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The Carson Fly Fishing Club

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President's Message

Our meetings are held the **second Tuesday** of each month at the Carson City Sheriff's Office on East Musser Street. All meetings start at 7pm and the doors are open at 6:45 - sometimes earlier.

Fellow Fly Fishers,

Well here we are entering March once again with very low snowpack. Many of you will have read that NDOW is accelerating their stocking program in

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expectation that we'll have abnormally low flows at the usual mid-summer stocking dates. These low flows lead to higher temperatures, and fish mortality. So look for greater numbers of fish in our rivers this spring. Low flows may also mean easier access and safer wading. Give it a try!

Stillwaters will also be well stocked, and if Hinkson is any indication, they will fish very well this year. Topaz, Spooner, and some ponds have already received generous stocking. I spoke with one fisherman at Spooner last week who had caught 12 in a fairly short time, fishing from the bank. He said there were few weeds to interfere right now. If you haven't tried Hinkson, don't miss our next Fishout (3/21). On opening day, several members were well beyond 50 fish, and the following weekend, several of us caught 50 or so for the weekend. Stripping dark nymphs was the first trick, followed by indicating with #12 and #14 zebra midges.

Koop's CFTG has been well attended, and the system works well. Our video

camera provides huge images for demos on Koop's TV, enabling close inspection of flies. Progress is being made by all participants. This coming month's meeting will focus on the Pheasant Tail Variant. Call Koop to see if space is available.

The program for this coming meeting will be Doug Ouellette, speaking on the "Land of the Giants", or fishing Pyramid. Few people are more expert than Doug on this water, and this should be an excellent presentation. Don't miss it!

See you at our next meeting on March 10th.

Request from SSFF

The Southern Sierra Fly Fishing club based in Kernville will be hosting their annual three day family festival on April 17, 18 and 19. The activities include a BBQ'd dinner on Saturday night with a fundraising silent auction.

Our board has decided to send them a small box of flies tied by our club's members to assist their efforts. If you would like to participate with this project please bring six flies to the next general meeting on Mar 10th. That's one week away. The flies are your choice and may be of any style or size. Give your flies to Bill Hammons and they will be added to our contribution.

Basic Introductory Fly Tying Academy

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When: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Beginning March 9, 2014

Where: Sportsman's Warehouse, 1443 Carson St., Carson City

Our annual introduction to fly tying academy will be starting early next month and Stan Zuber will again be the lead instructor. For many students this is their first exposure to fly tying. The purpose of the class is to learn the basic techniques of tying flies in addition to the different materials and tools utilized. No previous tying experience is necessary. All materials and tying equipment are provided.

A person does not have to be a CFFC member to attend – open to the public.

The academy will take place over six evenings in March and a different trout fly will be covered each session. Class size is limited.

If you have any additional questions or should you desire to attend. Please contact Stan at (775)671-2151

Flies: One fly will be covered each night.

Streamers; Green Weenie & Zonker

Nymphs Chamois Nymph, & Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear

Dries; Grey Hackle Yellow, & Goddard Caddis

March 9, Introduction & Green Weenie

March 12, Chamois Nymph

March 16, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear

March 19, Grey Hackle Yellow
March 23, Goddard Caddis
March 26, Zonker

Great turn out for the February Fishout

Our annual February fishout to Hinkson Slough was a great success with over twenty club members attending on Saturday. Many folks stayed over on Saturday night at the nearby camp area and some even arrived on Friday and spent the entire weekend at the Mason Valley fishery. It was also nice to see all of the ladies hooking up with fish either from the shore or afloat.

The members were treated to fine weather and fine fishing. Trout were landed in all areas of the slough and many were taken while angling from the shore. Indicator fishing with hares ears and zebra midges probably accounted for most of the fish but many were also hooked up while stripping dark streamers sheep's creek specials. Nice to see some of the holdover rainbows, with many reaching the 16 inch mark and a few topping it.

