

The Barbless Hook



**June
2012**

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Ken Javorsky

Speaking with numerous members who attended our picnic at Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, it sounds like it was a resounding success. I hope everyone one who attended thought the same way. Thanks go out to Daniel Kitts, his volunteers, and the Oakland Casting Club for a great day of fun, food, fishing and casting.

I hope you have been fishing lately. Despite the rare rain showers, the weather has been good and so has the fishing, especially in The Delta and Del Valley. We also have some good outing coming up in June. Fishmeister Jim Broadbent will be offering an outing at Davis Lake June 7-10 and Fishmeister Daniel Kitts will be leading a group on the Upper Sac the latter part of June. Please sign up for these outings if you haven't already.

As a reminder, on the first Wednesday of the month (June 6), from 7 – 9 pm, Jim Broadbent we will have a Fly-Tying Get Together for the purpose of learning and expanding your knowledge of fly tying. The itinerary includes techniques, materials, knots, entomology, and specific and not so specific fly patterns. The "get together" is held at the Plotkin Office Complex in Livermore. This is an excellent venue for those who wish to learn about or expand their knowledge of the art of fly-tying. Please contact Jim Broadbent for details.

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*Photo: Veterans First
Fly Fishing day at
Shadow Cliffs. Read
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Our next club meeting on Thursday June 7th will be another good one. Our guest speaker is Lorrie Ambrosino (of the Rod and Gun Club) who will present on the subject of Wilderness Survival/Safety. In addition, from 6-7pm that day, Martin Plotkin will be giving a class on Knot Tying. Please send Martin an email to confirm your attendance in the class.

See you at the meeting next Thursday!

KJ



Shadow
Cliffs
outing



Oakland Casting Club members enjoying a break from their casting instruction

Club
Members
and
guests
gather in
the
beautiful
weather



The advertisement features a scenic background of a river with a small boat and a large white sailboat. The text "The Fly Shop" is written in a stylized red font at the top right. Below it, "America's Fly Fishing Outfitter" is written in a large, bold, yellow font. At the bottom, there is a line of text: "Tackle 🏆 Instruction 🏆 Regional Guide Service 🏆 Travel". Below that, the address "4140 Churn Creek Road, Redding" is followed by the phone number "530-222-3555", the toll-free number "800-669-FISH", and the website "www.theflyshop.com".

June 7th Program - Lorrie Ambrosino

Outdoor Survival

What if the unthinkable should happen. What if you or one of your party gets lost, sick or injured on one of your fishing excursions.

Would you know what to do? Lorrie does!

Lorrie Ambrosino, Vice President of the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, has been teaching survival techniques for many years. She has a presentation and video that will inform or refresh our memories should the "Oh No" happen.

June 7th Education – Martin Plotkin

6:00PM Basic Rigging and Knot tying

This class will cover the basic tools necessary for the rigging of your fly rod and reel as well as the knots that are commonly used for building leaders, adding tippet, making loops and tying on dry flies, wet flies and nymphs .

Up-Coming Education – Kyle McCammon

June 16th – Outing to the Oakland Casting Club ponds.

There will be a club outing on June 16th and we will meet around 10:00AM at a pre-determined location in order to carpool. Casting instructors will be available. There will be a sign-up sheet and additional details at the June meeting.

Coming Soon: Introduction to Fly Fishing

A comprehensive beginning class on gear selection and knots, casting, how to fly fish on the water, stream biology, dry flies, wet flies and nymphs.

Stay tuned for more information

2012 Outing Schedule – Hal Wilson

Below is the tentative/probable outing schedule based on the best information available at the time of publication. This schedule is subject to change. Please note that several outings do not have fishmasters assigned. Please consider being the fishmaster for one of these outings and contact me if you're interested. Here is a link to the sign-up sheet: http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF_Outting_Signup_Form.pdf

TVFF OUTINGS 2012

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER(S)</u>
JUNE	6/7 TO 6/10	DAVIS LAKE	JIM BROADBENT
	6/20 to 24	UPPER SAC	DANIEL KITTS
JULY	7/6-7/8(date change)	SHOWERS L. BACKPACK	GARY PHILLIPS BART HUGHES
	7/20 to 22	FULLER/RUCKER LAKES	HAL WILSON
	7/28 to 8/4	HUMPHREY BASIN	JIM BROADBENT
AUGUST		KENNEDY MEADOWS	DON GARDNER
SEPTEMBER	9/13 to 9/16	ROGUE RIVER	BRIAN ENDLICH
	9/28 to 30	NORTH FORK STANISLAUS and LAKE ALPINE	DERRELL BRIDGMAN RUSS GEORGE TOM VARGAS
		TRUCKEE RIVER	DANIEL KITTS
OCTOBER	10/13 to 16	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
		LEWISTON LAKE AREA	TOM FESSENDEN
NOVEMBER	11/28 to 12/2	TRINITY STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM
DECEMBER	12/8	DELTA STRIPERS	RICK MIKLA TOM VARGAS

