

# The Barbless Hook



## April 2012

Re-stock your fly box.  
Don't miss the auction  
at our April meeting!

## President's Message

### Ken Javorsky

April will be a happening month for all TVFF members who want to partake in our exiting activities which we have planned throughout this month.

Don Gardner will be hosting our silent auction on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a glorious event with many silent auction items, bucket raffles, and draws. Please don't miss this one as there will be food, beverages, and plenty of good fishing and non-fishing products to bid on. The silent auction is the primary fund raising activity for our club. The proceeds will fund our conservation, education, and member activities throughout the year. Please feel free to invite your family, friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers or anyone who has the desire and cash to support out conservation, education, and social efforts.

Rob Vellinger will be the fishmaster at our Pyramid Lake, Nevada outing April 13th-16th. This outing has always been fun resulting in numerous good size cutthroat that are caught and released by our members. Please contact Rob if you are interested in going but have not signed up for the trip. Don't miss out!

Feel like going on a picnic? Well, Daniel Kitts has reserved Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> for a day of fun, fishing, and BBQ at Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton.

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Photo above: Outgoing President Tom Vargas passes the gavel to the 2012 President Ken Javorsky at the February installation dinner. BBQ Master Barry Hoffer and Derrell Bridgman enjoying the pot-luck feast .

# APRIL is Auction Time

**ATTENTION- TVFF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!** Our primary fund raiser will be held this coming **THURSDAY APRIL 5, 2012.** The Auction preview starts at 6:00pm with Auction Action starting at 7:00pm. Lots of great deals from Manufacturers and Club Members. Over 70 dozen flies will be displayed for bid along with Super items in the Bucket Auction.

**PLEASE ATTEND**, bring a friend, significant other, and your checkbook or cash. No credit cards will be accepted. Beverages and snacks will be provided at no charge. Don't miss what promises to be a Great Event!!! **REMEMBER**, the success of the auction depends on each members attendance and participation. Please Support Your Club in its Primary Fund Raiser.

Sincerely, Donald R. Gardner  
Silent Auction Coordinator



## *Presidents message, continued from page 1*

There will be plenty of access to trout and bass fishing for all you float tubers out there. There will also be casting lessons and fly tying demos for your enjoyment. And get this; it's free to all members and their families. All you have to pay for is the park entrance and fishing fees. Daniel and his team have put a lot of effort into this event. It will be fun event for all that attend.

What? Not enough? How about a TVFF logo drawing contest?

This year we plan to update our logo so we can have a new emblem to put on the shirts, hats, and decals we propose to pursue if viable. The contest will be simple. The TVFF Board will accept any and all drawing submissions from members and their families as well as possibly some outside firms who may want to present a submission. The board will vote on the best submission. Therefore you have a chance to win a prize if we select your submission.

So..... submit a drawing, win a prize and become immortal. Please send in your drawing(s) by May first.

See you at our April events.

KJ



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# Pinecrest/Highway 108 Outing May 11-13

Bob McCollum

Please join me May 11-13 for a late spring outing on the Highway 108 corridor. This is typically a good time to float tube/boat or shore fish Pinecrest Lake. Typically good dry fly action near swim area and disabled pier. Also, good nymphing at the inlet creek, which is the headwaters of the South Fork of the Stanislaus River. There are many other fishing opportunities in the area: Float tube Beardsley after bay (flows permitting) . Stream fishing is available on the South Fork of the Stanislaus from Strawberry down to Sand Bar Flat. Also, the Lower Stan is approximately 30 minutes away. Accommodations: I have space for about up to six anglers at my cabin in Twain Harte. Camping is available at Pinecrest. Sign up at the April meeting or drop me an e-mail: [fishmaster@tri-valleyflyfishers.org](mailto:fishmaster@tri-valleyflyfishers.org) .



Pinecrest Lake



Above: Martin lands a nice planter on the SF of the Stan. While Steve Ruley float tubes Pinecrest lake.

