

The Barbless Hook



**September
2012**

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Ken Javorsky

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer! Judging by the outing feedback I have received from members, it has been a good summer for fishing. My son Kyle and I had been fishing The Delta around Discovery Bay and had a great time catching Largemouth and Bluegill. In my opinion, the prime time for fishing is yet to come. Your Club has a number of outings planned from now to the end of the year which will target many of your favorite game fish including Steelhead and Stripers. Please consider signing up for one of these outings at our meeting on Thursday September 6th.

In August, we had 30+ members attend our annual "Pizza Night" at Melos Pizza and Pasta in Livermore. Everyone had a good time. Stories were told, pizza was consumed and everyone left with ideas for tales to tell at next year's pizza gathering.

Here is something you don't see often. TVFF will have a booth at Pleasanton's "First Wednesday" street fair on Wednesday September 5th. The booth will be set up from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. and will promote your club's conservation and educational programs as well as the other virtues of becoming a member. Please tell your friends or any you know who may want to join a fly fishing club or take up the sport of fly fishing to come out to our booth. Better yet, invite them to one of our club meetings.

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Basin Trekkers. Read
more on page 9.***

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Speaking of club meetings, our next club meeting will be on Thursday September 6th and yes, it will be another good one. Our guest speaker is **Ken Hanley**: author, writer and photographer for regional and national outdoor publications. Ken was chosen as the 2005 inductee for the NCC/FFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame for his contributions to the sport of fly fishing.

Don't miss this one! See you at the meeting.

KJ



Pizza
Night



Club
Members
and
guests
gather at
Melos in
Livermore

The advertisement features a scenic background of a river with a small boat and a sailboat. The text "The Fly Shop" is written in a stylized red font with a fly icon. 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 text "800-669-FISH", and the website "www.theflyshop.com".

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September 6th Program-Ken Hanley

California Coastal Opportunities

Ken has been in the fly fishing industry for over 40 years, guiding and instructing. His passion is evident on the water and during his presentations. He has authored 7 books, been inducted into the NCCF Hall of Fame and is a college instructor. A pioneer of surf fly fishing, Ken will talk about California coastal opportunities.

Don't miss this presentation which is chalk full of practical information.

Education

September - **Club meeting speaker Ken Hanley Thursday September 6th** renowned author fly fisher will talk on coastal saltwater fly fishing opportunities in California.

September - **Casting lessons Saturday Sept. 8** at the Oakland Casting Club ponds. Learn basic casts from qualified casters. Free to all members.

October - **Club meeting speaker Jon Walton Thursday October 4th** renowned Delta bass fisher and owner of Walton's Pond will talk on bass strategies.

October - **Bass Basics pre- meeting class. Thursday October 4th 6:00 – 7:00 P.M**

October - **Casting lessons and Spey Casting Saturday October 6th** at the Oakland Casting Club ponds. Learn basic casts from qualified casters. Free to all members.

Activities

September - **Rogue River , Oregon River Club Outing Sept 19th-23rd.**

Guided float trip in the Medford, Oregon area. Target species: Steelhead. Fee for guides and hotels.

September - **N.F. Stanislaus and Alpine Lake Club Outing Sept 28th-30th.**

Target species: Rainbow Trout

October - **Lower Sac. Club Outing.** Guided float trip in the Redding area. Target species: Rainbow. Fee for guides and hotels.



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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 consider being the fishmaster in 2013 and contact me if you're interested. Here is a link to the sign-up sheet: [http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF Outing Signup Form.pdf](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>
SEPTEMBER	9/13 to 9/16	ROGUE RIVER	BRIAN ENDLICH
	9/28 to 9/30	NORTH FORK STANISLAUS and LAKE ALPINE	DERRELL BRIDGMAN RUSS GEORGE TOM VARGAS
		TRUCKEE RIVER	DANIEL KITTS
OCTOBER	10/13 to 10/16	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
	10/26 to 10/28	LEWISTON LAKE AREA	TOM FESSENDEN
NOVEMBER	11/28 to 12/2	TRINITY STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM
DECEMBER	12/8	DELTA STRIPERS	RICK MIKLA TOM VARGAS

Lower Sacramento Float Trip October 13th-14th Donald Gardner

I have tentatively reserved four (4) drift boats through The Fly Shop in Redding for a two day drift from Redding to Anderson or guides choice on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. Salmon are running strong and the Rainbows are active on the egg-bite. My experience has been 25-40 takes/ day with about 50% hookups. Fish coming to the boat depends on luck and experience. This is an excellent primer to indicator fishing for Steelhead later in the year and good coaching for perfecting your drift in moving water.

