

# The Barbless Hook



## April 2017

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

*Editor: Tom Vargas*

### President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's

Let me start out by thanking all of the attendees of our last meeting. We had about 58 people show up and enjoy a presentation by Jim Roberts. This was the largest turn out we've had for a regular meeting in a number of years. Jim's talk on various tips and techniques to improve success on the water was informative and entertaining as usual.

I hope no one needs to be reminded at this time, but our yearly auction is coming up next Thursday, 4/6/17. It will be at the usual meeting place (Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun club, 4000 Dagnino Rd, Livermore 94551). This is the single biggest money generating activity we use each year to fund our various activities and contributions. Please participate and bring friends.

I wanted to say a little about a very important subject this month. Wading safety. While this is something we all must practice all the time we're on the water, this year with unusually high water makes it more important than ever. We've had a number of new people at our meetings lately and I want to make sure we get people off on the right foot (and I know I need to be reminded periodically). I will reference an article from the Orvis website here (<http://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/how-to-articles/trout-fishing-articles/tips-for-safe-wading>).

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#### Picture:

**Rob Fletcher with his 17 pound Lahontan Cutthroat from the Pyramid Lake outing!**

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

## Wading Tips

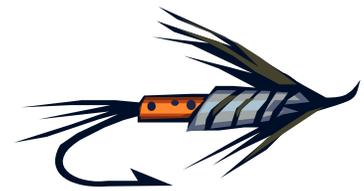
1. Proper footwear is essential: Felt soles at a minimum for mossy rocks while studs and cleats can improve your footing even more.
2. A wading staff can be indispensable when conditions are difficult.
3. A wading belt is an essential piece of safety gear when wearing waders. A belt will slow the filling of your waders if (when) you fall in.
4. Go slow! Take the time to evaluate conditions.
5. Stand firm! Keep your feet about shoulder width apart and flex your knees for more stability.
6. Go with the flow! It is easier to cross in a slightly downstream direction than directly across the current or upstream.

There are a number of additional points, but those are some of the most important ones. We have a number of very seasoned fishermen in our club. If you have any questions about this topic (or many others), don't hesitate to ask someone. It will probably improve your enjoyment and could save your life.

See you at the auction,

*Roger*

**Auction:**  
**Don't forget, our**  
**club auction is this**  
**month, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
**See page 5**



**2016 TVFF**  
**Speakers Program**  
**"At A Glance"**

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**April 6th:**

***Auction***

**May 4th:**

***To be***  
***Announced***

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## 2017 Dues Notice

**It is time to pay Membership Dues!** The cost is \$45 after the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

*Frank Gordet*

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

# OUTINGS AND EVENTS - March 2017

Hal Wilson



<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
APRIL 6	SILENT AUCTION	MARTY LOOMIS
APRIL 17-18	PYRAMID LAKE	BOB McCOLLUM
MAY 6	O'NEIL FOREBAY(CLINIC) (Full -replacement signups only)	DON GARDNER
MAY 17-18	BAILEY CREEK LODGE (Full- replacement signups only)	RON DUELTGEN
MAY26-JUNE-2	EAGLE LAKE	DENNIS RANKIN
JUNE 3-6	FEATHER (or YUBA) RIVER/ SHAD	DON GARDNER
JUNE 23-30	LAKE ALMANOR	DENNIS RANKIN
JULY 7-14	STEWART'S LODGE (CANADA)	MARTIN PLOTKIN
JULY 13-16	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
OCTOBER	BELIZE RIVER LODGE	MARTIN PLOTKIN

# Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Outing

## Dennis Rankin

- Lake Almanor Hex Hatch Fishout - June 24-25

- General Information-

- The Lake Almanor Hexagina Hatch takes place in June and July of each year. During this time the fishing can be from good to phenomenal. Lake Almanor has rainbow trout (mostly Eagle Lake strain), brown trout and smallmouth bass. The trout range up about 10 pounds and the fish I saw caught last year ran up to about 9 pounds. Most are in the range of 2 to 5 pounds. Lake Almanor is a PG&E owned lake and access to the lake is free and easy to get to. The weather this time of year is great. Bring a head lamp with a flashlight and extra batteries; you may be kicking in in the dark. I will be sending out map sketches later in the cycle suggesting places to access the lake and any last minute information.

