

# The Barbless Hook

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Edited by Mark Spruiell



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## President's Message

by Albert Mansky

As your incoming President, I'm looking forward to working with my new Board of Directors in this coming year as well as interfacing with our club members. As your Vice-President for the past two years, it was a pleasure working and learning from Roger, as well as the members on the board. I look forward to your input. If you have any ideas on what the club should be doing better or new going forward, please talk to me or any member of the board. Rest assured, we welcome your ideas, on any subject, like guest speakers, new subject matter, outings, or whatever you think we should be doing or doing better. We all want the same thing, a strong club that caters to the wants and needs of its members.

I hope you will be able to attend the installation dinner for your new Board of Directors for 2019, on Thursday, February 7th, at the Livermore Rod and Gun club. There will be plenty of food and drinks for all, as well as a FREE raffle ticket for each person, adult or child, to participate in our raffle. If you could bring something for the pot luck, it would be appreciated. We'll start socializing at 6:30 pm, with dinner at 7:00 pm. So, come one come all, and have a great time. I'm looking forward to starting off 2019 as your newly elected President and working with your new Board of Directors to make this club even better, if that's possible, in the coming year.

Thanks,

*Al*



Robert Nishio with a Feather River steelhead. See the trip report on page 9.

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## 2019 TVFF Board of Directors

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## 2019 Membership Fees Due

Membership renewal dues are now due and payable: \$40 if paid before the February 2019 meeting, \$45 thereafter. Checks (preferred) and cash will be accepted. See Steve Johnson.

The club's mailing address is:

**TVFF**  
**PO Box 2358**  
**Livermore, CA 94551**

# Winter Fishing Opportunities

## Rob Farris

A wellness weekend! Yea, that's just what is on the table... There's no need to suffer the winter doldrums as there is some great fishing going on right now if you are looking to get out. Whatever your preference, stream, lake, or the delta; for trout, stripers, steelhead or bass, the world is your oyster right now.

Want to fish for hard charging Steelhead? Did you miss the Club trip to the Trinity? Not to worry! Check out Alan Wyosnick's write up on how great the Feather River has been for

Steelhead fishing for individuals and the club outing a few weeks ago. Lots of fish, big fish, fish taking you into your backing, and only a day trip away. Hard to beat that. And we also have Steelies in the Mokelumne just below Camanche Reservoir and only 1.5 hours away, right in your backyard.

How about some stripers on the delta? Get in contact with Martin Plotkin, Tom Vargas, or Daniel Kitts for some great assistance, and don't miss Bob McCollum's upcoming trip to the San Luis Forebay for big stripers. These guys have the stripers dialed in, so if that's your game you have some very knowledgeable guys to provide some great direction for you.

OK, maybe you're a trout guy. Check out our upcoming Lower Yuba River Skwala Hatch workshops in February and March on the river put on by Jon Baiocchi. No one knows the river better, and you'll get a chance to get in on the first big dry fly hatch of the year. Hard fighting trout on a dry and Jon's got the whole program down.

Want to do some trout prospecting on your own and wake a trout or two up? Well, depending on the weather you can fish the big Truckee, the Little Truckee, the Merced, Baum Lake, the Pit River, Putah Creek, the Upper

Sacramento, and the East Walker all year round. Or take a nice leisurely guided float down the lower Sac for a day full of fat rainbows. Who said the season is closed?

Nah, you want to go BIG you say! Then you need to get with Chris McCann and Dennis Rankin for the upcoming Pyramid Lake outing for massive Lahontan cutthroat trout. How big? Like 26" ten to fifteen pounders. Chris and Mark Spruiell have been fishing it all winter and these guys also have it dialed in with huge fish from kayaks and pontoons just offshore. Cold; nah, it's just a state of mind when you have a 15 pounder on the line...



And if you've been waiting to tie into a nice largemouth, then get in touch with Ken Tetzl and settle in on one of his two trips up to Kistler Bass Ponds in March and April. Nothing like starting the season with some explosive top water hits from an angry largemouth.

Check out our Outings page on the website and in the newsletter to see what we've got planned and let the Fishmeisters know if you're interested. Get out there and fish hard. And get ready for summer as we have a terrific schedule of diverse outings planned for this year.



