

The Barbless Hook



December 2016

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

First off, our next meeting is being moved back a week to Thursday, December 8th, same time and place.

It's election time again. Our procedure, as outlined in the by-laws, is the Board of Directors will nominate a slate of officers. This slate will be emailed to the membership at least a week before the December meeting. At the meeting anyone two members may also nominate any member in good standing who agrees in advance to serve (so if you miss the meeting –no surprises).

If there is more than one candidate for an office we will have a secret ballot election else the election will be a voice vote to accept the slate.

After the election the President-Elect will present a list of the new Directors which make up the his board next year for approval by the members..

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Photo:

Ken Gotelli with a Delta Striper caught on November 25th.

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

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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Presidents message, continued from page 1

The slate of officers which the Board of Directors is nominating is:

President:	Roger Perry past 2015/16 Vice President
Vice President:	Al Mansky member in good standing
Secretary:	John Price incumbent Secretary
Treasurer:	Tom Fessenden incumbent Treasurer

I'm still being called by members to have me help them sign into the web site member's area. I'm still available to anyone having problems getting in. Call or email me at president@tri-vallerflyfishers.org and let me know the best time that you will be at your computer and what number to call you at.

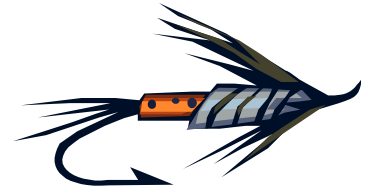
If anyone knows where our club banner (rolled up in a cardboard tube) is, please give me a call.

I'll leave you with this final thought.

Recently I went to market and noticed one of our members talking to an ungroomed and shabbily dressed guy who was panhandling out front. I heard the member ask the vagrant if he drank, smoked cigars or fly fished to which the bum answered no, no and no.

Than the member asked if he'd like to come with him for a home cooked meal to which the guy readily agreed. When I bumped into the member in the store I told him I overheard the conversation and asked if he thought his wife might be upset, to which he replied "probably, but I wanted her to meet a guy who neither drank, smoked or fly-fished"..... ☺

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**2016 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

December 8th:

Jeff Bright
*Spey Fishing on
Larger Rivers*

January 5th:

Fly Tiers
*Annual fly tying
demonstrations and
Pizza Night*

February 2nd:

**Installation and
Potluck Dinner**
*Annual meeting to
install the new
officers*

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Conservation	Doug Witmore
Education	Steve Johnson
Outings	Steve Ruley
Fly Tying	Jim Broadbent
Member at Large	Greg Murawski
Membership	Frank Gordet
Raffle	Gary Phillips
Refreshments	Gary Prince
Speakers	Don Gardner
Trout in Cl. Rm.	Darrell Bridgman
Video Library	Kent McCammon
Publicity	Rob Vellinger
News Letter	Tom Vargas
Web Content	Hal Wilson
Web Master	Dan Vargas

2016 Dues Notice

It is time to pay Membership Dues! The cost is \$45. See page 13 for more information.

Frank

The club's mailing address is:

TVFF
PO Box 2358
Livermore, CA 94551

OUTINGS AND EVENTS-DECEMBER 2016

Steve Ruley

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
DECEMBER 1-2	TRINITY RIVER/GUIDED (Filled)	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 10	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

2017

JANUARY TBD	MOKELUMNE RIVER	MARTIN PLOTKIN
FEBRUARY TBD	LOWER STANISLAUS RIVER	MARTIN PLOTKIN
MARCH 24-25	PYRAMID LAKE	BOB MCCOLLUM
MAY 17-18	BAILEY CREEK LODGE	RON DUELTGEN
MAY TBD	O'NEIL FOREBAY/CLINIC	DON GARDNER
JUNE TBD	YUBA RIVER/SHAD	DON GARDNER
JULY 7-14	STEWART'S LODGE, CANADA	MARTIN PLOTKIN

OTHER EVENTS

AUCTION

APRIL, 2017



There continues to be a need for members to choose a favorite fishing location at an optimal month and become the Fishmeister.

November 3rd Meeting Featured Speaker:



Jeff Bright
Spey Fishing on Larger Rivers

TVFF is fortunate have one of the world renown Steelhead fisherman, writer, artist, photographer and world traveler. Come and meet Jeff as he talks about his 30 years of experience chasing Steelhead and hosting trips available to all of us from British Columbia to Patagonia.

