

The Barbless Hook



**April
2015**

Don't Miss the Auction!

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

We Have A Problem

We have a problem and I need your help solving it. No member has volunteered to head up our fund raising auction for 2016. As you may know, dues only account for a fraction of TVFF's income. The bulk of it comes from our auction proceeds.

Most of the volunteer work done operating the club is from the people on the board and a handful of long term members. This group arranges for speakers, maintains the video library, organizes fishing trips, has refreshments at meeting, runs the raffles and all the other things we all enjoy. These people are also involved with their families and churches and some even work for a living. None feel they can do all they are currently doing for TVFF and have time left to direct the auction activities.

Is there any one or 2 of you who would like to take a crack at coordinating and directing the 2016 auction? Ron Dueltgen the 2015 and 2014 auction chairman, Don Gardner and Bob McCollum past auction chairmen would be available to offer guidance on what to do and how to do it. As with the past chairmen, you would find our members are willing to pitch in and help.

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Photo:

Intense bidding at the very successful annual auction fundraiser in 2013.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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

Presidents message, continued from page 1

At our last board meeting there was considerable discussion on what we need to do to raise operating funds if we have to scrap the auction next year. Should we raise the dues? Should we stop supporting other groups like Cal Trout and Veterans Fly Fishing, cut our speakers, scale back on the raffle and live off only what we get in dues? Should we try a different fund raising scheme?

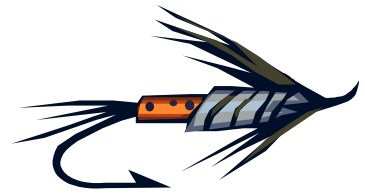
Please send me an email at president@tri-valleyflyfishers.org and tell me what your ideas and thoughts are on this matter. I'd really like to know what you think!!

I'll leave you with one final thought: If your children are named Winston , Lefty, William-Joseph or Scott you might be a Real Fly Fisher (and not just a wanabe). ☺

-m



Checking out Flies, 2014 Auction



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

April 9th:
Annual Auction

May 7th:
To be Announced

June 4th:
Lance Grey & Company
"Northern California
Still Water"

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson



DATES

LOCATION

FISHMEISTER

APRIL 9

SILENT AUCTION

RON DUELTGEN

APRIL 17-19

PYRAMID LAKE

JIM BROADBENT

JUNE 23-27

PROSSER RES / LAKE DAVIS

HAL WILSON

JULY 11-18

LA PAZ, BAJA SUR

JIM BROADBENT

All 8 places taken at this time. Will take standbys.

JULY 17-19

FULLER LAKE

HAL WILSON

AUGUST 9-16

MONTANA RIVERS

MARTY LOOMIS

All places taken in this time period. Will take standbys.

AUGUST 16-23

MONTANA RIVERS

MARTY LOOMIS

All places taken in this time period. Will take standbys.