### **Fishing & Fun at the historic Indian Creek Lodge**

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## Outings and Activities

### Club Meetings

*All meetings at Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club at 7pm*

Feb 7 New club officers installation and potluck dinner

Mar 7 Jim Roberts – Fishing Shasta's headwaters

**SPECIAL NOTE:** TVFF Booth at Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show February 22-24, 9am-6pm  
Will need staffing support all three days

### Fly Fishing Outings

*Please sign up at the events table at club meetings. Contact Rob Farris to add an event.*

Feb 9	Yuba/Baiocchi Skwala hatch workshop (sold out)	Rob Farris
Mar 3	Yuba/Baiocchi Skwala hatch workshop (open)	Rob Farris
Mar 16	Pyramid Lake trip (Pre-historic Lahontan trout – see p. 7)	Rankin/McCann
Mar 30	Kistler Bass Ponds Day Trip #1 *	Ken Tetzell
TBD	San Luis Forebay Striper Outing	Bob McCollum
Apr 7-8	Combo trip: Eagle Canyon Lake and (optional) Lower Sac Float	Rob Farris
Apr 20	Kistler Bass Ponds Day Trip #2 *	Ken Tetzell
May 4-5	Hat Creek Salmonfly hatch (overnighter)	Rob Farris
Jun 20-23	Truckee Watershed (Big Truckee, Little Truckee, Milton Lake)	Rob Farris
Jun 30-Jul 7	Stewart's Lodge, British Columbia (Trout & more trout)	Don Jower
Summer	Boy Scout Camp – Teaching and bass fishing	Daniel Kitts

*\* Kistler Bass Ponds: First Paid, First In. Anglers limited to about 15. \$25 per rod (for 15 anglers). Kids are FREE. Send the fees to the Club Treasurer at the P.O. Box. Ken will let you know if you're in.*

### Fly Tying Sessions

*All meetings at Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club at 7pm*

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 Beginning Fly Tying Class Jim Broadbent

### Fly Fishing Lessons

*Please sign up at the events table at club meetings.  
Sessions are scheduled based on signup interest.*

Feb 6, 20 & Mar 13, 23	Entomology Class (beginner & intermediate)	Rob Farris & Kent McCammon
Apr 17, 24, 27	Fundamentals of Fly Fishing	Kent McCammon
TBD	Back to Basics Flycasting Class	Gary Turri
TBD	Casting – Improved Accuracy and Loop Control	Gary Turri
TBD	Casting – Presentation Casts and Slack Line Aerial Mends	Gary Turri
TBD	Casting – Single and Double Haul Casts	Gary Turri
TBD	Casting – Shooting Heads and Sinking Lines	Gary Turri



## Pyramid Lake Outing (Chico Fly Fishers) – March 9-10

**Chico Fly Fishers has extended an invitation to TVFF members for their Pyramid Lake outing. See the following page for information on the TVFF outing to Pyramid on March 16.**

The Pyramid Lake Fish Out with Rob Anderson is scheduled for March 9 & 10, Saturday & Sunday. Rob will supply a continental breakfast (muffin and coffee) and lunch both days. The fishing can be very good this time of year and also cold and windy so dress warm. Always easier to peel the clothing off than not have them. 5-7wt rods are what I believe most use, one with a floating line the other with a sinking line like a Teeny 200 or similar. You need to supply your own gear, fly rods, tippet and flies. Rob will supply ladders.

Those of us that take RVs normally will stay at Pelican and Rob or one of the other guides (depending how many fishermen sign up) meet with us on Friday evening to talk about set up, and time to meet, and place for the next morning's fish. If you are not going to stay in an RV there are a couple other options. If you make reservations far enough in advance, Crosby Lodge has cabins and RVs for rent, you can bring your own food and cook or eat at their store. Call them at 775-476-0400. The other option is to stay in Sparks or Reno. The Nugget Casino in Sparks is reasonable and pretty nice. It's still about an hour commute one way and makes for an early morning departure for Pyramid. Call 800-648-1177 or check out the web site.