From Jeff's website:

<http://jeffbright.com/aboutjeff.html>

"In 2002, Jeff published [Found in a River: Steelhead & Other Revelations](#) (Frank Amato Publications). Using photo-montage and sparse prose, the book chronicled the beginnings of a flyfishing passion and eventually opened the door to destinations further afield. In 2003, Jeff made his first visit to northwest British Columbia's famous Skeena River and by the end of 2005 had become a booking agent for Nicholas Dean Lodge in Terrace, hub of the lower Skeena Valley. As of this writing, between March 2003 and March 2014, Jeff has logged over 60 weeks in the Skeena region, experiencing all seasons, as well as over a half-dozen summer weeks on BC's Dean River, considered by many to be the crown jewel of summer-run steelhead rivers. Most recently Jeff has expanded his travel business to include expeditions to Tierra del Fuego for giant sea trout and the Russian Kola Peninsula for Atlantic salmon."

Delta Striper Outing

December 10, 2016

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmaster I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, December 10th. 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!



12 pound Delta striper from 2015.
These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



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

Announcing destination fishing trip to British Colombia

fishmeister: Martin Plotkin

This is a really great experience for novice to advanced anglers. I've been on this trip at least 3 times before. It involves a really nice lodge with a well-run operation. The Stewart family has been doing it for over 50 years. It includes 7 nights accommodation at the lodge with 6 days being flown to remote lakes or rivers.



Date: Friday, July 7th 2017 to Friday, July 14th 2017

Location: Based at Stewart's lodge, <http://www.stewartsloodge.com/new.htm>, on the Chilcotin Plateau about 200 miles NNW of Vancouver, BC. I've been to the lodge 3 times and consider it a 1st class operation. Very nice, well run and maintained facility.

Activity: Trout fishing at remote rivers and lakes about 15 to 45 minute flying time from the lodge (weather permitting).

Cost: Canadian \$2,650 (about US\$2,050) as of this week.

Limited: 8 anglers max. – 4 min. The first 8 deposits received will go.

Deposit: US \$500 before October 7th, 2016.

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Destination fishing trip to British Colombia-*Continued*

Package Rates INCLUDE...

- Flyout fishing every full day of your stay
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- Three meals a day
- Daily maid service



Package Rates do NOT INCLUDE...

- Fishing license, gear and tackle
- Guides
- Liquor - licensed dining in the lodge
- Applicable Taxes (GST 5%)
- Gratuities (10 - 15%)
- Transportation from the Bay Area to Nimpo Lake

Fly from Vancouver Airport (YVR)...

Flights are from Vancouver Airport South to Anahim Lake/Nimpo Lake. Contact Pacific Coastal Airlines toll free 1-800-663-2872 or visit... www.pacificcoastal.com

Free shuttle between Anahim Lake Airport and Lodge on Nimpo Lake.

Drive from the Bay Area

I drove the last time I went. It took 3 days of driving 8 hours a day with numerous stops at the many Cabela's along the way. The drive is spectacular and I'd consider doing it again with someone else along.

For more information call Martin Plotkin.

Check out the Tri Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page for more reports and fish porn!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyFF/>

Pyramid Lake Spring Float Tubing Outing

Bob McCollum



2017 Pyramid Lake Outings, Spring and Fall:

Spring 2017 Pyramid Lake Outing:

Last month I put out an e-mail and a sign up sheet for the spring Pyramid Lake Outing. This is a guided outing with Rob Anderson and Co. The Spring fishing is from step ladders which Rob provides and sets up on the edge of the drop off. The ladder allows you to cast further and keeps you warmer by keeping most of your body out of the water. Sounds odd, but it's a lot a fun. The ladders are set about 25 feet apart so it becomes a very social outing with good-natures banter, bragging, ribbing. The fish, two species of Lohantan Cutthroat Trout typically run from 4-8 pounds. , But there is the very real potential to hook and land a double-digit monster. See pictures from past years.

Dates: Friday March 24 through Saturday March 25. (Potential option for third day on Thursday, March 23 if enough interest - min. 6 anglers.)

We will be joining guide Rob Anderson who will be hosting a seminar for the group for the outing. Rob will be providing ladders, flies and breakfast/lunch for both days and the cost is \$190/person for two days (March 24-25). The option for the 23rd will cost an additional \$90/angler, minimum 6 anglers. Advance payment required to hold your spot. Reservations are first come-first served based on receipt of payment. Please send me an e-mail letting me know if your intent to sign on and whether you want 2 or 3 days of fishing. Then snail-mail me a check for \$190 to reserve your spot.

Additional info can be found at Rob's: <http://pyramidlakeflyfishing.com/group-and-club-outings/>

Fall 2017 Pyramid Lake Float Tube Outing: I would like to assess the level of interest in setting up another Pyramid Lake float Tubing outing next October specifically for our club. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested.

Delta Striper Report

Bob McCollum

Ken Gotelli and I hit the Delta today, November 25th, hunting stripers. We had more than 30 stripers and a couple of LMBs to hand. A hazy, but nice day on the water.

