

The Barbless Hook



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The Bite Is On!!

Bart Hughes with a nice Rainbow caught on the Lower Sac. using a S&M Hogans which is a fancy version of a PT. – Oct 4th,2010

Nominations Open for Club Officers!

President's Message: Bob McCollum

Many Board Positions Remain Open

Nominations for club officers, board members, and coordinators will close at the November meeting. The slate of officers will be ratified by the vote of the club at the December meeting. A list of the Board positions was made available at the October meeting. Please contact me if you need this info sent to you via e-mail or have any questions.

Please consider stepping up and helping out by volunteering for a position that fits your skills and interests. With 16 positions, we need a lot of folks to step up and volunteer for the Board. We particularly need help filling the openings for Secretary, Conservation Director, and Conservation Director.

Member-at-large is an excellent position to consider if you are interested in learning more activities of the Board but don't want to make a big commitment or a lot of responsibility. Members-at-large simply attend the Board meetings, provide counsel and advice to the Board, and help out on Board activities as needed. Please contact me or Tom Vargas if you have any questions about board position and roles.

**** See page 11 for Descriptions and Duties of Club Officers****

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Trout in the Classroom	Derrell Bridgman
Outings	Jim Broadbent
Instruction	Gary Turri
Speakers	Russ George
Silent Auction	Bob McCollum
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Please begin e-mail with "Newsletter" as the subject.

Young steelhead flourishing this year in San Lorenzo River ;see article in Santa Cruz Sentinel.

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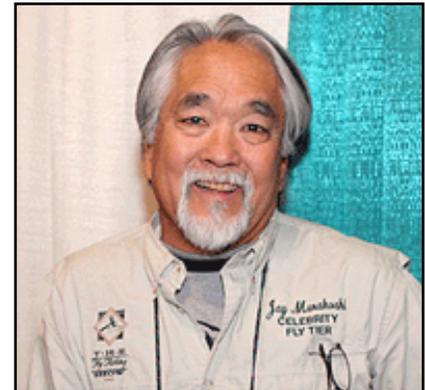
2010 Club Calendar

November 5-8	Klamath River	Steelhead	Bob McCollum
November 20	Delta	Striped Bass	Tom Vargas/Rick Mikla
December 1-5	Trinity River	Steelhead	Bob McCollum
December 9th	December Club Meeting		

* Please note date change for December meeting due to conflict with the Steelhead trip.

November Speaker: Jay Murikoshi on Surf Fishing

Jay Murikoshi is owner of Baja Fly Fishing Adventures dba Flies Unlimited and founding member of the "Pacific Pro Surf Association.". He has spent the last 36 years in the fly fishing industry tying flies commercially and hosting fly fishing trips to a lot of tropical destinations. His patterns have been featured in Fly Fishing in Salt Waters, California Fly Fisher, Western Outdoors, and Southwest Fly Fishing. Jay is also a west coast contributing writer for Fly Fishing in Salt Waters magazine.



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Conservation Corner by Corey Cate

Environmental Caucus Presents Unique Alternative To The Delta Stewardship Council

The Environmental Water Caucus (EWC), a group of 27 environmental, environmental justice and native American tribes, presented a ground-breaking series of proposals to the Delta Stewardship Council, the newly- formed state agency that is charged with finding a balance between water reliability and Bay-Delta environmental recovery.

The caucus provided a series of recommendations on water that included an aggressive statewide water conservation program that can reduce water use by 8 million acre feet annually, the retirement of toxic farmlands that use almost 4 million acre feet of water per year, and paired their recommendations with a reduction of Delta pumping that will help restore the Bay-Delta ecology and fisheries. The Caucus recommendations have been boosted by the State Water Resources Control Board's recent report which concluded that more water must be allowed to flow through the Bay-Delta in order to protect the health and

public resources of this critically important watershed. The recommendations by the Caucus were presented as an alternative to the pending proposals by another group, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). That plan will construct either a tunnel under the Bay-Delta or a canal around the Delta. Dr. Mark Rockwell, representing the fishing community for EWC said, "This BDCP plan will continue the destructive water extractions from the Delta and block any hope of recovery for fisheries and the Delta environment. We have to find a new way to manage water that does not involve reliance on the Delta. The recently published EWC report, California Water Solutions Now, accomplishes this goal."

