

The Barbless Hook



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You the Monster!!!
Rob Vellinger poses with the 11 lb.
Lahontan Cutthroat he caught at
Pyramid Lake

Silent Auction a Roaring Success!

The President's Message by Bob McCollum

Annual Fundraiser Yields' Over \$4,500 to Date

The 2010 Silent Auction set a new record in producing \$4,593 in gross proceeds to date. The net proceeds to date stands at \$3,766 after paying the costs of a few of the items sold as well as the general and administrative costs. The Bucket Raffle, Vacation rentals and Buddy Trips were new for this year and made a big difference in raising our total proceeds.

I expect the final results to increase pending the completion of the Simms Waders raffle board and the sale of a few remaining major items, including:

- Two spots for the Leland Casting lesson at their new Sonoma Ranch - \$50 each (retail value: \$80).
- A weekend rental of the Vargas' luxury cabin at Dorrington on Highway 4 - \$300 (retail value: \$795).

Please contact me if you are interested in either of items as they will be sold first come, first served.

After the sales of these items, I expect final gross proceeds of nearly \$5200 and final net proceeds of nearly \$4,400. See details on page 3.

I'd like to thank everyone that helped to make this auction such a great success. Many thanks to all the fly tyers and especially Gary Turri for

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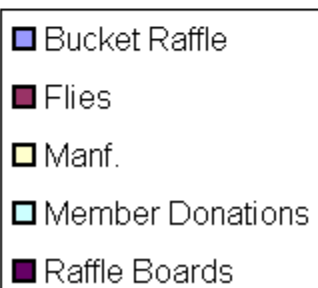
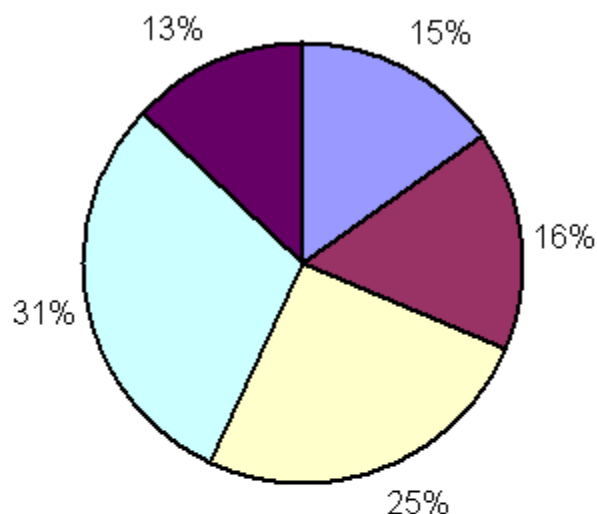
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doing another great job of coordination the tyers and mounting the flies for the auction. Thanks also to everyone that donated items for the auction. I also want to thank everyone that helped with the execution of of the auction, including the army of setup and clean up personnel, the table monitors Ken Javorsky for managing registration, the back office helpers (especially Sue Mikla, Catherine Bridgman, and Margaret and Alannah McCollum. I also want to give a special thanks to Rob Vellinger for selling the raffle tickets and raffle board spots.

Auction proceeds are used to support conservation programs such as Alameda Creek Alliance, California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance, NCCFFF and Cal Trout. The auction also augments funding for speakers, videos, events, and a myriad of other uses.

Thanks again to all for supporting the Silent Auction!

2010 Silent Auction Gross Proceeds



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2010 Silent Auction Summary

Category	Actual Gross Proceeds	Actual Net Proceeds	Notes
Bucket Raffle	\$ 700	\$ 652	Actual: 35 sets of 20 ticket sold
Flies	\$ 748	\$ 748	Actual 82 half dozen + 2 special boxes sold. 24 half dozen unsold
Manf.	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,060	
Member Donations	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,310	
Raffle Boards	\$ 595	\$ 337	Detail Stripers completely sold out. Klamath sold 46 of 49 spots. Simms started.
	\$ 4,593	\$ 4,107	
Additional Potential Proceeds			
Completion of Simms Raffle Board	\$ 200	\$ 200	TBD - May meeting
Remaining Leland Spots	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Vargas Cabin Rental	\$ 300	\$ 300	
Projected Total	\$ 5,193	\$ 4,707	
Other Expenses			
Food and Drink		\$ 91	Food and pop: \$31, Beer ~\$30, Wine: \$30
Gift certs for Max and Dave - DVFF		\$ 50	
Copies		\$ 13	
Postage & Office Supplies		\$ 112	Estimate
Thank You Notes		\$ 75	Estimate
Total		\$ 341	
Final Est. Net Proceeds		\$ 4,366	



