The Barbless Hook





December 2015

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

We had an interesting board meeting last night. Beside nominations of 2016 officers, we had a lengthy and spirited discussion about outings for next year. The list below is not a complete list but represents outings we would like to do. At the next meeting Hal Wilson, our 2015 Outings Director, will be interested in your thoughts on any other outings you would like. Incidentally, we are looking for an alternate bass pond for our April outing, if Kistler is unfishable.

Some of our board members have stepped up and volunteered to be Fish Meisters, but we need other members to also do so. We can't have outings without our Fish Meisters.

A Fish Meister's duties are pretty simple:

A Fish Meister IS NOT responsible:

- for booking accommodations.
- •for guiding.

A Fish Meister IS just the event coordinator responsible:

- •for picking the date, venue, nature of the trip, etc.
- •for printing a signup sheet.
- •for emailing any special instructions and participant contact information.

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November outing.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

This year we are trying to get a Co-Fish Meister for each outing. Hopefully this person has never been a Fish Meister and wants to see what it's all about. To become a Fish Meister or Co-FM please contact Hal Wilson.

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<u>Very Short Survey</u>: Please send an email to me at <u>president@trivalleyflyfishers.org</u> and let me know what 3 things, from the following list, you most enjoy about TVFF:

- 1. Outings (aka fishing)
- 2. Speakers
- 3. Conservation

- 4. Trout in the Classroom
- 5. Raffles
- 6. Auction

- 7. Seminars and Classes
- 8. Social Events

9. Other _____

I'll leave you with this final thought: If your greatest fear in life is that when you die your spouse will sell your fishing tackle for what you told them you paid for it, you might be a trout bum.....

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2015-16 TVFF Speakers Program "At A Glance"

December 3rd:

Chris Gerono of Idaho Angler

"Fishing the Owyhee and Grande Ronde Rivers"

January 7th:

Fly Tiers Night

February 4th:

Installation BBQ

^{*} This trip will allow novice fly fishermen to buddy up with more experienced members

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Treasurer	Tom Fessenden	
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Education	Steve Johnson	
Outings	Steve Ruley	
Fly Tying	Jim Broadbent	
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Membership	Frank Gordet	
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Refreshments	Gary Prince	
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2016 Dues Notice

It is time to pay Membership

Dues! The cost is \$40 if paid on or before the February meeting. I will be at the meeting this Thursday,

December 3; please bring your check or cash and I will be at the door to greet everyone! See you then.
Jo Dee

The club's mailing address is:

TVFF

PO Box 2358

Livermore, CA 94551

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson

December 2015





LOCATION FISHMEISTER

DECEMBER 5 DISCOVERY BAY/DELTA STRIPERS TOM VARGAS

<u>2016</u>

DATES

SPRING TIME (TBD) MONTANA RIVERS MARTY LOOMIS

APRIL 30-MAY 7 YUCATAN PENINSULA JIM BROADBENT

SEPTEMBER 17-24 LA PAZ JIM BROADBENT

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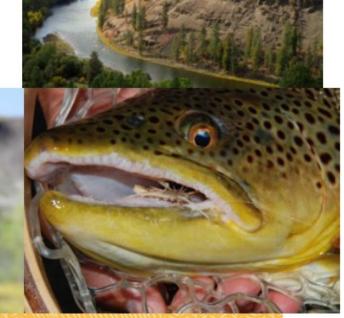
Program Marty Loomis

December 3rd Meeting, Featured Speaker:

Chris Gerono, Idaho Angler







THE OWYHEE AND GRANDE RONDE RIVERS

Chris Gerono from The Idaho Angler will be giving a presentation on fly fishing for Brown trout on the Owyhee River and fly fishing for Steelhead on the Grande Ronde River. He will cover the best times of the year to fish, timing of hatches, fly selection

Chris has been guiding fly fishing for the last 15 years between Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska. He has spent 7 of the last 15 guiding and teaching classes for the Idaho Angler in Boise. Chris is also a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor, a published author/photographer and a animated story teller.

and techniques for catching the fish that inhabit these waters.

Bug Collecting Reminder Kent McCammon

Please turn in your collected specimens at the December meeting. We still have a lot of them out.

