

The Barbless Hook



September 2018

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Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe summer. I got to enjoy a fishing outing in Montana, put on by our club. I have actually been able to participate in these outings 3 out of the last 4 years. I believe this may have been the best one yet. I strongly encourage any of you who may have thought a week fishing world renown waters in Montana might be something you'd like to try (or try again) to check it out in the future. I never thought I would be able to fish waters like this before joining our club. It really has been a dream come true for me.

I want to encourage any of you who may be interested in helping out our club as a member of our board (either as an officer or director) to speak to myself, Al Mansky or any of our board members. I've mentioned before how grateful I am to have had the support of such a great group of people on our current board. While returning members of the previous board are important each year, I can't overstate the value of new people stepping up and helping keep our club vibrant.

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Picture:

John Banke with a very nice Hot Creek Brown Trout.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

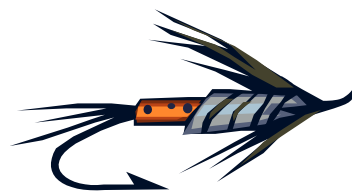
I'm sure you are aware that our website was hacked and was unavailable for some time. It should be up and running soon if not already. I want to thank all the people who have been working on getting the site up again. I know Robert Nishio and Tom Fessenden have put in a lot of effort.

Hope you can make our next meeting Thursday (Sept 6th) at the gun club (doors open at 6:30, meeting at 7:00).

Roger



Jim Broadbent with a very nice Largemouth from the Wente BSA camp. Bob Boyce, Alan Wyosnick and Jim taught 20 plus kids the Fly Fishing Merit Badge during their stay. Thanks to Daniel Kitts for organizing this and everyone who participated in the great program!



**2018 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

September 6th :

**Jay
Murakoshi**

Surf Zone in Local
Waters

October 4th

TBD

November 1st

TBD

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McCloud
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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:
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OUTINGS AND EVENTS - June 2018

Rob Farris

TVFF Outings and Events for 2018

Please sign up at the outings table at Club meetings, or with the Fishmeister

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>
Sept 4 th	Fly Tying - Hoppers	
Sept 6 th	Meeting at 7PM. Jay Murakoshi- Fishing the Surf Zone in Local Waters	
Sept 14-17	E Sierras Sampler (Northern range) (one remaining opening of 10 available)	Rob Farris
Oct 20-21	MF Stanislaus dry fly with NF Stanislaus Camp 9 Mile nymphing hunt for spawning big browns	Rob Farris
Dec 8 th	Delta Stripers	Tom Vargas
Dec 13-14	Trinity Steelhead trip	Gary Prince

Delta Striper Outing

December 8, 2018

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmaster I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, December 8th. 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 September. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of stripers being caught out in the ocean and bay!



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



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

September 6th Meeting Program

Patrick Donovan

Jay Murakoshi- Surf Zone in Local Waters

- I have been in the fly fishing industry for 46 years and have tied commercially for 45 years. I have tied for notables such as the late Lefty Kreh and Trey Combs.
- My patterns have been features in Fly Fishing in Salt Waters, California Fly Fisher, Western Outdoors, Southwest and Northwest Fly Fishing magazine.
- Since the early 80's I have spoken to thousands of people at events like the International Sportsmans Expo, Fly Fishing show, Renzetti Fly Fishing Fair, New Mexico, Trout Conclave, sports pro shops, clubs and conclaves.
- I am on pro staff for RIO, TFO, Hatch Reels Smith Optics, Gamakatsu and Dai Ichi hooks.
- I also run my own fly fishing travel business Flies Unlimited aka Murakoshi's Fly Fishing Adventures



Rob Farris

TVFF QUALIFIES SIX FOR HERITAGE TROUT CHALLENGE !!!