(See Ken's Picture on the front page)



Here are the flies I used. Caught all my fish on the smaller fly. You can see kens fly in his pic - a classic FT Clouser about 4 inches

Trinity River Steelhead

TomVargas

The Vargas boys hit the Trinity River on November 30th and December 1st , overlapping the club's outing. The fishing was tougher than usual, but successful by steelhead standards nationwide. In all, we landed 4 adults, lost 3 adults and caught 6 half pounders. Many fished moved through the system with the October rains and we are awaiting the winter run. Thoughts are that the drought is effecting the returns in 2016.



Dan Vargas with wild fish



Matt Vargas with nice, bright fish



Ben Vargas with an adult



Ben and Tom Vargas with
guide Mike Parker



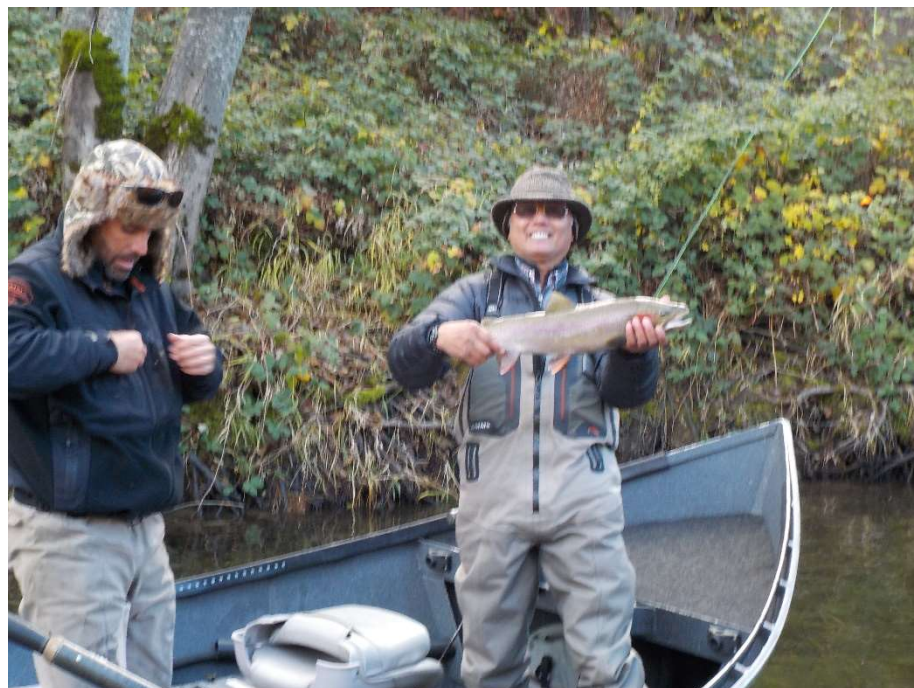
August Abellar with a beautiful Trinity steelhead on Thursday



Club members on point looking for Trinity steelhead

Thursday, as you know, was a bust for Patrick and I on the Sky to Lime float with no hookups. But Friday, oh yea!

I fished with Chuck (skunked unfortunately) and Augie was in and near us all day including lunch. So I caught one half pounder of about 16" and a nice female of 26", both wild fish. But Augie was the star: five 1/2 pounders and a nice 30" wild female. Rob Farris



A cold morning on the Trinity, but there was at least one big steelhead in the water.

Ron Dueltgen



Lower SACRAMENTO RIVER FISHING -- DECEMBER 2, 2016

Gary Prince

We had fun at Trinity, while catching was slow, with fewer fish in river this year. Patrick Donovan and I deviated to the Lower Sac. on Friday, and it was fantastic. My best day on that river ever. I think I got at least 10, that were 15 - 21". Another 6 or more that were smaller. We landed about 5 double hooks ups, where guide netted two at time. Sometimes 2 fish equaling 32 - 34", in the net at the same time. See some L Sac. pic's below



Striperfest, Delta Fall Striper Fishing

Tom Vargas

Bob McCollum, Daniel Kitts, Dan Vargas and myself attended the 20th annual Striperfest on November 5th. It was a great success, although the fishing was tougher than normal and it was hard to locate larger fish. We headed out to a foggy morning that turned into a beautiful day, a great dinner with the comradery of fellow fishermen, and a super raffle where I won our club's donated fly box.



Conservation

Doug Witmore

Enclosed is my Conservation Post for TVFF membership to review. This letter from Curtis Knight expresses concern for change and potential challenges emanating from new Trump administration policies for federal environmental regulation. Cal Trout, as always, will be participating in projects designed to ensure resilient wild fish in healthy California waters. Some of their concerns and objectives are outlined below. Continued support of Cal Trout is now more important than ever.

A Post-Election Message



Dear Friends,

Let me begin by emphatically stating - CalTrout is a non-partisan organization. Our most ardent supporters are of all political stripes, united by a common concern for the future of wild fish and rivers of our state.