# 2012 Outing Schedule – Hal Wilson

Below is the tentative/probable outing schedule based on the best information available at the time of publication. This schedule is subject to change. Please note that several outings do not have fishmasters assigned. Please consider being the fishmaster for one of these outings and contact me if you're interested. Here is a link to the sign-up sheet: [http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF\\_Outting\\_Signup\\_Form.pdf](http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF_Outting_Signup_Form.pdf)

## TVFF OUTINGS 2012

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER(S)</u>
	4/13 to 4/15	PYRAMID LAKE	ROB VELLINGER
APRIL	4/29	SHADOW CLIFFS BACK PONDS (PICNIC)	DANIEL KITTS
MAY		CLEAR LAKE	<i>OPEN</i>
	5/11/2014	PINECREST LAKE	BOB MCCOLLUM
JUNE	6/7 to 10	DAVIS LAKE	JIM BROADBENT
	6/20 to 24	UPPER SAC	DANIEL KITTS
JULY		SHAD (LOCN TBD)	KEN GOTELLI
	7/20 to 22	FULLER/RUCKER LAKES	HAL WILSON
	7/28 to 8/4	HUMPHREY BASIN	JIM BROADBENT
AUGUST		KENNEDY MEADOWS	DON GARDNER
SEPTEMBER	9/28 to 30	NORTH FORK STANISLAUS and LAKE ALPINE	DERRELL BRIDGMAN RUSS GEORGE TOM VARGAS
		TRUCKEE RIVER	DANIEL KITTS
OCTOBER	10/13 to 16	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
		ROGUE RIVER	FRANK GORDET
		MANZANITA LAKE AREA	TOM FESSENDEN
NOVEMBER	11/28 to 12/2	TRINITY STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM
DECEMBER	12/8	DELTA STRIPERS	RICK MIKLA TOM VARGAS

# FISHMEISTERING 101

Hal Wilson

As usual, TVFF has a lot of great fishing trips lined up for 2012. Lakes and rivers, camping and motelling- the opportunities to learn new areas and fishing techniques are overwhelming!

On the other hand, if you already know the answers about a destination we have listed or you think the club should go to, you should be a fishmeister. As a long-time member who has coordinated a few outings, let me suggest a few tips on how it can be done.

First, generate interest in the trip by writing an article(s) for the newsletter describing in general terms what the site has to offer and why you like it.

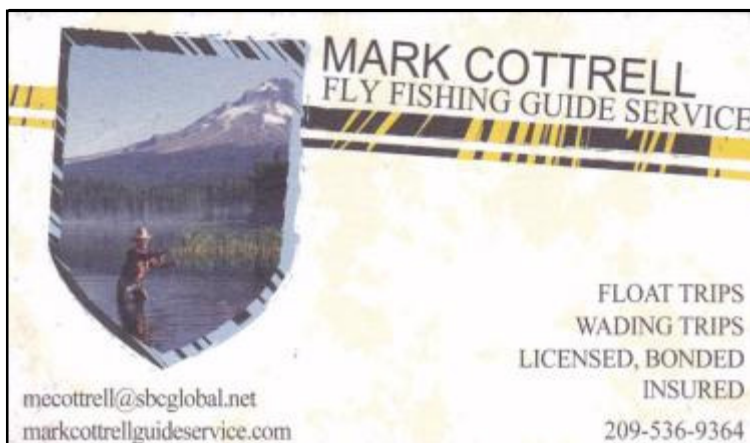
Then, from the signup sheet that was circulated at the meetings, develop an email “group” on your PC. Check the club roster to be sure all are TVFF members. **This is important for insurance purposes.** If there is any question, call me and I will check this out. Email the group with names of those expecting to attend. This enables them to contact each other to arrange rides and room arrangements, or if camping, menu planning, etc.

Next, email the prospective attendees significant info regarding the location and its fishing. What facilities are there such as the names of motels and contact information, if you have it, or camping sites. Typical climate conditions, i.e. temperatures as best you know them from having been there, updated weather forecasts and appropriate clothing and gear. Equally important, of course, is fishing information. Are floating devices necessary or recommended? What are the wading conditions and the location(s) of access points. List some of the flies that have been good for you at that location in the past. If you know of a fly shop that can provide even more information provide a name and phone number so that the attendee can ask further questions of them.

