

The Barbless Hook



**May
2015**

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

April has been a busy month for the club. Beside the auction, we are doing a beginners fly-fishing class. Dan Vargas our Web Master has developed a great way to send formatted emails to all members, Jim Broadbent did another of his monthly tying and BS sessions and we had fish-outs at Big Break in the Delta and Pyramid Lake in NV.

AUCTION: As you've probably heard, the auction was a big success due to Ron Dueltgen and his band of merry men and women who pitched in to make it happen. I should also mention all those that came and took advantage of the great bargains to be had.

We raised over \$6K. The auction accounts for the biggest part of our revenues which allow us to provide all the club activities, speakers, refreshments, support of conservation groups and other fly-fishing non-profits and etc.

Now that the 2015 Auction is over, it's time to start working on next year's Auction. We need people for the back office (check-out), publicity, email solicitation, fly-fishing show solicitation, receiving and cataloging donations, setting up, etc. Give me a call and let me know where you'd like to help out. It's your club too and we could use a hand for next year. *continued on page 2*

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Photo:

Pyramid Lake Outing Monster
-All Smiles!

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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

NEW EMAIL SYSTEM: Kudos to Dan Vargas. He's developed an easy way for any of us to send an email to all members. It is far superior to what we have had. It will allow the emails to be formatted with paragraphs, different color and size text, embedded pictures and attachments; essentially everything your current email program will do. There are 2 ways of sending an all-member email:

From the email account you have on the member roster, email as you normally do to allmembers@tri-valleyflyfishers.org - that's it

Got to the email tab on the Members Link of the Web Site and follow the instructions.

I must emphasize, the email must be sent from the email box listed for you on the TVFF roster. For those of us with more than one email account you can verify which account to use by going to the roster found on the Roster Tab on the Members Link.

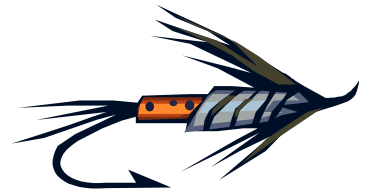
BEGINNERS CLASS: The class is under way and we have 5 students. I substituted for Darrell teaching the first class about equipment and had a fun time. The students had some good question and I was amazed I could answer most of them. To those attending – Welcome to the club and the sport and remember it's suppose to be fun.

FLY TYING AND GENERAL BS: Jim Broadbent hosts a fly-tying class and general BS session the first Monday of each month, 7PM at Christenson Middle School in Livermore. The get-together is pretty laid back and not everyone ties. It's a great way to see what tying is all about, learn some new techniques or just come, hangout and kibitz.

I'll leave you with this final thought:

The Drought – these days it seems to be on everybody's mind except for one friend of mine. Over a drink the other evening he said he's doing his part by not drinking tap water or for that matter any water bottled in CA, instead he imports all his drinking water from Oregon -- in the form of Oregon Beer. As a result the drought doesn't bother him – or anything else for that matter. J

-m



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

**May 14th:
Note Date Change**

Greg Vinci
"Fly Fishing the
395 Corridor"

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

July
No Meeting

August 6
"Pizza Night"
Location to be
determined

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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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PO Box 2358

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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
DECEMBER 5	DISCOVERY BAY/DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS



Program
Marty Loomis

May Speaker

Featured Speaker – Greg Vinci

"Fly Fishing the 395 Corridor"



Hwy 395 courses through some of the most diverse and spectacular scenery in the west. As you travel north from Mohave, the Sierra appear to the West and present a dramatic tableau for the next four hundred miles. It not only provides great scenery but absolutely great fishing as well.

In his presentation "Hwy 395 – California's Trout Highway", Greg Vinci takes us on a tour of Hwy 395's best trout waters, beginning at the Owens River Gorge (just north of Bishop) with stops along the way, including Hot Creek, the San Joaquin, the Upper Owens, Rush Creek, the East Walker and the West Walker, ending at the Carson River drainage just south of Lake Tahoe.

Greg's presentation includes gorgeous photos of streams, rivers, spring creeks and stillwaters, along with fish, fishing strategies, tactics and rigging, flies to use and, of course, lovely locations, many of which have appeared in and on the covers of national magazines.