For many years, environmentalists have worked continuously to increase the amount of water flowing through the Delta and to San Francisco Bay in order to restore and protect the health of the estuary. Large water contractors south of the Delta have fought just as incessantly to increase the amount of water pumped through the Delta in order to irrigate farms and accommodate a growing population. It's a classic California

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water battle and seems to have no end. David Nesmith, EWC coordinator, says, “This battle for water must end if we are to ever achieve a balance between the State’s need for water, and our desire to have a healthy environment and save our fisheries.”

Nick Di Croce, long time water advocate and EWC consultant says, “The Environmental Water Caucus has presented this alternative proposal that stresses water use reductions and avoids the multiple billions of dollars that would be needed to construct a major tunnel or canal through the Delta. It is a non-structural alternative (no surface storage or new Delta conveyance) that can meet the needs of our growing population at least until 2050.”

Using the Strategic Goals and Recommendations from the Environmental Water Caucus’ report, the Caucus showed in their presentation how the actions called for in the report will save or reduce enough water

consumption to allow the Delta exports to be reduced, in keeping with the State Water Board’s report on Delta flows. “In the same way that California can no longer just continue to build highways to accommodate our population growth, we must find different kinds of technological and societal solutions to protect our most valuable, limited and life-giving resource: water”, said Michael Jackson, EWC steering committee member.

The Caucus closed their proposal by challenging the Delta Stewardship Council to analyze their proposal as one of the alternatives to be considered in the future Delta Plan. Additionally, they proposed a council workgroup to further develop the recommendations in the EWC report, and to bring together people from all sides to discuss how this can be implemented.

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TVFF – TIC (Trout in Classroom) Program Update

By Derrell Bridgman

Our “Trout In Classroom” (TIC) program is in the process of becoming activated for another season of extraordinary experiences for the students in our area. We are signing up new teachers and getting them registered to take the training they will need to participate in the program. I am making arrangements to purchase the new aquariums and related equipment to place in the new classrooms. This will be my eleventh year of working with the classroom teachers in some of our local schools. It has been a wonderful experience for me, and it has added tremendously to the recognition and respect that the community has for our organization. This is all well and good, but the real winners in this effort have been the kids. They get so much out of the program. It has proven to be an effective teaching aide and an excellent way to introduce them to some of the problems that face our fisheries. It is my hope that many of these students will, someday, develop into dedicated stewards of these fisheries, and this program is an ideal way to jump-start that development.



**TIC –Fish Release
Field Trip at Shadow Cliffs**

Our program started with aquariums in a couple of classroom in Pleasanton where we raised frogs. It was soon upgraded to raising steelhead and salmon. Because of the logistics in scheduling fish release field trips we are now raising Rainbow Trout that may be released in approved local reservoirs. Over the years the program has expanded to nearby school districts. We are now working with more than 30 classrooms in the Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, and Antioch school districts. Since it started eleven years ago the program has been the source of a very unique learning experience for more than 20,000 students that most would never have had.

TVFF – TIC (Trout in Classroom) Program

Update (continued from previous page)

By Derrell Bridgman

The students are not the only ones that enjoy the program. The teachers really love it also. Most of the success of the program goes to the dedication of those teachers, and they really appreciate the efforts our club members contribute to the success of the program. Together we make a great team. I recently received an email from one of the science teachers in Pleasanton that I would like to share with you, as follows:

“The training was so much fun and enjoyable to attend. I thought I could volunteer to help if needed. I have to say, of all the programs that have come our way since the science specialists started 4 years ago; and there have been many, TIC is the only one I'll be participating in this year. It's been one of the only programs that have been so valuable for ALL my students at ALL grade levels and learning abilities, including the parents! TIC ROCKS!”

With the news that our club now has an official “non-profit” rating I am in hopes that this will open up ways to acquire extra funding so we can expand the program to more schools. I am also very encouraged by the interest several of our club members have displayed in helping with the management of the program. We are in the process of organizing a dynamic “TIC Team” that, will, hopefully, make a significant expansion and enhancement of our program a real possibility.

I am proud of what we have accomplished with this program, and with the continued support of club members I am sure we will be able to continue its success in the future. Our “Trout In Classroom” (TIC) program is in the process of becoming activated for another season of extraordinary experiences for the students in our area. We are signing up new teachers and getting them registered to take the training they will need to participate in the program. I am making arrangements to purchase the new aquariums and related equipment to place in the new classrooms.

