

# The Barbless Hook



## February 2018

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

**Editor: Tom Vargas**

### President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's

This is another article which will address random points (somewhat the way I cast).

I hope by now you are preparing your dish to bring to our installation dinner this Thursday 2/1/18. Appetizers and socializing at 6:30 and dinner at about 7:00. The dinner will be in the Rod and Gun clubhouse (our usual meeting place). I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I have found myself addressing a number of fishing related activities this month without actually fishing. I went to the International Sportsman's Exposition in Sacramento, and while I didn't see too much new stuff, I went with my son, which always makes it special. I did get a chance to get my fishing license, so I am good to go. I also was reminded of the need to do our best to eliminate the spread of invasive species. I was also reminded of the newly implemented "California Boater Card Program

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#### Picture:

**One of our newer members, John Banke, with a nice trout he caught last summer.**

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

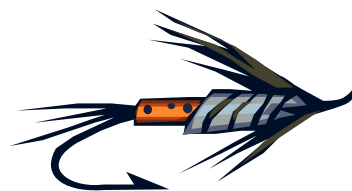
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". I was worried that I would have to get going on this until I read that for my age, I don't need to comply until Jan 1, 2025. But for those of you who are younger, you may need to act sooner. I will almost certainly do the class and test earlier just to be safe.

I have also found myself taking advantage of some of the educational opportunities our club provides. I took a casting class put on by Gary Turri last week. I was embarrassed by how poorly I did with my accuracy. I realized that while I practice casting in my back yard, I frequently practice casting for max distance and not focusing on targets and distances more likely to actually simulate real world fishing. I hope to get better, but in any case, it's still fun to get a flyrod in my hands.

February marks the time when our new board comes in. At our most recent board meeting, we discussed a great many things we'd like to accomplish this year. I'm sure some of the new directors will be talking about them. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that if you have ideas you'd like implemented or changes you'd like to see in our club, come to a board meeting or speak to one of our officers or directors. It is after all your club.

*Roger*



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

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

**March:**  
*Jim Roberts  
TBD*

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## 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 - FEBRUARY, 2018

Hal Wilson

## DATES

## LOCATION

## FISCHMEISTER

MARCH 15\*

EAGLE CANYON LAKES

ROB FARRIS

MARCH 17\*

EAGLE CANYON LAKES

ROB FARRIS

MARCH 22-23

PYRAMID LAKE

BOB MC COLLUM

APRIL 7

KISTLER BASS PONDS

KEN TETZEL

*\*LAKES NOT OPEN ON MARCH 16*





# *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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> and Group #2 taking it over on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> TVFF meeting, with the remaining \$101.25 of the float payment due at the February 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot attend the meeting please send your check to me by the 7<sup>th</sup> (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 3<sup>rd</sup> day assuming we have enough committed deposits.**

**Fishmeister Contact Information:**

Rob Farris, [RFFarris@comcast.net](mailto: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.







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*Hal Wilson*



## 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

## 2017: John Banke

John caught some nice fish on the fly and with conventional gear in 2017



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

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



# Fly Tying Expo and Pizza Night-January 4, 2018

Photos by Bob McCollum





# Education Update for Tri-Valley Fly Fishers

## Kent McCammon

We have 5 Education opportunities for members ongoing and to make you a better fly fisher and a bonus to get to hang-out with great people too. Here is the latest update. Please sign up and mail your checks to confirm. See you in 2018.

Livermore Rod and Gun Club is at 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore

San Ramon central Park address is 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road which is the new San Ramon City Hall Building.

For Club courses, make check to 'TVFF' and Mail to Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, PO Box 2358, Livermore, CA 94551.

For Gary's Fly Casting classes please email Gary and ask for his address to send check made out to Gary Turri. Additional classes to be offered in the future: "Understanding and Casting Shooting Heads & Sinking Lines" ..... "Presentation Casts & Slack Line Aerial Mends."

Golden Gate Casting Ponds - <http://www.ggacc.org/>

Questions and ideas or volunteers to teach can be sent to [reeltrout1@att.net](mailto:reeltrout1@att.net)

Course Name	When and Where	Cost	Instructor/Organizer	Status
Fundamentals of Fly Fishing Course 2 classroom and 1 hands on casting class <i>No prerequisite-All Skill Levels.</i>	March 7, March 14 Classroom on Wednesdays 7-9pm Livermore R&G Club Casting class on March 17 at 9 am to noon San Ramon Central Park	\$40 TVFF members, or \$85 with 2018 TVFF dues inclusive, check to 'TVFF' PO box	Kent McCammon 925-449-3507 for signup or send check to TVFF PO Box Instructors Daniel, Hal, Martin, Kent and Gary casting	Signups open taking checks, 3 signups. need 8 to proceed with class and max of 12 students.
Improved Accuracy and Loop Control –For all skill levels.	Feb 17th 9:30am-noon San Ramon Central Park	\$30 check made out to Gary Turri	Gary Turri, 786-5184, <a href="mailto:GJTurri@comcast.net">GJTurri@comcast.net</a>	3 paid w/ 3 slots remaining. Signups open for future class until at least 4 paid, max 6
Single and Double Haul Cast Class- For Int.-Adv. skill level.	March 3 9:30am-noon San Ramon Central Park	\$30 check made out to Gary Turri	Gary Turri, 786-5184, <a href="mailto:GJTurri@comcast.net">GJTurri@comcast.net</a>	This class is FULL. Taking signups for future class.
Back to Basic Fly Casting Class- For all skill levels.	To be scheduled 9:30am-noon San Ramon Central Park	\$30 check made out to Gary Turri	Gary Turri, 925-786-5184, <a href="mailto:GJTurri@comcast.net">GJTurri@comcast.net</a>	Signups open, for future class not scheduled, look for May/June
Beginning Fly Tying Class	Mondays in February @Rod & Gun club - back room	\$25 made out to 'TVFF'	Jim Broadbent, 925-455-1046	Please call Jim to find latest information on open slots please.
Spey Casting. Brian will do an assessment session for interested students. Course is on a Saturday in SF at GG Park, next day Sunday - American River/Sacramento	Dates are TBD April thru June is our current target. On Water assessment at Shadow Cliffs with Brian is going to precede the actual course.	\$100 tuition, Membership in GGCC is required at \$40 individual/year + \$10 fee first time. Family (up to 4) for \$50.	Brian Endlich 415-601-0070 is organizing for Golden Gate Class Fly casters	Not scheduled with dates as yet. Classes are 5 people , we have 8 on Sign up, you can add you name to wait list

