

FLY LINES & FISH TALES



September, 2012

General Membership Meeting (Tracy Fly Fishers)

Our next meeting of the Tracy Fly Fishers will be on Wednesday, September 19.

Meeting location is the Transit Station at 50 E. Sixth St.

Our guest speaker this month will be Mike E. Wier.

Meeting starts at 7:00.

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Prez Says

What a great job our members did at the Bean Festival. The booth was large enough to walk in and see what the Tracy Fly Fishers was all about. I had a lot of fun tying some flies while Rick Clemens and Chuck Sterni were signing up new members. Pat Freggie kept the booth up and running as well. Thanks to all the members who came down and helped out with set up, tying demos and just stopping by and saying hi.

I look forward to meeting all the new members at the next meeting. If you are a new member please take advantage of the "Intro to Fly Fishing

Class" on Oct.6th. See Rick Clemens at the next meeting to sign up.

The year is winding down so if you want to get one more day on the water the Alpine lake September 28-29th outing is worth a drive up the mountain. Although all the cabins are full, there is a group coming up Saturday 29th for the day. If you are interested please attend the "Pre-outing meeting" on Monday night, September 24th. You need intermediate line and float tube to best fish the lake. Woolly buggers and streamer type flies are the norm. Many more outings are also coming up so stay tuned.

Crab feed and installation dinner is right around the

corner so start thinking about getting your tickets early as last year they went fast.

It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone by but still a lot great fall fishing to look forward to. So come down to the meeting and see what fishing you like to do in the next few months.

Keep it tight!

Ben Byng



September's Guest Speaker:



Mike E. Wier (Mikey) was born on the South Island of New Zealand and moved to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada at age 2. By age 7, Mikey discovered his two favorite sports, skateboarding and fly fishing. When Mikey wasn't trying to jump off of something on a skateboard, he spent much of his childhood chasing around bass and trout in the Hwy 88 region of Amador County. Growing up in one of the most rural settings California had to offer led Mikey to a deeper appreciation for Nature and a life-long passion for the outdoors, wildlife and conservation of our last remaining wild places. Mikey moved to Lake Tahoe in 1996 to pursue his other passion in life, snowboarding. He got a job in the Snowboard Park at Kirkwood Ski Resort and began designing jumps and maintaining the features. By his second year in Tahoe, he had a sponsorship deal and began competing.

Within another year, he went pro and landed sponsorship deals with some of the best companies in the industry. He spent a good deal of his seasons riding for videos and doing shoots for magazines, as well as traveling around competing, doing product demos and working events.

In the summers, Mikey maintained a close connection to his old friend, fly-fishing. He started out as a shop employee with the Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters his first summer in Tahoe. By his second season, he had worked his way up to guiding full time and sharing his passion with others. Fly fishing became a great source of pleasure and relaxation and a good way to stay outdoors and connected with the rivers throughout the summer. Over the years, Mikey also developed interests in painting, surfing, traveling and environmental activism.

In addition to guiding and snowboarding, Mikey started and runs Burl Productions. Burl fuses the ski/surf style of video making with the blossoming sport of fly-fishing and environmental awareness. Burl Productions is the first fishing-oriented production to bring non-instructional fishing highlights

and entertainment-based videos to the market. Their first release was FISH EYE Fly Fishing Video Magazine in 2001. They then filmed and released FISH EYE 2 the next season. In 2003, Mikey traveled to South America with a couple of up-and-coming fly fisherman from the North West and filmed the first Trout Bum Diaries. In 2006, Burl embarked on a set of trips around the globe to film the ultimate fly-fishing adventure video. They filmed in Mongolia, Brazil, Christmas Island, Belize, Utah, California, Louisiana and the Florida Keys, with some of the most talented anglers on the planet, in search of the "soul of fly-fishing." The result was SOULFISH, which has been dubbed fly fishing's answer to the Bruce Brown surf classic, *The Endless Summer*. With Mikey still in charge, Burl Productions continues to pride itself on producing the most exciting fishing, conservation and lifestyle videos available today. thegreen-rush.com For more information about Mikey or some of his latest projects, check out: www.fisheyevideos.com and www.burlproductions.com

