

The Barbless Hook



December 2017

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

Editor: Tom Vargas



President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's

I apologize for not being at our last regular meeting (11/2/17). I was busy being reminded that there are definitely things that are more important than fishing. My brother was diagnosed with a particularly virulent form of cancer on Thanksgiving in 2016. My sister in law called me the morning of our last club meeting. She said it didn't look good. I spent the day with my brother and part of the next morning. He passed the afternoon of 11/3/17. He was a good person, a fisherman, although he did practice the version that uses bait (I couldn't convert him). I will miss him very much.

We will be having our yearly election at our December club meeting Thursday 12/7/17. At this writing, I can't indicate who the candidates are, we need to vote at our board meeting tonight (I'm writing this on 11/27/17), but the names should be included elsewhere in this publication. Per our club by-laws, the board will forward their recommended candidates, but we will take nominations from the club members at our December meeting.

continued on page 2

Inside This Issue:

Features:

President's Message	1-2
Officers and Directors	3
Outings and Events	4a-g
• Delta Stripers	
• Eagle Canyon Lakes	
• Pyramid lake	
Program Brian Endlich-2 Handed rods	5
Fly Tiers Library-Trading Post	6
Member Reports	7-8c
Education: Casting, New Class in 2018	9a, b
The Tier's Bench: Biot Flies, New Class	10
Items for Sale	11
California Trout thank you letter	12
Directions to Meeting	14

Picture:

*Dan Vargas with a bright, wild
Trinity Steelhead.*

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

Presidents message, continued from page 1

Any nominations will need to be seconded and each new nominee must have provided prior consent. If there are no additional nominations, we will have a vote by show of hands. If any additional nominations are made, we will have a vote by secret ballot. The newly elected president will then present to the club his proposed board of directors for the year 2018. A show of hands vote will be needed to approve the new board.

Update: The Board approved the following nominations for officers at it's November 27 meeting:

President	Roger Perry
Vice President	Al Mansky
Treasurer	Tom Fessenden
Secretary	John Price
Past President	Martin Plotkin

At this time of holidays, I hope each of you find the time to fully appreciate the people and activities you truly enjoy.

Happy holidays,

Roger



**2017 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

**December:
*Election***

***Brian Endlich
will be speaking
on 2-handed
rods***

**January:
*Annual Pizza
and Fly Tying
Expo***

**February:
*Installation of
Officers,
Directors and
Pot-luck Dinner***

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



Lower Sac Floats,
Upper Sac and
McCloud
Klamath River
Steelhead

Tri-Valley FF
Special Offer
2nd day is 1/2
off!

(530) 245-0906

2017 TVFF Board of Directors

Officers	
President	Roger Perry
Vice President	Al Mansky
Secretary	John Price
Treasurer	Tom Fessenden
Past President	Martin Plotkin
Directors	
Auction	Marty Loomis
Conservation	Mitchie McCammon
Education	Kent McCammon
Outings	Hal Wilson
Fly Tying	Jim Broadbent
Member at Large	Greg Murawski
Membership	Marty Loomis
Raffle	Gary Phillips
Refreshments	Gary Prince
Speakers	
Trout in Cl. Rm.	Darrell Bridgman/Daniel Kitts
Video Library	
Publicity	Rob Vellinger
News Letter	Tom Vargas
Web Content	
Web Master	Dan Vargas

Dues Notice

Annual dues are now due and payable and are \$40 if paid before the February 2018 meeting. \$45 there after.

Tom Fessenden

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



OUTINGS AND EVENTS - DECEMBER, 2017

Hal Wilson

DATES LOCATION FISCHMEISTER

DECEMBER 9	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS
MARCH 15*	EAGLE CANYON LAKES	ROB FARRIS
MARCH 17*	EAGLE CANYON LAKES	ROB FARRIS
MARCH 22-23	PYRAMID LAKE	BOB MC COLLUM
MARCH-APRIL (TBD)	KISTLER BASS PONDS	KEN TETZEL

*LAKES NOT OPEN ON MARCH 16

Hey, folks

We need more fishing trips if we want to call ourselves a fishing club. Don't be shy –become a FISCHMEISTER - tell other club members about your favorite water.

Pick a place, pick a date –we'll get it into the newsletter.

Delta Striper Outing

December 9, 2017

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmaster I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, December 10th. 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 and tungsten heads 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 at Dan Blanton's Board for what is currently happening.

