



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,

Well fall is finally here and we are seeing water temperatures start to drop. What's this mean? Improving fishing!

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
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Mike York
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Stan Zuber

I have read reports that Lake Davis is starting to have its fall wakeup (though the water is still very low-check local sources about launching boats!), and water temps in the Truckee above Reno are getting down now where fishing is not so lethal.

Frenchman's is producing well, but is extremely low. While it is closed now, Hobart fished well to the very end of the season this year. Look for some great days with ever larger Tiger trout next year.

As I've reported on our website "corkboard", the fishing at Heenan has been improving regularly, and I've done better this year than any year previous. Cooler temps may bring on surface feeding a good top water action.

This last week was the opener for Pyramid Lake. Crosby's Lodge indicated it was the best opener in years. Folks were catching 13, 15, 18, and 20 Lb cutthroats in the deeper water off shore. I fished Warrior Point Saturday, and watched fishermen in float tubes, pontoons and guide boats taking fish on jigs fished in about 40-70 ft of water. Fly fishers were dropping jigs off the end of shooting heads lowered directly down from their tubes. Other fishermen around the lake in boats were turning in reports

of 60-80 fish days. There were MANY happy Pyramid fishermen this weekend. Pyramid will be Pyramid, so not all parts of the lake were this great. If you're looking for some good fishing, the time is ripe!

Also, see below for election results regarding the CFFC Fly Fisher of the Year. It's going to a very deserving club member.

And please don't forget that we will elect new Board Members and Officers at our November meeting, just before the banquet. (I erroneously indicated it would be at this October Meeting, but Koop has arranged a speaker for us.) 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.

Finally, this year's banquet is shaping up to be another fun evening. Please get your tickets early, and include your friends.

Craig

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

October Program

At our general meeting on October 13th, Ndot biologist and Wildlife Manager, Pat Sollberger will be speaking regarding angling award programs sponsored by the Department of Wildlife. Pat has been active with implementing and overseeing the Trophy Water records, First Fish and Nevada Slam programs.

Heenan Lake is producing

There are several recent reports regarding the fishing at Heenan Lake on our club's web-site. To review them, just click on the 'Corkboard' feature. The lake has a very limited schedule of days in which fishing is allowed. Be careful.

The 135 acre Heenan Lake is renowned for producing huge Lahonton Cutthroats up to 30" with the average being 16 to 20". The Department of Fish and Game have a station on the shore where some spawners from the lake for egg collections. These eggs are distributed to a number of other state hatcheries including the Hot Creek Hatchery and Nevada Dept of Wildlife. The hatchlings are restocked into Heenan and over 30 additional Eastern Sierra lakes. The Heenan Lake cutthroats are actually a hybridized strain of the original Lahonton Cutthroats that inhabited Lake Lahonton in prehistoric days. The angling regulations at the lake include catch and release on barbless hooks on flies or artificial lures. The season opens on the Friday before Labor Day and continues until the last Sunday of October. You can only fish Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Monday through Thursday the lake is closed. Tributaries to the lake are also off-

limits year round. The lake is ideal for float tubing, but occasionally receives heavy fishing pressure due to its reputation for big trout. Stripping streamer patterns of Woolly Buggers, Leeches and Matukas in Black, Purple or Olive from a float tube has been the favored method of many anglers. Dark colored nymphs in sizes 12-16 Electric motors are permitted, gas-powered craft are allowed. It's shallow so an intermediate sinking line is sufficient. Dark colored nymphs such as Pheasant Tails, Bird's Nests and Prince Nymph also work well when utilized as trailers when retrieved slowly.

Congratulations to Jason Koop – 2015 Fly Fisher of the Year



The board members have selected Jason Koop as our club's 2015 Fly fisher of the Year. The award will be presented to him at the November banquet.

Jason has been an active member for over seven years and has always been an active participant in club activities. The photo above is of Jason last year at the Lower Owens River while he was participating in a joint club outing with the Southern Sierra Fly Fishing Club. Below are listed some of the club activities and fly fishing projects that he has been associated with.

*Two time past President

*He's the current Vice-president, who has coordinated and secured all monthly programs for the club this year.

*Four time member of the Carson SWIFFF fly fishing team and council record holder for most trout caught in a session.

*One of only three recipients nationwide of the Bronze award from both the IFFF and The Tiers Guide in the United Kingdom.

*Current IFFF fly tying evaluator for Idaho, Nevada and Southern California

*He recently founded the Carson Fly tying Guild and conducts monthly tying sessions for all area participants.

*He has guided on the water for the Northern Nevada division of Reel Recovery, a fly fishing support group for men with or recovering from cancer.

*He has participated in the SWIFFF council's leadership program.

*Attended the IFFF annual meeting in Bend, Oregon and met with the federation's board, regarding the 'Tiers Group' program.

*Will be conducting a seminar at the Fly Fishing Faire in Bishop, Ca.

*He has never boggarted a fishing hole on any river or stream, always willing to share a spot or information.

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL 2015 FLY FISHING FAIRE

October 16 - 18, 2015 / Bishop, CA

The 2015 Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire will take place October 16-18 at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop, CA. This is the fifth edition of the faire with the previous four years being based in Mammoth Lakes at the Cerro Coso Community College campus. The new venue offers a tremendous increase in space for vendor displays, classes, entertainment, and food.

Several of our club members have attended this event in the past and should be able to answer any questions at the October general meeting on the 13th. All classes have a size limit regarding participants and some fill up quicker than others. So use your best judgment when deciding when to register.

Bill, Jason, Craig, Paul and Bryan have already signed up for classes and are planning to attend some of the seminars.

Below is a link to the faire. After the main page comes up, click on the 'Agenda' tab scroll down to view all of the classes, demonstrations, lectures, films and seminars available. At this time there are over eighty programs offered.

<http://southwestcouncilfff.org/faire>

***The next general meeting is Tuesday October 13th
7 pm at the Sheriff's Office.***