

# The Barbless Hook



## November 2014

<http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org>

*Editor: Tom Vargas*

### President's Message

**Daniel Kitts**

**HELP WANTED**...It's great to see more of these signs posted as the economy continues to improve but SERIOUSLY...the TVFF Board is in the need of someone to "shadow" **Ron Duetgen** as he sets up the auction for 2015 and become the Auction Chairman for 2016. While there is work involved in chairing this committee there is also a lot personal reward.

The annual silent auction is our major fund raiser and provides funds to support many of the programs we are involved with. If you are curious about what it would entail talk to Ron and if you would like to help in this role be sure to let him know.

How to have a great guide experience...Many of us have used guides through the years some with good and other time not so great experiences. So how do you find the guide that will make your experience a great one? If you've got some thoughts on the question think about writing an article for the Barbless Hook.

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#### Photo:

Derrell Bridgman with a nice "Lower Sac" Rainbow.

*Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!*

*Presidents message, continued from page 1*

Watch for the discussion I will be starting on our website where you can share your comments or feel free to send them to me and I will consolidate them over the next couple of months and share them in the Barbless Hook.

Many thanks go out to **Tom & Cheryl Vargas, Russ & Michelle George** and **Derrell Bridgman** for hosting the annual TVFF Family outing to the Alpine Lake / Stanislaus area. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I hear everyone enjoyed themselves and the company of fellow TVFF members and significant others.

It looks like the people who went on the Lower Sacramento trip had some success. Thank you **Tom Fessenden** for fish Meistering this outing.

Remember to get out and vote! I have to admit I'm a bit leery about Prop 1 wondering if there are some monies that will find their way to fund the tunnels around the Delta but Trout Unlimited, CalTrout and the Nature Conservancy support the proposition. I'll have to do a little more digging on why they like it and assume they've done their homework.

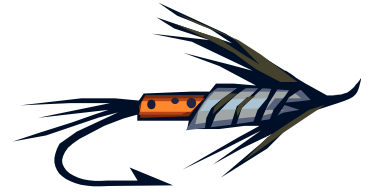
DATE CHANGES COMING for some of our future meetings that conflict with holidays and school breaks. We will probably be changing the dates for January and April but watch for the announcements as we confirm new dates.

Tightlines,

Daniel

*Daniel Kitts*

**Be patient and calm - for no one can catch fish in anger." - Herbert Hoover**



**2014 TVFF  
Speakers Program  
"At A Glance"**

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**November 6th:**  
**Jon Baiocchi**  
*"Fly Fishing Lake  
Davis"*

**December 4th:**  
**John Sherman**  
*"Fly Fishing the  
California Delta"*

**January :**  
**Fly tying Expo**  
*"Expert local fly tyers  
demonstrate their  
craft"*

**February 2nd:**  
*Annual Installation of  
Officers and Potluck  
Dinner*

# OUTINGS AND EVENTS

## Bart Hughes

Hopefully you all have had the chance to get out there and do some fishing this fall. Flows haven't been impacted nearly as much as I thought they would. Fishing activity has picked up nicely and even if it didn't experiencing fall foliage is not to be missed. One of the things I've always loved about fly fish is that it takes me to beautiful places.

One last call - there still is the opportunity to participate with the "new member fishing guide" pilot that we introduced this year is still available. As a reminder, the club has agreed to pick up the cost of a guide for a day as long as an outing brings along 3-4 new members (joined within the past year). This is a great opportunity – see below for some ideas for the coming months. First come, first serve on this one. Consider the following suggestions as ideas:

- November to February-Klamath and Trinity River Steelhead
- November (until season ends) – North Fork Stanislaus, Beardsley for October Caddis
- January - Stanislaus River below Goodwin Dam/Lake Tulloch, Boca/Little Truckee, O'Neill Forebay for stripers, the Trinity for steelhead.
- California rivers and lakes that are open year-round

Many of the closer locations lend themselves well to day fishing outings in the fall - e.g. North Fork Stanislaus. If you are looking for fishing action but can't get away for an extended weekend, don't be shy about sending out an email to the club soliciting interest for a day outing. This is a great and easy way to get to know your fellow club members and learn some new skills and fishing locations along the way.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT / LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
NOVEMBER 8	DELTA STRIPER OUTING	TOM VARGAS
DECEMBER 3-7	TRINITY RIVER STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM

**WATCH FOR A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN THE JANUARY MEETING DATE**

## November Program

### *Fly Fishing Lake Davis* with Jon Baiocchi



Our November 6th guest speaker is Jon Baiocchi of Baiocchi Troutfitters.

