

The Barbless Hook



January 2018

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

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's

Welcome to 2018. At our December meeting, in addition to a great presentation by past member Brian Endlich on 2 handed rods, we had an election. The results were as follows:

Officers and board members for 2018:

President	Roger Perry
Vice President	Al Mansky
Treasurer	Tom Fessenden
Secretary	John Price
Past President	Martin Plotkin

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Picture:

Don Gardner with a healthy Trinity Steelhead.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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Presidents message, continued from page 1

We also approved the following Board of Directors:

Conservation	Mitchie McCammon
Education	Kent McCammon
Fly Tying	Jim Broadbent
Membership	Marty Loomis
Member at Large	Ron Dueltgen
Newsletter	Tom Vargas
Outings	Rob Farris
Raffle	Gary Phillips
Refreshments	Gary Prince
Speakers	Patrick Donovan
Trout in the Classroom	Derrell Bridgman
Trout in the Classroom	Daniel Kitts
Video Librarian	Steve Johnson
Web Master	Dan Vargas

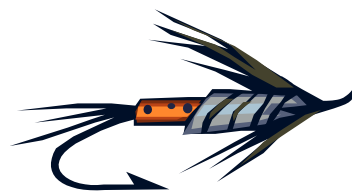
Although the board is largely the same as last year, I want to thank everyone who has been either an officer or board member and thank all new board members for stepping up. The new board won't begin their service until Feb. Please remember that it's not too early to start thinking about serving next year. If this club isn't what you want, please consider joining our board and help shape our club for the future. I'd also remind people that if there is a particular fish outing that you know of and might want to share with others, please consider being a fishmeister. I was recently in Chico at "Fish First" and there were some interesting possibilities for future outings.

Don't forget that our January meeting will be our yearly fly tiers meeting organized by Jim Broadbent. If you want to attend and haven't signed up yet, please contact Jim so he knows how much food to get. Thanks Jim, we appreciate your effort.

I have some sad news to report. Our friend and fellow member Dennis Rankin lost his wife Patti on 12/2. I will have a sympathy card available for you to sign at our January meeting.

I hope to see you all at the meeting this Thursday, 1/4/18.

Roger



**2017 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

January:
*Annual Pizza
and Fly Tying
Expo*

February:
*Installation of
Officers,
Directors and
Pot-luck Dinner*

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Raffle	Gary Phillips
Refreshments	Gary Prince
Speakers	
Trout in Cl. Rm.	Darrell Bridgman/Daniel Kitts
Video Library	
Publicity	Rob Vellinger
News Letter	Tom Vargas
Web Content	
Web Master	Dan Vargas

Dues Notice

Annual dues are now due and payable and are \$40 if paid before the February 2018 meeting. \$45 there after.

Tom Fessenden

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

OUTINGS AND EVENTS - JANUARY, 2018

Hal Wilson

DATES

LOCATION

FISCHMEISTER

MARCH 15*

EAGLE CANYON LAKES

ROB FARRIS

MARCH 17*

EAGLE CANYON LAKES

ROB FARRIS

MARCH 22-23

PYRAMID LAKE

BOB MC COLLUM

APRIL 7

KISTLER BASS PONDS

KEN TETZEL

**LAKES NOT OPEN ON MARCH 16*



Tri Valley Fly Fishers Winter Doldrums Trip

Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lakes, Red Bluff California



Well, we must have hit a sweet spot for this trip. After announcing it at last month's meeting it became over-subscribed before the meeting was over. Wanna go fishin' much? Due to the high level of participation by the club we were able to book an additional day at the lakes, thanks to Confluence Outfitters generosity and open the trip to a total of 16 attendees. A requirement at Eagle Lakes requires an interim day of rest for the fish between days so we will have exclusive use of the lakes on a Thursday and the subsequent Saturday.

We currently have all 16 spots requested, but in the event that we have additional members beyond the 16 we may be able to add an additional date if there is sufficient interest beyond the initial 16. If you did not get a chance to sign up and would like to go please send me an email (RFFarris@comcast.net) quickly and we'll see if we can add another date.

