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# *Angler's Line*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FLYFISHERS

## January 2008

Let me start off with a quick review of the Pyramid Fish Out. We had around 15 fishermen enjoy a cold day of fishing, good food, and Mike Sevon's warm tent. We even had some nice 8 pounders caught. I want to send a HUGE Thank You out to Mike Sevon, Tillie Arizmendi, and Ryan Shea. Mike provided his wall tent and stove. Ryan and Tillie cooked great chili dogs. Thank you so much to everyone for making it a great day!

I also want to take time to thank Mike Sevon for his presentation at the General Meeting... It was so good, Ryan ended up getting a new waterproof camera. Also, thank you to Tim Huckaby (our guest tier) and Bud Johnson (the man behind the magic) for a great Fly Tiers Round Table!

**Upcoming Events:** We have a Fly Tiers Round Table (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30) at the Verdi Library, the Squaw Creek Reservoir Fish Out on January 12<sup>th</sup> (check the website in case weather interferes), and Arlow Townsend's presentation about hunting big fish at our General Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at NDOW (6:30). Hope to see you there!

### 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.

Don't forget our Annual Banquet on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Plaza. Kate Blubaugh is our presenter and it should be a great show. We will be raffling off a 4 weight R.L. Winston rod! We will also have our silent auction and our general raffle. Remember to get your tickets early... Tick-

ets are \$35 before the event and \$40 at the door.

**Nominations:** We are accepting nominations for officers, the Mid Lipera Award (contribution to the fly fishing community), and the Cal Bird Award (excellence in fly tying). If you are interested in being an officer or would like to nominate someone for an award, please contact myself or any other board member.

**Memberships:** Make sure to renew your 2008 membership. Those who renew prior to February 28<sup>th</sup> will receive a "super cool" engraved TRFF name tag. So, make sure to renew early!

Now, in the style of David Letterman, here are the Top 10 Reasons to Fly Fish...

1. You are easy to buy presents for.
2. You are excited to rise at God awful hours to go on fishing trips.
3. You get to buy all sorts of fun gadgets and gizmos.
4. You end up with a great collection of ladders.
5. You can be as alone as you want.
6. You can justify buying expensive polarized sunglasses.
7. You get to take trips to exotic places like Cancun and Pyramid Lake.
8. Videos on bugs are spell-binding.
9. You have the possibility of free ear piercing.
10. Waders are sexy!

Keep those lines tight!

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## **Fish Prospects**

By Wes Ong

**Pyramid Lake:** Traditionally one of the two slowest months here and this year has been colder than normal. Last year Joe Winchester was using an indicator with some success, I don't think that that is going to happen this year. Still like the light dark combo, purple, olive, or midnight cowboy and a white, tan, or chartreuse beetle. Trying it in reverse may also work. North Nets is Plan B if we cancel the Squaw Creek Fish Outing.

**American River:** To catch a Steelhead here it helps if you are the first one thru the water. Indicator nymphing with a #12 Olive Bird's Nest and a dropper with either an egg pattern or a salmon fry should produce the most fish. 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. Chris Wharton, of Orvis likes this water on the weekdays.

**Iron Canyon Reservoir:** Use a type two sinking line with a slow strip. Small dark woolly bugger will produce 12 to 14 inch fish and one occasionally to 20 inches. Gosh this sounds like how we fish most still water.

**Topaz Lake:** Opens January 1st and your current Nevada fishing license is valid here. I fished it last year and my partner caught one fish about 14 inches. I have been here twice in 12 years and it may be another six years before I go back again. If you need a float tube fix it may be the closest place. Liz and Don at Angler's Edge in Gardnerville should have some current information.

**Baum Lake:** Should still fish good in January; we had a Fish Outing here a couple of years ago. Dig out your handout that Andy Burk of the Reno Fly Shop past out when he gave us his presentation on Baum.

**Squaw Creek Reservoir:** Outing on the 20th, weather and road conditions permitting. Just because we schedule this in the winter it doesn't mean that it isn't good the rest of the year. Spring and fall are also a good time to fish this lake. Should the weather and road conditions prohibit the outing on the 20th the back up plan is the North Nets at Pyramid.

**The 2006/2007 sleeper lake:** Amador Lake by Lone

### **REMINDER**

**California licenses are valid January thru December**

## **Club Elections are right around the corner**

We will be holding our annual elections in the next few months. Please consider accepting a nomination for one of the club's officers.

We will also collecting nominations for our annual awards - Mid Lipera and Cal Bird. In December we will discuss the requirements for these two awards.



**Wanted Buy or Trade**

Silk Fly Lines—  
 Look around in your old tackle boxes or your Dad's or Grandad's stuff. It may be coiled up and secured with pieces of pipe cleaner or on a reel. It will most likely be olive or dark green or possibly tannish-yellow. The surface will appear woven and probably sticky, and have a varnish-like smell. If it looks like an enamel or shiny finish, it aint silk. But I'd like to see it.

Are you looking for something or have something to sell? Call  
 Tim Huckaby, 746-3133 or timhuckaby@yahoo.com

**Budz Bitz:Tricks and Tips by Bud Johnson**

The Catskill style of tying has specialized in bodies made of stripped Peacock herl or quills, creating May-fly Dun and Spinner bodies that are very realistic. However, in order to remove the flues, the stems become somewhat brittle for wrapping after a bath in Peroxide. So these ribs need to be strengthened by a counter-wrapped wire rib or by applying head cement.

Try this. Hit the drug store and pick up some unwaxed, thin, clear dental floss. Pull off an amount needed and gently pull it over a finger nail to remove any kinks or bumps.

