

# The Barbless Hook



**April  
2013**

**AUCTION  
TIME!!**



**Editor: Tom Vargas**

## President's Message

**Daniel Kitts**

The weather is getting warmer, flowers are starting to bloom, trees are budding and thoughts are turning to the upcoming fishing season. With the light winter snowfall, at least so far for us, we could be seeing rivers and lakes opening up early this year. Don't delay, get your gear out, clean it up and check out the upcoming TVFF trips to see if any fit your needs and think about fishmiestering a trip.

WOW...April is going to be a busy month for us with lots of activities to help get your mind off of the 15<sup>th</sup>...Let's look at what is coming up:

Starts April 1<sup>st</sup> and this isn't an April Fool's Joke. After a lot of searching we have a place for the Fly Tying Group to meet every month. See the article from Jim Broadbent and look at the e-mail that was sent to the membership on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

April 4<sup>th</sup> is our regular meeting and our annual silent auction. We have many new items this year along with the standards that have been sought after in the past. You should have received a list of the items being offered that you can review and decide what you'd like to bid on. Check out the article by Don Gardner and be sure to bring a friend and invite anyone you know that might be interested.

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## Auction April 4<sup>th</sup>

This is our BIG fundraiser! Don't miss the opportunity to re-stock your fly box or pick up the gear you need for the 2013 season

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Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, is our Cleanup Day for the Arroyo Mocho area that we have adopted as a club. A great family event and a way help the water resources in our valley. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so at the next meeting or let Derrell know. The details are covered in the newsletter outing schedule and the article on page 17.

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, is our annual family picnic at Shadow Cliffs. Martin Plotkin and his team are planning a happening event so check out his article for more information.

For those of you that have been following the issues of water in the Delta you should be aware that a partial draft of the plan to divert water from the Sacramento River bypassing the Delta and sent to the south has been released. This plan has been in the works for many years and is sure to evoke a lot of emotions regardless of the side you are on.

Tight lines and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and one of our upcoming TVFF functions.

*Daniel Kitts*

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**Paul Quinnett (1998)**



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## TVFF Picnic

Martin Plotkin

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> for this year's annual picnic. Beside casting contests for anglers of all levels, there will be fishing and of course a great food  
Members who are interested in helping get or prepare the grub, have ideas for other fun activities or just helping out should contact Martin at (925) 373-7153 or [m.plotkin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.plotkin@sbcglobal.net).



# OUTINGS AND EVENTS

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\\_Outting\\_Signup\\_Form.pdf](http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF_Outting_Signup_Form.pdf)

## OUTINGS AND EVENTS

### HAL WILSON

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
APRIL	20	ARROYO MOCHO CLEANUP	DERRELL BRIDGMAN
	27	SHADOW CLIFFS PICNIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
MAY	TBD	PINECREST AREA	DON GARDNER
	TBD	SACRAMENTO	TOM VARGAS
JUNE	LAST WEEK (27-30)?	DAVIS LAKE	HAL WILSON
JULY	10-14	McCLOUD RIVER AND UPPER SAC	DANIEL KITTS
	18 – 21	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
SEPTEMBER	27-29	LAKE ALPINE AND NO FORK OF STAN	TOM VARGAS DERRELL RIDGMAN RUSS GEORGE
OCTOBER	TBD	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
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## 2013 Dues

TVFF Club dues for 2013 are \$40.00 and they are payable now at the club meeting or by mail.

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# Upper Sacramento/McCloud River, July 10th – 14<sup>th</sup>

Daniel Kitts

This year's trip will cover two rivers, the Lower McCloud River in the Nature Conservancy area and the Upper Sacramento River. The plans are to drive to the McCloud River, about a 6 hour drive, on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> arriving early enough to set up camp at the Ah-Di-Na campground and catch the evening hatch. We will also fish the McCloud River Thursday and depending on how our legs have survived the wading we may or may not fish the McCloud Friday Morning then head over to the upper Sac for the Friday evening hatch and Saturday and Sunday fishing. We will return home on Sunday. Fishing on the McCloud has many challenges including difficult wading but offers the reward of beautiful country along with healthy and feisty fish. These are native fish that are not easily fooled to take a fly but when they do will put up a good fight. The fast waters they live in give them a lot of exercise to strengthen the muscles! The Nature Conservancy allows 10 rods / day on their water of which 5 can be reserved and 5 are available on a first come basis. I was able to reserve rods for both Thursday and Friday and have 3 available each day to the first people that sign up for them. If you don't get one of the reserved tags you can get up early and try to beat the other fishermen to the five walk in tags but if you don't get a tag there is still plenty of fabulous fishing upstream from the conservancy.



