

The Barbless Hook



**March
2012**

President's Message

Ken Javorsky

I hope everyone that went to The Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton had a good time. One thing that I had noticed is that our members were ever present at this show whether it was volunteering at booths or just taking in the activities. We have a full schedule of events happening in March as fly fishing activities have begun to pick up as a result of our unseasonal weather.

Starting with our monthly meeting on March 1st, Pete Alexander from the East Bay Regional Parks district will be our speaker. This should be an interesting discussion as Pete will review the endless opportunities our regional parks have to offer.

Hal Wilson is heading our eagerly anticipated Kistler Ranch outing on March 24. There has been keen interest from our members on attending this outing. In addition, we have outings scheduled at New Melones Reservoir, Hot Creek, and Yuba River during the March time frame.

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Photo above: Outgoing President Tom Vargas passes the gavel to the 2012 President Ken Javorsky at the February installation dinner. BBQ Master Barry Hoffer and Derrell Bridgman enjoying the pot-luck feast .

March Program: Fishing Local EBRPD Waters

Main Speaker: Pete Alexander, fishing coordinator for the East Bay Regional Parks

Pete will be talking to us about the waters which have fishing opportunities in the East Bay Regional Parks system. He'll be discussing the available species, location and special regulations.

Club Member Talk Gary Phillips: Gary will be sharing his experiences fishing at Shadow Cliffs-East Bay Regional Park

Vendor Table 1: Cal Trout: Jeff Thompson, the Executive Director, will be available to discuss Cal Trout, their mission, current activities and will take new membership applications.

Vendor Table 2: NorCal Fishing News: Tim Goode, the Publisher, will be discussing his new on-line fishing magazine.

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Kyle McCammon, our Education Director, will also be hosting a Casting Open House at the Oakland Casting Club on March 17.

If that isn't enough the 2012 NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame dinner will be held on March 10 at the Shrine Event Center in Livermore to honor and induct Hal Janssen.

Finally, I would like to ask members to donate flies, equipment, or whatever they can to our fund raising action which will be held on April 5th. This is the primary fund raising activity for our club. Success at this auction is important to all of us. Don Gardner, who is the Chairperson for this event, will accept any and all items that aren't illegal, illicit, or immoral. Don is anticipating donations at the club meeting on March 1st. Thank you for your support in this matter.

See you on Thursday.

KJ



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Nymphing Class: March 1st Pre-meeting

Gary Turri will do a pre-meeting class on Nymph Fishing. *The class will start at 6pm sharp.*


Topics covered will be different nymphing techniques such as Short line Nymphing with and without a strike indicator, Right Angle or 90 degree Nymphing and Dry Dropper Nymphing. Which techniques work best on different water types and why. Different types of Strike Indicators and how to set-up your leader system.

A limited number of handouts will be available. Bring a pencil or pen to take notes.

New Melones Outing Report Bob McCollum

On Saturday February 11, Martin Plotkin, Ken Gotelli, Bart Hughes and I fished New Melones reservoir on a TVFF outing. Martin and Ken were kind enough to offer their boats for this outing. We met at the Glory Hole boat ramp at 7:30 AM. Our initial objective was the Angel Creek inlet on the north end of the lake. The Angel Creek inlet turned out to be a bust – no takes and very few fish registered on the fish finders. Apparently the warmer than usual winter caused the fish to move out of the inlet pool earlier than usual. So we moved to the opposite end of the lake to the Bear Creek and found lots of fish slurping midges. I had brought few dries with me, but I rigged up a water boatman on a floating line. On my first cast a nice 3-4 pounder torpedoed on my fly. She put on quite a show for us. Things got slow after that. We continued to fish wooley buggers on sinking lines or shooting heads. Bart eventually brought one to hand on a brown wooley bugger. We called it a day around 2:00 PM.





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Urgent Silent Auction Update!

It is very important that we get all donations from club members delivered by March 15, 2012.

Corporate donations are off this year and we must rely on members to make this years auction a success.

