

The Barbless Hook



Installation Dinner 2017. The usual revelry before the event really gets started.



March 2017

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Roger Perry

There hasn't been much fishing recently that I'm aware of, but there has been quite a bit of club activity. We had our Installation dinner last month and I believe all went pretty well. We had our first Board of Directors meeting Thurs 2/23 and among other things, passed a new budget for 2017. While I'm writing this, the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show is still going on. And of course, in addition to everything else, many people are very busy preparing for our auction in April.

While I expect that there will be many people mentioning the upcoming auction either in this newsletter, in distributed emails or during our upcoming regular meeting this Thursday, March 2nd, I would like to remind people that our yearly auction is the primary fund raiser we rely on to provide the money we need to operate. Please consider helping out by donating saleable items, volunteering with set up, clean up or just by coming to the auction and bidding heavily on the many "treasures" to be found there.

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

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

Again, we had our Installation Dinner last month to install the new officers and board of directors and to acknowledge and thank the outgoing officers and directors. Among the attendees were the new president of the NCCCIFF, Dave Palone and the outgoing president Ken Brunskill. We were also



The joy of knowing you don't have to do it anymore!

fortunate to have John and Lorrie Ambrosino representing the Rod and Gun club. The business part of the evening was to give awards to many deserving people, such as first time "fish meisters", gifts and thanks to



Marty Loomis is recognized and receives a gift for his services on the 2016 BoD.

outgoing board members and the transfer of the reins for the club.

Martin received a beautiful fly shadow box from Jim Broadbent. I then introduced the new board, tried to thank everyone involved and assure the club that I would do my best to continue the club much as it has been in the past. The food was great, with barbequed tritip provided by the club (and prepared in part by our refreshment director Gary Prince) and a fantastic array of delicious salads, side dishes, appetizers, breads and desserts brought by our members. The dinner and business matters were followed by a raffle where our raffle director Gary Phillips, despite all his effort to provide some really great prizes, was still either a hero or a goat, depending on if your ticket was drawn. Thanks again to all who helped and participated. Thanks also to Steve Ruley for the photography.



Handing off the baton (Gavel).



Jim Broadbent presenting Martin with a beautiful fly shadow box.

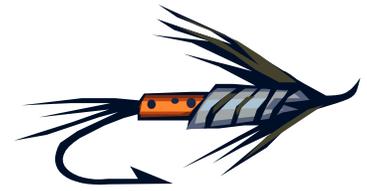
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Mitchie McCammon selecting her prize under the watchful eye of Gary Phillips.



Gary Prince looking for advice from Gary Phillips.



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

March 5th:
Jim Roberts
To be Announced

April 6th:
Auction

**Jim Roberts'
Fly Fishing
Guide Service**



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Upper Sac and
McCloud
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Steelhead**

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2017 Dues Notice

It is time to pay Membership Dues! The cost is \$40 until the February 2nd meeting. See page 13 for more information.

Frank Gordet

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

OUTINGS AND EVENTS - March 2017

Hal Wilson

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
MARCH 17-18	LOWER SAC (GUIDED) ALL SPOTS FILLED	GARY PRINCE TOM FESSENDEN
MARCH 24-25	PYRAMID LAKE	MARTY LOOMIS
APRIL 6	SILENT AUCTION	MARTY LOOMIS
APRIL 17-18	PYRAMID LAKE	BOB MCCOLLUM
MAY 6	O'NEIL FOREBAY(CLINIC)	DON GARDNER
MAY 17-18	BAILEY CREEK LODGE	RON DUELTGEN
JUNE 3-6	FEATHER RIVER/ SHAD	DON GARDNER
JUNE-JULY*	LASSEN COUNTY LAKES	HAL WILSON
JULY 7-14	STEWART'S LODGE (CANADA)	MARTIN PLOTKIN

*(pending further info from CDFW)

As everyone is aware of by now, we will be having our TVFF club auction in April. One of the things that help make our auction is donations from our club members. Seldom or never used fly fishing stuff is greatly appreciated, including saltwater and traditional fishing stuff. If you cannot make it to a club meeting,

I will be happy to come to your home to pick up donations. I have a pickup truck and can stuff lots of stuff into it. Call me at 925-426-1863, Marty Loomis.



TRIP PLANNING TOOLS

Hal Wilson

My last newsletter article began with a discovery I made on the DFW website, (I hope you all bought Warden Stamps) and this month focuses on another part of that website.

