

The Barbless Hook



**January
2013**

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Ken Javorsky

Happy Holidays to all Members and their Families!!

I would thank all of our members for their support and dedication to our Club in 2012. I am honored to be a part of such a vibrant fly fishing organization.

Our next Club meeting on January 3rd will be one of our premier events. Jim Broadbent will be hosting our annual Fly Tying Expo which will feature some of the best tiers in the Western United States. Members will be able to ask questions first hand about the flies these tiers will be creating that evening. Please come out and enjoy the Expo. Jim will have pizza, salad, and non-alcoholic beverages available for a nominal fee of \$5.00 if you inclined to dine but you must let Jim know before hand to ensure he has adequate pizza supply.

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Photo:

Pres-elect Daniel Kitts with his first fly rod-striper at the December 8th outing

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Richard Tarbell also has asked everyone to please remember to pay your membership dues early this year.

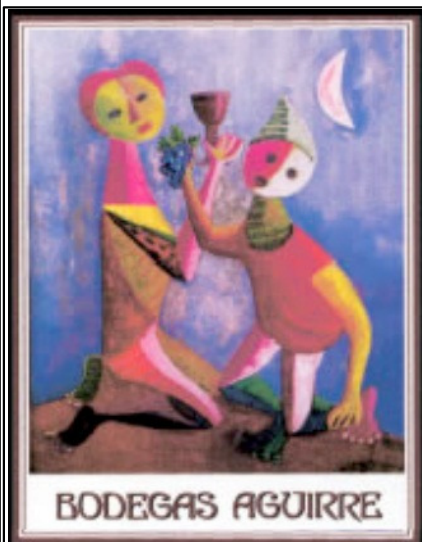
So, for now, I am signing off for 2012. I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Ken Javorsky



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January 3rd Program-Fly Tiers

We have a spectacular program for January's meeting. There will be some of the best fly tiers from around the bay area to demonstrate the art of tying flies. Whether you are an experienced tier or new to the sport everyone will be impressed and entertained.

The club will be providing a pizza dinner with all the fixings for only \$5.

Dinner at 6:15, meeting starts at 7pm.

RSVP for pizza is a must so we are able to order food and drinks.

Contact Ken Javorsky kjavorsky@sbcglobal.net or

Jim Broadbent nob8@prodigy.net

DON'T MISS KISTLER

Hal Wilson

Just a quick reminder that our date to catch bass, bluegill and crappie is March 9 of next year and that next year **requires a new license** (unless you have a lifetime license).

If you haven't been to Kistler, ask anyone who has and they will tell you it's a great place to catch (and release) fish, *lots of fish*. Some members report they caught more than 50, (yes that's more than half –a-hundred) fish last year. Many fish are taken top-water, with small bass bugs, Sneaky Petes and Humpies.

I will have the signup sheet at the meetings between now and the target date so be sure to get your name on the list. As Fishmeister I will inform all who signup the contact information for all who are going so you can arrange ride sharing to the ranch, located a few miles north of Oakdale.

The cost for this great trip is \$20 per angler.



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Outings – 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 consider being the fishmaster in 2013 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

TVFF OUTINGS SCHEDULE 2013

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER(S)</u>
JANUARY	JANUARY 8*	DELTA	MARTIN PLOTKIN
FEBRUARY	TBD	HOT CREEK	BART HUGHES
	FEB 9 AND 10	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
MARCH	MARCH 9	KISTLER RANCH (BASS)	HAL WILSON
APRIL	TBD ,(LATE)	PINECREST AREA	DON GARDNER
APRIL/MAY	TBD	SACRAMENTO RIVER	TOM VARGAS
MAY	MAY 16 THRU 19	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
JUNE	THIRD WEEK	MCCLLOUD RIVER	DANIEL KITTS
JULY	JULY 11 THRU 14	LAKE DAVIS	HAL WILSON
SEPTEMBER		NORTH FORK STANISLAUS/ALPINE	TOM VARGAS RUSS GEORGE DERRELL BRIDGMAN
OCTOBER	TBD	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
NOVEMBER	TBD	TRINITY	BOB MC CULLOM

* WEEKDAY TRIP

MONTHLY MID-WEEK FISHING GET AWAY

January: Striper Fishing on the Delta (brrrrrrrrrr)

January 8th, 2013

Fishmaster: Martin Plotkin

Schedule:

- (Weather permitting): Parking lot next to IHOP south of 580 on 1st Street Livermore at 7AM
- We will leave Livermore at 7AM and proceed to Orwood Resort marina to launch the boats.
- Expect to be fishing around 8:30.
- Expect to quit and head back to the launch about 4PM.