Congratulations to six of our TVFF Club members who recently completed the California Heritage Trout Challenge over the summer. After literally thousands of miles traveled throughout the state to very remote areas seldom visited, camping in tents perched at 9,100 feet, enduring high and blown out rivers, “enjoying” mice infested mountain cabins, hiking in miles throughout the Sierras and encountering fire area closures, our qualifiers all successfully caught a minimum of the six native California trout that are necessary for the Challenge. The State aptly named this a “Challenge” and they were so right. Our new qualifiers include **Kent and Mitchie McCammon, Martin Plotkin, Gary Prince, Chris McCann, and Rob Farris**. Daniel Kitts also joined the fun late, and has but two more fish to also qualify. The final step for all is underway with documentation submission to the State of California for biologist validation resulting in Challenge certificates being issued later this fall.

Speaking of lateness, Chris McCann caught the “bug” this year and deserves the “**road warrior award**” for traveling many, many (1,000’s) miles to catch ALL ten. While there are only about 300 that have qualified for the Challenge, I’m sure that there are only a handful that have been successful with catching all ten. Great job Chris with your amazing persistence and drive...

And congratulations to the Club overall for cumulatively catching all of the native California trout including both Coastal Cutthroat trout and the Coastal Rainbows, all three species of Golden Trout (California, Little Kern, and Kern River Rainbows), all three species of Redband Rainbows (McCloud, Goose Lake, and Warner Mountain), the Lahonton Cutthroat, and the Eagle Lake Rainbow.

I’m sure that I speak for all of the qualifiers that this was a terrific and very memorable lifetime experience that would be difficult to duplicate. We fished large rivers, lakes, and incredibly small streams. It provided a breadth of experiences and opportunities to really understand the value of conservation initiatives in the State that seeks to protect these areas and frequently threatened and endangered fish. So congratulations as well to the State of California Heritage Trout program for a job well done!

Member Reports

BA-HA-HA

Martin Plotkin

In mid-June Augie Abellar, Don Gardner, Don Jower and I went to the little town of Ventana in the Baja to do some fishing. Ventana is on the Sea of Cortez directly across the Peninsular from La Paz. We stayed at Palapas Ventana is a resort which specializes in underwater activities and is establishing itself as a fly-fishing destination. The accommodations consisted of 2 people Centigrade controlled, air-conditioned bungalows referred to as palapas and a central dining area, bar, pool and just congregating place for guests and staff. Staff was super in making our stay as enjoyable as possible.

Unfortunately Hurricane Bud which was downgraded to a tropical storm referred to as Bud Lite came through the day before we arrived. Consequentially, the first day was spent chasing fish with ATVs from the beach. It was fun but not as productive as we wished. The second and third days were tough fishing due to lack of bait and rougher than usual seas. The third and fourth days made up for the first 3. We found bait nearby and the sea calmed down. We caught all manner of Jacks, Tuna, Dorado, and many other species.

As usual the big fish were caught by Augie both a Tuna and a Dorado. Don Jower caught his first Dorado. Don Gardner did well and had a blast doing it.

The Last day Don Jower and I went out fishing and had a repeat of day 3 and 4 (life is good). Augie and Don Gardner kicked back at the resort and ended their trip with an experience on the Hot Dog Train – ask them to explain. Judging but the look on their faces it was a fun experience.



Member Reports

BA-HA-HA-Continued

Martin Plotkin



Catching the Bait



Augie does it again



Don and Martin with Jacks



.....and again

Member Reports

July, 2018: Montana Marty Ioomis

Todd Hryn, Ron Grady, Roger Perry, Gary Prince, Alan Wyosnick, and Marty Loomis spent a week fishing this past July in the West Yellowstone area hosted by Jim Roberts and his nephew, Brandon Roberts.

We had to the opportunity to fish several rivers within Yellowstone Park and the surrounding area such as the Madison, Soda Buttes, Quake Lake Dam, and the Ruby River.

Fishing being called fishing, we had great days and some not so great days, and some had better great days than others. During one afternoon on the Ruby we had a quad hookup with all four fish successfully landed (pictures don't lie).

