

The Barbless Hook



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

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President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's

Fishing with your Spouse:

I just happen to have a really great wife who until recently has shown little or no interest in fishing. She has however expressed interest in the social aspect of our club. Last year when an outing to Bailey Creek Lodge was announced and it included wives, I asked if she would be interested in going. She said yes and our little adventure was on. The outing was originally scheduled for October, but was delayed due to weather and was rescheduled for May. She would inquire periodically about what activities would be available and I of course would respond "Fishing". I said we could do other things, but this was after all a fishing club, and a destination with reported large rainbows to pursue. As the date approached, she started asking about how hard it would be to learn to fly fish. I said I'd be happy to teach her (I know, I know, bad idea), but she was wiser than I and decided to learn something about the sport elsewhere. I told her about our intro to fly fishing class (a really great way to get started) but unfortunately she had a scheduling conflict and couldn't attend. She ended up taking a class from "Fish First" about 2 weeks before our departure.

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Picture:

*Tom Fessenden hooked up
with a Bailey Creek rainbow!*

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

Presidents message, continued from page 1

She came home from her lesson and immediately wanted to show me what she had learned. I rigged up my older 9' 5wt (sorry, she wasn't getting her novice hands on my Helios) and we headed out to our pool. She made a few decent roll casts then wanted to show me her "false casts" and began waving the rod from 3 o'clock to 9 o'clock like nearly all of us have done when we started. I asked her if she wanted advice. She wisely said no (I told you she was a great wife) and I had the good sense to go in the house and return to my Giants game while she continued to practice. In the coming 2 weeks I would sometimes ask if she wanted to learn about knots or types of flies or even some rudimentary entomology. She would respond by taking "her" rod out back for more casting practice.

Finally the departure day arrived and we headed out toward the Lassen area. I had downloaded the materials for the intro class onto my tablet and I brought that along. I finally convinced her she needed to at least look at knots and flies and stuff before getting on the water so she studied the material as we drove along highway 5. She is a really fast learner and made decent progress by our 3:00 arrival. We agreed I wouldn't fish the first evening and would focus on helping her. After some initial social interaction and familiarization with the facilities we headed off to the pond with the big fish. There were quite a few very nice rainbows cruising near the shore when we got there. I helped her tie on a size 14 Adams and she started working on getting the fly in front of one of these giants. It didn't take too long before it happened, a really nice fish slurped her fly. She immediately let out a scream of delight (multiple screams actually, just ask anyone who was there). She fought the fish for about 10 seconds, but even with (perhaps because of) my help, the fish got off. Despite her disappointment, she tried again and after some time, another fish slurped down her fly. This fish was similar in size to the previous one (probably about 16 to 18 inches). She again did the excited screaming routine and managed to fight this one for about 10 or 15 seconds before this fish broke off. She hooked one more but could not land it either. I tried to console her by telling her I had fished for quite a few years before I ever hooded a fish the size of the one she lost, but to no avail. The next day we went up to the other lake on the Bailey Creek property with blue gill in it so she could land a fish. She was successful! She has since told me she looks forward to trying fly fishing again and plans on fishing next month when the two of us will be in Yellowstone Park. I couldn't be prouder of her for trying something she really wasn't interested in to find a shared interest for us.

Please remember that there will be NO meeting in July, but keep Thursday, Aug 3, 2017 open. We will be having our summer get together with dinner or picnic or pizza that day.

Details to follow.

Roger



Carol Perry with her vanquished foe! (see text)

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!

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2017 Dues Notice

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

Frank Gordet

The club's mailing address is:
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OUTINGS AND EVENTS - June 2017

Hal Wilson

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
JUNE 23-25 (28 th)	LAKE ALMANOR	DENNIS RANKIN
JULY 6-9	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
JULY 7-14	STEWART'S LODGE (CANADA)	MARTIN PLOTKIN
AUG 3-7	NE CALIF STREAMS	ROB FARRIS
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NOVEMBER 29-DEC 2	TRINITY RIVER STEELHEAD	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 9	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

Seeking Heritage Trout

MONTANA OUTING-Marty Loomis

Come fish southwestern Montana with Jim Roberts on this hosted trip to some of the West's most famous waters. We will be fishing such waters as the Madison River, Beaverhead, Ruby, Gallatin, Firehole, Soda Butte, and/or Yellowstone River. Each are spectacular places to fish offering abundant fish and scenic views. We choose where to fish each day based on flows, weather, and group input.

