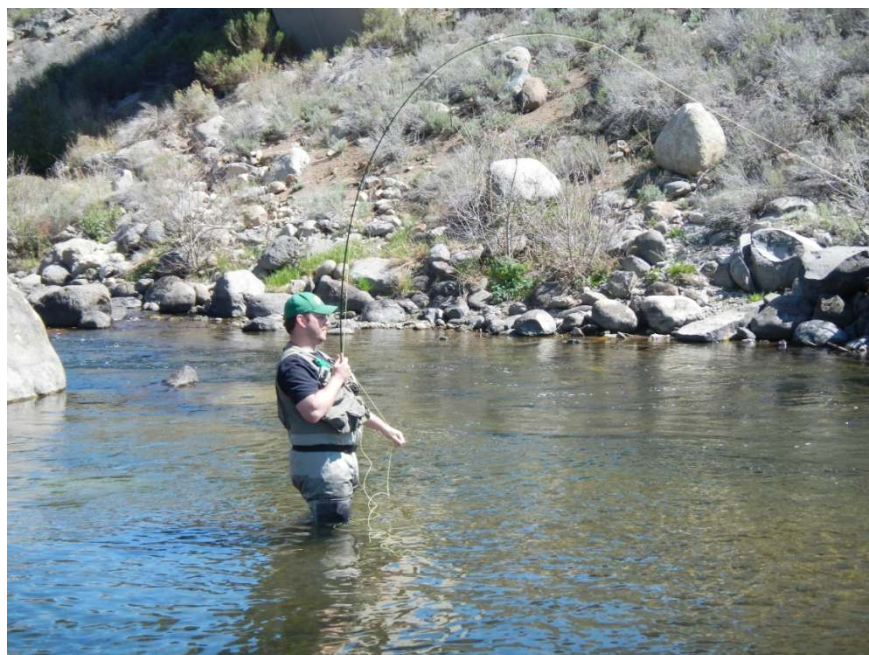


The Barbless Hook



June 2015

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

Though summer seems to be eluding us, I'm sure it will arrive soon. The club, as usual, will not have any meeting after Thursday, June 4th until Thursday, September 3rd. This does not mean we are quitting for the summer, just not having meetings. We have a bunch of fishing trips planned (2 destination trips out of state) and I expect a few more fish-outs will crop up during the planned hot months. Instead of Pizza Night, we are doing an August Bar-B-Q at my place. We are also planning on displaying at the Pleasanton first Wednesday in August. I'll be sending out a mini news letter a couple of times during the summer to let you know what's happening – I'll also post it on the Members Only Section of the Website.

There will be a Board meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd. As always, all members are invited to attend and put their two cents into the discussion. The main topic of conversation will involve dues, and spending next year.

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Photo:

Dan Vargas fights a nice Truckee River Rainbow Trout.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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

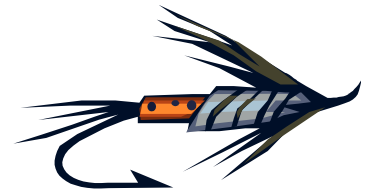
Presidents message, continued from page 1

Since no one has come forward to supervise next year's auction, which is our main fund raising endeavor, we are looking at INCREASING dues and REDUCING club spending for 2016. If you are interested in what the club will be capable of doing next year give me a call and plan on joining us. We will meet at 1799 Portola Ave, Livermore, at 6:30 with the meeting starting at 7PM.

Summer fishing will be a little different this year with the low water. I'm planning on more Bass and less Trout and maybe a foray or 2 to the coast for Salt Water species. I'm encouraging all of you to share your fishing experiences with us via the "Email Members" capability of the web site or the Face Book page so we know what to avoid and what to consider.

I'll leave you with this final thought: If your significant other wants to do something romantic on your anniversary and you take them night fishing, you just might be a fishing bum and if they think you finally hit a home run with that idea, they might be a fishing bum too.

