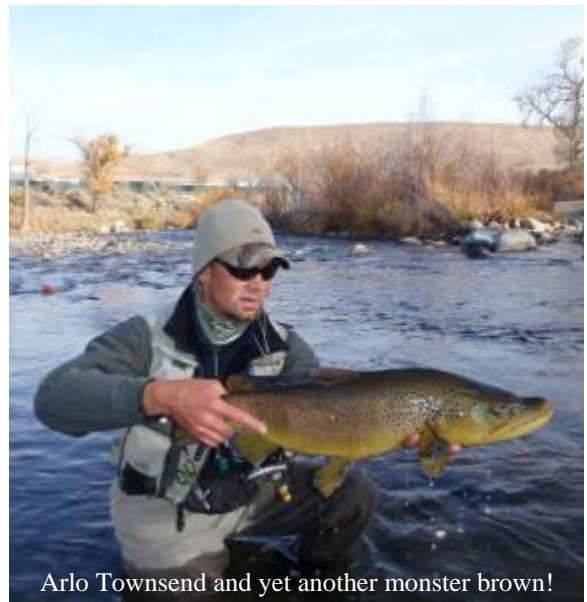
The Fun Details:

When and Where - March 6th at the Airport Plaza in Reno. No host cocktails start at 5:30.

Tickets – Tickets will be available at the Reno Fly Shop, Orvis, at the General Meetings and club events... just find a Board Member. Tickets purchased by February 27th will cost \$35 and those purchased after will cost \$45. If you buy your ticket by February 27th, you will be entered into the raffle for a California Fishing License (we will issue you a check to buy or reimburse the cost of your CA License).

Raffle – Our main raffle item will be a ½ day guided trip (that is 4 hours on the water) with **Arlo Townsend** on the Truckee River or Pyramid Lake... your choice! I know Ryan is dying for the chance to catch one of those amazing Arlo Browns.

Silent Auction – We will have tons of cool items up for bid at our Silent Auction (No credit cards... Cash or Check ONLY this year). Watch in next newsletter for more info about the items up for auction!



Arlo Townsend and yet another monster brown!

You won't want to miss this one... terrific speaker, super cool silent auction items, groovy raffle stuff, good food, and a great chance to see your fishing buddies out of waders!!!

(Tentative) Upcoming Events Snapshot

January:

- 5th – Board Meeting
- 23rd – Project Healing Waters
- 27th – General Meeting

March:

- 2nd – Board Meeting
- 6th – Banquet
- 28th – Squaw Fish Out

May:

- 4th – Board Meeting
- TBA – Indian Creek Fish Out
- 26th – General Meeting

February:

- 2nd – Board Meeting
- 13th – Hinkson Fish Out
- 24th – General Meeting

April:

- 6th – Board Meeting
- 24th – Pyramid Fish Out

June:

- 1st – Board Meeting
- 19th – Davis Fish Out
- 23rd – General Meeting

January Prospects

by Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake: One of the slowest two month of the year here, but I like it. Crowds are sparse, possibilities for big fish are good, and when you get a grab they don't play with it they hold on. Generally the fish will be in the deeper water and you have to move often to find them. The South end of the lake tends to produce better now over the North end. The Nets sees some good numbers and some big fish but you will have to be there when the fish come through. They are not always there. Last year in January, the fish at the nets got really shy and would follow but not take. Change to smaller flies or changer your presentation to nymphs on a hand twist.

The Rivers: We are going to need a full week of 50 degree weather to thaw out all the rivers to get a bite going.

Topaz Lake: Opens New Years Day you can fish it with your current Nevada License. Size 8 Purple Woolie Bugger up by where the West Walker dumps into the lake is what Pete the former owner of the Anglers Edge use to recommend. It's a prospect but I have yet to catch a fish there.

Baum Lake: Fishes good in January if we get some mild weather. Float tube, pontoon boat or pram need to fish the popular water. Long leaders and 6x or 7x tippet to fool these PhD fish. If you find some feeding fish use an emerger first before going to a dry fly. My favorite fly for this situation would be a #18 hunch back infrequent.

American River: Steelhead fishing in this urban environment, it helps to be the first one on the water. Indicator nymphing with a #12 Olive Bird's Nest and a dropper with either an egg pattern or a salmon fry should work. Typical down and across with a sink tip and a steelhead pattern will also work. There is less angling pressure at Goethe Park, Gristmill or Watt Ave.

Discovery Bay: I hear this is where the Stripers are at in January.

Sleepers: In California – Pardee Lake, Iron Canyon Reservoir, and Lake McCumber. In Nevada – Squaw Creek Reservoir.

From the Biologist

by Mark Warren

Every year about this time I go through all my stuff. Sorting, cleaning and discarding – well, not too much discarding. I also make a rough plan for fishing for the year. From talking with other anglers, reading and my own personal knowledge, I develop a list of waters to fish in 2010 divided into quarters (Jan/Feb/Mar, Apr/May/Jun, Jul/Aug/Sep, Oct/Nov/Dec).

We as anglers are most fortunate to have a Lake such as Pyramid just 30 miles away. With its fall/winter/spring fishing it gives one someplace to go when all else is either frozen or too cold to fish. Many an angler in Montana and Wyoming store their fly fishing equipment in the fall and only dream about fishing throughout the long cold winters.