The cost for guide service will be \$340.00/ person for two days drift. Lodging, tip, food, gear and flies are extra (lunch on the river is included). If you are interested, send me an e-mail at dondihua@aol.com as soon as possible. I will collect checks at our membership meeting on September 6th. Checks will be payable to The Fly Shop. Please try to pair up with a fellow member if possible as we need even numbers to fill the boats. Hotels are available and The Fly Shop has a deal with Embassy Suites for around \$100.00/ room night, double occupancy including breakfast.

Don't delay, contact me today! As of this writing we have only one boat filled.

Lewiston Lake Outing

October 26-28

Tom Fessenden



Please join me for a late fall fishing trip to Lewiston Lake this October. Lewiston Lake is a narrow 9-mile body of slow moving water between Trinity dam and the head water of the Trinity River. It has an average depth of 6-8 ft. The lake is unusual for a reservoir because its level doesn't fluctuate and the water is very constant 50 degrees. The view is looking up Lewiston Lake from east of Mary Smith Campground.

Lewiston Lake is located approximately 35 miles west of Redding at an elevation of 1,915 feet with a surface area of 615 acres and 15 miles of shoreline. All boating is permitted with a speed restriction of 10 mph with one improved launch facility. Boat rentals and fishing information are available at Pine Cove Marina (530-778 3770) as well as fuel, bait, tackle, and snacks.

Lewiston Lake is noted as a big trout lake and also holds a good population of bass, catfish, and bluegill. Trout fishing improves as fall wanes and winter approaches; nymphs (woolly buggers (brown, copper or combo), pheasant tail nymphs, copper johns, naughty girls) should work well and ants and/or aquatic wasps may work on the surface. The nights will be cold but probably not below freezing and there is always a chance of an early winter storm so bring warm things.

There are four campgrounds on the lake. At the bottom of the lake is Mary Smith (tent camping only). Next is Cooper Gulch which is my favorite but has only 5 sites. Then Tunnel Rock which is away from the lake (never stayed there). The largest is Ackerman located just below Trinity Dam and is open all year. Ackerman is on the lake and has water, flush toilets, and a dump station. LakeView Terrace Resort (530-778 3803) on Lewiston Lake has a full service RV park and cabins for rent (1,3,5 bedroom starting at \$90).

For fishing and boat rental info check out the Pine Cove Marina web site at <http://www.pine-cove-marina.com/id30.html>



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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

Member Fishing Reports: FULLER AND RUCKER LAKES

Hal Wilson

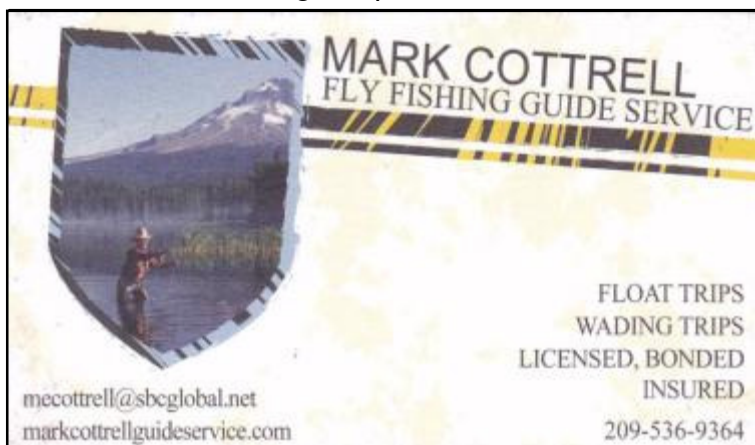
The July outing for TVFF was to Fuller and Rucker Lakes, in the Yuba Gap area of our beautiful Sierra Nevada mountain range. Knowing the popularity of the campground we wanted to use as our base, and that reservations are not accepted, four of us arrived on Thursday, July 19 at the PG&E campground, Camp Spaulding, just off of Highway 20. We were able to get two campsites, enough to accommodate the seven who came on this trip. Tom Fessenden arrived with Derrell Bridgman, and new Club member Larry Tehero made the trip with me. Friday we were joined by Jim Woollett, Keith Thomas, and Kent McCammon. I was pleased to find that bear boxes have been installed since I was there last.

Four of us fished Fuller Lake Thursday afternoon and Friday. Saturday morning, Larry, Kent and I tried Rucker Lake, a short distance from Fuller. That was one of the most disappointing experiences of my young life.