That’s about all there is to it. Look over the list of our destinations, pick one or more that you are knowledgeable about, and volunteer to lead the trip. If you have a new or different location you would like to go to can offer that too! You will be doing a great service to the Club.

Thanks

Hal Wilson, Outings Coordinator



Mark is located in the beautiful town of Sonora, California, about 2 hours east of the San Francisco Bay Area and two hours south from Sacramento, in Tuolumne County. Anyone from beginner to expert will benefit from his experience on the local waters with walk and wade trips on the Merced, Stanislaus, or Tuolumne Rivers. Mark does float trips on the lower Merced, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers from an Outcast Pontoon Boat. He also offers personalized instruction. Please Mark’s web site for more information on the services he offers.



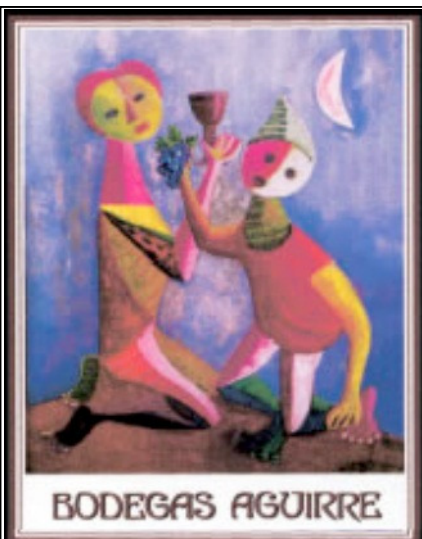
# Kistler Ranch Outing - Hal Wilson

The intrepid Tri-ValleyFlyFishers and Oakland Casting Club anglers who journeyed to Kistler Ranch on March 24 were rewarded with a rainless day and lots of hungry fish.

The weather was a little cool but not very windy until mid-afternoon. Two of the three ponds were quite fishable, although the first pond on the left was very low.

Largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill were taken on poppers and dry flies as well as sub-surface on leeches, wooly buggers and wiggle tail nymphs. Derrell Bridgman reports twenty five fish caught on humpies (and released), and Ken Tetzels got ten just crossing the pond coming in for lunch

This was one of those rare trips where everyone caught fish, so there were a lot of happy fly fishermen.



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## 2012 Dues are Due Now!!!

TVFF Club dues for 2012 are \$40.00 and they are currently due and payable at the club meeting or by mail. If we don't receive your dues soon you will be dropped from the club mailing list and you will not be eligible for club outings.

Please note-the new mailing address is:  
PO Box 2358, Livermore, CA 94551

# **Club Picnic at Shadow Cliffs**

## **Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Daniel Kitts**

This year's club picnic will be in Shadow Cliffs Regional Park at the Marina View Picnic area. TVFF will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs along with the associated fixings including non alcoholic drinks and plates. If you'd like to bring a plate to share that would be an added bonus.

Along with the picnic there are trout, black bass and bluegill just waiting for your fly. The Arroyo Area, Island Pond and main lake are all open to fishing and float tubing. There is a charge for fishing and putting in a float tube that you will need to pay when you enter the park. We are also arranging to have instructors from the Oakland Casting Club available for casting lessons.

The picnic is open to all TVFF members and their families. The only cost is entrance to the park and the fishing and boat launching fees if you choose to wet a line. The park opens up at 6:00 AM for anyone planning to start their day early and we will start serving the food at noon.

To insure we have enough food please sign up at the April meeting or if you are not able to attend the meeting send me an e-mail at [dckitts@dow.com](mailto:dckitts@dow.com) with the number of people planning to attend.



Marina View Picnic Area



# Conservation Corner-TIC 2012 Summary

Derrell Bridgman

The Trout-In-Classroom (TIC) program sponsored by the Tri-Valley Fly Fishers has, once again, completed a very successful season. With a couple of inexplicable exceptions the program went very well. Approximately 4500 students had the opportunity to witness wild Rainbow Trout eggs hatch, and develop into healthy young fry, in a special aquarium right in their classroom. They participated in classroom curriculum and related activities that taught them about the fish, their lifecycle, and what they need to survive and grow to be healthy adult fish. Their classroom experience culminated in a field trip to a local reservoir where they wished their finny little friends a happy life, released them, and watched them swim away.

