

The Barbless Hook



**May
2013**

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Daniel Kitts

April was a busy month for the Tri-Valley Fly Fishers!

Our annual silent auction fund raiser was the largest ever with proceeds of around \$8200. The success of this year's event was the result of a lot of work by many people. Thank yous go out to Don Gardner and his committee members, Gary Turri for organizing the flies, Russ George and the ladies for taking care of the processing of the bids and payments, members who helped catalog and set up the event, people that donated items and tied flies for the auction (\$968 was collected for the flies), items donated from the vendors AND you and the guests you brought who supported the event. If I have forgotten someone I apologize.

For all you fly tiers, it's not too early to start tying flies for next year's auction. We are going to have some fly boxes for next year and need people to fill them. If you get one now and work on it over the next year it'll be full before you know it. See Gary Turri if you are interested.

And the winner of the 2014 Membership Dues is George de Cossio. Thank you for your support and I hope you went home with a lot of Treasures.

April Fool's day it was when I announced the start of the fly tying group last month. Thank you to Chris Calabrese for helping us secure a regular meeting place with a lot of great amenities. We will be starting on Monday, May 6th so look for Jim Broadbent's article in the newsletter and an e-mail announcement for details.

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Photo:

President Daniel cleans up on the Arroyo Mocho

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We did our first cleanup day on the section of the Arroyo Mocho that TVFF adopted with a great turnout. Thank you to Derrell Bridgman for finding and setting this up for us. And last month I neglected to thank Derrell and all his helpers for having another successful Trout in the Classroom program.

And don't forget the TVFF picnic on Saturday, April 27 at Shadow Cliffs.

Some of you may recall an article I wrote for the March newsletter about dumping a drift boat on the Yuba River and seeing a lot of our gear disappear down the river. A couple of weeks after that happened I received a call from someone who found one of my gear bags and I was able to get back a camera, luckily it was waterproof, and prescription sun glasses. And just last week, almost two months later, I received a call from a fisherman who found one of my fly boxes with over 150 flies in it and sent it to me. All because I had taken the time to put my name and telephone number on the gear. Ninety-nine.999% of people will do the right thing and return something they find, they just need to know where to so get out that permanent marker...

As the weather heats up we are starting to do more club outings to actually fish. Be sure to look at the schedule of events in the newsletter and sign up for those that interest you. Most of the trips cover a weekend but earlier this year when we heard a rumor that fish didn't take the week days off we tried scheduling short local trips during the week.

The weather didn't always cooperate in the winter months so we are ready to try it again and are looking for interested parties that might want to fish master a week day trip. Talk to Hal Wilson about doing it. Depending on water conditions, I am thinking about doing a Monday – Wednesday trip to the Truckee area in early June. Let me know if you are interested.

We are starting our 2nd Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class in May. If you know of anyone that is interested in learning to fly fish let them know about the class. This is a very good program with rave reviews from the last class and it is a great deal compared to the cost of other programs in the area. Hal Wilson or Kent McCammon can get them the details on the class.

The Alameda Creek Alliance asked TVFF to sign onto a letter supporting the Lower Alameda Creek Fish Passage Improvements project and the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. These changes provide for a fish ladder that will allow migratory fish to reach spawning grounds in the upper Alameda Creek area. Your Board of Directors has voted to support this request. You can see the letter we signed in the newsletter.

We are going to do something new at the meetings to incentivize you to read the newsletter. At each meeting we will ask a question that can be answered from reading the newsletter and the winner receives 5 free raffle tickets.

Tightlines and hope to see you on the water...

Daniel Kitts

Fishing adds years to your life, and life to your years. –Homer Circle



May program speaker

Richard Tarbell

Dave Lentz will be the speaker at the TVFF meeting on May 2nd. Dave Lentz is a Fishery Biologist working for the California Department of Fish and Game as the Trout Management Coordinator. Dave has worked with the DFG's Wild Trout Project since 1989. As the Project Leader, Dave coordinates wild trout management statewide, working with other DFG wild trout specialists.

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Dave acquired his background in aquatic ecology while studying and working in Montana, Wyoming, and Utah. He studied at Montana State and Utah State Universities and has worked in environmental consulting, for a university research laboratory, and for the State of California. This work has included experience in water quality monitoring and research, environmental assessments of development projects, water rights, and fishery management. As a college student, Dave was fortunate to work summers for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Yellowstone National Park. In this world-class wild trout setting Dave was inspired by and learned about wild trout biology and management.

