## The Barbless Hook

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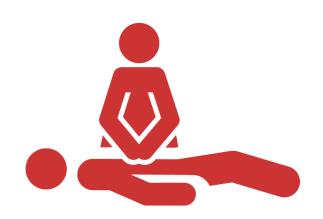




## July Meeting – Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

#### First Aid and CPR

Our fishing passion often takes us far away from civilization and timely emergency response services, so our July meeting will focus on first aid and CPR. TVFF member Hunter Guidess will give us a presentation on how to perform CPR, and TVFF member Eric Drew will give an overview of first aid. Please join us for these timely refreshers.



#### **Free Casting Tune-ups with Gary!**

How about some free fly casting instruction before the monthly meeting starts? Gary Turri, a Master Certified casting instructor, will be at **Wattenburger Park from 5-6:30pm** on July 6<sup>th</sup> to help you with your casting. Bring your casting ailment and let him have a look at it. Maybe you just need a little tweak.

If you bring your own rod, please use a yarn fly for practice, **no hooks** please for safety reasons. Loaner rods and yarn flies will also be available. The best leader for practice is about 7-8' and tapered to 3X or heavier.

Wattenburger Park is located on Honeysuckle Road in Livermore.

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#### **President's Corner**

#### **Marty Loomis**

Who would have thunk it, strange days are upon us (I did look this up to see if it's true). California's District Court of Appeals ruled that bees are classified as fish under the state's conservation law. The state had argued that because the law does not have a separate category for insects, bees fit into the legal definition of fish since they are invertebrates. This opens all kinds of new opportunities for fishing,

I wonder if Fish and Game will create a "Heritage Bee" program. Fly tyers will probably get real excited over this and start developing new flies for catching bees other than fly swatters. Maybe for August's picnic we will have an award for the largest bee caught.

Speaking of the picnic, signups are available on our club website. As in the past, it will be a potluck with the club providing the main dish and refreshments, we plan on having both Tri-tip and BBQ chicken. Jim Roberts once again has kindly donated a drift boat trip to be raffled off. More information will be coming soon.

More great news is upon us. Denis Haire has agreed to head up the committee for a club auction to be held next

year. As many of you know this was our biggest grossing fund raiser for the club. The auction provided the funds for club expenses and conservation support to the many programs out there.

Start saving up those donations with more information coming as we get closer. Anyone know any bee patterns?

#### Montrelloomie

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#### **Raffle Information**

The winning raffle ticket for a Jim Roberts guided trip will be drawn during the club's annual picnic on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Online ticket sales will close end of day on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and tickets will also be available for purchase at the picnic. You do not have to be present to win.

The trip includes lunch, flies, and a full day of fishing from a drift boat. It is good for one or two anglers. Anglers must have a valid fishing license and a steelhead report card.



Tickets are \$20. The trip value is \$600, so a \$20 investment is just a fraction of its worth.

#### **Outings and Activities**

#### Mitchie McCammon – Outings Coordinator

Stay tuned for Delta trips in the fall, North Fork of the Yuba, possible float trips down the Lower Sac and more. If you want to get a trip together, let me know and I will help you become a Fishmeister.

#### **Annual Membership Picnic – August 3**

The club will be holding its annual picnic at the Rod & Gun Club's covered patio. This event is open to all TVFF members, their spouses, significant others, and family members. This is always a terrific time to enjoy the sharing of great food and drinks, and to engage with other members in an informal and fun atmosphere.

The cost is \$10 per person (kids under 18 are free). The Club will provide grilled tri-tip, chicken, and drinks, while each member is expected to bring along a side dish or dessert. Please register by July 30<sup>th</sup> so that we can get an accurate count for food and drink purchases. We also need volunteers to help with setup and cleanup.

Raffle tickets for the Jim Roberts guided trip will be available for purchase at the picnic, or you can buy them in our online store. The winner will be drawn during the picnic, but you do not need to be present to win.