Since 1972, Jon has been an avid fly tyer and angler on western waters from California and Montana to Patagonia. Nowadays, he's a professional fly fishing guide, as sole owner of Baiocchi's Troutfitters, guiding fishermen on Northern California lakes and running waters.

Jon is a professional author, in such places as The Outdoor Buddy website.

Jon loves sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm about fly fishing. At the November meeting he will share his knowledge and techniques of fly fishing Lake Davis.

TVFF members will learn about fly fishing Lake Davis, Lake Davis Rainbow Trout, the Best Seasons for fishing Lake Davis and Aquatic Insect Hatches and current fishing reports on Lake Davis.

You can learn more about Jon and his fly fishing guide services by visiting his website at

[www.BaiocchisTroutfitters.com](http://www.BaiocchisTroutfitters.com)

and Blog at

[JonBaiocchiFlyFishingNews.blogspot.com](http://JonBaiocchiFlyFishingNews.blogspot.com).

### **Breaking Bread with Jon**

If you are interested in joining us for dinner at the Cattleman's Steakhouse in Livermore (off Airway Blvd. exit) at 5:00 pm, please RSVP to Daniel Kitts at (510) 816-2846.



# Delta Striper Outing

## November 8, 2014

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmasters, Rick Mikla and I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, November 8th. This is a great opportunity to experience hard pulling, double digit freshwater fish on fly gear. We will fish the Southern bays of Discovery Bay and plan to launch out of Orwood Resort by 7:00AM. You should arrive at least ½ hour earlier in order to set up and get your boat in the water. We will head South about one mile to the Kellogg Creek entrance of Discovery Bay. This is an all-safe 5 mph area and it works well for both small and larger size watercraft. The outing will take place in rain or shine, but plan on a cold morning and the possibility of morning fog for a few hours.

A boat is required to participate in this trip. Boaters and non-boaters will need to make arrangements and get paired up before the outing.

Equipment: 8, 9 or 10 wt. rods with Hi-Speed / High Density shooting heads. Lead core heads, Teeny 300-400, Rio Outbound or SA Custom Tip Express lines trimmed to match the rod all work well. The integrated style lines are easier to cast than lead core. Your leader is simply 5-6 ft of 15 - 20 lb mono (Maxima). Flies that simulate baitfish patterns such as 3-5 inch Clouser minnows, Flashtail Whistlers, Deceivers, etc. work well. The 2/0 chartreuse and white Clouser is a standard. Take a look at past newsletters for December and January of '11 and '12 for what has been successful. We will provide more information as we get closer to the outing and we can get more specific as the stripers keep move in, which usually starts around mid to late October. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of bait already arriving and being chased by hungry stripers!



10 pound Delta striper from 2012.  
These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



Dan Blanton's favorite Flashtail  
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Fly Tying Class	Jim Broadbent

## 2015 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable now and are \$35.00 until the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
*See page 15 for more details*

The club's mailing address is:  
TVFF  
PO Box 2358  
Livermore, CA 94551



# Fishing Reports

## October "Lower Sac" Rainbows Tom Fessenden

Jim Woollett, Ron Dueltgen, Gary Prince, and I left Friday, October 24 again for the Steiner Cabin just outside Redding to chase the LSac rainbows. When we arrived we found Derrell Bridgman in the cabin and Bob McCollum out in his float tube after bass. Bob caught 6 or 8 while the rest of us hit Safeway for steak, coffee, granola etc. Friday night was Round Table Pizza and the ball game.

Saturday morning the weather looked nasty but we all showed up at the Fly Shop only to learn that because of the weather the guides wouldn't! Saturday we had winds to 60 mph, 1.5 inches of rain, dime-size hail and lightning as the cells came through. We toured Shasta Dam and took in a movie. Dinner was steak and baked potatoes at the cabin after the BBQ dried out.



Sunday broke clear and we all headed for the Posse Grounds. We first wet our lines about 10 AM and by 1 PM Bob had 7 and the rest of us (except me) were not far behind. Things improved after lunch as the water cleared and the final count was something like Jim 7, Ron 14, Gary 10, Derrell 10, Bob 14, and Tom 2. We fished until 5 and came out at Anderson. Bob and Derrell were a bit late because, just before takeout, Derrell took on a big one that turned out to be a 15-20 pound salmon that he broke off once he was sure. After a quick dinner we headed south and arrived home at around 11 PM.

