

The Barbless Hook



June 2018

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

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's,

We are entering our summer break, so I'd like to address a few issues before we all head out to enjoy our sport:

First of all, after our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 7, we will not have a regular meeting until Sept 6. So if you show up for a meeting in July or August at the gun club, bring your shotgun cause we won't be there.

Secondly, start planning for our August summer picnic/bbq/pizza/whatever. We have a summer get together each year (including family), and as details firm up, I will contact you via email.

Thirdly, it's not too early to start thinking about becoming part of our club leadership as an officer or director. As we approach the end of the year, various positions will open up, but if you are interested in helping in some capacity that is already filled, please speak up.

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Picture:

Chris McCann with on Eagle Lake rainbow caught on 5/27 during a tough fishing outing.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

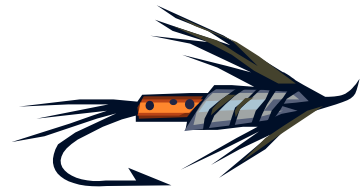
In many cases, people are happy (sometimes very happy) to vacate a position to accommodate someone new. I am very grateful and very impressed by the competency of our current board. We have a core group of people who have been around for some time, but we had a number of new people who joined the board this year who have contributed greatly.

This combination of old and new (ok, ok, experienced and fresh) folks have been very effective. I look forward to getting more new (ahem, younger) people on the board.

And lastly, I hope you all find some activity in the club to enjoy this summer, and if not, think about leading one. We are always looking for a fishmeister to lead an outing.

See you Thursday, June 7th at the gun club between 6:30 and 7:00,

Roger



**2018 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

June 7th :

**Frank Burr-
CDFW Passport &
Heritage Trout
Programs**

July 5th

No Meeting

**August ?
Summer Get
Together**

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



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Klamath River
Steelhead

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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:
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OUTINGS AND EVENTS - June 2018

Rob Farris

Our Outings Director, Rob Farris had hip replacement surgery May 23rd. Perhaps we could mention our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery. Thx, Gary Prince.

Rob is doing well and getting his mobility back. Get well quick Rob!

TVFF Outings and Events for 2018

Please sign up at the outings table at Club meetings, or with the Fishmeister

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>
June 15-17	Jim Roberts Nymphing Class on Upper Sac (max 6)	Gary Prince
Jun 23-24	Lake Almanor fishout	Dennis Rankin
Jul 21-28	Jim Roberts Montana trip	Marty Loomis
Aug 9-12	S High Sierras Heritage Trout & Kern/Kings river	Rob Farris
Sept 14-16	E Sierras Sampler (Northern range)	Rob Farris
Oct 20-21	MF Stanislaus dry fly with NF Stanislaus Camp 9 Mile nymphing hunt for spawning big browns	Rob Farris
Dec 8	Delta Striper Outing	Tom Vargas
Dec 13-14	Trinity Steelhead trip	Gary Prince

Gary Prince:

We are looking for two more anglers to join us. Lodging 2 nights in mountain home, all meals. Jim Roberts is host and guide. Only \$375 total. Fishing, Learning and fun. We have 3 signed up and there's room for 2 more. Please advise if you can join us. Thank you.

Upper Sacramento Nymphing Clinic with Jim Roberts Gary Prince

Nymphing Skills Class on the Upper Sac with Jim Roberts

A Special TVFF Opportunity, June 15-17, 2018



Does high stick nymphing confound you?

Have you fully developed your trout "sixth sense" when fishing in pocket water with size 20 Zebra midges? Or perhaps un-locking the hidden secrets of the Upper Sacramento has been a lifelong, yet unfulfilled experience (yea aaa)...

Well, now is your chance to expand your skills with critical nymphing techniques with a great instructor. This trip is focused on education, and has openings for only four more TVFF anglers (1 already signed up).

