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The Carson Fly Fishing Club

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President's Message

Just a reminder, our meeting location is new this year. We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Carson City Sherriff's Office on East Musser Street. All meetings start at 7pm and the doors are open at 6:45.

Coming up at our April meeting we have Mike Sevon as our guest speaker. He will be presenting a detailed program regarding the fly fishing opportunities for the woefully misunderstood 'Carp'.

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We also wish to thank our February speaker, Steve Dexter for sharing his personal experiences of floating the Green River in Utah.

The club's annual fly tying classes were again successful. Stan reported having six students attend the classes during March. The fly fishing course will be starting in May. Stan has additional information.

Do you have an idea for a presenter, or presentation you would like to see at a future meeting? Let a board member know, perhaps we can make it happen.

Corkboard Feature on the Website

At the top of the page is the address for our club's website. One of the features is the 'corkboard', where all members are urged to post information regarding their latest fishing adventures. We're not looking for detailed secrets, just a bit of insight as to the where's and how's.

April's Guest Speaker – Mike Sevon

Our guest speaker for the April general meeting is retired Ndot biologist Mike Sevon. Mike, who currently resides next to the Truckee River in Verdi, Nevada, was the resident state biologist for the Carson and Walker River drainages from 1980 through 1993 and the supervising fisheries biologist for western Nevada from 1993 through 2006. Since retiring, he concentrates his time between fishing and outdoor photography. He was one of the first anglers in Nevada to capitalize on the recreational potential of catching carp with a fly.



He has developed his own unique patterns to hook up with the 10 pound plus carp that frequent our local waters. If you want to learn about these line ripping Nevada bonefish you will enjoy this presentation.

Flies for Reel Recovery

At the May general meeting our club will be presenting Bob Macias and Jim Norton of Reel Recovery a set of flies to be given to the men participating in the July retreat. Reel Recovery is a fly fishing program designed for men who are cancer survivors or who are currently dealing with cancer.

Standard flies are needed, such as hares ears, pheasant tails, midges, Woolly's, Adams, elk hare caddis etc. Should any club member desire to assist with this most worthy project please contact Jason Koop.

If you have already completed your flies, please bring them to the April meeting.

Introductory Fly Fishing Classes

In May, the club will be sponsoring four nights of introductory fly fishing classes. These lessons will be held at the Sherriff's station and Stan Zuber will again be the lead instructor. Stan has developed these classes over a period of many years and has introduced dozens of members to the art of fly fishing.

May 10 at 7pm.

May 13, 14 and 15 at 7pm.

Contact Stan for additional information.

Fly-fle Drawing

Don't forget the very popular 'Fly-fle' drawing. All members are encouraged to participate by bringing two flies to the general meeting. Flies are then placed in two baskets and tickets are drawn to determine the winner of each set. Any type of fly is acceptable and any level of tier is welcome.

April Fishout – Pyramid Lake

Pyramid Lake is scheduled for our April fishout. The lake has been fishing very well for the last three weeks and the outlook for this spring and early summer appears great. An e-mail will be sent out to all as the date (April 13) nears regarding the best areas to meet and fish.

Be sure and have your picture taken with your Cutthroat trout and mail it to the Ndow office in Reno. It's one of the six fish needed for the Nevada Fish-Slam.

Little Bit O' Soul

Some folks asked about this line from 'A Little Bit O' Soul'. Below is a link to the video on You-Tube. Hold down control and then click on the link.

Now when you're feelin' low and the fish won't bite...

You need a little bit o' soul to make it right...

'The Music Explosion' (1967)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMIydy3Tyuw>

East Walker Beauty

Pictured below is our club's treasurer, Paul McIlwee, holding one of several fine East Walker rainbow trout. This beauty was taken mid-day about a mile downstream of the bridge. Indicator fishing was the ticket, with Koop-de-villes, San Juan worms and dark pheasant tails being the most productive flies.



With the warm spring temperatures, the East Walker's water level is starting to slowly rise. Farmers downstream need water for their crops. Currently the water is clear and wading is no problem, but a wading staff will make it even easier.

Keep Your Midges Clean

The fishing is just so-so, we get a grab every now and then but the gurgling of the water and the singing of the bird's breaks our concentration... We all have a tendency to get lethargic on the maintenance of our flies. A tiny miniscule piece of lake or river grass has attached its self to our fly and we have not looked close enough at the imitation recently to detect it. Bummer! The trout want nothing to

do with this chunk of salad that has found its way onto our fly. It is essential to keep your fly clean at ALL times if you want consistent results.

The best way to clean a fly is NOT by mechanically “picking” the goo off the fly. Dipping the fly into the water and swishing or agitating the debris off the fly while under the surface is best. This method is easy on the materials that comprise the fly and it does an efficient and quick job of cleaning the fly. You may also blow on the fly while it is still wet to clean it instead of handling the fly and pulling the goo off. A series of false casts lightly nipping the surface and using the resistance of the water to pull or strip the debris off the fly can be very effective and a quick way to get a clean bug or tippet

Algae has a tendency to cling to the leader while indicator fishing from a float tube or pontoon boat. The algae will gather on the leader and gradually slide down the line toward your bead head midge creating a green blob at the top of the fly. An easy way to avoid this unnatural gathering around the hooks eye is to tie the midge on small loop knot. The sliding algae will stop short of the fly and gather on the knot above the loop. And as a bonus the midge will have a bit of added motion as it swings on the loop

Natural aquatic insects or baitfish will not have algae or debris clinging to their bodies. Make sure your presentations are “salad free” when stalking trout in your favorite waters.

Ndow ‘Native Fish-Slam’ program

Bill Hammons will present a program in mid April (TBD) detailing the Nevada Fish-Slam and also the California Heritage Trout Challenge. Info will be provided regarding water locations, tactics, flies, and best times for each trout species.

Calendar

April 1 - Regular club meeting - 7pm at the Sherriff’s station

Mike Sevon of Reno will present a program regarding fly fishing for carp at Topaz Lake.

April 13 - Club fishout at Pyramid Lake

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Bob Macias and Jim Norton will be speaking regarding the ‘Reel Recovery Program’

May 10 - Fly fishing course, 7pm. at the Sherriff’s station

May 13, 14&15 - Fly fishing course, 7pm. at the Sherriff’s station

May 18 - Club fishout - at Frenchman’s Lake (multi-day event)

June 3 - Regular club meeting- 7pm at the Sherriff’s Station

Chris Crookshank of Ndow will be speaking