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Derrell

Delta Striper Outing

Scheduled November 20, 2010

Tom Vargas

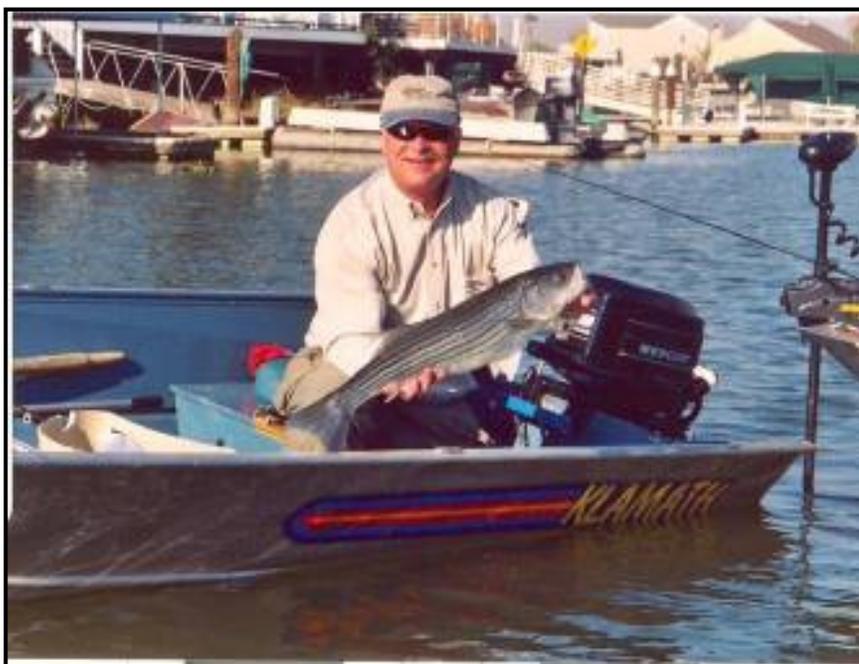
As TVFF Fishmasters, Rick Mikla and I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, Nov. 20th. This is a great opportunity to experience hard pulling, double digit freshwater fish on fly gear. We will fish the Southern bays of Discovery Bay and plan to launch out of Orwood Resort by 7:00AM. You should arrive at least ½ hour earlier in order to set up and get your boat in the water. We will head South about one mile to the Kellogg Creek entrance of Discovery Bay. This is an all-safe 5 mph area and it works well for both small and larger size watercraft. The outing will take place in rain or shine, but plan on a cold morning and the possibility of morning fog for a few hours (we hope the weather cooperates).

A boat is required to participate in this trip. Boaters and non-boaters will need to make arrangements and get paired up before the outing.

Equipment: 8 or 9 wt rod with Hi-Speed / High Density shooting heads. Lead core heads, Teeny 300, Rio Outbound or Mastery Custom Tip Express lines trimmed to match the rod all work well. The integrated style lines are easier to cast than lead core. Your leader is simply 5-6 ft of 15 - 20 lb mono (Maxima). Flies that simulate baitfish patterns such as 3-5 inch Clouser minnows, Flashtail Whistlers, Deceivers, etc. work well. The 2/0 chartreuse and white Clouser is a standard. Take a look at past newsletters for December and January of '07, '06, '05 for what has been successful.

We will provide more information as we get closer to the outing and we can get more specific as the stripers move in, usually around mid to late October.

A sign up list will be available at the November meeting.



9lb. Striper from my first outing in 2006. I had never fished for stripers with a fly before and this was a great learning experience and a ton of fun.

TVFF Fish Photos October 2010



← Dan Vargas with a schoolie Striper caught in the Delta's False River.
-Tom Vargas October 2nd, 2010

Tom Fessenden needed a bigger net to tackle this Lahontan Cutthroat at Heenan Lake.
-Tom F. October 22nd, 2010



← 501 (c) (7) Fish Cake
- TVFF Members Meeting
October 7th, 2010

DVD Recommendations

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers Video Library

by Frank Gordet

Any one out there getting ready for a Steelhead Trip? Now would be a great time to start preparing. One way would be to take advantage of the clubs DVD's available in our Video Library. There are a variety of DVD's that can help you prepare yourself with the skills to tie the perfect fly and land that big Steelhead. For example there are DVD's available to help you develop your fly tying, fly casting skills a long with advice and techniques from some of the best fly fishing instructors in the sport.

