

The Barbless Hook

March 2019

Edited by Mark Spruiell



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President's Message

by Albert Mansky

February has been one wet and cold month. The rivers are high, muddy and cold. As for me, I did not wet a line for the entire month. I'm sure some of you hard core fishermen managed to get out a few times and brave the elements. The February 7th Board of Directors installation dinner was a successful event for those of you who were able to attend it.

We had thirty five members, wives and kids show up. There was plenty of food and drinks to be had by all. I would like to thank Gary Prince for all his efforts and all those members who brought a side dish for all of us to share in. I would like to thank Roger Perry as our outgoing President for his dedication over the past two years. It's people like Roger and all of our returning board members that make the TVFF club the successful club that it is.

I wasn't able to attend the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show that was held on February 22nd through the 24th. Unfortunately, I had unexpected heart surgery that sidelined me for the event. As you know, TVFF has a booth at the fly show every year. Rob Farris and Marty Loomis tell me that we had forty two individuals inquire about our club. Hopefully some of them will attend our March 7th club meeting and see first hand who and what we really are all about. As some of you know from prior years, the club was associated with the International Fly Fishers (IFF) organization. I was going to attend their Presidents Luncheon presentation at the fly show, but because of health reasons I was not able to attend. We were still represented at the IFF Presidents luncheon. I'll have more to say on this matter next month, on what the "New IFF" has to offer to our club and its



Outgoing TVFF President Roger Perry accepts a gift from Jim Broadbent. The shadow box is filled with flies tied by club members. Thank you, Roger!

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members. I hope many of you were able to attend the Fly Show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, and stopped by our exhibit booth to just say hello. There's always the off chance of picking something up at the show, whether we need it or not. I know I'm guilty of that. Till next month, tight lines and good fishing.

Thanks,

Al

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



Lower Sac Floats, Upper Sac
and McCloud
Klamath River
Steelhead

Tri-Valley FF Special Offer
2nd day is ½ off!

Jim Roberts
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2019 Membership Fees Due

Membership renewal dues are now due and payable: \$40 if paid before the February 2019 meeting, \$45 thereafter. Checks (preferred) and cash will be accepted. See Marty Loomis.

The club's mailing address is:

TVFF
PO Box 2358
Livermore, CA 94551

March Speaker – Jim Roberts

Fly Fishing the Headwaters of Mt. Shasta

For over two decades Jim Roberts has guided, explored and fished the area around Mt. Shasta. He will talk to us about his experiences and share tips about where and how to fish the area.

Jim Roberts first picked up a fly rod at 13 and since has spent countless days fishing different waters from Argentina to Alaska. He has accumulated a wide range of experience in the fly fishing industry, from producer of fly fishing videos, fly shop owner, instructor, guide, writer, and manufacturer.

Jim first got his guide license in 1995 and currently guides on the Lower Sacramento River for rainbows, the Trinity River for steelhead, the McCloud for rainbows and browns, and the Klamath for steelhead and salmon. He still enjoys the thrill and excitement of getting somebody into a fish or sharing knowledge with a fellow angler.

Jim is a sought after fly-fishing speaker. With thirty years' experience and his professional training as a teacher, Jim is able to share his knowledge to help other anglers make it to the next level. His goal both on the water and at a presentation is to make fly fishing instruction as fun and rewarding as possible. After 30 years his passion for chasing any fish with a fly is matched only by his desire to teach others about fly fishing.



Jim is graciously donating a one day, two angler guide trip for the club to give away at our next meeting, where we'll hold a drawing for those in attendance. Join us at 7pm on March 7th at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club to hear his presentation and get a chance to win!

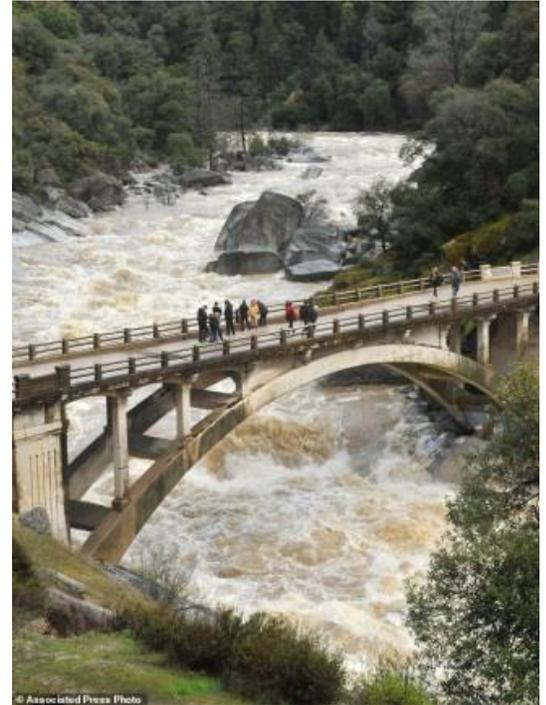
Winter Fishing Rafting Opportunities

Rob Farris

Well, now... We need a bit of rain you say? Not anymore with the Tahoe snowpack/water content now at 154% of normal and the downstream rivers just ripping. And with Venado near Guerneville getting 20" of rain in just 48 hours, that would seem a bit excessive. OK; enough already!