Cost of the two day fish out is \$200 per angler. You can also purchase a dozen flies for \$35 that come in a fly box. If you are interested in coming, send me a check for \$200 made out to Rob Anderson and if you want the dozen flies make the check for \$235. Don't count on purchasing them from him when you get there, he may not have any.

Also, Rob Anderson gives a talk at the Nugget Casino in Sparks on February 15 (Friday evening) on fishing Pyramid Lake. There is no charge and it's worth the time. You'll need to go to his web site and sign up because it does get full.

Contact Elden Hinkle to sign up or ask questions: [ehinkle@aaproduct.com](mailto:ehinkle@aaproduct.com), 530-518-4680

Make your check out to Rob Anderson and mail it to Elden:

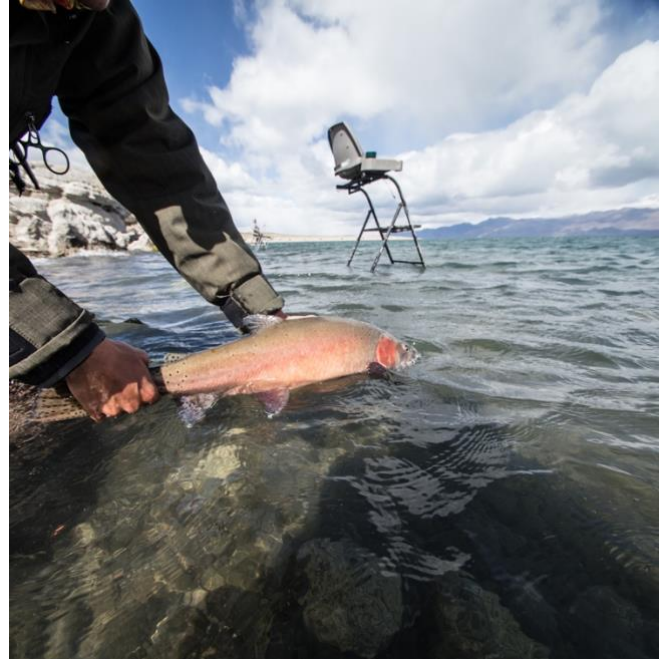
Elden Hinkle  
700 Hastings St.  
Chico, CA 95976

## Pyramid Lake Outing (TVFF) – March 16

This fishout will be guided by [Pyramid Fly Company](#). Fishing will be from elevated fishing chairs instead of ladders. Many of us cannot stand on a ladder and this is a safer alternative. The chairs will be supplied by the guides.

For those of you who wish to fish from shore, there is conventional casting and also using chucker rods, basically roll casting a heavy line with a two-handed rod. Pyramid Fly will supply the rods, flies and instruction. This is a fun way to fish and can be very useful when fishing in areas where overhead casting is not possible. Those of us who have tried it are hooked on it.

The cost includes a day of fishing with breakfast and a deli style lunch. For an extra \$15 you can add an excellent BBQ rib dinner at Crosby Lodge. Breakfast will consist of bagels, cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and coffee. The guiding will be approximately one guide to five fishermen. The cost will be \$125 for the day including breakfast, lunch and flies, or \$140 with the dinner. A Pyramid Lake [fishing permit](#) is required and must be purchased separately. A Nevada fishing license is not required.



For those who wish to fish on Friday before or Sunday afterward, guiding arrangements can be made, or you can do your own thing.

There are lots of choices for accommodations. You can buy a [camping permit](#) and camp at Pelican Point or on any beach, the marina has an [RV park](#), and [Crosby Lodge](#) has camp sites, cabins and trailers for rent, including some nice 5th wheel trailers that will accommodate 4-6 easily (nice hot showers). We are currently working with Crosby's to get a special rate, and of course there are the casinos in Sparks and Reno approximately 35 miles away. To make reservations at the lake, you can call Crosby Lodge at 775-476-0400.

Additional information:

- Hooks must be barbless. No "bait" is allowed.
- Limit is two fish maximum, one or two 17 to 20" or one over 24", all measured fork length.
- Recommend a 6-8 weight rod – remember some of these fish get up to 20 pounds.
- Additional information is available at the Pyramid Lake [web site](#).

