

The Barbless Hook



November 2016

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

At the last board meeting the subject of continuing education and advanced fly fishing classes for members was discussed. Recently, and in the past, four different venues afforded members a means of sharpening their skills and learning other aspects of the sport:

1. The most obvious avenues are our speakers who present new and interesting topics at most of our general meetings. If there is a topic you'd like to have a speaker talk about give, Don Gardner our 2016/2017 Speaker Director a call. I'm sure he'd look into it.

2. Before meeting discussions occur sporadically but in the past used to happen on a regular basis. We have many members who are familiar with the different aspects of our sport from advance nymphing techniques, to building your own leaders, to fishing particular water or species. If there is a topic you'd like to present before a meeting call Steve Johnson, our 2016 Education Director, and let him know what you're interested in. I'm sure he, with the help of the other board members can find the right person.

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Photo:

Gene Heiman with an 18" Fall River Brown.

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

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

3. First Monday Fly tying sessions are led by our Fly Tying Director, Jim Broadbent. These informal meeting usually cover some aspect of fly tying but in the past have also covered other equipment topics like building custom leaders. Even if you're not an avid fly tier, it is a pleasant way to pass an evening and shoot the bull. Jim is amenable to covering topics including but not limited to tying, rod building and leader building.

4. On the water seminars on advanced nymphing, saltwater fly fishing and float tube fishing various venues have been offered. Some were 1-day clinics taught by members and others were taught by guides and meeting speakers. If there is something you want a on the water experience with contact our Outings Director (Steve Ruley, 2016 or Hal Wilson 2017)

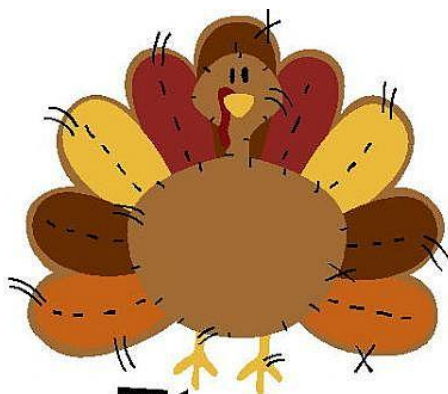
Last month a couple of members called to have me help them sign into the web site member's area. I'm still available to anyone having problems getting in. Call or email me at president@trivallerflyfishers.org and let me know the best time that you will be at your computer and what number to call you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

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

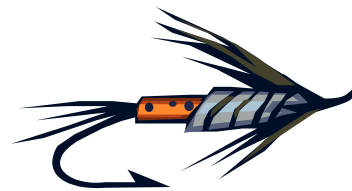
Lastly, any newer members interested in getting more involved in the club please call Roger Perry or me.

I'll leave you with this final thought you may just be a trout bum if the only indicators you know how to use have the word "strike" in front of them..... ☺

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Happy Thanksgiving



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

November 3rd :

**Jim Broadbent and
Club Members**
*Sharing by fellow
members*

December 1st :

Jeff Bright
*Spey Fishing on
Larger Rivers*

January 5th:

Fly Tiers
*Annual fly tying
demonstrations and
Pizza Night*

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



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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

Steve Ruley

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
2016		
NOVEMBER 14-15	KLAMATH RIVER/GUIDED (Filled)	GREG MURAWSKI
DECEMBER 1-2	TRINITY RIVER/GUIDED (Filled)	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 10	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS
2017		
JANUARY TBD	MOKELUMNE RIVER	MARTIN PLOTKIN
FEBRUARY TBD	N. FK. 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. Now is a good time to set up a local trip to keep your lines wet...like Shadow Cliff Bass Ponds. April is good time for Kistler Bass Ponds and a Lower Sac guided trip.

Program
Don Gardner

November 3rd Meeting Featured Speaker:

Club Member Special

We are scheduled those our own world travelers from Tri-Valley Flyfishers. This potpourri will feature 3 or 4 speakers presenting their fishing experiences during the last year. The purpose is to expose fishing opportunities that we may all enjoy but have not had the opportunity to participate.

Current speakers are:

1. Patrick Donovan- Montana fishing trip hosted by Jim Roberts.
2. Jim Broadbent/Roger Perry-Baja Saltwater Fly fishing hosted by Gary Bulla
3. Don Gardner-Yuba River shad fishing with Al Smatsky
4. Anyone else who cares to participate....pleas contact Don Gardner
atdondihua@aol.com....sooner is better.