What to bring:

- If you've never fished the Delta in the winter: Dress in layers – lot and lots of layers. This fishmaster typically wears long-johns, polar fleece shirt, wool sweater, isolated and hooded sweat shirt and heavy polar fleece jacket and brings along waterproof wind breaker. Same for pants. It is very important to keep your head warm and this fish master typically wears watchcap or polar fleece ballcap with ear flaps with sweatshirt hood raised and poly/spandex buff that can be pulled up to just below the sun glasses and also carries a balaclava for running in the boat at speed for more than 5 min.
Gear: 7 to 9wt with at least 240gr sink tip and the rest of what you normally bring to bass fish. Don't bring too much gear as many boats have limited storage. ***Don't forget your 2013 license.***
Flies: This fishmaster uses 3" to 6" clousers in chartreuse, tan, white and black. Leader 4 to 6' 15# mono or fluoro (not tapered)
Lunch and drinks.

Cost: about \$10 to \$20 for share of launch and gas for both boat and car.

- ***If you have a boat please indicate who is fishing with you and if you have room for others.***

Any one interested may Contact:

- Fishmaster: Martin Plotkin m.plotkin@sbcglobal.net
(925)209-7153
- Outings Coordinator: Hal Wilson Halbmax@aol.com

IT'S GETTING TO BE KISTLER TIME AGAIN

Hal Wilson

As we have done for many years, we have reserved the three ponds at Kistler Ranch for a one day trip fishing for bass, crappie and bluegill.

Our date this year is **March 9**. The gate opens from sunup to sundown.

Kistler Ranch is located 17 miles north of Oakdale. We will have exclusive access to the three large ponds that have provided club members with many good days of fishing over the years. You may fish any or all of the ponds, as you choose. I have fished with both 6 wt and 4 wt rods, floating and intermediate lines.

Float tubing is my preferred way of fishing, but some members enjoy wading the shore areas with success. Regular bass bugs, nymphs, wooly buggers, Sneaky Petes, and dry flies all work. (Derrell is tying a bunch of large Humpies for this trip). No motors, gas or electric, are allowed. Catch and release, barbless hooks, artificial lures only.

I will have a signup sheet at the meetings between now and then. Cost is only \$20 per angler. Bring your own lunch and drinks.

There will be more information re specific directions, etc as we get closer to the date.

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Video Librarian	Bob McCollum
Member at large	Martin Plotkin

* Voting Members

2013 Dues are Due Now!!!

TVFF Club dues for 2013 are \$40.00 and they are payable now at the club meeting or by mail. **Enroll now for \$35.00 and save \$5.00 by paying early** and you'll be on club mailing list and eligible for outings.

The mailing address is:

TVFF

PO Box 2358

Livermore, CA 94551

2013 TVFF Board Officer and Committee Chair Nominations

Confirmed December 4, 2012

President*	Daniel Kitts
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Speakers	Richard Tarbell
Past President*	Ken Javorsky
Fly Tying Class	Jim Broadbent
*Voting Board Members per By Laws amended in 2009	

Delta Report

December 8th and December 13th outings

Tom Vargas

Ken Gotelli and Gary Turri, Martin Plotkin and Bob McBride, Tom Vargas, Chris Calabrese and Daniel Kitts and lastly Don Gardner all hit the waters of Discovery Bay about 6:30am on the 8th. It was a cold, foggy morning and it became an awesome day in Discovery Bay, but the fishing was slow for most. Gary and Ken led the pack and scored with 30 total fish, including 10 black bass from one hotspot. The water was still muddy from the big storm with limited visibility in the areas of Windward Bay, where lots of bait was marked.

On Thursday, the 13th, Kent McCammon and I went out in fulfillment of his auction purchase and had a day of good weather. We boated one lineside of about 5 pounds and Kent lost another, but were frustrated by the amount of active bait and birds working the bay. Conditions seemed right, but either no, or very reluctant, stripers were in the area. This was consistent with the results for both conventional and fly fishermen and their reports. We subsequently heard that a recent treatment for weeds may have effected the fishing.



Chris Calabrese plying the depths



Tom with a nice 5 pounder

The Tier's Bench:

FLY TYING GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

Note: *NO fly tying get together on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013.*

On the first Wednesdays of the month, from 7 – 9 pm, we will have a Fly-Tying/BS get together for the purpose of learning and expanding our knowledge of fly tying and related subjects. The itinerary could include techniques, materials, knots, entomology, and specific and not so specific fly patterns. The meeting will be chaired by various individuals who have knowledge of the meeting's target subject. Vices, tools and some materials could be provided. Let Jim know if you are interested.


Meeting location: Martin Plotkin's office: 1799 Portola Avenue, Livermore, CA

Fly Plate Donations

It is time to get out the tying vice and produce a fly for the Presidential fly box. Both nymphs and dry flies in sizes 10 to 18 are needed. Please put the flies in a small box and include the name of the fly and your name.