FULLER AND RUCKER LAKES – JULY 20 - 22

Hal Wilson

One of the trips the Club is offering to its **members** in July is to Fuller and Rucker Lakes. These PG&E lakes, each encompassing 69 acres, are near each other at about 5000 feet in the Emigrant Gap area, but they are very different waterwise. Float tubes or pontoon boats are recommended, and there is a concrete launch ramp at Fuller.

Fuller is a cold water lake, fed by a canal bringing water from Bowman Lake which is farther up Bowman Road. Fuller holds rainbow and brown trout and is planted by DFG. Rucker is a shallower, warmer lake and holds lots of bass. There have been larger ones reported, but the largest I have caught is 12". However, there are many 8 to 10"ers so action is almost constant, either top-water or subsurface. By fishing a two nymph rig, you will sometimes catch two eager bass on one cast. On one trip a few years ago, I caught 32 and stopped counting. I fished for about half hour more and then went in for lunch. After fishing both of these lakes with a 6 weight rod for a couple of years, I find I enjoy using my 4 weights even more.

Flies for Fuller lake would be the standard lake flies, including Adams, Elk Hair or Goddard Caddis. Nymphs I would recommend would be Copper Johns, Flashback PT's, Sheep Creeks, Zug Bugs in size 12 – 16, or smaller. I don't remember ever using Damsel nymphs, but that might be good in July also.

Camping is not allowed at Fuller and there are only a very few primitive sites at Rucker, so we camp at Lake/Camp Spaulding, another PG&E facility about 20 minutes drive from Fuller. There is piped water and flush toilets there. Bears have been known to stop in for a snack at Camp Spaulding, so take necessary precautions in food storage. Current issue of California Fly Fisher has an article about bears written by Trent Pridemore, a charter member of our club.

If Camp Spaulding is full, there is White Pines, a NFS campground 14 miles farther down Hiway 20.

For a map of the area, go to: <http://itouchmap.com/?d=260445&s=CA&f=reservoir>

Remember there is no July meeting, so sign up at the June meeting. !!



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2012 Dues are Due Now!!!

TVFF Club dues for 2012 are \$40.00 and they are currently due and payable at the club meeting or by mail. If we don't receive your dues soon you will be dropped from the club mailing list and you will not be eligible for club outings.

Please note-the new mailing address is:
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Member Fishing Reports:

Rock Creek Lake

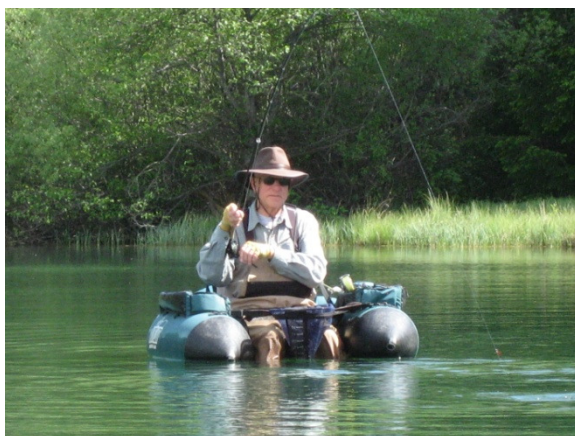
Tom Vargas,

John Bjorkholm, Hal Wilson, Jim Broadbent and Tom Vargas fished Rock Creek Lake on May 18-21. The ranch is a private pay-to-play fishery east of Red Bluff near Manton, CA. The property and lake is operated by The Fly Shop out of Redding and the cost is \$135 per angler, per day. They limit the number of anglers to four per day and they have a cabin available for rent that is overlooking the lake. Rock Creek is open year round, with March through June being very popular. The lake is best fished from a float tube or pontoon boat as there is limited fishing available from shore.

We fished mostly Chromies, Midges, Jay Fair Wiggle Tails, Bead Head PT's and Parachute Adams'. We were using either long leaders with a floating line under and indicator or big dry fly or full sinking lines for the Wiggle Tails.

