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Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

May 2006

Fellow Anglers,

A lot of club functions since the last newsletter, hope you made them all, hope you made some of them, hope you made at least one. If you did not you are missing out on the real benefits of being in the club.

Thanks go to Doug Kulick, we had a great meeting in March at his shop in Stead, Kane Klassics. Once again, this is the second time, Doug took us through his shop and with a great slide show and hands on demonstrations he let us all know why he is one of the finest rod makers in the world and we are proud to say he is a member of our club.

Bruce Ajari, from our neighbors to the west, the

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.

Tahoe Truckee Fly Fishers, tied at our roundtable in April. He did a superb job showing his style and technique, tying various Pheasant Tails, this was one of my favorites of the year. Thanks for coming to Reno, on a very nasty night, and sharing with us.

Pyramid Fishout was just a few days ago. I am writing this before the fishout and personally will not be there, hope you were.

In May we are going to have a fishout at Lake Lahontan, hope it warms up a bit, if it doesn't things

are going to be slow. Pray for sun, I have been praying since last December, hasn't done me much good thought.

On a somber ending, we lost one of our past club members in March. Brad Duke was our club treasurer for more years that I can remember, on the board of directors for ever and just epitomized the true gentleman fly fisher of past years. A very personal friend that I spent many hours with, visiting with him and Daisy at home and on the water. His stories and humor always made him fun to be with. I will miss him and know that many others will also.

Tight lines,

Tom Smith

Upcoming Fish outs—Tim
May 21st @ Lahontan Reservoir
Details to follow on the website
Be sure to check the website or call a member of the BOD before making the trip to the lake. High river flows might cause excessively stained water.

June 17th @ TBA
Watch June's newsletter and check the website for details

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake:

As of this writing I don't believe that the full cruise is on but catch rates have been high about every third or fourth day. This is typical for this time of year. With the water temperature staying cold for so long the bite may extend thru the month of May. When California opens the crown should subside.

Frenchman Reservoir:

Easter was late this year and so was spring. The lake is almost full and the fishing should be good for holdovers. Big black leeches always work well this time of year. Also there are damsels in the water here yearlong.

Lake Davis:

Fish should be out of the spawning mode soon and the middle of May should see some strong blood midge hatches. This lake will not be full because California DFG does not want any pike going over the spill way. Dollards Market and the RJG will give reports on when the west side roads open.

Hinkson Slough:

As the water here warms some strong midge hatches will drive the fish to feed on the surface. Ryan had good success here last year in May.

Warner Mountains:

All the lakes here should be full this year including Dodge, Sweringer, Blue Lake, and Buckhorn Lake.

Local Rivers:

Most will be blown out for most of this month, forget about any decent fishing on the Truckee till after run off. The East Walker may not be fishable till July. LT will be cold but fishable.

Eagle Lake:

Opens on the 27th and with this cold spring the fish may still be on the spawning beds. This means that you may catch two fish in the same spot if you hit their nest. Area around Pine Creek would be a good bet if this occurs. Peacock sheep bugger or Doug's Eagle Lake Cinnamon Leech.

Eastern Nevada:

Needless to say everything should be full. This means two good water years in a row. Only thing is ice off may not take place until the middle of this month. If you normally make a trip in May I would push it back a couple of weeks.

Sleepers:

Stampede, Martis, Ballard, and Almanor.

Don't Forget

2006 Fishing Licenses are required now for fishing in California and Nevada. If you are looking for some new waters in Nevada, stop by the NDOW office to pick up a copy of the region's local fishing waters.

THE MARCH BROWN SPIDER, A GO TO WET FLY—Bud

Many of our Grandfathers and some of our Fathers fished wet flies; singly and in combinations of twos and threes. They caught a lot of trout. Then about the very late forties and through the late fifties, Nymphs began taking over and the once popular Wets seemed to fade away.

The Spider pattern, believed to have evolved in Scotland in the mid-eighteen hundreds, later immigrated to the USA and enjoyed its success at the end of silk lines and silk worm gut leaders cast by the bamboo rods of the early twentieth century.

In 1952, when I migrated West and took a job in Yosemite, I brought an Orvis bamboo three-piece, nine foot rod casting an HCH (like a seven wt.) silk line, gut leaders with one or two winged wet flies attached. I still enjoy fishing wets with my bamboo rods and various wet patterns.

Now we are beginning to sense a re-awakening of the wet fly and its merits. Some fly fishers are turning to re-visiting the "old" ways and, in so doing, they are being pleasantly surprised. Several of our senior members are able and willing to give you a very good argument in the use of these venerable classics.

So enough history and on to a pattern that has been changed a bit since the days of old but it works well on streams and rivers when you're not quite sure as to what's happening.

What's New at www.truckeeriverflyfishers.org

The TRF web site is now connected to fly-fishing clubs across the US. Go to the contacts page and click WWW.Flycaster.com. You'll see our club under the Nevada section. This site will be a good reference if you need information or contacts in other states. Special thanks to Clyde Wilson for suggesting this website. If you have a favorite website, please send it in. Thanks. Joe Cendagorta

MARCH BROWN SPIDER

(as adapted by Sylvester Nemes)

Lock the silk behind the head and wrap several turns toward the bend. Pick out a well marked Partridge flank, feather and strip away the lower end fluff. The fibers should be a bit longer than the shank. Flair the fibers and, with the concave side to you, remove the fibers from the upper half.

