President’s Message - Frank R. Pisciotta

December was a good month for rain, not snowpack. We need more snow. During this month and the next let’s hope for a substantial increase in snow-pack...that sticks!

We’ll start 2015 with two events. Don’t miss either of these because they are both fun get-togethers. First is TTFF’s annual Pot-Luck Social/Streaming Images event at the Truckee Community & Rec Center on Thursday January 15. Do send digitals to Dean McKay (hdeanmckay@mac.com). Ideally provide a caption and/or comment as to who, where and when. Images solicited are not just fly angling, please include adventures such as Mike Brugh’s recent Montana sightseeing trip.

I’m also looking forward to our outing on the Lower Yuba on Saturday January the 31st. If you haven’t signed-up yet, do, because there is limited space [2 places left] for the private access. TTFF member and professional fly angling guide Jon Baiocchi will join us and will give a briefing as to conditions, techniques and flies to use before we wet a line. Last year we experienced decent target-fishing to steadily rising trout.

TTFF’s Vice-President, Paul Dillon will be on an exploratory trip to legendary Christmas Island. There he’ll attempt to dupe finicky bonefish subdue Giant Trevally on his 12 weight outfit, and any other toothy critters that inhabit the salt-flats in the area. Member Captain Chris Maher will also visit Christmas Island in April. We all look forward to Paul and Chris’s presentation to this “bucket-list” venue later in the year.

The Board of Directors invites any member to attend and participate in a monthly board meeting occurring the second Thursday of each month. We’re looking for new ideas and encouraging members to get involved, give advice and help plan and coordinate events.

-- Tight Lines, Frank R. Pisciotta
Truckee River Watershed Council - Improving our Fishing
By Lisa Wallace, Executive Director, TRWC and TTFF Member

Last month we told you about a great restoration project on the Little Truckee River being led by Trout Unlimited. Now we want to fill you in on two more projects that are good for wild trout. The Truckee River Watershed Council is leading the 1st Four Mile Restoration project and the Prosser Creek Fish Enhancement project, and both will be completed in autumn 2015.

The First 4 Mile Project starts just downstream from Tahoe Dam and runs to Bear Creek (Alpine Meadows Road). As you well know, this reach gets heavy recreation use from the adjacent bike trail and river rafting, as well as anglers. We are loving to death the stream banks, wetlands and meadows along the Truckee River. At three sites the project will restore meadows and wetlands, and stabilize stream banks. We’ll place boulders and trees to create instream habitat. Finally, we’ll use vegetation along with other boulders and trees to direct access to specific areas which can accommodate the rafters. The resulting project will decrease erosion and create resting areas and cover for fish.

Restoration projects in and around infrastructure (highways, bike trails, underground sewer lines) are difficult. A big shout out to our partners Placer County, Tahoe City PUD, Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency, U.S. Forest Service, and CalTrans for cooperating so readily. The construction funding comes from the Truckee River Fund and the state of California. Equally important, TTFF has supported this project by being a donor to our Together for the Truckee Society. Financial support from TTFF means the Watershed Council has the staff to run a project this complicated. Thank you!

The Prosser Creek Fish Enhancement Project is located immediately below Prosser Dam. The project will improve instream habitat along approximately 1,000 feet. Prosser Dam was completed in 1962. Before that large wood, boulders, cobbles, and gravels moved naturally from upper Prosser Creek to the lower reach, supporting a healthy fishery. The dam has eliminated the source for these essential habitat elements in lower Prosser Creek, and fish populations have declined over the past decades. The reach is now composed of cobbled-riffle and glide, lacking cover and resting locations for fish. We’ll place several large log structures and boulder fields. The log structures will create undercut banks and cover habitat for fish. The boulders provide for resting habitat in the main channel.

Restoration projects in tailwaters are as difficult as projects around sewer lines! So another big shout-out: this time to the U.S Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Forest Service for cooperating so readily with the project. The construction funding comes from the Bella Vista Foundation, the National Forest Foundation, and the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation. And again, equally important, TTFF has supported this project by being a donor to our Together for the Truckee Society. Financial support from TTFF means the Watershed Council has the staff to run this project. Thank you!

Thanks to all of you Tahoe Truckee Fly Fishers for supporting the Truckee River Watershed Council - 2015 is going to be a great year for wild trout!

For more information on the Truckee River Watershed Council, click HERE and consider attending a River Talk for an in depth understanding of the many ways they are improving our watershed - Click HERE for the River Talk schedule.

