

The Barbless Hook



September 2016

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

Where has Summer gone---It's almost September and I'm looking forward to our first after summer meeting this Thursday. "KD" Kevin Doran will be our speaker and I expect KD's presentation will be as entertaining and informative as always.

What's happening on the board?

We generally hold our Board meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings last about 2 hours and get into the nitty-gritty of the operation of the club, saving the general meeting time for more fun and interesting things. Any member of the club is invited to attend the Board meetings, and I encourage any member interested to attend and weigh in with their 2-cents worth. If you wish to attend any Board meeting, call any Board member for details of where and when.

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Photo:

Kyle McCammon about to release a nice Feather River Trout caught by his friend.

<http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org>
Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

At our last board meeting we discussed:

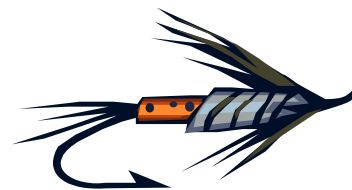
- Our financial situation which is pretty good. For detailed information about the club's finance go to the members section of our web site.
- The results of our booth at Pleasanton's first Wednesday in August which provided the names of many prospective members, the fishing trips scheduled for the rest of the year.
- Our conservation program including our upcoming creek cleanup. If anyone is interesting in representing us with NCCIFFF please contact Doug Witmore or me.
- Lastly we discussed the Video Library and how to increase its utilization.

At our upcoming meeting at the end of September will start planning the outings calendar for next year. If there are any trips you'd like to see in 2017 please contact Steve Ruley or me or come by the meeting and join in the discussion.

Speaking of getting involved in the board, the nominating committee for next year's officers (president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer) is being chaired by Daniel Kitts, Please contact him if you're interested in any of the officers.

I'll leave you with this final thought: Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught. ☺

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

September 1st :

Kevin Doran
Delta Bass Fishing

October 6th :

Lee Haskin
*San Luis Res. and
the O'Neill Forebay
Clinic to follow on
October 8th*

November 3rd :

**Jim Broadbent and
club members**
*Sharing by fellow
members*

December 1st :

Jeff Bright
*Spey Fishing on
Larger Rivers*

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



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OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Steve Ruley

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
SEPTEMBER 17-24	LA PAZ	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER 23- 25	LAKE ALPINE, STANISLAUS R.	TOM VARGAS D. BRIDGMAN
OCTOBER 8-9	PYRAMID L/FLOAT TUBING	BOB MCCOLLUM
OCTOBER 14-16	BAILEY CREEK LODGE	RON DUELGTEN
OCTOBER TBD	McCLOUD RIVER	DANIEL KITTS
NOVEMBER 14-15	KLAMATH RIVER/GUIDED	GREG MURAWSKI
DECEMBER 1-2	TRINITY RIVER/GUIDED	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 10	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

OTHER EVENTS

ARROYO CLEAN UP DAY

SEPTEMBER 17

LEARN TO FISH

CLASS: OCTOBER 12 & 19
CASTING: OCTOBER 16

Program
Don Gardner

September 1st Meeting Featured Speaker:

Captain Kevin Doran

Fly Fishing for Bass – Top to Bottom with Captain Kevin Doran

"KD" has been fishing for Largemouth Bass since his childhood. KD's passion for catching LmBass using topwater tactics is legendary. He began as a young boy over fifty years ago on the shores of Clear Lake in Northern California.



He cast his first fly rod and a "Loyd's Luck Lures" balsa popper for big Clear Lake Bass. His passion for taking bass on top carried forth into his Delta fishing and guiding career, which established him as one of the premier Delta "Bass masters" utilizing fly fishing tackle and developing unique fly patterns and presentation techniques. He has been featured in numerous articles in industry publications, including California Fly Fisher and Fly Fisherman (California's Largemouth Paradise, May 2007).

Kevin authored the definitive Delta Largemouth article, "Tactics for Delta Bass" (California Fly Fisher, April 2001) which was ground breaking in bringing forth awareness to fly anglers about the Delta Largemouth fishery. Kevin has been featured in books such as "Fly Fishing the California Delta" (Costello/Sherman), "Fly Fishing California's Great Waters" (Blanton), and starred a supporting role in "Bass: The Movie" (Howard Films).

Along with his Bass-n-Fly team members, Kevin has been involved with lodge guide training, rod and tackle development, and educational seminars and presentations.

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...

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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.

