



The Flypaper

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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.

Hi Folks,

Its late fall and there is still some fine fishing opportunities available. I saw a report of heavy stockings of the East and West Carson rivers and also all of the small community lakes have received recent trout deliveries. Davis, Frenchman's and of course Pyramid lakes are other late fall waters that produce.

CFFC Board

President Craig Steele
Vice President Jason Koop
Treasurer Ernie Walsh
Secretary Bill Hammons
Board Members:
Dave Conklin
Paul McIlwee
Ed Latour
Rob Brehm
MJ VanEmmerik
Mike York
Ken Briscoe
Stan Zuber

And please don't forget that we will elect new Board Members and Officers at our November meeting, just before the banquet. These positions are wide open, I think your current board would absolutely welcome new members, and if you are willing to step up for a little more responsibility, we would love to see some new energy in our officers. Nominate yourself or a friend you think would be good for club leadership. Also before the general meeting the board will be selling a few outdoor clothing items we received as a donation.

The Southwest Council's fly fishing faire in Bishop last month was a great success. Our club had eight members participate in the fly tying, rod casting and on the water fishing classes during the three day event. Perhaps next year we can have even a larger group attend and plan for a potluck/campfire gathering at the RV park located right on the fairgrounds.

Finally, this year's fundraising banquet is shaping up to be another fun filled evening. Dave will have tickets available at the general meeting. Please get your tickets early, and include your friends. If you have auction or raffle items please bring them to the meeting so that we can organize the paperwork and display tables before the banquet.

Craig

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

Annual Fundraiser Banquet – Nov. 14th

Our annual fundraising and awards banquet will take place on Saturday November 14th. While this is our club's major fundraiser it is also the event where we acknowledge our 'Fly Fisher of the Year' with a beautiful window box filled with flies tied by club members.

In addition to recognizing Jason Koop as our Fly Fisher of the Year, the board requests that all members who have received fly tying or fly fishing awards throughout the year please bring them to the banquet. They will be placed in the alcove and displayed as a group.

As for fundraising, there will be plenty of bucket raffle prizes available as well as several silent auction tables set up with items to bid on. Remember, it's a fundraiser so open up your wallet or checkbook and bid early, bid often and bid high.

As usual, three entrees are available for dinner so let Dave know your choice of prime rib, marsala chicken or salmon. Tickets for the evening cost \$35 and will be available at the general meeting, if you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to purchase a ticket please contact Dave Conklin (230-3975).

Outdoor Clothing Donation

Six weeks ago the club received a clothing donation from a couple living in Wyoming. The clothes are new and almost all still have the tags on them. Some of the brand names Duluth Trading, LL Bean, Cabela's, Carhart, True Timber and Gander Mountain. Most are outdoor style, such as long sleeved shirts, jackets, sweaters, lined and fleece pants, heavy gloves, socks and thermal underwear. Unfortunately most items are large, xl and xxl. We will be selling these items at low prices before the general meeting on the 10th. Plan to arrive about 6:15 – 6:30. Even if you don't have a need or the items don't fit your size, perhaps you have a cousin that would love a wonderful Christmas present.

Thoughts Regarding Tying Thread

Thread is a confusing to topic to some no doubt because of all the really good choices we as fly tiers have. Thread itself isn't very confusing. We are lucky that there is simply a lot of really good product out there on the market now. A fair number of these threads are a lot alike and it is for that reason that some fly tiers get confused.

The two most common ways to evaluate thread are the "ought" system and the denier system. In the "ought" system as the number increases the size falls. For example 8/0 is SMALLER than 6/0. In the Denier system as the number raises the size increases. A 70 denier thread is smaller than a 210 denier thread. The big trouble is trying to compare say a 70 denier with a 6/0. How do they compare? Sometimes you can't until you pull some of the thread off and spool it up. You will see and feel the difference (or you should be able). As a general rule, 210 denier is about 3/0 sized.

A couple of other things are the flat twisted versus spun threads. Flat threads are not round. A typical example is the Danville thread which is a flat thread. UNI thread is almost always twisted. Sometimes this style of thread has a form of glue used to bind the fibers together. The main difference is that a flat thread binds tighter with less bulk and blends better. A spun thread can be argued that it has more tying grip and strength. A flat thread also has the advantage of being able to split the thread with a dubbing needle so that you can dub with a single strand.

Most thread is polyester or rayon that is spun. Some threads like Kevlar are supposed to be a miracle thread, in that it doesn't break. Pure Kevlar is slick, doesn't lay flat and it will score a bobbin and wreck scissors. GSP thread is a Kevlar that is spun with Polyester and it is a bit easier to use, doesn't damage tying equipment and has smaller diameters. It is excellent for binding down heavy materials and for tying large bass or saltwater flies.

Breaking threading has been blamed on bobbins, the thread and all sorts of issues. 99% of the time the thread breaks because you nick the hook. Usually this happens because you are turning the thread in a circle. As you turn you hit the point of the hook. There are two solutions: first remove the hook and insert the hook deep into the jaws of your vise. This blocks the point and prevents you from striking the point. Or second: turn thread in an oval. If you turn the thread at perpendicular motion you will always strike the point of the hook. If you change the angle and turn the thread at a 15-20 degree slant and turn in an oval you will not hit the hook point.

The next general meeting is Tuesday Nov. 10th