LP Rod and Gun Club call to action

The Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club is having a five day event and needs people interested in helping score or load. You can see additional details in the message below from Bradie at the LPRG Club. If you are able to help please respond back to her at: Bradie@LPRG.ORG

Let he know what day or days you would be able to help.

This is a great opportunity for us to help the LPRG Club for all their generosity in allowing us to use their club.

Regards,

Daniel Kitts

510-816-2846

Prosser/Davis Lake Outing

Hal Wilson

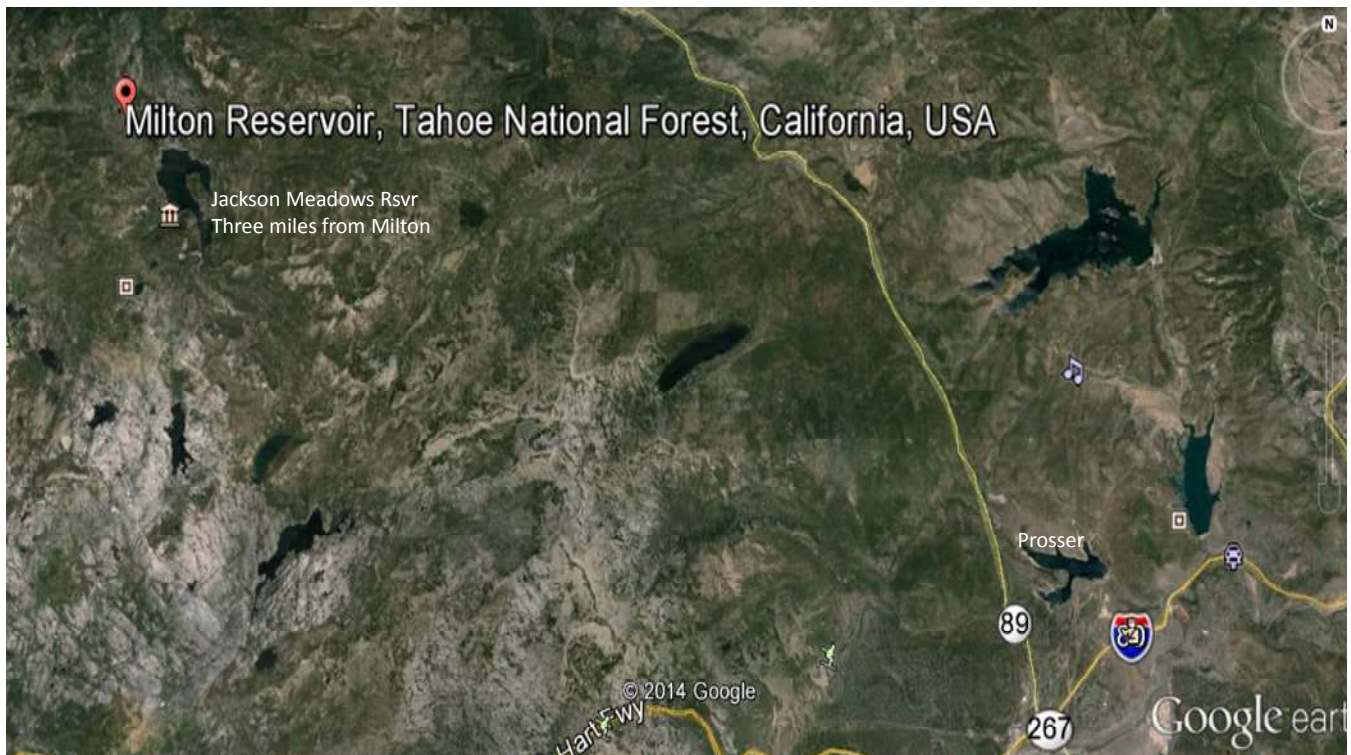
I didn't get nearly as much fishing as I wanted last year, so in an effort to be sure that doesn't happen again, I have done some far-in-advance research. In addition, although Lake Davis during damselfly emergence is a "must do", I have often wanted to expand my fishing horizons, so that hope has also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



