

The Barbless Hook



December 2014



Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Daniel Kitts

Meeting Date Changes...We have changed the dates for the December 2014, and January and April 2015 meetings because of conflicts with other club activities and holidays. The three meetings were moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month with the new dates of the meetings being: **December 11, 2014**

January 8, 2015

April 9, 2015

We will be sending out reminders but please be sure to mark your calendar.

It is your Constitutional right to VOTE. You should have received an e-mail from **Kelly Ng** with the proposed 2015 slate of officers and they are also included in this issue of the Barbless Hook. We will be voting on the new officers for 2015 at the **DECEMBER 11th** meeting.

We still need someone to step up to help to "shadow" Ron Dueltgen this year and chair the auction committee in 2016. Without someone to oversee this we may have to cancel our only fundraising event!

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Photo:

Bob McCollum and President Daniel on the San Joaquin River.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

<http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org>

Presidents message, continued from page 1

We had a fun time at the Striper Outing in November. Thank you **Tom Vargas** for setting it up and **Tom, Bob McCollum** and **Martin Plotkin** for providing their boats for the outing! Tom had the biggest trophy on the end of his line when Martin's boat wouldn't start and had to be towed to a marina.



One in 1200...That's our very own **Gary Turri**. After many hours of practice, classes, and studying the art of Fly Casting Gary has passed his exams to become one of the 1200 International Fly Fishing Federation Certified Casting Instructors. Congratulation Gary! (See page 12)

Look forward to seeing you all at the DECEMBER 11th meeting when we'll have a great meeting on fishing for Stripers in the Delta.

Tightlines,

Daniel

Daniel Kitts

"...water that isn't fit for trout won't much longer be fit for us." Arnold Gingrich



**2014 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

**December 11th:
Kevin Doran
"Fly Fishing the
California Delta"**

**January :
Fly tying Expo
"Expert local fly tyers
demonstrate their
craft"**

**February 2nd:
Annual Installation of
Officers and Potluck
Dinner**

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Bart Hughes

We just made it back from three days of fishing on the Trinity. I was hoping that we hit it perfectly with all the recent rain – all three days were nice with the first being best with higher, off-colored flows. Hopefully improved conditions will continue for the upcoming club outing with a new push of fish making it up river. Regardless of conditions, it's just great to get out there. Keep praying for rain!

It's time to start thinking about outings for next year. No need to wait until May/June for activities as there are plenty of options in the interim. In years past, we've done outings to Hot Creek mid-winter and I've heard that Lake Pyramid fishing has improved significantly these past couple of years. A couple of options to consider – think about serving as Fish Meister for one of these – it will help you shake off the winter blues.

Ideas for other potential outings:

- December to February-Klamath and Trinity River Steelhead
- January - Stanislaus River below Goodwin Dam/Lake Tulloch, Boca/Little Truckee, O'Neill Forebay for stripers
- February – March – Yuba River, Hot Creek, East Walker
- April – May – Pyramid Lake, McCloud (after opening)
- California rivers and lakes that are open year-round

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT / LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
DECEMBER 3-7	TRINITY RIVER STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM
DECEMBER 11	CHANGE OF THE DECEMBER MEETING DATE!!	
JANUARY 8, 2015	CHANGE OF THE JANUARY MEETING DATE!!	
APRIL 9, 2015	CHANGE OF THE APRIL MEETING DATE!!	