Below are examples of some of our DVD's available that may give you the edge you need to land that big Steelhead.

- The Essence of Fly fishing
- The New Fly Fisher E.P. 323 Winter Steelhead
- Fly Tying the Anglers Art volumes 1-12

Good luck on your next outing.
Enjoy!
Frank

Also, consider this DVD :

Rio's Modern Spey Casting

The most comprehensive film on spey casting techniques ever made. This is a Triple disc DVD from Rio with a whole slew of experts to help you improve you're casting. Folks like George Cook, Simon Gawesworth, Mike McCune, Scott O'Donnell, Dana Sturn and Ed Ward. Not only will you learn from the masters the classic Single spey, Double spey, Switch Cast and Roll cast, but also the Modern spey cast, Spiral spey, Spiral spey, Spiral double spey, Jelly roll, Perry poke, and Skagit casting. This film also teaches viewers the most common faults to recognize and avoid and has superb bio-kinetic footage so you can study the detail of each hand, arm, and body movement of each cast. With clear and concise instruction from the very basics of spey casting to top tips for advanced casters as well as sinking line methods, single handed techniques and saltwater spey casting. It's everything you need to know about Spey Casting.

Total Time is 4hrs.

TVFF Descriptions of Duties for Officers, Board Members, and Coordinators

President

Facilitate the formation of a clear vision for the future of the club and develop/execute plans to reach the vision.
Coordinate and chair Club and Board meetings.
Write monthly President's Article in Newsletter.
Maintain and distribute club calendar.
Coordinate events
Club liaison with FFF, NCFFF, other FF clubs and external organizations
Mentor selected Committee Personnel
Pick up slack on under-performing board positions

Vice President

Act for President when President is not available
Mentor selected Committee Personnel
Help pick up slack on under-performing board positions
Host BBQ (See below)
Coordinate Presidential Fly Plate

Secretary

Record minutes of meetings, transcribe to Word documents, and distribute to the Board.
Mentor selected Committee Chairmen
Help pick up slack on under-performing board positions.

Treasurer

Collect/receive monies and deposit in account
Analyze acct. and provide monthly report of financial status
Write checks for reimbursements, donations, expenses, etc.
Reconcile accounts and keep them balanced and up to date.
File IRS forms.
Mentor/assist selected Committee Chairmen
Help pick up slack on under-performing board positions

Conservation Director

Stay abreast of conservation issues.
Report to board and club at meetings.
Brainstorm/propose ways in which club and individual members can have a direct impact on these issues.
Chair/coordinate these efforts.
Assess club's plan for donations to conservation organizations and make recommendations.

Write Monthly article for newsletter.
Collaborate with selected Coordinators
TIC Coordinator(s)
Help pick up slack on under-performing board positions.

Membership Coordinator

Coordinate annual dues collection.
Sign up new members at meetings (bring forms, etc. to meeting).
Collect money and transfer to Treasurer.
Update roster every month and distribute to Club via e-mail
Prints name badges and brings badges and materials to meetings

Newsletter Coordinator

Solicit material for newsletter.
Collect, organize, and layout materials in the newsletter template.
Send PDF file to Web Coordinator by the first of the month.
Copy and distribute newsletters to fly shops.
Follow up with advertisers to make sure we are getting whatever we have bartered for (every January).

Raffle Coordinator

Receive donations from members, guest speakers, fly shop reps
Organize club and outside tiers to tie and donate flies for the raffle
Ask members to donate extra gear or other items (e.g. wine)
Receive unsold items from auction
Organize donations into monthly raffles
Sell tickets and collect money at meeting
Give money to Trout In the Classroom rep or Treasurer
Be the keeper of the raffle tickets and box
Organize special raffles for big donations (e.g. raffle board for donated guided trips, etc.)