You can create a pretty realistic tone by emersing it in some hot tea or coffee or apply your choice of color using Pantone type pens.

**Mike's Hopper**  
 By Mike Sevon

Mike Sevon was born in Deadwood, So. Dakota in 1952 in a family of fisherman and caught his first trout on a fly when he was 11 years old. Hi father was a worm dunker and his uncle was a fly fisherman.

As a child growing up in the Black Hills, he used to hitchhike 7 miles to his favorite stream and knew at a young age that fly fishing was his way to catch fish. He tied his first flies as a teenager in Ely, NV and will be sharing some of his favorite winter fly patterns at the January Round Table.

This fly is a combination of the Henry's Fork hopper and Joes hopper with a unique foam body construction that's fairly simple to tie and floats just right. Each year in a fly angler's life should be marked with some annual memories of dropping hoppers in the small streams of the Sierra's or along the banks of our Western NV rivers.

**Mike's Hopper**

Hook	TMC 5212 6# - 10#
Thread	Unithread Brown 6/0
Body	4mm Yellow foam
Underwing	Yellow antron
Overwing	Turkey primaries coated with flexament
Legs	Medium white rubber
Head	Bullet head of elk hair



**Squaw Creek Reservoir Fish out—January 12th - Ryan Shea**

We will meet at Bruno's Cafe in Gerlach at 8:00 a.m. (Reno / Sparks folks are going to meet at Alamo at 6:00 a.m. to carpool).

According to NDOW, Squaw Reservoir had a "substantial" fish kill this summer, but this fall it was planted with about 34,000 trout; so the fish are there to catch. This is a great place for beginner float tubers and just to get a grab on the line. Nothing tricky with this piece of water, just have your favorite attractor flies (i.e., prince nymphs, hare's ear, wooly buggers, birds nest, which is a good one up there, or whatever you want to tie up) and a sinking line and be ready to strip retrieve. You can also use a floating line set up with a zebra midge, sizes 12 - 18 and a long leader and slow retrieve or just use an indicator with the midge about 4 to 5 feet down. This fish are not huge, but they put up a fun little fight, plus some nice scenery around the lake. We will have lunch at 12. Dress warm because it could be cold. Directions: take highway 447 north from Nixon straight up to Gerlach. From Gerlach, the reservoir is about 15 miles north. We all tend to fill up on food at Bruno's to give us plenty of calories to burn in the cold weather. With weather permitting, watch the website and emails for any changes. Call Lisa if you have questions or better yet call the day before the fish out just to make sure we are still going.

**Books and Videos—Tim Huckaby**

I'm looking for suggestions for the website bookstore. If you have read a book or watched a video and would like to recommend it to the club membership please forward me the details and your write up.

I have one: for those of you that attended the December FTR you will recall that I mentioned seeing Bob Clouser during a business trip to LA in November. I have my collection at home the video we made during Bob's tying presentation the year he spoke at the banquet and for Christmas I received his book "Clouser's Flies" published by Stackpole Books. Let me tell you it was just like having him sit at the vise again. Material handing techniques and step by step instructions for the minnow, crawfish, and a few more. Look on the website for the URL to Amazon to purchase this book.

Make your Amazon.com purchases via our website's bookstore page and the club will receive a small commission.

2008 Membership Form

Name _____		Date _____	
Address _____			
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
Home Phone _____		Work Phone _____	
Email _____		Occupation _____	
Experience	Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
Fishing Interests _____			
Projects and Activities Interests _____			
Are you willing to volunteer at club events?	Yes	No	
Payment Method—Circle One	Check	# _____	Cash _____
Circle One	Individual = \$25	Family = \$30	Student = \$10
Circle One	New Member	Renewal	

## News from the Federation of Fly Fishers

New membership drive for the FFF—are you an individual member of the FFF (good) , no—think about joining and include on your application the name of our club. Once we reach 12 new members the FFF will present us with a new fly rod to use as we see fit or we wait and reach 18 new members and receive and “higher” level rod. These are Temple Fork rods from the Lefty Kreh series. Now thru December 31, 2007 the membership is being discounted from \$35 to \$15. Let’s boost our membership in the FFF and help the club to obtain and new fly rod. Remember that your application must be signed our club president in order for the club to receive credit.

Check our the FFF website or current newsletter for information about their life membership options. The newsletter archives are located at <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/ClubWireArchives/CWArchiveMain.htm>



## Events Calendar

### January 2008

- Thu 10th Fly Tier's Round Table  
Mike Sevon
- Sat 12th Squaw Creek Fishout  
*Tue 22nd Full Moon*
- Wed 23rd General Meeting with  
Arlo Townsend

### February 2008

- Tues 14th Fly Tier's Round Table  
Elliott Gritton
- Tues 21st Full Moon
- Wed 27th General Meeting

### March 2008

- Sat 15th Annual Banquet

### Local Supporters—

Support them, they support us!

The Gilly Fishing Store— 1111 Rock Blvd  
775-358-6113

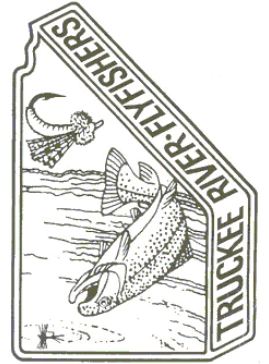
Reno Fly Shop— 294 E. Moana Lane # 14  
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The Orvis Store—13945 S. Virginia St. # 640  
775-850-2272

### **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*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 FTR w/ Mike Sevon	11	12 Squaw Creek Fishout
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 General Mtg w/ Arlo	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