SEPTEMBER 25-27

NO. FORK STAN / LAKE ALPINE

TOM VARGAS
RUSS GEORGE
DERRELL BRIDGMAN

SEPTEMBER TBD

CAPLES LAKE

TOM FESSENDEN

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TOM VARGAS



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APRIL 9



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Prosser/Davis Lake Outing

Hal Wilson

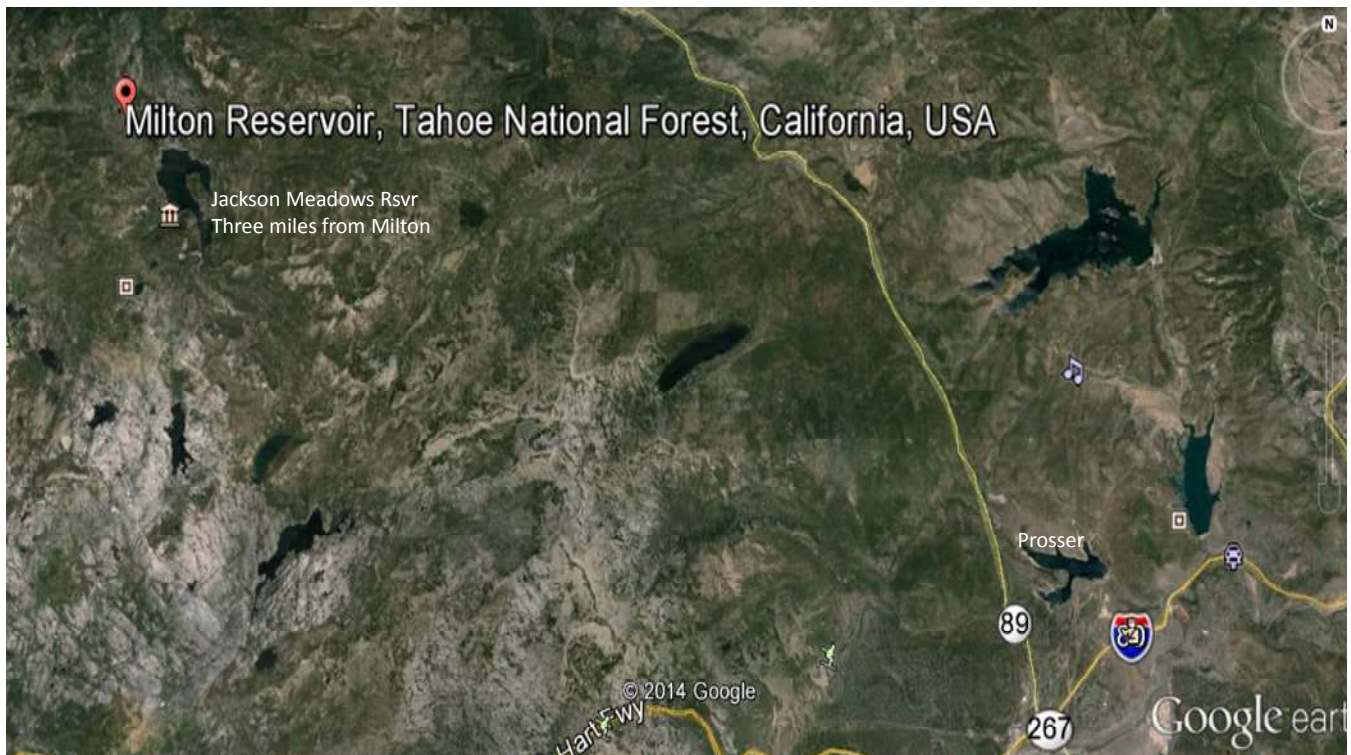
I didn't get nearly as much fishing as I wanted last year, so in an effort to be sure that doesn't happen again, I have done some far-in-advance research. In addition, although Lake Davis during damselfly emergence is a "must do", I have often wanted to expand my fishing horizons, so that hope has also been part of my pondering these last few weeks.

In reading through Bill Sunderland's book, Fly Fishing California Stillwaters I find other stillwaters in the Truckee area which would be on the way to Davis. Three stand out as potential waypoints worth trying – **Milton Reservoir**, **Jackson Meadows Reservoir** and **Prosser**. Boca and Stampede Reservoirs are often associated in one's mind with Prosser, but in checking this all out, I learned that water-skiing is allowed on Boca and Stampede, but not on Prosser. In addition, Prosser has reservable campsites (as does Jackson Meadows).

So, the plan as it is now outlined in my mind is to begin the trip on Monday or Tuesday following Fathers' Day, establishing camp at Prosser or Jackson Meadows. After fishing any or all of the above three waters, moving on to Lake Davis to set up camp (in previously reserved sites) Thursday afternoon. We go through the town of Portola a few miles before reaching Davis, so restocking of food and ice is easily accomplished. Our last two years at Davis we have camped in Grasshopper Flat campground, with campsites near the coin-operated hot shower which would be very welcome our third or fourth day out! This break in the trip to relocate makes it doable for those who can only make part of the trip.