I can collect your creations at the monthly meetings or arrange pick-up by January 20th.

Jim Broadbent



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BEGINNING FLY FISHING COURSE TO START

Hal Wilson

In response to numerous requests, TVFF will be conducting a class in BEGINNING FLY FISHING.

The class will cover EQUIPMENT, BASIC AQUATIC ENTOMOLOGY AND FLIES, KNOTS AND RIGGING A FLY ROD, FISHING TECHNIQUES FOR STREAM AND LAKE, SAFETY, ETIQUETTE and FLY CASTING.

The first five subjects will be covered on Tuesday evenings, January 29, February 5 and February 12. The casting lessons will be presented in two classes on Saturday mornings at the Oakland Casting Ponds by experienced casting instructors, many of whom are tournament casters. We will car-pool to this unique site which is approximately 35 minutes from the tri-valley. The specific dates and locations for the classes will be announced soon.

Class size will be a minimum of four students and a maximum of 8 students. First priority will be given to existing club members but the class is also open to non members. If you know of someone that would be interested in attending the class please let them know about the class. The cost is \$35 per student. However, if a student attends all classes, this fee will be credited to next year's Club dues.

For further information or to sign up contact me at HalBMax@aol.com. or (925) 846-8766.

ACAFRWG - What's That?

Derrell Bridgman

News from the Alameda Creek Alliance (ACA) seems to always be encouraging; however, the goal of supplying a fish passage passed the concrete barrier at the BART tracks for anadromous fish never seems to happen. Why is it taking so long?

In the late 1990's a group of citizens organized in an to attempt to restore the, once healthy, salmon and steelhead fishery that had historically existed in the Alameda Creek Watershed. They were vigorously discouraged by DFG and other wildlife officials as well as several local water agencies who claimed that fish passage barriers which had been constructed in the creek had destroyed all traces of the previous fishery. However, the group (ACA) refused to accept defeat and launched a dedicated campaign, which eventually progressed to the point of other organizations joining them. Before long the ACA group was expanded to include the local water management agencies, government fish and wildlife agencies, and other groups, and a serious attempt was launched to restore the watershed. This expanded group called themselves the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workshop Group (ACFRWG)

The ACFRWG started having regular meetings and organized themselves into an effective group with the ability to accomplish their goal of restoring the fishery. They dedicated themselves to making the restoration effort a valid, scientifically based, thorough, and complete project that would be a complete success for now and into the foreseeable future. To accomplish this goal it was necessary to thoroughly analyze the project in every detail before proceeding. This, of course, takes money and time to complete, but it was necessary to ensure that it was being done right.

I have been associated with this group for several years now, and although I would like to see the project finished sooner, I am impressed with how well they have been able to make sure things are done right. They have contracted experts to research and evaluate the current status of the creeks and formulate applicable planning to restore the various elements of the fishery to a sustainable fishery. These elements are not limited to but include water conditions (current flows, temperature, quality, contamination, etc.), streambed conditions (fish passage, acceptable spawning gravel, vegetation and canopy conditions), food sources and supply, water diversions with associated screening, and more. The research for these conditions needs to include what they were historically (when it was a quality fishery) and what would be required to restore them to acceptable limits. Of course these requirements are further complicated by the fact that much of the stream's surrounding area was historically a rural area and is now urbanized. Furthermore, the studies, etc. need to be valid for spawning migration during that time of the year, and for out migrations when the adult fish return to the ocean, as well as when the young smolts make their trip to the sea.

The point I am trying to get across is that this project, when done right, is much more complicated than one might think. There is a lot more to it than just making some jump pools for the fish to get around the BART weir. It is taking a while and costing a lot of money, but this group is doing a fantastic job of accomplishing what needs to be done. They don't always agree on every aspect of the project but they do manage to reach a compromise that is agreeable to all parties, and are working well together.

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ACAFRWG - What's That? (continued)

I have faith that we will see a quality steelhead fishery in the watershed in the not too distant future. The workgroup will see that it happens. One of the items on my bucket list is to watch a beautiful sea-run steelhead negotiate the fish ladder at the BART weir and proceed up the creek to spawn. At my age I sometimes have doubts about living long enough to cross this off my list but I still have faith that it will happen, and feel confident that it will continue to happen for many years.

Derrell

Items For Sale

Vacation Home For Rent:

Three-bedroom/2 bath modern home in Twain Harte/Crystal Falls area.

