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Tarbell Steel- Richard Tarbell with his first Steelhead on the Trinity River.

2010 Another Great Year for TVFF

President's Message: Bob McCollum

As 2010 and my term as president come to a close, it occurs to me that TVFF has had another very successful year.

The Club finally achieved a long-held goal of becoming an official non-profit organization. We had more members this year than ever before, to my knowledge. The Trout in the Classroom program helped thousands of children in 30 classrooms gain a new appreciation for fish and the environment. Our treasury is in great shape with more year-end reserves than I can ever remember. The latter is due to a combination of strong proceeds (membership dues + excellent silent auction results), and wise stewardship of our funds by the Board of Directors. These accomplishments are only the tip of the iceberg.

As with all non-profit organizations, TVFF succeeds through the passion of the members to see the club grow and advance. Many of the key contributors of this human capital are members of the Board of Directors, the Trout in the Classroom team, and other highly involved members. I'd like to thank everyone that has contributed to the success of TVFF in 2010.

I'm looking forward to the continued success of the Club in 2011 under the leadership of Tom Vargas and the new Board. In closing, I want to encourage each of you to get involved and ensure the future success of the Tri-Valley Fly Fishers.

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Refreshments	Richard Tarbell
Video librarian	Frank Gordet

A friendly reminder from Hal Wilson:

- New fishing licenses are required after Jan 1.*
- Please remember to mail in your 2010 Steelhead tally card.*

2011 Membership Fees are now Due!!

2011 Membership Dues will remain at \$35.00 (Individual and Family) if paid on or before February 3rd, 2011. After February 3rd, a \$40.00 Membership Fee will be applied.

January Meeting: Annual Fly Tying Expo

Join us at our regular January meeting on the 6th for the annual Fly Tying Expo. We have 8 to 10 elite bay area fly tiers showing their skills and answering questions.. You can also enjoy a pizza, salad and drink dinner for \$5 if you call Jim Broadbent by Tues. Jan 4th. (925) 455-1046 Please pay at the meeting.



February Meeting: 2011 Installation BBQ

Join us at our regular meeting on February 3rd for the first annual TVFF Installation Potluck BBQ. The Club will provide the BBQ'd meat and beverages as well as the paper plates, etc. Please sign up at the meeting to bring a food item to share.

In addition to a sumptuous dinner, we will honor the out going Board members and install the new Board for 2011. We will also have our VIP (Volunteer Incentive Plan) drawing for a Winston 6 weight rod and a few other goodies.

Please bring your spouse and any guests that you'd like to introduce to the club. Just be sure to indicate the number of guests when you sign up so we have an accurate count for the BBQ.

See you there!



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Trinity Outing Report

by Bob McCollum

Ten TVFF anglers converged on the Klamath River in early December to fish for Steelhead. The group enjoyed two days of drift fishing with Sacramento River Outfitter's. Unlike the recent boom years, this year was old-fashioned steelheading – you had to work hard for every fish you caught. What the fish lacked in numbers, they made up for in size and fight. Below is a small sampling of the pictures from the trip. More pictures on the Clubhouse page of the TVFF website and the TVFF Facebook page.



Potential Flyfishing Destinations in 2011

San Juan River, New Mexico

For anybody who would like to fish The San Juan River in New Mexico, I am planning a trip in August. It will take 2 days of driving both directions and 5 days at the river. I already have 6 going and more are welcome. I have been there at least 13 times. The costs are what you spend on gas and food. The N.M license is \$26 and \$74 for 2 in the motel and that's it.

Call me at 925- 837- 3192 for more details.

George Allen

Eagle Lake , Northern California

I have long wanted to fish Eagle Lake and have decided that if I am going to, I'd better get to it! The lake has a reputation for producing huge trout, averaging 3 lbs. and going to 6 or 7. The strain of rainbow trout native to this lake, is planted widely in the west, in Lake Davis, for example. Much of the fishing is accessible by wading shallow water, but float tubes and small boats are also used. The information I have says the lake fishes best in Fall (too late for that this year) and also in late Spring. The season begins on the Saturday nearest Memorial Day, and the good fishing is gone by mid-July when the fish go deep to escape the warming water.