So, maybe you're the trout guy I mentioned last month. Good luck... Tie some flies, organize your split shot, sharpen your hooks and wash your waders cuz you're not going anywhere near a river for a while. Example #1: Our upcoming Lower Yuba River Skwala Hatch workshops in early March on the river put on by Jon Baiocchi – **POSTPONED**... 18,000 cfs of water and at 71' is a bit much. No one knows the river better than Jon, and he's not getting anywhere close to the river (see the photo at right) for obvious reasons. These two workshops are being re-scheduled as "How to safely raft Class 5 Rivers in the late winter".

Oh, so you want to avoid the huge Central Valley Rivers and head up to the Upper Sacramento as I mentioned last month? Great idea, but you will need some additional equipment, however. The flows are fine up there, and are dropping; bad news is getting to the Upper Sacramento River requires a snowmobile or snowshoes for those of you looking to fish it... And that nice leisurely guided float down the Lower Sac for a day full of fat rainbows? You might want to hold off for a couple of weeks as they are currently releasing 11,000 cfs of water out of Keswick due to very large amount of water in Lake Shasta proper. Yikes!



Well then, where can you go for "the tug"? Best bet now is the Pyramid Lake outing for massive Lahontan trout. Give Dennis Rankin and Chris McCann a call as they still have room for the upcoming March 16th trip which will be on the shore, or on ladders. Quite the experience; but huge trout. Do dress warm as it can get brisk up there.

And of course, if you've been waiting to tie into a nice largemouth, then get in touch with Ken Tetzl and settle in on one of his two trips up to Kistler Bass Ponds in March and April. Nothing like starting the season with some explosive top water hits from an angry largemouth. And no high water to contend with.

Want to see what's really happening as you think about where you can go to hide from the big flows? Check out this [California Water Data Exchange map](#) before you go. If you do decide to go, please exercise extreme caution around any of the streams and rivers right now.

Finally, check out our Outings page on the website and in the newsletter to see what we've got planned, and let the Fishmeisters know if you're interested. Get out there and fish hard but safely after all the rain. And get ready for summer as we'll have great water all the way through the fall this year. Which means big trout all season... you're gonna love it!!!

Outings and Activities

Club Meetings

All meetings at Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club at 7pm

Mar 7 Jim Roberts – Fishing Shasta’s headwaters
Apr 4 Speaker TBD

Fly Fishing Outings

Please sign up at the events table at club meetings. Contact Rob Farris to add an event.

Mar 1/3 postponed	Yuba/Baiocchi Skwala hatch workshop (sold out)	Rob Farris
Mar 16	Pyramid Lake trip (Pre-historic Lahontan trout – see p. 8)	Rankin/McCann
Mar 30	Kistler Bass Ponds Day Trip #1 *	Ken Tetzl
TBD	San Luis Forebay Striper Outing	Bob McCollum
Apr 7-8	Eagle Canyon Lake and (optional) Lower Sac Float	Rob Farris
Apr 20	Kistler Bass Ponds Day Trip #2 *	Ken Tetzl
May 7-9	Hat Creek Salmonfly hatch/Baum Lake float	Rob Farris
Jun 20-23	Truckee camping trip (Big Truckee, Little Truckee, Milton Lake)	Rob Farris
Jun 30-Jul 7	Stewart’s Lodge, British Columbia (Trout & more trout)	Don Jower
Jul 11-14	Float/camping trip – Medicine Lake, Baum Lake, Manzanita Lake	Mark Spruiell
Summer	Wente Boy Scout Camp – Teaching and bass fishing	Daniel Kitts
Aug 26-Sep 1	Annual Yellowstone/Montana trip #1	Marty Loomis
Sep 2-8	Annual Yellowstone/Montana trip #2	Marty Loomis
Oct 30-Nov 6	Palapas Mexico/Mag Bay for snook, snapper, bonefish	Don Jower

** Kistler Bass Ponds: First Paid, First In. Anglers limited to about 15. \$25 per rod (for 15 anglers). Kids are FREE. Send the fees to the Club Treasurer at the P.O. Box. Ken will let you know if you’re in.*