Participate in creating a TVFF Club insect collection for our Education Programs.

The Form includes instructions on the collection process and has 3 sections for you to fill in, cataloging information about the location where the specimen was collected.



A great holiday gift idea -- give someone a Tri-Valley Fly Fishers Club Gift Certificate!

The cost is \$40 for a one-year membership. Maybe there is someone you would like to give a gift to at work or in your neighborhood. I will have the gift certificates at the Club Meeting this Thursday, December 3. Bring your check or cash. You would give the person their certificate and they would complete the membership application and waiver, and mail it to the PO Box. Or, you can send your check to the TVFF PO Box 2358, Livermore, CA 94551 with the name and address of the recipient by December 17, and we can mail it directly to them. If you have any questions, email Jo Dee at clayjodee@aol.com or call 925-606-0535.

Happy Holidays! Jo Dee Membership



Delta Striper Outing December 5, 2015 Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmaster I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, December 5th. This is a great opportunity to experience hard pulling, double digit freshwater fish on fly gear. We will fish the Southern bays of Discovery Bay and plan to launch out of Orwood Resort by 7:00AM. You should arrive at least ½ hour earlier in order to set up and get your boat in the water. We will head South about one mile to the Kellogg Creek entrance of Discovery Bay. This is an all-safe 5 mph area and it works well for both small and larger size watercraft. The outing will take place in rain or shine, but plan on a cold morning and the possibility of morning fog for a few hours.

A boat is required to participate in this trip. Boaters and non-boaters will need to make arrangements and get paired up before the outing.

Equipment: 8, 9 or 10 wt. rods with Hi-Speed / High Density shooting heads. Lead core heads, Teeny 300-400, Rio Outbound or SA Custom Tip Express lines trimmed to match the rod all work well. The integrated style lines and tungsten heads are easier to cast than lead core. Your leader is simply 5-6 ft of 15 - 20 lb mono (Maxima). Flies that simulate baitfish patterns such as 3-5 inch Clouser Minnows, Flashtail Whistlers, Deceivers, etc. work well. The 2/0 chartreuse and white Clouser is a standard. Take a look at at Dan Blanton's Board for what is currently happening.

We will provide more information as we get closer to the outing and we can get more specific as the stripers keep move in, which usually starts around mid to late October. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of early stripers being caught out in the Western Delta!



10 pound Delta striper from 2012. These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



Dan Blanton's favorite Flashtail Clouser (bottom) and Whistler flies.

Mexico 2016

This is the official announcement of the club salt water trips to Mexico. There are two trips planned for 2016.

Xcalak

Grab your suntan lotion and big boy rods for a week of flats or inshore saltwater fly fishing in old Mexico.

The first trip is April 30 thru March 7 in the small-town of Xcalak on the Yucatan Peninsula. Using 8wt rods, we will hook up with lots of bone fish and have shots at permit, tarpon, barracuda and snook. I am always surprised at how strong a 18" bone fish is , taking you well into your backing , two or three times before you get him to the boat. Fish from a boat or stalk them walking barefoot on sugar white sand.

There are two more spots left for this all inclusive trip, plus air and transport. Time is of the essence as I need to secure the lodge room and guides. \$2350.00

La Ventana, Punta Arena

The second trip is inshore fishing at La Ventana, Punta Arena near La Paz, Baja Calif. Sept.17 - 24th. Fishing out of pangas there are a wide variety of spices to choose from. Dorado, roosters, skipjack, jacks, tuna, pargo, snapper, pompano, trigger, sailfish, etc......

This all inclusive trip is hosted by Gary Bulla who has years of experience.

Check out his website for all the trip information at www.garybulla.com

There are two spots left for this adventure so call your buddy and get on board. Don't say "maybe next year".

I have fished Baja for the past 15 years so give me a call or email for more info.