Although there are several other TVFF trips in June, to get in on the good fishing and make the trip worth the effort, I am tentatively planning around the weekend of June 25, 26, 2011. Since the lake is approximately 6 hours drive from the tri-valley area, (at 5100 feet, about 20 miles north of Susanville), it makes sense to plan a total of four days for this adventure. In order to have the best selection of accommodations, we will go Thursday 6/23 thru the weekend on the 26th. Camping and Motels are both options. Internet research shows June temps form lows in upper 40's to highs in the 80's.

Lots of time to get definite, but let's start thinking about this new (to most of us) lake to fish! Let me know as soon as you feel even tentative interest.

Hal Wilson

Bow River, Calgary

Every summer I make pilgrimage to Calgary to fish the Bow River. This beautiful river flows from the Rockies past Calgary and has exceptional rainbow and brown fishing. In July and August, or specifically after the spring run-off, is the peak time to fish this river. If any one is interested in learning about fly fishing in the Calgary area, please call me or see me at one of our monthly meetings and I will be glad to fill you in. Calgary is the best place on earth and the fishing isn't bad either.

Ken Javorsky

Introduction to Fly Tying

In March, we will offer a beginning fly tying class that will cover the basic information and skills required to tie your own flies . All tools and materials and handouts will be provided. \$30 for members, \$40 for non - members. Sign up at Jan-Feb meetings. Four classes. Location: To be Determined

Class Coordinator: Jim Broadbent (925) 455-1046

Time to Work on Auction Donations!

These long winter evenings are perfect for tying flies or crafting other donations for the annual silent auction. April will be here before you know it and we'll need all of the donations we can get. Flies and other member donations are one the primary source of proceeds from the auction. Thanks! – Bob Mcollum

New Melones Outing: February 5

The New Melones Outing is scheduled for February 5 – weather permitting. This is a new/exploratory outing of still water fishing at New Melones Reservoir at the Angel Creek boat launch area. Guide Mark Cottrell, our September 2010 speaker mentioned in his presentation that fly fishing is good at New Melones in the winter months as the cold water brings the fish to the surface and close to shore. Also, boat traffic in the Angels Creek area is light this time of year.

This will be an ideal outing for personal watercraft (float tube, kayak, pram, canoe) or small boat. Fishing from shore should be possible as well, but a tube or other watercraft will give you more options. This area is about 1.5 hours from the tri-valley, so this will be a day trip.

If you're interested in exploring this area, please sign up at the January or February meeting or contact the fishmaster, Bob McCollum (phone: 925-989-2358 e-mail: fishmaster<at>tri-valleyflyfishers.com.)



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Contact Gary Turri (925) 830-1128

Philipson T7L Powr-Kast. This rod can be converted to bait or fly rod and comes with a carrying cast/tote. Asking \$100.00 or best offer. If interested contact Rick Tisdale at e-mail ricketisdale@comcast.net.

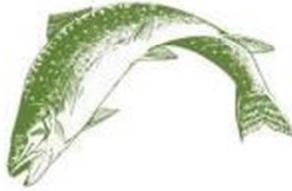
Albright XXT Sinking Fly Line: 350 Grains, 100 Ft

Albright company has this line on sale for \$36.99, I have it on sale for \$15. This integrated line at 350 grains is suitable for a 11-12 weight rod, used for only about 10 minutes at the Oakland Casting ponds. Call me and I'll bring it to the meeting. Hal Wilson (925) 846-8766

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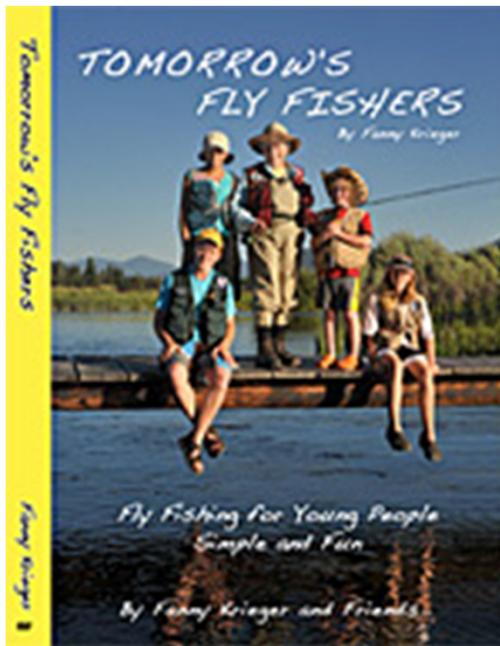
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