December Program

Fly Fishing the California Delta

with Captain Kevin Doran



Captain Kevin Doran

Captain "KD" has been fishing for Largemouth Bass since his childhood. KD's passion for catching LmBass using topwater tactics began as a young boy over fifty years ago on the shores of Clear Lake in Northern California. He cast his first fly rod and a "Loyd's Luck Lures" balsa popper for big Clear Lake Bass. His passion for taking bass on top carried forth into his Delta fishing and guiding career, which established him as one of the premier Delta "Bass masters" utilizing fly fishing tackle and developing unique fly patterns and presentation techniques. He has been featured in numerous articles in industry publications, including California Fly Fisher and Fly Fisherman (California's Largemouth Paradise, May 2007). Kevin authored the definitive Delta Largemouth article, "Tactics for Delta Bass" (California Fly Fisher, April 2001) which was ground breaking in bringing forth awareness to fly anglers about the Delta Largemouth fishery. Kevin has been featured in books such as "Fly Fishing the California Delta" (Costello/Sherman), "Fly Fishing California's Great Waters" (Blanton), and starred a supporting role in "Bass: The Movie" (Howard Films). Along with his Bass-n-Fly team members, Kevin has been involved with lodge guide training, rod and tackle development, and educational seminars and presentations. Kevin resides in Stockton, CA.

Breaking Bread with Kevin

If you are interested in joining us for dinner at the Cattleman's Steakhouse in Livermore (off Airway Blvd. exit) at 5:00 pm, please RSVP to Daniel Kitts at (510) 816-2846.

Outings - THINKING W-A-Y AHEAD

Hal Wilson

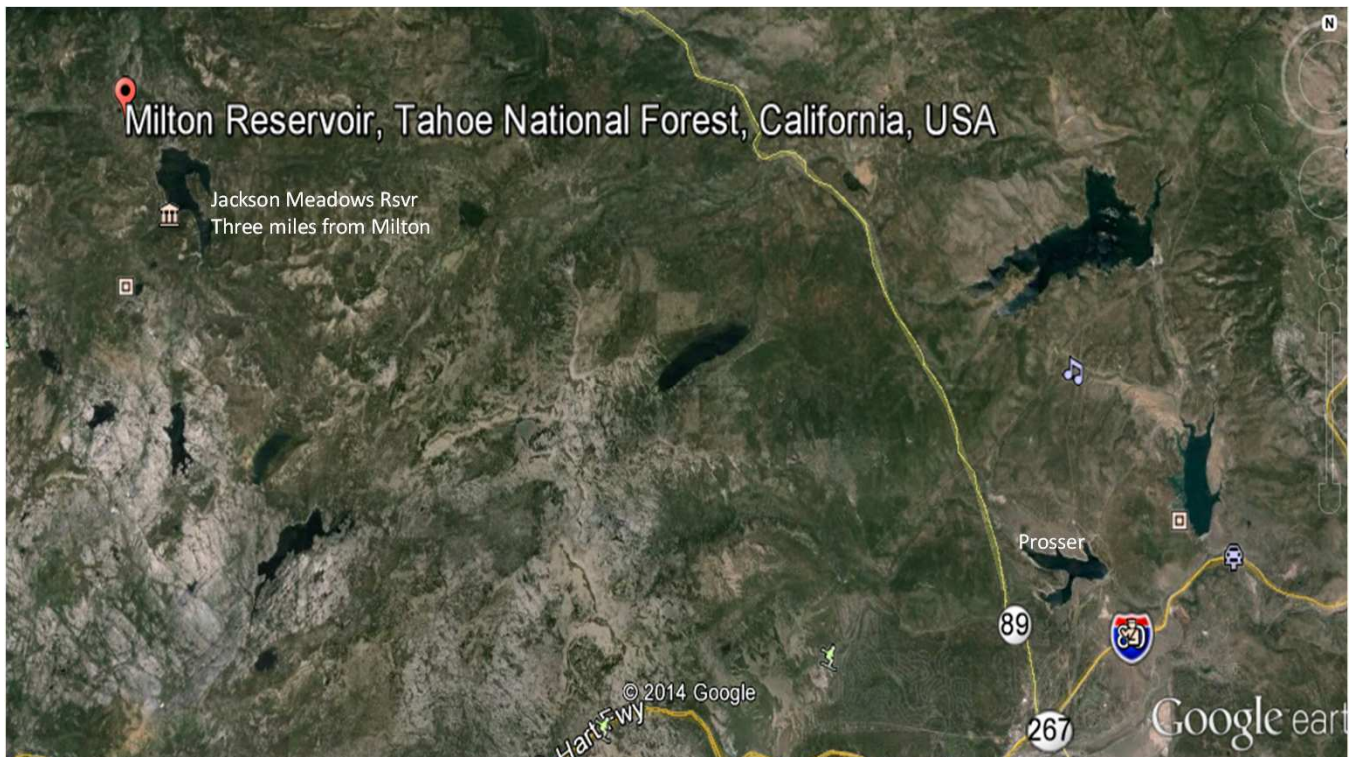
I didn't get nearly as much fishing as I wanted last year, so in an effort to be sure that doesn't happen again, I have done some far-in-advance research. In addition, although Lake Davis during damselfly emergence is a "must do", I have often wanted to expand my fishing horizons, so that hope has also been part of my pondering these last few weeks.