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2009 Club Calendar

Month	Club Meeting	Special Events	Board Meeting
May	Thursday, May 6	Fuller Lake, May 14-16 Pinecrest/Bearsley, May 21-23	27th
June	Thursday, June 3	David Lake, June 10-13 Upper Sac, Date: TBD	

May Meeting: The Legendary Jay Fair

Jay Fair – the undisputed dean of Davis and Eagle Lakes – will join us for the May club meeting on Thursday the 6th. Jay and his son will start the evening with some fly tying at a 6:30, then Jay will be our continue as our speaker for the evening. Hopefully he'll share some advice on Davis Lake, since we have an outing at Davis Lake in June.

New Klamath Steelhead Outing Added in November

Check your calendar because a new Klamath river outing has been added to early November. Three boats have been reserved with Shasta Trout for November 6 and 7 at the reduced rate of \$320 per angler for both days. If you want to catch wild steelhead on the fly, Craig Nielsen of Shasta Trout tells us the Klamath is the place to be. He claims that about 80% of the steelhead he catches on the Klamath are wild. Look for the sign up sheet at the May meeting.

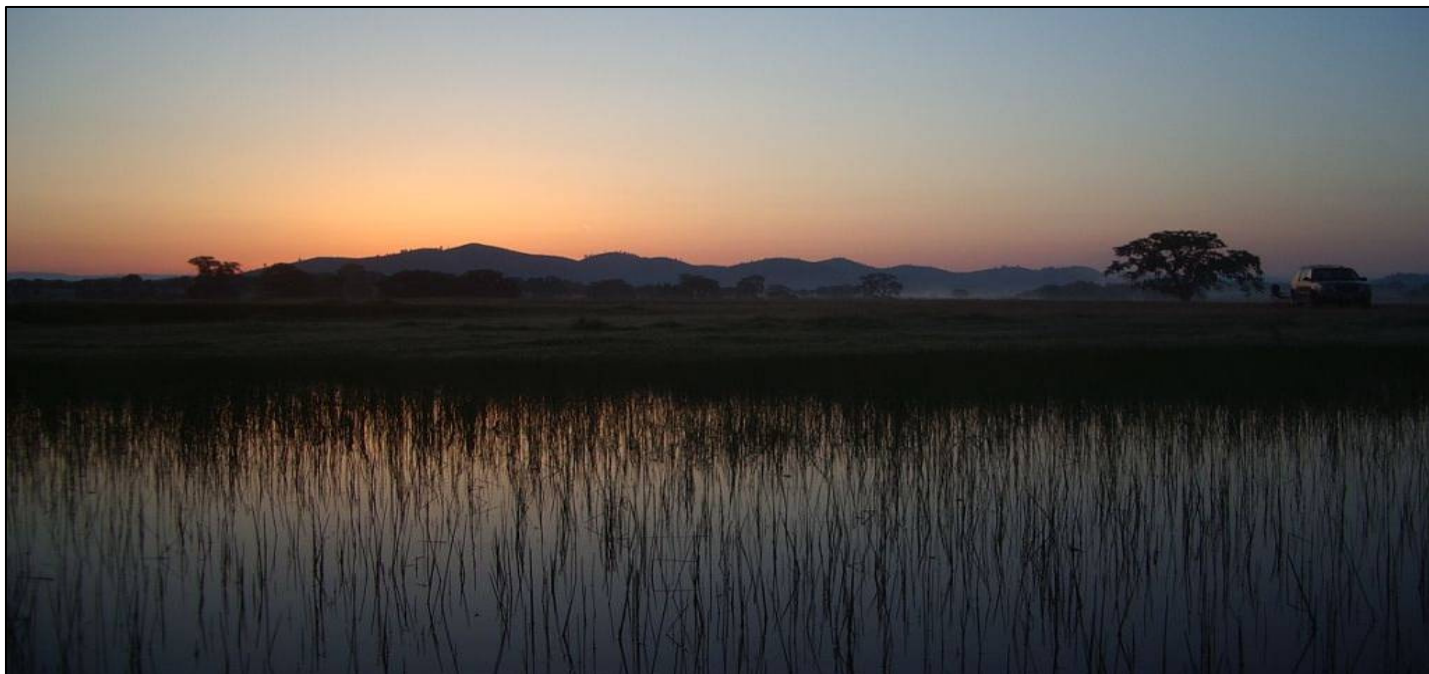
TVFF 2010 Outings			
May 14-16	Fuller Lake Rucker Lake	Trout/Bass	George Allen
May 21-23	Beardsley Afterbay/Pinecrest	Trout	Bob McCollum
June 10-13	Lake Davis	Trout	Jim Broadbent
Date: TBD	Upper Sacramento	Trout	Fishmaster Needed!
July 3-10	Baja Bluewater Fly Fishing		Jim Broadbent
September	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Hal Wilson
	Carson River, East Fork Heenan Lake	Trout	Fishmaster Needed!
October	North Fork, Stanislaus River	Trout	Tom Vargas, Derrell Bridgman, Russ George
November	Delta	Striped Bass	Fishmaster Needed!
November 5-8	Klamath River	Steelhead	Bob McCollum
December 1-5	Trinity River	Steelhead	Bob McCollum

