



# The Flypaper

The Newsletter of

## The Carson Fly Fishing Club

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### President’s Message

Welcome back to our members! Everything (including the newsletter) seemed to stop with Covid-19. We were finally able to have a board meeting, making sure to observe “social distancing”, outside on the driveway of our house. During that meeting, the board agreed to donate \$600 to our local food banks, to assist those who need help due to Covid-19. We also discussed the possibility of having a Fly Tying Session, where the club would tie flies to donate to a local cause. If you have input on that, talk to one of your board members.

As restaurants and other business are starting to reopen, the Sheriff’s Office will be permitting us to resume our monthly membership meetings. We will have a meeting this week, Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Carson City Sheriff’s Office, at 7:00pm. As a courtesy to all members, please wear a mask, and observe the social distance protocol. If there is anyone who would like to “attend” the meeting, but would rather not go due to Covid-19, contact Debby (230-3974). If there is a need, maybe we can set something up for you to be there “virtually”.

Ken Briscoe will be demonstrating how to tie a “Hopper Fly”. We will have our regular raffle, as well as the “Fly-fle”...bring two flies if you are interested in participating in that. In addition, we will be raffling off a fly reel. Everyone who attends the meeting will receive a ticket for this.

We have set a date for our Annual Banquet to be held at Gold Dust West. Make sure to put it on your calendar...November 21, 2020. Always a good time to be had! We have scheduled our July meeting as our annual Family barbeque...July 14<sup>th</sup>, at Dave and Debby Conklin’s house. Plenty of room for social distancing there! The club will be providing the meat and (non-alcoholic) drinks. If you want to bring something; A-L can bring a side dish, or chips, M-Z can bring desserts. OR...you can bring whatever you want! There is a map in this newsletter.

Bill Hammons is sponsoring a new fly fishing program for club members for 2020. It will be utilizing the various species of trout in Nevada, and is appropriately named “**The Nevada Trout Slam**”. Be sure to check out the information later in this newsletter.

As we all know, finding a place open to fishing has been difficult. Hopefully, things will be opening up, and the fish will be cooperative. Members have been finding places...let’s talk about it at our meeting!

If you have renewed your membership, and haven’t received an emailed newsletter, please contact Debby at [davdebkel@aol.com](mailto:davdebkel@aol.com), and we will get that taken care of.

Happy Fishing!  
David Conklin/President

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*Don't forget to bring two flies to the next club meeting  
for the  
Fly-file!!*



**DON'T MISS OUR DRAWING FOR A FLY  
REEL AT THE JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.  
EVERY MEMBER GETS A TICKET!**

A framed image of a fishing scene. In the foreground, a fishing rod is visible, with its handle and reel. The background shows a river or stream flowing through a landscape with tall grasses and trees under a cloudy sky.

**2020 CFFC Board**

**President:** David Conklin      **Vice President:** Tim Rowe  
**Treasurer:** Ken Briscoe      **Secretary:** Stan Zuber

**Board Members**

**Ed Latour      Ernie Walsh      John Walsh      Bill Hammons**

\*\*\*\*\*SPOONER LAKE REPORT\*\*\*\*\*

This month NDOW has planted Spooner Lake with approximately 2000 Tiger Trout and 4000 Rainbow Trout. Recent fishing has been very good from float tubes and pontoon boats. While trout can be caught throughout the entire lake, they are more concentrated against the edge of the weed beds which are growing along the shoreline.

**The fish appear to be hanging out within 4 feet of the water surface. Utilizing an intermediate or sink tip line and slow stripping with small woolly buggers or small pine squirrel leeches has been effective. Black, brown and olive with a bit of flash are the colors of choice. Many of the hits are very light and sometimes hard to feel. Pay attention to the line straightening out and setting the hook *before* you feel the take.**

There's also consistent surface activity. Try floating line with a dry fly with a #16 pheasant tail or emerger pattern as a trailer. Indicator fishing with zebra midges and balance leeches simply was **not** working.