Dates: Thursday March 15, 2018 at Eagle Canyon Lakes (Group #1; max. of 8)

Friday March 16, 2018 (day of rest for the lakes)- Optional Fishing Lower Sac (guided by Confluence Outfitters at a discounted rate) or a non-guided trip to the Upper Sacramento for winter tight lining for sleeping trout -(Group#1)

Saturday March 17, 2018 at Eagle Canyon Lakes (Group #2; max. of 8)

Sunday March 18, 2018 Optional Fishing Lower Sac (guided by Confluence Outfitters at a discounted rate) or a non-guided trip to the Upper Sacramento for winter tight lining for sleeping trout -(Group#2)

Based upon confirmed deposits I will organize the two groups based upon preferences for weekday vs. weekend, and based upon 2nd day fishing interests.

Cost: \$130 includes full day at trophy trout lakes including optional hot catered lunch per person with tip (not incl. drinks). \$100 cost without the optional catered lunch (no other local options except

bringing your own). Guided float trip is \$405 per boat for the TVFF (vs. standard rate of \$450) with two anglers per float trip, of course, for a total of \$202.50 per person plus on site tip.

Location: 30 minutes NW of Red Bluff, or 1 hour SE of Redding (3:45 hours to lakes)

Group size: The voucher I bought at the auction allows for a maximum of 8 individuals at the given discounted rate (\$100 includes daily per rod fee with an optional hot catered BBQ lunch for +\$30 including tip), but Confluence Outfitters will allow us to bring a second group at the same rate on a different day (to give the lake a rest between). We currently have all 16 members and a waiting list signed up for the trip, but can look to add another group if there is enough interest.

Day of Rest: Even trout need a day of rest and we are going to grant them that on Friday, and use that day for an optional day of fishing in the Northland. Group #1 will fish the Lakes on Thursday the 15th and Group #2 taking it over on Saturday the 17th. Groups will be assigned according to day preference once all deposits are received.

Optional Lower Sac float or Upper Sac tightlining Day: The managers of the lakes (**Confluence Outfitters**) have offered us an additional day of guided fishing on the Lower Sac (great time of year for it) with drift boats for a discounted price of \$405 per day for two anglers (normally \$450 per day). Those not wishing to fish the optional day of rest day can also return home early, or fish the Upper Sacramento which is open all year without a guide. A third option is to fish Putah Creek in Winters on the way back to the Bay Area.

Catered lunch (optional +\$30 including tip): Includes 2 meats (chicken and usually ribs or tri-tip), potato and regular salad, and baked beans). Lunch is catered by 2 Buds BBQ in Red Bluff that has a great reputation, and will do all the setup and cleanup to maximize our on-the-water fishing time. You will need to bring your own drinks as they are not included.

Equipment: 5 (minimum)-7 weight rods with floating line. Lakes are only 4 feet deep on average so clear intermediate sinking lines can be used for fast retrieve streamers if desired, though most fish floating lines. No tackle is available on site so you must come prepared to beg and pay exorbitant prices from other club members if you didn't come equipped.

Float tubes: The lakes are not that large, and the recommendation is to shore fish for best results since the tubes can put the fish down. If desired, they recommend using tubes late in the day. All tubes, waders, and boots will need immersion on site to ensure cleanliness. Three tubes are available on site and can be rented for \$20 each including fins if desired.

On Site Facilities: Include picnic tables, a shed, and a bathroom with running water and flush toilet. There are two picnic tables, one of which is covered with a roof. The main shed has a portable heater, chairs, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and drinking water. The shed and covered picnic table makes an excellent refuge from the elements.

Payments: 100% of the “Lakes only” payment of \$100 is due by the December 7th TVFF Club meeting. 50% of the optional float trip payment (\$101.25 per person/2 per boat) is also due by the December 7th TVFF meeting, with the remaining \$101.25 of the float payment due at the February 1st TVFF meeting.

Additional Information: <http://www.eaglecanyontrout.com/Default.aspx>

Current Signups (maximum of 8 per day, total of 16): Rob Farris, Gary Prince, Ron Dueltzen, Marty Loomis, Martin Plotkin, Donovan Rittenbach, August Abellar, Hal Wilson, David Hiromoto, Cathy Hiromoto, Al Mansky, Sheila Weintraub, Alan Wyosnick, Ken Tetzl, Gary Sekhon, Barry Penner .