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
- 12' - 14' boats at all lake locations
- 3 hp to 8 hp motors at all lake locations
- Fish cleaning, smoking and vacuum packaging
- Private log cabin on beautiful Nimpo Lake with hot shower, flush toilet, vanity, electricity, 2 double beds, linen, towels, sundeck, wood and electric heat
- 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 Fall Float Tubing Outing

Bob McCollum

- In early October, Kelly Ng, Wynn Smith and I participated in a guided float tubing outing on Pyramid Lake put on by Pyramid Lake guide Rob Anderson. We joined a group of about 11 other fly fishers from other parts of Northern California.
- Typically in the Fall a thermocline sets up in which the water in the shallows warms to the high 60's, which attracts Tui Chub, a favored food source for the resident Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. The trout tend to hang out in the deeper, colder water just off the shallows and come into the shallows early and late in the day to feed on the chub. This year was not typical. Cold, windy weather the week prior collapsed the thermocline causing the water in the shallows to be in the low 60s and drawing the chub and trout into the shallows all day.
- We had beautiful mild weather with a light breeze – great conditions for float tubing, and not having to worry about being blown across the lake. We fished North of Monument Rocks and followed the fish in our tubs about a quarter mile further North.
- Rob provided a great intro session on fishing balanced minnow patterns on sinking lines by strip-retrieving them deep and jigging them. We learned quickly that these fish like a very fast retrieve. In the end, we all caught fish and had a great time together.



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 Lahontan 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.



Oneill Forebay Report

Bob McCollum

Don Gardner and I caught a break between two rain storms, so we made a trip to Oneill Forebay on Saturday, October 29. So we took advantage of the last days of daylight savings and arrived at the boat ramp before sunrise. We got my boat in the water and started fishing just as the sun was rising. We focused on the flats West of the deep water channel. Later, we fished the shoulder of the Madieros Flats and ended the morning fishing along the dam face. We did pretty well, catching about 16 fish between us in about 4 hours.



Trinity River Steelhead

Mark Triska

Maria and I got in a quick trip up to Lewiston this weekend. Rained like hell, which of course was great for fishing. Mostly half-pounders, ranging from 12' to 16'. Landed this one beauty below Rush Creek on a Prince nymph, 30" and 6 lbs!

Shaping up to be a good year, if this rain continues!



Decoys Book, Delta Fall Striper Fishing

Ken Tetzel

I have a request. As you probably know from last month's meeting, I just had my first novel published and I would like to put a promo in the club's newsletter if I could. I'm enclosing a 'Decoys' sale page and description to post. If anyone is interested, they can purchase a copy from my publisher.

Also, I can give you a striper report. Went out last Saturday, the 22nd, and ended up with about a dozen stripers and 10 black bass. One striper went 7-8 lbs. Not bad since I caught all the fish from 4:00 pm to 6:30! A lousy tide to boot. Sorry, no pics.

Thanks,
Ken Tetzel

DECOYS

A NOVEL OF MURDER, MYSTERY, LOVE, INDISCRETION AND HUNTING

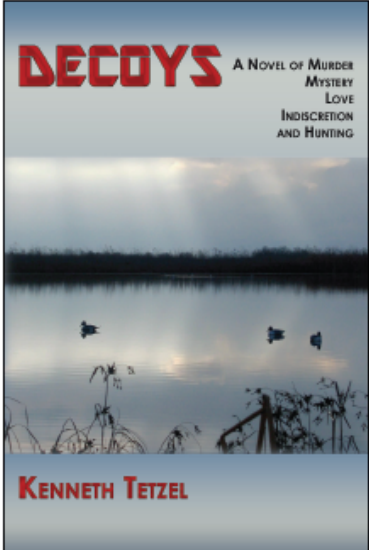
An early morning assassination by an unknown sniper has a solitary witness, Beatrice. But she's in shock and can't identify the shadowy driver speeding away from the scene. Almost immediately, the small town homicide team springs into action led by Chris, a black detective. The murder rekindles a previous case—the mysterious death of an abused woman, Sarah Crosby.

Sarah's parents emerge as suspects, the mother willing to do anything to keep a past concealed and a father well trained in the art of shooting. Tom Ellis, an avid duck hunter, also comes under suspicion as well as two young farm workers. Entering the picture is a devious reporter, risking her reputation to break the story.

Set against a backdrop of marshes, orchards, and small rural towns in California's San Joaquin Valley amid drought conditions, the struggle for survival exposes unrefined passions and a cast of characters evading an inevitable conflict, all acting as decoys to the two murders.