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

June 4th:
Lance Grey & Company
"Northern California
Still Water"

July
No Meeting

August 5th
First Wednesday
Downtown Pleasanton

August 6
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2015 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable now and are \$40.00. See Jo Dee Widmayer

The club's mailing address is:

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OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson



DATES

LOCATION

FISHMEISTER

JUNE 23-27	PROSSER RES / LAKE DAVIS	HAL WILSON
JULY 11-18 All 8 places taken at this time. Will take standbys.	LA PAZ, BAJA SUR	JIM BROADBENT
JULY 17-19	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
AUGUST 9-16 All places taken in this time period. Will take standbys.	MONTANA RIVERS	MARTY LOOMIS
AUGUST 16-23 All places taken in this time period. Will take standbys.	MONTANA RIVERS	MARTY LOOMIS
SEPTEMBER 25-27	NO. FORK STAN / LAKE ALPINE	TOM VARGAS RUSS GEORGE DERRELL BRIDGMAN
SEPTEMBER TBD	CAPLES LAKE	TOM FESSENDEN
NOVEMBER 19-20	TRINITY STEELHEAD	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 5	DISCOVERY BAY/DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

November Trinity Outing– Gary Prince

Nov. 19 & 20 Trinity River (Steelhead) Trip. Most are staying at Red Hill cabins, Weaverville. Each needs to make their own room reservations. Trip is full. \$200 deposit due for those signed up, at June club meeting. It can be given to Gary Prince (Fishmeister) at the meeting, or if not attending the June meeting, it needs to be mailed to Tom Fessenden at:

Tom Fessenden
550 Catanio Ct.
San Ramon, CA
94583

Program

Marty Loomis

June Featured Speaker – Lance Gray

"Northern California
Still Water"



Lance & Kirsten Gray

Lance and Kirsten have more than 50 years combined experience in fly fishing. Lance started fly fishing with his father and brother Lincoln at age 7. In his teens, he began tying flies commercially for shops all around Northern California. At 17, he went to work at Powell's in Chico, working in the fly shop and building rods. He guided for Powell's, conducted fly-tying and fly-fishing schools, and traveled.

In 1993, Lance and Kirsten started Saltwater Innovations, a company that manufactured and distributed products for saltwater fly fishing. Lance's Crystal Popper, Gray's Billfish Fly, the KO Charlie line and the Raghead Crabs are all Saltwater Innovations products. Kirsten worked behind the scenes, handling the day-to-day operation running the manufacturing floor of the company.

In 2003 they launched Lance Gray & Company, a full-service outfitter offering guided trips, fly-fishing schools, workshops and a travel agency. Lance conducts presentations at fly clubs and outdoor shows and supports local groups like Cub Scouts and 4H. He's a signature tier for Solitude Fly Company, pro staff member for Sage and Rio and is a featured writer, with articles published in Angling Trade Magazine, California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishermen, Sierra Fisherman and Northwest Fly Fishing.

Kirsten is a fantastic photographer who's had images published in periodicals and on websites throughout the outdoor industry.

PROSSER AND DAVIS LAKES

Hal Wilson

Just a last reminder that some of us are going to Prosser Creek Reservoir on June 23-25 and then up to Lake Davis for the remainder of that week.

It is still possible to join us at either or both of the destinations, if you can find a campsite.

Details have been published in the last several monthly Barbless Hook newsletters,

Call me if you are interested in this stillwater trip.

Hal
(925) 846-8766

Bug Collecting Reminder Kent McCammon

Please turn in your collected specimens at the June meeting and please pick up 3 empty insect vials and a form to take with you on your next fishing trip. Participate in creating a TVFF Club insect collection for our Education Programs.