Fly Tying Sessions

All meetings at Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club at 7pm

Mar 4	Fly tying class – Scuds and worms	Jim Broadbent
Apr 1	Fly tying class – TBD	Jim Broadbent

Fly Fishing Lessons

*Please sign up at the events table at club meetings.
Sessions are scheduled based on signup interest.*

Feb 6, 20 & Mar 13, 23	Entomology Class (beginner & intermediate)	Rob Farris & Kent McCammon
Apr 17, 24, 27	Fundamentals of Fly Fishing	Kent McCammon
TBD	Casting Class #1 – Back to Basics	Gary Turri
TBD	Casting Class #2 – Improved Accuracy and Loop Control	Gary Turri
TBD	Casting Class #4 – Single and Double Haul Casts	Gary Turri
TBD	Casting Class #5 – Shooting Heads and Sinking Lines	Gary Turri

Pyramid Lake Outing (Chico Fly Fishers) – March 9-10

Chico Fly Fishers has extended an invitation to TVFF members for their Pyramid Lake outing. See the following page for information on the TVFF outing to Pyramid on March 16.

The Pyramid Lake Fish Out with Rob Anderson is scheduled for March 9 & 10, Saturday & Sunday. Rob will supply a continental breakfast (muffin and coffee) and lunch both days. The fishing can be very good this time of year and also cold and windy so dress warm. Always easier to peel the clothing off than not have them. 5-7wt rods are what I believe most use, one with a floating line the other with a sinking line like a Teeny 200 or similar. You need to supply your own gear, fly rods, tippet and flies. Rob will supply ladders.

Those of us that take RVs normally will stay at Pelican and Rob or one of the other guides (depending how many fishermen sign up) meet with us on Friday evening to talk about set up, and time to meet, and place for the next morning's fish. If you are not going to stay in an RV there are a couple other options. If you make reservations far enough in advance, Crosby Lodge has cabins and RVs for rent, you can bring your own food and cook or eat at their store. Call them at 775-476-0400. The other option is to stay in Sparks or Reno. The Nugget Casino in Sparks is reasonable and pretty nice. It's still about an hour commute one way and makes for an early morning departure for Pyramid. Call 800-648-1177 or check out the web site.

Cost of the two day fish out is \$200 per angler. You can also purchase a dozen flies for \$35 that come in a fly box. If you are interested in coming, send me a check for \$200 made out to Rob Anderson and if you want the dozen flies make the check for \$235. Don't count on purchasing them from him when you get there, he may not have any.

Also, Rob Anderson gives a talk at the Nugget Casino in Sparks on February 15 (Friday evening) on fishing Pyramid Lake. There is no charge and it's worth the time. You'll need to go to his web site and sign up because it does get full.

Contact Elden Hinkle to sign up or ask questions: ehinkle@aaproduct.com, 530-518-4680

Make your check out to Rob Anderson and mail it to Elden:

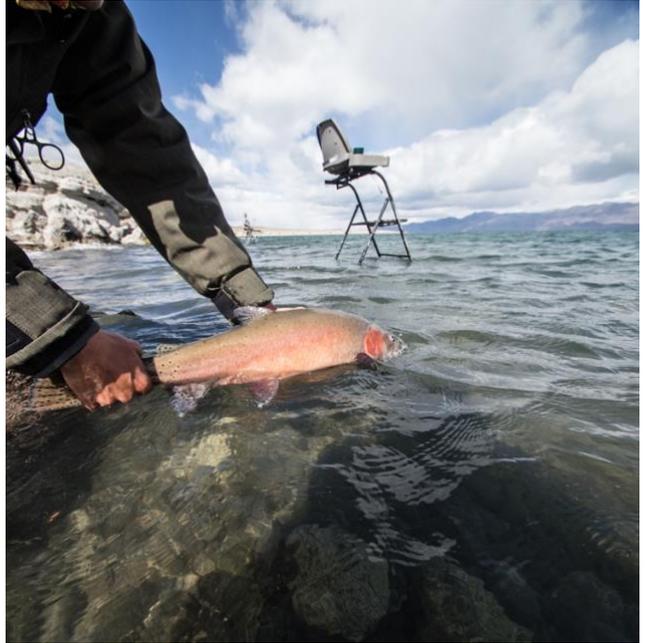
Elden Hinkle
700 Hastings St.
Chico, CA 95976

Pyramid Lake Outing (TVFF) – March 16

This fishout will be guided by [Pyramid Fly Company](#). Fishing will be from elevated fishing chairs instead of ladders. Many of us cannot stand on a ladder and this is a safer alternative. The chairs will be supplied by the guides.