\$2480.00

Jim Broadbent (925)899-0817

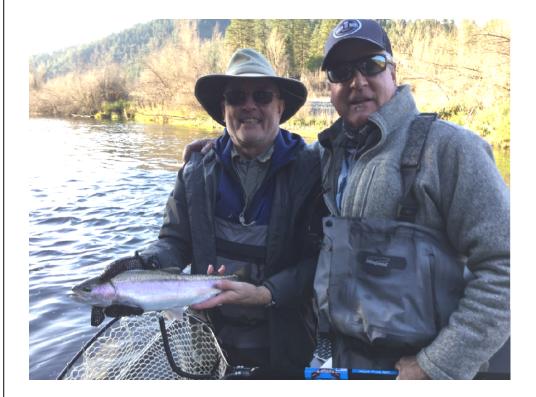
Bart Hughes with a 2015 Punta Arena Dorado



Member Outing Reports

Steelhead!!!

The Club had two outings in November, one to the Scott Creek Lodge on the Klamath River and two weeks later, to the Trinity River



Ron Dueltgen with a Klamath River Steelhead





Group Dinner at the Indian Creek Lodge Restaurant, Douglas City

Member Outing Reports Continued



< << Ben Vargas

Matt Vargas >>>
with a nice Trinity
Brown Trout





Tom
Vargas
&
Dan
Vargas







Bent Rods and Fall Colors

Member Outing Reports Continued



James Williams



Al Mansky

Member Outing Reports Continued

Goodwin Lake Outing: Bob McCollum:

Five TVFF members fished Goodwin Lake in early November. Goodwin is a small reservoir on the Stanislaus River between the outflow of Tulloch Lake and the Lower Stanislaus near Jamestown. There is no public access to the lake. Our group stayed at the Goodwin Lake Vacation Rental, which provides excellent access. The accommodations were very comfortable and Don Gardner cooked delicious dinners for our group. The property includes a dock with an aluminum boat, kayaks, and pontoon boats for guests to use, as well as an easy spot to launch float tubes. Goodwin lake essentially forms a long, narrow after-bay of Tulloch reservoir. It is about 1.25 miles long and 100-300 feet wide with steep banks in most areas. Weed beds ring the lake providing ample bugs and bait fish that fuel a population of large and feisty rainbow trout. It is best fished from float tubes using fast sinking lines tipped with leech and wooley bugger patterns. There is excellent fishing near the property at the East end below Tulloch Dam. We also used the aluminum boat to ferry fishermen and float tubes to the West end of the lake above Goodwin Dam. Our trip followed a cold autumn storm, so the fishing was a bit slow at first. The lack in numbers was more than made up for by the quality of the fish we caught. Impressive, strong fish with broad shoulders. The fishing improved over the three days of our stay, and on the morning of the last day I hooked a real hog. I fought it for several minutes, but was unable to land it. That fish left me eager to return to Goodwin Lake. I will plan another outing in the spring to explore these waters further.

Our stay was facilitated by a discount certificate generously donated to our annual auction by the owners of Goodwin Lake Rental. We appreciate their support of the auction and our club.



A fat 20-inch Goodwin Lake rainbow trout.



Goodwin Lake is nestled in a steep canyon surrounded by volcanic cliffs.

Conservation-Doug Witmore

For Immediate Release: 11/25/2015

Contact: Tim Stroshane, Policy Analyst, Restore the Delta (510) 847.7556 tim@restorethedelta.org Robert Wright, Senior Counsel, Friends of the River, (916) 617-2724

Groups Ask State Water Board to Complete Delta Water Quality Plan Before Granting Delta Tunnel Permits

Sacramento - On November 24, 2015, Restore the Delta, Friends of the River, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and the Environmental Water Caucus sent a <u>letter</u> to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the "Petition for Change in Points of Diversion and Re-Diversion along the lower Sacramento River."

The letter concludes:

"There is no adequate informational basis at this time on which to commence an evidentiary hearing. No adequate Draft EIR/EIS has been prepared and circulated for public review and comment. The State Water Board distances itself from its own Delta flow criteria developed in 2010 but seeks to commence evidentiary hearing on the Petition before completing its Bay-Delta Plan update. The Water Fix has no force of either federal or State law behind it. There is no legitimate planning reason to proceed in a rush to approve the Petition and then update the Bay-Delta Plan to fit the fix. Finally, there is no lawful basis to proceed with a project that will worsen already existing water quality violations in the Delta or consider a water quality certification in the absence of an adequate Draft EIR/EIS and in the absence of public trust analysis."