This two day and two night fly fishing school is designed for the novice angler to learn what it takes to catch fish consistently on a nymph. Each student will learn how to set up their equipment properly, including the knots, lengths of tippet and leaders. Students will learn how to read the water and the strategies to approach the fish, select a fly, and how to present it properly. We will work on effective casting techniques to match the conditions presented on the water. And then once we have learned how to catch the trout, we will learn how to fight the fish to increase the chances of getting it to net.

This is a very hands-on class. Each student should be in fairly good shape as we will be moving around quite a bit. Each student should also have their own equipment, but if not Jim can provide everything. Flies will be provided for the school. Each student must have a valid fishing license.

The trip is \$375.00 which includes two nights lodging (at Jim's place), meals (Jim's home cooking), guided instruction (Jim's expertise) for the 2 days, and loads of laughs watching your fellow anglers slip and fall into the cold Upper Sac. There is a maximum of only five swimmers for this class, with one already signed up. The entertainment alone is well worth the price.

Friday	Arrive around 7:00 pm for dinner, seminar on nymphing at the house
Saturday	Casting instruction, go to the river for seminar on reading the water Seminar on dry dropper, seminar on nymph and indicator
Sunday	Go to river for seminar on high sticking Seminar on nymphing strategies Departure at 3:00 PM

If you are interested you'll need to move very quickly with only four openings now available. Contact your Fishmeister Gary Prince ASAP if you'd like to be one of the fortunate ones; at the Club meeting, at garysprice1@gmail.com, or on (925) 623-5360.

Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Fishout

Dennis Rankin

Date June 23-24

General Information-

The Lake Almanor Hexagina Hatch takes place in June and July of each year. During this time the fishing can be from good to phenomenal. Lake Almanor has rainbow trout (mostly Eagle Lake strain), brown trout and smallmouth bass. The trout range up about 10 pounds most are in the range of 2 to 6 pounds. Lake Almanor is a PG&E owned lake and access to the lake is free and easy to get to. The weather this time of year is great. Bring a head lamp and a flashlight and extra batteries; you may be kicking or coming in in the dark. I will be sending out map sketches later in the cycle suggesting places to access the lake and any last minute information.

Fishing

The hex hatch starts in the early evening and continues until after dark. Nearly all the trout fishing is done from tubes, pontoons or boats. Smallmouths can be fished by wading. Most of the fishing is wet fly with intermediate or sinking lines. My suggestion for a day is to get up and go fish for smallmouths in the morning and then rest and be ready to go out about 4 pm. There are several launch places from the boat ramp at the south, dam end to access places along the west shore. You can drive right to the shore to launch tubes or pontoons, most do. The hatch generally begins at the south end of the lake and progresses up the lake along the west side. The fly patterns seem to change week to week and year to year. These fish are tough and fight extremely well, they don't roll over after a minute or two. For the latest fishing information stop at the Chester Fly Shop (Lake Almanor Fly Fishing Co) just after the bridge on HI way 36 (main street through Chester) Lake Almanor Flyfishing Company - 159 Main Street - Chester, CA - 96020 - 530-258-3944. The correct fly patterns are available there. Hex patterns, wiggle tails and wooly bugger are popular. Smallmouth patterns seem to be marabou chartreuse patterns seem to work well. I recommend getting a map at the fly shop if you do not have one. If you wish to be guided I would suggest that you book a guide early, I personally have never used a guide and do not suggest it.

Camping and Lodging

There are several campgrounds around Lake Almanor, some USFS, PG&E and private. Lake Almanor is a very popular place so make reservations early. Some of the campgrounds are completely booked for the summer. The campgrounds range from those that have just water and restrooms to some with full RV hook-ups and cabins. I will be staying at the North Shore Campground – 530-258-3376 <http://www.northshorecampground.com/>. This campground has large clean restrooms with showers, hookups, tent sites cabins, a small store, boat ramp and docks. There are others listed on the web pages for Lake Almanor and the town of Chester. There are motels in Chester; I have not stayed in any so I cannot give a recommendation. Again the web is the place to look, but book early.