Multiple fish, mostly Rainbows and some Browns, in the 16" to 25" range were caught by all. We even had the opportunity to fish the solar eclipse on May 20th, which cast an eerie orange glow over the entire lake and darkened the sky prematurely. We all caught fish during this unique and rare event.

John Bjorkholm fights another feisty Rock Creek Rainbow.




Tom Vargas with a Rock Creek beauty.



Above: Hal Wilson with a fat rainbow.
Below: Jim Broadbent with one of many.





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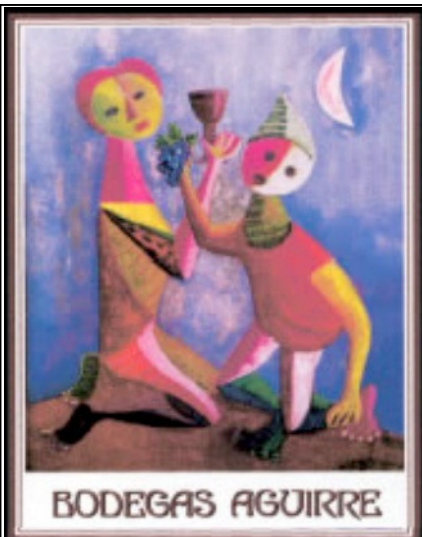
Member Fishing Reports:

Delta Striper Fishing Outing

Brian Cartier

I was lucky to win the Delta Striper Guided Fishing Trip lottery last fall, but I waited until May 8 of this year to go. Jerry Neuburger of DeltaStripers had me fishing about four miles south of Isleton by 7:30 a.m. on a day that would see the temperature rise to 95 degrees with absolutely no wind on flat water. Over the next six hours I caught six stripers up to five pounds and one large mouth bass that weighed a little over one pound. I had a great time even though I am a beginner who had never tried to fly-fish for stripers before. The rig Jerry had me using a lot of the day was a nine-weight rod with nine weight (350 grain) full sink line and a very large streamer fly. My guess is that I made a decent cast one out of every three tries, but that was enough to catch all the stripers my arm could handle over the course of the day. I have to say that, although my right arm and shoulder felt as though I might be in line for a cortisone injection later that evening, my left arm was killing me too because of the violent stripping motion needed to attract the stripers on the flat water.

Jerry is a real pro and a fun guy to fish with. We talked about all sorts of stuff, much of it was completely unrelated to fishing, and I think that helped take the pressure off me regarding my marginally successful attempts to make good casts. I was very grateful that Jerry took my efforts with such good humor. Neither of us got hooked, so that was a contributing factor to our positive moods. I highly recommend Jerry Neuburger at DeltaStripers.com for anyone who wants to try fly-fishing for striners on the Delta.



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Pinecrest/Highway 108 Outing Report

Bob McCollum

Don Gardner, Hensen Wong, and Steve Ruley joined me for the Pinecrest/HWY 108 outing. We fished Pinecrest Lake on Friday. Water temperatures were 54 F at the boat ramp and the high 40's at the inlet. They planted 4,000 trout on Friday morning. Several fish were caught subsurface on wooly buggers and copper johns during the day. Around 6:00 PM, the surface was boiling with fish chasing hatching midges. We caught fish after fish on ants and a cripple midge that Don had tied.

On Saturday, We tried the Beardsley afterbay. Initially, fish were feeding on midges on the surface, but didn't want anything we were throwing. One fish was caught on a brown wooly worm. Don Tried fishing the main Beardsley reservoir in his Portaboat and did very well subsurface. We returned to Pinecrest in the afternoon and again had a great experience float tubing the boat ramp area. Hensen killed them on a black wooly bugger and I crushed them on the surface with a cripple coachman. I found that the key was casting to working fish. If you could land the fly within a couple of feet of a recent rise ring, you'd have a fish.

I'll probably offer this event again in the fall. I hope more members will join us next time. Between my place in Twain Harte and Don's condo in Leland meadow, we can handle around 10-12 anglers.



Veterans First Fly Fishing days at Shadow Cliffs

Harry Levin

Thursday, May 3rd 2012 Tri Valley Fly Fishers Derrell Bridgeman, Jim Broadbent, Daniel Kitts, Harry Levin, Steve Ruley, and Hal Wilson along with members of Diablo Valley Fly Fishers, Let's go Fishing Ministries, Mission Peak Fly Anglers assisted veterans from Livermore VA, CLC (a nursing Convalescent unit) fish for the 1,000 plus trout planted by EBRP in a netted off area at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. These folks used conventional gear as they are for the most part confined to wheelchairs. The largest trout caught was a 2 lb 12 oz trout.