Hot August Striper Fishing

Bob McCollum

I fished O'Neill Forebay three times in August. Twice with Don and once alone. It was hotter than Hades so we fished as early as possible and got off the water around noon. We had mixed results. But caught several. Most were 11-14 inches and a few were legal or close to it. The weeds are back in force, which is good to see. Saw some surface activity as stripers pushed bait fish to the surface. Should get better in the Fall as the weather and water cools. Looking forward to October Speaker on O'Neill- Lee Haskins. If you have not fished O'Neill or San Luis Reservoir you should give it a try.

Tim: please insert an image or two from my recent Facebook posts. The one of me with the striper for sure. The sunrise shot is nice if there is room.



Sunrise on the O'Neill Forebay.



Bob with a nice linesider



Some of the flies I used.

Lesson Learned

Hal Wilson

As Fishmeister for the club's Fuller Lake trip in August, I was sorry to see that only two others had signed up. However, as events unfolded, it was good that we had a small group.

Henson, Dennis and I fished long hours on Fuller, with only **very** occasional fish activity seen. The best possibility of any action that our group had was one **very** slight tap, tap on my nymph, that might well have been a subaquatic weed bumping the line. Other fishermen were also scarce, including shore anglers fishing bait. In one area where there are often five or more set up, there was only one, and he left in a couple of hours.

According to DFW website, the lake was last stocked on April 26 this year, but since we are somewhat experienced fly fishers, with some years of learning this lake and the flies to use and the areas to fish, I thought there was a reasonable possibility of some success. Not to happen!

In retrospect, on a popular, easily accessed "put-and-take" body of water, if there is only one "put", with anglers "taking" over an almost four month period before we made our trip, my expectations were somewhat unrealistic. In addition, the August water temperature would likely drive the trout to lie on the bottom, seeking cooler, more highly oxygenated water.

The lesson I take away from this experience is to consider carefully all aspects (or as many as you can think of) when planning a trip. Trips with fellow anglers from TVFF are always fun, but not always productive.

Hal



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

Todd McDaniel with a very nice Sac Rainbow

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

Conservation

Doug Witmore

Re: URGENT Request for Reclamation and DWR to Issue a New California Water Fix Draft EIR/EIS to Finally Disclose and Analyze Adverse Environmental Impacts and to Develop and Consider a Reasonable Range of Alternatives Increasing Delta Flows

On August 18th, a coalition of conservation, fishing, and public interest organizations sent a letter to state and federal agencies requesting a new (and complete) environmental analysis of Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels (CA WaterFix) proposal.

LETTER SUMMARY

Our public interest organizations write to you in this latest of many efforts to finally obtain compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) during the environmental review the California Water Fix Delta Water Tunnels proposed project.

The Water Fix Delta Water Tunnels would divert enormous quantities of freshwater that presently flow through the Sacramento River, sloughs, and the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary before being diverted for export from the South Delta. Due to the new points of diversion north of the Delta, freshwater that presently contributes to water quality, water quantity, fish, fish habitat, Delta agriculture and public health by flowing through the already impaired Delta would instead flow through massive Tunnels no longer providing benefits within the lower river, sloughs, and the Delta. This undeniable truth is obvious. And this undeniable truth has been ignored for years by the federal and California agencies trying to take the water away from the Delta.

Extinction is forever. The San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary is the most important estuary in the Western Hemisphere. Given the destruction threatened by the Water Tunnels, it is disturbing to learn that the federal Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) "target completion of a Final EIR/EIS by September 2016. . ." for the Water Fix project. (DWR and Reclamation letter to the California Water Resources Control Board, p. 2, August 3, 2016). We are supposed to have a government of laws not of rulers. Yet Reclamation and DWR apparently plan on ignoring our laws such as NEPA and CEQA by issuing a patently insufficient Final EIR/EIS [Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement] for this controversial project. They must instead proceed in the manner required by law by issuing a new Draft EIR/EIS for public review and comment.

To briefly summarize, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gave the most recent Draft NEPA and CEQA environmental review documents for the project its failing grade in October 2015. The EPA expected that the essential but missing environmental information and analyses would be supplied by other agencies, in particular, the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) during their review processes. That did not happen.

In addition, the July 2015 Drafts contained false denials by Reclamation of the project having significant adverse impacts on Delta water quality, water quantity, fish and fish habitat. But earlier this month, the Biological Assessment (BA) issued by the same agency, Reclamation, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) made contrary determinations of "likely to adversely affect" several endangered and threatened fish species and their designated critical habitats.