For those of you who wish to fish from shore, there is conventional casting and also using chucker rods, basically roll casting a heavy line with a two-handed rod. Pyramid Fly will supply the rods, flies and instruction. This is a fun way to fish and can be very useful when fishing in areas where overhead casting is not possible. Those of us who have tried it are hooked on it.

The cost includes a day of fishing with breakfast and a deli style lunch. For an extra \$15 you can add an excellent BBQ rib dinner at Crosby Lodge. Breakfast will consist of bagels, cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and coffee. The guiding will be approximately one guide to five fishermen. The cost will be \$125 for the day including breakfast, lunch and flies, or \$140 with the dinner. A Pyramid Lake [fishing permit](#) is required and must be purchased separately. A Nevada fishing license is not required.



For those who wish to fish on Friday before or Sunday afterward, guiding arrangements can be made, or you can do your own thing.

There are lots of choices for accommodations. You can buy a [camping permit](#) and camp at Pelican Point or on any beach, the marina has an [RV park](#), and [Crosby Lodge](#) has camp sites, cabins and trailers for rent, including some nice 5th wheel trailers that will accommodate 4-6 easily (nice hot showers). We are currently working with Crosby's to get a special rate, and of course there are the casinos in Sparks and Reno approximately 35 miles away. To make reservations at the lake, you can call Crosby Lodge at 775-476-0400.

Additional information:

- Hooks must be barbless. No "bait" is allowed.
- Limit is two fish maximum, one or two 17 to 20" or one over 24", all measured fork length.
- Recommend a 6-8 weight rod – remember some of these fish get up to 20 pounds.
- Additional information is available at the Pyramid Lake [web site](#).

The basic fees are listed below:

1 day fishing	\$12	1 day – 2 nd rod	\$12
2 day fishing	\$24	2 day – 2 nd rod	\$24
3 day fishing	\$31	3 day – 2 nd rod	\$31
Seasonal fishing	\$96	Seasonal – 2 nd rod	\$96
1 day overnight camping	\$16	3 day overnight camping	\$41

Contact Dennis Rankin to sign up or ask questions: dennis.rankin@comcast.net, 925-784-5666

Fly Fishing Film Festival – March 28

CalTrout is hosting a screening of the International Fly Fishing Film Festival at the Orinda Theater on Thursday, March 28. Tickets can be purchased by [clicking here](#) and previews of the films can be [seen here](#). They will also be showing some films that showcase their conservation projects and raffling out some great prizes. It's guaranteed to be a fun time! They'd like to extend a \$5 discount on the ticket price to the Tri-Valley Fly Fishers. Enter code **FLYCLUB19** at checkout.



Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge – Summer

Share your Fly Fishing Knowledge with Scouts Plus BIG BASS Fishing...

Ever wanted to be able to spend a few days fly fishing for 5-8 lb. largemouth bass on a lake that doesn't see any fishing pressure and being the only person on the lake getting access to the nooks and crannies where the large bass are lurking? And, on top of that having a comfortable place to stay, three meals a day and a boat provided...

You just have to help teach the Boy Scout (BSA) Fly Fishing Merit Badge during a few hours each day.

Since 2014 we have helped the BSA put on a Fly Fishing Merit Badge program at their Wentle Scout Reservation Summer Camp located in Willits, CA.



Private lake full of BIG BASS.

The details are simple. There are eight one-week sessions beginning each Sunday starting June 16th. The Merit Badge is taught Monday through Thursday of each week with one class in the morning and another in the afternoon covering different parts of the merit badge each day. Each week teams of 3-4 women and men fly fishers go to the camp. Some volunteer a few days and others have gone up several weeks.

Where does the Big Bass Fishing come in? The Wentle Reservation Camp has their own 75-acre lake with lots of 5+ lb. bass 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.

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. Eighty five percent of the scouts come from the greater Bay Area so your efforts are impacting local youth. During the 2018 program 160 Scouters participated.

If you want more details or to be included in future communications on this fun adventure, please call me at 510-816-2846 or e-mail me at dckitts@aol.com.

Daniel Kitts

Stewart's Lodge B.C. Outing – June 30-July 7

This is a trout fishing trip to Stewart's Lodge on Nimpo Lake in British Columbia, 250 miles NNW of Vancouver. The week includes six days of fly-out fishing to lakes and rivers, including the Dean River.

Estimated cost is \$2,900 Cdn, or approximately \$2,175 US at the current rate.

Package does not include license, gear, guides, liquor, taxes, gratuities and transportation from Bay Area to the lodge.