We will provide more information as we get closer to the outing and we can get more specific as the stripers keep moving in, which usually starts around mid to late October. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of early stripers being caught out in the Western Delta!



12 pound Delta striper from 2015. These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



Dan Blanton's favorite Flashtail Clouser (bottom) and Whistler flies.

Tri Valley Fly Fishers Winter Doldrums Trip

Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lakes, Red Bluff California



Well, we must have hit a sweet spot for this trip. After announcing it at last month's meeting it became over-subscribed before the meeting was over. Wanna go fishin' much? Due to the high level of participation by the club we were able to book an additional day at the lakes, thanks to Confluence Outfitters generosity and open the trip to a total of 16 attendees. A requirement at Eagle Lakes requires an interim day of rest for the fish between days so we will have exclusive use of the lakes on a Thursday and the subsequent Saturday.

We currently have all 16 spots requested, but in the event that we have additional members beyond the 16 we may be able to add an additional date if there is sufficient interest beyond the initial 16. If you did not get a chance to sign up and would like to go please send me an email (RFFarris@comcast.net) quickly and we'll see if we can add another date.

Dates: Thursday March 15, 2018 at Eagle Canyon Lakes (Group #1; max. of 8)

Friday March 16, 2018 (day of rest for the lakes)- Optional Fishing Lower Sac (guided by Confluence Outfitters at a discounted rate) or a non-guided trip to the Upper Sacramento for winter tight lining for sleeping trout -(Group#1)

Saturday March 17, 2018 at Eagle Canyon Lakes (Group #2; max. of 8)

Sunday March 18, 2018 Optional Fishing Lower Sac (guided by Confluence Outfitters at a discounted rate) or a non-guided trip to the Upper Sacramento for winter tight lining for sleeping trout -(Group#2)

Based upon confirmed deposits I will organize the two groups based upon preferences for weekday vs. weekend, and based upon 2nd day fishing interests.

Cost: \$130 includes full day at trophy trout lakes including optional hot catered lunch per person with tip (not incl. drinks). \$100 cost without the optional catered lunch (no other local options except

bringing your own). Guided float trip is \$405 per boat for the TVFF (vs. standard rate of \$450) with two anglers per float trip, of course, for a total of \$202.50 per person plus on site tip.

Location: 30 minutes NW of Red Bluff, or 1 hour SE of Redding (3:45 hours to lakes)

Group size: The voucher I bought at the auction allows for a maximum of 8 individuals at the given discounted rate (\$100 includes daily per rod fee with an optional hot catered BBQ lunch for +\$30 including tip), but Confluence Outfitters will allow us to bring a second group at the same rate on a different day (to give the lake a rest between). We currently have all 16 members and a waiting list signed up for the trip, but can look to add another group if there is enough interest.

Day of Rest: Even trout need a day of rest and we are going to grant them that on Friday, and use that day for an optional day of fishing in the Northland. Group #1 will fish the Lakes on Thursday the 15th and Group #2 taking it over on Saturday the 17th. Groups will be assigned according to day preference once all deposits are received.

Optional Lower Sac float or Upper Sac tightlining Day: The managers of the lakes (**Confluence Outfitters**) have offered us an additional day of guided fishing on the Lower Sac (great time of year for it) with drift boats for a discounted price of \$405 per day for two anglers (normally \$450 per day). Those not wishing to fish the optional day of rest day can also return home early, or fish the Upper Sacramento which is open all year without a guide. A third option is to fish Putah Creek in Winters on the way back to the Bay Area.

Catered lunch (optional +\$30 including tip): Includes 2 meats (chicken and usually ribs or tri-tip), potato and regular salad, and baked beans). Lunch is catered by 2 Buds BBQ in Red Bluff that has a great reputation, and will do all the setup and cleanup to maximize our on-the-water fishing time. You will need to bring your own drinks as they are not included.

Equipment: 5 (minimum)-7 weight rods with floating line. Lakes are only 4 feet deep on average so clear intermediate sinking lines can be used for fast retrieve streamers if desired, though most fish floating lines. No tackle is available on site so you must come prepared to beg and pay exorbitant prices from other club members if you didn't come equipped.

Float tubes: The lakes are not that large, and the recommendation is to shore fish for best results since the tubes can put the fish down. If desired, they recommend using tubes late in the day. All tubes, waders, and boots will need immersion on site to ensure cleanliness. Three tubes are available on site and can be rented for \$20 each including fins if desired.