- Fishing

- The hex hatch starts in the early evening and continues until after dark. Nearly all the trout fishing is done from tubes, pontoons or boats. Smallmouths can be fished by wading. All fishing is wet fly with sinking lines, last year their location was from about 3 feet to the bottom. Much of the fishing one week was in 15 to 20 foot of water and the next week it was 25 to 30 feet. My suggestion for a day is to get up and go fish for smallmouths in the morning and then rest and be ready to go out about 4 pm. There are several launch places from the boat ramp at the south, dam end to access places along the west shore. You can drive right to the shore to launch, most do. The hatch generally begins at the south end of the lake and progresses up the lake along the west side. The fly patterns seem to change week to week and year to year. A size 16 trailer, about 3 feet behind the primary fly, has been effective sometimes. These fish are tough and fight extremely well, they don't roll over after a minute or two. For the latest fishing information stop at the Chester Fly Shop (Lake Almanor Fly Fishing Co) just after the bridge on HI way 36 (main street through Chester) Lake Almanor Fly fishing Company - 159 Main Street - Chester, CA - 96020 - 530-258-3944. The correct fly patterns are available there. Hex patterns, wiggle tails and wooly bugger are popular. Smallmouth patterns seem to be marabou chartreuse patterns seem to work well. Butt Valley and Mountain Meadows are two reservoirs in the vicinity. I recommend getting a map at the fly shop if you do not have one. There were salmon planted in the lake, I have no information if this practice has continued. If you wish to be guided I would suggest that you book a guide early, I personally have never used a guide and only know of a couple, those from the Chester Fly Shop and Lance Gray, those did well when I observed them, I am sure there are others.

- Camping and Lodging

- There are several campgrounds around Lake Almanor, some USFS, PG&E and private. Lake Almanor is a very popular place so make reservations early. Some of the campgrounds are completely booked for the summer. The campgrounds range from those that have just water and restrooms to some with full RV hook-ups and cabins. I will be staying at the North Shore Campground – 530-258-3376 <http://www.northshorecampground.com/>. This campground has large clean restrooms with showers, hookups, tent sites cabins, a small store, boat ramp and docks. There are others listed on the web pages for Lake Almanor and the town of Chester. There are motels in Chester; I have not stayed in any so I cannot give a recommendation. Again the web is the place to look, but book early.

## Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Outing - *Continued*

- Restaurants

There are several good places to eat in the area, many I have not eaten at. I will give a few suggestions and ideas; a burger stand on the south side of 36 in Chester has been quite good for hamburgers and good milkshakes. The Copper Kettle is a good place to have breakfast. The Subway sandwich shop is good and it is convenient to pick up a sandwich on your way to get to the fishing launch area. There are a couple of good pizza restaurants and some full service dinner restaurants. Tantardino's is an excellent Italian restaurant, reservations are required or heavily suggested on weekends, we go for a late lunch and I recommend this one. Tantardino's, 623 Peninsula Drive, Lake Almanor, CA 96137 Phone: 530-596-3902.

### Shopping

Chester is a modern town with about everything needed for a good trip; there is a large, modern grocery store, gas stations, etc.

### Route

I recommend to go north on I 5 to Red Bluff and then going east on HI way 36. Simple directions, 5 north to 36 east. Beware Chester area and the roads around Chester can be speed traps.

### Sign-up

If you are planning to go, please sign up with the requested information so that we can get you the latest information. If you sign up and cannot make it, no harm but if we don't have your information we will not be able to keep you informed. This trip should be great, weather, fishing, friends and the beautiful golden hex fly. If you have any questions or need any information please give me a call or email.

Dennis Rankin, [dennis.rankin@comcast.net](mailto:dennis.rankin@comcast.net), 925-784-5666



## 2 slots remain for British Colombia fishing trip

*fish meister: Martin Plotkin*

This is a really great experience for novice to advanced anglers. I've been on this trip at least 3 times before. It involves a really nice lodge with a well-run operation. The Stewart family has been doing it for over 50 years. It includes 7 nights accommodation at the lodge with 6 days being flown to remote lakes or rivers.