## Saying "Good-Bye"

One of the teachers, who is new to the program this year, is assisting her students release their fish, on a field trip to Contra Loma Reservoir in Antioch



I continue to be amazed at how attached the kids become to their fish and how they focus on learning all they can about related subjects. They learn so much more when the fish are present in their classroom. Their teachers also acknowledge the exceptional value of the program as an effective teaching tool.

Our program is now blessed with a great "TIC Team" of dedicated club members that deserve to be recognized for their contributions to its success. Both the classroom teachers and I really appreciate their help. **THANKS GUYS!!** This years team members are:

**Hal Wilson**  
**John Price**

**Steve Ruley**  
**Richard Tarbell**

**Daniel Kitts**  
**Doug Witmore**

This year we had 34 classrooms, at grade levels ranging from Kindergarten through High School, participate in the program. The schools were located in Antioch, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, and Sunol. All total there were 4494 students that received approximately 1280 trout eggs and released slightly more than 1000 trout fry in two different reservoirs. In addition, this year we also started mentoring two different organizations, as sponsors that wish to participate in the management of the program. This should result in the expansion of the program without placing an extraordinary burden on our club. They are: The "Alameda Creek Alliance" (in the Niles Canyon area), and The "Delta Science Center: (in East Contra Costa County). Both groups are excited about being a part of the program.

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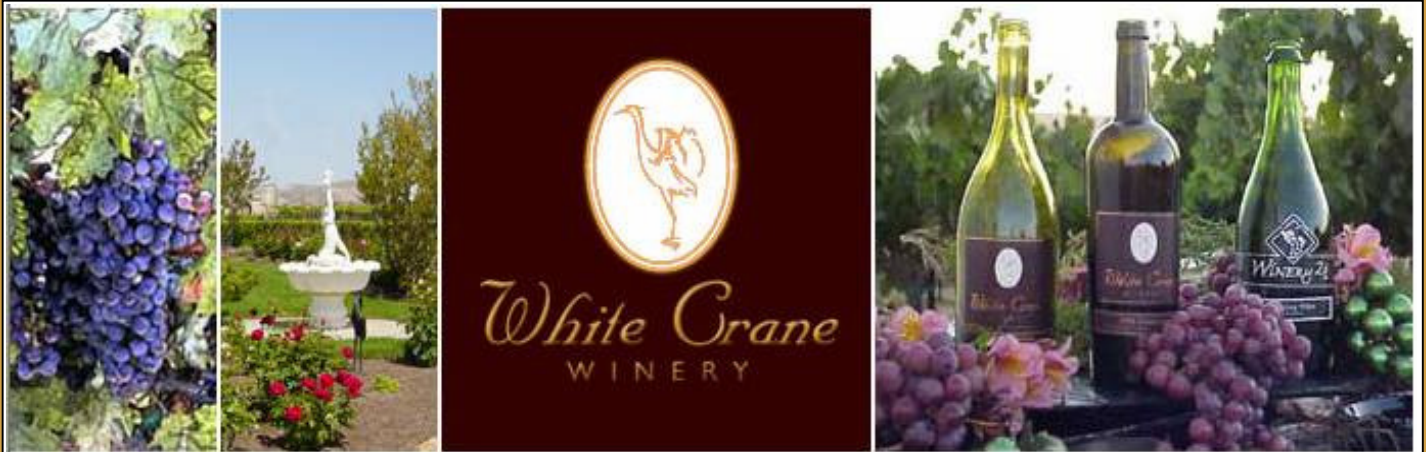
## **TIC 2012 Summary** (Continued)

Looking back over what we have accomplished in the last 12 years is a very rewarding exercise. When we started the only source for eggs was through the Nimbus Hatchery in the Sacramento area. However, the fish had to be released back in the river in that area, which became a real issue because it became almost impossible to make field trips up there for our kids. So, we helped establish a "Bay Area" program with trout eggs that allowed us to release the fish locally. This worked much better, and resulted in other bay area clubs joining the program. The program has expanded significantly, and is now recognized as one of the best-managed programs in the state. Our program helped qualify California for a prestigious national award, granted for "Excellence in Aquatic Education" last year.

