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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. Meetings have been changed from the first Wednesday to the second Tuesday of the month.

Receiving rainfall a few days ago was great. Perhaps it was just the start of a wonderful wet winter season that covers the mountains with a thick blanket of snow. The warm days of summer are gone and with the end of September so are the Hinkson and Hobart fisheries. Hope everyone was able to experience Hobart at least once this year.

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The short Lahontan cutthroat season at Heenan Reservoir is currently underway and the fly fishing is reported to be quite a bit better than it has been in the past few years. The season has some odd restrictions so check the California regulations before going.

Many thanks to Ndw biologist Travis Hawks for speaking to the club at our September meeting. His insight regarding the current conditions of the waters surrounding the Carson City area not only benefits us now, but will only get better as we work with him on future conservation projects.

Mark your calendar, our annual fundraising banquet is scheduled for Saturday November 15th at the Gold Dust West. Hope everyone can attend this fun evening when we present our 'Fly Fisher of the Year' award and announce our 2015 club officers. See you at the General meeting on Tuesday the 7th.

Be sure to bring a pair of flies for the Fly-ffle.

Great Turnout for the Marines

We had a great turnout of club members who served as fly fishing mentors to marines stationed at the Sonora Pass training base near Bridgeport. Rob Brehm and Kelleen O'dell coordinated the event which provided a classroom and on the water fly fishing experience for service personal who were either just returning from the Middle East or who are scheduled for deployment.

None of the soldiers attending had ever touched a fly rod and few had done any fishing at all before this opportunity was offered. Club members provided all the equipment and terminal materials needed for a memorable day of fishing on the West Walker River. In addition to Rob and Kelleen, members assisting included Jason Koop, Stan Zuber, Dave Conklin and Cole Redmond.

Below is photo of Mikala holding the first fish of her life. The big smile tells a wonderful story by itself. God bless our fine service men and women.



Two Nevada Fish Slam Awards

The Nevada Department of Wildlife recently presented a pair of personalized certificates to Bill Hammons and Craig Steele for completing the Nevada Fish Slam. The award, in its third year, is given to anglers who catch and release the state's six native fish from their heritage watersheds. Bill and Craig are the 8th and 9th anglers to be recognized.

After Dan Sedergren's presentation to the club we have had more members fishing the small area streams. Below is an Orvis article that should be helpful.

How to Make a Careful Approach?

When prospecting for trout on moving water, you don't have the advantage of knowing exactly where the trout are, as when fishing to rising fish, so your approach is even more critical. Not only don't you know where they are, but trout not actively feeding are more alert. Assume that the fish can see or hear you before you see them.

You can get closer to a trout by approaching from directly behind, but many times stream conditions or the method you have chosen won't allow it. Keep your profile low and your approach as stealthy as possible.

The crucial part starts before you step into the water. Staying well back from the water, read the water in the entire pool or riffle and figure out where most of the fish are before you step in. Then make a plan for the pool. If you're faced with a pool where you suspect most of the good fish are at the head, starting at the tail may spook smaller trout into the head, causing a chain reaction of spooked fish. Your plan here might be to cut into the middle of the pool, so that any spooked fish will be forced to the tail.

Remember not to push ripples ahead of you when you wade. Any trout within the concentric circles will stop feeding. If you wade, shallower water dissipates ripples faster than deep water and fast water keeps them from moving upstream. So when wading, try to keep in fast shallow water.

Stay on the bank if you can. If you need to keep your profile low, kneel or crawl along the bank and don't create heavy foot falls, you can almost always fish a meadow stream more effectively by staying out of the water.

By staying directly below an object, you can break up the effect of wading, and often wade to within 15 feet of a trout with a rock or log between you and it. It is always better to kneel or crouch when approaching trout. Avoid making a silhouette against the horizon. It draws attention to you. When possible, stay on the side with the brushier bank. Choose the color of your fishing vest and clothing to match the water's background. Drab green for brushy streams and tan for summer grasslands.

Closing considerations: In small streams, the shorter your casts the more successful you'll be, as long as you make a thoughtful and careful approach. Making a 20' cast when a 10-footer will do is quite simply an ego booster and serves no purpose. You're asking for trouble by spooking every fish in the pool and having your fly drag as soon as it hits the water. Not to mention catching the brush and trees behind you.

Advanced Casting Clinic

The general casting class held earlier this year in a beautiful park setting with instructor Bob Macias was perfect. The club's board has decided to hold another Saturday gathering with Bob in late October or early November. This will be an advanced casting clinic and main topics will be double-haul and presentation casts. Actual date will be announced through a later e-mail and details will be discussed at the general meeting on Tuesday Oct. 14th.

2014 Fly Fishing Faire in Mammoth

Mammoth Lakes hosted the Southwest council's 4th annual three day Fly Fishing Faire and it was once again a great success. The Faire offered classes for tying and casting in addition to multiple demonstrations, lectures and seminars. Most of the tying, casting and on the water classes were structured for specific skills levels, introductory through advanced, which allowed participants to be comfortable regardless of their experience. Each year club members attend this fly fishing only event, check with Craig, Bill or Stan regarding their experiences. The Faire is based at Cerro Coso Community College in Mammoth Lakes and takes place every year in September.

Calendar

Oct. 14 – General Meeting at the Sheriff's Office 7pm

Oct. 29 – Board Meeting

Nov. 8 – Southwest Council FF Tournament in Kernville, Calif.

Nov. 11 – General Meeting at the Sheriff's Office 7pm

Nov. 15 – Annual Banquet at Gold Dust West