Date: Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 to Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Location: Based at Stewart's lodge, <http://www.stewartslodge.com/new.htm>, on the Chilcotin Plateau about 200 miles NNW of Vancouver, BC. I've been to the lodge 3 times and consider it a 1<sup>st</sup> class operation Very nice well run and maintained facility.

Activity: Trout fishing at remote rivers and lakes about 15 to 45 minute flying time from the lodge (weather permitting).

Cost: C\$2,650 (about US\$2,008) as of this week.

Deposit: US\$500 with reservation

### Package Rates INCLUDE...

- Flyout fishing every full day of your stay
- 12' - 14' boats at all lake locations
- 3 hp to 8 hp motors at all lake locations
- Fish cleaning, smoking and vacuum packaging
- Private log cabin on beautiful Nimpo Lake with hot shower, flush toilet, vanity, electricity, 2 double beds, linen, towels, sundeck, wood and electric heat
- Three meals a day
- Daily maid service



### Package Rates do NOT INCLUDE...

- Fishing license, gear and tackle
- Guides
- Liquor - licensed dining in the lodge
- Applicable Taxes (GST 5%)
- Gratuities (10 - 15%)
- Transportation from the Bay Area to Nimpo Lake

### Fly from Vancouver Airport (YVR)...

Flights are from Vancouver Airport South to Anahim Lake/Nimpo Lake. Contact Pacific Coastal Airlines toll free 1-800-663-2872 or visit... [www.pacificcoastal.com](http://www.pacificcoastal.com)

Free shuttle between Anahim Lake Airport and Lodge on Nimpo Lake.

### Drive from the Bay Area

I drove the last time I went. It took 3 days of driving 8 hours a day with numerous stops at the many Cabela's along the way. The drive is spectacular and I'd consider doing it again with someone else along.

For more information call Martin Plotkin.

**Check out the Tri Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page for more reports and fish porn!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyFF/>

# Pyramid Lake Spring Float Tubing Outing

**Bob McCollum**



**2017 Pyramid Lake Outings, Spring and Fall:**

## **Spring 2017 Pyramid Lake Outing:**

Last month I put out an e-mail and a sign up sheet for the spring Pyramid Lake Outing. This is a guided outing with Rob Anderson and Co. The Spring fishing is from step ladders which Rob provides and sets up on the edge of the drop off. The ladder allows you to cast further and keeps you warmer by keeping most of your body out of the water. Sounds odd, but it's a lot a fun. The ladders are set about 25 feet apart so it becomes a very social outing with good-natures banter, bragging, ribbing. The fish, two species of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout typically run from 4-8 pounds. , But there is the very real potential to hook and land a double-digit monster. See pictures from past years.

### **Dates:**

**Friday March 24 through Saturday March 25. (Potential option for third day on Thursday, March 23 if enough interest - min. 6 anglers). **CHECK OUT THE RESULTS OF THIS OUTING!****

**April 17-18 (Monday-Tuesday, drive up on Sunday).**

We will be joining guide Rob Anderson who will be hosting a seminar for the group for the outing. Rob will be providing ladders, flies and breakfast/lunch for both days and the cost is \$190/person for two days (March 24-25). The option for the 23rd will cost an additional \$90/angler, minimum 6 anglers. Advance payment required to hold your spot. Reservations are first come-first served based on receipt of payment. Please send me an e-mail letting me know if your intent to sign on and whether you want 2 or 3 days of fishing. Then snail-mail me a check for \$190 to reserve your spot.

Additional info can be found at Rob's: <http://pyramidlakeflyfishing.com/group-and-club-outings/>

**Fall 2017 Pyramid Lake Float Tube Outing:** I would like to assess the level of interest in setting up another Pyramid Lake float Tubing outing next October specifically for our club. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested.

## Fishing Belize with Belize River Lodge

<http://www.belizeriverlodge.com/>

In 2017 we are hosting 2, 1 week fund raising trips to Belize for 6 anglers each week. The first week 7/3 to 7/10 is sold out. The second week will be scheduled between July and December by those going.

