

The Barbless Hook



**March
2018**

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

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's,

Hopefully, all who wanted to, got to attend our installation dinner last month. It was a fun night of socializing, great food and an opportunity to thank our outgoing board and welcome the new. I cannot adequately express how grateful I am to the wonderful folks who consistently step up to make this club what it is. The many volunteers who fill the jobs and do the work to keep our club running and make it the success; I believe this is our greatest asset.

Our new board although mostly the same as last year has some great new people who I'm sure will continue on this great tradition. I get to stand up front each month, but it's all the other people that really make it work. One of the best perks of being the president is the receipt of one of Jim Broadbent's beautiful Fly Shadow Boxes. Jim does a phenomenal job putting it together and contributing some of his own fine flies, but many other club members also contribute flies, making it even more special. Thank you for letting me be your president last year and for this coming year also.

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President Roger receives the coveted plaque from Jim Broadbent

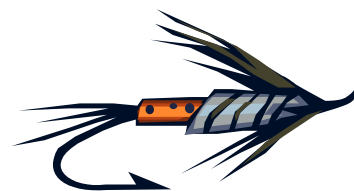
Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

I'm very excited about where the club is going this year. One cool thing coming up in April is a Swap meet. We usually have an auction in April, but have decided that instead of a full blown auction (it really is a lot of work for those who make it happen) we will have a swap meet instead. It will still entail a lot of effort on the part of those who are making it happen (Marten Plotkin et al) but should be somewhat easier and still provide some funds for the club while definitely providing a great evening for all who choose to participate. All the details should be elsewhere in this publication.

Please join us this Thursday for our regular monthly meeting where Jim Roberts will be our speaker. Those of you who have heard Jim speak before know that his talks are very informative and entertaining. And please plan on participating in our April swap meet.

Again, my heartfelt thanks go out to those people who stepped up and did such a great job last year on our board, and many thanks in advance to the 2018 board who I'm sure will continue the trend.

Roger



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

March:
Jim Roberts
Spring Fishing
in Northern
California

April:
First Annual
Swap Meet and
gathering

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



Lower Sac Floats,
Upper Sac and
McCloud
Klamath River
Steelhead

Tri-Valley FF
Special Offer
2nd day is 1/2
off!

Jim Roberts
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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:
TVFF
PO Box 2358
Livermore, CA 94551

OUTINGS AND EVENTS - March 2018

Rob Farris

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
MARCH 15*	EAGLE CANYON LAKES	ROB FARRIS
MARCH 17*	EAGLE CANYON LAKES	ROB FARRIS
MARCH 22-23	PYRAMID LAKE	BOB MCCOLLUM
APRIL 5	SWAP MEET/BUCKET RAFFLE	MARTIN PLOTKIN
APRIL 7	KISTLER BASS PONDS	KEN TETZEL
MAY 19	PUTAH CREEK FISHOUT	ROB FARRIS
MAY 26-28	EAGLE LAKE FISHOUT	DENNIS RANKIN

*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.





Kistler Ranch Fishout

April 7, 2018



Recently, unseasonably warm weather had me thinking a lot about Kistler Ranch. More specifically, the bass in that big pond that's so close I can almost touch it! Tri-Valley's bass fishout, April 7th, at the Ranch has been confirmed. I'm already adding to my popper collection.

I don't consider myself an expert bass angler by any measure but, even I've had a fair amount of success with Kistler's bass. My son has also! Hell, I don't even have that much attraction for largemouths (more for smallies and I love trout) so I don't waste my time fishing subsurface, hence my lack of regard, I suppose? Don't get me wrong. Fishing a Woolly Buggy deep and slow like many do in the club will almost always take more fish than us surface geeks! But, I love a quiet pond in spring, in my float tube or even better, wading softly while throwing my olive poppers to those warm water brutes along the shoreline. Just seeing a green bigmouth launch himself airborne, following an aggressive rise, is great fun!

I must report however, this fishout is already sold out! Wow, twenty fly rodders ready to go. (I was informed one sign-up can't make it due to medical commitments), so some lucky member will be moved into the starting lineup. First paid, first in. There are nine on the waiting list.