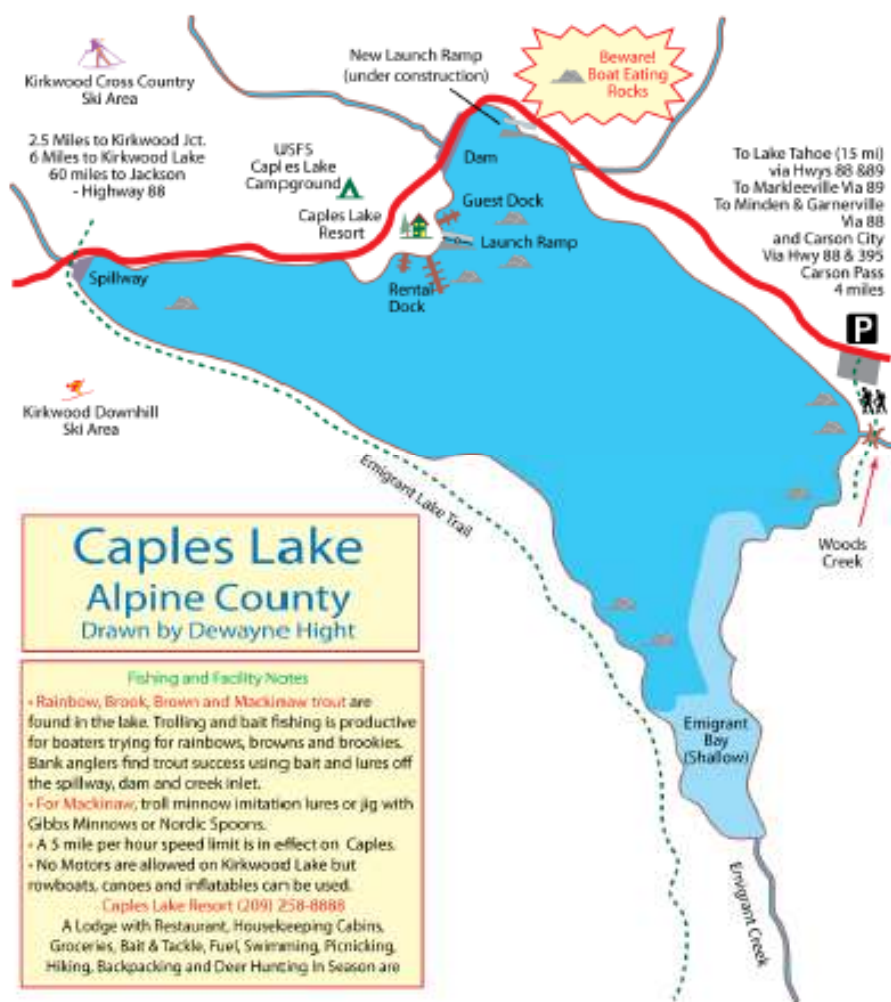
The Form includes instructions on the collection process and has 3 sections for you to fill in, cataloging information about the location where the specimen was collected.



Let's Try Caples—September 11-13th

Tom Fessenden

Caples Lake is located 59 miles east of Jackson along Highway 88 a couple miles short of Carson Pass at an elevation of 7,800 feet. The 600 acre lake has 6 miles of shoreline. Small craft are allowed on the lake with a 5 MPH speed limit. The lake is projected to be 80% full by June and should have plenty of water in September. At nearly 8000 ft the nights will be cool and the temperature could drop into the 30s. There is a no-reservation campground on the north side and Caples Resort with rooms and cabins for those wanting a bit more comfort. Kirkwood Station is only 1/2 mile east of the spillway and an interesting place for a beer and hamburger. Food is also available at the resort and at a couple places in the Kirkwood ski area.



The lake is heavily stocked with fingerlings and catchable rainbows several times each summer. It holds rainbows and lake trout (Mackinaws) up to 10 lbs or more. Most fishermen use spinning gear or troll for the big trout. However, fly fishing along the east side from the dam to Emigrant Bay can be very productive. Woolly Buggers and Calibaetis imitations should work well. As the summer progresses the fish tend to look more for things like Rubber Legs and the bigger terrestrials.