Fishing on the upper Sacramento River will also be wading and you will be doing both dry fly and nymph fishing. Remember this is the area that Ted Fay developed "high stick" nymphing for pocket water. A 4–6 wt. 9' rod with a floating line works well. A sturdy wading staff and felt boots will work and I haven't found the need for studs on the Sac.

For accommodations, the plan is to camp at the Ah-Di-Na campground near the Nature Conservancy Wednesday and Thursday nights and stay at a motel in Shasta City for Friday and Saturday nights. The Ah-Di-Na campground cannot be reserved but, arriving mid-week I have always found a site.

The Ah-Di-Na campground cannot be reserved but arriving mid-week I have always found a site. If you don't want to camp at the McCloud there are other options to consider such as camping at Lake Siskiyou or you can stay in McCloud, Shasta City or Dunsmuir and drive to the McCloud in the morning. Drive time is about 1 hour from Shasta City.

If you want to camp at the Lake Siskiyou resort, reservations can be made or if you would prefer to stay at a hotel I can make some recommendations. You will be responsible for making your own reservations. Whatever you decide to do the area fills up on the weekends so arrangements need to be made ASAP. There are local guides available for both rivers and if you want to do a guide let me know and I can give you some recommendations. You will be responsible for making the arrangements.

The dates look good now but may change based on the river flows. You are welcome to join us for all or part of that time and any cost will depend on what we decide to share and your accommodations. One of my favorite times, other than the fishing, is to enjoy some snacks and wine after the evening hatch while sitting by the river. So come prepared with something to share and to observe the beautiful night sky.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 510-816-2846 or e-mail me at [dckitts@aol.com](mailto:dckitts@aol.com).

# Kistler Ranch Ponds 2013

## Hal Wilson

As we often do this time of year, TVFF anglers, joined by Oakland Casting Club members, journeyed to the Kistler Ranch a few miles east of Oakdale on March 9 for a day of catching bass, bluegill and crappie.

This year we had more than two dozen fly-rodders on the three ponds that were reserved for our exclusive use. At no point did I see any crowding, but several of us got within conversational range when Don Gardner brought fish to the boat on three successive casts, some top water as well as sub-surface.

From reports so far, Barry Penner was high rod for the day with 6 bass to 17" and 15 or more bluegill. Some anglers just had a lot of casting practice but most of the group had some success. Wooly Buggers seemed to be the most commonly used fly. I got seven bass, all on a chartreuse Wooly Bugger on a floating line.

Unfortunately, the afternoon wind caused some of us to leave about 3:00.

Water temp was 56 degrees, a few degrees below the optimal temp for what we expected. I recommend that whoever is fishmeister for this event next year to go later in March or early April. Too late in April will present a possible problem with the pond weeds fouling hooks, so there is a fine line to be considered.



### **Chris Calabrese shares his secrets to success with some of his home tied flies:**

These are gully worms that I tied with cactus chenille.

Caught 4 bass on these with many more hits. I also caught my biggest bass at about 13 inches and a fat belly.

# Fishing Shadow Cliffs

## Hal Wilson

Shadow Cliffs offers varied opportunities for fishing, from Channel Catfish and Rainbow Trout in the 80 acre main lake, to warmwater species in the “back ponds”.

Boats no larger than 17’ can be used on the main lake – there is a fee. Only electric motors are allowed. The launch ramp is located at Marina View picnic site. Gary Philips has had great success using a tan Bird’s Nest, or a fly called Red Rider, fishing down into the cove at the east end of the lake beyond the boat launch area. Contact Gary for a description of a Red Rider.

The two pond-like areas are over the levee that borders the main lake on the south side. One is actually a part of Arroyo Del Valle that flows into the Park. The other is a pond with its own name - Island Pond. Ask for a map when you enter the Park.

These ponds are bass habitat with very limited back cast room or access, due to heavy shore line growth.