The excellent presentation by Jon Baiocchi at our last club meeting gave us lots of great information about Lake Davis, so I have been tying flies he recommended for a Lake Davis specific fly box.

Reservations for Prosser and Davis can be made 6 months prior to the requested dates, so I will be firming up this plan in order to request in early January the sites and the dates I want.



Call me if interested or have questions

Hal

Member Outing Reports

Ken Gotelli

I fished Pyramid lake on March 18-19 and caught several nice cutthroat trout both on stripping buggers and drifting nymphs. I stayed at Crosby's at the lake. The weather was clear and sunny.

The lake fishes better during inclement weather, but people were catching fish throughout the day. Mahalo nymphs during the day and dark woolly buggers and beetles early in the morning and late in the evening were producing.

Fishing should remain decent into May. If anyone is interested in going I will be happy to give them more info.



Ken Tetzl

Enclosed are a few pic's of my wife, Janet, (yes my wife!) landing a nice rainbow on the Lower Yuba. Caught on a skwala dry, Feb 28th. Not bad!

I wonder what Ken was doing???



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2015 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable now and are \$40.00. *See page 1 for more details*

The club's mailing address is:

TVFF

PO Box 2358

Livermore, CA 94551

Fuller Lake, anyone?

Hal Wilson

July, a great month for fishing

TVFF has had great times fishing Fuller Lake. We missed last year because PGE installed a reservation system for Spaulding Lake campground which we have used over the years on a first-come, first-served basis, and we missed the reservation window.

Well, we missed it again, but all is not lost. There is another campground, a NFS campground, that is also within driving distance of Fuller.

PGE Camp Spaulding is about 6 miles of mountain driving (15 minutes) away from Fuller, whereas White Cloud campground in Tahoe Natl Forest is about 16 miles (25 minutes) away.

There are 10 campsites **currently** available in White Cloud for July 17-19 and the usage of the campground is said to be light, so if we get our act together quickly we have a fairly good chance to reserve the sites we want.

Fuller is at 5300 foot elevation, on Bowman Lake Road, just off of Hwy 20 in the Emigrant Gap area. It is a 69 acre lake, a perfect size for float tubing or pontoons. There is a concrete launch ramp, and motors are allowed, but water conditions being as they are, trailered boats may not be a good option. Fly-fishing from the bank is about non-existent.

Regular Sierra lake gear is suitable – 3 -6 weight rods, floating, intermediate lines. Some fish with sink-tip or full-sink type 2 or 3 as well. Productive flies include Jay Fair Wiggle-tail nymphs in rust or olive, Zug Bugs, Sheep Creek Specials, Woolly Buggers, etc.

Both Brown and Rainbow Trout have been caught in the lake. In past years it has been regularly planted, and although it was in March this year, the future is uncertain. (See article on hatchery problems in this issue of the newsletter). There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting. As always, I will be available to answer questions then or any time before then.

Hal

(925) 846-8766

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, April 6th at Christensen Middle School located at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

The purpose of these meetings is to share Ideas and knowledge with fellow fly fishers. We mainly tie flies, but also have done knots and leaders, stream tactics, equipment reviews and suggestions, light weight backpacking, funny hats or whatever. At the April meeting we will suggest and vote on a topic for May.

This month we will be tying a killer fly....The Humpy. Material Dry fly hook #10-14 Deer hair natural Floss or thread red, yellow Hackle Grizzly Hair stacker.

This fly is a bit more challenging to tie but very rewarding.

Regards,

Jim



Around the Web:

Humpy tying instructions can be found here:

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2015 AUCTION

Ron Dueltgen

IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Our annual fund-raising silent auction will be held on Thursday, April 9 2015 at our regular meeting room at the Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club. Bidder registration will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by open doors at 6:30 PM. A catalog of items was sent by email to all members on March 27, so if you missed yours, please contact Ron Dueltgen at auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org for your copy.