The basic fees are listed below:

1 day fishing	\$12	1 day – 2 <sup>nd</sup> rod	\$12
2 day fishing	\$24	2 day – 2 <sup>nd</sup> rod	\$24
3 day fishing	\$31	3 day – 2 <sup>nd</sup> rod	\$31
Seasonal fishing	\$96	Seasonal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> rod	\$96
1 day overnight camping	\$16	3 day overnight camping	\$41

Contact Dennis Rankin to sign up or ask questions: [dennis.rankin@comcast.net](mailto:dennis.rankin@comcast.net), 925-784-5666

## Stewart's Lodge B.C. Outing – June 30-July 7

This is a trout fishing trip to Stewart's Lodge on Nimpo Lake in British Columbia, 250 miles NNW of Vancouver. The week includes six days of fly-out fishing to lakes and rivers, including the Dean River.

Estimated cost is \$2,900 Cdn, or approximately \$2,175 US at the current rate.

Package does not include license, gear, guides, liquor, taxes, gratuities and transportation from Bay Area to the lodge.

Contact Don Jower to sign up or ask questions:

[djowerclay1@gmail.com](mailto:djowerclay1@gmail.com)  
510-735-5167



The lodge provides 12 to 14 foot boats with 3hp to 8hp motors.



Private log cabins on Nimpo Lake with hot showers, toilets, two double beds, linens, daily maid service and three meals a day.



Fish cleaning, smoking and vacuum packing services available.



## Member Outing Report

### Feather River Steelhead – Alan Wyosnick

#### *What a difference a week makes!*

We had to move the outing from January 5th to January 12th due to heavy rain and high winds. However, our patience was rewarded with sunshine, no wind and a high of 63 degrees (water temp was in the low 40's) on the 12th. Eight club members carpooled together up to Oroville very early that morning: Patrick Donovan, Ron Dueltgen, Rob Farris, Todd Hyrn, Chris McCann, Robert Nishio, Mark Spruiell and Alan Wyosnick. For most everyone it was the first time they had fished the Feather River, and for Todd and Mark it was the first time they had matched wits with a Steelhead.



They can come with beautiful colors

We were lucky to have a lot of tight lines that day with 26 Steelhead hooked and ultimately 11 of those brought to the net. Fortunately everyone had at least two hook ups that day with Mark bringing the largest one into his net estimated to be about 22 inches...he wasn't able to snap a picture but he did have a witness :) The most exciting moments of the day were when you set the hook and you never knew what the fish was going to do. We had one make a sudden U-turn and go right between Ron's legs, we had others that put on a spectacular aerial display, some refused to show themselves at all and one that made a reel-screaming run leaving only 10 feet of backing left on the reel before it unhooked itself.



Wanted poster or group photo??

We used a fairly traditional nymph fishing method with short to medium distance casts and drifts. It was a two-fly setup with the appropriate amount of added weight above the top fly to feel the stream bed along with an indicator large enough to detect the generally subtle takes. There was no one secret fly as we had success with many patterns: San Juan and Squirmy worms, Alevin imitation, Hares Ear, Damsel Fly nymph, BWO and Copper John's.



We took a mid-day stream-side break for nutrition and swapping notes. We ended the day at a local establishment (Miners Alley Brewing) with a celebratory beer to our good luck, great companionship and perfect weather before we made the 2.5 hour drive back home.



Left to right: Todd, Alan, Robert, Patrick

We all agreed that we should have the same outing again next year... look out for the sign-up sheet if you are interested.



This is what happens when you play a fish too long



Rob with a feisty one

## Class Report

### Casting Class – Todd Hyrn

On Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>, three members of TVFF, Patrick Donovan, Kelly Ng and Todd Hyrn, joined Gary Turri in Gary's class #3, Presentation Casts and Slack Line Aerial Mends.

The class was over three hours and included instruction on the Curve Cast, Over and Under Powered Curve Cast, Tuck Cast, Pile Cast, and Parachute Cast. Additionally, we worked on Slack Line Aerial Mends including the Wiggle Mend and several variations of the Reach Mend.

A jam-packed class of very useful practices for those of us that love streams, rivers and drift boat fishing. With that said there is much practice to do. If you have taken Gary's first two classes, this class comes highly recommended.