Both of these areas are accessed from a service road (no private vehicles allowed) that takes off from the right side of the road, approximately 50 yard beyond the **MARINA VISTA** sign which refers to the picnic site on the left side of the road. The uphill part of the road is less than 100 yards long and the ascent is not difficult. At a moderate pace I climbed it (not carrying float tube or other equipment) in less than two minutes.



At the top there is a view of the main body of the lake on one side, and the arroyo on the other. This is also a junction with the Levee Trail which takes you to many places. There are no trail signs posted so the map you get at the entrance will help greatly.

One option to fishing the arroyo is to take the Levee Trail and go west a very short distance to turn sharp right onto the North Arroyo trail which descends to the Arroyo. There is an area that makes a great float tube launch area between two **NO FISHING** signs, but this is **primarily** a dog swimming area. However, I was told when I phoned Shadow Cliffs Park HQ on March 20, that if there are no dogs swimming, it is OK to launch there. The person I talked with said that the area is used by dogs mostly in hot summer. A table and bench are located in the immediate area. If there are dogs swimming there, retrace your steps along North Arroyo Trail, keeping the arroyo on your right until you find a small break in the vegetation that will allow you to enter the water. Check what the drop from shore to pond bottom will be – it looked like a bit of a drop when I saw it a week or so ago.

Another entrance to the Park is from Old Vineyard road. Turn north on Clara Ln, just east of Western Garden nursery. There is a small parking area and roadside parking on the paved access road is common. This entrance is also a service road with trails leading to the arroyo.

In the short time I had to investigate, I didn’t find a good float tube launch. I followed a foot path to the right in the direction of Island Pond but it only led to a private property boundary.

There apparently is a way to get to Island Pond from Vineyard, but I don’t know it yet.

To get to Island Pond from the picnic area, follow the Levee Trail heading southwest for slightly over a quarter of a mile. Follow the branch descending to the right for less than a quarter of a mile. There is a large (8”x8” ?) post and garbage can at the **primitive** launch site.

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## Fishing Shadow Cliffs (Continued from page 8)



LOOK CAREFULLY AT THIS SITE BEFORE LAUNCHING. It is a fairly steep slope to (and from) the pond and it gets very slippery making it difficult to get back up to the trail. I was there recently with Don Gardner and his helping hand was very welcome. To make exiting the pond a little easier, Don carries in his tube a 15' length of sturdy rope with a snap on one end to fasten to the float tube, bringing the other end with him as he scrambles up the slope. When you have reached the road you can pull the tube up.

Those who have caught bass in these ponds recommend floating lines with a 6 ' length of 15 to 20 # monofilament leader and casting frog patterns, or 2" to 4" diving lures in yellow or white. The heavy leader is suggested to give you a better chance to pull free from hookups into vegetation.

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# The Tier's Bench:

FLY TYING GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

**New: Fly tying get together day proposed for the First Monday of the month. More to follow from President Daniel regarding location and time.**

**The Tier's Bench No. 26**  
**By Jim Cramer**

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 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 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 lets 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 lee way 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 for the overall quality of a fly.

## The Tier's Bench No. 26 (*Continued from page* )

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. 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 Bugger 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 of fly being tied? Heads on streamers and Woolly Buggers 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.



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## Member Spotlight on Rob Vellinger *By Tom Vargas*



