



The

Angler's Line

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

February 2007

Fellow Fly Fishers

Club Banquet is just a short time away. March 10 at the Airport Plaza, give Wes a call and make sure you reserve your seat. This year our banquet speaker is going to be Andy Burke. He is always entertaining, and enlightening, so you definitely want to be there.

We can always use a little more help with the banquets. Wes would be happy to hear from you if you have a little time or a little something you wanted to donate.

Remember club elections are going on right now. So far, I have only one ballot turned in, and that was mine. Where is yours? Please mail ASAP. As

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.

long as you are mailing in a ballot, mail in your membership, if you have not done so already.

Still have a few Fly tiers Roundtables to look forward to. Last month we had the verbose, and highly talented Bill Ladner. He told us things about tying flies for Steelhead and even gave us a few tips on how to catch that mythical beast. As usual Bill made it an enjoyable evening as all of those in attendance can attest to and those who were not there missed another nice event.

Speaking of events, there were not nearly enough of us at the General Membership meeting on the 24th of January. Our guest that night was Chris Wharton, from Still Water Guide Service, and once

again we were given plenty of tips on fishing for Steelhead as well as fishing on some of our local waters. Chris showed us pictures of some very nice fish that he has caught on the American River, at Crowley, Boca, Davis, and Pyramid. Chris also brought lots of boxes filled with flies that he uses and tips on how to use them. Chris spent an hour and a half telling us just how and where to fish, thanks to him for another great evening.

And don't forget the fish out. That was on January 20th. It had been planned for Squaw Creek, but with the lake frozen over the fish out was moved to Pyramid. Mike Sevon prepared Chicken Tortilla Soup and all the trimming for lunch. He also set up a tent with a wood stove to get out of the stiff North Wind. The weather was nasty with two foot swells making fishing difficult. There were not a lot of fish caught but some nice ones did cooperate. Ryan caught a 25" and 27" at Wino and Jason caught a 27" also. Mike caught a 23" and there were few others caught as well. Slow, but nice fish. Breakfast at Chukars, before the fish out brought 13 of the members together, hope you were one of them.

Now there is going to be another general membership meeting on the February 28th, this one is going to be held at NDOW on Valley Road at 6:30. This meeting will feature Richard Dickerson, and since he is a local guide, a very accomplished fly tier, a great fisherman and just a great person this is another meeting that you do not want to miss. Hope to see you there.

Tight lines,

Tom Smith

Truckee River Flyfishers Donates to Multiple Sclerosis

At the Reno/Tahoe Winter Wine and Ski Expo to benefit the Jimmy Heuga's Vertical Express for MS. TRF donated a large box of flies tied by Wes Ong to their silent auction.

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Fish Prospects

By Wes Ong

Pyramid Lake: Generally I consider this a slow month at Pyramid, but last year most of the big fish caught by fly fishers were caught in the month of February. This is also when Doug at the Gilley caught his big fish of the year. If these are some of the remnants of the original Cuts that spawned in the winter, then it would stand to reason that the mouth of the Truckee would also have to yield some big fish this time of year. Last months fish outing was a lot of fun, thanks Mike for the warm tent and hot soup. I think about 17 members fished and the group that went to Wino in the afternoon caught some big fish!!

American River: Flows have been consistent this winter around 1400 cfs. Using an indicator and an egg/caddis set-up has been producing good numbers of steelhead. Swinging a black bunny leech or Alvin pattern should also work. This is the time of year Chris Wharton of Orvis fishes it and if you missed his talk at the general meeting you missed a good one. Bill Ladner of the Reno Fly shop tied his favorite steelhead patterns at the last FTFT.

Yuba River: Decent wading flows here are less than 1000 cfs. Fish above and below the highway twenty bridge. Same stuff for the American will work here but there are also stoneflies, mayflies, and caddis flies in the system. Catches here could include steelhead and trout. Nice weather will get a mayfly hatch going but make sure that it is a trout rise that you are casting to and not a chub or squaw fish rise.

Squaw Creek Res. Just because we didn't make it there in January doesn't mean to forget about it. This year it will take a little bit of warm weather to melt some of the ice and snow but it will still produce good numbers through spring. Due to popular demand we will reschedule this fish outing in March.

Hinkson Slough: Fish outing on the 11th and the Carson City Club will fish here on the opener on the 10th. Jan of Orvis plans to be there and he may have some lighter rods to demo. I remember last year catching a lot of fish here but I can't remember what I used?? I use to keep a log but since moving here and fishing every weekend it became too time consuming. I'm sure it was something size 12 or smaller and in a midge pattern. Or maybe it was a Strawberry Blond tied in peacock??? Chris Wharton talked about fishing from shore; well here you can fish from the road without getting in to your waders!

Pleasant Valley Reservoir: 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 river mouth. Also the river leading into the reservoir can fish well with a small midge pupa or mayfly nymph under and indicator. Three high mountain passes to cross to get there so check the weather and don't go if a storm is pending.

The Sleepers: Lake Almanor, so of use are planning a salmon trip here and if we can find the fish it may be worth it, or the East Walker with a week of 50 degree weather.

THE WOOLY WORM A BRIEF HISTORY by Bud J.

Probably the most known, earliest known wet fly or nymph ever designed. Most likely the first pattern taught by beginning fly tying instructors and certainly with about the greatest variations.