In previous years, 50 fish days were common at Rucker, fishing both top-water and subsurface. Rucker Lake is quite shallow, so although it is at approximately the same elevation as Fuller, it is at least 10 degrees warmer and in past years supported a huge amount of small (8-10") black bass and bluegill. This year was quite a different story, however. The three of us fished different areas of the lake, with the same result- ZERO. Lots of damselfly and mayflies, so the problem was not an inadequate food supply. After three hours or so, Larry was told by two cabin owners that a family of otters had moved in at the beginning of last summer, and cleaned out the lake. BUMMER !

When I got home I called two fly shops in the area and the DFG biologist who covers the lake, but no one could confirm or deny that report. The biologist did say that after otters clean out a lake they will go elsewhere, so hopefully the small number of fish the otters missed will be able to restock the lake in a couple of years. Fishing at Fuller was fair, for newly planted trout. Since the lake had been recently planted, there were lots of shore anglers. All of our fish taken were subsurface, with the hot fly being a Jay Fair Wiggle Nymph in burnt orange color.

Following supper on Friday and Saturday night, we assembled for small quiet campfires, courtesy of Kent Mc who bought wood from the Campground Manager, and tended the fire. Although fishing was only fair, it was fun for the seven of us to get together for this trip. I certainly plan to return to Fuller but with no high hopes for Rucker.



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Member Fishing Reports continued:

Sawmill lake

Gary Phillips

We fished Sawmill last weekend and had a great outing. There was seven of us in our group including Nancy and I . Nancy gets the honors with 30 plus fish in two days including the largest fish being 28" beauty on a Sawmill Ant. Unfortunately we have no pictures of the 28" rainbow as Nancy couldn't lift it out of the net before Cathy was able to take the picture.

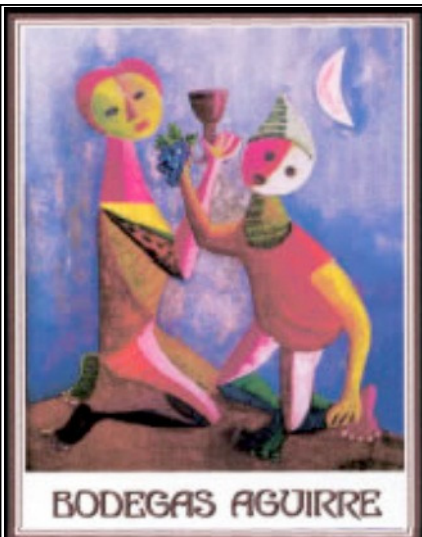


San Diego Surf

Tom Vargas

My sons Matt and Dan and I hit the surf of Tory Pines State Beach on Sunday, August 26th for some limited success during a very slack tidal period. Matt caught a small surf perch while I had one hook-up of something unseen. Dan took the prize when he landed a small shovel nose shark (you never know what will hit your fly.)

There were lots of sand crabs and we observed several very wary, tailing corbina in the shallow waters of the surf, but could not connect.



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Humphrey Basin Outing

Jim Broadbent

On July 28th six hardy members of TVFF (Jim Broadbent, Bart Hughs, Kyle McCammon, Tom McDonough, Robert Nishio and Steve Ruley) set out for a week of Golden Trout fishing high in the Eastern Sierras, west of Bishop, Ca. Water damage, a bizerk mule, scorching hot trail, 2,000ft elevation gain in five miles and a broken latrine shovel marked the first day.

Humphrey Basin is an area approximately 4 miles long and 3 miles wide at an altitude of 11,000 to 12,000 ft. Splashed around are 15 lakes and a great little stream running right down the middle. Mules packed our equipment to our camp site which had a commanding view to the north, south and east with dynamic granite peaks watching our backs to the west. Tents, full kitchen, folding chairs and the stream 100 ft away --- Wow, it just doesn't get any better than that.

I made this trip 8 years earlier and many of my recollections had become distorted with time. I had forgotten how our daily excursions look so close yet required herculean effort to reach. I didn't remember mosquitoes but every evening they were on us like flies on a rib roast. All of our efforts and trivial discomforts were rewarded by hungry Golden and Brook Trout at every lake. There was no need to match the hatch because just about every fly in your box would work. We encountered beautiful scenery and wild life too. There was a grouse that wanted its belly rubbed and according to one observer he saw a marmot the size of a Rottweiler.

Tom McDonough, a new member and brand spanking new to fly fishing got totally emerged in the sport with 5 instructors and of course heckling. It must have felt like boot camp but he vastly improved his skills and got very respectable fish counts as the week progressed. Sorry, but this trip might already be filled for next year as all of us had a great time and are ready to return right now.