Here are some things members can do:

1. Come to the April 5, 2012 meeting and bring a friend or fisherman not yet a member.
2. Donate a business service that you can provide.
3. Offer a "Buddy Trip" to spend a day fishing with that highest bidder.
4. Offer your vacation rental for donation.
5. Give a bottle of wine or a gift d=certificate as a prize for a "bucket raffle".
6. Tie some flies or donate flies that you don not use.
7. Donate used good-condition equipment and/or fly fishing books.
8. If you are "crafty", donate your creations: jewelery, fly tying benches, etc.
9. Be creative...look for household goods or tools that you think someone would enjoy with a solid retail value of ten dollars or more.
10. Bring your checkbook and do your best to support our club.

It now is "Crunch Time" as we must have all donations by March 15th. Please bring your donations to the March 1st meeting at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club or to the home of Don Gardner at:

4030 School Street

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Contact Don if you have any questions at the following:

Cell 925-963-1548

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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 PROBABLE OUTINGS 2012

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER(S)</u>
MARCH	16-18 24	HOT CREEK-MAMOTH AREA KISTLER BASS PONDS LOWER SAC YUBA RIVER SURF	BART HUGHES HAL Wilson <i>OPEN</i> <i>OPEN</i> JIM BROADBENT
APRIL	4/29 4/14 to 15	SHADOW CLIFFS BACK PONDS (PICNIC) PYRAMID LAKE	DANIEL KITTS ROB VELLINGER
MAY		CLEAR LAKE BAUM LAKE	<i>OPEN</i> BOB MCCOLLUM
JUNE or JULY	6/20 to 24 TBD	UPPER SAC DAVIS LAKE SHAD (LOC TO BE SELECTED) FULLER/RUCKER LAKES	DANIEL KITTS <i>OPEN</i> KEN GOTELLI BOB MCCOLLUM HAL WILSON
AUGUST		KENNEDY MEADOWS HUMPHREY BASIN	JIM BROADBENT <i>OPEN</i>
SEPTEMBER	9/28 to 30	NO FORK STAN/LAKE ALPINE TRUCKEE RIVER	DERRELL BRIDGMAN RUSS GEORGE TOM VARGAS DANIEL KITTS
OCTOBER	9/13 to 16	LOWER SAC ROGUE RIVER MANZANITA LAKE AREA	DON GARDNER FRANK GORDET <i>OPEN</i>
NOVEMBER	11/28 to 12/2	TRINITY STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM
DECEMBER	12/8	DELTA STRIPERS	RICK MIKLA TOM VARGAS

Kistler Ranch Outing Signup - Hal Wilson

We have a great signup for our outing on March 24 to the Kistler Bass Ponds to fish for largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill. March 24 was chosen due to its being only two days from the new moon, which hopefully will be a prime time for this trip.

If you missed the first announcement, this is a one-day trip to the Kistler Ranch which is located 17 miles north of Oakdale. We will have exclusive access to three large ponds that have provided club members with many good days of fishing over the years. I have fished the ponds with both 6 wt and 4 wt rods, floating and



intermediate lines. Float tubing is my preferred way of fishing, but some members enjoy wading the shore areas with success. Nymphs, wooly buggers, Sneaky Petes, and dry flies all work. (Derrell is tying a bunch of large Humpies for this trip). No motors, gas or electric, are allowed. Catch and release, barbless hooks, artificial lures only.

To date we have 16 members and guests on the list (yes, you can bring guests on this trip), but only 3 have paid the \$20 fee we need to defray the cost to the Club. Believe me, the three ponds will provide more than enough room for the sixteen we have signed up and many more. Please bring your payment to me at the February Installation Dinner, either in cash or check payable to TVFF.

I will email a contact list to all who have signed up after the February meeting so driving and lunch arrangements can be made among those attending. The club is not providing food or drink for this trip.