On Site Facilities: Include picnic tables, a shed, and a bathroom with running water and flush toilet. There are two picnic tables, one of which is covered with a roof. The main shed has a portable heater, chairs, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and drinking water. The shed and covered picnic table makes an excellent refuge from the elements.

Payments: 100% of the “Lakes only” payment of \$100 is due by the December 7th TVFF Club meeting. 50% of the optional float trip payment (\$101.25 per person/2 per boat) is also due by the December 7th TVFF meeting, with the remaining \$101.25 of the float payment due at the February 1st TVFF meeting.

Additional Information: <http://www.eaglecanyontrout.com/Default.aspx>

Current Signups (maximum of 8 per day, total of 16): Rob Farris, Gary Prince, Ron Dueltzen, Marty Loomis, Martin Plotkin, Donovan Rittenbach, August Abellar, Hal Wilson, David Hiromoto, Cathy Hiromoto, Al Mansky, Sheila Weintraub, Alan Wyosnick, Ken Tetzl, Gary Sekhon, Barry Penner .

All 16 spots are currently filled for this great trip for large trophy trout with 2 full groups, but that is dependent on all providing their deposits by the December club meeting on Thursday December 7th. If you cannot attend the meeting please send your check to me by the 7th (address below). We do have a waiting list so we will take the first 16 checks that arrive with confirmed reservations with initial priority going to those that signed up at the meeting. If there is additional sufficient interest I will try to schedule an additional 3rd day assuming we have enough committed deposits.

Fishmeister Contact Information:

Rob Farris, RFFarris@comcast.net, (925)286-5502

Address for deposit checks: 3003 East Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA. 94566

Spring Pyramid Lake Outing

March 22-23, 2018

Bob McCollum

The 2018 Pyramid Lake Spring Outing is set for March 22-23. This will be prime time for big spring fish (see picture from last year). This will be a guided outing with Rob Anderson (our speaker at June meeting). We will be fishing from step ladders. Rob provides terminal tackle, ladders as well as breakfast and lunch along with expert knowledge and instruction. You need two rigs to fish Pyramid from the ladders: a 7 wt. with floating line for indicator nymph fishing and an 8 wt. with fast sinking integrated shooting head (~325 gr.) for stripping wooly buggers and beetles.

Cost for the two day guide fee is \$200 per angler, plus tip. Lodging, dinner, etc. not included. (Note: I will be collecting the entire guide fee in advance as a deposit to hold your spot. I will refund deposits for cancellations if our group is above the minimum group size – six anglers – or if we find another club member to take your spot. Maximum group size is 12 anglers.)

Pyramid is a bucket list experience. Fishing from ladders with a group is a very social experience and a lot of fun. If you've never tried it, consider signing up and giving it a go. I will put the signup sheet out at the October meeting.





December Program

Brian Endlich on 2-handed Rods

Our Speaker at the December Meeting is a long time acquaintance of our club, Brian Endlich. Brian will be telling us about 2 handed fishing equipment like Spey and Switch Rods. Modern Spey Fly Fishing equipment includes a bewildering array of rods, reels and lines. Brian Endlich, whose introduction to Spey fishing was 15' 10 weight rod with a Double Taper line in 1987 on the Tweed River in Scotland, will explain the different types of rods and lines to help you decide how to gear up for Spey fishing in California and the Pacific Northwest.



Fly Tiers Library and Trading Post (LTP)

Most fly tiers, like me, have materials which would probably last several life-times. Often, to tie a new fly, we need a small amount of material which means buying some from the net, which may arrive next week, or jumping in the car for an hour+ drive to a fly shop in the area.



To remedy this, we are creating the LTP. The LTP has 2 resources: the Library for getting small amounts of material (a couple of feathers, small swatch of hair, etc.) and the Trading Post for exchanging your excess with others. Here are the details of how it will work. Both the library and Trading Post are only available to members.

Library: The library will be supported by donations of fly tying material from members. The material will be packaged in gallon sized zip locks with colored labels about the contents. Any member may take a small amount of material for a project and make a modest donation (\$1 min). The donations will be used to buy supplies and, if any is left over, other material for the library.

Trading Post: The trading post allows members to exchange excess tying material for other material. Any member may submit a gallon sized zip-lock bag with the material along with a very brief description to Jim Broadbent. Jim will assess a point value to the material based on his experience (Jim's decision is final). The material will be labeled with a different colored label than the library. Members may exchange their points for material in the trading post.

Martin Plotkin will arrange for the LTP to show up at all general, board and fly tying meetings. It can also be accessed by special arrangement made with Martin.

