

The Barbless Hook



January 2019

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

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's,

During our last meeting, we elected Al Mansky to be our new president, Martin Loomis to be our new vice president, Chris McCann to be our new treasurer and John Price to continue to be our secretary. These officers will be officially installed at our February club meeting. I want to thank each of these members, as well as Al's new board of director members for stepping up. I am grateful to leave the leadership of this club in such outstanding hands.

This will be my last contribution to our newsletter as your president. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served our club, but perhaps even more grateful for the opportunity to have gotten to know better a number of people who consistently keep this club running smoothly. Also, as is frequently the case, having been involved in the intricacies of our club has made me better aware of many of the opportunities our club provides for not just fishing, but for comradery and also public service and making our sport available

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Picture:

Rob Fletcher started out the day with a nice Striper from Discovery Bay on the outing on December 8th. See the entire story in Member Reports.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

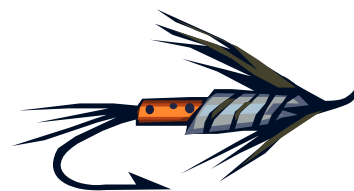
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to new people. I can't begin to overstate my gratitude to the members who have served with me, as officers, board members and various other positions such as fishmaesters, instructors, etc. This is a great club, with people dedicated to the sport of fly fishing of course, but also civic and environmentally minded people.

Our January meeting once again will be a chance to see a number of great fly tiers demonstrating their skills. Jim Broadbent has been putting these pizza and fly tying meetings together for a number of years and everyone seems to really enjoy them. Jim is one of the people I alluded to above who tirelessly gives to this club and helps to make it fun for all of us. I hope to see you all there.

I guess that's about it. Thank you all not just for letting me be your president for the last two years, but for letting me get even more out of my membership in this great club.

Roger



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

January 3rd

Fly Tying Expo.

Pizza and
"Expert local fly tiers
demonstrate their
craft"

February 7th

**Installation of
Officers and
Potluck Dinner**

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Education	Kent McCammon
Outings	Rob Farris
Fly Tying	Jim Broadbent
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Raffle	Gary Phillips
Refreshments	Gary Prince
Speakers	Patrick Donovan
Trout in Cl. Rm.	Darrell Bridgman/Daniel Kitts
Video Library	Steve Johnson
Publicity	Rob Vellinger
Newsletter	Tom Vargas
Web Content	
Web Master	Dan Vargas

2019 Dues are Due

Membership renewal dues are now due and payable and are \$40 if paid before the February 2019 meeting; \$45 thereafter. Checks (preferred) and cash will be accepted. Tom Fessenden and Marty Loomis

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

MEETINGS, OUTINGS AND EVENTS -January 2019

Rob Farris

TVFF Outings and Activities for 2019

Please sign up at the outings/events table at Club meetings, and contact Rob Farris for new entries

Club Meetings:

(all meetings at Livermore Rod & Gun Club at 7:00 PM):

Jan 3 rd	Fly Tiers meeting w/ helpful tricks & hints from 7-9 pm (RSVP to nob8@prodigy.net by Wed for Pizza/drinks-\$10 at 6:15 pm with early tier access)
Feb 7 th	Club new officers installation dinner
Mar 7 th	Speaker TBD

Fly Fishing Outings:

Jan 5	Feather River wade for Steelhead (1 day)	Alan Wyosnick
Jan 13-19	Bass Fishing Lake El Salto & Lake Picachos Mexico	Dennis Rankin
Jan 6	Mokelumne River/Comanche for Steelhead	Martin Plotkin
Jan TBD	San Luis Forebay Striper outing	Bob McCollum
March 30 th	*Kistler Bass Ponds Day Trip #1	Ken Tetzel
Apr 7-8	Eagle Canyon Lake and (opt.) Lower Sac float	Rob Farris
April 20 th	*Kistler Bass Ponds Day Trip #2	Ken Tetzel
Jun 13-16	Truckee watershed trip (Big T, Little T, Milton Lake)	Rob Farris
June 24-30	Stewart's Lodge, British Col.(Trout & more trout)	Don Jower
Summer, 2019	Boy Scout Camp teaching and Wente Bass Fishing	Daniel Kitts

*Kistler Bass Ponds: First Paid, First In. I limit the number of anglers to 15 or so. \$25 per rod (if I get 15 anglers). Kids are in for FREE. Send the fees to our Club Treasurer and an e-mail to me. Ken will let you know if you're in or not.