One more thought. If the interest is there, I would be open to another Kistler Fishout, perhaps some weekend in May. If I could get maybe fifteen sign-ups, we could hit the ponds again, with a date to be determined? Contact me, email or call, if interested and of course those on the waiting list would be first in. You new members, Kistler would be a good place to get some surface action on those new fly rods! Mmmmm.....I just envisioned a fat bigmouth, swirling near a particular shoreline next to a sparse weedbed.....mmmmmm.

Ken Tetzel

Prospective, and New Member Fishout

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers

** No Cost, One Day Outing to Putah Creek, Winters CA.*

Saturday May 19, 2018, 7:30 AM – dark

Car pooling available, Only 1 hour, 20 minutes away

*Event scheduled to welcome new and prospective members to nearby local trout waters, and
enjoy a typical Club outing with 3-4 existing member/guides for the day..*

Learn to fly fish, tell tall tales, or tackle the stream head-on in a highly social and fun environment, with experienced members to guide and support you along the way. Learn and enjoy the multiple challenges of Putah Creek including dry fly/droppers, nymphing, and streamers on this great local fishery...

*Sponsored by Club
Leaders:
Marty Loomis,
Membership
Kent McCammon,
Education,
Rob Farris, Fishmeister*

To register please contact:

Fishmeister – Rob Farris,
RFFarris@comcast.net, 925-286-5502



Eagle Lake Fishout

Dennis Rankin

Date May 26, 27 & 28 (May 26th is the opening day.)

Eagle Lake will open on May 26th, this is a Fishout, no guides just us, the signup sheet will allow us to get phone numbers of each other to stay in touch. Before leaving here I will send a list of all who signed up to each of those who signed up. Communication can be a little tough, Verizon has worked well, AT&T not to good but does work some and hopefully getting better. The weather is unpredictable from cold to 100.

General Information – Eagle Lake is a legendary fishery located in Lassen National Forrest 16 miles from Susanville, CA. It is famous for its Eagle Lake Rainbows, a subspecies adapted to live in the alkaline waters of Eagle Lake. These fish grow quickly and are tough fighters, with their beautiful coloring they are a prize. Note that some of the areas around the lake are soft and sandy; do not drive in these areas without 4 wheel drive.

Fishing- Fishing can be done by wading, tubing or boat. The fishing has been poor the last 2 years and this is attributed to the drastic cuts in fish planted, more than 250,000 less the last 5 years. Some of the productive flies are Rust Wiggle Tails, Leach patterns (olive, blood leach, purple/black and rust Tui Chub imitations, a greenish white snail and sometimes a bright orange pattern. I recommend a 5wt rod with floating, intermediate and or sinking lines. Indicator fishing is popular and is often quite productive. The lake changes and the fishing information are best seen on Val Aubry's web page <http://www.eaglelakefishing.net>.

Camping - Camping is available at several campgrounds around the lake, the web site is <http://www.eaglelakerecreationarea.com/> . I will be camping at Merrill Campground; there are full hookups to tent sites at this campground. There are several restrooms in the campground. There are no showers; there is a pay shower at the marina.

Susanville- Susanville is a full service town, hotels, restaurants, sporting goods and fuel. It is about 13 miles and takes about 30 to 40 minutes.

Route – I recommend to get there by going north on I5 to Red bluff and east on HI way 36 to Eagle Lake Rd. HI way 32 through Chico is twisty and a beautiful ride but to crooked for me. On your way you may want to stop at the fly shop in Chester, Tom usually has great recommendations and is a real straight shooter.

Signups – If you are going or are probably going please sign up so we can share the contact information, naturally this is a Fishout, come as you are, no guides just have fun. If you want a guide check the web site of Val Aubry and ask her or the Chester Fly shop.

March Program
Patrick Donovan

Jim Roberts
“Spring Fishing in California”

Jim Roberts first picked up a fly rod at 13 and since has spent countless days on the water learning various aspects of the sport. He has accumulated a wide range of experience in the fly fishing industry, from producer of fly fishing videos, fly shop owner, instructor, guide, writer, and manufacturer. But he still enjoys the thrill and excitement of getting somebody into a fish or sharing knowledge with a fellow angler.

Fishing different waters from Argentina to Alaska for the past twenty years, Jim Roberts has learned what it takes to catch fish in a variety of settings and conditions. His passion for chasing any fish with a fly is matched by his desire to teach others about fly fishing.

Jim first got his guide license in 1995 and has been taking fly fishers on enjoyable trips ever since. With over twenty years experience and his professional training as a teacher, Jim is able to share his knowledge to help other anglers make it to the next level. His goal is to make fly fishing instruction as fun and rewarding as possible.