#### Exploring the Eastern Sierras (Interest Only) – September 15-19

This is a 3 night-4-day trip to explore the Eastern Sierras drainage along the US395 corridor. This is a wading trip, although it is recommended to stay out of the water unless absolutely necessary as the fish are very skittish due to the fishing pressure. It is barbless hook, catch and release waters only. Fishing styles can include Euro nymphing, streamers, and indicators in the riffles, with dry fly presentations on the flat water. This event is for "registration of interest only" and does not require any financial obligations until such time as the trip details are settled, and there are no cancellation penalties until that time. We will plan to share a local AirBNB/VRBO property in the Mammoth Lakes Area.

#### **Member Reports**

#### Ken Tetzel – Manzanita Lake

My wife and I spent 4 days at Manzanita Lake. June 13-17. Man, did it rain up there on Sunday!!! Cold as hell too! The wind was very high all week and fishing was slow. We only caught about 10 fish, mostly browns. One was about 20" caught nymphing. All that we talked to said the same.... "the lake is dead right now"!!

I fished Burney Creek one day too. Caught a half dozen and lost that many too, right in the Falls Pool. Only gave it about an hour. Kinda fun. The Park was packed BTW. Will be back again in a couple months.

#### Ron Dueltgen - North Fork Stanislaus

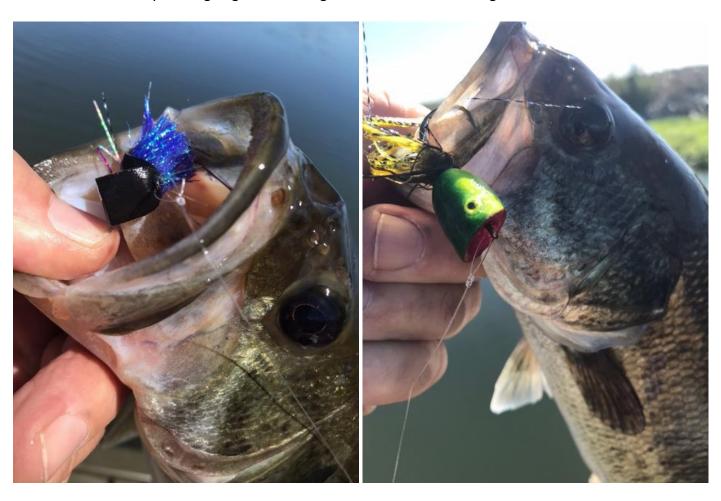
On June 4, three club members took part in a trip to fish the north fork of the Stanislaus River, starting at the Sourgrass Day-Use Area. Only three of us actually attended: Fishmeister Mitchie McCammon, Lori Day and Ron Dueltgen. The weather was great – fully overcast and 70 degrees with little wind – and the river was its usual: clear, fast-flowing and beautiful. We drove downstream from Sourgrass about ½ mile to an off-road parking area well-known to many who have fished there, and hiked down to the river. Many (many, many) casts were made, using nymphs, dries, and hopper-droppers, but only two fish were brought to hand that day. Ron caught both of the 8-inch rainbows on a Parachute Adams, one with a dropper and one without. Apparently, no Euro nymphing was attempted. We headed home in mid-afternoon, with a dinner stop at the Snowshoe Brewing Co. in Arnold. As always, being on the river was a far better use of time than whatever else we could think of.