Our most rewarding accomplishment is that, since we started the program, our club alone has provided this unique learning experience to more than 35,000 students. This should really help in the development of good stewardship for our fisheries in the future.

Tight lines.

Derrell



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# Local Fishing Reports: Ken Tetzel

I'm still getting good dry fly action on the Calaveras River. Small #18 and #20 emergers in the slow water areas are producing during mid-day. 8" to 14" rainbows.

The Lower Stan is fishing okay with nymphs, deep under an indicator. No steelhead for me this year. The Kistler outing was good, like always, with 25-30 bass on a medium frog colored popper. A few larger bass in the 3lb range, was kind of nice!

I hope TVFF continues with this fish-out.



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# The Tier's Bench

## Flashback Bead Head PT

By Chris King

Hook: Tiempco 2457 size 16-12

Thread: Brown 8/0

Tail: Natural Pheasant Tail Barbules

Rib: Copper Wire

Abdomen: Pheasant Tail Barbules

Wing Case: Flashabou

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Legs: Flashabou

Head: Brass Bead



The Flashback Bead head Pheasant Tail is one of the best flies for the fall season in Northern California. With cooler temperatures the beats start to fly as well as other mayflies and this is one of the most versatile fly patterns for imitating a large variety of mayflies for both Trout and Steelhead. Since most May Flies are slender I prefer to tie my PT's rather sparse. This is essential for Steelhead as I often tie a small fly on a large hook. This technique is quite easy really. You simply start a little closer to the eye of the hook than you normally would for most flies. The result is a small pattern with a large hook sticking out the back end. I've found that when I am catching Steelhead on a particular pattern and seem to be losing them because it is small, going to a larger fly sometimes turns the fish off the pattern. In this situation tying the same size fly on a bigger hook is usually the answer. The fish don't seem to mind the large hook and it helps keep the hard fighting Steelies on a bit longer.

**Step 1**-Slide a bead onto the hook and place it in your vise. Tie on your thread and wrap it back to just behind the hook point. Tie in a small clump of pheasant tail barbules (3-6) so that a small amount of the points stick out the back end. The tail should be no longer than the body of the fly.

**Step 2**-Bend the barbules back toward the back of the fly and secure with several wraps of thread. Tie in a piece of thin copper wire.

**Step 3**-Wrap the barbules forward  $\frac{3}{4}$  the length of the fly and secure with several wraps of thread. Then *counter wrap* the copper wire to create the rib and add strength. Secure with thread.

**Step 4**-Tie in a few (4-8) strands of flashabou lying back to the tail of the fly. Then tie a few pieces of peacock herl and secure with thread.

**Step 5**-Wrap the herl around the hook creating a small ball for a thorax and secure. Pull the flashabou over the top of the ball and secure.

**Step 6**-To finish the fly, divide the flashabou evenly and pull back along each side of the fly and secure. Tie off by whip finish or half hitch and trim the flashabou to the length of the thorax.

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## DFG Seeks New Volunteers in Bay Area, Delta

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**Patrick Foy, DFG Law Enforcement, (916)  
508-7095**

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is recruiting applicants for its volunteer program in the greater San Francisco Bay Area and Delta counties. The Natural Resource Volunteer Program (NRVP) provides conservation and enforcement education through public service while providing biological, enforcement and administrative staff support to DFG.

DFG is holding a NRVP training academy in Fairfield from May 30 through June 12, 2012 (weekdays only). Graduates of this academy become unpaid volunteers for DFG.

The selection process includes an initial screening, application, an interview and a background check. Selected participants attend the 80-hour conservation training course to prepare them for a monthly service commitment of at least 24 hours. After completing the academy, volunteers will work with a trained volunteer mentor during a six-month probationary period. Applicants should be teachable, accountable, have basic computer and writing skills and a willingness to talk about conservation principles to the public in the field and in a classroom setting. Applicants must show a desire to work well with others in a team environment.