*See page 5 for more information about Gary's classes.*



## Trip Report

### Lower Stanislaus River – Ken Tetzl

Not much to report. The Lower Stan has not been fishing very well. Members shouldn't bother because the water flows are not in good shape; midge risers are not showing throughout many pools and riffles like years past and they are not taking dry flies in sizes #18-#20; nymphing deep holes with #14 and #18 Hares Ears will not produce fair size trout; steelhead will not be starting to show in the next few weeks. Members should just stay away.....

**Check out the [Tri-Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page](#) for more reports and fish porn!**



## The Tier's Bench

## Monthly Club Get Together

Canceled for February. The Beginning Fly Tying class will be held every Monday this month.

## Next meeting:

Monday, March 4th, 2019 from 7 to 9 pm at the Rod and Gun Club; small room next to the BBQ area.

## 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.



## Education

TVFF is now taking signups for the following education classes:

1. Fundamentals of Flyfishing Class for beginning flyfishers in April. This three-part class is ideal for the new flyfisher who wants to get educated ahead of buying new gear.
2. A new course in Entomology for beginners and intermediate flyfishers in February and March. This class will be four sessions including classroom and on-stream instruction. You'll come out with a greater understanding of bug life, life cycles, and fly selection to improve your fly fishing.

See below for more details on these classes.

### Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class

**Dates:** April 17, 24, 27

TVFF is pleased to offer the Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class as taught by an experienced group of TVFF members. This three-part course consists of two evening classroom sessions and a morning of casting instruction (equipment provided for class). Wednesday evening classes are usually 7pm (sharp) to 9:30pm (approximately) at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The club has offered this class in previous years and typically once a year. Don't miss out, sign up early! We will confirm once a minimum of 8 are paid for the class.

Fees for this course are: **TVFF members \$45, Non-members \$85.** The non-member fee includes TVFF membership dues for 2019. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A comprehensive presentation will be available to students provided in PowerPoint/PDF downloadable from the member website. Please make checks out to 'TVFF' and mail to Tri-Valley Flyfishers, PO Box 2358 Livermore, CA, 94551. **The first 12 payments received by the club secure your seat.**

#### **Day 1: Classroom – Wed April 17, 7-9:30pm**

- Introduction to fly fishing and equipment needed for the sport
- Recommendations on fly fishing equipment
- Basic aquatic entomology
- Stillwater fishing (lakes)

#### **Day 2: Classroom – Wed April 24, 7-9:30pm**

- Knots you need to know; How to rig a fly rod
- Reading the water, fishing streams
- Etiquette and courtesy while fly fishing

#### **Day 3: Casting – Sat April 27, 9am-12pm**

- Casting instruction by certified instructor Gary Turri
- Use loaner equipment or bring your own
- Learn roll cast, pick up and lay down cast, false casting

Contact Kent McCammon at 925-449-3507, reeltrout1@att.net

# Entomology Class – Rob Farris

**Dates:** Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 13, Mar 22

The Tri-Valley Flyfishers is pleased to offer the Entomology Class for beginners and intermediates as taught by an experienced group of TVFF fly fishers and utilizing materials from the renowned biologist “The Bug Guy”, Ralph Cutter and other localized resources. The four-part course consists of three evening classroom sessions and a morning of on-stream practical experience on a local stream, likely Putah Creek in Winters, CA. Wednesday evening classes are usually 7pm (sharp) to 9:30pm (approximately) at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The club is offering this new class due to significant demand. Don’t miss out, sign up early! We will confirm once a minimum of 8 are paid for the class.