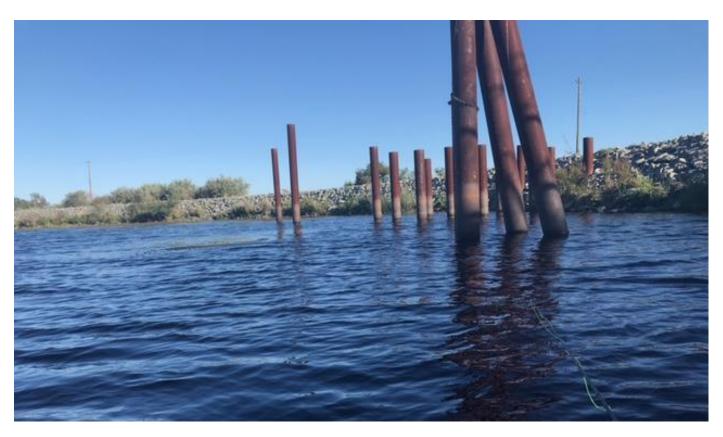




#### Rich Vance - Delta

Here are some pictures from a few days on the Delta in early June. Bass on hand-tied poppers and blue gill on hand-tied soft hackles. One 12" bass caught on a #12 soft hackle had a 2/0 wide gap worm hook that was broken off from a conventional angler. Performed surgery and sent him on his way less two hooks. Bass will eat about anything from a 1/4" bug to an 8" worm. Best to fish for bass on the outgoing tide at early am. Consult a good tide chart to pick your times. I like windfinder.com as it shows wind, tides, moon phase and weather for the area you are going to fish. Bluegill also tend to like moving water and structure.









#### **Hope Valley – Bob McCollum**

Fun trip to the Sierras yesterday with TVFF club. Small stream fishing for small trout (catch and release). Eager fish did not disappoint. Outing ended early with a mid-afternoon thunderstorm. Still a fun trip.







#### **Denis Haire – Truckee Watershed Trip**

"Don't Blink or you might miss the Hatch!"

As our group of seven headed up Highway 80 to Truckee, the weather was a warm 80 degrees with a comfortable slight breeze. Right in line with the forecast for warmer day and a 50% chance of rain on Sunday morning. After a customary stop at Mountain Hardware in Truckee for just a couple of more flies (one never has enough), it was back on the highway to the Hirschdale exit. From there the first sight of the Truckee River gave us a sense of what might be coming. The flow looked good as compared to last year, so the anticipation started growing. The six-mile drive to Stampede Lake, with glimpses of the Little Truckee along the way, and the need to get a line in the water was getting stronger. There is nothing greater than anticipation of waters and hatches, and stopping to observe rising fish. Little did we know how instrumental this would be....

After setting up at Loggers Campground on Stampede Lake, there was discussion of the strategies for the weekend. A two-rod approach seemed to be the best option, including Euronymphing in the morning and afternoon, and small dry flies in the evening. Definitely had to get our heads around shifting from drifting nymphs with a tuck cast, to presenting small dry flies with a steeple cast. The collective memory of Alan's workshops of euronymphing and Gary 's casting and presentation classes would definitely be tested. Would they ever...

#### **Thursday**



Scouting for depressions and risers on the LT!

Around 6:30 the first evening, we made our way down to the Little Truckee below the dam. As we walked the trail down to the river, we could see it was running higher than last year. Wading across to river right, we could see midges on the water and some sporadic caddis hatching. Noting that, we spread out across the area aptly and endearingly known as Frustration Pool. Most started with euronymphing to get a feel for the conditions. Cold water (about 52°F) with steady flow and about 4 feet deep. A few hits, but the best bites were from the mosquitos!



Another beautiful day in the office at Frustration Pool!

As darkness approached, we stopped to observe the water for rises. Slowly and with patience fish started to show themselves. We could see them rising, but not quite breaking the surface. Maybe a clue; emergers might be the ticket. We started throwing dry flies we could see in the longer shadows; Elk Hair Caddis and even small stimulators. Long casts across the stream and dealing with currents made for a new appreciation for presentations and a drag free drift. The hatch lasted for a fast and furious 20 minutes, and although none were hooked there was a large learning for the next time on the water. We just hadn't solved the puzzle yet. Wading back across the dark water gave time to reflect and scratch a few of those mosquito bites. Back in camp we all agreed to head back to Frustration Pool in the morning after all the fish we saw rise that evening.

#### **Friday**

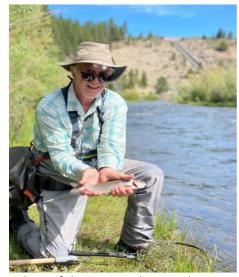
The next morning after a quick breakfast it was back to Frustration Pool. Being the first group (Tosh arrived first from his place in Incline Village) we had the pick of the pool. A much more productive day for euronymphing with almost everyone getting hits and head-shaking grabs. As the water temperature rose up to approximately 54°F, it seemed as if a switch was thrown for an incredible day for hatches. Our Fishmeister Rob Farris noted five hatches during the day. We did hear the horns sound for the increased release of water but did not see a sizeable increase in the flow. Flows according to CDEC was running about 120CFS. Needless to say, there were quite a few rig changes during the day. And speaking of changes, what outing would be complete without a river baptism and a need for a change of clothes. We did experience two of these this day, and fortunately there we no injuries and both walked away cold but unscathed. At about 2 pm it was time for a break and a rest before the evening hatch.