This is a non-guided trip but I will be with the group to make sure everyone is having a productive day on the water.

Guests can check in any time on Saturday and we will start fishing on Sunday. We will be staying at a comfortable house on Hebgen Lake just outside of Yellowstone National Park. At the house we will enjoy good meals and comfortable beds.

Also included with the trip are flies that are sure to hook some nice fish. Each angler should bring some basic flies with them. I will also take care of the fishing licenses needed.

The cost of the trip is \$1700 per person.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Jim at (916) 765-8668 or email at flyfisherjim@charter.net. Thank you and I hope you consider joining me up in Montana.

“WEATHER” OR NOT TO GO----

Hal Wilson

For several years, I have been using a link to the National Weather Service site in Reno for very specific, localized weather information. For instance, I recently went to the site for the weather forecast for Kistler Ranch, and have used it for forecasts at Lake Davis campgrounds, Sonora Bridge campground, etc. I really don't remember how I got to the long link shown below, but it brings you to the NWS - Reno so you can zero in on the area you are interested in. Save this link in Favorite Places for use when weather in other locations is needed.

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?site=rev&smap=1&textField1=38.5145833333333&textField2=-119.48375#.WSIwExHKCRA>

To use the service, if you know a fairly prominent location near the site you want info about, key that in. For example, for Kistler, by using Google Earth, we find that the ranch is outside of Oakdale about 16 miles.

Taking that information to the NWS site, in the blank box on the left side of the page, just below the NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE header, enter Oakdale, CA.

This brings a page which shows on the right side a little over ½ way down, a map showing the site you chose (Oakdale) and the forecast for the next six days and nights. Just above the pictorial display of weather conditions is a written description of the location being forecast so you can see if adjustment is desirable. To make an adjustment, point and click (double click may be necessary) on the map the more precise location you want forecast. The green box showing the area being forecast will move to the new location.

The map area is adjustable using the + and - signs, and can be changed by clicking and dragging to a new location.

When you have the area you are looking for, save it to a FAVORITE PLACES location with a name you can use it for future trips without going through the above exercise again. I currently have 13 locations in my FAVORITE PLACES directory. *Some day I may even get around to alphabetizing them.*

I hope this helps in showing what great weather you will have when you sign up to go on our Club fishouts.

Hal



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

June 1st:

***Successful
fishing
techniques for
Pyramid Lake***

July

No Meeting

August 3rd:

***Club BBQ:
Watch for details
to follow***

Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Outing

Dennis Rankin

- Lake Almanor Hex Hatch Fishout - June 22-23

- 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, 925-784-5666



FULLER LAKE JULY 6-9, 2017

Hal Wilson



The DFW stocking schedule shows plans to stock only sub-catchable and fingerling trout in Lake Davis this year, and last year's results were not great, so I am planning a trip to Fuller Lake instead.

Fuller Lake was stocked with catchable (approx 12" trout) this year during the week of May 21, so a trip in early July should bring some fish to our nets. Fuller Lake is a PGE facility on Bowman Lake Road off of Hwy 20.

Campground we will use is White Cloud NFS camp, also on Hwy 20, less than 2 ³/₄ hours from Pleasanton. From the tri-valley, the camp is best accessed via Grass Valley/Nevada City. Bowman Lake Road and the lake are 20 minutes farther up Hwy 20.

There is a paved launch ramp near one end of the lake, and walk-in access for float tubes, pontoons and kayaks near the dam. No room for fly-casting from shore.