It was a great week with great food, accommodations and great fishing friends.



Member Reports



Bob Boice ▸ Tri-Valley Fly Fishers

August 23 at 5:42 PM · 🌐



Pictures from our trip late July to Libby, MT and the Kootenai River with Dave Blackburn's Kootenai Angler guides. Can't wait to go back here. Had a nature encounter when bald eagle flew 5 ft. over our heads and tried to grab Claire's trout. These guys put us on a lot of fish, and the restaurant and bar and cabin were great. Even got to see their bluegrass band and had a jam session with them. Largest trout caught was 19", a couple 16"ers, and lots of 12-14" trout, and 2 big giant Steelheads over 25" that either snapped the line off immediately or shook the hook. Montana is amazing. — with Claire Boice.



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

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

Member Reports



Chris McCann

14 hrs



Opening day at Heenan this year. Went 6 for 9. Ambient temp at morning was a brisk 35, water surface temp was 64. Hot and heavy action until 9:00am Cars parked all the way out to 89, probably 100 anglers with 12 to 15 boats. Lots of action in south west bay shallows.



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Member Reports



Bob McCollum

August 30 at 10:39 PM

After a difficult start, had a great day on O'Neill Forebay. Intended to fish San Luis Reservoir, but wind was too high. Also noticed one of my boat trailer tires was bulging, so I had to change the tire at the boat ramp. Eventually launched at O'Neill mid-morning. I "anchored" in the inflow current using my GPS-enabled trolling motor and fished the current like a river. Landed about 30 fish - mostly sub-legal, but there were a few stout stripers, to 3 pounds. Even the little one are fun to catch and fight like demons. Lee Haskin's San Luis Smelt fly got a real work out. Turned out to be a good day.



D Chris Calabrese and 4 others

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The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Monthly Club Get Together

Tuesday, September 4th , 2018 from 7 to 9 pm

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

After a short summer break our monthly Get Together will resume next week. No, not on the first Monday but on Tuesday the 4th due to the Labor Day weekend.

Not having any topic or fly pattern suggested I started looking through a few of my fly boxes. What a complete chaos of hooks and feathers. At around box #42 I realized only a few hoppers were in residence so that is what we are going to tie.

There are as many hopper patterns as there are hoppers so I weeded out two. The classic Joe's Hopper and a simple foam hopper.

Joe's Hopper

Hook: 2xl dry or nymph TMC 5212, TMC 200R
Thread: 6/0, 140 denier yellow, tan
or your favorite hopper color
Butt: Red hackle or yarn plus yellow
or tan antron yarn
Abdomen: Antron yarn or dry fly dubbing and brown hackle
Wings: Mottled turkey feather
Head: One brown and one grizzly hackle
Legs: Turkey or pheasant fibers
Super glue



Foam Hopper

Hook: same
Thread: same
Body: 2mm or 1mm craft foam Hopper color
yellow, tan, lt green
Dubbing to hide thread wraps
Legs: Med/lg rubber legs or old school pull apart rubber legs
Super glue



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.

Education Update

Kent McCammon

Gary Turri has opened a series of Casting Classes to learn different aspects of Casting, ranging if you are a beginner or expert who wants to learn a new casting skill. Gary is Certified FFF Instructor and has local classes in San Ramon to help your cast.

The key is to sign-up if you are interested at the Meetings or call or email Gary directly. Once he gets 6 paid students, he will work with the students to pick a date that works.

I have 5 signup sheets that I will bring to the September 6th meeting.

Here's what I have from the prior monthly meetings: (class size 6 students).

- 1. Back to Basics Fly Casting Class-3 sign ups, 3 open spots**
- 2. Improved Accuracy and Loop Control Fly Casting Class- 3 sign ups, 3 open spots.**
- 3. Presentation Casts & Slack Line Aerial Mends- 2 sign ups, 4 open spots.**
- 4. Single and Double Haul Fly Casting Class- 4 sign ups, 2 open spots.**
- 5. Understanding and Casting Shooting Heads and Sinking Fly Lines- 2 sign ups, 4 open spots.**

Class dates will be determined once we have at least 6 sign ups.

