

Fly Lines & Fish Tales

FEBRUARY 2014



The Prez Sez:

I can't believe its February already. Time to start planning this year's fishing trips. The board is working on our outings schedule. If you have ideas or would like to be the fish meister for one, please let us know. Now's the perfect time to get an outing scheduled and expose your fellow members to a new fishing experience.

Rain at last. That rain dance that Steve Potter had us doing at our last board meeting seems to be working. :-) Keep your fingers crossed we definitely need it to keep coming.

Back tracking a little, I'd like to thank all of you for the support given to our crab feed. It was a huge success. Mike will provide an update in this month's general meeting. All Feedback on the crab feed is encouraged. Although most aspects of it went very well, there is always room for improvement. Please let us know about your personal experience.

Trout in the Classroom is coming up fast. Please talk to Steve Holtzclaw, if you are interested in helping. We have four classrooms signed up for this year.



The release at Shadow Cliffs can always use more volunteers.

I'm fairly new to the club and fly fishing, I think this is my 7th or 8th year. I look forward to getting to know all of you and welcome your feed back every inch of the way. The only way we can provide continued improvement is with your feedback. I don't believe in doing something a certain way just because it's always been done that way. If we need to change to improve, let's do it.

Hope to see all of you at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show.

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Tracy Fly Fishers' Activity Calendar

February Meeting, February 19 "Pyramid Lake Opportunities" by Rob Anderson

March 5th- Board Meeting- all are welcome

March 10-11- Pyramid Lake outing- see information on page 5

Hidden Talent Sought

Would you want to see your talents added to the newsletter? Do you recall an incident that you could put to pen or just have incriminating photos of nekkid fish out of water or fishout report? Budding writers & photographers can send their submissions to:

craiggittings@sbcglobal.net

Pyramid Lake Opportunities

Rob Anderson will be our February guest Speaker. Topic will focus on Pyramid Lake.

Rob Anderson, a Signature Fly Designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants resides in Reno, Nevada and currently has his own fly fishing travel business, Bucket List Fly Fishing Adventures. Rob is also the lead guide and owner of Reno Fly Fishing Outfitters. Rob currently guides on the Truckee River in both California and Nevada, Pyramid Lake, Davis Lake, East Walker River, Frenchman's and 4 different private waters. He regularly does speaking engagements on Pyramid Lake *other Northern Nevada and California waters and numerous "Bucket List" destinations around the world including an annual hosted trip to the Amazon for Peacock Bass. Rob is always willing and ready to educate fly fishing enthusiasts. And* if you really want to get the scoop, join Jeff Fadden and Ron Anderson at Famous Dave's before the club meeting for dinner.

Start time is around 5 PM. All are welcome.

Rob Anderson assists his client, who is still in disbelief that you can actually catch fish in weather this cold, as they ready for the hero shot. This is not a plastic fish. It is also suspected that this fish was passed around to Steve Holtzclaw for a suitable photo at the same non disclosed lake. No, this is not Terra del Fuego. Come to the next club meeting to find out how you can have your photo taken with this same fish. No stringers were used in the capture or release of this fish. Also, there will be a fishout to Pyramid for those that can fish Monday and Tuesday. Look for details in the following pages.



TFF Educational Opportunities-

Casting instruction at Dr. Powers Park with Chuck Robbins, the club's own Certified Casting Instructor, provides instruction for any and all that seek him out. From basic introduction to improving your loops and double haul. Look for Chuck Robbins to return on March 12, 6 PM for our first Casting in the Park with Chuck Robbins.

Steve Potter will hold an intermediate fly tying class in May. Class size is limited. Watch for further details at upcoming meetings. Both Steve and Ben Byng will be tying at the upcoming FlyFishing Show in Pleasanton, if you can't wait until May. Drop by and say, "Hi".