In reading through Bill Sunderland's book, Fly Fishing California Stillwaters I find other stillwaters in the Truckee area which would be on the way to Davis. Three stand out as potential waypoints worth trying – **Milton Reservoir**, **Jackson Meadows Reservoir** and **Prosser**. Boca and Stampede Reservoirs are often associated in one's mind with Prosser, but in checking this all out, I learned that water-skiing is allowed on Boca and Stampede, but not on Prosser. In addition, Prosser has reservable campsites (as does Jackson Meadows).

So, the plan as it is now outlined in my mind is to begin the trip on Monday or Tuesday following Fathers' Day, establishing camp at Prosser or Jackson Meadows. After fishing any or all of the above three waters, moving on to Lake Davis to set up camp (in previously reserved sites) Thursday afternoon. We go through the town of Portola a few miles before reaching Davis, so restocking of food and ice is easily accomplished. Our last two years at Davis we have camped in Grasshopper Flat campground, with campsites near the coin-operated hot shower which would be very welcome our third or fourth day out! This break in the trip to relocate makes it doable for those who can only make part of the trip.

The excellent presentation by Jon Baiocchi at our last club meeting gave us lots of great information about Lake Davis, so I have been tying flies he recommended for a Lake Davis specific fly box.

Reservations for Prosser and Davis can be made 6 months prior to the requested dates, so I will be firming up this plan in order to request in early January the sites and the dates I want.



Call me if interested or have questions

Hal

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Fly Tying Class	Jim Broadbent

2015 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable now and are \$35.00 until the February 6th meeting.

See page 15 for more details

The club's mailing address is:
TVFF
PO Box 2358
Livermore, CA 94551

Ramblings



I went to the doctor for my annual checkup and they did a scan. This is what they found!!



Fishing Reports



Bob McCollum with a schoolie striper



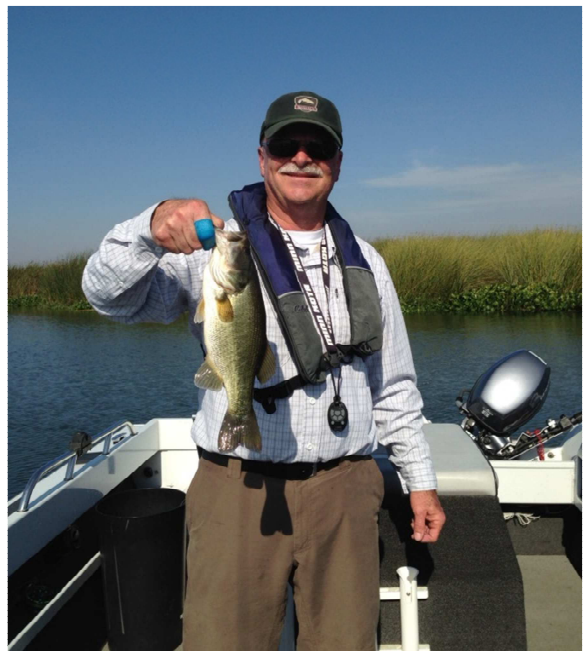
Martin and Marty on the San Joaquin

2014 Striper Outing on November 8th

Four boats launched at the Sugar Barge Marina and were greeted by a beautiful November day with temperatures in the 80's. Martin and Marty, Bob and Daniel, Chris, Mike and Colby, and Tom and Robert plied the waters in search of the elusive "Moe". We found fish in several locations, but had trouble finding the "big one".



