



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

February 2006

Dear Fellow Fly Fishers,

Just a few days from the annual banquet. This year our speaker is going to be Al Smatsky, he is a guide that I have been out with a couple of times and, as I guide, I can recommend him to anyone with out any reservations. He was a pleasure to fish with and proved to know a lot of the fish in the river by their first name, As a speaker I am sure he is going to be just as good.

Al will be talking about Shad fishing on the California rivers and fishing in Baja. I know he does great on the shad, he put me into a lot of them and, with his instruction, I and a friend have gone back on our own and had great success.

If you have not gotten your tickets yet, please call and reserve your spot, my number is 741-8825. We need to have a head count a few days before the dinner to make sure they have ordered enough for all of us.

This year we will be honoring and saying thanks to our past president, Billy Lampson, he was a great leader for more than three years and is sorely missed in that position, certainly by me. It would be nice to have you there for him, he was always there for you.

We are going to have some nice items at the banquet again this year, and as always Doug Kulick, Kane Klassics is going to be donating a rod, this year it is a 10 foot, 5 weight, graphite. This will be special raffle for a special rod. Tim Huckaby has his sights set on taking this rod home, lets gang up on him and make sure he doesn't.

A reminder to all that have not paid you membership dues, they are due now. You can mail in the form in the newsletter or renew at the banquet.

The January speaker was Richard Dickerson, I am writing this the day before our membership meeting and don't know how

many attended but I can guarantee that his shows are always good, and if you were not there you missed out again.

Doug Kulick has asked us out to his shop again, Kane Klassics, at the Stead Airport, this will either be our March or April general membership meeting, we will have a catered dinner and instruction on repair and building of bamboo fly rods. It has been several years since we had him host the club, and this is going to be a really great event. Look for information in following news letters. This is going to a membership only event. So get your memberships paid.

Peter Markl was the last instructor at the Fly Tiers Roundtable and as always he did a great job, thanks. This month the instructor will be Mike Hoffman, long time member and good tier. See you there.

Tom Smith

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.

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake

This is the month that I think your chances are the best for hooking a large fish. The last couple of Februarys I heard of more local fly fishers hooking big fish than in the spring. There may be a few more big fish in the spring but you have to compete with all the out of state pressure. Since we had a flood this New Years I would suggest that you search and fish the clear water, it is kind of difficult for the fish to hit your fly if they can't see it. If you must fish water that is murky, use a darker color, it will contrast better in the murk. Some well know club members have already started indicator fishing. I'll let "**Lucky**" tell you about the big one that he landed during the club outing last month!

American River

Good Steelhead fishing here last month and this. Fish can be taken with an indicator in the riffles using a caddis and egg pattern. Also try traditional patterns like a black bunny leech or Alvin on a swing. This gets crowded just like the Little Truckee so use your sense and fish when the pressure is the lightest. Also be the first on the water.

Hinkson Slough

Opens here on the 11th of February and the Carson City club is having a fish outing on the opener but that is our **Banquet Date**. We will have one on the following Saturday. Can't remember what I used here last year but it seem that if it was rising off the bottom that was when I was getting my takes. Also if there is enough interest, we have been invited to tour the hatchery.

Squaw Creek Res.

A little warm weather and some windless days would be perfect to make the trip up to this lake. I don't think that it has been cold enough this year to freeze the lake yet. We will have an outing here next month.

Pleasant Valley Res.

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 mouth. Also, the river leading into the reservoir can fish well with a small midge pupa or mayfly nymph under an indicator. Brock's in Bishop can give you up to date info.

Could Be Good? Baum Lake always is good in winter, Yuba River around the Hwy 20 bridge, Lake McCumber, and the East Walker during a warm spell.

Fly Tier's Roundtable (FTR) March 2006

Featuring Mike Hoffman

I was probably about five the first time my dad took us Trout fishing in the Sierras, and that was it, hooked for life. In 1968 I purchased my first fly rod and reel and began fly fishing anywhere I could in Southern Cal. Soon we began venturing into the many streams and lakes of the Eastern Sierras, armed with dry flies, a few wet flies and only a floating line. In 1995, shortly after moving to Reno, I started tying my own flies in order to save money as my fishing days and fly losses drastically increased. Looking back it might have been cheaper to just pay for my bugs but then again there is just something very special about hooking trout with a fly that you created. The first trout I caught on my own fly grabbed the ugliest Prince nymph ever down on the EWR. Here we go again, hooked for life!

For the February roundtable Mike will be tying the Poxyback Callibaetis nymph. As you all know the Callibaetis Mayfly is

a major food source in our local stillwaters. This Specific nymph pattern is meant to represent a mayfly as it makes it's emergence from the bottom to the water's surface. Mike will also tie a few of our local Trout getters.