Natural Resource Volunteers have no law enforcement authority and are trained to be educational ambassadors for DFG. Volunteer duties could include responding to human/wildlife incident calls, instructing at NRVP academies, representing DFG at community outreach events, disseminating useful information to the public and patrolling DFG lands, ecological reserves, and coastal and inland fishing areas.

Further information and the application are available at [www.dfg.ca.gov/volunteer/NRVP/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/volunteer/NRVP/).

Applications should be mailed to the DFG Bay Delta Region Office, 7329 Silverado Trail, Napa, CA 94558 no later than April 23, 2012. Please contact Lt. Joshua Nicholas at (707) 944-5562 with any questions.



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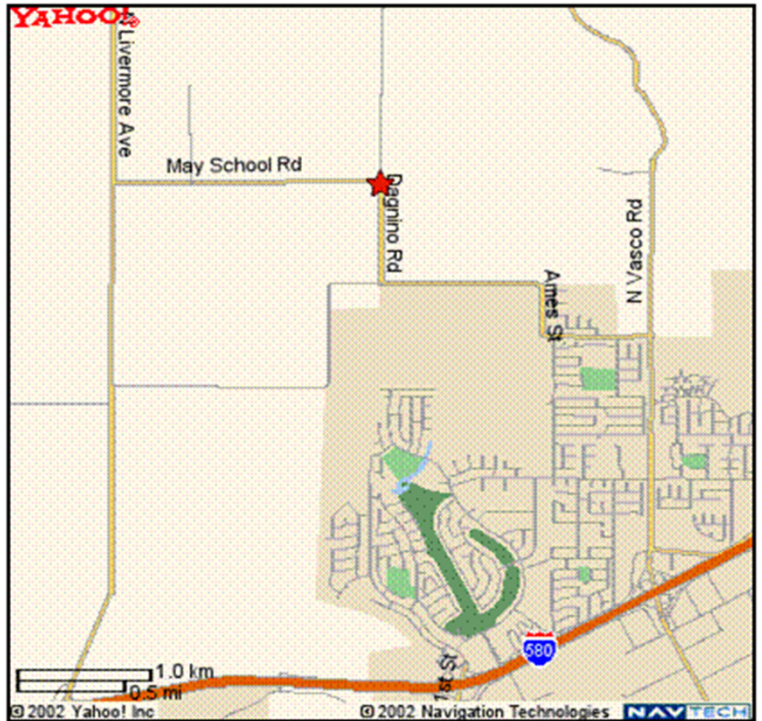
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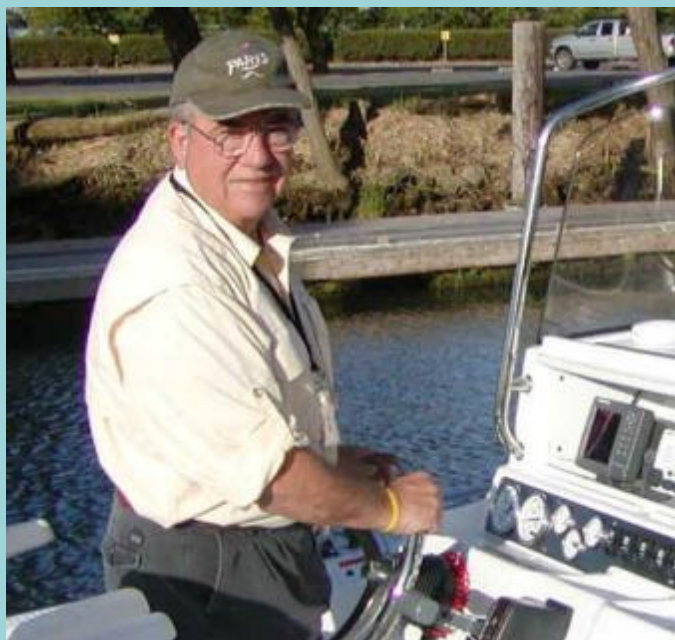


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