The cost of the trip is \$2300/angler and includes 6 days guided fishing or sightseeing. The second group can choose between spending 3 days fishing from the



*Good Size Snook*

lodge and 3 days from Long Cay an Island about 15 miles off shore surrounded by flats or 6 days fishing from the lodge. The lodge is about 15 minutes upriver from the bay and fishing. Depending on time of year there are bone fish, permit, tarpon, snook and barracuda.

For more information or to reserve your spot contact Martin Plotkin.



*20 # Tarpon*

# Eagle Lake Fishout (fishing outing, borrowed from Chico Fly Fishing Club)

## Dennis Rankin

Date - May 27 for about a week, May 27<sup>th</sup> is the opening day for Eagle Lake.

General Information – Eagle Lake is a legendary fishery located in Lassen County 16 road miles from Susanville, CA. It is famous for its Eagle Lake Rainbows, a subspecies adapted to live in the alkaline waters of Eagle Lake. These fish grow quickly and are tough fighters, with their beautiful color they are a prize. The limit is 2 per day and 4 in possession. Note that if you have 2 fish in possession, you may not continue to fish. Memorial Day weekend the temperature has been very pleasant and has also been cold 40s and hot 100, watch the weather report for Susanville and plan accordingly. Fishing is by wading, tubing and boat, there are no special gear restrictions (artificial lures, barbless, etc.) Eagle Lake was down 15 feet below normal full capacity last year due to drought and other factors; this has had a disastrous effect on the fishery including the plants that have been cut as much as 50% in the recent past. This is due to the lower lake levels and volume and the slower growth rates observed during the drought. There was only one boat launch active at the Marina last year, the Spaulding area on the north end was impossible to use. The lake is currently up about 4 feet from its 2016 level. Some areas of the lake are now dry and are sandy or boggy, do not drive on these areas without 4 wheel drive. The web site for Eagle Lake is <http://www.eaglelakerecreationarea.com/>

- Fishing
- The fishing for the opener last year was the worst in recent history. Fly fishing was not productive at all, I managed to catch 2 fish in 5 days, most did not get a fish and many left after 2 days. There were some fish caught deep trolling but the count was very poor. The fishing information is best seen on Val Aubry's web page <http://www.eaglelakefishing.net/> this page has all the latest information concerning the lake and fishing. There are links to the problems with Eagle Lake and its fishery, it is very interesting reading. Just search the web. Guides are available if desired, however they are definitely not required, just read Val's column and stay communicating. Some of the hot flies for the lake are Rust Wiggle Tails, leach patterns (olive, blood leach, purple/ black and rust, Tui Chub imitations, a greenish white snail, and sometimes bright orange patterns. I recommend a 5wt rod with both floating and sinking lines, indicator fishing is common and is my favorite, however we may have to go down to get em..
- Alternate Plan
- If the fishing is not acceptable at Eagle there are a few lakes in the near area which can be fished, Antelope, Silver and Crater Lake (CA) are a few within about an hour. I recommend stopping at the Chester Fly Shop on your way and talking to Tom for any enlightenment he can give. Get an Eagle Lake map \$10 there, it is worth it. He also has a good selection of flies and equipment. I have never had a guide at Eagle Lake, if you feel you want one, I would call Val Aubry or the Chester Fly Shop for recommendations. I will be trying to get reports on the other lakes after opening day from some local friends. Pine Creek west of hiway 44 is loaded with brook trout, they are small 8" variety but there are thousands, please do not release any caught. These fish were introduced many years ago and are now an unwanted predator that is destructive to the natural spawning cycle.

## **Eagle Lake Fishout- *Continued***

### Camping/Lodging

Lodging - There are several motels and a casino with hotel in Susanville, all are available on the web, no recommendations, pick what you like.

Camping – There are several USFS campgrounds around the lake. These campgrounds are listed on the web site along with maps and their locations. I will be staying at Merrill Campground (space 26). The sites range from complete RV hook-ups to just plain tent sites. Drinking water is available at most sites. There are restrooms throughout the campground, kept clean daily. There are no showers; rent a shower is available at the Eagle Lake Marina and Concession Stand. Reservations should be made as early as possible, the web site is <http://www.eaglelakerecreationarea.com/camping/>. Note that only 40% of the campsites are pre reserved, if you do not have a reservation, don't panic there has been ample space every year. Beware that Spaulding on the north end of the lake does not have water and what was lake is now meadow. Costs are on the web site as well.