The commute to the office wasn't bad; "hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go..."

Upon returning to Frustration Pool that evening, we noticed the water level was up about five inches and the midges were not as plentiful. So, a new puzzle to solve. After wading across we set up to euronymph again while waiting for the hatch to begin. As the shadows got longer and deeper it was time to watch for the rises. We all waited, and waited, and waited ... with Rob imploring us to just be patient.

We checked the water temperature; down to 49F. Previously the caddis hatches seemed strong so most of us set up with Elk Hair Caddis. And then quickly, it happened; the fish in good numbers started rising and feeding near the surface. The first to catch a fish was Hunter working a mid-stream seam; his first fish ever on a fly! A nice 16+ inch healthy wild rainbow.



Rob, our fishmeister and entomology guru, gets one



Hunter Guidess with his first fish on a fly ever!



Denis gets hooked on the dry fly...!

Next, with Rob's coaching I was able to cast to the far side above the feeding fish and actually see the fish take the fly on the surface! A nice 14- inch fat healthy rainbow. Now I understand better the thrill of a dry fly take. The hatch only lasted about 20 minutes, but it was the most action-packed time of the day. Fast and furious, again. And of course, we had our mosquito friends....

#### Saturday

Looking for a change, we headed over to the Glenshire Bridge section of the Truckee River. When we arrived around 8:30, the air started to get warm. Knowing it would get busy here (being a Saturday), we quickly suited up and moved down to the water. Coming down the trail one could see much bigger faster water, flowing at about 530cfs from the runoff. A nice range of water, from riffles to deep pools and pocket waters. We all finalized our Euro rigs and in we went. A poor choice of words with some unwittingly, as the rocks were slick.

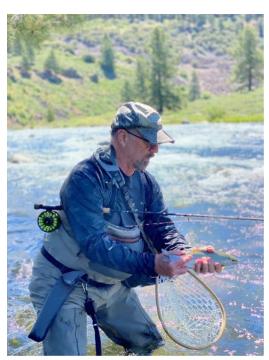
And we did catch fish! Lots of hits and landing of quality fish, typically on Walt's worms, small flashback pheasant tails, and perdigons. We explored almost a quarter mile up the river from the bridge for about four hours, even experiencing another river baptism.

Needing a break for lunch during the high sun, we all headed into downtown Truckee for a well-deserved lunch and some hydration. And after the lunch coma sets in, what better way to work it off: shopping! With the large graduation crowds shopping the stores, and with a new fly shop across the street, as they say, "When in Rome...".

And of course, as a point of comparison for some in the group we ended the retail therapy going to the Mountain Hardware store. While there we did notice the wind picking up and as clouds starting to form, we remained optimistic. On the way back we stopped at Horner's Corner on the Big Truckee with hopes of throwing some streamers. The wind continued to blow at a steady 25 mph for about 45 minutes before we acknowledged that the afternoon would be fruitless and wait for better conditions. Being that we had a big lunch, and with a protected canyon we all agreed to try the evening hatch one more time at Frustration Pool on the LT.



Mitchie with great form



James working out on the Big Truckee...

One last time across the Little Truckee and the mosquitos were still after us! The hatch did not seem as plentiful as the prior days but we waited patiently, again, having learned our lesson on previous evenings. Best for us was watching Rick Watts, one of our newest members, wade deep into the stream and get a strong, rod-bending strike on a stonefly nymph! Following that he switched to a dry fly and was casting right to some rising fish. So much fun seeing the smile on his face... The hatch with risers like the other nights was brief and intense so the hunt was likewise. What a great way to end the day.

Pulling into camp at dark, the winds of change were still blowing. The projected cold front and dropping temperature gave us all pause and we collectively planned an early morning departure to avoid the incoming forecast of rain.