March Brown Spider	
HOOK	Size 16-12 Light Wire, dry or 3906
THREAD	Orange Silk or synthetic
HACKLE	Brown Partridge Flank
BODY	Hares Mask with guard hairs
RIB	Narrow gold mylar tinsel



Mash the stem with your nail and with the thread at the halfway point tie on the stem and bind forward, have the fibers beginning a bit back of the head area. Leave the feather projecting out over the eye. Take the silk to the mid-point, cut the stem away and add the rib, binding it back to the bend. Loosely dub the body of the silk, then form a loop and with a Bird Tool, or a whirl or hackle pliers, close the loop and spin it loosely. Now wrap forward and secure close to the Partridge fibers. Spiral the rib and secure. Throw a half-hitch and with pliers grab the hackle tip and wrap two turns. Be sure to place the second wrap just in front of the first wrap. The fibers should radiate at 90 degrees with a slight rearward curve. Now, while maintaining pressure on the pliers, work the silk through the hackle, wobbling as you go. Then form the head and tie off.



Events Calendar

May 2006

Sat 13th *Full Moon*
 Sun 21st Lahontan Reservoir
Tue 23rd Newsletter Deadline
 Wed 24th General Membership Meeting—Tech Night
 Tue 30th Board Meeting

June 2006

Sun 11th *Full Moon*
 Sat 17th Fishout—Location and details TBA
Tue 20th *Newsletter deadline*
 Tues 27th Board Meeting
 Wed 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

<u>2006 Membership Form</u>			
Name	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	State	Zip	
Home Fone	Work Fone	<input type="text"/>	
Email	Occupation		
Experience	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Fishing Interests	<input type="text"/>		
Projects and Activities Interests	<input type="text"/>		
Are you willing to volunteer at club events?	Yes	No	
Circle One	Individual = \$25	Family = \$30	Student = \$10
Circle One	New Member	Renewal	

Something to think about

FLOAT TUBES, KICK BOATS AND PONTOON BOATS ON COLD WATER LAKES By Bud Johnson

This year, the Nevada Regulations state that "life jackets" are required on pontoon boats. Note the word "on". These regulations go on to say life jackets are not required on float tubes.

Several years ago, I got to thinking about carrying a flotation type cushion after the word was passed that the California Fishing Regulations would site for failure to carry the same. Then more recently, three or four club members have experienced, shall we say, "Loss of Flotation." Two years ago, I saw a guy do a 180 near the dam at Milton Reservoir. After some rather violent thrashing around, he got out and floundered to the bank but, fortunately, he was quite close to shore.

The above and the following will keep me using my inflatable CO2 vest. You will not see me on a lake without wearing it. Let me present a scenario of what could go wrong on any given day. Our intrepid fly fisher floats out from shore and decides to troll out toward a known underwater shoal. He/she is wearing Neoprene belted waders, fins, underwear, shirt and jacket. Sunny morning water temperature is a nice 59/60 degrees. There is a life cushion tied to, and trailing behind, the tube. About an eighth-of-a-mile out (220 yards, 2 football fields), the main tube begins to lose air. Our intrepid angler manages to get off the seat, and begins hanging on to the backrest or, if equipped, the second chamber. Since the belt on the wader is snug, water is only slowly entering and wicking along the clothing. Those clothes will tend to retain some warmth, but -- your core temperature is normally 98.6 degrees -- our ideal trout temperature is 59/60 degrees. As our friend burns up energy finning the flippers, hanging onto the "reserve air", he/she begins to notice a little series of shivers. That comfortable 98.6 degree temperature has begun to descend. Guess what? A core temperature of 95.0 describes Hypothermia. The shivering progressively becomes worse. How will our friend untie the knot holding the cushion and, finally, make an effort to swim/kick to land while the core temperature continues to drop.

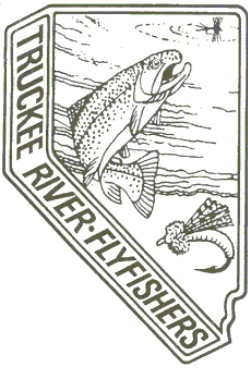
In conclusion, I am convinced that wearing a personal flotation device and, with that, I mean the CO2 shoulder or belt type rig, or the wearable "life jacket", could provide a better chance of survival. Incidentally, other than the fun of cruising the middle of the lake, fly fishers should remember that most of our lake bugs do hang out in the shallower shoreline areas that are not too far out.

Definition: :

Hypothermia may occur when the body fails to generate more heat than it loses and causes the core temperature to fall to 95.0 degrees (35 degrees C).

Tackle Tune-Up Hit—Bud Johnson

No, this is not something weird that I am suggesting. In fact, a woman's nylon, at least a patch of the nylon material about 4" by 4" is the absolute best way there is to make one of the most critical tackle tests. I am talking about checking your rod and reel for line damaging burrs and cracks. Take the hunk of nylon and draw it lightly through each guide on your rod. On larger guides like the butt guide on a spinning rod, be sure to pull the nylon through several times so that you end up drawing the nylon over all the inner surface of the guide. Now go back and do the same thing in the reverse direction through each guide, so you get the opposite face of the guide. Even the tiniest roughness, let alone severe damage, will snag and hang up the nylon as you pull it through. Short of a microscope, there is no finer means to locate guide damage. Pay special attention to the guide on the end of the rod (the tiptop). It, more than any of the other guides, suffers from line abrasion. Now get out your reels. Draw the nylon patch over all the surfaces on the reel which make contact with the line. Pay special attention to the line roller and the bail arm on spinning reels. These sustain extreme line abrasion. Never, ever continue fishing with damaging guides or reel surfaces. In no time at all, you will ruin the line and likely lose a fish or a lure to weakened line.




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