### Restaurants/Stores

There is a small store concession stand at the Marina. Susanville is about 16 miles from the lake; this is a modern city with everything from Safeway to Walmart to McDonalds. There are several good restaurants in Susanville from The Pioneer (reservations on weekends) to a couple of Mexican restaurants (Mazatlán) to good Chinese food and a few steak places and of course McDonalds.

### Route

I recommend to get there by going north on I5 to Red Bluff and going east on HI way 36 straight to Eagle Lake Road, 3 miles from Susanville, turn left and 13 miles to the lake. HI way 32 through Chico is very windy, although Chico does have a nice fly shop.

### Sign-up

If you are going or are probably going, please sign up so we may publish a list of everyone so that arrangements and plans can be made between us and phone # so we can communicate while we are there. You are certainly welcome to come signed up or not, this is a Fishout (a group fishing get together to have fun and enjoy the greater things in life).

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## **FLY FISHING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS ANNOUNCED IN LIVERMORE**

The Tri-Valley Flyfishers is pleased to offer the Flyfishing Fundamentals Class as taught by an experienced group of TVFF fly fishers. The 3-part course consists of 2 evening classroom sessions and a morning of flycasting instruction at an East Bay location. The Wednesday evening classes will be from 7:00pm (sharp) to 9:30 (approximately) at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The club has offered this class in previous years and typically once a year. Don't miss out, sign up early!

**Signups:** Fees for this course are: **TVFF members \$40. Non-members \$80.** For non-members, the fee includes TVFF membership dues for 2017. Light snacks and beverages will be provided as well as equipment and handouts. Please make checks out to 'TVFF' and mail to Tri-Valley Flyfishers, PO Box 2358 Livermore, CA, 94551. The first 12 payments received secures your seat.

### **Dates and Course Content:**

#### **Wednesday April 5 – Time 7 – 9:30 pm**

Introduction to Fly Fishing and Equipment needed for the sport. Recommendations on Flyfishing equipment

Knots You Need to Know, How to Rig a Fly Rod  
Basic Aquatic Entomology

#### **Wednesday April 12 - Time 7 – 9:30 pm**

Reading the water, Fishing streams  
Stillwater fishing (lakes)  
Etiquette and Courtesy while flyfishing

**Saturday April 15** - Casting Instruction. Mid-morning start lasting 3+ hours. Exact time and location will be decided by the students at the first meeting to best fit schedules. Club Equipment will be supplied for flycasting.

Roll Cast  
Pick Up and Lay Down Cast  
Mends (aerial and on water)

### **Contacts**

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Ken Javorsky, [kjjavorsky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjjavorsky@sbcglobal.net)

## Member Reports-Pyramid Lake

Rich and Rob Fletcher were the top TVFF club catchers on this past weekend trip to Pyramid Lake. Each caught 16 pound fish plus Rob caught all the remaining fish in the lake. Allegedly, Rob also caught a 17 pounder but no one can find alleged picture. You know what they say about fisherman...





Line up where we fished just south of Pelican Point



Rob pulling his 9 pounder from the net on Friday



Chris (18 pounder), Rich (15 pounder) and Rob (16 pounder) caught at same time on Saturday



Dennis Rankin Fished Pyramid March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. It was slow but he caught a few, they sure are pretty and this guy is back in waiting for next year.

# The Great New Zealand Adventure

## Kent McCammon

This past February we took a trip to Australia to visit Kent's sister and her family. On our way back home we had an opportunity to stay a few days in New Zealand. The thought of stopping in New Zealand brought images of flyfishing and holding massive, beautiful fish. Alas, that was a short-lived dream when we realized it would be too far to travel for the time we had to catch these amazing creatures.