Restaurants

There are several good places to eat in the area, many I have not eaten at. I will give a few suggestions and ideas; a burger stand on the south side of 36 in Chester has been quite good for hamburgers and

Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Fishout-*Continued*

good milkshakes. The Copper Kettle is a good place to have breakfast. The Subway sandwich shop is good and it is convenient to pick up a sandwich on your way to get to the fishing launch area. There are a couple of good pizza restaurants and some full service dinner restaurants. Tantardino's is an excellent Italian restaurant, reservations are required or heavily suggested on weekends, we go for a late lunch and I recommend this one. Tantardino's, 623 Peninsula Drive, Lake Almanor, CA 96137 Phone: 530-596-3902.

Shopping

Chester is a modern town with about everything needed for a good trip; there is a large, modern grocery store, gas stations, etc.

Route

I recommend to go north on I 5 to Red Bluff and then going east on HI way 36. Simple directions, 5 north to 36 east. Beware Chester area and the roads around Chester can be speed traps.

Sign-up

If you are planning to go, please sign up with the requested information so that we can get you the latest information. If you sign up and cannot make it, no harm but if we don't have your information we will not be able to keep you informed. This trip should be great, weather, fishing, friends and the beautiful golden hex fly. If you have any questions or need any information please give me a call or email.

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Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Fishout - June 23 & 24

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The Lake Almanor Hexagina Hatch takes place in June and July of each year. During this time the fishing is usually good to phenomenal. Lake Almanor has Rainbow Trout (mostly Eagle Lake strain) Brown Trout and Smallmouth Bass. The fishing for trout is done in the evening from float tubes, pontoon boats or boats. Smallmouth bass are fished all day.

If you are planning to go or think you may go please sign up so that we can exchange contact information between us. I will have information sheets for those who are interested.

June 7th Meeting Program

Patrick Donovan

Frank Burr- CDFW Passport & Heritage Trout Programs

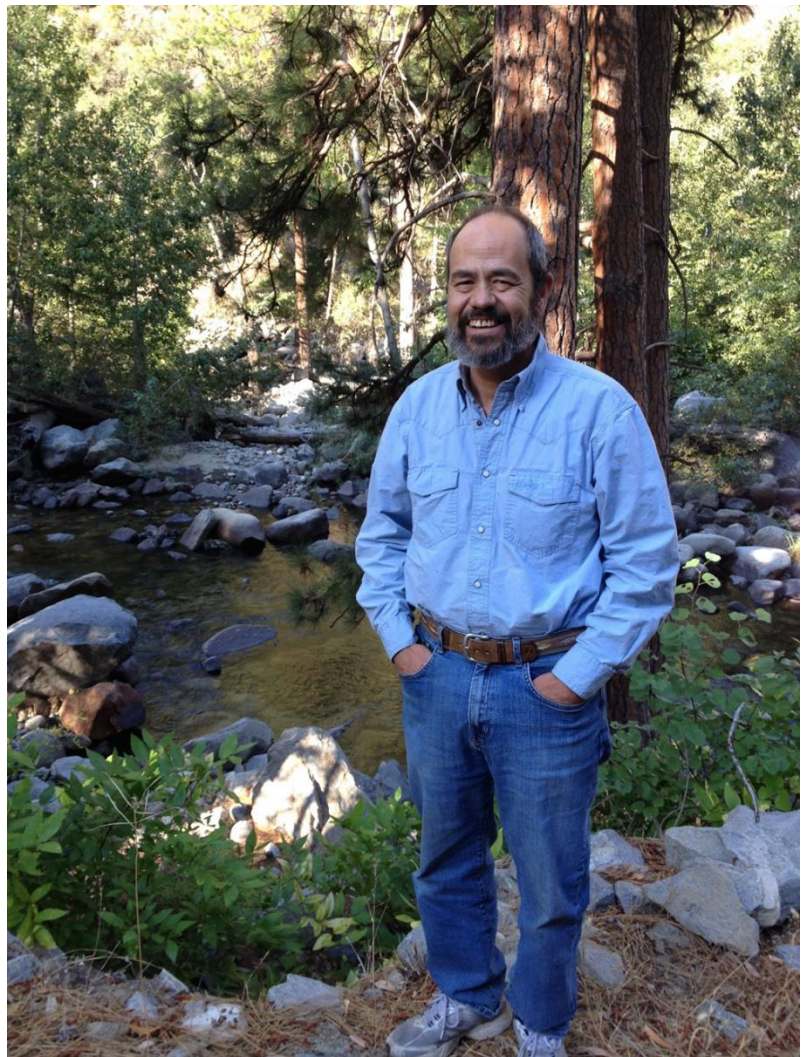
Frank Burr learned Fly Fishing and Fly tying in summer school at the early age of 7. A native of Southern California, Frank fly fishes throughout the state.