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## **Day 1: Classroom – Wed Feb 6, 7-9:30pm**

- Introduction to Entomology and class goals
- Entomology reference sources and guides
- Water quality, habitat and biological classification
- Metamorphosis, generations, and taxonomy

## **Day 2: Classroom – Wed Feb 20, 7-9:30pm**

- Session 1 quick review
- Taxonomy
- Mayflies (Emphemeroptera), and Stoneflies (Plecoptera)
- Midges (Diptera) and Caddis (Tricoptera)
- Other orders and terrestrials
- Clingers, swimmers, burrowers, and crawlers
- Behavioral drift
- Understanding and imitating sub-surface bug movement

## **Day 3: Classroom – Wed Mar 13, 7-9:30pm**

- Session 2 quick review
- Understanding hatch charts (Truckee, Hat Creek, McCloud rivers, etc.)
- On the stream collection techniques
- Collection tools
- Collection tray examinations (stoneflies, mayflies, midges, caddis, others)
- Arranging your fly box
- Final review and quiz

## **Day 4: On stream – Sat Mar 22**

Putah Creek parking lot #1, Winters, CA

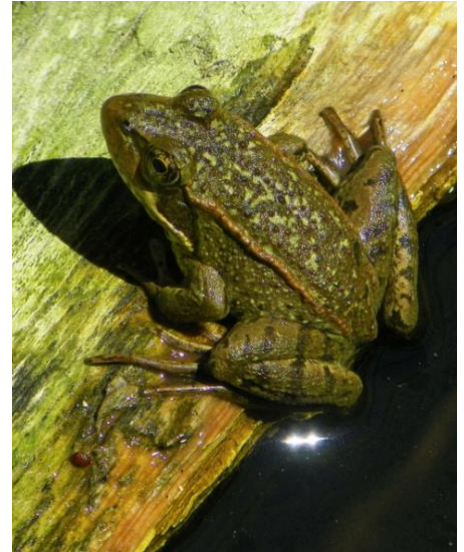
- Locating key collection areas
- Class assignments and collection activities
- Identifying tray specimens
- Determining effective flies
- Group lunch
- Free fishing in the afternoon on Putah

Contact Rob Farris at 925-286-5502, [rffarris@comcast.net](mailto:rffarris@comcast.net)

### California Red-legged Frog – Mitchie McCammon

When I let my husband know that I was researching the threatened California red-legged frog, his voice got a soft, melancholy tone and he said, “My dad would have loved to talk about this frog.” You see, his father was a fisheries biologist at the Department of Fish and Game in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. In honor of my father-in-law I hope to tell you a bit about our state amphibian.

The California red-legged frog is the largest native frog in the western United States and is found almost exclusively in California. Mark Twain made the frog famous in his short story “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County.” It ranges in size from 1.5 to 5 inches long (4 to 13 cm). It is named for the reddish coloring on the underside of its legs and belly. The head can be red to brown or gray and has small black spots on its legs. There are two prominent lateral folds on its back.



The California red-legged frog occupies a fairly distinct habitat, combining both specific water (aquatic) and upland (terrestrial) components. California red-legged frog habitat includes nearly any area within 1-2 miles of a breeding site that stays moist and cool through the summer; this includes non-breeding aquatic habitat in pools of slow-moving streams, perennial or ephemeral ponds, and upland sheltering habitat such as rocks, small mammal burrows, logs, densely vegetated areas, and even man-made structures (i.e., culverts, livestock troughs, spring-boxes, and abandoned sheds).



Breeding sites are generally found in deep, still or slow-moving water (greater than 2.5 feet) and can have a wide range of edge and emergent cover amounts. California red-legged frogs can breed at sites with dense shrubby riparian or emergent vegetation, such as cattails, tules, or overhanging willows or can proliferate in ponds devoid of emergent vegetation and any apparent vegetative cover (i.e., stock ponds).<sup>1</sup>

American bullfrogs are considered one of the main threats to the California red-legged frog.

The bullfrog is a non-native species that was introduced at the turn of the 20th century for a food source. It has been said the bullfrog has larger legs but the Red Legged frog has a better taste. Another thing that has contributed to the decline of the population is development in the frog habitat and agricultural pollution in the form of pesticides. Organizations such as the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and the National Wildlife Federation are working to restore wetland habitat and to reintroduce the frogs to watersheds.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.fws.gov/sacramento/es\\_species/Accounts/Amphibians-Reptiles/ca\\_red\\_legged\\_frog](https://www.fws.gov/sacramento/es_species/Accounts/Amphibians-Reptiles/ca_red_legged_frog)