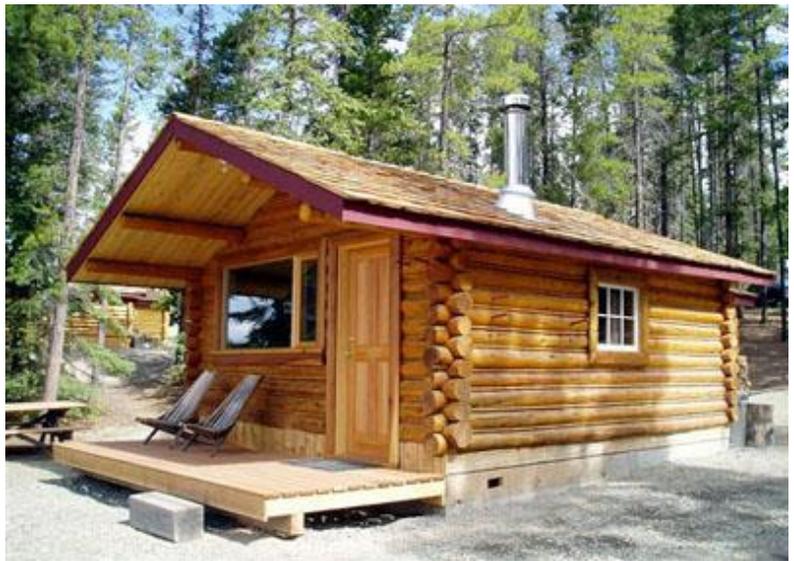
Contact Don Jower to sign up or ask questions:

djowerclay1@gmail.com

510-735-5167



The lodge provides 12 to 14 foot boats with 3hp to 8hp motors.



Private log cabins on Nimpo Lake with hot showers, toilets, two double beds, linens, daily maid service and three meals a day.



Fish cleaning, smoking and vacuum packing services available.

Show Report

Kent McCammon was the big winner at the Casting for Recovery booth at the Fly Fishing show in February. He won a 10 wt rod and reel in their raffle.

Information taken from CastingforRecovery.org:

Casting for Recovery (CfR) provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer, at no cost to the participants. CfR's retreats offer opportunities for women to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature. The retreats are open to women with breast cancer of all ages, in all stages of treatment and recovery. For over 20 years, women from all walks of life have benefitted from CfR's inspiring program model.

Our healing program is unique! For women who have had surgery or radiation as part of their breast cancer treatment, the gentle motion of fly casting can be good physical therapy for increasing mobility in the arm and upper body.



Kent with Suzanne Gulick, Program Coordinator

Trip Report

Bob McCollum

Tom Vargas and I fished for steelhead. It was scratchy but we found a few.



Trip Report

Pyramid Lake – Chris McCann

January

Well January was a month of firsts for me at Pyramid. I got my first fish of the season off the ladder stripping, landed my biggest of the season thus far, a 29" and only a 1/2" off my all time lake best. Also fished the coldest days I have ever been up at the lake, morning temps in the 20's, was that ever cold on any exposed skin. And unfortunately experienced my first skunking of the season.



February

What can I say about February at Pyramid Lake besides the obvious of it being unbelievably cold. Catch rates were lower than January, but the sizes were incredible. I unfortunately hooked into one big boy that ended up spooling me. I had worked the fish in close twice before it decided to head to the middle of the lake. This last weekend I ended up landing six fish over 10 lbs. Have switched over from streamers to chironomidae (per RF) or what most of us call chironomids. The switch was dictated due to the high winds and not able to get my kayak out on the water. So shore fishing became the norm. Fly sizes were in the 10 to 12 size range, and takes were not that aggressive. The pay-offs were amazing.



Tight lines all

Trip Report

Ken Tetzl

With all the rain and my rivers blown out, I was forced to travel to the Feather River yesterday, Saturday the 23rd. Water was slightly green but not too high. Not much action, which is my usual on the Feather. I did land one 20" rainbow, lost another one (maybe larger) and netted a 5-6 lb.....Sucker!!!! Ugly brute too!! Water flows could be tough this spring!

Trip Report

Gary Turri

FFI Certified Casting Instructor

At the 2018 DVFF Auction, I bid on and won a certificate for two days of guided drift boat fishing with Guide Brian Clemens of Nor Cal Fly Guides on either the Lower Sac or the Trinity River.

I fished with Brian on the Trinity on February 18th and 19th. Due to Brian's hard work and great knowledge of the Trinity, I was able to put over 10 steelhead in the net over the 2 days of fishing.

Brian has agreed to donate again to our 2019 Auction in April, so you will have the opportunity to bid on his certificate. If you don't win, I still suggest you call and book him for other trips any time of the year. Brian is very patient, very knowledgeable and a fun guy to spend the day with. He guides for trout, steelhead, salmon, stripers and shad. All the info is on his website, norcalflyguides.com.