Although Trout is his favorite species, Frank will fly fish for any species just to get in a day of fishing. Frank has worked in the fly fishing industry for the past 5 years and Frank is also a Fly Fishing, Fly Tying and Casting instructor. Also a Fly Fishing Guide, mainly in the Eastern Sierra, Frank targets his guiding for CDFW Heritage Trout and Angler Passport programs to help anglers obtain those awards.

Frank also spends time each year donating his help to youth programs and Trout in the Classroom to help educate youths in fly fishing and related subjects.

This presentation will highlight the details of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife's – Anglers Passport Program (*with emphasis on Coldwater Species*) and Heritage Trout Challenge.

We will cover what species, where to find them, what awards are available and what the requirements are to earn them.



Fundraising

Marty Loomis

Fly Donation Opportunity

TVFF has received a large donation of fly fishing fly's in various sizes and types. Over the next several months, TVFF will be having a table in the back selling them as an on-going fund raiser. No one will be working the table, honor bucket only, and if you don't like the suggested price, negotiate. This will be a great opportunity to work on that collection you've wanted.

Thank You Sponsors

TVFF would like to thank the following restaurants, individuals, and companies for their donations to TVFF's annual fund raiser. Please keep them in mind when going out or thinking about buying something.

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Fundraising

Martin Plotkin

April Swap Meet Results

The Swap Meet and Bucket Raffle was a great success. Almost 50 people attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. I personally sold some wonderful treasures and bought replacements to go on the shelf in the back of my closet.

Financially we did surprisingly well. After the dust settles between the night of the swap meet, two raffle boards yet to close and a donated Baja trip the club should clear about \$2,000.



I'd like to thank all involved who made it a success and especially Martin Loomis. Beside pulling all the bucket raffle prizes together, he got them to the event and helped Tom Fessenden man the front door most of the night. Gary Prince did a great job with special refreshments for the event and Daniel Kitts and Steve Johnson helped me with the publicity.

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

Kistler Bass Ponds May 12, 2018

Ken Tetzl

I have to report a lousy day bass fishing on Kistler Ponds. About a dozen of us showed up on May 12th.

The day was a little too cold and windy, in my opinion. The fishing was very slow for myself and a few other members I talked too. I only caught one fish in the morning with only two other grabs. Never have had fishing this slow on Kistler ponds??

I waited around, listening to the A's game and catching some sleep, to the late afternoon before trying again, hoping the evening may be productive.

Better but lousy luck. I hooked up five big bass but lost all 5!! Two of which looked to be in the 4-5 lb range. Just seemed to be the way my luck was running that day.

We will return next year for sure. I hope to reserve two dates again next year with one day in March and one in mid April. Will confirm later this year.

Nice view of
the large
pond



Member Reports

April, 2018: Japan Fly fishing! **Bart Hughes**

Had a neat impromptu fishing adventure during our recent trip to Japan. My wife noticed a Simms sticker on the back of our hotel proprietor's car. Turns out he was a fly fisherman. He was very kind, took a couple hours of his day, and guided me to a local stream where I caught this beautiful Japanese Yamame Trout.