Earlier this year, the DFW hatchery group published the Annual Provisional Stocking Document, <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FishPlants/> listing by county the waters they plan to stock this calendar year. The exact planting dates are left indefinite, but a range of weeks is indicated as well as the last date the body of water was planted. This document even specifies the size of the fish that are to be stocked, grouping fish into five size groups from Fingerling (less than 5 inches) through Catchable (12") to Trophy (greater than 19").

With Google Earth, Recreation.gov and DFW Fishing Guide (<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Guide>), trips can be planned **tentatively** with advance knowledge of the fishing potential in the area, what camp grounds there are nearby, (reservable or first come, first served), the nearest town, etc. A sign-up sheet circulated at the meeting will allow members interested in the trip to request further info as it becomes available.

Another area on this website lists waters that are scheduled to be planted within a time frame approximately three weeks from the date of inquiry. The **tentative** plans can be **finalized** when the water you are interested in fishing is shown there. For example, I found two lakes in Lassen county (Silver, Caribou) within ten miles of each other, both to be stocked with "Catchable" size trout in the same general time period this season. I can now monitor the website to learn more accurately when the lakes will be planted, and make final "go/no go" decision and plans.

Recreation.gov shows the two NFS campgrounds in the area (Silver Bowl and Rocky Knoll) have a total of 35 campsites available on a first come, first served basis. First come, first served policy re campsites has both positive and negative impacts. Positive is that commitments (reservations) don't have to be made early in the season for a trip months in the future. Negative impact is that there is no assurance that you will get a campsite after driving hours to get to the area.

However, Google Earth provides suggestions for motel type lodging as possible back-ups. In my example I found motels an hour or so away from the lakes, in Chester and Susanville. In search mode on Google Earth enter "lodging near Silver Lake, Lassen County, Ca".

As Outings Coordinator, I hope the above information will stir interest in more TVFF members being Fishmeisters this year, and the Club will enjoy fishing more of our California waters and using our US National Forest facilities. Tell me what tentative trips you will coordinate and want to have listed in the Barbless Hook as tentative so others can consider the possibility. **TRY IT Let's find new places !!!**

Waters you choose to fish!!!

Hal

March Program
Don Gardner

Jim Roberts

- Our March speaker is our good friend and guide for Northern California Jim Roberts...Guiding for 25 years and engaged in several areas of fly fishing, Jim brings his prospective to us this March meeting....Jim's topic will be "Guiding Tips and Solutions to Problems". This will be a great presentation full of practical information for anglers of all experience and backgrounds...See you there.



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

Kent McCammon at (925)449-3507, reeltrout1@att.net

Ken Javorsky, kjjavorsky@sbcglobal.net

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.

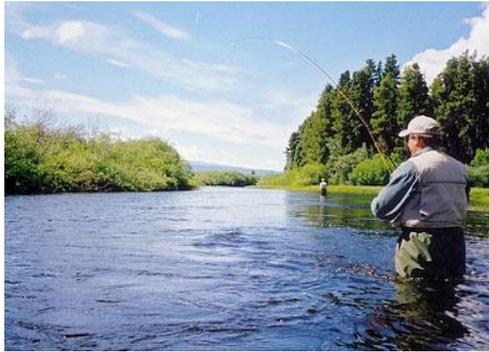
Activity: Trout fishing at remote rivers and lakes about 15 to 45 minute flying time from the lodge (weather permitting).

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/>

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 Lohantan 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).

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

Member Reports

Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show- February 24-26, 2017

Marty Loomis

Fly Show:

Opening day at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show. We had a great turnout at the booth with lots of interest in the club. Thank you to everyone who worked the various shifts and to the folks who visited the various booths soliciting donations for the TVFF Auction next month.



Auction:

Don't forget, our club auction is next month, April 6th. Donations are still being accepted but please bring them to March's club meeting so we have time to enter them into the auction catalog

Member Reports

Ken Tetzl-Lower Stanislaus

Sorry I'm late but I fished the Lower Stanislaus yesterday. Water was high and roily. I caught 3 small trout(12") and lost 2. One felt good size but I wrapped my leader in a tree limb trying to land the him!! Oh well.