All 16 spots are currently filled for this great trip for large trophy trout with 2 full groups, but that is dependent on all providing their deposits by the December club meeting on Thursday December 7th. If you cannot attend the meeting please send your check to me by the 7th (address below). We do have a waiting list so we will take the first 16 checks that arrive with confirmed reservations with initial priority going to those that signed up at the meeting. If there is additional sufficient interest I will try to schedule an additional 3rd day assuming we have enough committed deposits.

Fishmeister Contact Information:

Rob Farris, RFFarris@comcast.net, (925)286-5502

Address for deposit checks: 3003 East Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA. 94566

Spring Pyramid Lake Outing

March 22-23, 2018

Bob McCollum

The 2018 Pyramid Lake Spring Outing is set for March 22-23. This will be prime time for big spring fish (see picture from last year). This will be a guided outing with Rob Anderson (our speaker at June meeting). We will be fishing from step ladders. Rob provides terminal tackle, ladders as well as breakfast and lunch along with expert knowledge and instruction. You need two rigs to fish Pyramid from the ladders: a 7 wt. with floating line for indicator nymph fishing and an 8 wt. with fast sinking integrated shooting head (~325 gr.) for stripping wooly buggers and beetles.

Cost for the two day guide fee is \$200 per angler, plus tip. Lodging, dinner, etc. not included. (Note: I will be collecting the entire guide fee in advance as a deposit to hold your spot. I will refund deposits for cancellations if our group is above the minimum group size – six anglers – or if we find another club member to take your spot. Maximum group size is 12 anglers.)

Pyramid is a bucket list experience. Fishing from ladders with a group is a very social experience and a lot of fun. If you've never tried it, consider signing up and giving it a go. I will put the signup sheet out at the October meeting.





January Program

Fly Tier Meeting

January 4 meeting is our annual fly tiers meeting. We will have six great local fly fishermen demonstrating their skills, tying some of our favorite fly patterns. If you don't tie and have no interest in tying flies this is a great opportunity to chew the fat with your fellow club members.

Those that tie there own flies or are interested in learning this is a good time to learn and get great tips.

There will be a pizza dinner served prior to the meeting.

- \$10 gets you pizza, salad and drinks. Pizza reservations are a must.
- Thursday, January 4
- Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7pm
- Dinner reservations contact Jim Broadbent
nob8@prodigy.net

Fly Tiers Library and Trading Post (LTP)

Most fly tiers, like me, have materials which would probably last several life-times. Often, to tie a new fly, we need a small amount of material which means buying some from the net, which may arrive next week, or jumping in the car for an hour+ drive to a fly shop in the area.



To remedy this, we are creating the LTP. The LTP has 2 resources: the Library for getting small amounts of material (a couple of feathers, small swatch of hair, etc.) and the Trading Post for exchanging your excess with others. Here are the details of how it will work. Both the library and Trading Post are only available to members.

Library: The library will be supported by donations of fly tying material from members. The material will be packaged in gallon sized zip locks with colored labels about the contents. Any member may take a small amount of material for a project and make a modest donation (\$1 min). The donations will be used to buy supplies and, if any is left over, other material for the library.

Trading Post: The trading post allows members to exchange excess tying material for other material. Any member may submit a gallon sized zip-lock bag with the material along with a very brief description to Jim Broadbent. Jim will assess a point value to the material based on his experience (Jim's decision is final). The material will be labeled with a different colored label than the library. Members may exchange their points for material in the trading post.

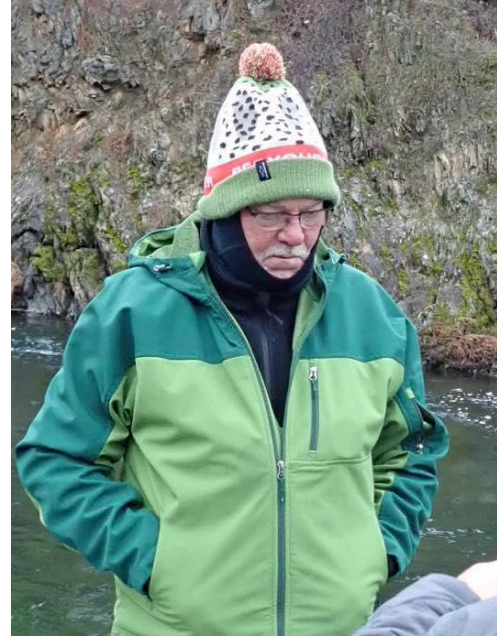
Martin Plotkin will arrange for the LTP to show up at all general, board and fly tying meetings. It can also be accessed by special arrangement made with Martin.