Sierra Summer Sojourns

Bob McCollum

Remember the first days of grammar school? Every year our teachers would ask us to write a theme: "What I Did on My Summer Vacation". In keeping with that tradition, here's my fishing report for Summer 2012.

It was a busy summer at our house, getting my daughter through high school and moving her to Boise to start her freshman year at Boise State (Go Broncos!). In between, I did manage a little fishing. I went up to our vacation home in Twain Harte and hit Kennedy Meadow and Clarks Fork. While having dinner at the Kennedy Meadow Lodge, I ran into Chief Game Warden Nancy Folley, who spoke at our club a while back, and Jerry Sarnow, one of the wardens featured on the Nat'l Geographic series "Wild Justice". I had a nice talk with them about the TV series and its impact on their work.

Fishing was tough in the high Sierra streams this year due to the weak snow pack and shinny water. I did manage to catch and release a few on my 3 weight as well as my Tenkara rod. Small fish but a lot of fun.

I also participated in the Sonora Pass outing with Don Gardner and Richard Tarbell. I fished Beardsley Afterbay. The fish were ringing like crazy, but they were really focused on emerging midges, and I didn't have the right fly for them. Don and Richard fished the main reservoir from Don's boat and did far better.

Summer 2012 went by too fast for my taste, hopefully the fall fishing will be better. Pray for snow this winter!

Pictures from top: Kennedy meadow planter taken on a Copper John on Tenkara rod. Clark Fork resident taken on dry "Sierra Bug". Warden Jerry Sarnow, Chief Nancy Folley and yours truly at Kennedy Meadow Lodge.



The Tier's Bench:

FLY TYING GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

Note: No fly tying get together on September 5th

On the first Wednesdays of the month, 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:

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The Water Wars Rage-On

Derrell Bridgman

My previous Conservation Report indicated that I was almost certain that our governor's plan for revising the state's water management program, would not gain enough legislative support to ever be implemented. Although several professional writers shared my conclusion, I guess I had no clue how politics can work. The following is a (partial) copy from my article in our last "Barbless Hook":

"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 state's 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."

Since then our governor has taken it upon himself to ramrod his plan through, and does not care what the consequences are:

- ▶ He chooses to ignore the scientific evidence that verifies that his plan will be disastrous to the environmental health of the Delta, and its fish and wildlife. Scientific analysis of the Delta's health issues consistently shows that what the Delta needs is more water flowing through it, not less.
- ▶ He seems to be oblivious to the fact that the state's economy cannot afford the cost involved in implementing his plan. While he is drastically slashing current spending budgets, he is also planning to burden us and our children with enormous debt commitments to facilitate the implementation of his plan.
- ▶ He insists on constructing a pumping system that will pump more water than is available. Under "dry year conditions" the pumps could completely dry up the Sacramento River.
- ▶ He has managed to find a way to avoid obtaining the proper permits and official approval from regulatory agencies, normally required for a project of this magnitude. . He wants to build the infrastructure now then decide "how it will be used" after it is in place. What kind of management logic is this?
- ▶ He insists that the way to solve our water delivery issue is to just grab it from the north part of the state and give it to the south. The southern part of the state has more people (votes) and money (political contributions).

The list goes on and on, however, it boils down to the fact that there is only a limited supply of water available, so distributing more than that is not possible. To be fair to all we need a water management plan based on a fair and equitable distribution of the available supply. I would hate to think that the distribution is being made on greed, corruption, and politics.

Stay tuned; the war is not over yet.

Tight Lines!

Derrell



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Tom Vargas (925) 586-4019

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2. SA Mastery XPS DT4F Sunrise, fair condition \$ 20.00
3. Cortland 444SL DT7F Mist Green, very good condition \$25.00
4. SA Mastery Nymph Taper WF8F Willow, like new, great for steelhead \$30.00
5. Orvis Wonderline Striper WF10F Yellow, new in box, \$30.00

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Video Library News

Bob McCollum – Video Librarian

We have several new videos that have been donated to the library, which are outlined below. The library has a wealth of fly fishing knowledge on casting, fly tying, fishing, conservation, water safety, and more. Please see the latest listing of the videos on the club web site and consider checking some out at the next meeting.

Switch Rod Casting Techniques:

Several members have bought switch rods recently, but do you know how to use them? This excellent video covers switch rod equipment as well as the techniques. Several casts are demonstrated including the roll cast, double spey, snap-T, and snake roll. Steelhead season is coming soon, so check it out before you hit the water. This video was donated by Kiene's Fly Shop.