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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:
PO Box 2358, Livermore, CA 94551

Politics- Run-A-Muck

Derrell Bridgman

We are now facing yet a new crisis in our states water management policies. A new Bill HR-1837, (authored by Representative David Nunes of Visalia) has emerged in the House of Representatives in Washington DC. It is designed to threaten nearly all of the progress that has been made, over the last several years, in resolving the water management policy issues of our state.

The bill has been under consideration for a while now, however, my opinion was that it was so radical and based on completely flawed and distorted reasoning that it had no chance of ever passing. It now appears that I was totally wrong. It has passed The House Resources Committee and will be voted upon on the House Floor in the very near future. I would never have guessed it would have gotten this far, and it is very important that we find a way to kill it before it goes any farther.

The bill, if passed, would place almost all of the regulation of our water in the hands of the federal government. This would be contrary to the way water is currently managed throughout the nation. In other words, if the bill is implemented California would be the only state in the union that would have its water resources controlled by the federal government. It is difficult to comprehend that our elected officials could allow this to happen, but I guess you never know.

A summary of some of the issues with the bill are listed as follows:

1. It eliminates environmental protections for salmon and other endangered species.
2. It overturns the court ordered restoration of the San Joaquin River that is currently being accomplished.
3. It destroys all the progress that has been achieved over the last few decades to restore the Delta Region, its water quality, the reliability of its levees, and its fisheries and their habitat.
4. It eliminates the progress that has been achieved to encourage water users to implement water conservation measures.
5. It violates the Congressional principal that requires the federal government to follow state water laws whenever possible.

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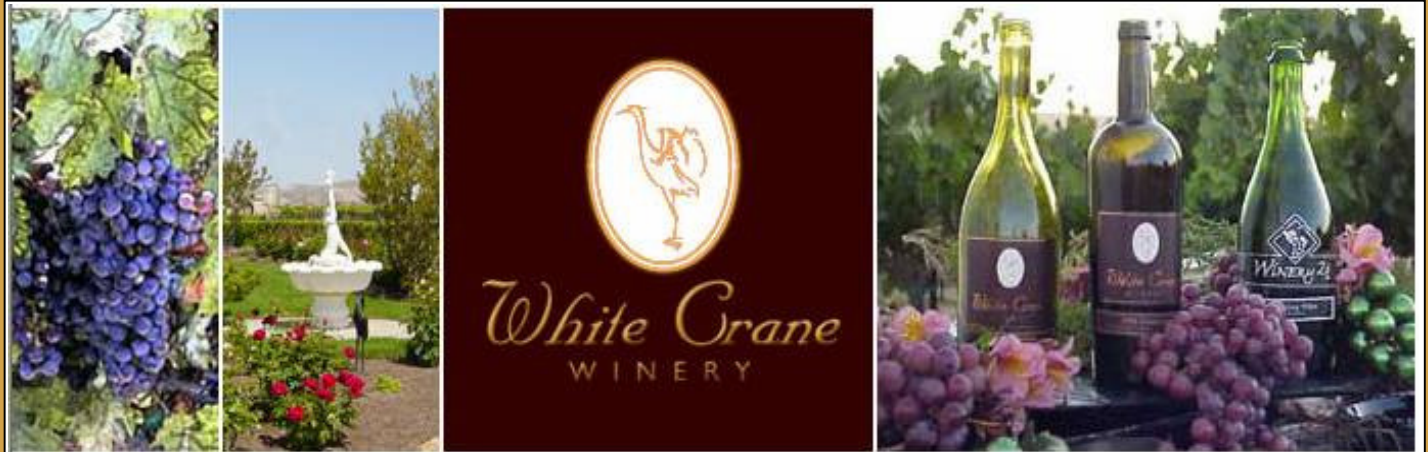
One of the major arguments that supporters of the bill use, is that it would restore jobs for thousands of farm workers in the south of the Central Valley. A study of this issue has proven that the principal reason for the high unemployment rate in that area is the lack of construction jobs and is not significantly related to reduced water deliveries to the region. In addition the implementation of the bill would eliminate hundreds of jobs in the commercial and recreational fishing industry.