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Conservation-Continued

The new Final Guidance issued earlier this month by the Executive Office of the President, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) on consideration of the effects of climate change in NEPA reviews graphically demonstrates the inadequacy of the NEPA process for this project. The Drafts have at all times also failed to include the heart of such documents under both NEPA and CEQA -- the required range of reasonable alternatives. In this case, an obvious alternative that Reclamation and DWR have consistently refused to include and consider is to increase rather than decrease freshwater flows through the Delta by reducing exports. A Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision issued last month makes it crystal clear that this persistent refusal by Reclamation to consider alternatives reducing exports violates NEPA. As a result, the public review and comment time periods afforded for the Draft NEPA and CEQA documents were worthless in terms of allowing informed and meaningful public review and comment. Issuance of a Final EIR/EIS for the Water Fix project without having first prepared and circulated for public review and comment a new Draft EIR/EIS correcting these deficiencies will constitute failure to proceed in the matter required by law, including NEPA and CEQA. There are many, many deficiencies in Reclamation's and DWR's NEPA and CEQA processes to date during the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/Water Fix review process. In confining this letter to only several of the elementary NEPA and CEQA violations, we do not in any way withdraw or modify any of the comments we have made previously during these processes.

Addresses for this letter:

The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of Interior, Christina Goldfuss, Managing Director Council on Environmental Quality, The Honorable Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce, John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency, The Honorable Gina McCarthy, Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, David Murillo, Regional Director U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Coalition:

AquAlliance, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, California Water Impact Network, Center for Biological Diversity, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Environmental Water Caucus, Friends of the River, Planning and Conservation League, Restore the Delta, and Sierra Club California join in this

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The Club Get Together

Tuesday, September 6th, 7 to 9pm

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

Due to Labor Day on Monday the 5th, our meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6.

We will tie an adult october caddis. These are important trout fair in the north west and Rocky Mountains as they are large (1"-1 1/2") and calorie rich. The pupa crawls out on to rocks or vegetation, flies off looking for love and returns within two days to the river to lay it's eggs. This happens in the fall during low light conditions, dusk.

There are many patterns for adult caddis but a couple are a Stimulator and Sofa Pillow.

Hooks- #6-10 Dry fly 3xl

Thread- 6/0 color to match dubbing color

Dubbing- dry fly in (pick one) orange, burnt orange, tan, Lt. brown

Wing- Deer hair tan, Lt. brown, dun

Hackle- Furnace, Lt brown, tan

Optional-

CDC in orange or Lt. brown.

Bulldog clips



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Member Spotlight on Kelley Ng



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. 7-9 years.

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

A. Yes, Secretary

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. cycling, backpacking/camping, photography, golf

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. C., I dream about fish & flies

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

A. 6wt Sage, Galvan

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

A. Trout. I enjoy the science of the food/water column. Great variety of ways to fish for trout.

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

A. Wished I fished more often to be able to answer that. Right now, more lakes. But need to get better on streams.

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

A. Nymph

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Streams

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

A. Copper John

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

A. Nope

Member Reports

Mitchie McCammon

Big Bass & the BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge

Daniel Kitts

We just completed the 2016 Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program at the Wente Scout Reservation summer camp. This is the third year we have done the program and each year we've seen more interest and growth in the number of young men and leaders participating. Over the 8 week summer camp we had 96 scouts do the merit badge and 29 adult leaders learning about fly fishing. This was a significant increase over the 2015 program that had about 57 scouts.

One of the requirements of the merit badge is to catch a fish with a fly rod. This year 95 of the 96 scouts completed that requirement by catching either a Blue Gill or a Bass. For some of them it was the first fish they ever caught! The pond at the camp has been designated catch and release so the fish were all put back.

There were 19 experienced fly fishermen from 7 different Fly Fishing clubs who volunteered their time to teach the class at Wente and from what I've heard from the volunteers everyone enjoyed their time at camp. We even had one volunteer spend 6 weeks at the camp! The camp Director also tells me there has been nothing but positive reviews from the scouts and adults that have taken the class.