With our plans now changed, we decided to visit the island of Waiheke and do a bit of hiking. Our adventure began with a ferry ride to the island. As soon as we disembarked the ferry and turned the corner from the ferry building, we saw a man preparing to launch his fishing boat into the water. Kent immediately noticed the boat had flyfishing gear and started up a conversation. He asked what the man was catching and what type of rods, reels, and flies the man was using for salt water flyfishing. As the conversation progressed, we learned the man is the salt water flyfishing guide, Matt von Sturmer.

Imagine our surprise and excitement when Matt asked us if we would like to go out on his boat for a bit of fishing. We giddily looked at each other and quickly agreed to go. This is the point where we should have been questioning whether we were actually going out with an axe murderer or perhaps our quick trip would end up marooned somewhere like Gilligan's Island. The only thoughts that crossed our minds were, "Fly fishing in New Zealand?! This is exactly what we really wanted to do!"

Matt was a very likeable fellow and told us about the island, the wildlife, and of course the fishing. He gave us a quick lesson on the fine points of salt water flyfishing. The water was a bit murky from all the rain they had the week before, but Matt explained the water would become clear in the coming days and so too, the fishing. As the day progressed, we could see the water clearing, and we began to see bat rays gliding through the water under the boat.

As we motored around, we came to a cove, and Matt promptly asked if we wanted to throw out a line. Matt cast out the line for me and handed me the rod. Almost immediately, I felt a tug and managed to land a beautiful, blue-spotted fish they call a snapper. It was so exciting! Next it was Kent's turn. Watching Kent cast the line made me chuckle as he was definitely casting like a freshwater trout fisherman. The first fish Kent hooked managed to get away. Matt explained his technique that he calls "do nothing" in order to get the fish fully hooked. On Kent's next cast, he did nothing when the fish struck and was rewarded with a snapper that he was able to land. Not bad for a couple of "stowaways from America."

Our New Zealand trip was now complete. We had managed to get in a fishing trip and also take the hike that we originally intended to do. If you ever have the great fortune to go to Waiheke Island, New Zealand, look for Matt at [saltflyfish.co.nz](http://saltflyfish.co.nz). Visit him on Facebook at [facebook.com/saltflyfish](https://facebook.com/saltflyfish), or email at [matt@saltflyfish.co.nz](mailto:matt@saltflyfish.co.nz). You might also want to ask him about his client, Jay Murakoshi, a fellow flyfisherman who has visited our club. We learned Jay was to visit Matt a few weeks after our trip. What a small world we live in with great adventures awaiting us!



## Bitterroot River, Stevensville, Montana

March 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Tom Vargas

The week before we arrived in Stevensville, Montana weather was warm and raining, increasing the spring run off and the Skwala hatch was just getting going. Clearing weather had night-time lows in the 30's with highs in the low 50's on Friday and Sunday and rain showers on Monday. The overnight cold slowed the hatch of the big flies until after our streamside BBQ'd lunches were consumed. This is a special time of the season and one of those all-too-rare opportunities to fish with big dry flies. Dry-droppers with Pat Stones and pink worms also did the trick.

The Missoula area is a beautiful place to fish and we did manage to hook up with about 12 fish per boat each day ranging up to over 20 inches, with the average around 15 inches. Once again, I sure am glad I brought my steelhead outerwear as the conditions were very similar to those found in November, December and January on the Trinity River. Browns, Cutthroats, Cut-bows and Rainbows make up the grab-bag of trout to be caught.

My best fish caught was a beautiful rainbow in the 20 inch range. One not-to-be-forgotten German brown was hooked in by Kelly Rodgers and it measured 21.5 inches



## **Position on Public Lands and Waters of the United States**

This edition of E-news is dedicated solely to the issue of the protection of our Public Lands and Waters of the United States. Recently, the Board of Directors met to discuss this important issue and adopted the following policy.

The International Federation of Fly Fishers is a global organization dedicated to the support, enhancement and protection of the recreational opportunities and enjoyment of fishing with the artificial fly. We do this through teaching all aspects of fly fishing and most importantly through our advocacy, demonstration and voice for conservation of our natural resources.