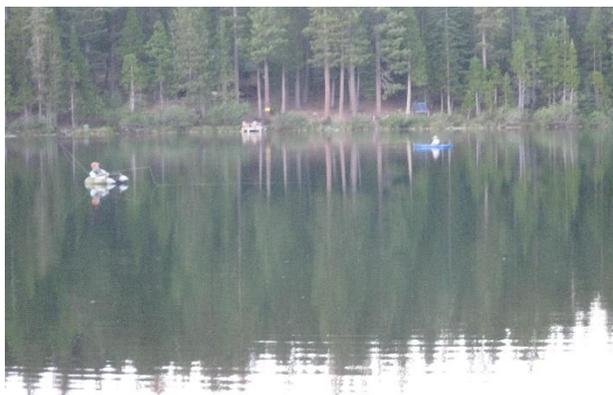
Tackle should include fly rods from 4 – 6 weight with floating, intermediate and sinking lines. Flies are pretty standard Stillwater varieties, including J Fair Wiggle-tail nymphs in rust, orange and olive colors. Zug Bugs, Copper Johns, Sheep Creek Specials and damsel nymphs also have taken many fish.

Dry flies also work. Derrell has caught fish on Humpies, and with the dark brown (almost black) longhorn caddis population in the lake, Fox Pupa, Elk Hair and Goddard Caddis would be good choices. I have never fished a midge in Fuller, but midges are everywhere!!

Sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting, or if you can't make the meeting, call me to get put on the list.

Hal

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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 6th 2017 to Friday, July 13th 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 1st 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

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/>

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

TVFF 2017 Fishout

Five River Eastern Sierra Buffet Line Sampler



Upper Owens



MF San Joaquin



Lyell Creek, Yosemite



Hot Creek

Friday August 18 – Monday August 21st

The Eastern Sierra is known for its high quality fishing with multiple types of activities, including extensive high country dry fly fishing, freestone and gin clear stream/river fishing, lake fishing for large browns and cutthroats, and Tailwater Rivers for large trout. This trip will offer an exposure to all facets of the Eastern Sierra (lake fishing is optional for those interested) in a condensed schedule due to the distance involved to access these areas.

This will be an un-guided trip, but guides are available through “The Trout Fitter” in Mammoth if you desire for a guided experience. The Fishmeister will organize, coordinate, and plan all activities during the trip to maximize time on the water.

The trip has optional side trips to condense the overall schedule if desired, including the first day (optional) stop off at Tuolumne Meadows and Lyell Creek in Yosemite during transit to Mammoth, and the 4th day at the East Walker on the return trip north. Targeted rivers/creeks for fishing are: Lyell Creek (high altitude at Tuolumne Meadows-Yosemite), MF San Joaquin (high altitude), Hot Creek (canyon), Upper Owens (meadow), and East Walker River (tailwater, optional on Monday).

Camping facilities are widely available at Mammoth and surrounding areas, and hotels are plentiful (with a wide range in pricing and accommodations). Depending on number of people we may pre-select a multi tent/RV campground for the trip, or share hotel rooms or rental properties (i.e. condos or homes).

Itinerary

Day 1, Friday August 18th: (optional stop off at Lyell Creek/Tuolumne Meadows or directly drive to Mammoth on own schedule). Early AM departures with drive thru Yosemite (Hwy 120) to Lyell Creek at the top of Tioga pass (est. of 4 hour drive). We’ll hike up creek for as far as we have time for, although average is 1-3 miles. Fishing for hungry rainbows and brookies (6-12”) with dry fly (also with dropper) action in a stunning environment. Depart with a 1.5 hour drive to Mammoth at end of day.

Day 2, Saturday August 19th: Fish Hot Creek in AM for rainbows and browns (up to 20”) and then transition over to the Upper Owens for afternoon fishing in the meadows up to Hot Creek confluence. Dry, nymph, and especially streamers plunked under the streamside banks are all successful. Finish at sundown with beer (s) overlooking the eastern sierra and Mammoth Mountain vistas.

Eastern Sierra's-Rob Farris - *Continued*

Day 3, Sunday August 20th: Depart for Mammoth Mountain shuttle to Devil's Postpile area on western slope and fish the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River (after 1st two days of high altitude acclimation). The MF has over 10 miles of river to fish with primarily browns and rainbows. Also known for some Golden's that are available with some more serious hiking involved upstream. There is an extensive trail system on the river, but no drive in access after 6:30 AM, after which the shuttle must be used. Multiple shuttle stops in the park so transit between areas on the river is very good. The river is best known as a quantity fishery (sometimes up to 40 fish days) of small to mid-size aggressive fish. Very late departure home, or stay for optional 4th day.