I must admit I have never fished Caples although I have been fishing the area every summer for over 15 years, I have fished Kirkwood and Red Lake in wet seasons but I mostly fish Woods Lake which is just above Caples. I will be back to Woods Lake

again in late July or August and will have a chance to check the water level in Caples before our September club meeting.

For Questions: TomJF@comcast.net or phone 925-837 6483

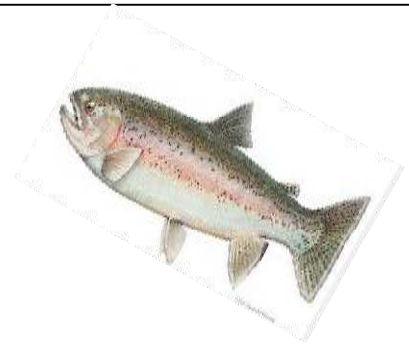
Campground map: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev7_018856.pdf

Caples Lake Resort: http://capleslakeresort.com/summer/?page_id=1801

Fishing Reports: <http://www.fishhound.com/fishing-reports/caples-lake-ca>

Fuller Lake – July 17-19

Hal Wilson



Fuller Lake is located at 5300' elevation on Bowman Lake Road, a few miles off of Highway 20 in the Emigrant Gap area off of hiway 80. This PG&E facility has provided many hours of enjoyment to TVFF members over the years so we are going back this year. As I write this (May 28) the lake is **FULL!** Fuller is a Put & Take water with fishing pressure from trollers and bait fishers, so although I have caught Brown trout up to 14", average trout will be 12" or less, mostly Rainbows. Still lots of fun on a light weight rod !

I choose a 4 wt rod with Floating or Intermediate line with "usual suspects" for Sierra lake fishing, i.e., Hare's Ear and Pheasant Tail nymphs, Wooly Buggers, Zug Bugs, etc. On a recent trip, Kelley Ng and I were within a fish or two of each other - he was using olive colored Jay Fair Wiggle Tail nymph and my choice was rust colored.

Back cast area from shore is almost non-existent, and although the lake full now, by July relatively low water level **may** not allow launching boats from the launch ramp, so float tube or pontoon are your best options this year.

There is no camping at Fuller, so we will camp at White Cloud NFS campground, on Hiway 20, about 25 minutes drive from the lake. There are 45 campsites at White cloud, and the usage is described as "light" so we should be able to find campsites there. I will reserve one for my partner and me and let others know where to look for sites to camp nearby.

I'll have a signup sheet at the June meeting, so sign up then or call me if you are interested in this trip.

Hal (925) 846-8766



Member Outing Reports

Ken Tetzl

My wife and I had some decent trout fishing last Saturday, May 23rd on the Calaveras River. We caught about 20 fish combined, with a few to 13". Not bad for 4 hours in the evening!

I fished the lower Yuba River for shad last Sunday. Zip, nada, zero! Managed to foul hook 2 large suckers and landed a Buck Knife, still inside the sheath. Weird. Low water but me and Alex will try again this weekend.

I'm fishing tomorrow evening at Shadow Cliffs for bass. Will let you know how I do and maybe some pic's in the future.

Tom Vargas

Dan and I fished the Little Truckee River and the Truckee in the Glenshire Bridge area on Saturday, May 9th. We went on a guided walk-in trip with guide Peter Santley out of Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters on a trip we purchased at the Tracy club's crab feed.

Water conditions were like summertime and we were able to have a successful day of fishing with mostly small size 18 nymphs and some dry activity in the afternoon.



Member Outing Reports *Continued*



The “Stan” and Beaver Creek Tom Vargas

I had the opportunity to fish the Highway 4 corridor the weekend of May 2nd on the Stanislaus and Upper Beaver Creek. The Stan fished well and I released six in the 12-14 inch range.