Following Pyramid, I list Hinkson Slough, which opens the second Saturday in February. Hinkson, which receives 55°F water as discharge from the Mason Valley Hatchery, should produce some nice fat rainbows that carried over from last year. Following Hinkson, comes Squaw Valley Reservoir north of Gerlach. Again, warm water springs at the north end make for good early season fishing. Don't forget the Outdoor Expo in Sacramento January 21-24 or the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, California in February (26, 27 & 28).

Later in the spring comes Billy Shaw (Indian Reservation by Mt. City, north of Elko), Indian Creek Reservoir, South Fork Reservoir, Davis, Webber and Frenchman's interspersed with Pyramid. I usually fish the reservoirs through June, then on to the rivers in July and August (Truckee & Walker), with maybe a day off to fish for carp with Mike Sevon in Indian Lakes near Fallon.

Fall finds me back on the reservoirs: Heenan, Davis, Frenchman's, Eagle Lake, Pyramid (Oct. 1) and the famous fall trip to the Elko area. Wildhorse Reservoir has really been coming on the last couple of years and should produce some nice rainbows in the 20-inch size range this fall.

I might also try and work out a trip to Lee's Fairy on the Colorado River and Iowa Canyon (private water near Austin, Nevada).

So get on your computer and make your own fishing list for 2010.

Lest We Forget

by Bud Johnson

When I think back a few years it seems to me that the Black Gnat was most likely carried by the majority of fly fishers up through the seventies. Then it began to be replaced by the patterns made with hair wings and similar appearing synthetic wings.

Many tiers avoid these older patterns calling for quill wings due to the belief that their durability suffered after being chewed by a trout. However, if you look closely at such a wing and compare it to a fly with hair wings, you won't see very much difference, and the trout doesn't seem to mind at all. So why not tie up a few of this venerable pattern? You might be pleasantly surprised!

THE BLACK GNAT

Hook: TMC or Mustad dry Size 12 – 18
 Thread: 6/0 Danville black
 Wing: Dark gray duck quill up and divided
 Tail: Black or red hackle fibers
 Body: Black super fine dry dubbing
 Hackle: Black dry fly neck or saddle



Begin the thread a bit behind the eye and build up a thread base to the 75% mark. Cut out two identical sections from a matched pair of quills, hook gape width. Place together with the dull sides facing each other. Position the sections over the 75% mark, tip ends forward over the eye. Use the up-between-the-fingers technique, take a loose wrap then tighten. Take several more wraps, but only to the rear of the initial wrap. Grasp the wings, pull to the vertical and take a wrap around the wing in front and bring the thread to the rear. Pull tight to fully erect the wings, and then add three wraps around the cut-off butts.

Mount the tail in the normal way with the butts up to the wing butts. Let your thread make a smooth under body with no bumps. Now, dub a smooth and tapered body but leave a bit of room behind the wing. Tie in and wrap the hackle (shiny side to you). Tie off in front of the wings leaving space for a neat head.

Finally, using your fingers or a bodkin, separate the wings and add a drop of cement between them. Avoid getting cement on the hackle. Don't cement the wings as this will tend to spin the leader.

Now that the Holidays are past this is the perfect time to whip out your "go to patterns". Fill up your boxes for the coming season. And, if cabin fever is setting in, pick a relatively warm afternoon (the warmest two hours) and search the slower sections with these little beauties in small sizes.

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Board Members Needed:

We have open positions...
**Trout in the Classroom
 and Fly Tiers Round
 Table.** How about you????

Join us on the first
 Tuesday of the month at
 6:00 at Round Table (4th
 and Vine).

Sagebrush Chapter of TU Annual Banquet

There will be a silent auction, raffle and games. Prizes will come from top names in the fishing and outdoor industries as well as many other quality local donors. Following dinner, they will be awarding up to \$25,000 in grants from the Kroening Endowment Fund, all of which will benefit Northern Nevada.

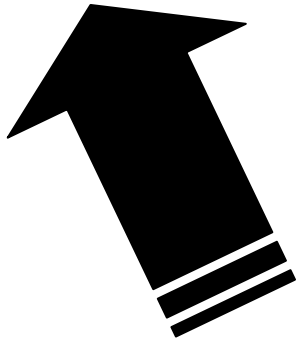
Saturday, January 30th, 2010
 Regular Price: \$50 Single/ \$90 Couple

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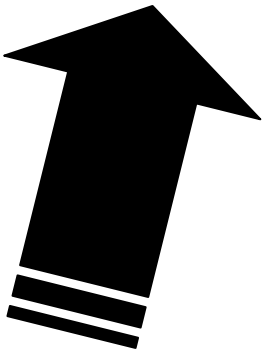


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Mid Lipera & Cal Bird Nominations!!!

Submit your written nomination for the Mid Lipera (someone who has had a positive impact and made a difference for the sport of fly fishing) and the Cal Bird Cup (excellence in fly tying) to Tillie Arizmendi at P.O. Box 7234, Reno, NV 89510 or tadragonfly@yahoo.com. Submissions are due by February 1, 2010.

2010 Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Fly Fishing Experience:

Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Are you willing to volunteer at Club events? Yes _____ No _____

Are you interested in being on the Board? Yes _____ No _____

Circle One: Individual = \$25 Family = \$30 Student/Junior = \$10

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Healing Waters _____

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