More Installation Dinner Pictures February 24-26, 2017



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Conservation

Doug Witmore

Our new president and his administration have made it clear that they don't support policies that encourage maintaining and improving the environment of our country's rivers, lakes and streams, and the wilderness that surrounds them. This year, I am making an even greater effort to increase my donations to those organizations that support issues related to climate change and conservation of the environment we frequent as fly fishers. Attached is a list of organizations that I support. I'm encouraging you to join me in contributing in any way you can.

The Nature Conservancy
nature.org

Restore The Delta
RestoretheDelta.org

California Trout
caltrout.org

Sierra Club(gifts to Sierra Club Foundation or Environmental Law Program are Tax exempt)
SierraClub.org.

American Rivers
americanrivers.org

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The Club Get Together

Monday, March 6th, 7 to 9pm

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

This month we will be tying bugs for the Boy Scouts.

Daniel Kitts took the bull by the horns and revamped the fly tying merit badge and started a volunteer run education and teaching program. This takes place during the summer at the BSA summer camp in Willets, Ca. This is a rewarding 5 or 6 days for volunteers. The boys go through quite a few flies during the summer and there is a need to have a large supply of bugs.

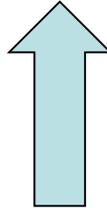
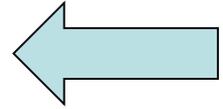
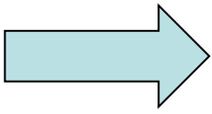
We will supply hooks and some of the material to tie foam beetles, ants, hoppers etc. These are simple patterns and we should be able to crank out around 100 flies. If a 13 year old Boy Scout can do it I'm sure we can figure them out.

Go on line and look at some of the patterns for blue gill, brim, crappie etc.

If you have Ice dub, small cactus chenille, dry fly hooks or scud hooks in size 14 and rubber legs please bring some to share.



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.

It's time for 2017 Dues!

Members:

As we start the new year it's time to think about 2017 club dues. As I'm sure you know the clubs counts on dues as the largest portion of the clubs operating budget. Getting dues in early allow the board to better plan the operating budget for the coming year. Dues have now returned to the normal rate of \$45.

In addition the club has purchased patches with the new club Logo, members that get their dues in early will be the first to receive the new patches.

As always the clubs board appreciates your support.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Frank Gordet
frankgordet@yahoo.com or call 925-846-3069.

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

Checks made out to TVFF can also be mailed to :

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

DVD of the Month Kent McCammon

A New Years Request

Please take a moment to gather up your viewed Club DVDs and insect bottles and return them at the January meeting. Call Kent at (925)449-3507 if you have questions!

Intro to Flyfishing Class in Spring

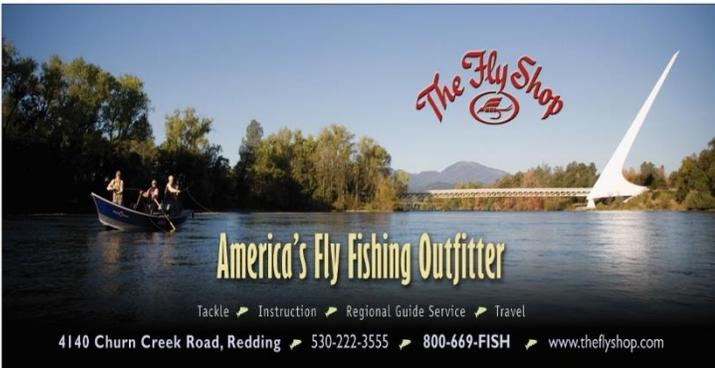
The club plans to offer an introductory class in March/April this year. If you are interested in taking the class or being an instructor please call Kent McCammon (925)449-3507. Please spread the word with your friends who want to try flyfishing in a relaxed and low cost Class. Please collect those interested info; name, email, and phone number. Curriculum and handouts have been developed previously to allow new instructors who want to volunteer. Details on page 5 of this newsletter.



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Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194

Spey Rod. Brand new never used
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Joe Cerniglia email 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
Slow sink at about 1-2 inches per second. This is a great line for lake or Stillwater fishing

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

Sharkwave Ultimate Trout WF5F, new in box \$60.00

Sharkskin Steelhead Taper WF7F, new in box \$60.00

Rio Grand WF7F, new in box \$45.00

Orvis Wonderline Striper Advantage WF10F, new in box \$30.00

Gary T (925) 786-5184 cell



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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