**Q. How long have you been a club member?**

**A. 13 years.**

**Q. Do you currently or have you ever held an office in the club?**

**A. Raffle Chairman.**

**Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?**

**A. Biking, sailing and family.**

**Q. Classify yourself as a fly fisherman:**

**A. Beats the heck out of working.**

**B. I can't wait to wet a line.**

**C. I dream about fish & flies.**

**D. I need some serious help for my addiction.**

**A. B, can't wait to wet a line.**

**Q. What is the fly rod set up you use for the majority of your fly fishing?**

**A. An 8 weight with floating line.**

**Q. What is your favorite species to fish for and why?**

**A. Steelhead, because they fight so well.**

**Q. What body of water do you fish most often?**

**A. The Trinity River and the Lower Sac.**

**Q. Do you consider yourself a dry fly or nymph fisherman?**

**A. Nymph first, but dry when it is "on".**

**Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?**

**A. Rivers and streams.**

**Q. If you could only fish with one fly what would it be?**

**A. Prince Nymph.**

**Q. Do you have a fishing license for any states other than California?**

**A. Montana and Idaho in 2012.**



# From Delta To Swamp

## Derrell Bridgman

The latest battle strategy to be used in our states water wars has just been unveiled and is currently being activated. Unfortunately it is under the command of our opposition. The strategy, masterminded by our Governor and Mark Cowin, the director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR), is to remove any possibility of letting voters have a voice in either supporting or opposing their strategic plan. This plan, the “Bay Delta Conservation Plan” (BDCP), was recently revealed by our Governor, Jerry Brown, and supposedly establishes a “reliable water source’ for all of the states water users.

The focal point of the BDCP is the construction of a pair of massive underground tunnels that will transport (high quality) water from the Sacramento River above the Delta region to the gigantic pumps south of the Delta which will send it to the thirsty users in the southern part of our state. This diversion (Delta bypass) will provide those users with water of a much higher quality than that which they are receiving from the Delta pumps at the present time.

The BDCP is flawed (majorly) and opposed by most of the water user organizations and environmental groups in and around the Delta region. The Governor has refused to acknowledge protests to his plan, and will not consider revising it to address any of the concerns of the protestors. However, a bond measure to finance the plan was scheduled to be on the ballot in 2014, and would require approval of the voters. Now opposition to the governors plan is gaining considerable support, therefore, according to a report in the Sacramento Bee, the Governor and DWR have decided that they already have the authority to implement the BDCP without approval of the voters or even the state Legislators. Essentially they think they can shove the plan down our throat, and make us pay for it. Furthermore, they think we are powerless to stop them.

The general consensus of opinion among many experts in these matters is that the BDCP will be a multi, multi-billion dollar disaster. The politically based plan is supported by skewed scientific logic and reasoning designed to benefit the water contractors and users in the southern part of the state. Meanwhile, it will be disastrous for local users. Some examples of their flawed reasoning are:

- The diversions will supply the south of the Delta users with good quality water, but will devastate the health of the Delta. It is noted that the proposed capacity of the tunnels and pumps will be sufficient to divert all of the water in the river during normal and low flow conditions. Salinity intrusion into the Delta will be increased considerably, and even more as the forecasted sea-level rises occur. The diversions will also reduce the flows (and subsequently the flushing effect) through the region, allowing both waste and drainage pollution to have a major impact on the water quality for local users.
- The giant tunnels under the Delta are to be designed to improve the reliability of the system during earthquake events, however, it will do nothing to improve the seismic safety of the existing levees etc. for the residents who live in the Delta region. Furthermore, the cost of the plan is so overwhelming that critical upgrades to the Delta region will not be included in the plan.
- As an environmental/conservation benefit, the BDCP also calls for retiring considerable amounts of farm land in the Delta area for the purpose of reducing “greenhouse gas emissions”. The problem with this logic is that the extra water they plan to provide to the agribusinesses in the southern part of our state will be used to expand their farming operations, which will in turn increase the gasses again. However, this issue apparently was not mentioned in the plan.

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## From Delta To Swamp (Continued)

> Most experts predict that the plan, if implemented, will prove to be a major fiscal disaster. Just developing the plan alone has cost us \$220 million, and construction has not even begun. Of course our state has a record of creating fiscal/environmental disasters. Recovery projects like the San Joaquin River, Mono Lake, Klamath River, And Trinity River have cost us millions to fix. By now we must be very good at funding projects that we can't afford. The economic nightmares that our descendants will inherit from us is truly disgraceful.

These are only the major issues addressed in the plan. If you wish to read additional information and details just "Google" – "Restore the Delta". You will find links to a lot of information on this issue.

I anticipate that this issue is going to be held up in the courts for a long time. Hopefully though, justice will prevail so the benefits and pleasures the Delta has historically provided it's local residents will not be lost, and we won't have to learn to live with a big, worthless, contaminated swamp.

Tight Lines, Derrell

## Trout in the Classroom



About 250 students participated in another successful Trout in the Classroom release of the fingerlings at Shadow Cliffs in early March, concluding a great year.