# Casting Classes



## **The Tier's Bench:**

**Jim Broadbent-**

**Monthly club Get Together is postponed during the beginning fly tying class.**

**The Fly Tying Class to start in February!!**

**Mondays:**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7 to 9 pm**

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

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. One spot is available as of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Jim if you are interested.

## Items For Sale:

### Fly vest for sale XL size.

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**Joe Cerniglia**

email [sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Redington Vice Rod/ Reel/ Line Combo,** 9 foot 6 wt. 4 piece. New in Box, comes in padded rod and reel case. \$180.00

**Sharkskin Steelhead Taper WF7F,** new in box \$55.00

**Rio Camolux Clear Camo WF-6 Intermediate line.** New in Box. \$50.00

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## **It's time for 2018 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. The benefit to you is that the dues are only \$40 dollar paid prior to the February club meeting when the price bumps up to \$45 which is a great saving to you.

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,

Marty Loomis

[mjloomis@comcast.net](mailto:mjloomis@comcast.net) or call (925) 426-1863.

Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Tom Fessenden, or our membership coordinator, Marty Loomis 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**



# Conservation Corner:

## Mitchie McCammon

I volunteered for the position of Conservation Director for many reasons, one of which is to learn more about our waterways and how we can protect them for future generations. I have always enjoyed the outdoors and even went camping and fishing on my honeymoon, although I wasn't fly fishing at the time! (Ask Kent why because I'm not sure!) I am grateful that both of my children love the outdoors and fly fishing. Yes, they learned and I didn't, even though I almost always accompanied them when they went fishing with Dad. I have found that my soul is rejuvenated when I get back to nature and see my family enjoying the outdoors.

My son, Kyle, is currently working and traveling around the country and shares photos of his adventures on Instagram and Facebook. I find myself smiling when I see the photo of the tiny salamander that is no bigger than your thumbnail and the beautiful monarch butterflies that are so difficult to photograph. Kyle told us the other day that he gets a greater number of "likes" and comments for photos of his Landcruiser than "likes" and comments for the nature shots from his adventures. It is true that his truck is cool, but we both agree that it is puzzling why people seem to be more impressed by his truck than by nature. We would both love to see people appreciate the natural beauty around them just a little bit more.

One of the things I love to do is go hiking. I love to get out and go to places where not many people have ventured. The same is true about fishing, especially fly fishing. The adventures we have, take us to places that are breathtaking! Although I shouldn't be surprised when I see trash on the trails or strewn amongst boulders and shrubs, I am always taken aback by the sight. It makes me sad and angry to see this. I guess I assume that everyone is going to be a good steward of our world and take their trash with them. I think of the animals and fish that are eating these pieces of trash because they don't know better. I think of the ugliness that has been left behind because someone is so careless. This is not the image I want to hold in my heart or to share with others.

A few months ago, our club had a speaker from Costa sunglass company. He spoke candidly about decreasing the use of plastics and even brought metal water bottles for all. There are so many things in everyday life that are dependent on plastic including our sport of fly fishing.

## Conservation Corner: *Continued*

Unfortunately, we are a throw-away society and are quickly polluting our world with products that do not readily breakdown in nature. Since the plastic bag ban was put in place in California, I have noticed fewer bags blowing around the roadways. This, I think, is a law that is doing what was intended. Can we completely get rid of plastic? No, but we can do better by decreasing how much we use and how much we throw away.

One of the things our club believes in is conservation. In my opinion it is not just making sure the fish populations are protected, it is also about taking care of our environment. When I am fishing, I think about the little pieces of fishing line that I cut off when tying on my flies and try to put them in my vest to keep those pieces out of the rivers. At home I try to recycle as much as I can and utilize my green waste cart with kitchen scraps as well as yard clippings. We have even landscaped our front yard with drought tolerant plants, many of which are California natives. I admit that I don't always pick up someone else's trash, bring my own bags when shopping, or use my own water bottle, but I vow to try to do better.

We have one world and we need to take care of it. I know I want to leave future generations a world where people care about the air, the water, and the animals. By doing our part, we show that our club is not just about fishing and fish tales; we believe in protecting the beauty around us. Keep those fish tales coming but don't forget to stash your trash! Go to the club Facebook page and let me know what small things you do to take care of our environment. Your small thing could be something new for all of us to try. That small thing could make a huge impact if everyone did it too!



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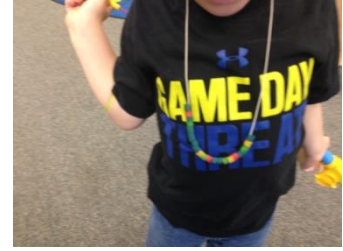
## Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