# "This is the one you didn't have last

"This is the one you didn't have last night on the LT"....



Rick Watts showing us how to do it....

#### Sunday

As we finished packing up our gear at 7:00 a slight rain began. The side trip to Milton Lake would have to wait. Some of us headed down into town for a quick bite and the heavens seemed to open up. Having not seen rain in a while, it was so refreshing. But the rainbow we saw really

summed up this trip as a true pot of gold. Good people, good fishing, and as always, the respect for the river and all that flows through it.

#### **Member Spotlight**

The member spotlight has been a feature of the newsletter in years past and we're starting it up again. This is an opportunity to get to know a fellow club member a little better. Hopefully you'll be able to greet him or her at a meeting soon. – Editor

#### **Al Mansky**

How long have you been a club member? Seven years

Do you currently or have you ever held an office in the club?

Former president, current secretary

What occupies your time other than fishing? Hunting

Classify yourself as a fly fisher:

Beats the heck out of working

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I dream about fish & flies
I need some serious help for my addiction

**Do you consider yourself a dry fly or a nymph fisher?**Dry fly fisher

## What is the fly rod set up you use for the majority of your fly fishing?

5wt rod w/ floating line w/ black weighted woolly bugger

# Moving water, rivers and streams

Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

bugger

If you could only fish with one fly, what would it be? Weighted black woolly bugger

#### What is your favorite species to fish for and why?

Trout, love the fighting action they give and they're great to eat

Do you have a fishing license for any states other than California?

What body of water do you fish most often? Rivers

No, other than my salmon trips to Alaska

#### Lake Tahoe To Receive Lahontan Cutthroat Trout This Summer

Tahoe's native fish are making a return this summer.

The Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex in Gardnerville, Nev., began stocking 100,000 catchable, Lahontan cutthroat trout into Lake Tahoe June 1 and will continue stocking throughout the summer as conditions allow.

The stocking is part of a multiagency and tribal cooperative effort to reintroduce the Tahoe Basin's native trout species and



expand recreational fishing opportunities to anglers. The partners involved are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (USDA LTBMU), Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

The reintroduction of Lahontan cutthroat trout has biological and recreational importance as well as significant cultural value to the Washoe Tribe. As the original stewards of Lahontan cutthroat trout, the Washoe Tribe has been an important stakeholder and partner since the beginning of reintroduction in the Tahoe Basin. The tribe has always been supportive of the restoration projects within Washoe ancestral lands.

The fish will be stocked at various, publicly accessible locations in both the California and Nevada portions of the lake. Approximately 20 percent of the trout will be tagged to help biologists evaluate the success of the stocking effort along with the growth, survival, and distribution of the fish.

Anglers are required to follow all fishing regulations (see Sport Fishing Regulations below) and encouraged to report any tagged fish they catch by calling the phone number on the tag, (775) 861-6355. Over time, stocking will inform conservation and recreation strategies in the reintroduction of this native strain of the fish into its historic habitat.

Lahontan cutthroat trout have been stocked intermittently in Lake Tahoe since 2011, although in smaller numbers. They are the only trout native to the Tahoe Basin and the largest cutthroat trout species in the world. The fish being stocked are the Pilot Peak strain of the species, which is known for its fast growth rate and achieving exceptional size. The Pilot Peak strain is also found in Nevada's Pyramid Lake, which attracts anglers from around the world hoping to catch one of the lake's giant Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Lahontan cutthroat trout are listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act. Their original listing in 1970 predates the modern act itself, which was passed in 1973. The native trout eventually disappeared from Lake Tahoe due to overfishing, damage to spawning tributaries caused by pollution, logging, water diversions, and the introduction of nonnative species. Federal and state efforts are underway throughout the fish's native range in California and Nevada to restore the species and its habitat.

While this summer's stocking may inform future restoration efforts, it is an initiative to expand recreational trout fishing opportunities for the public, enhance the near-shore fishery, and to foster an appreciation for this iconic native species.

#### Flooding impact on Yellowstone's fish still unknown

#### **Chris Hunt – Hatch Magazine**

The consequences of recent record flooding in Yellowstone National Park for native fish and recovery efforts is still to be determined



Under normal conditions, trout deal quite well with high water. During the worst of spring runoff, they stake out the calmer eddies and the quiet water that might flow over a bottom that's normally high and dry.