Education:

Trout In The Classroom:

There will be a one-day training for the Trout in the Classroom that all new teachers have to attend. Fly Fishing Club members involved with the Trout in the Classroom program, or looking to get involved, are also encouraged to attend. This year's training will be held on 10-27-12 at the East Bay Trudeau Center. Even previous attendees that attend usually learn new ideas to help our program here in Tracy. There is no cost to club members who want to attend. TFF picks up your training costs. You just have to drive there! If you have an interest to attend please contact Rod Buchanan at 209.815.0062

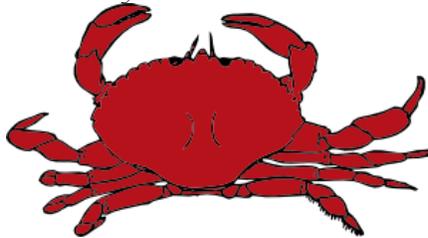
Intro to fly fishing:

Saturday October 6th is our 'Introduction to Fly Fishing' class. This is open to all paid members and their families- so if you are new to the club or want to "brush-up" on some things- this is the class for you. Sign up at the September 19th meeting.

2013 Installation Dinner:

2013 Installation dinner will be January 5th, 2013 with tickets costing \$40.00 each. We will be seating 240 for this event, 20 more than last year. There will be tri-tip for those who do not eat crab, along with (2) door prizes with everyone in attendance eligible. Last year was a great success and we are anticipating that you will make 2013 even better. I am eagerly looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming event with their bib on!

-Stan Elijah



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The Tracy Fly Fishers' Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Safeway grocery store's Community Room at 1801 W. 11th Street. The next board meeting will be held on October 3, 2012, at 7:00 pm. The Board meetings are open to all TFF members. Stop by and see what goes on "behind the scenes" of your club!

Wish to make a difference locally? The Delta is our backyard. Check out the CSPA website and sign up for their action alerts at:

[CSPA, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance](http://CSPA.CaliforniaSportfishingProtectionAlliance) or www.calsport.org/

Upcoming Outings:

Pit River:

This is our next club outing is this week, September 15 - 22. Hope you're able to make it!

TFF attends the 26th Annual Tracy Bean Festival!

Once again, the **Tracy Fly Fishers** participated in the **Annual Tracy Bean Festival**, this year being the 26th year of the event.

Early estimates are that nearly 20,000 people attended the two-day event and many stopped at our booth to see what we had to say. We had great displays showing our support for our Members, the Community and our Conservation efforts. We had a nice hand-out on how to tie knots, destinations on where to go locally to fish, instructional information and membership opportunities. Surprisingly, many did not know there is a club in Tracy and after a few moments we had families wanting to join and experience what we current members already know...FUN!

This year we have 11 new families coming into our club and we also had 10 current members pre-pay for 2013. This year we are offering

Alpine Lake Outing: Will take place September 28 – 30. We have three cabins reserved (already full) The “pre meeting” will be on Sept 24th at 7:00pm, at the Safeway Starbucks. Although the tent cabins are full you can still join us. Some are just coming up as a day trip. Talk to people at our Sept 19 mtg.

current members who pre-pay for 2013, an opportunity to be placed in a drawing for a **Cabela's 5-piece 3weight complete combo package.** The contest will last until the November 2012 meeting so get paid up for 2013 and have a chance to win!

In addition, all the new members that joined at the festival or join at the September 19th meeting, have a chance to win a ½ day on the **Delta- Bass fishing with Rod Buchanan**...so if this is your Complementary Newsletter-join at the next meeting and you too have a chance to win!

I would like to thank the following members for their help that made this event a success:

Pat Ferguson, Stan Elijah, Mallory Clemens, Lisa Clemens, Mallary Clow, Rudy Lazard, Steve Holtzclaw, Rod Buchanan, Jeff Fadden, Ben Byng, Steve Potter, Chuck Sterni.

Thank you all once again!

-Rick Clemens

Feather River outing: Our final outing of the year will be to the Feather River for Steelhead on November 3. “Pre-meeting time and date are tbd. (stay tuned!)”