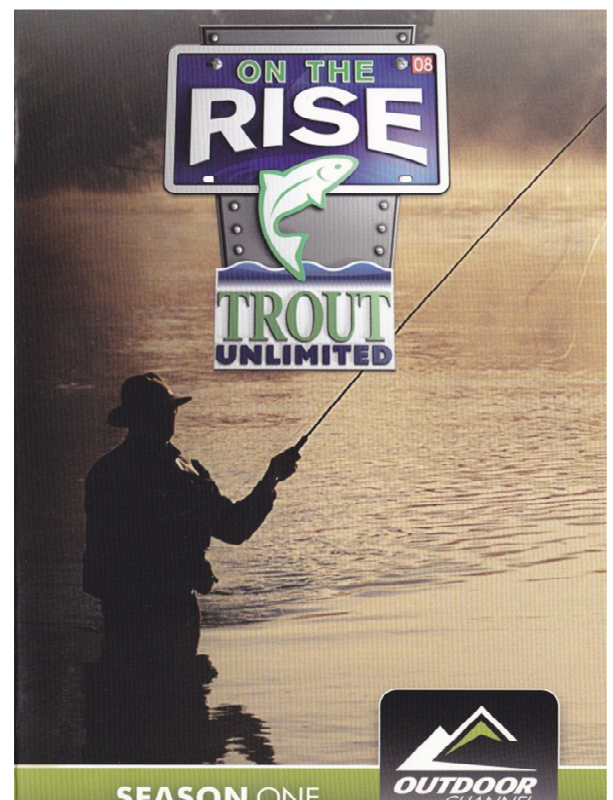
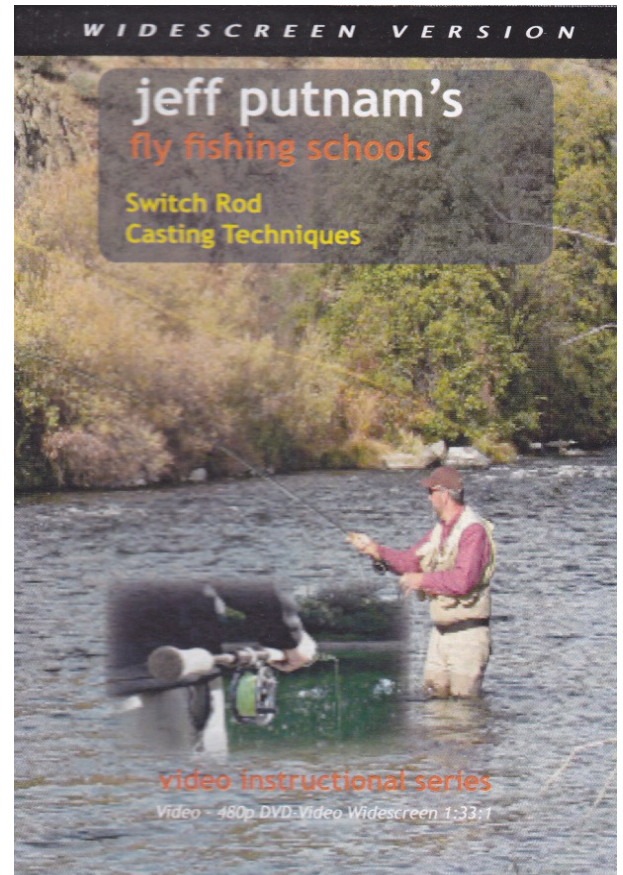
Boating Videos:

Whether you own a boat, are thinking about getting a boat, or are just a passenger on your buddies power boat, you could benefit from a little info on boating. We have three new videos on boating: 100 Boating Mistakes, 60 Boat Handling Tips, Handling Your Inboard/Outboard.

On the Rise – Trout Unlimited:

This three DVD set covers the first season of this Trout Unlimited series, which is broadcast on the Outdoor channel. The shows are a mix of fishing and conservation. They are both educational and entertaining.

Joe Bob says, "Check 'em out"!



We meet at the Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club (directions below) on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7:00 PM.

Directions to

Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club: 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore, California.

Exit Highway 580 on North Livermore Avenue

Proceed North on North Livermore Avenue to May School Road (~2.5 miles).

Turn right onto May School Road and proceed to stop sign at intersection with Dagnino Road (~1 mile).

Entrance to Rod and Gun Club is directly across intersection