Bart



April, 2018: Flaming Gorge **Al Matsky**

I thought that I would have some pictures for you for the newsletter from my fishing trip to Utah, Flaming Gorge, Green river trip, but it was a bust. 2000 miles and only 4 trout to show for it. Only fished 4 out of six days.

The weather was that bad, high winds and freezing cold and snow.

Al

Member Reports

May 7, 2018: Feather and Sacramento River Stripers Tom Vargas

On Monday, May 7th Rob Fletcher and I did a guided trip out of Verona on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers with Maury Hatch. It was the proverbial “should have been here yesterday” as the fishing had been red-hot on Friday with 80 in the boat and a hot Sunday with 35 in the boat.

We arrived to “where did they go?”, which is a frequent occurrence with the elusive striper who is always on the hunt. The consensus was that the spawn occurred on Friday and they moved on.

We managed to get 6 in the boat and had several short strikes that were missed hook-ups. The consensus was that the spawn occurred on Friday and they moved on. Here is Rob with the best fish of the day:



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

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

Alameda Creek

A Trophy Steelhead Fishery??

For the last approximately 20 years, Tri-Valley Fly Fishers has been an active supporter of Alameda Creek Alliance's unrelenting efforts to restore the (once) trophy Salmon and Steelhead fishery to Alameda Creek (right here in our back yard). Finally, at long last there is hope that this goal may be accomplished.

On April 25th this year I attended a much anticipated ground breaking ceremony for the start of a fish ladder construction project that will, make it possible for salmon and steelhead trout to migrate, once again, up the Alameda Creek Watershed streams to spawn. Jeff Miller, the founder of Alameda Creek Alliance (ACA), and I (see photo), were among the ACA members in attendance of the celebration of the occasion. It has been a long time coming and I was delighted to see that it did actually happen.



Even though it has taken such a long time for this fish ladder groundbreaking ceremony to happen, ACA and other agencies have not been idly waiting for the ladder. They have been busy and have accomplished numerous related restoration projects in the watershed that will support the Salmon and Steelhead spawning and rearing activities once the ladder is in place. Several migration barriers etc. in the upper reaches of the watershed have been removed or modified so the fish will have access to their spawning locations. Suitable streamflow and riparian habitat sections of the creeks have been restored to support spawning and rearing of the young fish. Negotiations with the water contractors and agencies have been successful in attaining agreements for adequate water flows to support the fishery. Sources of funding have been secured that will make the completion of the project possible.

In conjunction with the restoration projects much research has been done on whether or not there are still viable sources of the historical native fish that populated the watershed. This research has proven that fish that currently reside upstream of the Calaveras dam) still contain the genetic DNA and characteristics of the fish that were trapped there when the dam was completed (1920's). The trout reside in the Calaveras Reservoir as if it was their ocean, and migrate up the streams above the lake to spawn, and then return to the lake. Fishery biologists have determined that these fish, if they are physically able to do so, will still return to the Pacific Ocean to live and migrate back to the Alameda Creek watershed to spawn. Once the fish ladders are in place and the stream flow and riparian restorations are completed the plan is to use these fish to jump-start the migratory runs.

Historically, (prior to the early 1900's) Alameda Creek was known as a first rate trophy Steelhead Fishery. As recent as the 1940's & 50's renowned Hollywood movie actors and other dignitaries regularly came to Alameda Creek for some great Steelhead fishing. Shown here is a picture of a Steelhead caught in Alameda Creek in 1959.