The California Environmental Water Caucus, consisting of numerous environmental, environmental justice, recreational and commercial fishing groups, legal and advocacy groups, and Indian tribes is organizing an aggressive campaign to attempt to kill this bill. TVFF will be included in this group.

However, if the bill passes the House of Representatives we will need to do everything possible to make sure it is soundly defeated in the Senate. Please be prepared to contact our Senators (Barbara Boxer, & Dianne Feinstein) and urge them to make sure it dies there. We, as fishermen, are naturally concerned about how much damage this bill would have on our fisheries, but more importantly the water grab that this bill represents will have serious negative impacts that go far beyond just the devastation of our fisheries.

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Local Fishing Reports: Ken Tetzel

I've been fishing the Lower Stanislaus River just below Goodwin Dam. Not much success in the way of steelhead for me, but I've been landing a half dozen trout per outing while losing about the same number. I have been mostly nymphing very deep with #14 and #18 BH nymphs. The rainbows have been fairly strong in the 12" to 14" size range. Flows have been high and access to most holes and runs are tough, but doable.

I tried the Calaveras River last weekend below New Hogan Reservoir. There is very low water on the Calaveras River right now. Not much luck nymphing usual riffles, but some trout are looking up. I managed 7 trout on dry flies and lost 2 or 3 while stripping small #20 black midge patterns. Go Figure??!! All the fish I caught were small in the 10" range, but nicely spotted natives.



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Originator: Bob Souza

Tied by: Bob Souza

Hook: 1197 size 6-10

Thread: Pink size 210

Tail: Pearle Flashabou

Body: White Chenille with pink collar

Eyes: 5/32 bead chain Silver or Gold

Hackle: Pearle Flashabou

Head: Pink thread

1. Debarb hook if needed. Apply glue to front ¼ of hook.
2. Start thread at eye and move back ¼ shank of hook. Tie in bead chain eyes at this point with figure eight wraps.
3. Move thread back to bend of hook and tie in Flashabou tail. Now wrap two or three layers of thread on hook shank - end thread at bend of hook. This will show through under body when wet.
4. Start White chenille at bend of hook and wrap forward to eyes tie off. Add one wrap of pink chenille at this time and tie off.
5. Add Flashabou hackle on each side of bead eyes. Tie in eight to ten pieces of Pearle Flashabou on each side.
6. Form head in front of eyes with thread and whip finish head.

Have a good time fishing this one.



Bob Souza

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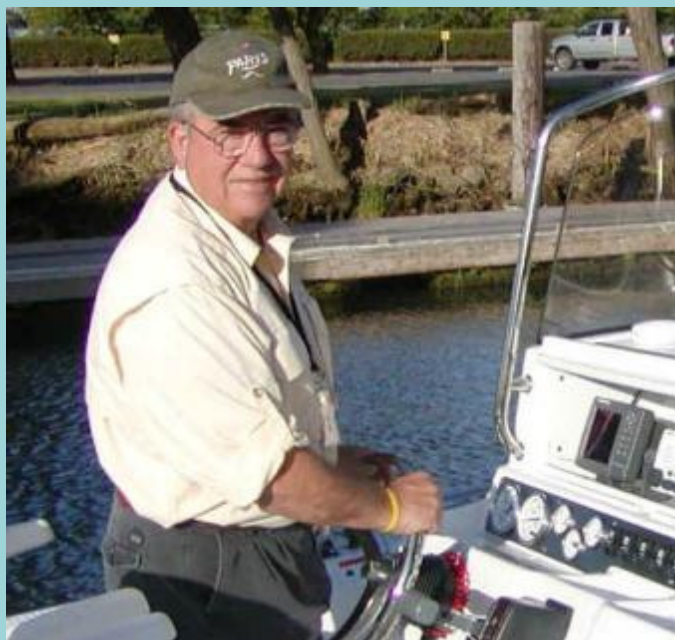


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