Fly Tying Sessions:

(all meetings at Livermore Rod & Gun Club at 7:00 PM):

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

(Sessions are Scheduled Based with Signup Interest)

Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 2	Fundamentals of Fly Fishing	Kent McCammon
Feb 6, 20, Mar 13, 23	Entomology Class (beginner & intermediate)	Kent McCammon
TBD	#1-Back to Basic Flycasting Class	Gary Turri
TBD	#2-Casting-Improved Accuracy and Loop Control	Gary Turri
Jan 5 th	#3-2 slots open for Casting-Presentation Casts & Slack Line Aerial Mends	Gary Turri
TBD	#4-Casting-Single and Double Haul Cast Class	Gary Turri
TBD	#5-Casting-Shooting Heads and Sinking Lines	Gary Turri

New Year Mokelumne River Fishing Trip

January 6th, 2019

Martin Plotkin

The New Year Mokelumne River fish trip will take place on Sunday, January 6th, 2019 – weather permitting. We will plan to leave the Tri-Valley around 7AM returning about 8PM with a stop for dinner along the way. If weather becomes a problem we will reschedule for the next break in the weather.

Last year the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery, operated by CDFW, reported some of the best steelhead runs on record, with 983 fish, including 489 adults 18 inches or over. It's been reported that most fish hooked were in the 18 to 20-inch class. The top fly patterns are those that imitate salmon fry emerging from the gravel. The two major public fishing accesses are at the hatchery and Stillman Magee Park near Clements.

Anglers will have the choice of wading the area from below the hatchery for a half-mile to below the Mokelumne River Day Use Area or floating from the Day Use Area down-stream about 4 miles to the Stillman Magee Park outside of Clements. Those wishing to float should have a drift boat, fishing raft or rowable pontoon. For typical water flows there are 2 areas that need to be rowed. During typical flows the river is an easy drift for anyone with some experience. I've heard the river described as a Class ½ maybe. It is a very picturesque drift with lots of wildlife and birds.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the December 3rd meeting or you can sign-up by emailing Martin Plotkin. Please indicate if you wish to WADE or FLOAT. If your floating, is anyone else in the boat with you or can you take someone with you.



January 4th Meeting Program
Jim Broadbent

Annual Fly Tyers and Pizza Night

- Our annual fly tiers meeting is Thursday, Jan 3 at the Rod and Gun Club. This meeting includes a pizza dinner but only if you rsvp by Wednesday the 2nd. As of now there are only 10 people signed up for pizza. Its only \$10 per person so treat our spouse to a night out or invite a friend and we will pressure him to join the club.
- For those that do not come early for pizza, we have some snacks, salami, crackers from the Trinity River trip. I plan on adding some cheese, and with beer and wine, will make a nice snack.

There will not be a Get Together meeting this month due to New Years eve, New Years Day and the regular meeting.

January meeting: Dinner 6:15pm
 Tying 7pm to 9pm

RSVP Jim Broadbent: nob8@prodigy.net

Member Reports

Tom Vargas

December 8th Club Outing: Discovery Bay Stripers

The club was well represented on the Delta the morning of the striper outing. We had 5 boats and 10 fishermen who braved the fog in search of stripers. We all launched at Orwood Resort near Discovery Bay around 6:30-7:00AM and to moderate temperatures. It looked like a very promising day of fishing as Rob Fletcher caught his first and best fish on the 3rd cast of the day. (see the front page photo). After that it was pretty tuff going and as is often the case with fishing, it was an all new day on the water. The results were a great day of fishing and slow catching. Most everyone caught fish and a good time was had by all.



Member Reports

Pyramid Lake Report-Chris McCann

Christmas came early at Pyramid!!!

What a trip at the lake with Mark Spruiell, James Storm (my nephew) and yours truly. Mark and James each got their personal best fish, well into the double digit's. Big fish and big fighters. Heck, I even got one on the drop that took me into the backing on the first run. Weather was awesome, no wind and warming up into the 50's during the day. Fished both Warrior and Monument, both area's seemed to hold a large amount of fish.



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

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

Member Reports

Trinity River Report December 13th-14th

Fourteen TVFF members braved the cold of Trinity County to fish for the elusive steelhead on December 13th and 14th. Bob McCollum had the best day with 5 fish in the net on Thursday. He then came down to the earth with the rest of us who scratched out a few nice ones as seen below. It was another great outing as always, although the fishing was tough. We arrived too late after the storms and too soon for an incoming storm. We definitely needed a new rain to warm and color the water and prime the fish to start moving up river and biting again. We will be back!



Member Reports

Trinity River Report December 13th-14th



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

No January Monthly Club Get Together
Fly tying Class starts in February 2019
Starting Monday, February 4th , 2019 from 7 to 9 pm
Rod and Gun Club; small room next to the BBQ area

TVFF will offer the beginning fly tying class every Monday in February. You will learn all the basic skills and have a solid foundation to continue tying your own flies. All tools and materials are provided. If you have always thought about tying or have not tied in a few years now is the time to get started.

The cost is \$25 per person

Children must be 12 or older

Mondays in February... 4, 11, 18, 25

7 to 9pm

Class size is limited to six (maybe eight) A sign-up sheet will be at the Jan. meeting or email me at

nob8@prodigy.net

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Education:

Kent McCammon

Education Winter Classes

TVFF Education Classes Planned in 2019 and we are taking signups now.