Kistler Outing Report

Bob McCollum

Tough fishing, but a great outing

Truth be told, the April bass fishing outing at Kistler Ranch proved to be challenging. May be the wacky El Nino weather has the fish confused. Regardless, the BBQ was great and everyone had a great time. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the outing a success – especially Cheryl Vargas and Michelle George for the great food at the BBQ. Pictures are available on the Club House page of the TVFF web site.



Kistler Sunset. Photo by Rich Lobrovich

Cheryl Vargas'

Bean Salad (served at the 2010 Kistler Bass Pond Outing)

1 (15 ounce) can black beans
1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans
1 (15 ounce) can white beans
2 red bell peppers, chopped
1 (10 ounce) can vacuum packed corn
1 red onion, chopped

½ cup olive oil
½ cup red wine vinegar
2 Tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
2 Tablespoons white sugar
1 Tablespoon salt
1 clove crushed garlic
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
½ Tablespoon ground cumin
½ Tablespoon ground black pepper
1 dash hot pepper sauce
½ teaspoon chili powder

Rinse and drain all beans and corn; in a large bowl combine with bell peppers and red onion.

In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, red wine vinegar, lime juice, lemon juice, sugar, salt, garlic, cilantro, cumin, black pepper, hot sauce and chili powder.

Pour olive oil dressing over beans and vegetables; mix well. Chill thoroughly.

Conservation Corner

Corey Cate

The striped bass, a game fish introduced from the east coast estuaries of the great rivers there, was brought to the SF Bay / Delta about a hundred and thirty years ago by the CA government. The government had short term gain in mind, and the fish population expanded into a commercial fishery , (and then declined) but the fish remained and coexisted with native fish.

Striped bass are predatory. They eat other fish. With salmon numbers now being low, stripers became the target of legislators who would rather lose fish than reduce use of water to crops on toxic soils that create problems downstream, or allow use of good water to keep river quality high for downstream users by flushing (diluting) the rivers of pollutants that harm fish, and people.

San Joaquin Valley legislators acting for their voters, steadfastly argue against a stable and recovering estuary downstream of their voters. They apparently want a polluted river that puts the people downstream at risk. These legislators are taking their economic positions over the health of the at-large population. They are trying to ignore the water quality issues (and quantity issues) that are causing fishery declines. They are putting their constituents desires before the needs of commercial fisherman. They are taking a stand against others.

These misbalancing acts, based on localized economics, yields a dying estuary, the proliferation of pesticide protected croplands and the transfer of wealth from the population to a few individuals at the expense of the taxpayer.

And that gives us another try at legislating the striper away. AB2336. Fish it out, take it away.

The game fisherman disagrees. Surely that's a selfish interest.

But thinking statewide, The Fish and Game Commission disagrees as well. They must think the striper has value to the state.