January General Meeting - Thursday, January 15
Our 2015 Kickoff event will be held on Thursday, January 15 at the Truckee Community and Rec Center from 6 pm to 8 pm. This will be a social/potluck event as we did last year. Please plan to bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share and your beverage of choice (alcohol is ok). Spouses and new potential members are encouraged to attend.

2015 Dues are now payable: Click HERE for the membership form
Lower Yuba River GroupFish - January 31

We will make our annual trip to the Lower Yuba River on Saturday, January 31. This is a tailwater fishery below Englebright Dam near Marysville. We fish out of the UC Sierra Field Station which gives us access to the best water on the river above the Highway 20 bridge. There is a nice pavilion right on the river for lunch and the club will provide the charcoal for the grill. We should be right in the midst of the Skwala Stone fly hatch.

Wading on this stretch of river while good, can be challenging due to the large gravel and rocks. A wading staff is highly recommended. Access is very good both up and downstream from the Field Station on well established trails with a few miles of river available.

We will meet at the north end of the Highway 20 Bridge as it crosses the Yuba at 7:30 am, about 1 ½ hours from Truckee. All attendees must be members in good standing for insurance purposes. We have a maximum of 20 anglers for this event and there will be a $15 charge per person to cover expenses (collected at the river).

There are only TWO SPOTS left so click HERE to sign up for this great event. Click HERE to see who else is going.

NEW - TTFF Fishing Connection - Sign up and fish with other members

Many members have asked for membership contact information to be posted on our website so they can contact others interested in going fishing. We have not done that to date as we did not have a way to manage privacy concerns - until now! Using a new form, you can elect to post your email address to our new TTFF Fishing Connection worksheet so other members can contact you or you can reach others. The worksheet will be available to anyone with the link as shared in The Flyline. Click HERE to register. Click HERE to see the TTFF Fishing Connection.
February General Meeting - Thursday, February 19
The theme of this meeting will be Pyramid Lake and other high desert stillwaters of Nevada. Our guest speaker, Mike Savon is a former Nevada Fisheries Biologist and advisor to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. He will share his experience on these waters available to TTFF members year around. Join us at the Truckee Community and Rec Center from 6 pm to 8 pm. We will have our usual raffle too!

2015 Board of Directors and Officers
The Board of Directors and Officers for 2015 are:

President: Frank Pisciotta
Vice President: Paul Dillon
Secretary/Treasurer: Dick Gander
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Director: Dean McKay
Alternate Director: Lew Webb
Alternate Director: Larry Heywood (and Conservation Chair)

Contact any of the Board with ideas, questions or concerns. Please consider volunteering for the Board as we can always use your help.

Out of State Trips
As Frank mentioned, he is also planning trips to the Green River in April and Montana in September. To read about Frank’s last visits to these locations, see his blog at [www.flyfishingcalifornia.blogspot.com](http://www.flyfishingcalifornia.blogspot.com), and then see entries for:
1-----“Busman’s Holiday in Utah…an Epilogue”….5/28/14
2----“Dillon Montana Quickie”……10/8/09
Contact Frank for more details at [cyberfly@cyberfly.com](mailto:cyberfly@cyberfly.com).

2015 Membership Renewals Now Due
The Board voted to simplify our membership fees to combine the new member and renewal fees to a single amount so for 2015, renewals will be $30 for single and $35 for family membership. You can download the form by clicking [HERE](mailto:HERE).

2015 Fly Tying Class
John Marcacci’s fly tying class is starting Tuesday, January 6 in Tahoe City. The course will focus on Pyramid Lake and other stillwater flies. The class is full at this time.

5 Dot Reservoir - June 1 & 2, 2015
Larry Heywood has arranged for the club to have exclusive access to the private 400 acre lake on the 5 Dot Cattle Ranch near Susanville. Click [HERE](mailto:HERE) for their website. The lake is managed for trophy trout and sits in the middle of the largest working cattle ranch in California.

We will arrive at the ranch on the evening of Sunday, May 31 and fish both Monday and Tuesday, June 1 & 2. Camping is appropriate for tents and campers and more details will follow. In addition, we plan to have Doug Ouellette give us a presentation on 5 Dot for our March 2015 meeting.

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Doug runs a number of clinics at the lake and is the booking agent for it. Doug is an expert stillwater fisherman so his presentation will apply to any lake.

We have a minimum of 10 anglers and a maximum of 25 for the trip. The cost will be $100 per angler per day or $200 for the trip. Non-anglers are welcome to share your camp and may hike, mountain bike or just hang out. Click HERE to reserve a spot. A deposit of $100 will be required prior to May 1 to hold your spot. Click HERE to see who else has signed up.

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