(Optional lake fishing for floats and guided boats). Crowley Lake, as well as a multitude of other nearby lakes are available for those that would rather lake fish than hunt for fish up on the Western divide at 8,000 feet. Numerous guides are available thru "The Trout Fitter" in Mammoth and boat rentals if you desire a lake fishing experience.

Day 4 Monday August 21st (optional day): Early AM drive to Bridgeport and the East Walker River (1.5 hours north from Mammoth). Fish the Miracle Mile and Canyon for the day for big browns (up to 24"). Depart 5:00 PM for 5 hour return trip to Pleasanton.

Camping Options:

We may reserve a group campsite if enough are interested, or depending on how many we have participating we could also rent a multi-bedroom home/condo through Airbnb and reduce the overall room cost (TBD).

You can reserve a campsite at any of the following campgrounds: Sherwin Creek, New and Old Shady Rest, Coldwater Campground, Lake Mary, Pine City, Mammoth Lakes Twin Lakes, Convict Lake and, for large group camping, Pine Glen, Agnew Meadows and Pumice Flats. Reservations can be made by calling 877-444-6777.

At the entrance to town on State Highway 203 is the Mammoth Mountain RV Park (higher end all inclusive). Facilities include full RV hook-ups, indoor heated pool, indoor spa, showers, laundry room, RV supplies, clubhouse (summer only), cable TV, children's play area, picnic tables, ice, propane, dump station and Wi-Fi hotspots. Well-behaved pets are welcome for a small fee. Open year-round. For more information, call 800-582-4603 or 760-934-3822.

Hotel accommodations: a wide variety of hotels are available throughout Mammoth Lakes from expensive (Westin) to low cost (Motel 6, etc.).

Local Fly shop: "The Trout Fitter" in Mammoth Lakes.

Equipment: 3 or 4 weight rods for Lyell Creek, 4 and 5 weights for Hot Creek, Owens, & San Joaquin. 5 or 6 weight rods for East Walker.

Flies

- Lyell Creek: attractors, #16 parachute PMD, #14 Adams, #14 Brown Elk Caddis, #16 Light Cahill, #14 Prince Nymph, #14 Peeking Caddis
- Hot Creek: Little Yellow Stoneflies, Mahogany Duns, Pale Morning Duns, Trico's, terrestrial insects (i.e. Hoppers), Scuds, Green and Spotted Sedge Caddis, various streamers.
- Upper Owens River: same as Hot Creek with additional CDC & Elk Hair Caddis, Chernobyl Ants, Hoppers, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tails, Bird's Nest, Copper Johns, San Juan Worms-red, Tungsten Psycho, Prince nymphs, Matuka's, Wooly Buggers.
- MF San Joaquin: mainly attractor flies once the runoff subsides. See link below for more specific flies and map.
- East Walker River: Olive Caddis, Chernobyl Ants, Madam X, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tails, Bird's Nest, AP's, Golden Stones, Wooly Buggers, Matuka's, Marabou Muddlers.

Eastern Sierra's-Rob Farris - *Continued*

Additional information and links:

<http://www.flyfishingthesierra.com/hotcreek.htm>

<http://www.flyfishingthesierra.com/mfsanjoaquin.htm>

<http://www.flyfishingthesierra.com/eastwalker.htm>

<http://www.flyfishingthesierra.com/uptuolumne.htm>

(Tuolumne and Lyell Creek)

<https://www.hotels.com/de1510861/hotels-mammoth-lakes-california%3Aaud-805872511.0.0.hotels+in+mammoth+lakes>

<http://www.visitmammoth.com/trip-ideas/camping-mammoth-lakes-area>

More information will be forthcoming once we finalize the number of participants and individual desires for the varied fishing experiences.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating in this trip.