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There is a LARGE ethical issue here. It is NOT fish versus farm or farmer, or versus city or industry or developer or the guy down the street... fish have no money. They don't fight people except when hooked.

The ethical issue is how the state uses water and for what and for whom.

It is also this: Do we continue to allow some particularly entrenched users to remove water, poison our waters, and make future problems (toxic cleanups) for taxpayers ? Do conservative and right minded citizens allow these water diversions and pollutions to cause people to risk health and cause wild and key food source fishes to die off?

Must we remove striped bass from the competition to keep salmon from dying off?

Must we allow salmon species to be extirpated from CA rivers before we "get it" that food fishes must be protected through wise water policies and enforcement for the good of all of us and our children, and have priority over quarterly profits by certain users?

Can CA governors apply sense and science to the use of water and get the best we can for the public at large?

The Tier's Corner No. 11

Parachute Hackle

By Jim Cramer

I often put myself to sleep thinking about the design of new flies and my tying techniques. The other night the following trivia question came to mind.

Of all your fly tying tools which is the most indispensable? In other words, without which tool would you have the most problem tying a fly? The answer is at the end of this column, but think about it first.

Last month we talked about posting of wings but we ran out of space before we got to parachute hackling so that is what we'll cover this month.

Before we get into that subject let me go back to posting for just a moment to give you a tip to use when tying on bead chain or lead eyes. After making your cross wraps over the eyes make few posting style wraps around the eyes (but not around the hook). These posting wraps will pull in on the cross wraps and tightening them and providing a more secure set of eyes.

Many tiers avoid tying parachute hackled flies because they believe them too difficult. If you have a good base around which to wrap the hackle you should have no problems with parachute hackles after a little practice. Posted wings provide a solid platform for parachute hackles. An alternate to a posted wing is a stiff piece of monofilament. Take a short piece of monofilament and tie an overhand knot in the center. Now tie it in as you would an upright wing with the knot positioned above the hook where you expect the top wrap of hackle to end. The monofilament is clipped off above the knot after the fly is completed and the knot keeps the hackle from slipping off the post.

In selecting hackle for parachutes select feathers with fine stems and little to no web. Because you need only three or four wraps of hackle you can utilize all those feathers that are too short for your standard patterns. Select a feather sized for a standard pattern one size larger. For example, a size 16 parachute would take a hackle suitable for a size 14 standard hackled fly.

Now comes the tying in and wrapping of the hackle. I am going to tell you how I do it and why. A lot of other big names do it different and the reason they give is, "habit" or "that's just the way I do it". Take your choice, it's your fly.

Prepare the hackle by stripping off the soft fuzz and webby hackle at the base. Some claim that you should trim the fibers off as the stubs insure a more secure tie down. My experience is that trimming takes a lot of time and I have never had a well secured butt stem pull loose. With the feather glossy side up strip off a few more fibers on the left side than on the right, the reason for this will be discussed in a moment. I tie in the hackle before I construct the body. I believe this is especially important when the pattern calls for a dubbed body and thorax. I want the stem tied down on a firm foundation not on top of some soft dubbing. (One would not build a house with a foundation on soft

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sand if he could just as easily build it on rock.) Furthermore why would you want to wrap over and compress a perfectly good thorax, and dubbing in a thorax on a parachute pattern is much easier if done before you wrap the hackle than afterward!

So, before tying in the body, tie in the hackle on the top near side of the hook, tip pointing forward, and glossy side up. The stripped section on the right side of the feather should end just forward of the post. My reasons for this is as follows. The hackle is going to be wrapped in a counter-clockwise direction viewed from the top, with the tip pointing forward the stem does not have to reverse direction which reduces the chance of breakage. The glossy side is up so that the natural curvature of the hackle fibers will be downward when you are complete. The positioning of the stripped portion of the hackle relative to the post allows you to start the hackle wraps with a minimum of tied down fibers.

Now go ahead and complete the body and thorax if the pattern calls for it. If you are dubbing them use a thread color to match the dubbing. At the end of this step (a very important detail) the thread should be hanging from a point immediately in front of the post. The hackle is wrapped in a counter-clockwise direction with the first wrap at the top and each succeeding wrap below it. The reason we stripped more fibers from the left side of the feather was to allow us to start that first wrap without tying down a bunch of fibers resulting in an erratic looking hackle. The reason we wrap in a counter-clockwise direction is that when we tie down the hackle we want the thread torque to tighten the hackle stem, not loosen it.