Colby shows how it is done



Tom with a decent largemouth bass

Fishing Reports-Continued from page 8



Robert with his first Striper



Where is Tom taking us??

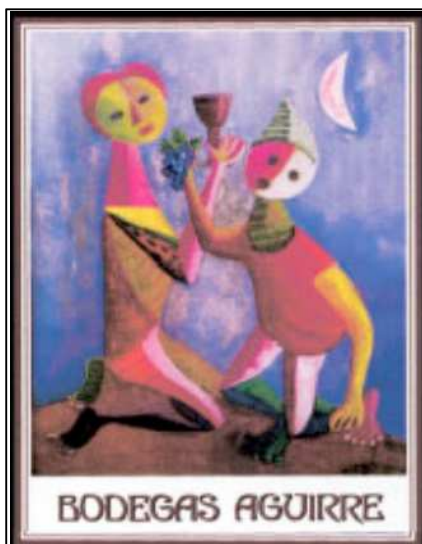
O'Neil Forebay Outing-November 16th Bob McCollum

Don and I fished the O' Neil Forebay of San Luis Reservoir. Slow going at first. We finally got some hits around 1:00. We landed around 10 fish in the following hour. Don caught two nice fish in the 20-22 inch range. Others were 12-16 inches. We plan to return the Friday after Thanksgiving. It's easy to float tube or boat as long as the wind is light. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Contact me for details.



Election of 2015 Officers and Directors

Officers	
President	Martin Plotkin
Vice President	Roger Perry
Secretary	John Price
Treasure	Tom Fessenden
Past President	Daniel Kitts
Directors	
Auction	Ron Dueltgen
Auction BU & MAL	tba
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Outings	Hal Wilson
Fly Tying	Jim Broadbent
Membership	Jo Dee Widmayer
News Letter	Tom Vargas
Raffle	Gary Phillips
Refreshments	Keith Thomas
Speakers	Marty Loomis
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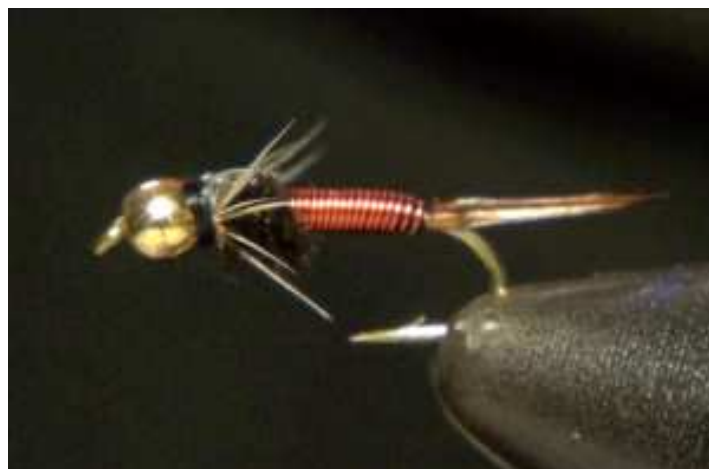
Jim Broadbent

The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, December 1st at Christensen Middle School located at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

The *Copper John* is one of the most commonly used trout and steelhead flies in the west these days. The Copper John is a great attractor pattern and it works! The ability to tie it in different colors makes it easy to narrow down to what the trout are eating. The Copper John does not really imitate a specific bug, but it does resemble a stonefly and mayfly very well. What makes the Copper John so effective is it's profile and it just looks buggy! Favorite colors for the Copper John are: Red, Copper, Chartreuse, Yellow and Black. Tie it the same way, just change the color of your wire!