Restore the Delta's policy analyst, Tim Stroshane gives the context of this letter:

"The State wants to process water rights permits for the Tunnels intakes without an adequate EIR because Governor Jerry Brown wants this as a legacy project by the time he leaves office in 2019, and water exporters see this as a crucial opportunity with a supportive governor to ram this thing through state regulatory agencies like the Water Board. But the document lacks important information about the tunnels' impacts, and lacks reasonable and meaningful alternatives that also would solve Delta problems and increase the state's water supply reliability.

"Meanwhile, the Board has delayed and ignored its responsibility to update its Bay-Delta water quality control plan for nearly 20 years while the Delta ecosystem has deteriorated from heavy exports and poor water quality, which the Board's 20-year-old plan has failed to protect.

"On one hand, you have the Governor's tunnels project being rushed through, while on the other, the water quality plan has been long delayed. We face a situation in which already-failed policies would govern the tunnels, rather than new policies and water quality objectives that would use best available science to help protect and enhance the Delta while balancing with greater water supply reliability (i.e., the "coequal goals") as mandated by the Delta Reform Act.

"Policy should govern plumbing, not the other way around. The new Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan should incorporate policies of the 2009 Delta Reform Act, not be governed by the tunnels project."

Bob Wright, senior counsel at Friends of the River points to deep flaws in the Delta Tunnels environmental review:

"The EPA gave the Delta Tunnels RDEIR/SDEIS a failing grade. The ball is in the State Water Board's court. They can either do a legitimate environmental review or tell Reclamation & DWR they must do so. The inadequate environmental review for the Delta Tunnels is a defect that can only be cured by doing an adequate review."

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The Club Get Together

Rod and Gun Club, Monday, December 7th, at 7PM. Rod and Gun Club in the small room next to the BBQ area.

This month we are going to tie a "**Twenty Incher**". This is a popular fly developed in Colorado imitating the juicy stonefly. A relatively simple tie, using a simple combination of common materials. Popular guide fly on the Trinity.

Materials:

Bead sized to hook
Hook- curved nymph-200R size 6 to 10
Thread- Black 8/0
Lead wire sized to hook
Tail- Brown goose biot
Rib - Tan floss or silver tinsel small
Abdomen- Peacock herl
Wing case- Pheasant or turkey
Legs- Partridge
Thorax- Hares ear dubbing - Hares mask



Beginning Fly Tying

Once again the club is offering the beginning fly tying class.

This is four 2 hour classes where you will learn the basic skills to tie your own flies.

We will discuss tools, materials and techniques to get you started in what can become a life long hobby and another tool in your fishing arsenal.

All tools, materials and handouts will be provided.

Classes will be Tuesdays, Feb. 16, 23 and March1, 8. This is limited to 10 students, 14 years and older. The cost is \$20.00 for TVFF members to cover costs.

Call or email Jim Broadbent to sign up.





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Tom Fessenden: (925) 837 6483

Fishing Vests for Sale:

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

Great Prices on Fly lines for Sale:

1. Orvis Wonderline Advantage Striper WF-10-F new in box \$35.00

2. 444 SL DT-7-F, like new condition \$25.00

3. SA Mastery XPS DT4 Grey color, one end used - \$10.00

4. Rio Grand WF-7-F new in box \$45.00

5. 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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FROM the VIDEO/DVD LIBRARY

We have a meeting coming up this Thursday, DECEMBER 3, 2015, and now would be a good time to be thinking about a fly fishing subject you would like to refresh, discover, or find out more about, or view for entertainment. The library has 150 selections on all aspects of fly fishing from: getting started; choosing your gear; advanced techniques on all subjects; fisheries-streams and lakes; entomology; choosing your fly pattern; tying flies. Beginner to advanced casting skills; tying knots pick a title the library is FREE, and no late return changes. But, please bring them back within a re-reasonable time. Another take-away with viewing these videos/DVD's is "terminology" connected the fly fishing sport. So, stop by the video/DVD library with your idea, or selection at the meeting this Thursday.

Richard Tarbell, TVFF

Email: richard.tarbell@acgov.org

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