After the last wrap of the hackle, bring the feather down the far side of the hook, under the thread (which is hanging right in front of the post) from back to front , then bring the feather back up to a horizontal position on the far side of the hook. Transfer the feather to your left hand and with your right hand tighten the thread and make a quarter wrap in the normal fashion with the thread. If you have done everything right so far the hackle should be locked in place at the base of the post. You

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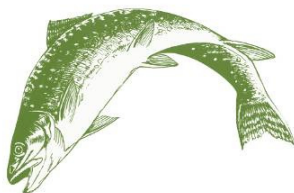
can now turn loose of the hackle tip and using your left hand stroke back the forward pointing hackle fibers exposing the hackle tip around which you make 3 or 4 more thread wraps. Follow these wraps with one or two wraps around the post below the hackle. Finish with a whip finish at the head of the fly. With the thread matching the dubbing color these tie down wraps are not very visible. Really quite simple, and not as difficult as some would have you believe.

Some very good tiers recommend tying the hackle off on the post alone and this is a perfectly acceptable method. If you go this route I suggest the you wrap the hackle around the post clockwise view from the top. That way the thread torque will tighten the hackle on the post and the whip finish will be much easier to make.

Happy tying!

Answer - Scissors have to be the most indispensable. One can tie without a vise or bobbin holder but just try to do it without scissors.

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Pyramid Lake Trip Report April 2010

Ken Javorsky

Mario Abruzzini, Jim Broadbent, Bruce Christie, Don Gardner, Ken Javorsky, Ken Tetzl and Rob Vellinger stood on step-ladders, braving frigid waters in the wee hours of the morning, in pursuit of catching and releasing Lahontan Cutthroat at Pyramid Lake. As it turned out, everyone had fun, caught fish, and had a story or two to tell about the trip.

Mario Abuzzini and Bruce Christie averaged 8 fish a day at Pelican Point and other locations. Their crew got stuck in the Pyramid sand three times which qualifies them for local induction into the Pyramid Lake Fishing Club.

Ken Tetzl roamed more obscure waters around the Warrior Pint area with success using different types of nymphs other than the white and chartreuse beetles that worked elsewhere.

New member Don Gardner caught a number of nice cutthroat on first trip out to Pyramid. His only regret was not to bring his "Port- A – Boat" along as an alternative to standing on a step ladder. I will bet the next time out he will bring both.

The story of the trip comes from fishmaster Rob Vellinger. Rob hooked into a huge fish on a secret fly at a secret location. (He used a deceiver-type streamer at Separator Beach) Rob knew the fish had some mass when tightening down the drag to slow the fish down didn't accomplish much. After some line wrestling, the fish finally showed itself by exposing its tail. When Rob saw the tail breach the water he took a few steps back toward shore for safety reasons. When the fish was finally landed it turned out to be a whopping, "Jim Broadbent certified", 30 inch / 11.0 lb. monster. Way to go Rob!!

Enjoy the pictures on the website!



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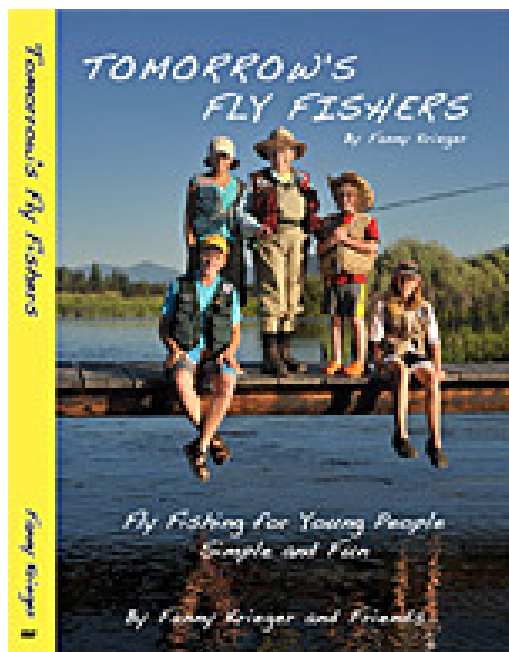
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