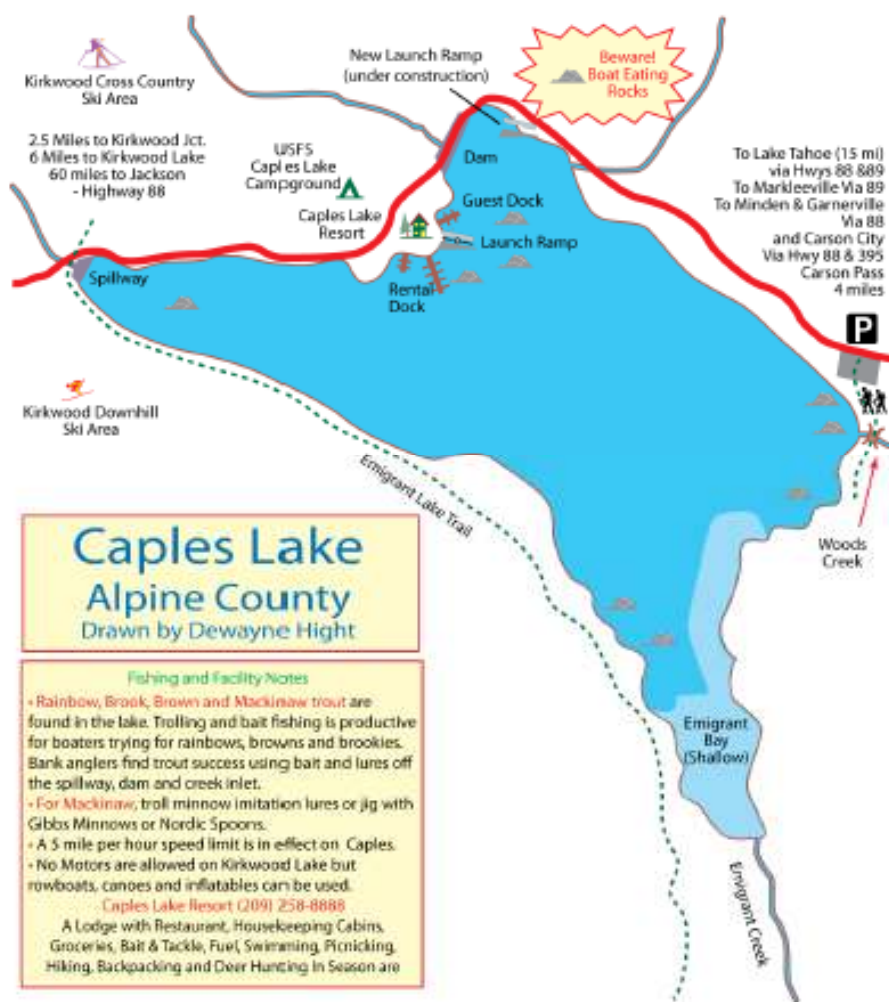
Call me if interested or have questions

Hal

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



With all of the excitement and action at last month's Silent Auction, there was no mention of the newly scheduled trip to Fuller Lake that will take place July 17-19.

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. I called Kiene's Fly Shop this morning and the report is Fuller is quite fishable, in spite of the drought. I'll track that further as the date draws near.

Fuller is a Put&Take impoundment with fishing pressure from shore-casting bait fishers and trollers, 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. I remember that 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 is almost non-existent, and relatively low water level may not allow use of the launch ramp, so float tube or pontoon are your best options this year.

There is no camping at Fuller lake, 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'll have a signup sheet at the May meeting, so sign up then or call me if you are interested in this trip.