Flyfishing Education in 2013

Kent McCammon

The Tri-Valley Flyfishers are eager to help new members learn the skills of flyfishing. The first opportunity to learn starts in May with a Fly Fishing Class. Five sessions cover equipment, essential knots, reading the water, safety, etiquette, and 2 sessions casting instructions. Classroom sessions are from 7-9 pm on Wednesdays May 8, 15, 29 with casting sessions on Saturdays May 18 and June 1st. The class will be led by members of the club. The course is \$30 for current paid members and \$65 for non-members that include membership dues for 2013. The class has limited slots so do not hesitate to call Hal Wilson at 925-846-8766 to find out more and sign up. Those interested in Fly Tying can attend the monthly sessions where club members gather for informal fly tying. These are not classes but are open to Club members. We are looking for feedback from members on ideas for learning in 2013, contact Kent McCammon for comments and questions.



**Intense bidding at
the very successful
annual auction
fundraiser in April.
Thanks go out to
Don and his team!**

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

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_Outing_Signup_Form.pdf

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

HAL WILSON

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
MAY	6	FLY TYING*	JIM BROADBENT
JUNE	3	FLY TYING*	JIM BROADBENT
JUNE	20-23	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
JULY	10-14	MCCLOUD RIVER & UPPER SAC	DANIEL KITTS
	11-14	DAVIS LAKE	HAL WILSON
AUGUST	5	FLY TYING*	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER	2	FLY TYING*	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER	27-29	L. ALPINE & NO FORK OF STAN	TOM VARGAS DERRELL BRIDGMAN RUSS GEORGE
OCTOBER	7	FLY TYING*	JIM BROADBENT
OCTOBER	TBD	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
NOVEMBER	4	FLY TYING*	JIM BROADBENT
	TBD	TRINITY	BOB MC CULLOM
DECEMBER	2	FLY TYING*	JIM BROADBENT

* Tying sessions to be held at Rancho Las Positas Elementary School – 401 E. Jackson Blvd, Lvrme

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2013 Dues

TVFF Club dues for 2013 are \$40.00 and they are payable now at the club meeting or by mail.

The mailing address is:
**TVFF
PO Box 2358
Livermore, CA 94551**

Fuller Lake –Sierra Fishing and Camping

Hal Wilson

Due to our moving the Lake Davis trip into July, TVFF will go to Fuller Lake in June this year, -

June 20 to 23, to be exact.

Fuller Lake is a PG&E lake, at 5000 feet in the Emigrant Gap area off of Hiway 20, and is stocked regularly by CDFW.

Club members who made this trip last year enjoyed catching rainbows and brown trout, using 4 to 6 weight rods with floating and Intermediate lines. Jay Fair Wiggle nymph was a popular nymph. Derrell used olive color and I preferred burnt orange. Tom Fessenden took honors for Big Fish, using a “size 10 brown something” (Let’s watch him closely this year). In previous years, fish have taken Zug Bugs, Sheep Creek Specials, Copper Johns, Fox’s Poopah, and soft hackles. Elk Hair Caddis and Adams are popular dry flies here. It might pay to try a damsel nymph also. There is very little shore area for fly casting, so float tubes, pontoons and small boats are recommended. There is a concrete launch ramp and motors are allowed.

Although we fish on Fuller Lake, since it is a Day Use Only area we camp at Spaulding Camp (another PGE facility) about 20 minutes drive from Fuller. Spaulding has only a few campsites, so I plan to arrive on Thursday to secure one. Last year, Tom Fessenden was also able to arrive Thursday so we took two campsites next to each other, which accommodated our group of seven nicely.



HOW BIG DID YOU SAY THAT FISH WAS?

The signup sheet asks when you plan to arrive. Please consider arriving on Thursday if possible to claim a campsite.

NFS White Cloud camp-ground is 12 miles farther down Hwy 20 if we need to use it, but Camp Spaulding is more desirable as it is closer to Fuller.

I will provide more specific information to those who sign up.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Hal
(925) 846-8766

The Tier's Bench:

FLY TYING and BS GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

New: The Fly tying Get Together Resumes May 6th!

The hard work of Daniel Kitts and Cris Calabrese, Principal at Las Positas School, has secured us an excellent meeting room for the remainder of the year (no meeting in July).

The jest of this get together is to tie a style of fly, use a particular material or understanding a tying technique.... on and on and so forth. We can discuss lines, leaders, how to organize a fly box, good places to fish or basically anything you may have a question on.