LTP kicks-off, at the meeting, on Thursdays so bring your Trades and Donations.

Member Reports

Brazil: Bart Hughes

Here are couple of pictures from Brazil - one of the most adventurous trips I've ever been on - pink river dolphins, monkeys, birds, caymans - and hundreds of peacock bass.

The fly shot is a before/after of one piranha bite - yikes!

Bart



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

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

Kelsey Bass Ranch Kent and Mitchie McCammon

Awesome flyfishing for bass at Kelsey Bass Ranch in Snelling, CA, a pay to fish location. Ken Hanley, renowned Bass fisher on a fly just gave a presentation to our club 2 nights prior to our outing, very timely as we put the great insights to work. Mitchie and I had a super fun day together. This was the largest bass I have caught, and the one that tail walked and threw my fly right towards me was even bigger. We are hooked on flyfishing for bass and plan a return to Kelsey Bass Ranch.



Trinity Steelhead Outing

Tom Vargas

My sons Ben, Dan, Matt and I left for our annual Steelhead trip on Tuesday, November 28th and fished with guides from The Fly Shop on Wednesday and Thursday. Our trip overlapped with the Club's outing on Thursday and Friday.

There is nothing like getting on the Trinity River as it is so beautiful and the anticipation of catching an adult steelhead is very exciting. Matt and Dan boated 3 adults on Wednesday and Matt lost a really nice fish that made several runs and aerial displays, but Ben and I struck out on the first day. On Wednesday all of us caught one fish and we had a couple of additional unsuccessful takes.

We met up for dinner and fish stories with the club for on Wednesday at the the La Grange and at Indian Creek Lodge on Thursday. All-in-all it was another great pre-holiday tradition of family reunion and good-times in the books. Here are a few of our photos from the 2017 Trinity trip. More to follow next month!



Trinity Steelhead Outing-Continued



Education Update – Kent McCammon

We are organizing another 'Back to Basics' with Gary on Saturday December 16, starting at 9:30 am for 2.5 hours. The location is again, the San Ramon Central Park. A signup sheet will be at the Dec Meeting and there are three spots open. We can continue with other skills courses into 2018 in this format and encourage you to list your interests, such as Double haul, slack line casts, aerial mends, single handed Spey, etc.

Also, Gary Turri and other Club members instruct at Golden Gate Anglers facility in Golden Gate Park at 9:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. If anyone wants to go and wants to share a ride, they can announce to Club members. Be sure to check the online Calendar as on occasion they are not held. Typically a free hot dog lunch is provided.

<http://www.ggacc.org/page-18126>

The Fundamentals of Flyfishing Course is returning in late Feb/early March. This is a 3 part Course structured for those new to Flyfishing. Here is the latest information as we finalize. Two classroom sessions and one hands-on casting session are included. The classes are held Tues or Wed nights that run 7-9 pm in the evening in Livermore. The hands-on Casting is going to be furnished by Gary Turri and tentative date is either March 3rd or March 17th in San Ramon Central Park. We will have an interest list with more information at the meetings. We will look for at least 8 and max of 12 paid students again in 2018.



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Get Together

Monday, December 6th, 7 to 9 pm

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

This month we are going to take the guess work and half the frustration out of tying with goose and turkey biots. These cute little barbules can be used as tails, wings, antenna abdomens, wing buds and I'm sure other stuff.

Material:

Goose biots

Turkey biots (preferred)

Hooks - Dry fly, Emerger, Stonefly

Goose- #16 to 20

Turkey- #12 to 16

Thread- 8/0 70 denier black and white or light color

Dubbing, wing material, tail stuff

one paper towel

As usual there will be materials to share.



Fly Tying Class to start in February!!

TVFF will, once again, offer our award winning fly tying class. We will have four classes on the four Mondays in February from 7 to 9pm at the Rod and Gun Club This is an introductory class that will teach you the skills needed to tie nymphs, dry flies and streamers. All tools, materials and hand outs are provided with step by step instructions assisted by several accomplished tiers from our club.

The class is limited to 6, maybe 8, students at a cost of \$25. There will be a sign up sheet at the Dec. and Jan. meetings.

Items For Sale

•Fly vest for sale XL size.