In addition to me, the TVFF members who took part in this year's program are **Dave Fontaine, Steve Johnson, Don Jower, Marty Loomis, Dennis Rankin and Steve Ruley.**



DVD of the Month – New DVDs on the way

Kent McCammon

This month I made several recommendations that were submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration of new videos that will be added to our collection. The following are in the process of purchase:

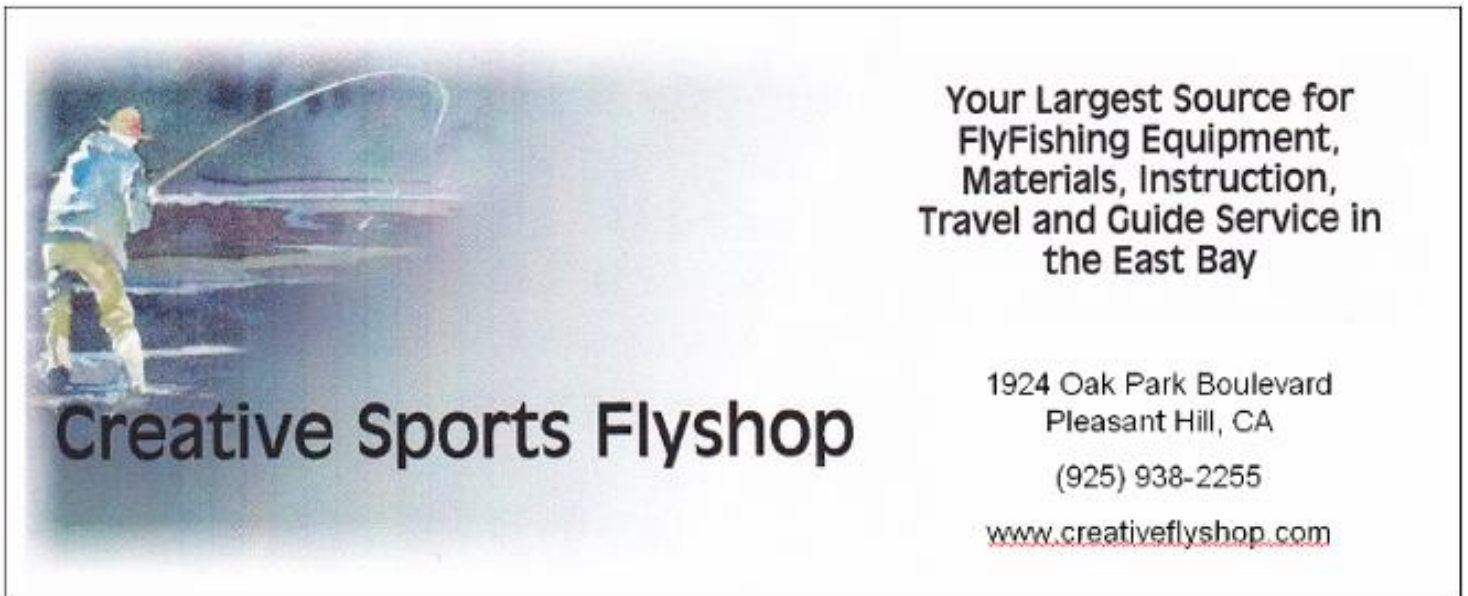
1. Spey Casting/fishing, Skagit Master Vol 1. DVD.
2. Discovering Tenkara Fly Fishing Vol 1. DVD.
3. Conquering Chironomids, Vol1. DVD. Phil Rowley/ Brian Chan.

Keep your eyes open for more new opportunities to add to the library.

Thanks Kent

News Flash:

Our club library DVD title list has been updated and now available in the members section of our website. Thanks to Dan for the website help.



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1. **Reduced** Orvis Super Wading Tac-L-Pak. Medium size, Tan color Like new condition. \$30.00, (\$119.00 new)
2. Echo Glass Fly rod 369-3 6 foot 9 inch 3 weight 3 piece, new in case. \$125.00- great small stream trout rod
3. TFO BVK 9 foot 6 weight 4 piece, new condition, \$180.00-great all around trout rod
4. TFO BVK 9 foot 6 inch 7 weight 4 piece, new condition, \$210.00-great steelhead rod
5. Redington RS3 9 foot 10 weight 2 piece, new condition, \$125.00- great rod for stripers, salmon.

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4. Rio Grand WF-7-F new in box \$45.00

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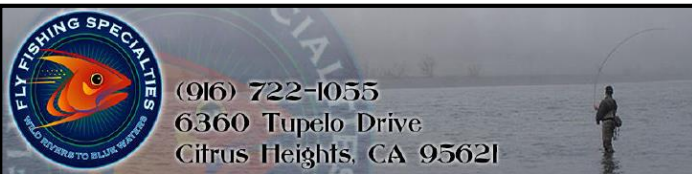
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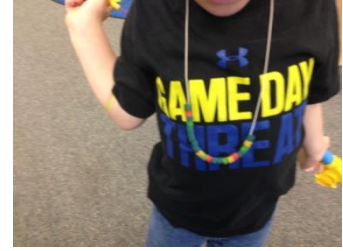
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