This is a casual night open to all members. I will have extra vices , tools and material for new tiers and no experience needed.

Monday May 6
7pm to 9pm
Rancho Las Positas School
401 E Jack London Blvd
Livermore

Directions:

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Member Spotlight on Tom Vargas By Tom Vargas



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. 9 years.

Q. Do you currently or have you ever held an office in the club?

A. President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. ValleyCare Hospital, Skiing and family.

Q. Classify yourself as a fly fisherman:

A. Beats the heck out of working.

B. I can't wait to wet a line.

C. I dream about fish & flies.

D. I need some serious help for my addiction.

A. C, I dream about fish and flies.

Q. What is the fly rod set up you use for the majority of your fly fishing?

A. A 7 weight with floating line.

Q. What is your favorite species to fish for and why?

A. Steelhead, because of their ability to fight so well. Stripers are also exciting

Q. What body of water do you fish most often?

A. The Trinity River, Delta and the Hwy 4/N. Fork Stanislaus area.

Q. Do you consider yourself a dry fly or nymph fisherman?

A. Nymph first, a dry when it is "on". Streamers too!

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Rivers and streams.

Q. If you could only fish with one fly what would it be?

A. Flashback PT.

Q. Do you have a fishing license for any states other than California?

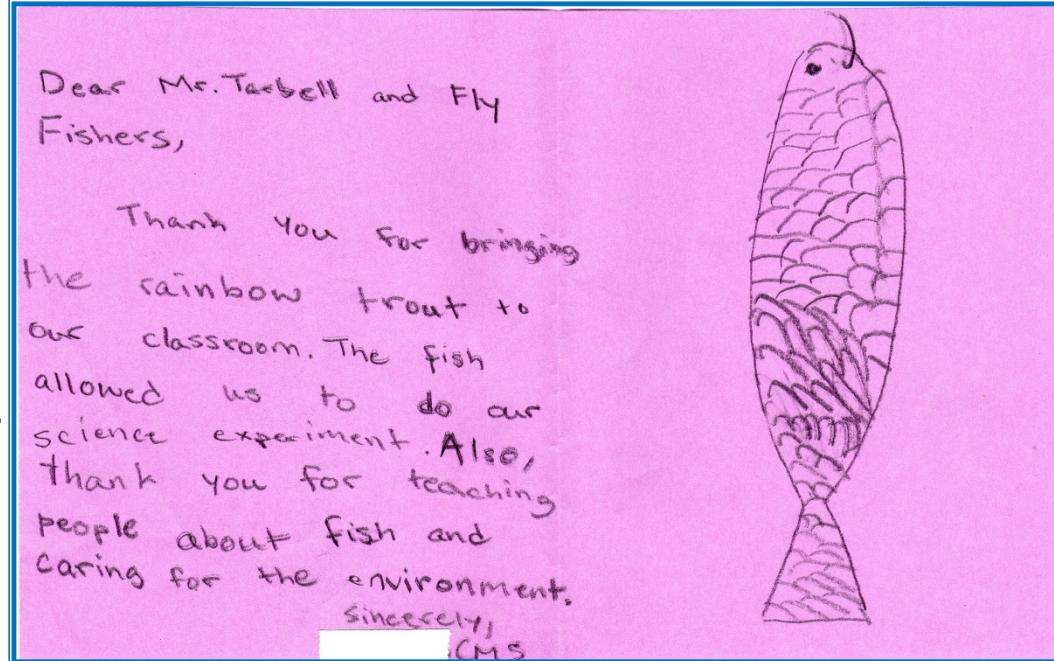
A. Montana and Idaho.

Developing Tomorrows Stewards For Our Sport

Derrell Bridgman

“Thank You Note”
from
One of the TIC
students at
Christiansen
Middle School
In Livermore

(NOTE: It is not unusual to receive a stack of “Thank You” notes from the TIC students each year))



The image shown above is typical of many that we get from the students in the classrooms that participate in our “Trout In Classroom” (TIC) program each year. These letters clearly show that the students really appreciate the experience they get from their involvement in the program.

A primary goal for TVFF with their participation in the TIC program is to develop a sense of stewardship for our fisheries. Indications are that we are meeting our goal. A good example of this is evident in one of our young club members. Kyle McCammon was one of the students in a classroom very early in TVFF’s participation in the program. He is now developing his skills as a fly fisherman, and is an active member of our club. He has even served as one of the club directors. I like to think that, at least in part, the TIC program is responsible for Kyle’s pursuit of the sport.