Includes 6 interior pockets, one large and one medium pocket on back. Like new condition. \$30

Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194

Spey Rod. Brand new never used

SAGE TCX SPEY 8119-4 (4pc-8wt- 11'-9") retails \$850.00

Asking \$400.00 send me a offer

Joe Cerniglia

email sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net

Redington RS3 Rod 9 foot 10 weight 2 piece. New condition \$100.00

Sage RP 690 9 foot 6 weight 2 piece, excellent condition \$160.00

Sharkwave Ultimate Trout WF5F, new in box \$55.00

Sharkskin Steelhead Taper WF7F, new in box \$55.00

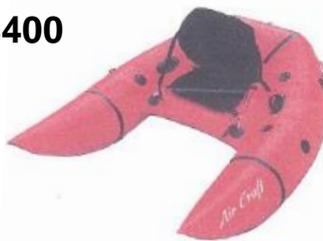
Rio Grand WF7F, new in box \$40.00

Orvis Wonderline Striper Advantage WF10F, new in box \$25.00

Gary T (925) 786-5184 cell

Like to sell this asking \$400

Greg Murawski



Dave Scadden's Air Craft

Dave Scadden's Air Craft sets a whole new level of high performance float tube technology. Weighing in with an unbelievable hull weight of 3lbs 6 oz. the Air Craft is the lightest float tube in the world. It is no cheap blow up toy. The Air Craft boasts Dave's exclusive fully rockered hull design, 700 lb. weight capacity, class IV whitewater rating and lifetime warranty. The Air Craft utilizes multiple layers of urethane coatings both inside and out for unparalleled durability. Combine this with some of the most sophisticated radio frequency heat welding technologies in the world and you have a tube that is not only lightweight but extremely user friendly. The Air Craft is a joy to move around both in and out of the water but most of all it is a blast to fish from. It is like you are fishing on a cloud... You are!

(Hand pump and seat included)

Retail: \$1,100.00

Show Special: \$599.00

CALIFORNIA TROUT



FISH · WATER · PEOPLE

11/02/2017

Mr. Thomas Fessenden

Dear Thomas,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of California Trout, I would like to thank you for renewing your support to CalTrout with your gift of \$250.00 on 11/02/2017. Your generous support furthers our work to solve the state's complex resource issues while balancing the needs of wild fish and people in California.

Because of your support in 2017 CalTrout will:

- Continue to lead the charge on three important dam projects: Klamath dams, Matilija dam and Eel River's Potter Valley project;
- Complete the Eel River Action Plan to restore its critical habitat;
- Secure funding for groundwater and aquifer research of our legacy waters like the Fall River and advocate for the protection of these important source waters;
- Restore and monitor stream habitat on Hat Creek working with the Pit River Tribe and UC Davis;
- Restore meadows throughout the Sierra Nevada and southern Cascades to increase carbon sequestration, water storage, and recovery of native species;
- Develop innovative win-win solutions working with rice farmers in the Central Valley to fatten up salmon as they migrate to the ocean;
- Advocate in Sacramento for funding and environmental protection for fish and their habitat.

You make it possible for us to work throughout the State with many different partners to ensure resilient wild fish populations thrive in California's cold water streams for future generations. Because abundant wild fish mean healthy waters, and healthy waters mean a better California.

Thanks again for your significant support.

Sincerely,

Casey O'Sullivan
Donor Database Associate

Important Tax Information:

Please retain this letter as your receipt. Contributions to California Trout are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. California Trout is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization; tax ID #23-7097680. No benefits, goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

Thank you Thomas!
All the Tri-Valley Fly Fishers!
Please forward our appreciation.

Bay Area Office: 360 Pine Street, 4th Floor | San Francisco, CA 94104-3219 | (415) 392-8887 | Fax: (415) 392-8885

www.caltrout.org



"Our mission is to provide you with a total experience, not just a fishing trip."

Kelsey Bass Ranch
Central Valley Shad
Baja & Belize Adventures

Al Smatsky

Cell: 209-601-0819

www.excellentadventures.org



(916) 722-1055
6360 Tupelo Drive
Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Fly Fishing Specialties

offers one of the largest selections of fly fishing equipment and fly tying materials in Northern California.

Stop in on your way to your next fishing adventure in the Sacramento area.

www.flyfishingspecialties.com



Fishing & Fun at the historic *Indian Creek Lodge*

Great accommodations just minutes from historic Weaverville. Our beautiful riverfront grounds provide one of the best stretches on the Trinity River for both steelhead and salmon fishing.

(530) 623-6294

www.iclodge.net



3 friends striving to make the perfect wine



Open for tastings Friday-Sunday, 11:30-4:30
5700 Greenville Road, Livermore
www.3steveswinery.com

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



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

