

The Barbless Hook

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President's Message

by Albert Mansky

Well, Summer has finally arrived and the weather has warmed up considerably. Most of the rivers are still high with the spring run off. So if you're brave enough to venture out, make sure you use a wading staff and wear your life vest.

I got out on the Delta with Dan Kitts a week ago for some bass fishing. We found a lot of fish on the fish finder, but they were all deep. I had three hits on large mouth bass, but couldn't set the hook. Small fish and a large hook is not a good match up. Dan caught one small large mouth and three small stripers. The weather was great and the wind was light.

Just to remind you, our July club meeting will be on Thursday, July 11th, due to the 4th of July celebration coming on our normal first Thursday of the month date. We don't have a guest speaker for the July meeting, so once again a few of our members will entertain us with their insight on fishing and fly tying.

Our annual TVFF picnic will again be at Martin's home on Thursday, August 1st. Please register the number attending the picnic on the [web site](#), so I can get a head count for purchasing the chicken and tri-tip, which will again be the main course for dinner. It would be appreciated if you could bring a side dish, of your choosing, to be shared with the rest of the attending members. I'll be sending out an email to the general membership in late July, reminding them of the picnic and directions to Martin's home. Martin's gate will be open at 5:30 pm, with festivities starting at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. So, come one, come all and I hope to see you all there.



Rob Farris working with Warren Wagner on Beaver Creek.

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Now is the time and get out there and do some fishing. Take care and good luck, till next time.

Al

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



Lower Sac Floats, Upper Sac
and McCloud
Klamath River
Steelhead

Tri-Valley FF Special Offer
2nd day is ½ off!

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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

Summer Outing Opportunities Abound

Rob Farris

There are many areas to get out this summer, and as you can tell from our fully subscribed and scheduled outings, many in the Club can't wait to get out. For those of you that didn't get into one of the formal trips, don't let the opportunity to **get on the wait list for these trips** pass you by. We typically have a **35-40% cancellation from those already registered**, and we will pull from the waitlists on a first in, first out basis. So if you see something you would like to join, don't hesitate to get on the waitlists.

Also make sure that you check the [Events](#) page frequently this summer as we will be adding new trips that may be of interest.



Existing Outings

July 12th -15th, [Shasta and Lassen Lakes](#). Medicine Lake, Baum Lake, and Manzanita Lake. Mark Spruiell is the Fishmeister. Camping and float, pontoon trip.

July 25-28th, [Truckee Watershed](#) trip to Truckee and Little Truckee rivers and Milton Lake. Rob Farris is the Fishmeister. This is a camping trip that is also fully subscribed with an available waitlist.

August 9-11th, [MF and SF/Stanslaus](#) trip around Beardsley Reservoir. Gary Prince is the Fishmeister and the trip is now posted on the website Events page for registration. There is both stream fishing and the Forebay below Beardsley for float tube aficionados after rainbows and browns.

August 24-31, August 31-September 7, Jim Roberts Montana trips. Fully subscribed with waitlists for both available, but unlikely to be utilized due to advanced deposits. Marty Loomis is the Fishmeister.

October 30-November 6th, [Mexico Madness](#) trip. Don Jower is the Fishmeister. Trip still has openings.

November 17-19th, TVFF annual [Trinity Steelhead](#) trip. Gary Prince is the Fishmeister. Trip still has openings for this great guided float trip, but always fills up quickly during the summer.

New Outings Category – “Tag-Alongs”

I want to introduce a new concept for the Club in fishing outings which we will call “tag-alongs”. While we have a number of formal planned outings with dedicated Fishmeisters, these Tag-Alongs or “quick trips” have no dedicated Fishmeister responsibilities for arranging transportation, accommodations, food, and tackle requirements. Essentially if you want to “tag along” and join a few Club members fishing it is an available opportunity, but you will be on your own regarding planning, meeting up and such. The trip coordinator will be available for questions but won't be providing the full set of information like that of a formally scheduled

trip. **These quick trips will be posted on the website as “Tag-Alongs”** and if you are planning on taking a trip where you want company please let me (RFFarris@comcast.net) know and I’ll get it posted for you on the website ASAP. The key here is to post it as early as you can if you would like company and a “fishing buddy”. And make sure that you **check the website frequently for new Event postings** if you would like to fish with someone on a less formal type of trip this summer.