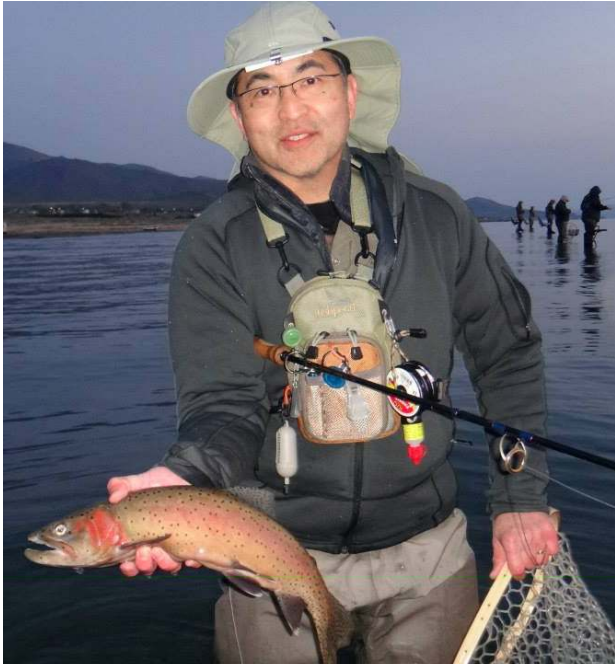
Hal (925) 846-8766



Member Outing Reports

Bob McCollum

Great outing at Pyramid this weekend. Tough conditions, but still many fish caught including a monster 18 pounder caught by Bart!



More from Pyramid Lake



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, May 3rd at Christensen Middle School located at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

The purpose of these meetings is to share Ideas and knowledge with fellow fly fishers. We mainly tie flies, but also have done knots and leaders, stream tactics, equipment reviews and suggestions, light weight backpacking, funny hats or whatever. At the May meeting we will suggest and vote on a topic for June.

Since we were unable to meet in April we will be tying a killer fly.....The Humpy, in May. Material: Dry fly hook #10-14, Deer hair, natural Floss or thread in red or yellow, Grizzly Hackle, a Hair stacker.
This fly is a bit more challenging to tie but very rewarding.

Regards,

Jim



Around the Web:

Humpy tying instructions can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwuSmYLL6Vo>

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2015 AUCTION

Ron Dueltgen

2015 TVFF AUCTION FUN, SUCCESSFUL

A good time was had by all at the annual TVFF fund-raising auction, held Thursday, April 9 at the club's LPRGC meeting room. More than 50 members and guests bid on more than 300 items, ranging from Buddy Trips to Woolly Buggers and, at final count, contributed more than \$6300 in support of the club's many programs.

A number of members deserve a big "THANKS" for their work in preparing for and carrying out the auction. George DiCossio and Gary Prince provided great snacks; Marty Loomis ran the bucket auction ticket sales and John Price ran the two raffle boards. Martin Plotkin, Daniel Kitts, Roger Perry and Marty Loomis prepared the tables and set up the auction displays. Tom Fessenden and his chief accountant Cheryl Vargas and their crew did an outstanding job of keeping track of winning bids and settling up at the end. Many thanks to all of these willing volunteers for making the auction a success.

And, speaking of thanks, all members who contributed items, trips, flies, lessons, and buddy trips deserve our appreciation for adding to the richness of the offerings. In addition, many commercial vendors, manufacturers, fly tiers and guides made very generous donations to the club and need to be thanked in person and with our continued business on the waters and in the shops the next time you see them.

All winners of Right-to-Buy bids should have made their selections known to the auction chair or other members coordinating those purchases by now. Those fabulous items will start arriving in the next month. And the buddy trips and guided fishing will continue through the year, providing the most rewarding purchases of the auction.

The Club is in serious need of a chairperson for next year's auction. Over the past few years we have worked out the protocols, timelines, spreadsheets and templates that will make the next chairperson's job as easy as possible. If you have an interest, or maybe want to work with two or three others as a team on the auction, please contact Ron Dueltgen at auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.com or 925-449-0528 to learn more. Yes, you do get your own email account to make the job easier.

Auction Photos





BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge

Instructor Volunteers Needed

In 2014 we put together a Fly Fishing Merit Badge program for the Boy Scout Council of San Francisco Wente summer camp located in Willets, CA. The BSA does not have counselors that are able to do the instructing so we were asked to find volunteers to instruct the merit badge. During the 8 week 2014 summer camp we had 23 volunteers instruct over 100 scouts.