**Clearly, conservation of fishes and their habitats is fundamental to our opportunities and those of our children to fly fish.** Those habitats largely are the connected waters of the United States, the streams, lakes, rivers and estuaries that must remain clean, healthy and functional. Just as important are the health and well-being of the watersheds that recharge, nourish and protect the function of our wetlands. These habitats collectively reside by ownership, law and public policy as public resources and lands. Many are managed and protected by state or federal agencies or environmental law on the public behalf, while others are protected by private interests or environmental organizations in perpetuity as conservation easements.

**Regardless of ownership or legal designation, they collectively are much more valuable than simply as wetlands, watersheds and fish habitat.** These are the habitats of a vast array of wildlife, plant and insect species, including those that may be threatened or endangered with extinction across our country. What must not be forgotten is that these very landscapes of minerals, waters and plants are essential to our own quality of life as human habitat. These are the landscapes that grow the plant communities that produce the clean air we breathe and process carbon dioxide into oxygen. The wetlands that clean and recharge our sources of fresh water are necessary to our lives.

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## **Conservation-Continued**

**There is no question that these lands must be protected for our recreational interests and our own quality of life as humans. Not least of importance is the economic value of access to these public lands and waters for study, enjoyment and appreciation. These values now exceed three quarters of a trillion dollars returned back into our economy each year. Federal lands alone return \$650 billion dollars and support an estimated 6 million jobs.**

**Theodore Roosevelt recognized the profound values of public lands when he “applied his presidential prerogatives in setting aside and preserving for public benefit a number of scientific, historical and scenic sites” with his 1903 designation of the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge on the east coast of Florida. This was the first of what now comprises millions of acres across our continent that serve the public benefit he recognized. Unfortunately, our public lands and the biological, social and economic values they represent are now threatened with narrow interests by those who seek to transfer budgetary responsibility and/or liquidate these essential public lands!**

**It therefore is IFFF Policy to advocate for the essential protection of public lands and waters of the United States for their ecological, recreational and economic function and value and to endorse as public policy the administration of these lands to include applicable law, finance, policy and management responsibility, as necessary to assure enjoyment, health and other public benefits. It is our position that any proposal to change, transfer or liquidate ownership and or management responsibility of public lands has a significant likelihood to adversely affect the biological health, function and well-being of natural systems and the wildlife species they support. It further is our position that any such proposed action should receive full evaluation for public review and comment in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement under provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. It is through such Policy and position that opportunities to enjoy fly fishing will endure.**

**Chairman Tom Logan, the author and presenter of the policy to the Board of Directors, said "this policy will be used to guide our judgment and our decisions when we take positions on issues that impact our natural world. It's now more important than ever that our organization speaks for all fly fishers when our sport is threatened by people who don't understand the value of our public lands and waters of this great country."**

## The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

### The Club Get Together

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> , 7 to 9pm

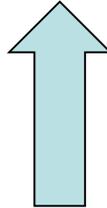
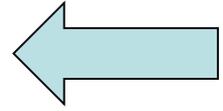
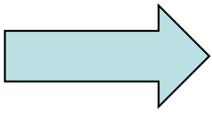
Rod and Gun Club ; small room next to the BBQ area

This month's get together we are going to tackle two projects.

- First, we will organize and sort auction flies to give a little relief to Don Gardner. He has many half dozen flies to identify and sort.
- The second half of the meeting we will tie up a couple of leech patterns. Material list to follow.



**Member Spotlight-This Could be You!!**  
**Please fill out the questions below and send your picture**



**Q. How long have you been a club member?**

A.

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

A.

**Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?**

A.

**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.

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

A.

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

A.

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

A.

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

A.

**Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?**

A.

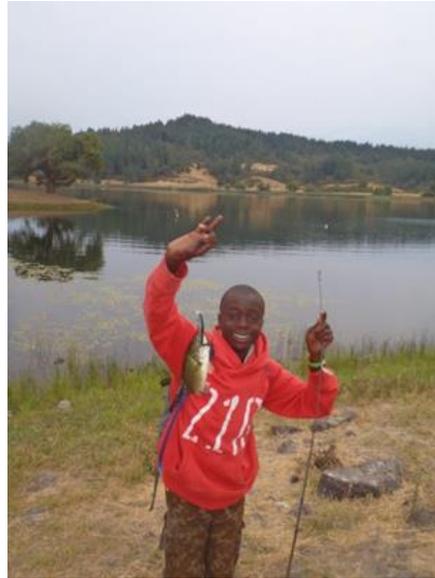
**Q. If you could only fish with one fly what would it be?**

A.