Alameda Creek-Continued

When Jeff Miller, approximately 20 years ago, decided to take on the task of restoring the Alameda Creek Salmon and Steelhead Fishery, it was almost impossible to convince the associated agencies that it was even possible to do so. It was well known that it had been a great fishery; however, in the meantime the construction of so many dams and other migratory barriers, etc. had all but destroyed the fishery. Still Jeff would not be denied. He arranged a meeting with several agencies to discuss the situation. The major migration barrier was the concrete weir at the BART crossing in the Fremont area. The meeting included a trip to the BART weir to discuss the issue. While Jeff was trying to convince them that it might be possible to restore the fishery and they insisted that the fishery had been completely destroyed and was no longer viable. However, as they watched a few large Steelhead started leaping up onto the concrete barrier, trying to get upstream to spawn. The timing could not have been better for Jeff; they had to concede that maybe there was still some life in the fishery. This motivated Jeff to vigorously pursue his campaign.

Almost every year, during a relatively heavy rainy period steelhead have been observed leaping upon the weir in an effort to reach suitable spawning waters in the upper reaches of the watershed. ACA has monitored this site regularly during these periods, and have organized fish rescue missions to capture these fish and move them above the barrier and release them so they can continue upstream to spawn.



With proper approval from appropriate regulatory agencies, ACA volunteers, including TVFF members have regularly captured migrating steelhead at the BART weir and released them above the barrier (see photo). The fish have been equipped with radio transmitters and their migration and spawning activities monitored. It was confirmed that some of these rescues have actually resulted in fish spawning in upper reaches of the watershed.

I have been proud to represent TVFF as a supporter of ACA's determination to recover this, once great, fishery. One of the items on my "Bucket List" is to take a picture of a Steelhead making its way up a fish ladder at the BART weir. It has been so long coming and I am getting up in years so I have been concerned that I may not be able to cross that off my list, however, with the recent progress I have renewed hope that it still might happen.

Thanks to Tri-Valley Fly Fishers for their support of this project.

Derrell Bridgman



BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge

Needed...Instructor Coaches - with Benefits

In 2014 we put together a Fly Fishing Merit Badge program for the Boy Scout Council of San Francisco Wente Reservation summer camp located in Willits, CA. The BSA do not have counselors that are able to do the instructing so we were asked to find volunteers to instruct the merit badge. Every year the number of scouts and leaders has grown and in 2017 we had over 150 participants during the 8 week summer camp. They were coached by 25 volunteer coaches from around the Bay Area.

We need volunteers to help with the 2018 summer camp!

This is open to all fly fisher men and women who want to help. Even if you do not feel comfortable teaching casting or tying we can pair you with people that do and the best way to improve your game is to teach it. Do not let that deter you from volunteering.

This is a great opportunity for the Fly Fishing community to introduce new youth to the sport along with helping promote interest and respect for the greater outdoors. **If you are interested in volunteering your time let me know! I can send you a link to the signup web site.**

The Benefits...The camp provides meals and accommodations during our stay making it easy on us. Plus there is great Bass Fishing on the private lake where 5# Large Mouth Bass aren't uncommon! You will have access to the lake during your stay along with the use of their boats. Plus you may get the personal satisfaction of helping a young person catch their first fish.



If you have any questions or want more details please contact me. Feel free to pass this information on to anyone you feel might be interested in participating.

Tightlines,

Daniel Kitts

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The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Monthly Club Get Together

Monday, June 4th , 2018 from 7 to 9 pm

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

**Jim's gone fishing.
Check with Robert
Nishio and Daniel
Kitts regarding the
status of Monday's
meeting.**

Education Update

Kent McCammon...Gone Fishing!

Gary Turri has opened a series of Casting Classes to learn different aspects of Casting, ranging if you are a beginner or expert who wants to learn a new casting skill. Gary is Certified FFF Instructor and has local classes in San Ramon to help your cast.

The key is to sign-up if you are interested at the Meetings or call or email Gary directly. Once he gets 6 paid students, he will work with the students to pick a date that works.

Gary have sign-up sheets for the following classes at the May Monthly meeting.

1. A new sign-up sheet is started.
2. Presentation Casts and Slack Line Aerial Mends (For Trout Dry Fly Fishing) - 2 signups.
3. Improved Accuracy and Loop Control-2 signups. A good prerequisite class for learning the Single and Double Haul.
4. Single and Double Haul Fly Casting- (must have good loop control before taking this class.) 3 signups.
5. Understanding and Casting Shooting Heads and Sinking Lines- 0 signups. A good class for stripers in the Delta or the Pyramid lake outing.