LTP kicks-off, at the meeting, on Thursdays so bring your Trades and Donations.

Member Reports

Trinity River: Bob McCollum and Don Gardner

Bob and Don braved the cold and managed to scratch up one fish each on their trip to the Trinity River in the middle of December. We need some rain to move some new winter run fish into the system! Check out Don's picture on the cover.



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

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

Trinity Steelhead Outing-*Continued from Last month*

Tom Vargas

Here are a couple of new photos from the 2017 Trinity trip. Martin got the big one of the trip at around 31 inches; a nice wild buck caught at the end of the day! Augie with a bright fish caught on the Trinity.



Striper Outing-December 9, 2017

Tom Vargas

The club was well represented on the Delta the morning of the striper outing. We had 5 boats and 11 fishermen who in spite of dire reports of poor fishing, stuck with the plan. We all launched at Orwood resort near Discovery Bay at 7: 00AM and to our surprise, it was not as cold as expected and there was no fog. We had some excitement helping a local fisherman net a 23 pound Salmon he caught off his dock!

As is often the case with fishing, it was a new day and the results were that most everyone caught fish and a good time was had by all. Bob McCollum was the big winner with a 10 pound salmon, his first double digit fish on a fly, and the largest striper of the day. That combination won him the big fish pool.



Education Update – Kent McCammon

We are organizing another 'Back to Basics' with Gary on Saturday December 16, starting at 9:30 am for 2.5 hours. The location is again, the San Ramon Central Park. A signup sheet will be at the Dec Meeting and there are three spots open. We can continue with other skills courses into 2018 in this format and encourage you to list your interests, such as Double haul, slack line casts, aerial mends, single handed Spey, etc.

Also, Gary Turri and other Club members instruct at Golden Gate Anglers facility in Golden Gate Park at 9:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. If anyone wants to go and wants to share a ride, they can announce to Club members. Be sure to check the online Calendar as on occasion they are not held. Typically a free hot dog lunch is provided.

<http://www.ggacc.org/page-18126>

The Fundamentals of Flyfishing Course is returning in late Feb/early March. This is a 3 part Course structured for those new to Flyfishing. Here is the latest information as we finalize. Two classroom sessions and one hands-on casting session are included. The classes are held Tues or Wed nights that run 7-9 pm in the evening in Livermore. The hands-on Casting is going to be furnished by Gary Turri and tentative date is either March 3rd or March 17th in San Ramon Central Park. We will have an interest list with more information at the meetings. We will look for at least 8 and max of 12 paid students again in 2018.



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Get Together

Tuesday, January 2nd, 7 to 9 pm

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

This months Get Together we will meet on Tuesday the 2nd at 7pm.
Lets try some small midge patterns in hook sized 16 to 20. Nymphs to spinners using CDC.

Materials:

Hooks: nymph or dry 16 to 20

CDC: suggested colors are white, light dun, cream, yellow, tan

Goose biots

Natural and synthetic dubbing



As usual there will be materials to share.

An interesting variation: <http://www.tomsutcliffe.co.za/fly-fishing/fly-tying/item/209-tying-the-cdc-midge.html>

Fly Tying Class to start in February!!

TVFF will, once again, offer our award winning fly tying class. We will have four classes on the four Mondays in February from 7 to 9pm at the Rod and Gun Club This is an introductory class that will teach you the skills needed to tie nymphs, dry flies and streamers. All tools, materials and hand outs are provided with step by step instructions assisted by several accomplished tiers from our club.

The class is limited to 6, maybe 8, students at a cost of \$25. There will be a sign up sheet at the Dec. and Jan. meetings.