Fishmeister contact information:

Rob Farris

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Upper Owens



MF San Joaquin



Lyell Creek, Yosemite



Hot Creek

North Fork of the Stanislaus

OUTING LOCATION: Arnold/Dorrington Area

OUTING DATE: Sept. 22 – 24, 2017

FISH MEISTERS: Tom Vargas/Derrell Bridgman

OUTING SUMMARY: This outing will be headquartered at Derrell and Tom's cabins in the Dorrington area. Dorrington is located on Highway 4 east of Arnold CA and Big Trees State Park (about 20 miles below Bear Valley Ski Area). It is near the 5000-foot elevation level.

There will be several options for fishing destinations near Dorrington. The following is a list of the most noted locations that we have fished in the area.

1. North Fork of Stanislaus River; A beautiful mountain stream with a combination of nice riffles, pocket water and deep runs. It is stocked by DFG and also has some nice wild fish. It is fished heavily near road crossings, however, still offers good action. The stream has a lot of area that is remote, and not readily accessible. I am told that the fishing can be fantastic in these remote areas.
2. Stillwater Fishing at several lakes: Lake Alpine, Spicer Meadows Reservoir (**Not Accessible this year**), & White Pines Reservoir (near Arnold). Also available but a little farther away are Highlands Lakes (for small Brookies), & Heenan Lake (for Lahaton Cutthroat Trout).
3. Small Streams: Beaver Creek, & Rattlesnake Creek are within 10 miles of Dorrington. There are several popular rivers, streams and lakes on Ebbetts Pass and in the Markleeville area (about a 50 mile drive).

The water levels have been higher this year, but it should be noted that historically the water conditions on the streams, especially the smaller streams may not be the best in the fall. The water level of the reservoirs may be low and boat ramps may not be useable as they draw them down in preparation for winter. However, we should be able to launch float tubes etc. and the fishing in the reservoirs can be very good this time of the year.

The plan is to sleep, eat, & socialize (tell about the big one that got away, etc.) at the cabins. Details will be worked out when we find out how many people will be there.

Cheryl Vargas will coordinate an outing in the local area on Saturday for the non-fishing wives. In the past they have toured Murphys, visited local wineries and taken in a play at a local venue. Specifics to be determined later.

Vargas, Bridgman Cabins: includes dinner Friday and Saturday (may need to bring sleeping bags) \$65 person

Tom Vargas: tomvargas@comcast.net

925-586-4099

June Program
Don Gardner

Rob Anderson

Our June speaker is Rob Anderson out of Reno speaking on the Revival of the Pyramid Lake Fishery. Rob will also cover tactics for catching Alaska-class fish that are only a four hour drive away.



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.