We will be putting an interest sheet for the Flyfishing Fundamentals course, November will be targeted to repeat this class we offered in March pending interest.

Remember you have a free class offered by the Golden Gate Flycasters club every 2nd Saturday. Be sure to check the Club calendar as sometimes they have special events. This is an excellent program. The Oakland Casting pond is a closer opportunity, last checked they invite people on 3rd Saturday of month.



Conservation Corner:

Mitchie McCammon

Eagle Lake Trout

Eagle Lake is located in Lassen County about 15 miles north of Susanville. It is the second largest natural lake entirely in California. Due to its alkalinity, Eagle Lake is the only watershed which supports the native Eagle Lake trout. Non-native fish have not survived in the lake because of the high alkalinity.

The Eagle Lake trout have historically spawned in Pine Creek, a tributary on the western shore of the lake. At one time these trout were so abundant that there was a commercial fishery for them in the late 19th century. Due to extensive logging, livestock grazing and lower lake levels, Pine Creek changed from a permanent to an intermittent stream. Additionally, in the 1940s, non-native brook trout were introduced into Pine Creek which limited natural production of Eagle Lake trout by competition and predation.

In the 1930s and 40s, resource managers observed a decline in the native fish population and feared the species may go extinct. As a result, a weir was installed on Pine Creek in the late 1950s to capture Eagle Lake rainbow trout during their spawning migration. The eggs and milt are collected, fertilized, and transported to state fish hatcheries until they are large enough to be replanted in Eagle Lake. The Eagle Lake trout is completely dependent on the hatchery program for survival. Because of this, it is considered a threatened species. A petition for listing the Eagle Lake rainbow trout as a threatened species was rejected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1994, and a similar petition was rejected by the California State Fish and Game Commission in 2004. This was mainly due to the many conservation actions and protections afforded under a multi-agency conservation strategy. The Eagle Lake trout are currently a State Species of Special Concern.

What is being done to help this threatened species? The CDFW worked with numerous state, federal, and non-profit agencies to publish a conservation strategy for Eagle Lake rainbow trout. The primary focus is on restoration in the Pine Creek watershed to reestablish a wild, naturally-spawning population. Other ongoing actions include fencing off sections of the creek to exclude livestock, replacing impassible culverts, and removing structures that divert water from Pine Creek.

Currently, the Eagle Lake trout is one of the 11 species of native trout that can be caught for the Heritage Trout Challenge. I recently traveled to Eagle Lake to try to catch this trout but was not successful. In two days of fishing, there were only about 4 reports of this trout being caught with an estimation of a couple hundred people fishing in various locations around the lake. Does this mean the species is truly endangered? Maybe and probably. There is hope the organizations are doing enough to protect this unique species.



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Tom Fessenden 925-785-6871 email TomJF@comcast.net

- **Spey Rod.** Brand new never used
SAGE TCX SPEY 8119-4 (4pc-8wt- 11'-9") retails \$850.00
Asking \$400.00 send me a offer

Joe Cerniglia email sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net

- **Redington RS3** Rod 9 foot 10 weight 2 piece. New condition \$100.00

Sharkskin Steelhead Taper WF7F, new in box \$55.00

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

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

Scientific Anglers Custom Tip Express T14 New n Box.\$35.00

Gary T (925) 786-5184 cell

- **Fly vest for sale XL size.**
Includes 6 interior pockets, one large and one medium pocket on back. Like new condition. \$30

Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194

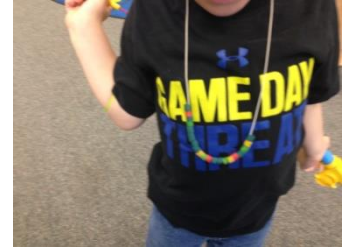
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