Items For Sale:

Fly vest for sale XL size.

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Sharkskin Steelhead Taper WF7F, new in box \$55.00

Rio Camolux Clear Camo WF-6 Intermediate line. New in Box. \$50.00

Orvis Wonderline Striper Advantage WF10F, new in box \$25.00

Rio Indicator II WF-7-F New in Box. \$45.00

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It's time for 2018 Dues!

Members:

As we start the new year it's time to think about 2017 club dues. 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.

As always the clubs board appreciates your support.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Marty Loomis

mjloomis@comcast.net or call (925) 426-1863.

Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Tom Fessenden, or our membership coordinator, Marty Loomis 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

Conservation Corner:

Klamath River Basin Dam Removal

Mitchie McCammon

The Klamath River Basin, why is it important and why do we even care? Aren't dams necessary for hydroelectric power? For many, politics makes us want to run and hide and most of the issues surrounding the dam removals appear to be political. For anglers, outdoor enthusiasts, conservationists and Native Americans, it is so much more.

From the 1920s to the 1960s, four hydroelectric dams were built on the Klamath River. These dams block salmon from migrating and trap sediment that formerly replenished downstream gravel bars used by spawning salmon. After the installation of the dams, Native Americans saw spring run salmon reduced from 100,000 to less than 4,000.

In the drought of 2001, federal regulators cut off water deliveries from the Klamath River to farmers and ranchers. This turned into a near violent revolt by the farmers who claimed they had rights to the water and forcefully opened up the headgates to access the water. The following year, the water deliveries were restored. With the continued drought, more fish continued to die.

Dams need to be periodically relicensed and brought up to current standards to keep operating. In the case of the Klamath dams, this would include the addition of fish passages. According to PacifiCorp, the owner of three of the 4 dams, the amount of electricity produced by the dams is minimal and could easily be sourced elsewhere. The dams also do not provide a significant amount of irrigation water nor flood control. The cost to retrofit these small dams far exceeds the cost to remove them. The benefits of removing the dams might not be easily quantifiable in dollars and cents, but will certainly be visible through a healthier ecosystem and the return of spawning salmon. In 2010, the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA), an American multi-party legal agreement determining river usage and water rights involving the [Klamath River](#) and [Klamath Basin](#) in the states of [California](#) and [Oregon](#) was signed into law. One of the items agreed upon was the removal of four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River. Parties to the agreement included the state of California, the state of Oregon, the [Karuk Tribe](#), the [Klamath Tribes](#), the [Yurok Tribe](#), [Del Norte County, California](#), [Humboldt County, California](#), [Klamath County, Oregon](#), [Siskiyou County, California](#); 26 private individuals, companies, and local irrigation districts; and seven NGOs including [California Trout](#) and [Trout Unlimited](#).

The agreements set a deadline of the end of 2015 for Congress to authorize them. Democratic senators from California and Oregon were set to codify the agreements, but ran into opposition from House Republicans who represented the farmers. Although the Representatives agreed with most of the KBRA, they did not agree with the dam removal.

Conservation Corner: *Continued*

The concern was that removing the Klamath dams would lead to other dams around the country coming down. It appears to be a thought of “Where would it end?”

As of 2016, talks and preparations continue to decommission and remove the dams in 2020. More than 400 miles of the Klamath River system that has been blocked for a century will open up for people and wildlife. This will be the biggest dam-removal project in history and we need to get it right.

What can you do to help? Click here to help Cal Trout

<http://caltrout.org/2017/10/ready-see-klamath-dams-come/> get the word to Kimberly Bose, Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Resources:

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/04/160411-klamath-glen-canyon-dam-removal-video-anniversary/>

<http://caltrout.org/regions/mount-shasta-region/keystone-initiative-klamath-river-salmonid-recovery/klamath-river-dam-removal/>

<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-klamath-dams-20151210-story.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Klamath_Basin_Restoration_Agreement



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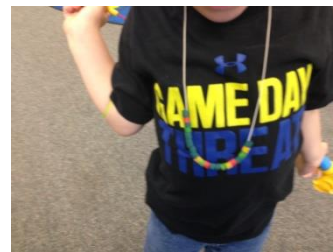
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