Then on Friday May 4th the out patient veterans fly fished for the remaining 900 trout that the East Bay Regional Parks District had kept corralled in the netted off area. Volunteers from Fly Casters from San Jose, Peninsula Tracy Fly Fishers, Mt. Tam Fly Fishers along with the volunteers from the previous day mentored the veterans in casting ,tying and fishing You may have thoughts about "shooting fish in a barrel" ...did not turn out that way, 5 or 6 fishermen were in the water at any on time along 50 feet of shoreline and the catch rate was a fish about every 10 minutes. The most productive fly was a flashy black wooly bugger.

Here is the best part; many of the veterans participating had never fished before, ever! So that meant that they had never so much as held or knew what a fly rod was or that you could catch a fish with a bit of fur & feathers fastened to a hook. Then for them to have cast a fly and hook a fish, play and land that fish – jubilation, excitement and pure magic are but a few adjectives that can describe the expressions observed on both the veteran and the volunteer at their side. The pictures tell the whole story.

Finally and importantly this event could not have been the success it was without the funding for the food and incidentals from Mission Peak Fly Anglers, Peninsula Fly Fishers, Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club, Tracy Fly Fishers, Diablo Valley Fly Fishers & Tri Valley Fly Fishers Special thanks go to the generosity of EBRPD for partnering with VFFF for the event and donating the fish and manpower to set up the netted off area.

I think everyone of the volunteers and veterans went home very energized!

Happy
Veteran
with a nice
2 lb. trout.
The smile
says it all!



The Tier's Bench: Jim Cramer - Improve your tying

I enjoy inspecting the flies of other tiers. Recently I was asked in the fly shop how to evaluate the quality of store bought flies. The answer was probably more complex than the customer expected as there are so many issues. Most tiers tie not only to catch fish, but just as often to demonstrate their skill at the vise. With the advent of the internet and many sites showing enlarged photos of the tier's work, this inspection is much easier than it ever was before. This inspection is not to disparage the work of others, but to see their approaches and their level of skill. Large mistakes detract from the beauty and the function of a well tied fly. Small mistakes separate average flies from great ones. One does not need to be an expert tier to tell the difference between an expertly tied fly and the average fly.

Many years ago in another marriage my wife was a classical piano teacher. As a result I attended numerous performances by many famous and gifted pianists. Although my musical abilities are zip, with repeated exposure, even my tin ear could recognize and appreciate the skill of Arthur Rubinstein over those of lesser performers. So it is with the work of individual tiers. As one gains tying experience their flies become more and more uniform and are easier to inspect. Little things make a difference. Minor nuances become apparent, and as one looks at more and more flies. Judging dog shows is probably not much different after looking at enough dogs.

Workmanship, one might say, is the most obvious aspect to judge. I agree, but workmanship covers a great many details, so let's go into greater depth. Is the fly well proportioned with all the individual parts correctly sized? Are the wings, the tail, and the hackle of the appropriate bulk and length? Proportional mistakes are most common with beginning tiers, but can often show up when one is tying an unfamiliar pattern. Following close behind incorrect proportions would be the use of shoddy materials. It is difficult to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

Next let's talk about the common individual items that will flaw an otherwise well tied fly, and later we will really pick the nit with not so obvious errors. Without a doubt, sloppy crowded heads detract big time from a fly's attractiveness. A small delicate head is pretty but not always needed depending upon the pattern. However, in no case should the head crowd the eye and bristle with tied down hackle and other material. Cement in the eye of the hook or spread over other parts of the fly are unacceptable. Are the wings lying in the proper plane, not twisted or split, and are they of equal size? Are they positioned properly on the hook or have they twisted a bit around the hook? Have some of the hackle fibers been tied down during the wrapping? Is the body of appropriate bulk for the pattern being tied, granted, the tier must have some leeway to express themselves, but is it within acceptable limits? If the body is ribbed is the ribbing equally spaced? These are some of the more obvious tying errors that detract from the overall quality of a fly.