Jim guides on the Lower Sacramento River for rainbows, the Trinity River for steelhead, and the Klamath for steelhead and salmon.



Jim gives
Marty Loomis
tips on a
2016 outing
to the Upper
Sacramento
River

**April Meeting
Martin Plotkin**

First Annual Swap Meet and Bucket Raffle

This year, instead of an Auction at our April meeting, we're having a Swap Meet and Bucket Raffle. Now is the time to open those closets and look in the corners of your garage for that fishing, camping and outdoor equipment you haven't used in years and bring it to the Swap Meet.

The Swap Meet is open to all, not just members. Entrance to the event is \$10 and kids under 18 accompanied by adults are free. Attendees who pay an entrance fee will receive tickets for the bucket raffle. Additional tickets can be purchased. There will both liquid refreshments (including adult beverages) and snacks for all.

Those selling equipment will be in charge of how they sell, at what price and collecting their money. Sellers will donate 10% of their gross sales to the club (after all it's our annual fund raiser). It's recommended that equipment be sold as a silent auction run by the seller or at a fixed price. Other forms of selling such as Dutch auctions and trades are permissible and strictly up to the sellers. All sellers are on the honor system.

The doors will open for sellers at 6:00 PM to check-in, be assigned table space and set-up. To allow Sellers not to be tied down to their equipment, have time to roam around, visit and hunt for new treasure to replace the equipment their selling, a Selling Form should be attached to each item being sold.

Buyers can arrive any time after 6:30 PM. The early bird will probably gobble up the bargains.

All sales must be concluded by 8:30 at which time the bucket raffle will commence.

As usual, the Swap Meet will take place at the usual place, the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club

- For more information call Martin Plotkin or send an email to swapmeet@tri-valleyflyfishers.org.

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.

Potluck and Installation Dinner February 4, 2018

Photos by Bob McCollum



Member Reports

February 4, 2018: Bob McCollum

Bob mastering San Luis Reservoir



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

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

Education Update for Tri-Valley Fly Fishers

Kent McCammon

We have 5 Education opportunities for members ongoing and to make you a better fly fisher and a bonus to get to hang-out with great people too. Here is the latest update. Please sign up and mail your checks to confirm. See you in 2018.

Livermore Rod and Gun Club is at 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore

San Ramon central Park address is 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road which is the new San Ramon City Hall Building.

For Club courses, make check to 'TVFF' and Mail to Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, PO Box 2358, Livermore, CA 94551.

For Gary's Fly Casting classes please email Gary and ask for his address to send check made out to Gary Turri. Additional classes to be offered in the future: "Understanding and Casting Shooting Heads & Sinking Lines" "Presentation Casts & Slack Line Aerial Mends."

Golden Gate Casting Ponds - <http://www.ggacc.org/>

Questions and ideas or volunteers to teach can be sent to reeltrout1@att.net

Course Name	When and Where	Cost	Instructor/Organizer	Status
Fundamentals of Fly Fishing Course 2 classroom and 1 hands on casting class <i>No prerequisite-All Skill Levels.</i>	March 7, March 14 Classroom on Wednesdays 7-9pm Livermore R&G Club Casting class on March 17 at 9 am to noon San Ramon Central Park	\$40 TVFF members, or \$85 with 2018 TVFF dues inclusive, check to 'TVFF' PO box	Kent McCammon 925-449-3507 for signup or send check to TVFF PO Box Instructors Daniel, Hal, Martin, Kent and Gary casting	Signups open taking checks, 3 signups. need 8 to proceed with class and max of 12 students.
Improved Accuracy and Loop Control –For all skill levels.	Feb 17th 9:30am-noon San Ramon Central Park	\$30 check made out to Gary Turri	Gary Turri, 786-5184, GJTurri@comcast.net	3 paid w/ 3 slots remaining. Signups open for future class until at least 4 paid, max 6
Single and Double Haul Cast Class- For Int.-Adv. skill level.	March 3 9:30am-noon San Ramon Central Park	\$30 check made out to Gary Turri	Gary Turri, 786-5184, GJTurri@comcast.net	This class is FULL. Taking signups for future class.
Back to Basic Fly Casting Class- For all skill levels.	To be scheduled 9:30am-noon San Ramon Central Park	\$30 check made out to Gary Turri	Gary Turri, 925-786-5184, GJTurri@comcast.net	Signups open, for future class not scheduled, look for May/June
Beginning Fly Tying Class	Mondays in February @Rod & Gun club - back room	\$25 made out to 'TVFF'	Jim Broadbent, 925-455-1046	Please call Jim to find latest information on open slots please.
Spey Casting. Brian will do an assessment session for interested students. Course is on a Saturday in SF at GG Park, next day Sunday - American River/Sacramento	Dates are TBD April thru June is our current target. On Water assessment at Shadow Cliffs with Brian is going to precede the actual course.	\$100 tuition, Membership in GGCC is required at \$40 individual/year + \$10 fee first time. Family (up to 4) for \$50.	Brian Endlich 415-601-0070 is organizing for Golden Gate Class Fly casters	Not scheduled with dates as yet. Classes are 5 people , we have 8 on Sign up, you can add you name to wait list