## Items For Sale

### Fishing Vests for Sale:

- 1.Orvis Super Wading Tac-L-Pak. Medium size, Tan color Like new condition. \$ 45.00, (\$119.00 new)
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3. Cortland 444SL DT7F Mist Green, very good condition \$25.00
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**Bob McCollum (925) 989-2358**



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- green splash finish
- bow pocket anchor puller
- rear anchor puller
- anchor and rope
- Scotty rod mount
- removable seat
- handles (bow & aft)
- Cataract premium graphite oars
- boat dolly

**Contact: Harry Levin (925)**

## 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



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**Arroyo Mocho "Our Creek"**

TVFF has its own section of a local Livermore creek – well in a manner of speaking. We have agreed to adopt a section of the Arroyo Mocho for the purpose of helping to maintain the natural beauty and health of the creek.

As fly fishermen and fly fisherwomen who frequent streams etc. we are aware of the sight of unsightly debris and garbage that gets deposited regularly along our fishing spots. We see it but do not like it. Even worse a large percentage of this trash finds its way to the stream, then downstream and eventually into our rivers, beaches and oceans as pollution. The magnitude of these unhealthy conditions continues to increase each year, and is affecting the health of our world.

Several agencies, including LARPD, Zone 7 Water, The City of Livermore, and others have organized a plan to help reduce some of these undesirable conditions in our area. A part of that plan is to seek the assistance of willing groups in keeping the volume of the pollution to a minimum. They have formed the "Adopt a Creek Spot" program. Local responsible community organizations adopt an area where they help to keep unwanted debris cleaned up.

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers is proud to join this program and do our part to preserve the ambiance and health of our local waterways. The spot we will be responsible for is on the Arroyo Mocho in the Robertson Park area of Livermore. The location of our spot and a view of it is shown below:



**TVFF – "Adopt A Creek Spot" Location**

Arroyo Mocho in Robertson Park (opposite Livermore Rodeo Stadium)



**Lower TVFF "Adopt A Creek Spot" Boundary**  
(Bike Trail Bridge)

View from bridge facing upstream



**Upper TVFF "Adopt A Creek Spot" Boundary**  
(Opposite Stop Sign near Rodeo Grounds)

View from near upper boundary facing downstream

**The section of the stream is approximately (my estimate) quarter of a mile in length and extends from the "bike trail bridge, across the Arroyo upstream to a spot adjacent to the "stop-sign" at the entrance to the parking lot.**

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**

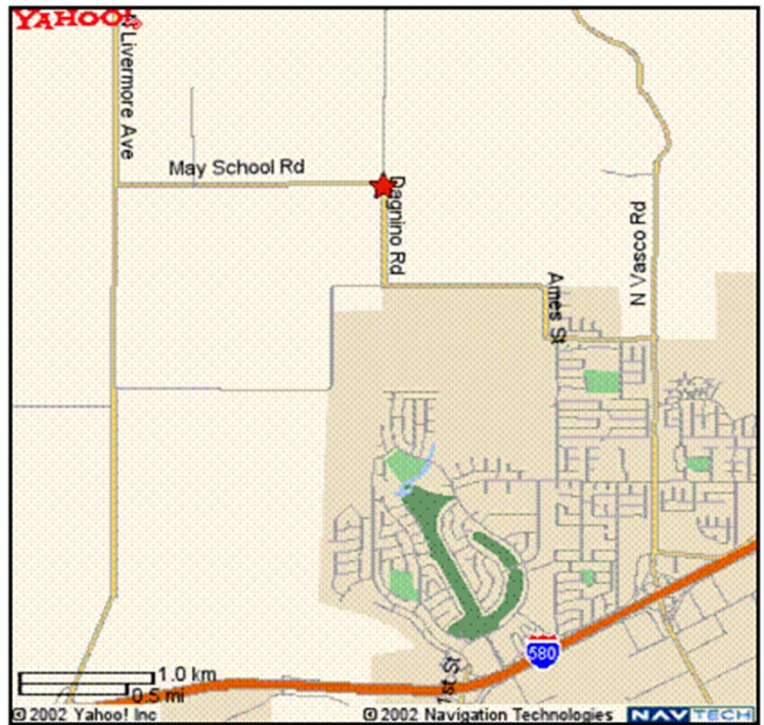
Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club: 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore, California.

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



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