Includes Readers Guide

Kenneth Tetzel was born in Akron, Ohio, and graduated from California State Hayward earning a degree in geography. He now lives in Livermore, California. Vivid memories growing up in the outdoors with his father and countless days in California's backcountry, hunting and fly fishing are the sole inspiration for this first novel.



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FALL RIVER FISHING -- OCTOBER 12-13, 2016

Gene Heiman

My son and I fished the Fall River upstream from Fall River Mills, CA, for 2 days with guide Bob Norman. Weather was changing, but no rain. Beautiful area with Mt. Shasta in view most of the time. With the weather cool, there was no hatch so fished with nymphs and leach patterns using sinking tip lines on #6 rods and 18' leaders.

All fishing on the Fall River is from an outboard skiff because all shores of the river are private pastures or rice fields. Fishing was slow with a lot of 4" fish on the take. My biggest fish was an 18" rainbow taking a #18 nymph. Also caught a 16" and a 17" bow on a #12 leach. I have also fished the same river in July, but it gets quite warm in the summer.

There are several nice lodges in the area on the river including Spinner Falls and the Circle 7 ranch (<http://spinnerfalllodge.com/houses/>).

Bob Norman is at (<http://riverbendadventures.com/>).



17" Rainbow

Heritage Trout Water Proposed for South Fork Smith

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is proposing to designate the **South Fork Smith River as a Heritage Trout Water** under the Department's Heritage and Wild Trout Program. We enthusiastically support the CDFW for taking the initiative and **hope you'll join us in advocating for this substantial additional protection for the South Fork Smith River.**

The Smith River has long been considered one of California's most pristine watersheds. The free-flowing Smith River—**without a single dam along its entire length**—makes it one of the crown jewels of the National Wild and Scenic River program. The Smith River is a recognized Salmon Stronghold, sustaining high quality habitat and abundant and thriving populations of several native salmon and trout species. The South Fork Smith supports both resident and anadromous cutthroat trout life histories, resident coastal rainbow trout, and world-class steelhead. Perennially cold and clear waters sustain these fish and offer un-matched recreational fishing opportunities.

There truly is no better place in California for this special designation.

This Heritage Trout designation will ensure the Smith River has adequate resources for long-term protection, provide opportunities for research and monitoring, and offer a venue in which to engage the public in meaningful dialogue on the value of resource protection and stewardship.

CalTrout has long sought to protect the Smith River and its incredible beauty and unique resource values. We participated in the effort to extend Wild and Scenic designation to the Smith, we championed land acquisitions that have cumulatively protected over 476 square miles of the Smith River as a National Recreation Area, and we've supported ESA protection of native salmon and steelhead in the Smith.

The [Wild Trout Program](#) was established by the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) in 1971 and was later expanded in 1998 to include California heritage trout. With the program goal to "recommend new waters to be designated as wild trout fisheries to the Commission", there is no better time nor place for this special designation.

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The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The Club Get Together

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

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

TVFF Tiers Donate to Striperfest Raffle

Bob McCollum

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers donated flies and a nice fly box to the raffle for StriperFest 2016. The flies were tied by members of the TVFF Fly Tying Group, which meets monthly to advance their tying skills and share techniques:

Jim Broadbent
Robert Nishio
Rob Fletcher
Martin Plotkin
Daniel Kitts
Marty Loomis

I would like to thank these members for providing the flies for this donation which supports the conservation efforts of danblanton.com to preserve the environment and fishery of the Delta.

StriperFest is November 5 at Sugar Barge Marina on Bethel Island. If you are interested in attending, see the forum page at danblanton.com.



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Member Spotlight on Frank Gordet



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. 3 Years

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

A. No not an officer, but i have been responsible for the video library and currently membership

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. Family time, cruising in my Mustang, Traveling and looking forward to retirement

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. A, Beats the heck out of working

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

A. 9' graphite rod, Orvis Battenkill reel, 5 weight

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

A. Steelhead. It's all about the fight

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

A. Sacramento, Trinity, Rouge, Umpqua rivers

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

A. Nymph

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Streams and rivers

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

A. Little black Stone fly or Black Ant

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

A. Oregon

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 :

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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

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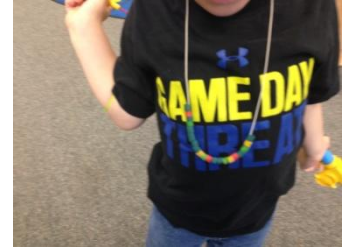
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