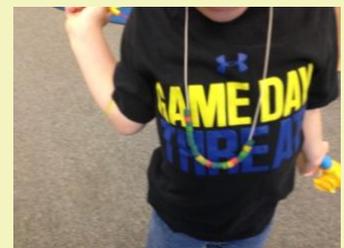
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

I am a preschool Special Ed teacher and the floating fly line comes in handy for many projects that preschool children make: necklaces, lacing, hanging art, fishing poles... I would be happy to collect it and give it away to other preschool teachers.

Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

Thanks for the consideration.

Cathy Hiromoto



The Tier's Bench

Monthly Club Get Together

Monday, March 4th, 2019 from 7-9pm at the Rod and Gun Club; small room next to the BBQ area.

This is a monthly get together where members can drop in and participate in discussions, learn skills, or tie flies. During each meeting we decide what subject will be discussed the following month.

Next meeting:

Monday, April 1st, 2019 from 7-9pm.

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

TVFF is now taking signups for the following education classes:

1. Fundamentals of Flyfishing Class for beginning flyfishers in April. This three-part class is ideal for the new flyfisher who wants to get educated ahead of buying new gear.
2. A new course in Entomology for beginners and intermediate flyfishers in February and March. This class will be four sessions including classroom and on-stream instruction. You'll come out with a greater understanding of bug life, life cycles, and fly selection to improve your fly fishing.

See below for more details on these classes.

Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class

Dates: April 17, 24, 27

TVFF is pleased to offer the Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class as taught by an experienced group of TVFF members. This three-part course consists of two evening classroom sessions and a morning of casting instruction (equipment provided for class). Wednesday evening classes are usually 7pm (sharp) to 9:30pm (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! We will confirm once a minimum of 8 are paid for the class.

Fees for this course are: **TVFF members \$45, Non-members \$85**. The non-member fee includes TVFF membership dues for 2019. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A comprehensive presentation will be available to students provided in PowerPoint/PDF downloadable from the member website. Please make checks out to 'TVFF' and mail to Tri-Valley Flyfishers, PO Box 2358 Livermore, CA, 94551. **The first 12 payments received by the club secure your seat.**

Day 1: Classroom – Wed April 17, 7-9:30pm

- Introduction to fly fishing and equipment needed for the sport
- Recommendations on fly fishing equipment
- Basic aquatic entomology
- Stillwater fishing (lakes)

Day 3: Casting – Sat April 27, 9am-12pm

- Casting instruction by certified instructor Gary Turri
- Use loaner equipment or bring your own
- Learn roll cast, pick up and lay down cast, false casting

Day 2: Classroom – Wed April 24, 7-9:30pm

- Knots you need to know; How to rig a fly rod
- Reading the water, fishing streams
- Etiquette and courtesy while fly fishing

**If you've registered for this class,
please mail your check ASAP!**

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

Entomology Class – Rob Farris

Dates: Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 13, Mar 22

The Tri-Valley Flyfishers is pleased to offer the Entomology Class for beginners and intermediates as taught by an experienced group of TVFF fly fishers and utilizing materials from the renowned biologist “The Bug Guy”, Ralph Cutter and other localized resources. The four-part course consists of three evening classroom sessions and a morning of on-stream practical experience on a local stream, likely Putah Creek in Winters, CA. Wednesday evening classes are usually 7pm (sharp) to 9:30pm (approximately) at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club, 4000



Dagnino Road, Livermore. The club is offering this new class due to significant demand. Don't miss out, sign up early! We will confirm once a minimum of 8 are paid for the class.

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Day 1: Classroom – Wed Feb 6, 7-9:30pm

- Introduction to Entomology and class goals
- Entomology reference sources and guides
- Water quality, habitat and biological classification
- Metamorphosis, generations, and taxonomy

Day 3: Classroom – Wed Mar 13, 7-9:30pm

- Session 2 quick review
- Understanding hatch charts (Truckee, Hat Creek, McCloud rivers, etc.)
- On the stream collection techniques
- Collection tools
- Collection tray examinations (stoneflies, mayflies, midges, caddis, others)
- Arranging your fly box
- Final review and quiz

Day 2: Classroom – Wed Feb 20, 7-9:30pm

- Session 1 quick review
- Taxonomy
- Mayflies (Ephemeroptera), and Stoneflies (Plecoptera)
- Midges (Diptera) and Caddis (Trichoptera)
- Other orders and terrestrials
- Clingers, swimmers, burrowers, and crawlers
- Behavioral drift
- Understanding and imitating sub-surface bug movement

Day 4: On stream – Sat Mar 22

Putah Creek parking lot #1, Winters, CA

- Locating key collection areas
- Class assignments and collection activities
- Identifying tray specimens
- Determining effective flies
- Group lunch
- Free fishing in the afternoon on Putah

Contact Rob Farris at 925-286-5502, rffarris@comcast.net

Trout Unlimited Volunteer Opportunities – Mitchie McCammon

Trout Unlimited has upcoming volunteer opportunities to clean up the Truckee River and for spawning gravel placements. All these events will have specific meeting places and their own agenda for the event, but that information won't be available until closer to the events themselves. I will keep you updated as the information becomes available. Although we don't have the specifics yet, it's not too early to sign up. To volunteer, sign up at the monthly TVFF club meetings.