Derrell and I are both grateful to our TVFF colleagues for the assistance we got that made it possible for us to enjoy this great trip. We have some great people in our club and we are both proud to be associated with them.





## Fishing Reports-Continued from page 7



Bob McCollum with nice rainbow



Derrell enjoying the Sundial Bridge view from the river

**Bob McBride, Daniel Kitts and Martin Plotkin and friend Don Brier fished the Deschutes River in OR** for Steel Head with guide Mark Bachmann. After 6 and a half days of hard fishing the group got skunked for steelhead, but did manage to grab a couple of trout each.

The group went on to the Rouge and fished without a guide with some success. Martin did manage to land his first Sea Run Brown!





## Fishing Reports-Continued from page 8

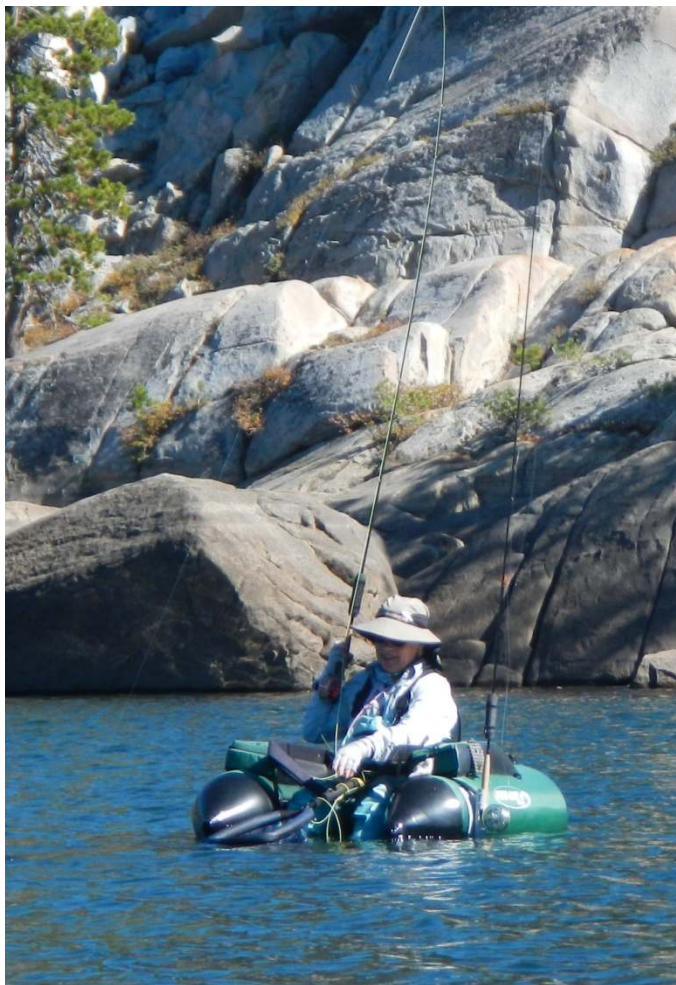
**Russ O'Brien and Richard Tarbel fished** for Steel Head on the Lower Feather and Yuba Rivers the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> with some great success. We also hooked several salmon and lots of rainbows/steelheads on both rivers. A fun time!



**The Stanislaus River, Alpine Lake outing** was on the weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup> and was a success. The George, Bridgman and Vargas cabins hosted 22 club members and we all feasted together on a delicious dinner of appetizers, bbq tri-tip and chicken topped off by delicious desserts on Saturday night. Great camaraderie, excellent fishing and to top it off, I think most of us had success catching, which just added to the fun outing.







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# The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent

**The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, November 3rd at Christensen Middle School located at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore from 7:00 to 9:00PM.**

It's fall and time for some Striper flies. We will be working on a couple of styles of bait fish patterns.

#1 to #2/0 saltwater hook

Thread 6/0, 3/0 white

Bucktail, FishHair or craft fur . White, chartreuse, gray, tan, brown, medium green

zap a gap, head cement or clear nail polish

Barbell eyes, Bead Chain, Doll eyes, holographic eyes

I Will Have some material to share



**Jig Hook Flashtail Clouser**



***Around the Web:***

**Sexyloops-A fly fishing site with a wealth of information :**

**<http://www.sexyloops.com/contentspage.shtml>**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner



## Saturday November 15th 2014 Sinodino's Steak House & Restaurant

36665 Cedar Blvd.  
Newark, CA 94560

**Live & Silent Auction - Bucket items  
available**

**No Host Cocktails:**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM**

**Dinner at 6:30 PM**

**Before October 31<sup>ST</sup> price is \$45/person or \$425 for table of (10)**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> price is \$50/Person or \$475 for table of (10)**

**Ticket sales end November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:00 PM PDT**

**Menu - Choice of:**

New York Steak & Mashed Potato

Chicken Marsala & Rice

Salmon & Rice

Vegetable, Salad coffee & tea Included

Be sure to note menu choice(s) when ordering on line.