Now let us pick some nits, to paraphrase a bit. The grand masters of perfection have to be those that excel at tying the classic Atlantic salmon flies. I have never tied those flies and don't consider myself even close to that level of perfection. Those tiers are in a league of their own. But that doesn't mean that we can't be picky on our own level. Starting with the tail, a small error often seen is one where the tail fibers have been carried to the far side of the hook by the thread torque. This is easily prevented with good technique and shouldn't happen. Another tail problem occurs with split tails when one side or the other is cocked at an odd angle. Split tails often serve as stabilizers to orient the fly on the water.



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The Tier's Bench *continued from page 1*

If they are cocked out of the proper plane they do not serve this purpose. If the tail is made of hair, does it flare when it shouldn't because of improper thread tension?

Moving to the body, is it without unsightly lumps and bumps? Consistent with the pattern, does it have the proper taper front to rear? If the body is ribbed are the first and the last wraps of ribbing smooth? We've already mentioned uniform spacing of ribbing but a uniform graduation of spaced ribbing can enhance the looks of some patterns. On nymphs, is the thorax size representative of the actual insect or is it much too small with a skimpy wing case. Like the tail, an off center wing case is not uncommon. For some, these seem to be common mistakes on the Pheasant Tail nymph. Floss bodies should be smooth and without lumps and the floss should not be soiled with dirty fingers.

Divided hair wings on patterns such as the Royal Wulff are easy to evaluate as so many errors can be made on wings of this type. Are the wings of proper bulk and equally divided. Are they of correct length and are they setting upright or do they lean forward? Have they been properly posted or do they appear to be just two clumps of hair?

There are many styles of hackling, each resulting in a distinctive look, with individual preferences playing a big part. For example, if one wraps a Woolly Buzzer hackle from rear to front, the appearance can be changed merely by changing whether the hackle is tied in by the butt or by the tip. Differences in style do not necessarily denote a poorly tied fly. They are just exactly that, differences in style. However, flies which are out of proportion, with parts not in proper position, or evidence of gaps in the tying or excessive wraps of thread will always detract from the quality of the fly.

When examining another's flies one of the first things I inspect is the head. Is it the proper style of head for the type for fly being tied? Heads on streamers and Woolly Buzzers are much different than those called for on nymphs and small dry flies. Regardless of the style of the head is it completed without crowding the eye and is it smooth and without tied down materials sticking out of the wraps.

So how does one improve their own tying? If your ego is easily bruised then the best way may be for you to critically compare your flies with those of others whose flies you admire. If you can stand the harsh truth, then direct input from a master tier may be the fastest road to improvement. Remember the dog show judge, and remember he has seen more dogs than you ever would and knows exactly what to look for. That kind of input can be worth its weight in gold and should be considered a gift rather than a put down of your efforts.

FLY TYING GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

On the first Wednesdays of the month, beginning June 6th, from 7 – 9 pm, we will have a Fly-Tying/BS get together for the purpose of learning and expanding our knowledge of fly tying and related subjects. The itinerary could include techniques, materials, knots, entomology, and specific and not so specific fly patterns. The meeting will be chaired by various individuals who have knowledge of the meeting's target subject. Vices, tools and some materials could be provided. Let Jim know if you are interested.

Meeting location: Martin Plotkin's office:
1799 Portola Avenue
Livermore, CA.



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Conservation Corner: Chunnel - Not

Derrell Bridgman

It appears that another “brilliant” (?) idea/plan, conceived by some of our “brightest” (?) politicians is scheduled for filing in the proverbial “round file”. The plan was to solve all of our state’s critical but complex water issues by establishing a by-pass conduit around the delta region. The idea was to use the by-pass to divert water from above the inputs to the delta to the giant pumps that send it down the canals to the thirsty “south-of-the-delta” water users. This was supposed to reduce the negative environmental impacts on the delta caused by pumping the water directly from it. The by-pass conduit was originally supposed to be a canal or channel, however, when it appeared that there was going to be a lot of opposition to this idea it was changed to a tunnel through the delta region. Lately it has been labeled a “Chunnel”.

In an editorial on the status of California water issues (published May 20th in the San Francisco Chronicle) it was reported that support for the “Chunnel” is rapidly diminishing, and approval for the six-year old plan is doubtful. It was a proposal adopted by the “Bay Delta Conservation Plan” under the leadership of Arnold Schwarzenegger six years ago and aggressively supported by Governor Jerry Brown. It was supposed to be a breakthrough that would make it possible to both; restore the environmental quality of the delta region, and to guarantee vast water supplies to the water users in the southern part of our state.