But now, a Trump administration will bring change and potential challenges to our mission to ensure resilient wild fish in healthy California waters.

As Governor Brown said last month, 'if Trump gets elected, I am going to build a wall around California'. He was joking. Yet, the joke may become a metaphor for our strategy to protect California's environmental regulations. California has long set an example for other states to follow, and we cannot allow our values to be compromised by weakened federal regulations.

Near term, our principal concern is the weakening of federal environmental protection laws and reduced federal funding for conservation projects. As we look at how our portfolio of work could be impacted, concerns include:

- a weakened Endangered Species Act potentially impacting our precedent setting Shasta Safe Harbor and Southern steelhead work;
- a weakened Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) could mean less consideration for fish in the way dams are managed;
- a decrease in protections for Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers could leave rivers like the Smith vulnerable;
- an underfunded Forest Service could jeopardize our Sierra Meadows work;
- a weakened Clean Water Act could compromise our efforts to ensure clean, cold water for both fish and people;

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Conservation-Continued

Commencing immediately, we begin the work to assess and manage these risks. We are reviewing our projects to identify which have a strong federal nexus—either dependent on federal law (eg, ESA, Clean Water Act) or on federal funding. If federal law leaves our resources exposed to exploitation, then we will ensure that existing or amended California regulations fill the gap.

Fortunately, California has strong state laws—the Public Trust Doctrine, Fish and Game Code 5937 dictating adequate flows below dams, and predominant state control over water rights to name a few. We will be proactive in Sacramento and will continue our work to empower those laws.

Our organization has always been a voice for the entire state of California, whether urban or rural, farmer or fisherman. We are fortunate to have strong local support for our projects through our regional approach of working with diverse interests. This will become increasingly important.

Threats to our mission come in many forms. This is just the latest. CalTrout is uniquely positioned, leading by example, to solve complex resource issues that balance the needs of wild fish and people.

With your continued involvement and our 45 years of experience and success we will navigate through these uncertain times together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curtis', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Curtis Knight
Executive Director

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The December Club Get Together

Rod and Gun Club ; small room next to the BBQ area

TVFF Tiers Donate to Striperfest Raffle

All of us have seen the mating dance of mayflies. Varying in tempo up and down and when the party is over they drop upon the water. Trout take notice.

This month at the Get Together we are going to tie spent Mayfly imitations.

They come dressed in a variety of sizes and colors depending species, local and water type you are fishing. Yellow, tan, brown, olives, white and black, to name a few.

Hook: 14 to 20 standard dry fly

Thread: yellow, black 8/0 to 14/0 match hook size

Tail: dun hackle fibers, microfibritts

Abdomen/thorax: dubbing - yellow, pale yellow, cream, white, black

Wings: white, cream, tan poly yarn. wings also made of clear, opaque wing sheeting



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Member Spotlight on Gary Turri



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. 22 Years

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

A. Outings, Education, Fishmeister

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. Fly Casting Instruction, both private and group lessons.

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. I just enjoy being outdoors. Catching fish is a bonus.

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

A. Sage 590 XP

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

A. Trout, because of the beautiful places that they live. Wild and clean, unspoiled by man.

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

A. Freestone rivers and Tailwaters

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

A. Primarily nymphs but always ready with dries when there is an opportunity

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Streams

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

A. Birdnests Nymph, size 10-16. I tie them in 4 different colors

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

A. Montana

It's time for 2017 Dues!

Members:

As we count down to the end of the year it's time to start thinking about 2017 dues renewal. As I'm sure you know the clubs counts on dues as the largest portion of the clubs operating budget. Getting dues in early allow the board to better plan the operating budget for the coming year. The benefit to you is that the dues are only \$40 dollar paid prior to the February club meeting when the price bumps up to \$45 which is a great saving to you.

In addition the club has purchased patches with the new club Logo, members that get their dues in early will be the first to receive the new patches. Should be distributed at the December meeting.

For new members dues will be \$10 dollars for the balance of 2016, along with their dues for 2017.

As always the clubs board appreciates your support. Any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Frank Gordet

frankgordet@yahoo.com or call 925-846-3069.

Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Tom Fessenden, or our membership coordinator, Frank Gordet 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 of the Month

Kent McCammon

The DVD library is bigger and better with new titles added. Check out titles for your winter and learn new techniques like speycasting or Tenkara flyfishing, new species to fish, and exciting locations to help plan your 2017 adventures. The rentals are at no cost. See you at the meetings!



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Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194

Spey Rod. Brand new never used

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Airflo Elite Trout DT5F, new in box \$40.00

Sharkwave Ultimate Trout WF5F, new in box \$60.00

Sharkskin Steelhead Taper WF7F, new in box \$60.00

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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