The young students in our program will be voters before you know it, and, hopefully, they will remember their experiences with their finny little friends when an issue comes up that will effect the health of our fisheries. That is what it is all about.

A close look at the wording in the thank you note above reveals other benefits we are deriving from the program. Even at this early age they are getting the idea that teaching them about the fish and their habitat is helping them appreciate the importance of a healthy environment. Another point that is evident is their appreciation for “Fly Fishers” assistance in the TIC program. Obviously our participation in the program is generating a respect for Fly Fishers. This is another thing the students will remember for many years. How great is that for the reputation of our sport?

Stewards Of The Arroyo

Derrell Bridgman



Tri-Valley Fly Fishers at Arroyo Mocho “Earth Day” Weekend” - 2013

Seventeen TVFF members spent part of their Saturday (4/20/2013) in and/or near the creek. No, not fishing; but contributing their time and efforts towards the enhancement of the health of the Arroyo, the watershed and the Pacific Ocean. Are these a great group of Fly Fishers or what?

TVFF has volunteered to participate in a local program focused on reducing the volumes of trash and debris that regularly finds its way into our local streams, and beyond into the Alameda Creek Watershed, and ultimately into the Pacific Ocean. The program, labeled “Adopt-A-Spot”, was established in an effort to correct the environmental damage that all the discarded trash is causing.

Reports on the ever increasing degradation in the health of the ocean off our shores are disgraceful. Hopefully, it will improve this condition.

Organizations, businesses, groups, etc. have been invited to “adopt” a section of a local stream (a “Spot”) and to commit to keeping the trash cleaned up on it, on a regular basis, as needed.

The board conferred and authorized President Daniel to sign onto the following letter on behalf of the Tri Valley Fly Fishers

April 27, 2013

Therese Wooding
Alameda County Water District
43885 South Grimmer Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94538

Support for Lower Alameda Creek Fish Passage Improvements

The undersigned **14** Bay Area conservation and fishing organizations strongly support the approval of the Joint Lower Alameda Creek Fish Passage Improvements project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

These fish passage improvements will allow migratory fish such as steelhead trout and salmon to access spawning and rearing habitat in the upper Alameda Creek watershed, and will contribute to the restoration and recovery of a regionally significant steelhead trout population.

The planned fish ladder and fish screen facilities along with the proposed operations and bypass flows will provide critical passage for steelhead through the lower reach of Alameda Creek, while maintaining local water supplies and flood control functions.

The environmental review for the project appropriately identifies beneficial impacts for native fish and wildlife from the restoration projects and no impacts or less than significant impacts to other sensitive species with the mitigation measures included in the project. We support the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

We appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Alameda County Water District and the Alameda County Flood Control District to adapt water supply and flood control operations to meet the ecological needs of native fish and wildlife and to improve stream habitat in Alameda Creek.

Sincerely,

Items For Sale

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

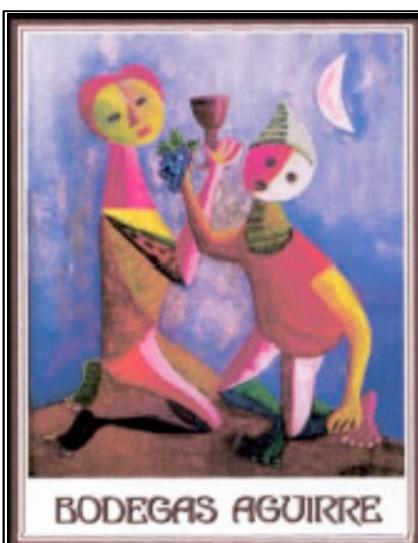
Fly lines for sale:

1. SA Mastery XPS DT4F Grey, good condition \$20.00
2. Scientific Anglers GPX DT5 in good condition \$ 20.00
3. Cortland 444SL DT7F Mist Green, very good condition \$20.00
4. SA Mastery Nymph Taper WF8F Willow, like new, great for steelhead \$25.00
5. Orvis Wonderline Striper WF10F Yellow, new in box, \$25.00

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Contact: Harry Levin (925) 443-5562

Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

I am a Preschool Special Ed teacher and the floating fly line comes in handy for many projects that preschool children make: necklaces, lacing, hanging art, fishing poles.....I would be happy to collect it and give it away to other preschool teachers.

Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

Thanks for the consideration.

-Cathy Hiromoto



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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