Last month in this newsletter, a list of all donors and their websites was published so bidders could check out those desirable items to bid on and be ready to place bids. Two new Right-to-Buy items have come in: two 40% discount coupons for any catalog item from Aqua Design, Inc. (angler's sportswear) at www.aquadesign.com. Also, a coupon for 30% off any catalog item from Dyna-King, Inc., makers of fine fly-tying vises and accessories, at www.dyna-king.com. In addition to those noted in the catalog, donations have arrived from Orvis, Western Outdoor Publications, Bailey Creek Lodge, Bass Pro Shop and Black Oak Casino. All told there are more than 300 items including rods, reels, lines, lots of flies, buddy trips, outings, wine, guided trips, lodging, sunglasses and more.

Please remember that the auction can only accept cash or checks in payment; we don't have the means to process credit cards just yet.

This event is the only means that TVFF has for raising money to support all of our education, conservation and charitable efforts. So, we look forward to your enthusiastic participation! If you have questions, contact Ron at the above address or at 925-449-0528.

See you there!

DFW PLANTING FEWER **AND** SMALLER FISH IN 2015

Hal Wilson

Increased costs and drought impact on hatchery stock plants

There is an article on CDFW website that provides information on the effect that increased costs and the drought are having on hatchery operations and the fish we can expect to find in put-and-take waters. The article reports plans to reduce fish production to 1.6 million pounds statewide this year. Since there was no poundage reported for previous years, the relative impact of this reduction is not apparent.

The article points out several areas that have had increased costs, as well as ways the DFW will pursue to accomplish savings and still provide good recreational fishing. In addition to the increased costs, among which are food, fuel and hatchery maintenance, the drought has caused DFW to plant or relocate fish early in the growth cycle, making it difficult to produce a ½ lb. fish by planting time.

The link below will take you to the article. Interesting reading – take a few moments to read it.

<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=91004&inline>

TVFF Dues for 2015 are due!

Jo Dee Widmayer

- TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$40 (\$35 if paid on or before the club meeting in February). 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, Tom Fessenden, or our membership coordinator, Jo Dee Widmayer, at any regular club meeting.
- Checks can be made payable to TVFF

If you have already paid, thank you very much!

And if you are unsure, please send me an email (clayjodee@aol.com) and I will confirm.

Thank you,
Jo Dee Widmayer
Membership Chair

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Conservation

Doug Witmore

The \$7.5 billion dollar California Water Bond and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was passed by California lawmakers and voters in 2014. State and local agencies plan to invest billions in new assets. Very important water talks began in January of 2015. The complex process of planning and implementation of new California water infrastructure has begun by two discussion groups.

The California Water Commission has initiated discussion on how \$2.7 billion dollars will be allocated for water storage projects. They will be responsible for evaluation and selection of projects that will receive state funds. Examples include new reservoirs, underground storage, and proposals to clean up dirty aquifers. The California Water Commission's difficult task involves evaluating many water storage proposals that must meet a set of criteria that was outlined in the legislation that authorized the water bond. Selected projects must provide a public benefit, improve water quality and water flows in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Half the public benefit for each project must include significant ecosystem benefits. The commission has until a deadline of December 15th, 2016, to evaluate the proposed projects. Timelines for construction will depend on projects selected.

The debate over dams and reservoirs will receive a greater amount of their attention. The argument has been made that reservoirs store minimal reliable water at steep environmental cost. A Stanford University study indicates that groundwater basins could store six times the water as surface reservoirs.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has begun meeting to develop a multi-decade Storm Water Capture Master Plan. Their goal will be to retain rain water rather than channeling it out to the ocean. Their proposal will look for new ways to maximize local sources of water. The goal of capturing more storm water is part of the approach to diversifying the city's water supply by increasing recycling, conservation, and groundwater use. It is encouraging to see LADWP with a goal of reducing water exported from Northern California. The exporting process is energy-intensive and expensive, and unreliable in dry years. In October of 2014, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti issued an executive order that requires LADWP to cut its purchase of imported water in half by 2024.