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[Tracy Fly Fishers » Outings](#)- Bruce Germolus

April 19 Kistler Ranch
April 26 White Pines- Trout opener
June 20-22 Lake Davis
Late July TBD- Milton Reservoir
Sept 27 Lake Alpine
Oct TBD- Feather River Steelhead

Skwala time already??



These adult Skwalas are not just trying to keep warm. The Skwalas know what time it is, even in a severe drought year. Typically, their emergence migration to shore occurs under the cloak and safety of darkness. Yet, those fish seem to know when it occurs as well. Skwalas are a major presence on only two drainages in California, the Yuba is one of them. Consider the Skwala a main food source until the March Brown emergence arrives. A Jimmy Legs fished close to shore early in the day might entice a grab now. A dry fly imitation might work as well, but only if the trout look up. Best bet is to stay subsurface with a readily recognizable nymph version.

Photo taken January, 31 courtesy of [Jon Baiocchi](#) via his [Blog](#) site. (Click on the hot links to view his websites)

File this under Conservation

It seemed oddly curious when it was reported that the Los Angeles Basin water storage was near or at capacity a few months back, while noticing Shasta and Oroville were way down. "Hm, how could this be?" was my first response.

The Emptying of Northern California Reservoirs

by DAN BACHER

Last summer, high water releases down the Sacramento, Feather and American rivers left Shasta, Oroville and Folsom reservoirs at dangerously low levels. Shasta is at 36 percent of capacity and 53 percent of average; Oroville, 36 percent of capacity and 54 percent of average; and Folsom, 17 percent of capacity and 32 percent of average.

Yet Pyramid Lake in Southern California is at 96 percent of capacity and 101 percent of average, while Castaic Reservoir is 86 percent of capacity and 102 percent of average...

..."With no rainfall and little snowpack, the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau (of Reclamation) notified their contractors that water deliveries would be reduced. But they didn't reduce deliveries. Instead, they actually exported 835,000 acre-feet more water than they said they would be able to deliver," said Jennings...

<http://www.counterpunch.org/2014/02/07/the-emptying-of-northern-california-reservoirs/>

The [Tracy Fly Fishers](#) meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Tracy Transit Station at 50 Sixth St. Club Meetings normally begin at 7 p.m.

The [Tracy Fly Fishers](#)' Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Safeway grocery store's Community Room (behind the Floral Dept) at 1801 W. 11th Street. The Board meetings are open to all TFF members. Board Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Stop by and see what goes on "behind the scenes" of your club! Make your concerns known.

Wish to make a difference locally? The Delta is our backyard. Check out the CSPA website and sign up for their action alerts at: [California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, CSPA](#) This is a clickable link for folks reading this at their computer.

BRAVE SOULS TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE- PYRAMID REPORT

Jeff Fadden reports that the fishing was slow. However, he includes this photo of Steve Holtzclaw. Steve now possesses fish bragging rights at Pyramid Lake. Steve, rather than provide details, would rather let the photo do his talking. Steve noted that the Pilot Peak strain of Lahontan Cutthroats continues to grow. The lake has produced a number of fish in the 20 lb range this season. Is it too late to organize a follow up fish out? Talk to Steve. Fly of choice for this fish was a white wooley buggers and Chartreuse and white beetle trailer. This was one of those sunset grabs after casting all day. Feed by snow melt, Pyramid is falling victim to the wide spread draught in the west.

In Steve's words, "The water level is low so we did away with the ladders. You can walk out mid shin deep and then you hit a big drop off. No wind, flat calm all weekend. Went back the next morning and on my second cast I missed a bite and that was it for Sunday. We left around noon to get back in time for the Niner game." If this is on your bucket list, look for details on fishing the lake with Rob

Anderson and Rich Lobrovich. Look for details on the following pages.