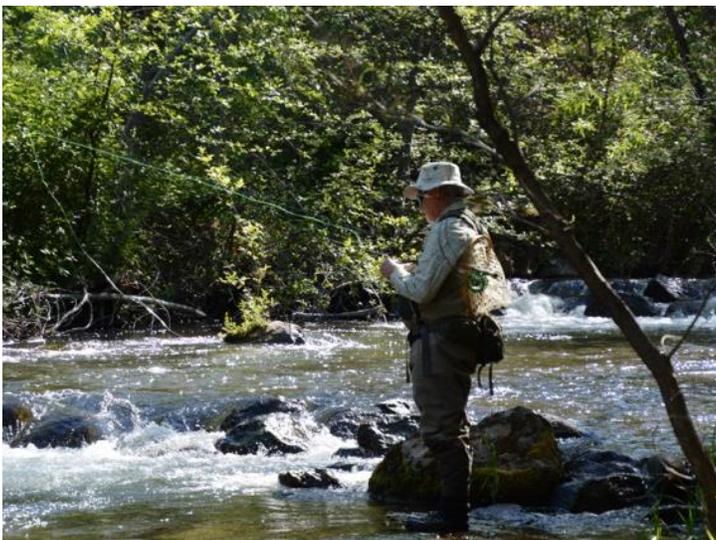
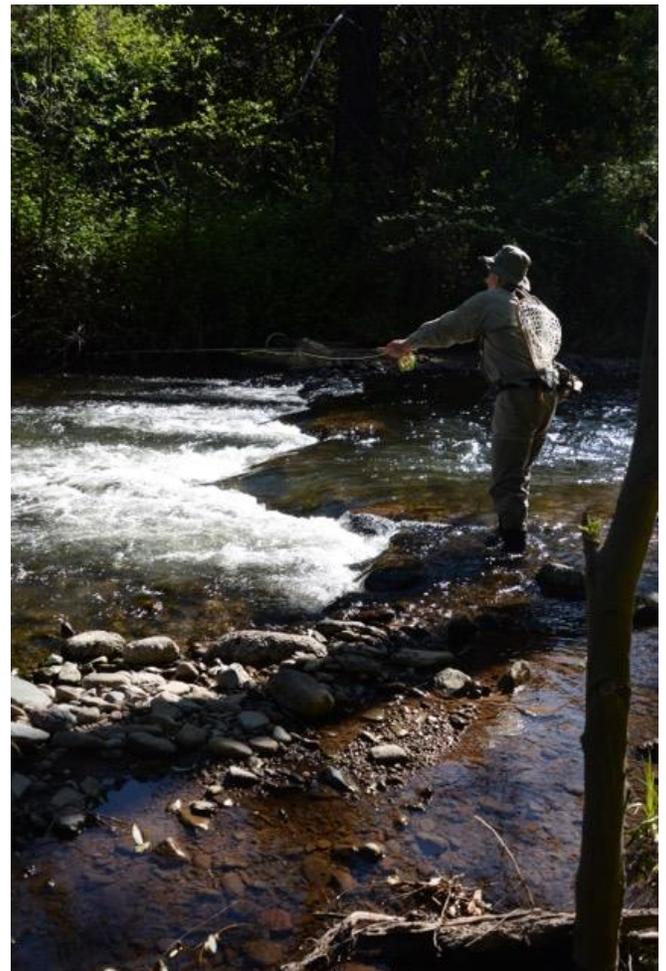
Member Reports

Bailey Creek Trip Report Ron Dueltgen

Six TVFF anglers (Marty Loomis, Roger Perry, Carol Perry, Tom Fessenden, Steve Ruley, and Ron Dueltgen) along with spouses (Toni Fessenden, Mary Ruley, and Lois Dueltgen) enjoyed two days of fishing and eating at Bailey Creek Lodge, about 40 miles east of Redding, near Manton, CA from May 17 to 19. The Lodge has access to two private lakes and nearby Bailey Creek.

Large rainbows were abundant in the lower lake, with crappies and bluegills in the upper lakes and smaller 'bows in the stream. At least 35 trout ranging from 15" to 19" were taken from the trout lake as were a few small fry from the creek, over two full days of fishing. Fish were caught both from the shore and from float tubes, using dry flies and sub-surface nymphs like copper johns.

Bailey Creek Lodge proved to be a great place for a group, with nice facilities, great food, and very hospitable hosts. Frankly, it's a bit expensive, but the fish are abundant and eager to bite. Our group took over all available rooms so we had the place to ourselves, which provided lots of good conversation and time to get to know each other.



Bailey Creek Trip Report - *Continued*

Ron Duetgen



Tom
Fessenden
with a NICE
Rainbow



Bailey Creek Trip Report - *Continued* Ron Dueltgen



Kistler Ranch Ponds 2017

Martin Plotkin

When I was working, every once in a while, we'd encounter what we called the "Order from Hell". It was an order where nothing went right. For this Fish Meister this event was the fish out from hell. We decided to do it at the last minute and a scramble ensued to make it all happen, payments were sent to the wrong place, 2 days before the big day Kistler rescheduled, etc. In spite of it, everyone seemed to have a great time and many fish were caught. As the Bard said all's well that ends well.

As we often did this time of year, TVFF anglers invited other local clubs to join us at Kistler Bass ponds. Club members, journeyed to the Kistler Ranch a few miles east of Oakdale for a day of catching bass, bluegill and crappie. This year there were about 20 fly-rodders on the three ponds that were reserved for our exclusive use. Most of the activity was focused on the South-West pond allow most of us to be in conversational distance from another angler which made for a very social and enjoyable day.