I caught several native rainbow trout as pictured on Beaver Creek and encountered a very large black bear in the road upon getting back in my car. He went about 25 yards up the hill and turned to stare back at me. That made the trip!



The Tier's Bench:

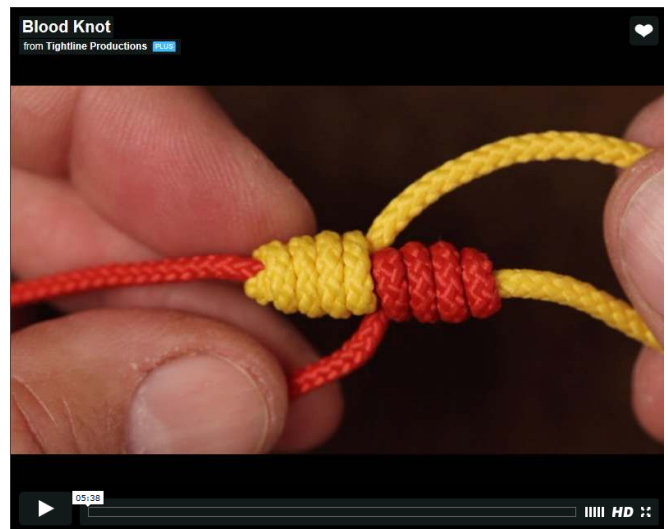
Jim Broadbent-

The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, June 8th. We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at Christensen Middle School located at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore from 7:00 to 9:00PM. Chris Calabrese will be showing us how to tie a Crawdad pattern.

Bob McCollum found this great video on how to tie a Blood Knot, which every fly fisherman should know:

<http://www.orvis.com/flyfishingvideos/how-to/how-to-tie-the-blood-knot/>

In this video, Tim Flagler of Tightline Productions walks us through the process of tying the blood knot. As usual, his instructions are clear, and the quality of the video is unsurpassed. If you have to watch this a couple times of stop and start as you follow along, please do so. The blood knot is something that every angler should master.



Around the Web:

Mercer's Missing Link. Although originally intended to represent a crippled caddisfly, Mercer's Missing Link does a remarkable job of imitating a variety of insects.

Tying instructions can be found here:

http://midcurrent.com/videos/how-to-tie-mercers-missing-link/?utm_source=MidCurrent+Fly+Fishing+Email+Newsletter&utm_campaign=29ba314ec7-MidCurrent+May+27+2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8efbf3b958-29ba314ec7-18970505

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Conservation

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Fishermen combat drought's salmon impact: Thousands of juvenile fish released into nets at Pillar Point Harbor

May 22, 2015, 05:00 AM By Samantha Weigel Daily Journal Staff

An extraordinary effort to maintain a sustainable fishery is underway as a group of local fishermen released nearly 140,000 juvenile salmon into nets off Pillar Point Harbor Wednesday.

With water serving as a hot-button political topic during the drought, the Coastside Fishing Club is pooling resources for the fourth year to release thousands of infant fish over the next three weeks to combat dwindling natural resources.

A total of 360,000 Chinook salmon will be released into nets at the end of Johnson Pier where the fish will be inoculated to the salt water before being towed out to sea and released, said Chairman Marc Gorelnik, who initiated the recreational fishing club's efforts.

"I think everyone's preference would be to have healthy inland conditions, good habitat, good water flows, because the natural areas can produce far more fish than the hatcheries can. If these fish could merely thrive in their natural environment and survive the migration, we would have abundant fish and we wouldn't need to undertake these steps. But that's not the world we're living in. Right now, there's a tremendous amount of political influence on where the water goes and, as a consequence, the inland water conditions, obviously complicated by the drought, have seriously reduced the production in the natural areas. So exceptional efforts need to be taken," Gorelnik said.

After being raised in an Oroville hatchery, the approximately 4-inch salmon took a three-hour ride of their lives in a large tanker truck before being spit into a pen and carefully protected from predators.