Remember you have a free class offered by the Golden Gate Flycasters club every 2nd Saturday. Be sure to check the Club calendar as sometimes they have special events. This is an excellent program. The Oakland Casting pond is a closer opportunity, last checked they invite people on 3rd Saturday of month.



Conservation Corner:

Mitchie McCammon

The California Heritage Trout Challenge

California's natural heritage includes one of the most diverse assemblages of native trout forms found in the United States. Over the millennia, 12 different sub-species, or forms, of trout evolved to inhabit the diverse habitats found in California. These include temperate rain forests, high deserts, large inland rivers, isolated lake basins and mountain streams. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife uses the term "heritage trout" to describe native trout that have existed in California since prehistoric times. To be considered a "heritage trout" it must be found in its historic watershed.

The Wild Trout Program was established by the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) in 1971 and was later expanded in 1998 to include California heritage trout. In 2004 the California Heritage Trout Challenge was created by Roger Bloom, Inland Fisheries Program Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Since 1971, the Wild Trout Program has protected and enhanced quality trout fisheries sustained by natural reproduction. The Commission created a policy to guide the management and regulation of wild trout resources and to designate certain waters to be managed exclusively for wild (naturally self-reproducing) trout. In 1998, the program was expanded to increase emphasis and awareness about the beauty, diversity, historical significance and special values of California's native trout and their habitats. The native trout forms in this state are regarded as "heritage" trout and the program's name was accordingly changed to the Heritage and Wild Trout Program.

The California Heritage Trout Challenge was designed after the Cutt Slam Challenge in Wyoming where anglers catch the state's four wild cutthroat trout in their native waters. Both programs require the angler to take photos of the trout caught, document where and when the trout was caught and submit the photos to DFW and receive a certificate for participation. One big difference is that California has 11 trout that can be caught with 6 being the magic number to receive a certificate. Originally there were 12 trout, but the Paiute trout is currently unfishable due to such decreased numbers. The purpose of the challenge is to promote the ecological and aesthetic values of native trout and their habitats, encourage anglers to learn more about the state's natural heritage, and build public support for native trout restoration efforts.

Conservation Corner-Continued

The 11 trout that qualify for the challenge are: Coastal Rainbow Trout, Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout, Coastal Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, McCloud River Redband Trout, Goose Lake Redband Trout, Warner Lakes Redband Trout, Golden Trout Overview, Kern River Rainbow Trout, Little Kern Golden Trout, and the California Golden Trout.

Having been on the hunt for these trout, I can attest to the difficulties in traveling to some very remote locations throughout the state. Many of the waters are tiny streams that can be easily hopped across. It is not always easy to catch these beautiful trout, and sometimes you could be just short of where the qualifying water ends (as a certain person found out.) Yes, the DFW biologist is that particular! In the words of the biologist, "That is why it is called a challenge!"

I would highly recommend participating in this fun, educational and beautiful challenge. If you are interested in the program here is the link:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/HTC#38442388-qualifying-trout>

"I wanted this Challenge to require anglers to see a large portion of the state. After looking at maps and the associated qualifying watersheds, I settled on six as the magic number. This would encourage anglers to learn about other areas and waters in California that were likely outside their normal "home range," and gain a better understanding of the diversity of habitats that California native trout call home."

Roger Bloom





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Gary T (925) 786-5184 cell

- **Fly vest for sale XL size.**
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Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194

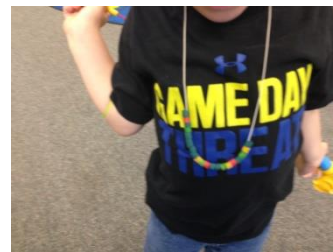
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