At time of this writing, there were no personnel at the entry station to Spooner, but there is still a \$10 fee per vehicle. If you are 65 years or older, you may want to consider a Nevada State Parks Pass. The cost is only \$30 and is good for an entire year from date of purchase. You will receive the plastic hanging pass in the mail within three days. The pass goes with the purchaser, meaning you can travel as a passenger in any vehicle and your pass will cover the park entry fee.

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*Congratulations to current and former club members Ken Briscoe, Rob Brehm, Bill Hammons, Craig Steele, Ernie Walsh and John Walsh, as they have all completed the requirement for their 'Trout Slam' certificate. They have caught at least four different species of trout from Pyramid Lake, Hinkson Slough, Spooner Reservoir and Wall Canyon Reservoir.*

## **The Carson Club will have a new fly fishing program for 2020**

The new program will be named 'The Nevada Trout Slam', utilizing the various species of trout in Nevada. Members catching four of the species will be recognized with a framed certificate listing the trout, water and date. There is also a 'Super Slam' certificate for members landing six of the different species of trout.

Here are a few notes regarding some of the different species and strains of trout. Keep in mind we are using all trout found in Nevada, not just the heritage or native trout.

While there are many strains of rainbow trout in the state, for our program all rainbows shall be regarded as Coastal Rainbows with the exception of Redband Rainbows. All Rainbows caught east of Hwy 95 and north of Hwy 80 shall be listed as Redband Rainbows.

There are also many species of Cutthroat trout located in the state. For our program all Cutthroats landed east of Hwy 95 and north of Hwy 80 shall be listed as Humboldt Cutthroats.

Here are the 13 trout recognized for our CFFC 'Trout Slam Certificates'.

Coastal Rainbows

Redband Rainbows

Brook Trout

Brown Trout

Bull Trout

Cuttbaws

Tiger Trout

Cutthroat Trout

Lahontan

Pilot Peak

Summit

Humboldt

Yellowstone

Bonneville

Below is a list of some commonly fished waters and the various species of trout known to be in them. Granted there could be additional trout found in some, such as brook trout could be found in many streams and high lakes throughout the state. If there are questions regarding the identity of trout in specific waters give Bill Hammons a call or see him at a general meeting.

**Hinkson Slough** – Rainbow, Brown, Bowcutt – Some of the larger Rainbows in Hinkson may actually be Bowcutts as they were stocked in 2018. Be sure to check the throat area for signs of scarlet or light orange stripes.

**Spooner Lake** – Rainbow, Bowcutt, Tiger

**Hobart Reservoir** – Rainbow, Brook, Tiger

**Carson Rivers** – Rainbow, Brook, Brown

**Walker Rivers** – Rainbow, Brown

**Pyramid Lake** – Two Cutthroats - Summit, Pilot Peak

**Marlette Lake** – Rainbow, Brook, Lahontan

**All Urban Ponds** - Rainbow, Mitch Pond also has Brown Trout

**Verdi Pond at Crystal Park** – Lahontan

**Truckee River** – Rainbow, Lahontan, Brown

**Desert Creek** – Rainbow, Brook, Brown, Tiger

**Knott Creek Reservoir** – Rainbow, Lahontan, Tiger

**Goose Creek Area** – Yellowstone cutthroats, extreme NE Nevada

**Great Basin Park Area** – Rainbow, Tiger, Brook, Bonneville cutthroats

**Galena Creek** – Rainbow, Brook

**Thomas Creek** – Rainbow, Brook

**Whites Creek** – Rainbow, Brook

**Jarbidge River Area** – Redband, Bull trout

**Wildhorse Reservoir** – Redband, Bowcutt, Brown, Tiger

**Lamoille Canyon Area** – Rainbow, Brook, Tiger

Please keep in mind that this is our club's 'Nevada Trout Slam', and its simple purpose is to encourage our members to experience the state's varied waters and trout species in them.

Photos of the trout are not necessary only the species, the date and water fished.



**Hwy 395 south, turn right on Jacks Valley Road (at Target shopping center). Fifth street on your right is Cherokee Drive. 2nd to last house on the right.  
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