And it's very likely that the trout dealing with the record flooding in Yellowstone National Park this week – an occurrence that park Superintendent Cam Sholly described Tuesday as a 1,000-year weather event – will be just fine.

At least in the short term. But Yellowstone's fisheries story is nuanced. It's not one where trout simply need water to get by. Over the last decade or so, the park's fisheries biologists have dedicated their lives to improving and restoring the park's native trout and grayling fisheries – an effort that taxpayers have helped fund and volunteers have helped execute.

This week's record flooding that has destroyed homes, washed out normally reliable roads and pulled bridges from their pilings could also be setting the park's native fish recovery efforts back, and it could be setting them back years.

During an online press call, Sholly understandably spent an hour with national media addressing the pressing issues. How is the park going to rebuild? How long will it take to reopen the gates, let alone the washed-out roads? Has anyone died (thankfully, no)? When will power be restored?



These are top-of-mind issues that require immediate attention from the superintendent who, also understandably, looked exhausted as Zoom blasted his image across the internet. These are the issues that need attention now.

Written questions about the park's fisheries were not addressed – the National Park Service has bigger fish to fry. But the time will come when Sholly and the park's biologists will have to turn their attention to the state of Yellowstone's native trout and grayling. And when they do, there's no telling what they might find.

First and foremost, the effort to suppress lake trout in Yellowstone Lake is scheduled to continue, at least according to the pre-flood plan. It's possible that netting operations might be delayed, but by the time fall comes around, there's a good possibility that suppression efforts using oxygen-eating plant-based pellets to cover known lake-trout spawning beds will go ahead as planned. These efforts are bearing fruit – the lake's native Yellowstone cutthroat trout are in the midst of a rebound thanks to the suppression of invasive lake trout, which are native to the upper Midwest and Canada.

But the lake is in the middle of the park – most of the flood damage occurred in the park's northern reaches, where the road between Gardner, Mont., and Cooke City, Mont., is impassable. Sholly expressed sincere doubt on Tuesday about the future of that road, at least in the short term.

Native trout restoration efforts in the park's northern region are significant. Biologists have been monitoring the encroaching non-native rainbow trout population into the Lamar River watershed and even into the meadow reaches of Slough Creek, a native Yellowstone cutthroat trout strong hold and one of the best places in the park to visit and cast to trophy-sized fish. With access to Slough Creek cut off for now, those monitoring efforts are likely on hold.

Farther east, the Park Service has invested significant time and money to remove invasive brook trout in Soda Butte Creek near the park's northeast entrance near Silver Gate and Cooke City. That project, too, might be put on hold.

To the west, where U.S. Highway 191 skirts the edges of the park as it runs between West Yellowstone and the Bozeman area, the Park Services has in place at least two fish barriers meant to keep non-native trout from encroaching into newly established west slope cutthroat trout and grayling waters. Just north of West Yellowstone, the Park Service installed a barrier on Grayling Creek that is intended to keep non-native rainbow and brown trout from Hebgen Reservoir from migrating into the creek's upper reaches, which have been reestablished as a native west slope cutthroat trout and grayling stream. If flood waters have damaged the barrier, it would be a huge blow to the park's native fish reintroduction efforts there.

Farther north, the Park Service installed a similar barrier on Specimen Creek, a tributary to the Gallatin River. This barrier is meant to keep non-native trout from the Gallatin drainage out of the upper reaches of Specimen Creek to protect the genetic integrity of the reintroduced west slope cutthroats that have established a foothold there. Similarly, if the barrier has been breached, those restoration efforts are in serious jeopardy.

Finally, in the park's interior, on the upper stretches of the Gibbon River, the Park Service has worked to remove non-native brook and rainbow trout from Wolf Lake, Grebe Lake and the upper Gibbon. Native west slope cutthroat trout and grayling now swim there. The saving grace for this restoration effort is a natural

barrier at Virginia Cascades – it's very unlikely (and probably impossible) for non-native fish from the lower Gibbon to climb that cataract, even during the highest of flood waters.