A wide variety of baits were used. I had reasonable success with the same Clousers I used in the Delta, Hal did well with Wooley Buggers, some used poppers and of course Darrell with Humpeys. The day was warm and the winds didn't pick up until after lunch. We did experience some heavy weeding in parts of the lakes. I'd recommend that whoever is fishmeister for this event next year to schedule early and in March or early April.

Many thanks to those who contributed to putting this outing together and to the wonderful spread put out by Al Mansky with the help of Jim Broadbent and others that kept everyone well fed at lunch.



And More:

With all the high water I haven't been able to fish!! Caught about 20 bass, 2 bluegill and 1 crappie on the Kistler Fishout. 15 of the bass went about 5-6" long!! 3 were pretty nice at @ 3.5 lbs!! Kinda slow in general.

Ken Tetzl

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Pilot Peak Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Released into Truckee Basin Waters

[April 26, 2017](#) [kmacinty](#)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife ([CDFW](#)) will start releasing Pilot Peak Lahontan cutthroat trout into Truckee area waters to give Sierra Nevada anglers the opportunity to catch some trophy sized trout in a year or two.

Last week CDFW received a shipment of cutthroat trout eggs from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex in Gardnerville, Nevada. This is the second shipment of eggs in the last two years and is part of a joint effort between the USFWS and CDFW to bring a native, trophy sport fish to the Truckee River Basin.

"Anglers have been pulling some amazing, trophy-class Pilot Peak Lahontan cutthroat trout out of Pyramid Lake in Nevada for the last several years, and we really wanted to get this strain of fish for our anglers here in California," said Jay Rowan, senior environmental scientist for CDFW's North Central Region Hatchery Program. "Hopefully we will start seeing some really big ones showing up in a few years."

The Pilot Peak Lahontan cutthroat trout is a lake form of cutthroat trout. This particular strain is native to the Truckee River Basin and is known for their aggressive feeding behavior and large size.

"They are an interesting fish to raise ... being wild, they are a little wary, but they seem to take to feed fairly well," said Steven Schnider, a CDFW fish and wildlife technician. "They are aggressive, so if you don't separate them when they are young, you will see the bigger fish with tails sticking out of their mouths."

This piscivorous (fish eating) behavior is what allows the Pilot Peak Lahontan cutthroat trout to grow quickly and to such large sizes. In choosing which waters to plant, CDFW fisheries biologists have targeted waters that have robust bait fish populations.

"We did a survey of anglers in some of the Truckee basin reservoirs back in 2010, and 85 percent of the anglers we interviewed were in favor of CDFW stocking Lahontan cutthroat trout in these waters," said Rowan. "I think those results were largely driven by the success of Pilot Peak Lahontan cutthroat trout at Pyramid Lake."

Stocking of the sub-catchable size fish from last year's eggs will begin as early as next week and will continue as the snow melts and planting trucks can gain access. Lakes to be stocked include Echo, Fallen Leaf, Donner, Boca, Prosser, Stampede and Webber lakes.

The Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex is an integrated fishery program that includes the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery, Marble Bluff Fish Passage Facility and Fishery Assistance. The program emphasizes the connection of fishery management with the health of the lake and river habitats upon which species depend.

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The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Get Together

Monday, June 5th, 7 to 9 pm

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

Howdy,

The requested fly this month will be a **Royal Coachman**, a great old searching pattern.

If you are not a fly tier and would like to join the group, please make a suggestion of a topic that you would like to explore or learn more about. These gatherings are not just about fly tying but any subject related to our sport.



Materials:

- Hook:** Standard dry fly size 12 to 18
- Thread:** 8/0 Black
- Tail:** Golden pheasant tippits I have lots
- Abdomen:** Peacock herl and red floss
- Wing:** White-- Duck quill feather, chicken hen cape, Calf (kip) tail, Water fowl breast feathers (fan wing style)
- Thorax:** Brown dry fly hackle

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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 18th going through August 13th. 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.

Daniel Kitts

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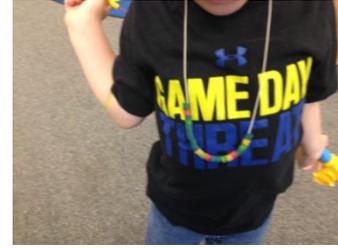
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