But where did it all begin? History says in "Merry Old England". A book of "The Art of Angling" by R. Brooke, 1770 shows a pattern named "The Palmer". This is most likely the forerunner of the modern version of the Woolly Worm. Research indicates that this Palmer pattern migrated West and was tied and used in the Eastern United States. Two sources point to Don Martinez, a Montana shop owner, as the man credited with the modern version which he developed and sold in his shop in the early '40's. Dan Bailey further popularized it with countless color variations of the Chenille body and the Palmered hackle with and without a tail. Along about the early '70's someone (there is some argument as to who) added a long and fluffy shank length tail to this illustrious "Worm" and now we have the "Bugger", and its myriad offspring. Will it ever stop? Not as long as we fly tiers keep on "spinin and grinin". *(continued on page 5)*

Banquet & Fund Raiser Update — Wes Ong (2007 Banquet Chairman)

Tickets can be purchased by mail, thru a member of the Board of Directors: at the Reno Fly Shop, the Gilley Fishing Store, or the Orvis Store.

Deadline for advance purchase and Membership Renewal/Early Bird drawing is March 2nd. When purchasing at a shop please remember to select your dinner menu item and fill out your membership renewal form. We are pleased to announce that our local Andy Burk will be the Featured Speaker for the Banquet!

Nominations for Club Officers

Nominations for Club Officers are now being taken with the election to be held at the general meeting on February 28th. If you wish to serve your fellow fly fishers here is your chance. Just fill out the form below and return to the club via mail or drop off our next meeting.

TRF Club Officers Ballot

President	Lisa Shea
Vice-President	Jerry Holtgrave
Secretary	Ryan Shea
Treasurer	Tille Arizmendi

Don't know what it takes to be an officer of the club ask one of the folks listed on page 2.

Club Awards : Mid Lipera and Cal Bird Cup

Nominations for these, TRF's highest awards, are now being accepted. The qualifications for these awards are:

Mid Lipera—Presented for the unselfish contributions to their fellow fly fishers.

Cal Bird Cup—In recognition of outstanding contributions to fly tying.

The criteria for these awards is as follows:

- Nominations must come from the general membership
- All nominations must be in written form not to exceed one page

Who do you know that meets these criteria? Let everyone know with your nomination!



Events Calendar

February 2007

<i>Fri 2nd</i>	<i>Full Moon</i>
Thurs 8th	Fly Tier's Roundtable
Sun 11th	Fish Out—Hinkson Slough
Tue 27th	Board Meeting
Wed 28th	General Meeting—Club Elections

March 2007

<i>Sat 3rd</i>	<i>Full Moon</i>
Thurs 8th	Fly Tier's Roundtable
Sat 10th	Annual Banquet
Tue 27th	Board Meeting

Local Supporters—
Support them, they support us!

The Gilley Fishing Store— 1111 Rock Blvd
775-358-6113
Reno Fly Shop— 294 E. Moana Lane # 14
775-825-3474
The Orvis Store—13945 S. Virginia St. # 640
775-850-2272

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

2007 Membership Form

Name _____		Date _____	
Address _____			
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
Home Fone _____		Work Fone _____	
Email _____		Occupation _____	
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	

Continued—Wooly Worm

Hook: M9672 or TMC 5263 Sizes 6 - 16

Thread: Danville 6/0 black. Waxed

Tail: Red wool, very short

Body: Black Chenille

Hackle: Grizzly, saddle or neck

Head: Thread, tapered

Begin your thread a bit behind the eye and wrap rearward binding down a piece of red wool. End at the bend and return the thread to the eye. Cut off the red wool on a vertical line above the extreme bend. Fray the tail with the scissor points. Tie in the Chenille at the point behind the eye and continue binding it to the shank to the bend. Prepare the hackle (use two for a fuller pattern). After preening the barbs down from the tip, tie on the hackle by the tip and advance your thread forward. (modern tiers wrap the hackle with the shiny side forward, however, the older patterns had the shiny side to the rear causing the barbs to curve forward -- your choice). Pull up the hackle and place the first wrap of Chenille behind the hackle, then continue wrapping the Chenille forward, closely spaced, tying it off behind the eye but allowing room to finish the hackle and a neat head. Now, Palmer the hackle forward in evenly spaced turns, then tie it off. Form a tapered head, then whip it, clip it and go fish!!

Hinkson Slough Fish Outing February 11th

We will have our usual Hinkson Slough outing on the second day of the open season this year. And as usual the Carson City Club will be fishing on the opening day. This fishery is not a highly technical one and small midge patterns or small attractor nymphs on a floating or intermediate line will produce fish to 12 inches. A float tube or pontoon is helpful but not necessary. You can fish from shore; I usually do this during lunch to warm up a bit.

To get there take highway 80 east to the first Fernley exit and go into town and take a right at the light which is 95A. Go through Silver Springs and Wabuska. Turn left at Sierra Lane and the first into the Mason Valley Wildlife Area. After crossing the Walker River turn left at the big

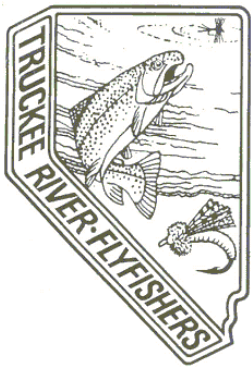
Fly Tier's Roundtable (FTR) February 2007 Featuring Arlo Townsend

My name is Arlo Townsend. I work and guide for the Reno Fly Shop. I grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska and moved to Reno in 2000. I am lucky enough to be able to spend most of my time fishing. I mainly fish the Truckee River. The Truckee holds some huge trout, which I target. These fish are smart and to catch them an angler needs an arsenal of flies and tactics. I look forward to teaching the club how to tie a few good flies and how to fish them on the Truckee River.

Peacock Cone Caddis

Hook	Partridge Shrimp #12
Thread	Black 6/0
Body	Peacock herl
Shellback	Olive thin skin
Rib	6X Fluorocarbon
Thorax	Lt. Ostrich
Bead	3.3 mm Tungsten copper






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TRF Annual Banquet March 10th. Get your tickets at any TRF event or one of our local supports. The Gilley Fishing Store, Reno Fly Shop or the Orvis Store

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