Stay safe out there. Make sure that you check out the flows accessible from the [Resources](#) page on the TVFF website before a trip; it’s very helpful. While you are there you might also check out the [Member Reports](#) page for any new fishing reports from Club members to assist in your planning and any new [Tips & Tricks](#) on fishing suggestions.

Outings and Activities

Some of our outings are described below. Please visit the [Event Calendar](#) on the TVFF website for a complete list of all upcoming meetings, outings and activities.

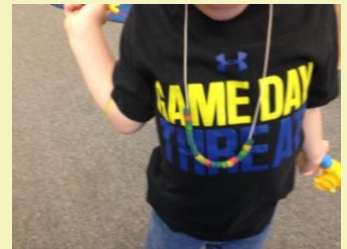
Don’t Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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



Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge – Summer

Share your Fly Fishing Knowledge with Scouts Plus BIG BASS Fishing...

Ever wanted to be able to spend a few days fly fishing for 5-8 lb. largemouth bass on a lake that doesn't see any fishing pressure and being the only person on the lake getting access to the nooks and crannies where the large bass are lurking? And, on top of that having a comfortable place to stay, three meals a day and a boat provided...

You just have to help teach the Boy Scout (BSA) Fly Fishing Merit Badge during a few hours each day.

Since 2014 we have helped the BSA put on a Fly Fishing Merit Badge program at their Wente Scout Reservation Summer Camp located in Willits, CA.



Private lake full of BIG BASS.

The details are simple. There are eight one-week sessions beginning each Sunday starting June 16th. The Merit Badge is taught Monday through Thursday of each week with one class in the morning and another in the afternoon covering different parts of the merit badge each day. Each week teams of 3-4 women and men fly fishers go to the camp. Some volunteer a few days and others have gone up several weeks.

Where does the Big Bass Fishing come in? The Wente Reservation Camp has their own 75-acre lake with lots of 5+ lb. bass and as a volunteer you have the opportunity to fish it anytime you're not teaching the class. In one evening I caught 15 bass in the 3-8 lb. range.

In addition to the fishing you get the personal satisfaction of teaching some young people the art of Fly Fishing, seeing them tie their first fly or catching their first fish. Eighty five percent of the scouts come from the greater Bay Area so your efforts are impacting local youth. During the 2018 program 160 Scouters participated.

If you want more details or to be included in future communications on this fun adventure, please call me at 510-816-2846 or e-mail me at dckitts@aol.com.

Daniel Kitts

Mexico Madness Ocean Fishing Outing – October 30-November 6

This is a broad based guided fishing excursion across two resorts in Baja Mexico with fishing for snook, mangrove snapper, bonefish, grouper, jacks, marlin, tuna, Dorado, rooster, wahoo, and cabrilla pargo.

Cost including all food and accommodations is \$1,980 per person, not including airfare, drinks, airport shuttle, licenses, and guide tips. All lodging and food is provided as is daily guide services.

Contact Don Jower to sign up or ask questions:

djowerclay1@gmail.com

510-735-5167



Trip Reports

New Member/Novice Class on Beaver Creek – Rob Farris

Awarding congratulations for completion of the Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class of 2019 after the “on stream” practical session is Kent McCammon (Warren Wagner & Rob Farris not pictured)...



But let's digress for a minute. How did we get here, in the middle of nowhere, five miles up a National Forest road next to a gorgeous gin clear stream? Well, our story begins with Kent and Rob organizing an on-stream day of final instruction before turning loose these new fly fishermen on unsuspecting trout everywhere. The target was Beaver Creek, an excellent early season small creek with very willing small trout that cooperate when the NF of the Stanislaus is ripping with 800 cfs of run-off. So off we go with our merry band of six (Warren Wagner, Charles Brown, Charles Wortham, Joey Tchang, Mark Evans, and James Sprecher) accompanied by Alan Wyosnick for teaching nymphing, Tom Vargas for teaching streamers, and Rob Farris teaching "frustration with the dry fly"....