At noon, all those who attended the shore lunch party feasted on BBQ'd dogs, beans, potato salad, deviled eggs, chips and carrot cake. Special thanks to Kellen O'dell, Mike York and Rob Brehm for organizing and preparing the noon time meal. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Below is a photo of most of the attendees taken during the lunch break. Dining with good friends while fishing under sunny cloudless skies and no wind is tough to beat. The March fishout is also scheduled for Hinkson. See you there.



Bring a pair of flies for the *Fly-FFLE*****

High Sierra Fly Casters Banquet

Our fly fishing friends to the south are having their annual fundraising dinner on March 14th some of our members are planning to attend and will be checking at the general meeting regarding the possibility of car pooling. Below are details.

The High Sierra Fly Casters annual dinner and fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 14, at the Tahoe/Douglas Elks Lodge on Kimmerling in Gardnerville. The bar will open at 5:30 and dinner will be at 7:00. Tickets are available at Anglers Edge and at the door. Prices are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children twelve and under. Your dinner ticket will also be your entry in the drawing for a new 7 ½ foot 3 weight rod, with reel and line.

October General Meeting Program

Our feature speaker for March is Doug Ouellette, owner of CalVada guide service. With over forty years of fly fishing experience, he is nationally recognized for his Stillwater techniques as well as his river expertise. He will be giving a presentation regarding Pyramid Lake titled 'Land of the Giants'. Our April fishout is scheduled for the 18th at Pyramid. In addition to his guide service, Doug hosts several multi-day clinics yearly; nymphing on the Truckee River and stillwater fishing at Five Dot Reservoir. Bring your pad and pencil and take notes.

2015 Fishing License and Permits

It's that time of year that makes us all cringe, the renewal of our yearly fishing licenses and permits. In case you are wondering what the damage will be for the 2015 season a convenient list has been provided below.

Nevada annual license ___\$29 plus a \$10 trout stamp
Daily non-resident license ___\$9

California annual non-resident license ___\$126.36
Daily license ___\$15.12
Two day license ___\$23.50

Pyramid Lake annual permit ___\$74
Daily permit ___\$9
Three day permit ___\$24

Fishout for March

Our March fishout will be held on Saturday the 21st at Hinkson slough. This club outing will have a little twist in it, as we're going to make it a VERY friendly competition. All participants will be fishing the same area together, either from the shore or for float tubes (the front area along the road between the drain and the restroom). The morning will be divided into sessions and participants will be awarded tickets based on how they placed during each session. Only one hook may be utilized at a time, indicator or stripping methods are both acceptable.

There will also be a pot luck lunch. Dogs and fixings will be provided and all participants are requested to bring a small side dish of their choosing. Be sure to bring along a folding chair.

A drawing will take place during the shoreside lunch will the winners of the competition will the determined and prizes awarded.

More information will be provided at the meeting and a reminder will be sent before the fishout.

State Fly Tying Contest

The Nevada Fair will be held in Carson City on July30th through August 2nd. Our club will again host a Nevada State Fly Tying Contest and the award winning flies will be displayed in a case at the fly fishing booth.

The contest ran very smoothly last year and we plan to follow the same format with very few changes. If you have any ideas that you believe would make this event better, please contact any board member so that it may be considered.

Three divisions are being offered to participants (advanced, intermediate and youth) with twenty fly categories. The categories have mandatory flies and some have additional requirements.

A three person panel consisting of a member from each of the three northern Nevada clubs will determine the winning entries. All flies and funds in excess of contest associated costs will be donated to the Nevada division of Reel Recovery.

Awards will be mailed to all winning tiers immediately after fair conclusion.

Calendar

Mar. 9 – Fly Tying Academy 6pm at Sportsman's Warehouse

Also Mar. 12, 16, 19, 23 and 26

Mar. 11 – General meeting 7pm at the Sheriff's Office

Program – Doug Ouellette regarding Pyramid Lake

Mar. 21 – Fishout – Mason Valley

Mar. 31 – Board Meeting

Apr. 10 – General Meeting 7pm at the Sheriff's Office

Apr. 18 – Fishout at Pyramid Lake

Apr. 28 – Board Meeting