POXYBACK CALLIBAETIS

HOOK	200R 14-18
THREAD	8/0 Tan
TAIL	Gray Ostrich Herls
RIB	Pearl Flashabou
ABDOMEN	Tan Hare dubbing
GILLS	Gray marabou
WINGCASE	Turkey Wing, epoxied
THORAX	Same as abdomen
LEGS	Mallard dyed Wood Duck
HEAD	Same as abdomen



Membership Corner

Well it is that time of year once again your annual dues are NOW due. Remember the benefits of membership:

- Monthly Anger's Line
- General Meetings with great programs—featured speakers, product demonstrations, and technical demonstrations
- Family picnic
- Fish derbies with featured rods as prizes

See the membership form on page 5 or download a version of the form from the website

<http://www.truckeeriverflyfishers.org>



Any idea who this is?
Need a clue?
At work he was a real cut-up! (Answer on page 5)



Events Calendar

February 2006

Thur 9th Fly Tier's Roundtable, Verdi Nature Center / Library 6:30 pm.
 Mon 13th Full Moon
 Sat 18th Hinkson Slough Fish out—see article inside
 Weds 22nd General Membership Meeting
 Tues 28th Board Meeting

March 2006 (NO GENERAL MEETING)

Thur 9th Fly Tier's Roundtable, Verdi Nature Center / Library 6:30 pm.
 Tues 14th Full Moon
 Sun 19th Squaw Creek Fish out—see article inside
 Tues 28th Board Meeting

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

2006 Membership Form

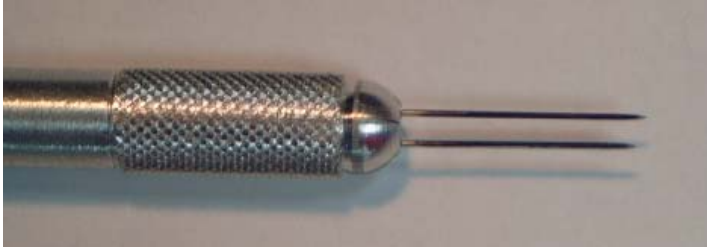
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Experience	Beginner _____	Intermediate _____	Advanced _____
Fishing Interests _____			
Projects and Activities Interests _____			
Are you willing to volunteer at club events?		Yes _____	No _____
Circle One	Individual = \$25	Family = \$30	Student = \$10
Circle One	New Member	Renewal	

At the Bench with Bud

Wings and Things

by Bud Johnson

Creating multiple wings out of water fowl and game bird flight feathers can be a problem not only in setting them correctly but also selecting the pairs where they will be equal in length and width.



One method involves the use of drafting dividers. Another is an Exacto knife where you put two sewing needles side-by-side adjusted to the width needed

and finally, you can use the same model hook of the winged wet fly you tie. But select a hook two sizes smaller, i.e. you are tying a size 10 Leadwing Coachman Wet. Use the space of the gage of the size 14 hook to measure the width of the quill section needed.



And remember to select and clip the section from the lower half of duck primaries or secondaries as the upper halves are too stiff and tend to split when cinched down.

A touch of humor

Out of season, no license

The fishing season hasn't opened and a fisherman who doesn't have a license, is casting for trout as a stranger approaches and asks "Any luck?" "Any luck? This is a wonderful spot. I took 10 out of this stream yesterday" he boasts.

"Is that so? By the way, do you know who I am?" asks the stranger.

"Nope." "Well, meet the new game warden."

"Oh," gulped the fisherman. "Well, do you know who I am?"

"Nope".

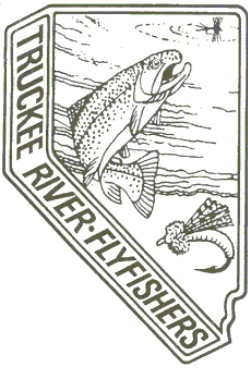
"Meet the biggest liar in the state."

February 18th @ Hinkson Slough

Last year the patterns used were as varied as the number of anglers and their float boats. I found great success with size 16 black Bird's Nest. Late in the afternoon on my second trip I did find the old stand-by Olive Woolly Buzzer and satisfying replacement for the Bird's Nests I had lost throughout the day.

March 19th @ Squaw Creek

If you have never fished this water be sure to make this outing, we will be car pooling. Again the patterns used at Squaw were as greatly varied from damsels to the Kersey BARE HOOK. If you can only make one outing in 2006 let this be it.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9 FTR 6:30	10	11 Banquet 7:00
12	13 Full Moon 	14	15	16	17	18 Hinkson Slough
19	20	21	22 General Meeting 6:30	23	24	25
26	27	28 BOD 6:00				