

The Barbless Hook



January 2016

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

HAPPY NEW YEAR – we have a new board and it is the largest in our clubs history. By dividing the effort between lots of people we hope we can get more things done. This is not to infer that the board can do it all alone, they are just the focal point for the activities and all of us on the board will welcome your comments, advice and help.

Thanks to all of you who responded to last month's survey about what activities interest you the most. The response was large enough to provide a 90% confidence level of being accurate. Since we are not planning a major Auction next year and will be living off last year's auction revenue for 2 years, I'm going to use the survey results to direct funding to those activities your most interested in. I should note we may have a scaled down auction in lieu of a speaker in April, but this still needs to be firmed up.

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Photo:

Robert Nishio with a Delta Striper during the Club's December outing.
<http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org>

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

The most important activity members are interested in is (drum roll.....) fishing. I guess it didn't take a survey to figure that out. Next and, overwhelmingly 2nd, is our Speakers program. Tied for 3rd and 4th place are Conservation and Raffles.

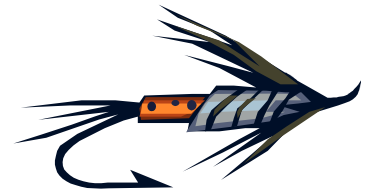
I've been discussing the survey results and activities with some of the board and before the next board meeting will meet with all of them and expect we will have a very exciting group of activities planned for 2016. Once again we encourage your input and all members are welcome at our board meetings - just call me for details.

I'll leave you with this final thought: If your family had to eat holiday dinner on TV trays because your dining room table is covered in feathers and fur, you might be a trout bum.....☺

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El Presidente' with a Discovery Bay Striper



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

January 7th:

**Fly tying
Expo**

***“Expert local
fly tyers
demonstrate
their craft”***

February 4th:

**Installation
BBQ**

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Upper Sac and
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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. See page 6 for more information.
Jo Dee

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

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson



January 2016

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
MARCH 19-20	LOWER SACRAMENTO RIVER	DOUG WITMORE
MARCH 31-APRIL 2	PYRAMID LAKE	BART HUGHES
SPRING TIME (TBD)	MONTANA RIVERS	MARTY LOOMIS
APRIL 30-MAY 7	YUCATAN PENINSULA	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER 17-24	LA PAZ	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER 23- 25	ALPINE LAKE, NF STANISLAUAS	TOM VARGAS D. BRIDGMAN
DECEMBER 3	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

HEY FOLKS,

**IT'S TIME TO GET A LOT MORE OUTINGS ON THE
SCHEDULE ! !**

**THERE ARE LOTS MORE STRIPERS OUT THERE,
AND SPRING TIME IS GREAT FOR BLACK BASS IN
DELTA AND FOOTHILL LAKES !!**

**A GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WOULD BE TO
CONTACT YOUR OUTINGS COORDINATOR WITH A
SUGGESTION FOR A TRIP FOR THE CLUB.**

Program
Jim Broadbent

January 7th Meeting, Bay Area Fly Tiers Night

This month's meeting is our annual fly tiers meeting where there will be six fly tiers from around the bay area demonstrating their skills. These folks are generous with their time and knowledge and willing to share these with us.

Whether you are an experienced tier or have never fondled a feather before, everyone gets something out of this night.

A pizza dinner will be served to all our guest tiers and you can join in for only \$5. You must RSVP by Wednesday, Jan 6. Dinner starts at 6:15. Call or email Jim Broadbent



Gary Turri demonstrates his craft at the 2011 event

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.



It's time for 2015 Dues!

TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$45 (\$40 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. If you have any questions, email Jo Dee at clayjodee@aol.com or call 925-606-0535.

Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Tom Fessenden, or our membership coordinator, Jo Dee Widmer 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

Lower Sacramento River Outing

March 19-20, 2016

Doug Witmore

I'm going to be Fish Meister for 2 days of fishing the Lower Sac on 3/19 and 3/20. Jim Roberts is the guide. He told me that March is one of the better times to fish this part of the River.

We are planning on guides for 3 boats (2 fisherman each boat). The charge per boat per day is \$450. For those planning to go on this trip, I will need \$225 deposit before February 1st, 2016.

Sign up sheets will be out at our next TVFF meeting, January 7th.



“Lower Sac” Rainbow Trout

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 species 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

DELTA STRIPERS

December 5, 2015

Tom Vargas

Thirteen TVFF Club members in 6 boats braved the December cold on our annual Delta outing on December 5th. We gathered at Orwood Resort and to our surprise, a bass fishing club had an outing that day too, making the boat ramp very busy. The good news was that they weren't fishing in Discovery Bay, for the most part.