All is well on this little stream with 2-4' of depth for the trout, until this busload descends upon the trout mid-morning. "Wader up, boys" is the call as the group splits up with the three instructors for some seriously fun education. And an education it was with wading safety, reading streams and currents, approaching the fish, presentation techniques, ripping a streamer, prevention of drag, managing a nymphing indicator rig, and once in a while even hooking and netting an unsuspecting little rainbow. Special congratulations are in order for Charles Brown for the loudest scream when a small 5" rainbow rocketed up from the deep and murky depths of 2' to attack his dry fly. Condolences are also in order for missing the hookup on that one Charles. Surprised you with the quickness of the take, eh?

The weather was great (72 degrees), the stream temperature was a brisk fifty degrees for those wet wading, the fish were cooperative, and the meandering free range cows serenaded us all day with their cowbells. All topped off with refreshments streamside after the event, followed by an early dinner at the Lube Room in Dornington made for "Kent's Excellent Adventure". And even Tenkara Kent got a fish with that funny rod...🐟.

Joey Tchang summed it up for everyone in an email and commented, *"Thank you very much to all of the instructors and to Kent for planning and teaching the stream trip yesterday. I learned so much more than I expected. The application of the information provided on the water was so beneficial. I can't wait to apply what I learned on my next trip. Thank you again for spending time with us novices!"*



The Tier's Bench

Monthly Club Get Together

This is a monthly get together where members can drop in and participate in discussions, learn skills, or tie flies. During each meeting we decide what subject will be discussed the following month.

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 Classes

TVFF periodically offers the classes described below. Click the link for each class to see more information and to register your interest.

Fly Fishing Fundamentals

Our popular Fundamentals class is perfect for new members, and especially for those beginners just starting their fly fishing journey. The three-part course consists of two evenings of classroom instruction and one Saturday outdoor session with certified FFI casting instructors.

The class agenda is a comprehensive one that incorporates all of the necessary essentials to become a proficient fly fisher, and to enjoy participating in club outings. At the conclusion of the class a beginner will be well-prepared for advancing to the fishing activity of their choice.



Pictures from our recent Fundamentals class.

Entomology

The Entomology class gives beginners and intermediates a detailed understanding of aquatic “bug” types and characteristics to help improve their fly fishing success. The four-part course consists of three evening classroom sessions and a morning of on-stream practical experience on a nearby stream.

Casting

TVFF offers extensive instruction in fly rod casting for all levels as introductory, refresher, and advanced classes. Each course is taught by a certified instructor for about a three-hour period. Rods and reels can be provided by the club, or students can use their own rods as well. Multiple courses are available including back to basics, improved accuracy and loop control, single and double haul, shooting heads and sinking lines.

Items for Sale

RV for Sale – Ron Duetgen

2011 Coachmen Freeland 21QB Class C motorhome. 39,100 miles. Ford E350 chassis, V10 engine. Sleeps 4. Always stored under cover. Loads of storage space inside and out. \$29,000.

Also available: 2008 PT Cruiser fully adapted for towing 4-wheels down (tow bar, safety brake, lube pump) 80,500 miles. No known problems. \$4,000.

Ask about a package deal. See ad and lots of pictures at <http://rvdaily.com/137954>

Also available: every possible RV amenity – pots, pans, dishes, tableware, space heater, rugs, tools, other stuff you didn't know you needed.

NOTE: If bought by a TVFF member or friend, I will donate \$500 to the club!



Contact Ron – 925-640-3272 (cell) or 925-449-0528 (home)

Fish Cat 4 Float Tube Kit – Gary Prince – \$99 firm

Outcast float tube kit purchased from Orvis. Used three days. Includes float tube, fins, pump, and carry bag. Tube color is green with black bottom.



Contact Gary – garysprince1@gmail.com or (925) 623-5360 cell

Fly lines for Sale – All lines are new condition – \$50.00 each

1. SA Mastery Expert Distance WF6 Orange color
2. SA Mastery Expert Distance WF7 Orange color
3. Rio Bonefish WF7
4. Rio Tarpon WF10

Contact Gary – gjturri@comcast.net or (925) 786-5184 cell

Gear Collection – Todd McDaniel

New	2018 Simms G3 Stocking foot Waders, Size LL 9-11 Foot, Cinder Color	\$420.00
New	Fishpond Summit Sling Bag, Gravel Color	\$65.00
New	Lamson Speedster 2 Reel, Silver, Includes Neoprene Case	\$175.00
New	Galvan Torque 8 Reel, Bronze	\$330.00
Used	Galvan Torque 6 Reel, Green. Some rash and nicks but fully functional	\$200.00

Contact Todd – 925-588-6388 cell

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

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.