I have been told by the BSA all the feed back they received about our program was positive and all the scouts and the volunteers I have talked to had a great time. I have also been told that this is the first time in the US that a group of outside volunteers have come together in this scale to teach a merit badge through a BSA summer camp program.

The program was such a success that the BSA has asked us to do it again in 2015!

We need volunteers to be able to staff the 32 open slots for the summer. This is open to all fly fisher men and women who want to help so feel free to pass this information on to anyone you feel might be interested. Even if you do not feel comfortable teaching casting or tying we can pair you with people that do, do not let that deter you from volunteering.

This is a great opportunity for the Fly Fishing community to introduce new youth to the sport along with helping promote interest and respect for the greater outdoors. **If you are interested in volunteering your time let me know!** If you're interested but don't know your schedule I can add you to the distribution list for future information messages.

Please let any other people you think might be interested know about this. If anyone has any questions or wants more details please contact me.

Tightlines,
Daniel Kitts
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Conservation

Yet Another Successful TVFF-Trout in the Classroom Year Derrell Bridgman

Another Future Steward Stocking Trout in a Local Reservoir



The Tri-Valley Flyfishers “TIC Coaches Team” has completed another session of our “Trout-In-Classroom” program. Despite a few problem areas that needed to be resolved the final analysis was that the program went well.

Our program included a substantial increase in the number of participating classrooms. These included 11 new classes in the Oakley School District. These consist of all the middle school science classes in the entire district. All of the teachers involved there are very enthusiastic about the merits of the program and are dedicated to making it a large success.



The field trip for the fish release at Contra Loma Reservoir for the Oakley School District included approximately 200 students. Also in attendance were many parents and family members. The release was well organized with several special activities related to the program. It was rewarding to be a part of such a well organized event.

Yet Another Successful TVFF-TIC Year (Continued)

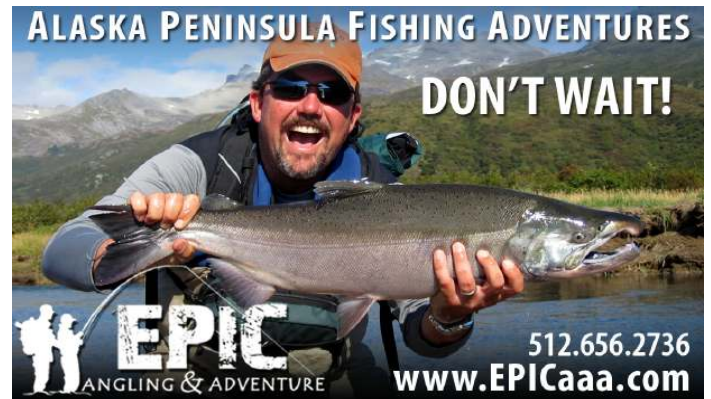
A summary of this years program is pretty impressive. We had a total of 40 teachers, certified by CDFW to participate in the program. 37 classrooms participated this year. The total of all the students involved in the program was 5,325. They released 741 young fry into Shadow Cliffs and Contra Loma Reservoirs. The addition of these students to our all time total adds up to a very impressive 41,472 students.

My participation in the management of the program this year was somewhat limited by some unanticipated health issues., but the members of our team stepped up and did a great job of keeping things running smoothly. Our coaches team were dedicated to making the program successful, and they succeeded. A special thanks goes to Janet Sears, one of our previous teachers who retired from teaching but volunteered to help manage the program. To show our appreciation, TVFF Board of Directors agreed to make Janet an honorary member of our club. Thank you Janet!

Another special thanks goes to club member Roger Perry. Roger took over the task of managing all eleven classes in the Oakley School District. This large task was further complicated by the fact that all but one of the teachers in that district were new to the program and required extra “hand-holding” for their “freshman” year . Thanks Roger! In addition, all of the team members were highly motivated and responsible for making the rest of the program a success. They deserve the appreciation of our club members.

Additionally I would like to express my appreciation to you, our club members, for your support for this program. I am convinced that it is a terrific program for the kids that get the opportunity to participate. The bond they make with these little trout will be a part of their life for years to come, and this is important for the future of our sport. Together we are making a significant difference.

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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