Chuck Sterni & Rudy Lazard

With Steelhead fishing arriving quickly, here are some helpful hints taken directly from the Red's Flyshop newsletter:

Tips for Steelhead Fishing

#1 - Wet Your Line - We are better at fishing than math, but we ran a poll recently and were surprised to find that 100% of the anglers that caught steelhead last year also went steelhead fishing. Fascinating stuff. Anglers that did not go steelhead fishing had a depressing success rate of 0%! This is overwhelming evidence that you can't catch fish if you don't go. Get out your calendar and make some time for steelhead fishing.

#2 - Be Comfortable - It is tough to have a fun day of steelhead fishing and focus on your fly when you have leaky waders, chilly hands, and damp base layers. Take some time to prepare your clothing and layering system. Trusty waders, good gloves, stocking caps, fleece pants that wick moisture, and a synthetic down insulating layer are must have items. Do a trial run, put your layers on at home before you go and figure out what system is the most effective and comfortable. A good wading jacket is invaluable and may save your trip... or life for that matter!

#3 - Control the Outcome - A wise man, one of our dads actually, use to plan on taking his son fishing with a controllable fun factor mixed in. Maybe this helped him love the sport so much and it also proves that dads are the ultimate

fishing guides. :) No matter whether the fishing was bad, good, cold, or downright miserable it always ended or included a fun component that the fish and weather couldn't mess with. On a steelhead trip this might be a great dinners at night, fine wines, spirits, good cigars, or a traditional stop at your favorite diner for chicken fried steak on the way home.

Whatever it is, plan a fun component that is certain to keep morale high. We have found that groups who keep the "mojo" high tend to catch more fish!

#4 - Luck is an Attitude - The difference between not catching fish and a good day might be a single cast, mend, or hookset. The difference between a good day and an epic day might be just a few more simple casts, mends, or sets. Stay focused but not militant in your approach and create your own luck. Be confident and believe in every cast. If you don't fish your cast with focus and intent, what was the point in throwing it?

#5 - Good Rods - We'll be honest, most of the time in Steelhead fishing there is a lot more casting than catching and it is usually with weighted flies. The cast should be enjoyable, fluid, fun, and hopefully it doesn't wear you down and take your focus off the drift or swing. Plus, use of your elbow the next day shouldn't require a glass of scotch and a half bottle of Ibuprofen! Good rods with the right fly lines take the fatigue and frustration out of fly casting. Get the right gear and you will have a much fresher mind and body which results in more fish and more fun.

#6 - Fish Hard, Rest Easy - Our friends at [Deneki Outdoors](#) coined this phrase and we happen to live by it. As guides, we want to see you fish hard but you are also on vacation. Take a long lunch during the sunny part of the day and let your mind and body relax a bit. You will fish the mornings and evenings better when you aren't exhausted and frustrated, plus this is a chance to chat with your buddies, learn a new cast from the guide, and soak in the surroundings. Fish hard, rest easy



Casting in the Park -Chuck Robbins

Join Chuck and other TFF members for casting instruction on the second Wednesday of the month at Dr. Powers Park. Chuck is usually there by 6:00 pm.

A great way to meet other members.

The next and last session for the 2012 season will be on October 10th. **Last chance this season!**

Hope to see you there!

General Information:

Any raffle item donations are greatly appreciated. Anyone that donates an item will receive 5 free raffle tickets.

New- TFF logo, "grabber" fly boxes.

\$15.00 each or 2 for \$25. Go in with a buddy to save. Our previous style box with the regular foam holder is still available for \$8.00 each.

Remember, we are a nonprofit organization so your donations are tax deductible!

Support your local Parks and Recreation District

Parks Make Life Better! Parks and recreation make lives and communities better now and in the future by providing access to the serenity and inspiration of nature; outdoor space to play and exercise; facilities for self-directed and organized recreation; positive alternatives for youth which help lower crime and mischief; and activities that facilitate social connections, human development, therapy, the arts, and lifelong learning. Check out our Parks and Community Services Video:

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