Bucket item tickets available at: (Can be ordered on line).

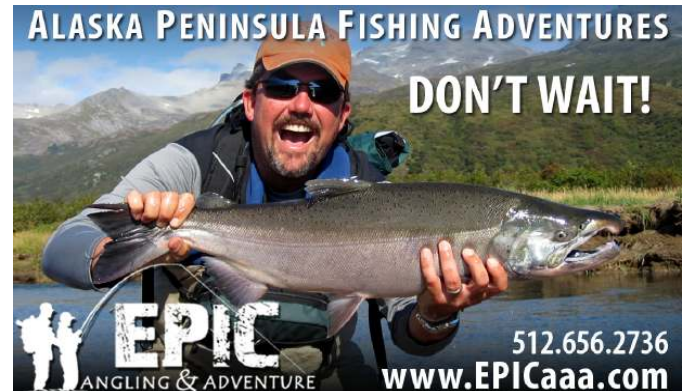
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## November Auction Update

**Ron Dueltgen**

### HELP WANTED FOR 2015 TVFF AUCTION

Preparations are underway for the TVFF annual fundraising auction, to be held Thursday, April 9, 2015. As that date approaches, there will be several opportunities for members and friends to step up and lend a hand to make sure that the auction is a success. For instance, publicity in the community and among other fly fishing clubs in the area will be a crucial contributor to the auction's success. If you would be willing to help with publicity, please contact Ron Dueltgen: ([rondueltgen@comcast.net](mailto:rondueltgen@comcast.net); 925-449-0528). As the auction nears, help will be needed with refreshments, set-up and clean-up, accounting and check-out, and other important jobs.

And, equally as important, the auction relies heavily on donations of fishing gear, outings and other items from club members and friends. Please be thinking about what your contribution will be to the success of the auction. Our club depends on this income to fund the many educational and conservation projects we sponsor. Your contributions of time, talent and goods make that possible. Contact Ron to add your name to the list of contributors.

Ron Dueltgen  
[auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org](mailto:auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org)  
925-449-0528

### It's time for 2015 Dues!

TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$40 (\$35 if paid on or before the club meeting on February 6, 2014). A membership covers you and all family members living at home. All are encouraged to participate in club outings however, liability release signatures are required of those 18 or over.

Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Russ George, or our membership coordinator Tom Fessenden, at any regular club meeting.

Checks made out to TVFF can also be mailed to :

**Tri-Valley Fly Fishers**  
**PO Box 2358**  
**Livermore, CA 94551**

## Items For Sale

### Fishing Vests for Sale:

1. **Reduced** Orvis Super Wading Tac-L-Pak. Medium size, Tan color Like new condition. \$30.00, (\$119.00 new)
2. Patagonia Mesh Vest Medium size, Grey color Good condition. \$20.00

### Great Prices on Fly lines for Sale:

1. Cortland 444 WF6 F/S 10 foot Sink Tip Type 3, New in Box \$20.00
2. Cortland 444 SL WF7 F/S 20 foot Sink Tip Type 3, New in Box \$20.00
3. SA Mastery XPS DT4 Grey color, one end used - \$10.00
4. Cortland 444 SL WF7 F/S 20 foot Sink Tip Type 6, New in Box \$20.00
5. Redington RS2 Reel for 7/8 lines, with Albright WF7-F Yellow new fly line, excellent cond.-\$60.00
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## Items For Sale

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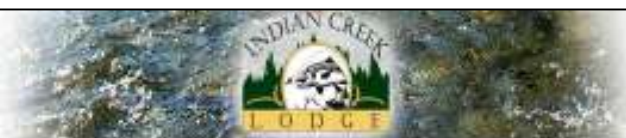


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I am a Preschool Special Ed teacher and the floating fly line comes in handy for many projects that preschool children make: necklaces, lacing, hanging art, fishing poles.....I would be happy to collect it and give it away to other preschool teachers.

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

Thanks for the consideration.

-Cathy Hiromoto

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