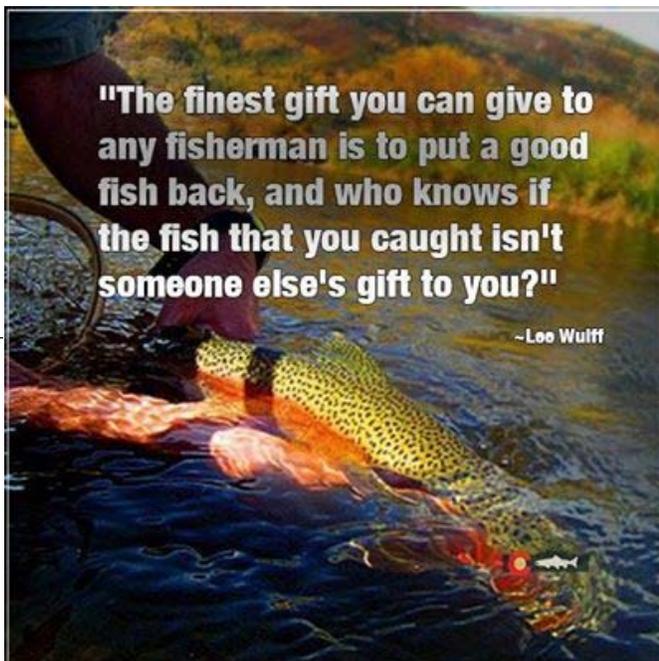
Perseverance pays off for Steve



The benefits of one more cast

STRATEGIC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors previously voted to withdraw the club as an FFF Affiliate club. Many of the board members did not see the value added by being affiliated. There was a monetary burden on the club that could be used elsewhere. Club members will have the final say on the matter at the next club meeting. Kistler Ranch was confirmed for the opener this year. If any of you had any issues with the crab feed, please make them aware at the next club meeting or by email to Mark McLean, if you wish to remain anonymous. Feedback is good. Stepping up to help out will always be cheerfully and readily accepted.



It takes courage to get your government leaders to listen. How many of you would have ever thought that a bush pilot, working and guiding in the roadless areas of Newfoundland and Labrador, would have such fore sight? Having witnessed the decline of Atlantic salmon populations from over fishing, when asked to establish fish camps for the Canadian government, Lee Wulff asked for only one thing- that the clients be required to practice Catch and Release. Otherwise, he would not do it. Lee saw a natural resource being depleted in his life time and wanted to protect Brook trout from the same path as Atlantic salmon. Protecting a resource was more important than providing table fare.

Think about it on your next visit to the water.

PYRAMID LAKE FISHOUT

with Rich Lobrovich

If the February guest speaker gets you fired up, do I have an opportunity for you. Here is the deal. Fish Monday and Tuesday, March 10 and 11, with Rob Anderson, our February Guest Speaker. Not only will Rob guide the group, he'll provide coffee, breakfast as well as lunch with a ladder Monday and Tuesday, March 10 and 11. You will have access to the ladders all week long if you participate and decide to fish longer than Tuesday. This sounds better the more I read. Too bad it is not a fair weather activity. Any takers?? The cost is \$160 per angler. You will need to purchase a daily license from the Paiute Tribe, which runs \$9 a day. Rich is looking for 6 anglers, or should I say six brave souls. This the same place, Obi Wan, er, I mean Steve Holtzclaw is shown with that plastic fish in this newsletter. After the program presentation by Rob Anderson, you might just get the bug to participate. More details are included as an attachment in this email. Rich is our wayward soul and founding club president. I have not priced ladders, but this could be your way to catching that trophy Lahontan cutthroat trout. Any hero photos will end up in the club newsletter. Rich will be at Pyramid for the whole week. You will be able to spot him as he will be fishing in a T shirt and shorts.

Please reply by phone by TUESDAY 2-20-14 before 9PM to confirm that you are indeed committed to pay the \$160 fee, and that you are going on this trip.

RICH LOBROVICH 801-910-6600 CELL,
<richlob@geopolyflyfishing.com>

All Rich asks is that you are a Federation member.

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Next Meeting is on
Feb. 18th @ 7:00 pm