Copper John Fly Tying Recipe:

Hook: #12-18 Tiemco 5262
Thread: Black UTC 70
Tail: Brown Turkey Biots
Body: Red Wire
Thorax: Peacock Herl
Casing: Scud Back
Casing2: Flashback Material
Legs: Partridge



Presidential Fly Box

It is that time of the year again. Please bring your contribution flies for the Presidential Fly Box to Jim Broadbent at the December or January meetings at the latest!



Around the Web: Spey Casting and a whole host of fly fishing topics available on You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAoJrTlAnkY>

In The News: Thursday, October 23, 2014: CONGRATULATIONS GARY!



Gary Turri, of San Ramon practices his fly casting techniques at Central Park in San Ramon recently. He is preparing for a test that will qualify him with the International Federation of Fly Fishers, to become a certified casting instructor. Turri has been fly fishing since 1993.

Photo by Jim Stevens/Bay Area News Group

UPDATE:

Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 1:28:26 PM

Subject: IFFF Certified Casting Instructor

Hi Daniel,
TVFF now has their first ever IFFF Certified Casting Instructor on staff. .
I tested and passed on my first attempt. The pass rate is less than 40%.

Scored 35 out of 36 on the written exam. Blew thru that in 20 minutes.

Completed all 24 of the required casting performance tasks. Failed zero, you can miss two. This segment took 2.5 hours with lots of additional questions from the two Master Casting Instructors that were my test examiners. You have to earn your certification. Believe me on that one

Took 11 months of steady focus on Teaching, Casting and Reading. Explains why there are only about 1200 CCI's and only 200 MCI's worldwide.

I will donate some private casting lessons to the April Auction. We can discuss later.

Gary Turri
IFFF Certified Casting Instructor

December Auction Update

Ron Dueltgen

HELP WANTED FOR 2015 TVFF AUCTION

Preparations are underway for the TVFF annual fundraising auction, to be held Thursday, April 9, 2015. As that date approaches, there will be several opportunities for members and friends to step up and lend a hand to make sure that the auction is a success. For instance, publicity in the community and among other fly fishing clubs in the area will be a crucial contributor to the auction's success. If you would be willing to help with publicity, please contact Ron Dueltgen: (rondueltgen@comcast.net; 925-449-0528). As the auction nears, help will be needed with refreshments, set-up and clean-up, accounting and check-out, and other important jobs.

And, equally as important, the auction relies heavily on donations of fishing gear, outings and other items from club members and friends. Please be thinking about what your contribution will be to the success of the auction. Our club depends on this income to fund the many educational and conservation projects we sponsor. Your contributions of time, talent and goods make that possible. Contact Ron to add your name to the list of contributors.

Ron Dueltgen
auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org
925-449-0528

It's time for 2015 Dues!

TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$40 (\$35 if paid on or before the club meeting on February 6, 2014). A membership covers you and all family members living at home. All are encouraged to participate in club outings however, liability release signatures are required of those 18 or over.

Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Tom Fessenden, or our membership coordinator, Marty Loomis at any regular club meeting.

Checks made out to TVFF can also be mailed to :

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers
PO Box 2358
Livermore, CA 94551

DVD Library

Richard Tarbell

Happy Holiday TVFF Anglers - The Holiday times are a good time for special seasonal trips, and outings. Stop by the DVD Library at the December meeting and pick a DVD that focuses on the fishing trip you have planned, or would like research as a point of interest.



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2. Cortland 444 SL WF7 F/S 20 foot Sink Tip Type 3, New in Box \$20.00
3. SA Mastery XPS DT4 Grey color, one end used - \$10.00
4. Cortland 444 SL WF7 F/S 20 foot Sink Tip Type 6, New in Box \$20.00
5. Redington RS2 Reel for 7/8 lines, with Albright WF7-F Yellow new fly line, excellent cond.-\$60.00
6. SA Mastery Distance Taper WF9-F Mint Green, excellent cond. \$20.00

All lines come on plastic spools with boxes as from the factory. Will Install lines on your reel as requested.

Gary Turri (925) 786-5184

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**Daniel Kitts at (510) 816-2846
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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

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