Casting Classes



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Monthly club Get Together

7 to 9 pm

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

This month we are going to tie dry fly wings. That's it, just wings. Feather wings, wings using wing burners, wally wings, loop wings, web wings, tent wings, and what ever else we can think of.

Materials:

- Hooks: Standard dry 12 or 14
scud or emerger 12 or 14
- Duck flank feathers: mallard, teal, wood duck
Lighter colors
- Wing sheet materials: web wing, Organza ribbon
Bridal ribbon, Medallion sheeting
- Wing burners if you have them
- Anything else you think might make a good wing

We always share material.



Items For Sale:

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

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

Redington Vice Rod/ Reel/ Line Combo, 9 foot 6 wt. 4 piece. New in Box, comes in padded rod and reel case. \$180.00

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

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

Gary T (925) 786-5184 cell

Like to sell this asking \$400

Greg Murawski



Dave Scadden's Air Craft

Dave Scadden's Air Craft sets a whole new level of high performance float tube technology. Weighing in with an unbelievable hull weight of 3lbs 6 oz. the Air Craft is the lightest float tube in the world. It is no cheap blow up toy. The Air Craft boasts Dave's exclusive fully rockered hull design, 700 lb. weight capacity, class IV whitewater rating and lifetime warranty. The Air Craft utilizes multiple layers of urethane coatings both inside and out for unparalleled durability. Combine this with some of the most sophisticated radio frequency heat welding technologies in the world and you have a tube that is not only lightweight but extremely user friendly. The Air Craft is a joy to move around both in and out of the water but most of all it is a blast to fish from. It is like you are fishing on a cloud... You are!

(Hand pump and seat included)

Retail: \$1,100.00

Show Special: \$599.00

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:

Mitchie McCammon

Support Wild and Scenic Designation for the Mokelumne River

It's a crucial time for the Mokelumne River and we need your help. The California Natural Resource Agency (CNRA) has just released their Mokelumne River Wild and Scenic River Study Report and they are encouraging public comment until next Monday, February 28th. We are very glad to read in the report that 37 miles of the North Fork and mainstem qualify for state protection as a Wild and Scenic River. With this designation, the Mokelumne River will be closed off to new dams and major water diversions and its extraordinary scenic and recreational values protected well into the future. The Mokelumne River deserves this because it provides:

Critical habitat for native salmonids.

The Mokelumne is not stocked with trout or managed as a fishery in any of the proposed protected sections yet robust populations of wild trout persist in all of these reaches. This is a testament to the quality of the habitat and presence of cold, clean water.



High recreational value.

Eco-tourism is one of the world's fastest growing economic generators and the Mokelumne has more potential to generate revenue for the community if the free-flowing sections remain free-flowing. It provides a uniquely broad range of recreational opportunities, from mellow camping to high-adventure whitewater kayaking. And with proper management, the Mokelumne has the potential to be a trophy trout fishery. A free-flowing river connects with the hearts and minds of visitors much deeper than a reservoir.



"Our mission is to provide you with a total experience, not just a fishing trip."

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Al Smatsky

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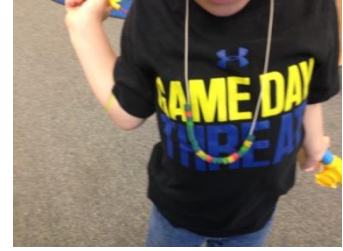
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