- June 1 – Lower Truckee River Cleanup – stretch of river between Truckee and Reno on the Nevada side of the border
- July 20 – Spawning Gravel Placements – in Truckee along the Little Truckee River
- September 7 – Stampede Road Cleanup – in Truckee along a stretch of the Little Truckee River
- September 21 – Great Sierra River Cleanup – stretch of the Truckee River on the California side of the border



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Items for Sale

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Gold color. \$12

Contact Ron Grady – 925-336-0803 – rongradyrph@gmail.com

1995 Pleasureway Van-Camper

Less than 61k miles, 19 feet long; fits in a standard parking slot; King-size or twin beds in back. All the features of a large motorhome except room. Great for fishing trips and/or driving trips.

Contact Tom Fessenden – 925-785-6871 – TomJF@comcast.net

Spey Rod - Sage TCX 8119-4 (4pc 8wt 11'-9")

Brand new never used, retails for \$850.00

Asking \$400.00 send me an offer

Contact Joe Cerniglia – sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net

Gear Collection

- Redington RS3 Rod 9 foot 10 weight, 2 piece. Great for top water stripers, new condition \$80
- SA Sonar Stillwater Clear Intermediate WF-6, new condition \$35
- Rio Indicator 2 WF-7, new in box \$45
- SA Mastery Expert Distance (Competition Orange) WF-6, new in box \$50

Contact Gary T – 925-786-5184 cell

Spey Rod - Sage FLi 8140-4 (4pc 8wt 14')

Includes Rio Skaget Line, 15ft Skaget Floating Tip and 5ft Skaget Cheater Tip for Sale. The equipment is all in very good condition. \$175 for all or best offer – open to trades. For more information, to see the equipment, and try it out or to buy it contact Martin Plotkin at angler@outlook.com.

Minn Kota Bow Mount Trolling Motor

Donovan Rittenbach has donated a nearly new trolling motor to the club to be used for fund raising. The motor has a MLP of \$700, and is sold used on Ebay and Craigslist for between \$300 to \$500. We are offering the motor to any member for \$200 or non-member for \$250 which includes membership in TVFF.

Description:

- Manufacturer: Minn Kota
- Model: [Power Drive – Bow Mount](#)
- Thrust: 55 pounds
- Power: 12 Volt Battery
- Control: Electronic Foot Pedal
- Shaft Length: 54”

For more information, to look at the motor or to purchase the motor contact Martin Plotkin at angler@outlook.com.



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Dear Tri-Valley Fly Fishers,

Thank you for your donation to the Paradise Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$350 on November 30. The funds were or will be used to help our community recover from the horrible devastation of the Camp wildfire that started on November 8, 2018.

The Paradise Rotary Foundation ("Rotary Foundation") is a nonprofit public benefit corporation, organized under the laws of the State of California. The Rotary Foundation received notice that it is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code by letter dated September 26, 2008. The Foundation's Employer Identification Number is 26-2754805.

Our club of 80 community leaders is committed in the short term to serve the immediate monetary needs of our community through distribution of gift cards, and in the mid to long term to provide grants for rebuilding our schools, museums, parks and other vital projects that will bring our community back. If you have questions or suggestions regarding that, please contact me.

Thank you again for your very generous donation supporting the Rotary Foundation's efforts to support and rebuild Paradise. It is through these contributions that we will be able to help rebuild our community, and we welcome any additional donations that will increase our ability to expand the scope of such work.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Fender".