1. **Fundamentals of Flyfishing Class** for beginning flyfishers In January. This class is in 3 parts and 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 4 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.

FLY FISHING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS

The Tri-Valley Flyfishers is pleased to offer the Flyfishing Fundamentals Class as taught by an experienced group of TVFF fly fishers. The 3-part course consists of 2 evening classroom sessions and a morning of flycasting instruction (equipment provided for class). Wednesday evening classes are typical from 7:00pm (sharp) to 9:30 (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 minimum of 8 are paid for the class.

Signups: Fees for this course are: **TVFF members \$45. Non-members \$85.** For non-members, the fee includes TVFF membership dues throughout 2019. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A comprehensive presentation will be available to students provided in PowerPoint/PDF downloadable from 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 secures your seat.**

Dates and Course Content. Wednesday Jan 23, Wednesday Jan 30, and Saturday February 2, 2019. See TVFF website for full description <http://tri-valleyflyfishers.org/forms/FF101.pdf>

Contacts

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

ENTOMOLOGY CLASS (Kent McCammon & Rob Farris)

Dates: Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 13, Mar 22, 2019

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 typical from 7:00pm (sharp) to 9:30 (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 minimum of 8 are paid for the class.

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Day 1: Classroom (Wednesday February 6, 2019) – Time 7 – 9:30 pm

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

Day 2: Classroom (Wednesday February 20, 2019) - Time 7 – 9:30 pm

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

Day 3: Classroom (Wednesday March 13, 2019) – Time 7-9:30 PM

- 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: Putah Creek on stream (Saturday March 22, 2019) – (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

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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.

Conservation Corner:

Mitchie McCammon

Coral Reef Bleaching

Coral reefs are the equivalent of underwater forests. Twenty-five percent of all marine life lives in coral reefs. The most famous is probably the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia, but it's not the only one. One thing all these reefs have in common is that they are dying. It is estimated that we have lost 25 to 50% of our coral reefs.

Climate change is the leading cause of coral bleaching. [Coral](#) bleaches when the water it's in is too warm for too long. The coral polyps get stressed and spit out the algae that live in inside them. Without the colorful algae, the coral flesh becomes transparent, revealing the stark white skeleton beneath. Some other causes of bleaching are sedimentation, overfishing, pollution, and even coral-eating animals like the Crown of Thorns starfish.

In some instances, corals can recover from bleaching. If conditions return to normal and stay that way, corals can regain their algae, return to their bright colors and survive. However prolonged warmer temperatures and other stressors, like poor water quality, can leave the living coral in a weakened state. It can struggle to regrow, reproduce and resist disease – so it is very vulnerable to coral diseases and mortality. Even though bleached coral may recover, it takes decades.

Justin Marshall, a biologist at the University of Queensland who spends a lot of his time studying the reef ecosystem around Lizard Island, says: “What happens is the colony dies, the polyps disintegrate. The algae use that as fertilizer and grow very quickly over the coral head. And at that point it's doomed. It's going to break up.

“It's like a forest where plants compete for light. On the reef you've got this continuous competition between the seaweed and the coral. And, in the conditions we've got at the moment, the seaweed tends to win because it's warm and it's got lots of rotting stuff around to fertilize it.”

Marshall says the thing that struck him about the bleaching event this year was not just the severity but the rapidity of the death. “I was just blown away by that.”

Once the seaweed has taken hold, and the structure of the reef is broken up and lost, studies have shown that recovery is slower. Reefs can be lost forever.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jun/07/the-great-barrier-reef-a-catastrophe-laid-bare>

<https://www.marineconservation.org.au/coral-bleaching/>

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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
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Joe Cerniglia email sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net

- **Redington RS3 Rod** 9 foot 10 weight, 2 piece. Great for top water Stripers, new condition \$80.00
- **SA Custom Tip** T-14, new in box \$30.00
- **SA Sonar Stillwater** Clear Intermediate WF-6, new condition \$35.00
- **Orvis Wonderline** Clear Intermediate WF-7, new condition \$30.00
- **SA Sharkskin Steelhead** Taper WF-7, new in box \$50.00
- **Rio Indicator 2** WF-7, new in box, \$40.00

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

- **SAGE Model FLi 8140-4, 14-foot, 8 Weight, 4 piece Spey Rod including 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

Items For Sale:

Minn Kota Bow Mount Trolling Motor For Sale

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"
- Reference: <https://minnkotamotors.johnsonoutdoors.com/freshwater-trolling-motors/powerdrive>

For more information, to look at the motor or to purchase the motor contact Martin Plotkin.



Let me say on behalf of all of us, Thanks Donovan.

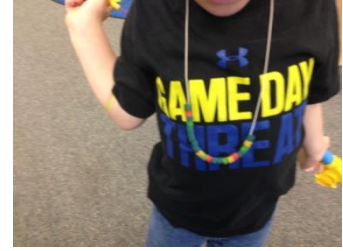
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