## Text from Assembly Bill No. 2364:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

### SECTION 1. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- a) THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG IS THE LARGEST NATIVE FROG IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES AND IS FOUND ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN CALIFORNIA WITH A FEW SIGHTINGS IN BAJA CALIFORNIA AND MEXICO.
- b) THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG IS PARTICULARLY WELL KNOWN AS A RESULT OF MARK TWAIN’S FAMOUS SHORT STORY “THE CELEBRATED JUMPING FROG OF CALAVERAS COUNTY,” WHICH FEATURED THE SPECIES.
- c) THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG’S UNIQUE PLACE IN CALIFORNIA’S HISTORY EXTENDS AS FAR BACK AS THE 19TH CENTURY GOLD RUSH. MINERS, KNOWN AS FORTY-NINERS, CONSUMED NEARLY 80,000 FROGS PER YEAR, NEARLY EATING THE SPECIES INTO EXTINCTION.
- d) WHILE THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG NO LONGER HAS TO FEAR THE FORK, THE SPECIES CONTINUES TO FACE MYRIAD NATURAL AND MANMADE THREATS, INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES INTO THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG’S HABITAT, AS WELL AS HABITAT LOSS. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, POPULATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM NEARLY 70 PERCENT OF ITS HISTORICALLY KNOWN HABITAT. IN MAY 1996, THE SPECIES WAS LISTED AS A FEDERAL THREATENED SPECIES, WITH THE STATE ALSO CLASSIFYING IT AS A SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN AND SUBJECT TO PROTECTION IN JUNE 1996.
- e) DECLARING THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG AS THE OFFICIAL STATE AMPHIBIAN OF CALIFORNIA WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPECIES’ IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE ECOLOGY, CULTURE, AND HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS BROADCAST AND REINFORCE THE STATE’S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES.

### SECTION 2. SECTION 422.7 IS ADDED TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE, TO READ:

422.7. THE CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG (RANA DRAYTONII) IS THE OFFICIAL STATE AMPHIBIAN.<sup>2</sup>

#### Further reading:

- <https://www.parksconservancy.org/conservation/california-red-legged-frog>
- <https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide/Amphibians/California-Red-Legged-Frog>
- <https://www.nwf.org/California/Our-Work/Refrogging-America>
- <http://www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.draytonii.html>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://statesymbolsusa.org/symbol-official-item/california/amphibians/red-legged-frog>





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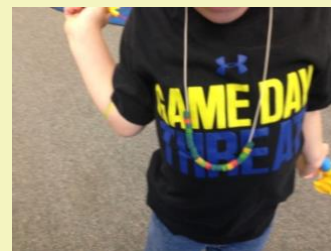
## Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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



## Items for Sale

### 1995 Pleasureway Van-Camper

Less than 61k miles, 19 feet long; fits in a standard parking slot; King-size or twin beds in back. All the features of a large motorhome except room. Great for fishing trips and/or driving trips.

Contact Tom Fessenden – 925-785-6871 – [TomJF@comcast.net](mailto:TomJF@comcast.net)

### Spey Rod - Sage TCX 8119-4 (4pc 8wt 11'-9")

Brand new never used, retails for \$850.00

Asking \$400.00 send me an offer

Contact Joe Cerniglia – [sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net)

### Gear Collection

- Redington RS3 Rod 9 foot 10 weight, 2 piece. Great for top water stripers, new condition \$80
- SA Custom Tip T-14, new in box \$30
- SA Sonar Stillwater Clear Intermediate WF-6, new condition \$35
- Rio Indicator 2 WF-7, new in box \$45
- Rio Camolux Intermediate Sink WF-7, new in box \$45
- SA Mastery Expert Distance (Competition Orange) WF-6, new in box \$50

Contact Gary T – 925-786-5184 cell

### Spey Rod - Sage FLi 8140-4 (4pc 8wt 14')

Includes Rio Skaget Line, 15ft Skaget Floating Tip and 5ft Skaget Cheater Tip for Sale. The equipment is all in very good condition. \$175 for all or best offer – open to trades. For more information, to see the equipment, and try it out or to buy it contact Martin Plotkin at [angler@outlook.com](mailto:angler@outlook.com).