Dean Fender
Board
President
Paradise Rotary Foundation

Correspondence

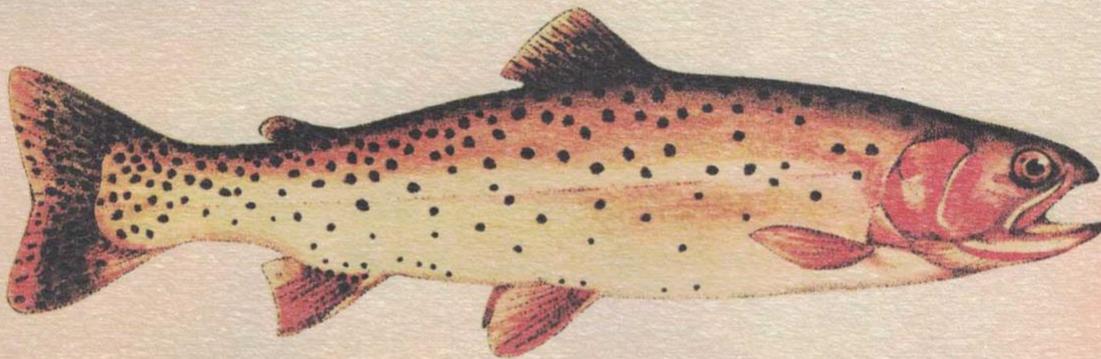
This letter from founding member Joe Sparks included a donation to the club.

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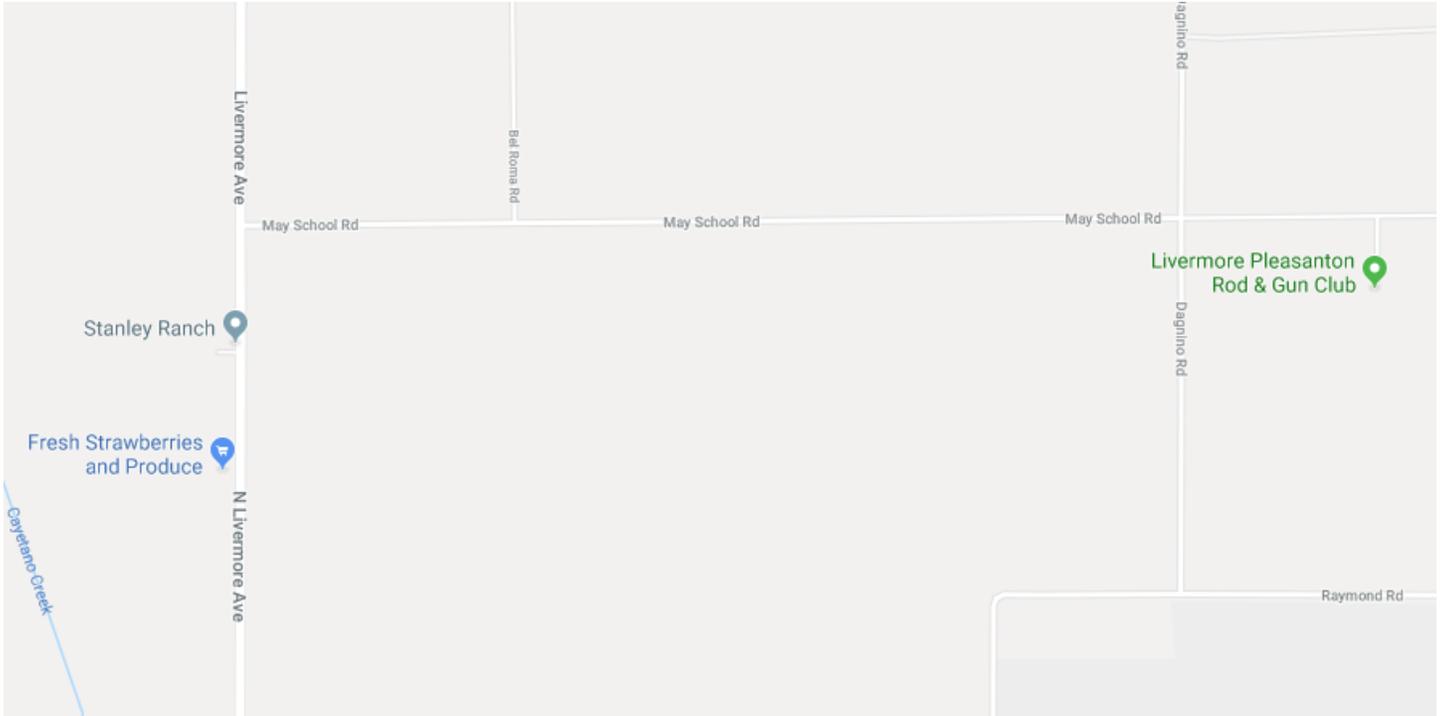
Cutthroat Trout

Hello Kent McCammon,
Thanks for your efforts
to educate members of the
Tri Valley Fly Fishermen in
the arts, history and enjoyment
of fly fishing experiences.
I wish my wife and I lived
somewhat closer to the area
there as it is impossible for
us to drive in.
Best regards to all Joe Sparks (A Founding Member)

Directions

We meet at the Livermore Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7pm.

Click the map for Google Map directions to 4000 Dagnino Road:



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