Members Bob McCollum and Robert Nishio, Joe Cerniglia and Dave Hiromoto, Martin Plotkin and Roger Perry, Daniel Kitts and Don Gardner, Harry Levin and Hal Wilson, Dan Vargas, Jim Broadbent and Tom Vargas made up the club attendees. Former club member and Discovery Bay resident Rick Mikla and his friend Barry Williams also participated and gave us some local knowledge.



Many fish were caught, including a mixed bag of Stripers, Largemouth Bass, Salmon and catfish. It turned out to be a nice day as the fog burned off and the water warmed. The water was in the chilly 49 to 50 degrees range and the many bait balls we located were typically found in the back of the bays where the water was warmer. I am looking forward to getting out again.

Member Outing Reports *Continued*



Tom, Jim and Dan hunting them down



Roger and Martin giving them heck!



Jim nets Tom's striper



A 12 pound personal best for Tom

Member Outing Reports *Continued*



Daniel and Don



Roger with a nice Striper



Jim shows how to put a bend in a rod!



Bob with an unsuspecting Salmon



At left is a picture of the typical shad that the Stripers are keying in on and a sample of a yellow and white Clouser minnow that replicates what they are feeding on. Chartreus and white Clousers were money too!

Member Outing Reports *Continued*

December Fishing: Steelies and Stripers.

Bob McCollum

December was a busy month for me, fishing-wise. I fished the Trinity River with Guide Dave Neal in early December with excellent results. Many were concentrated below Junction City, so the first day we fished from JC Campground to Pigeon Point. We found a lot of fish but also a lot of fishermen. The next day we tried to get away from the crowds by fishing Indian Creek to the end of Steiner Flat Road. Things started slow, but picked up in the afternoon as we found a couple of pods of fish. All-in-all, a great outing on the Trinity.

December is also prime striper fishing, so I hit the water several times this month. Don Gardner and I fished O'Neill Forebay on December 12. Don caught 4 fish including one nice keeper. I had some grabs but ended up skunked. On December 16th, Daniel Kitts, and Marty Loomis joined Wynn Smith and me in fishing Discovery Bay. Wynn and I brought 10 fish to the boat, including one 4-pounder. At this writing, I am planning to try San Luis Reservoir and hit the Delta again before the end of the year.



Member Outing Reports *Continued*



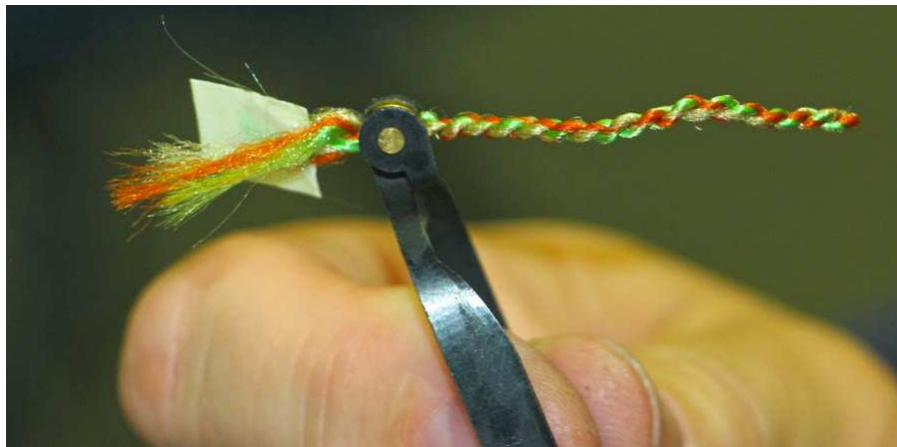
The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The Club Get Together

Monday, January 4 will be the first Get Together of 2016. This is a meeting of like minded folks that have questions pertaining to our sport. We tie flies and solve, with profound discussions, the most challenging and technical conundrums in fly fishing. As of late we have plenty of room and chairs so drop on by. Fly tiers need to have their own vices and tools, and a basic knowledge.

This month we will learn the technique of furled abdomens and tie two flies, the Alevin and Little Yellow Sally.



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 March 1, 8. This is limited to 10 students, 14 years and older. The cost is \$20.00 for TVFF members to cover costs.

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Humboldt Steelhead Days 2016, January 22 – February 6, 2016

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Winter Fishing Contest
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The Mountain Community & Culture Board

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Items For Sale

Lowrance X91 fish finder for \$50.00.

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Anyone interested can call me.

Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194



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Tom Fessenden: (925) 837 6483

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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