The local club is just one of a small handful of organizations that has created a program to commute the individually coated-wire tagged fish all the way to the ocean.

Having invested nearly \$100,000 in the equipment and paying another \$30,000 for the pricey coated-wire tags alone, the process is a costly and laborious one, Gorelnik said.

"I think that the fishermen were feeling helpless about the decline in the fishery and wanted to take action to improve things. And this is something that we can do and, in the beginning, we didn't know if it was going to be successful or not. But so far, so great," Gorelnik said.

As the fish take about three years before they're a catchable size, last season was the first time data concerning the efficacy of the program was available. The tagged fish, which are easily identifiable, as they don't have an adipose fin on their back, were found as far north as Vancouver Island and even in Monterey Bay, Gorelnik said.

Although the recreational fishermen run the program, commercial boats caught nearly 70 percent of the locally released fish, Gorelnik said.



Nearly 140,000 juvenile salmon were trucked from an Oroville hatchery and released into nets at Pillar Point Harbor Wednesday.

Conservation (Continued)

Similar operations in Washington state have also proven to be quite successful to sustaining a vital industry, said John McManus, executive director of the Golden Gate Salmon Association.

"We're blessed to have salmon in the state of California. They support jobs and communities both on the coast and throughout the Sacramento Valley. They're a very important food source, especially for recreational fishermen. And they're an important jobs generator in both the commercial and the sports sector with tens of thousands of jobs in California that rely on salmon," McManus said.

But funding for such programs or gaining political clout to provide water to salmon habitat can be competitive, particularly with the drought having devastating effects on the agricultural industry. Although the California Department of Fish and Wildlife offers some support with revenue raised through commercial licenses known as the salmon stamp, as well as from recreational license fees, groups like the local club must fund a great deal on their own, Gorelnik said.

Unlike hatchery raised fish that are funded by water companies as part of the mitigation requirements for dams or infrastructure impacts habitat, the baby salmon released at Pillar Point Harbor fall under the category of enhancement, Gorelnik said.

Alternate state efforts truck the fish from the hatchery further down stream but not quite to the ocean. The Coastside Fishing Club, along with another group near Moss Landing, are some of the few in the state that transport the fish all the way to the ocean, McManus said.

Yet in times of drought, some fear these types of extraordinary efforts could become the new norm as the ecosystem suffers from water being diverted to thirsty Californians.

"We know that last year, in 2014, we lost the lion's share of natural spawning salmon in the Central Valley. We expect restrictions over the next few years because of an anticipated decline in salmon numbers. We hope to keep fishing and, if we do, it will be because of hatchery salmon that will hopefully provide us a bridge until it starts to rain and we get a full complement of both hatchery and naturally reproducing salmon back," McManus said.

For now, the thousands of hatchery raised fish that avoided a treacherous journey by hitching a ride in a lofty tanker truck will hopefully continue to support a prospering fishery, said Doug Laughlin, who's on the board of the Coastside Fishing Club.

"The [natural fish] fight their way through birds, predatory fish, through delta pumps, through every kind of hardship man can create, to finally get out to the ocean. So we feel like we're trying to save them part of the journey. And it's proving to work out, especially in these drought years. Water levels are down and the temperatures are up. This is the viable way of doing it. Unfortunately, it takes such great manpower. We need more organizations like this to keep it going," Laughlin said. "It's an uphill battle all the time, so it will take efforts like this by everybody who loves to fish and loves wildlife, to give them a helping hand."

The Coastside Fishing Club will release more fish between 10:30 a.m. and noon on May 27 and June 3.

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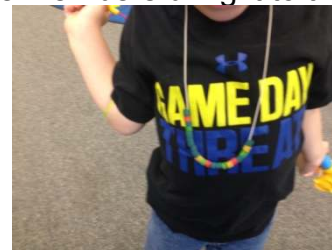
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Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

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