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

A.

## **BIG BASS Fishing at Wente!**



Have you ever wanted to be able to spend a few days fly fishing for 5-8 lb. largemouth bass on a lake that doesn't see any fishing pressure and being the only person fishing on the lake getting access to the nooks and crannies where the large bass are lurking? And, on top of that having a comfortable place to stay, three meals a day and a boat provided... All without having to pay a small fortune!

You just have to help teach the Boy Scout (BSA) Fly Fishing Merit Badge during a few hours each day.

For the last couple of years I have helped the BSA put on a Fly Fishing Merit Badge program during their summer camp at the Wente Scout Reservation located in Willets, CA. We have had volunteers from TVFF, other clubs in the area and Fly fishermen not affiliated with any club that came from as far away as San Diego. Some of the TVFF members who have volunteered their time in the past are **Jim Broadbent, Dave Fontaine, Marty Loomis, Roger Perry, Martin Plotkin, Hal Wilson, Don Cower, Steve Johnson, Dennis Rankin, Steve Ruley, and Doug Whitmore.**

The details are simple. There are 8 one week sessions beginning each Sunday starting June 18<sup>th</sup> going through August 13<sup>th</sup>. The Merit Badge is taught Monday through Thursday of each week with one class in the morning and another in the afternoon with different parts of the merit badge covered each day. Many people go to the camp for one of the weeks, some volunteer a few days and others have gone up several different weeks.

Where does the Big Bass Fishing come in? The Wente Camp has their own little lake with lots of fish and as a volunteer you have the opportunity to fish it anytime you're not teaching the class. In one evening I caught 15 Bass in the 3-8 lb. range. Just ask Jim Broadbent about it!

In addition to the fishing you get the personal satisfaction of teaching some young people the art of Fly Fishing, seeing them tie their first fly or catching their first fish.

I am looking for people who are interested in volunteering to coach this summer or learning more about this opportunity. No commitments required at this time, this will come later!

If this intrigues you please ask any of your fellow club members who have been there about their experience. If you want more details or to be included in future communications on this fun adventure please talk to me at a meeting or let me know by calling me at 510-816-2846 or e-mail me at [flifish2@gmail.com](mailto:flifish2@gmail.com).

**Daniel Kitts**



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Guests will be treated by **The Fly Shop** to a wonderful lunch with all the trimmings. Our local fly fishing club, **Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers**, will be serving the meal.

Representatives of all the top fly fishing manufacturing brands will also be in attendance, displaying and demonstrating the newest rods, reels, flies, tackle and accessories for fly fishing.

**Dylan Rothwell** of *Rising Fly Fishing Tools* will be here again this year with his laser engraver, doing custom laser engravings on anything aluminum or steel (and some plastics) for a minimal fee of \$10. If you purchase a *Rising Tool* you can have The Fly Shop logo engraved at no additional charge.

Fly Fishing Federation Hall of Farmer, **Hal Janssen** will be on hand to autograph his book, *Stillwater Fly Fishing Secrets*.

*Loon Outdoors* director of product development, **Matt Callies**, will stream *Loon Live* during our opening day festivities. **Mike Mercer** and our talented staff of tiers will be tying on camera and answering questions along with demonstrating current tying techniques. In addition to enlightening seasoned fly tiers, newcomers will learn the basics of how to tie flies.

**The Dept. of Fish & Wildlife** will also be present.

Be sure to sign up for door prizes when you get here! If you have any questions or need further information, please call **Sandy Watts** at 530-222-3555 or email: [sandy@theflyshop.com](mailto:sandy@theflyshop.com)



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**Joe Cerniglia** email [sawmillake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sawmillake@sbcglobal.net)

**Redington RS3 Rod** 9 foot 10 weight 2 piece. New condition \$120.00

**Orvis Wonderline Clear Intermediate WF-5-I.** Brand new on spool. \$30.00  
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**Sage RP 690** 9 foot 6 weight 2 piece, excellent condition \$160.00

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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