Nevertheless, as Sholly and his team work to reopen and rebuild the park's northern tier, questions about the state and health of Yellowstone's native fisheries remain.

Yellowstone was formed by intense geological and hydrological forces. It's one of the most precious natural landscapes on the planet. There's irony here. Nature creates and, in the blink of an eye, nature destroys.

The toll that the wrath of nature in the form of this week's unimaginable floodwaters will take on the park's native fish is yet to be known.

#### **Items for Sale**

If you need contact information for a member, use the club's online roster.

#### Mitchie McCammon

Redington Stratus II fishing rain jacket. Size XL. This jacket has pockets large enough for your fly boxes and any other gear you want to put in them. There is a waterproof pocket on the front as well and a D-ring for a net. Only worn a handful of times. The color is actually a light blue, not gray. \$50. Contact me for more information.





#### Gear Sale - Gary Turri

#### Rods and reels:

- 1. Redington Trace Fly Rod. 9 foot 5 weight, new condition \$200
- 2. Redington Trace Fly Rod. 9 foot 6 weight, new condition \$200
- 3. Orvis Streamtime 8.5 foot 5 weight 2 piece with Orvis 5/6 Battenkill Reel and Orvis WF-5 floating line. Complete outfit ready to fish. This is a great back up outfit or a great outfit for someone just starting out. New condition \$150
- 4. Redington Vapen Fly Rod. 9 foot 9 weight. Great rod for Stripers or for a Saltwater Trip. New condition \$200
- 5. Redington CPS Fly Rod. 10 foot 7 weight 4 piece. Great rod for Steelhead on the Trinity. One of the best rods Redington ever made and way underrated. Excellent condition \$175
- 6. Okuma 7/8 Reel with WF-8 Steelhead Taper \$100
- 7. Sage 796 RPL Fly Rod. 9.5 foot 7 weight 4 piece. Great Rod for Steelhead on the Trinity. The RPL rod series has a cult following and are highly sought after by collectors. Excellent condition \$300
- 8. Orvis Battenkill 3 Reel. Fully machined, very durable reel. Click and Pawl drag. For 4-6 weight fly lines. New in box. \$100
- 9. Bauer M2 Fly Reel. Fully machined, comes with backing and Scientific Anglers Mastery GPX WF-5 fly line. Very good condition \$175

#### Fly Lines for sale:

Fly Lines for Casting Practice. All are bright orange color and new condition. RIO Grand WF-6 \$60 RIO Gold WF-7 \$60

SA Mastery Expert Distance WF-5 \$50 WF-6 \$50

Cortland Modern Trout WF-5 \$45 WF-6 \$45

#### **Gear Sale – James Kirchner**

This is an early model Loop Evotec 7130 MF. Very light in hand for how much backbone it has. Only used a dozen or so times. Great salmon/winter steelhead rod for bigger areas of the American, Trinity, Klamath, etc. I'd say it's in like-new condition minus the cork being a little dirty.

Asking \$850 and will include a Scientific Anglers Scandi UST line with s3 tip.







I Hardy'ly use this next rod so I thought someone else might enjoy it. It's a Hardy Demon Switch 5/6 10'6". Only fished it a handful of times on the Trinity and American. Great little rod, very light in hand. Fished it with

an OPST commando and never really found myself looking for more distance. Casts medium leech patterns and weighted small stuff great.

Rod is in great condition minus one splinter at the top of the handle section that occurred from a faulty rod sock having a hole in when putting the rod away for the day. Happened my first day with the rod and had fished/held up fine ever since. Tried to get a good photo showing that there is no crack through the actual rod.

I really don't know what to ask for this rod but figured \$350 seemed in the right range. Rod tube and sock included.







Simms wader/gear bag. Fits waders and boots in bottom compartment to separate from dry clothes and gear. Tons of storage up too for jackets, warm clothes, socks, etc. more compartments up top for access to fly boxes, reels, etc. bungee style rod tube holders on both sides. Water repellent material. These are discontinued. In great shape minus missing one stop button on handle. Doesn't affect use. Asking \$200 obo