As objective scientific studies of the problem are completed it becomes evident that the plan was doomed from the start because the reality is that to meet the main two goals established by it, there is simply not enough water available. The scientific reports are confirming that meeting the goal of restoring the integrity of the delta will require a reduction in the amount of water that is diverted from it. Furthermore, the other goal of the plan, to increase the reliability of the water supplies for the states water users, is physically impossible if the first goal is met. To meet both of these goals (the primary objective of the plan) is just not realistic, and the implementation cost would be prohibitive during these economically depressed times.

A “peripheral canal” was proposed as a solution to California’s water issues more than 30 years ago. An initiative was put on the ballot in 1982, but suffered a resounding defeat. It appears that it won’t even get that far this time so, hopefully, this will be the end of it. Our water managers need to find a way to manage the water we have available and forget about making promises that cannot possibly be met. However, it appears that this will never happen and California’s Water Wars will continue, and most probably intensify at an accelerated rate.

Tight Lines

Derrell



Items For Sale

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New: Brand New Fly Rod and Reel outfits for Sale

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Tom Vargas (925) 586-4019

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2. Patagonia Mesh Vest Medium size, Grey color Good condition. \$20.00

New: Fly lines for sale:

1. Rio Selective Trout WF3 chartreuse, new in box \$30.00 **Sold**
2. Sage Quiet Double Taper DT4 mint green, new in box \$30.00
3. Cortland 444 Lazerline DT4 orange, new in box \$30.00
4. Rio Windcutter WF5 yellow, fished 1-2 days only, spool and box included \$25.00 **Sold**
5. Rio Grand WF5 camo green, fished 1-2 days only, spool and box included \$25.00 **Sold**
6. Scientific Anglers Ultra 4 WF5 buckskin tan, light use, spool and box included \$20.00 **Sold**
7. Scientific Anglers Ultra 3 WF6 buckskin tan, light use, spool and box included \$20.00
8. Cortland 444 Lazerline DT6 chartreuse, light use, spool included \$20.00 **Sold**
9. Rio Nymph Taper WF7 camo green, light use, spool and box included \$25.00 **Sold**
10. Airflo Ridge Distance Taper WF7 yellow, new in box \$30.00 **Sold**
11. Cortland 444SL DT7 mist green, light use, spool and box included \$20.00
12. Scientific Anglers Mastery Nymph Taper WF8 willow, fished 1-2 days, spool and box included \$25.00
13. Cortland 444SL WF9 F/S 20 foot sink tip type 3, new in box \$25.00 **Sold**
14. Orvis Wonderline Striper WF10 yellow, new in box \$30.00
15. Cortland 444SL WF7 F/S 20 foot sink tip type 3 new in box. \$25.00
16. Cortland 444SL WF7 F/S 20 foot sink tip type 6 new in box. \$25.00

Also have some reels available for sale for these lines if interested.
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Gary Turri (925) 786-5184

Future Outings

Davis Lake

Jim Broadbent

June 7th thru June 10th we will be stalking 20 inch plus Rainbow trout on Davis Lake, about one hour north of Truckee and 5 miles out of Portola.

This lake is known for its early summer damsel hatch. We will be camping on the east shore and fishing on the west shore. A general store is only about one and a half miles from camp where you may procure supplies and flies.

There are a couple of motels in Portola for those who do not care to sleep under the stars.

Friday night we will have a potluck feast with great conversation and stories.

Humphrey Basin Pack Trip

Jim Broadbent

July 28th thru Aug 4th. We will be fishing for golden trout in Humphrey Basin located west of Bishop CA, at 11,000 ft. We will leave Saturday, July 28, spending the night at Bishop Pack Station. On Sunday morning, our gear and food will be carried in by Bishop Pack Station and we will make a strenuous five mile walk to our base camp.

Five days of golden trout fishing in any of the 40 lakes and streams, the scenery is stunning.

Saturday morning, Aug 4, we pack our gear and walk out. The packer will bring our gear out early afternoon at which time we will head home.

This is one of the most memorable trips I have taken.

I need commitments to work out the logistics so sign up soon.

Shad Trip to the Lower Sacramento River

Tom Vargas and Ken Gotelli

June 30th –July 1st This month we have a program on shad fishing in Northern California and several members have asked about doing a trip, which our club hasn't had since they closed the Road 48 access a couple of years ago. I am planning to use my jet boat to access productive riffles of the Sacramento River in those areas near Road 48 and Colusa. One idea is to hire a guide to direct the group to the best areas. We will go where the fish are.

We are looking for interested members and will need some assistance in working out the logistics.

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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