### Minn Kota Bow Mount Trolling Motor

Donovan Rittenbach has donated a nearly new trolling motor to the club to be used for fund raising. The motor has a MLP of \$700, and is sold used on Ebay and Craigslist for between \$300 to \$500. We are offering the motor to any member for \$200 or non-member for \$250 which includes membership in TVFF.

Description:

- Manufacturer: Minn Kota
- Model: [Power Drive – Bow Mount](#)
- Thrust: 55 pounds



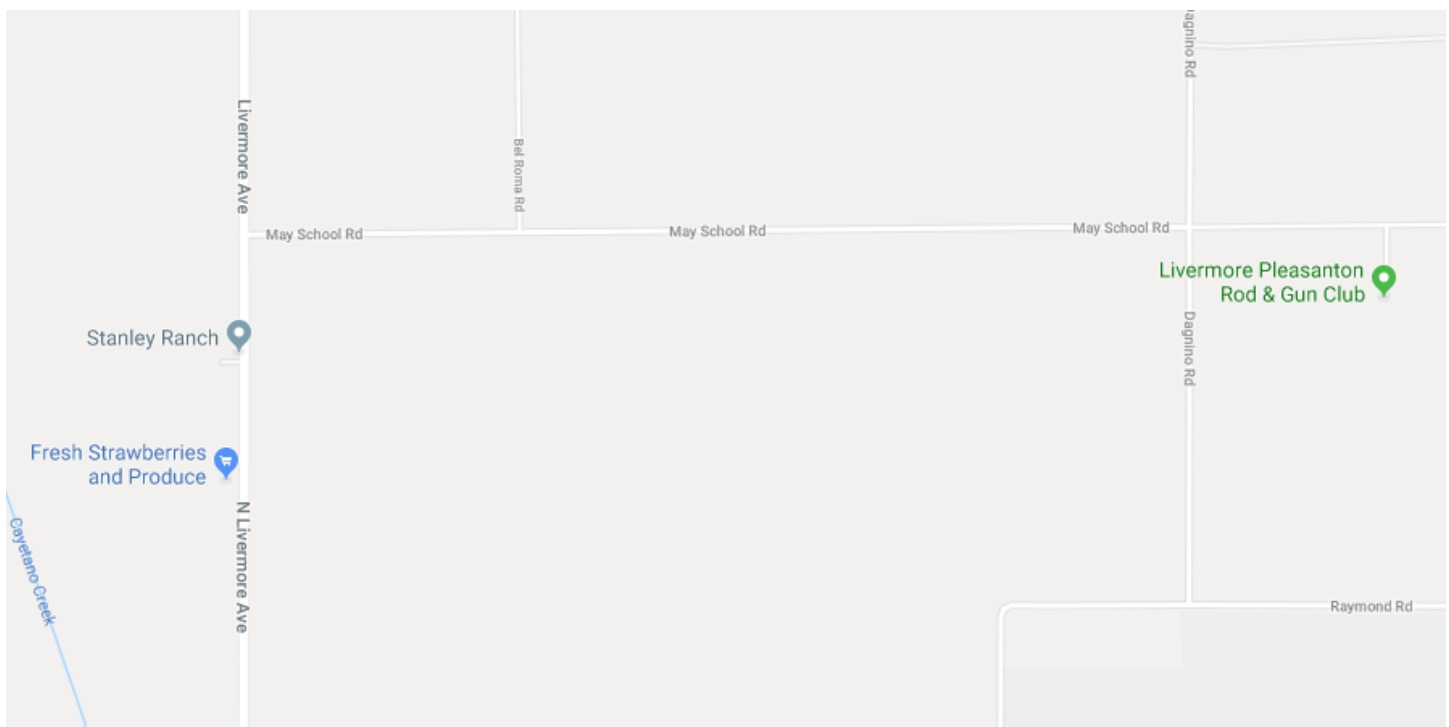
- Power: 12 Volt Battery
- Control: Electronic Foot Pedal
- Shaft Length: 54"

For more information, to look at the motor or to purchase the motor contact Martin Plotkin at [angler@outlook.com](mailto:angler@outlook.com).

## Directions

We meet at the Livermore Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7pm.

Click the map for Google Map directions to 4000 Dagnino Road:



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