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Bob McCollum (925) 989-2358

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Tom Vargas (925) 586-4019

Fishing Vests for Sale:

1. Orvis Super Wading Tac-L-Pak. Medium size, Tan color Like new condition. \$ 45.00, (\$119.00 new)
2. Patagonia Mesh Vest Medium size, Grey color Good condition. \$20.00

Fly lines for sale:

1. SA Mastery XPS DT4F Grey, good condition \$25.00
2. SA Mastery XPS DT4F Sunrise, fair condition \$ 20.00
3. Cortland 444SL DT7F Mist Green, very good condition \$25.00
4. SA Mastery Nymph Taper WF8F Willow, like new, great for steelhead \$30.00
5. Orvis Wonderline Striper WF10F Yellow, new in box, \$30.00

Also have some reels available for sale for these lines if interested.

Will install these lines on your reel if requested.

Gary Turri (925) 786-5184

Trinity Steelhead outing

Bob McCollum - Fishmaster

In late November, 12 brave TVFF anglers battled the elements to fish for steelhead on the Trinity River. Despite forecasts of flooding rain, the group was able to get in one good day of fishing in continual pouring rain. Unfortunately the river blew out the next day and we had to cut the trip short. Regardless of the weather, several of our anglers had their best steelhead fishing experiences to date. A number of large fish in the 29" range were caught. More pictures are available on the Club House page of the TVFF website.



Trinity Steelhead Reprise

Bob McCollum

I must be a glutton for punishment or have some serious affinity for bad weather and steelhead fishing. I made a return trip to Weaverville just before Christmas and ran smack into another storm. This time, it snowed all day while I fished on December 20. About 6 inches had fallen by the time we pulled the drift boat out of the river at the end of the day. About 4 inches had accumulated on the road. Another 3-4 inches fell over night, which caused my guide to cancel the second day of fishing. Despite poor conditions, I managed to hook two fish and brought a nice 26", 7 lb. wild buck to the net.

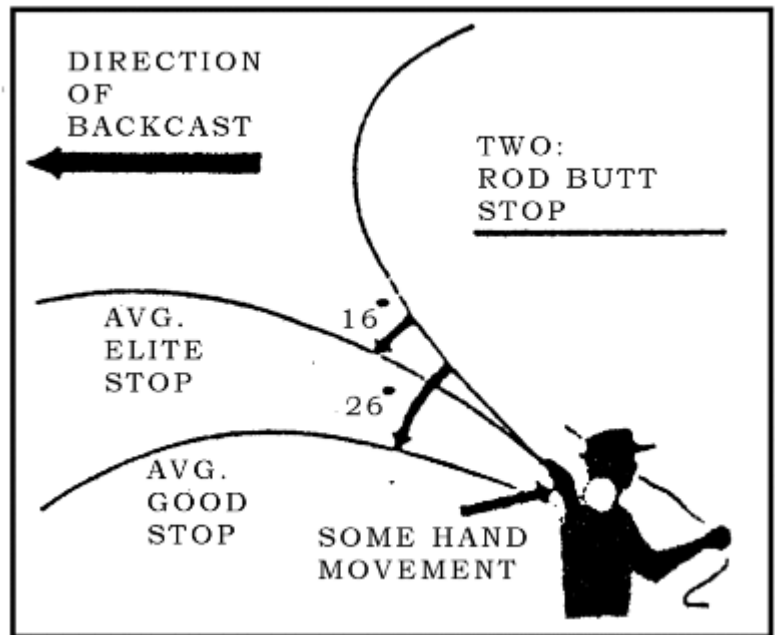


Video Library News: Fly Casting Videos

Bob McCollum – Video Librarian

Winter is coming – the perfect time to work on your casting technique for the coming spring. Whether you're just starting or are a seasoned caster, the TVFF video library has nine fly casting instructional videos with something for everyone.

Scan the table below and you'll see there are videos for all types and levels of casting. We have a multi-disc series from renowned caster Mel Krieger. I encourage you all to visit me at the next meeting and check out one or two of these fine videos.



Video ID#	Title	Author
6	Basic Fly Casting	Unknown
25	Advanced Fly Casting	Mel Krieger
39	Casting Instruction at Golden Gate Park	Steve Rajeff
42	Advanced Fly Casting	Doug Swisher
54	The Essence of Spey Casting	Mel Krieger
131	The Essence of Flycasting II & Spey Casting	Mel Krieger
133	The Essence of Fly Casting	Mel Krieger
134	Fly Casting Faults and Fixes	Mel Krieger



We meet at the Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club (directions below) on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7:00 PM.

Directions to

Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club: 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore, California.

Exit Highway 580 on North Livermore Avenue

Proceed North on North Livermore Avenue to May School Road (~2.5 miles).

Turn right onto May School Road and proceed to stop sign at intersection with Dagnino Road (~1 mile).

Entrance to Rod and Gun Club is directly across intersection