Stay tuned as this long, groundbreaking process for improving California water infrastructure plays out.

Tri-Valley Flyfishers announces:

FLY FISHING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS in April

Steve Johnson

- The Tri-Valley Flyfishers, (TVFF), is pleased to offer the popular Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class as taught by experienced Club members. This 5 part course consists of 3 evening classroom sessions and 2 casting classes.
- The Wednesday evening classes will be from 7:00 PM (sharp) to 9:00 PM (approximate) at the Livermore Rod & Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The 2 fly casting lessons will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (times subject to change), at the McCrea Park Casting Facility in Oakland, off HWY 13.

Course Content, Dates, Times, (order of topics subject to change):

- Wednesday, April 15th Introduction to Fly Fishing and Equipment
Details the different types of equipment needed in the sport and will give recommendations.
- Wednesday, April 22nd Knots You Need to Know; How to Rig a Fly Rod; Basic Aquatic Entomology
- Wednesday, April 29th Reading the Water, Streams, and Stillwaters (lakes); Safety, Etiquette and Courtesy

Course Content and Dates and Times

Option 1

Casting Lessons:

- Saturday, April 18th Students will be taught the basics of the roll cast and the pick up and lay down cast. Equipment will be supplied.
- Saturday, April 25th Students will be taught mends, (aerial and on water), casting at targets using roll casts and aerial casts. Equipment will be supplied.

Option 2

- Classes combined. Students will be taught the basics of the roll cast and the pick up into one Sat/Sun and lay down cast. Equipment will be supplied.
- Either on the 18/19 or 25/26: Students will be taught mends, (aerial and on water), casting at targets using roll casts and aerial casts. Equipment will be supplied.
- Also included in this year's class is an on-stream nymphing clinic. Date and location are yet to be determined.

Fees and Registration:

TVFF Members \$35.00

Non-TVFF Members \$75.00 – non-member fees include TVFF membership dues for the remainder of 2015.

Registration is limited to the first 12 payments received. All payments should be sent to Steve Johnson, 826 Orion Way, Livermore CA 94550. **Make all checks payable to "TVFF"**. Also indicate which option you prefer for the casting lessons.

If you should have any questions concerning the class please call Steve Johnson, 925-980-5433.

A Special Offer for the *Tri-Valley Fly Fishers*

This year marks the seventh session that Phil Rowley and I have presented the *California Stillwater School*, June 26-28 (www.californiastillwaterschool.com). We believe it has grown to be one of the most comprehensive stillwater courses offered in North America. This seminar is not a class on "How to Fish Lake Davis" but rather an all-inclusive course on improving one's stillwater fly fishing competency.

Phil Rowley is a stillwater specialist and is one of the hosts of T.V's *The New Fly Fisher*, guide, and author, speaker, DVD producer, as well as a noted fly tier. Phil lives in Alberta, Canada and flies in to co-host the school. Quite possibly you have seen Phil as a featured speaker at the *Fly Fishing Show*.

Regarding myself, I am a N. California stillwater guide, club speaker, featured technical writer for *Sierra Fisherman Magazine* of which I am also listed as its Sr. Editor, and I live 20 minutes from Lake Davis. I too speak at the *Fly Fishing Show* (Pleasanton [and Pasadena R.I.P]) and have been a featured fly fishing speaker at the *International Sportsmen's Expo*.

We are offering members of the *Tri-Valley Fly Fishers* \$40 off the 2015 *California Stillwater School* enrollment. This offer will remain valid until April 20, or should maximum enrollment of 25 be reached prior to April 20.

I have enclosed several flyers with the 2015 CSS course description and agenda for your interested members. Because of the time sensitive nature of this offer, if you would like to provide this offer to your membership digitally, call or email a note to me at Bill@forward-bound.com and I will provide you with necessary copy content.

Thank you for sharing this information with your membership.

Sincerely,



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3. SA Mastery XPS DT4 Grey color, one end used - \$10.00
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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