Fishing Pram – Spring Creek

Fly fishing pram from Spring Creek custom boat manufacturer. Excellent condition and ready to fish. Has 2019 registration.

Includes all accessories. Bow and stern anchor mounts plus anchors and ropes. Quality graphite oars, built-in cushioned seat. Two built in Scotty rod holders and transom motor mount.

MotorGuide electric motor with custom connections, inflated tire transport dolly included.



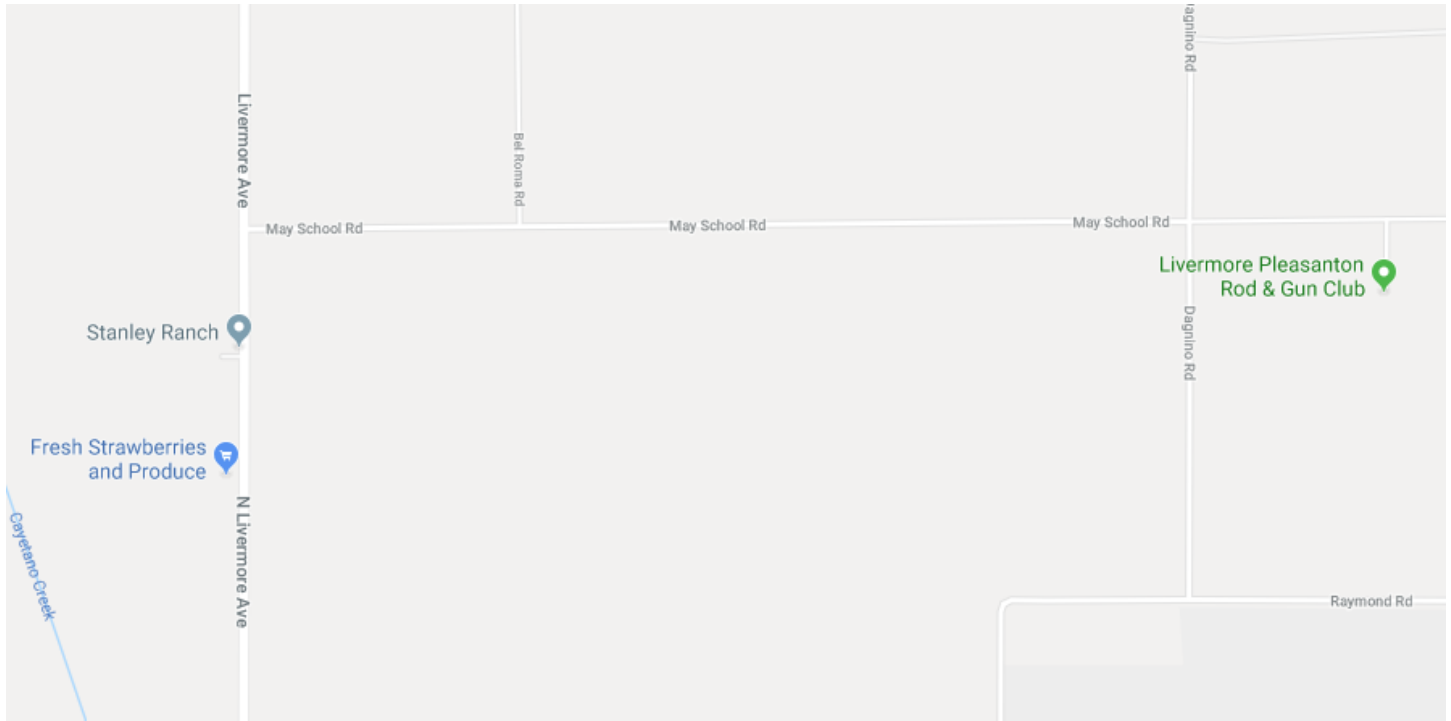
Total price including everything \$1100

Contact Harry – 925-784-6465

Directions

We meet at the Livermore Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club at 7pm, typically on the first Thursday of every month. Check the club's [event calendar](#) for upcoming meeting dates.

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