Trout in the Classroom

Recruit/coordinate teachers
Recruit/coordinate volunteers
Purchase/setup aquariums. Maintain existing aquariums.
Ensure that volunteers and teachers are trained
Deliver eggs to classroom
Pick up/release smolt
Write articles for newsletter

Website Coordinator

Keep web site up to date
Home page/Calendar
Upload Newsletter to web site monthly
Add pages/features as needed

Outings Coordinator

Chair annual outing scheduling meeting – should be no later than November of prior year.
Organize calendar of outings and communicate to Newsletter Coordinator
Ensure fishmasters are clear on duties (including writing report for newsletter)
Ensure that sign up sheet is initiated and maintained

Speaker Coordinator

Solicit speakers for meetings
Keep calendar of speakers and communicate speaker info to Newsletter and Web coordinators well in advance of each month's meeting
Coordinate with Treasurer to make sure speakers get paid
Keep speaker program on budget
Coordinate and host speaker dinner before each meeting
Write follow-up/thank you letter to speaker

Silent Auction Coordinator

Update list of donors
Write and send solicitation letter
Catalog donated materials and discount offers
Make auction tags for all items
Coordinate running of auction
Analyze and report results

Education Coordinator

Coordinate with other entities (DVFF, LARPD)
Set class dates
Prepare curriculum/materials
Coordinate class sign-ups, collect money and transfer to Treasurer
Coordinate execution of class

Refreshments Coordinator

Purchase refreshments
Be the keeper of refreshment equipment
Deliver/set up refreshments. Collect money and transfer to Treasurer
Clean up after meeting

Video Librarian

Be the keeper of the video library.
Catalog videos. Provide updated list to webmaster.
Collect money and transfer to Treasurer
Recommend new videos to purchase
Promote use of video resources

Member at Large (up to 2)

Attend Board meetings
Help out as necessary

The Tier's Corner No.14

Common Problems and Their Solutions

By **Jim Cramer**

Fall is in the air and winter is just around the corner. Now is the time to start tying in earnest and fill those voids that have appeared in your fly boxes.

Maybe some of this month's ideas will be of help. I have never met a tier that wasn't always looking for a better way to tie his flies. The experienced tier has developed subtle techniques that help him avoid many of the pitfalls and common problems that plague the less experienced. This month I'm going to discuss some those tying problems that can cause so much frustration.

The most common problem that beginning tiers seem to have is the crowding of their heads, especially on dry flies. The thread often creeps forward to cover half the eye of the hook. Tiers are most often told to start further back and to leave more room, which is not bad advice, but sometimes just doesn't solve the problem. So let us look a little deeper. Quite often the problem starts with the wings. You have proper tie in spot which will leave sufficient room for the hackle and the head, but then things get screwed up because you add two or three more wraps to the front part of the tie down area as you tie in the wings. This little mistake moves the "bend up" area of the wings forward just a tad and you lose valuable space needed to complete the fly.

Beginners can sometimes recover a little head space by using their nails to force the material back slightly on the hook shank. This is not the ideal solution but it can remedy the problem without having to retie the whole fly. Support the hook at the rear with your left hand as you gently force the material back on the shank. This won't always work but if you find yourself in trouble it is worth trying.

While we are on the subject of heads lets take a moment to talk about the whip finish knot. Some threads, especially the waxed variety, when pulled back through the wraps at the completion of the knot will twist up on themselves and either not pull completely through or will break off ruining the whip finish. If you use you bodkin or scissors points to keep some tension on the loop of thread as you tighten the knot you will avoid this problem. If you have the problem of the thread slipping off the head as you are tying the whip finish try using the tip of your left index finger to hold each wrap in position as you make the knot.

While it is not really a problem, here is a tip on producing a neater whip finish knot for the more advanced tiers and those that whip finish by hand, you will have a neater head and knot if you will wrap the whip finish from the rear forward instead of the opposite direction. As a whip finish knot is pulled tight, the thread will always be pulled under the most forward wrap of thread. If wrapped from rear to front, the thread from the last wrap will immediately disappear under itself. Done in this manner you will avoid having a short length of thread running over the whip finish wraps before it disappears under them.

The Tier's Corner No.14

Common Problems and Their Solutions (continued from previous page)

Many tiers have problems tying small or sparse patterns. They tend to run out of room and their flies have the appearance of being overfed. There are generally two things happening here. First is the use of too much material and second using too many thread wraps to secure it. For tiny and/or sparse flies try using half the amount of material you think you need and only two or three wraps to secure it. One little trick used by the masters of the full dress Atlantic salmon fly is to unwrap a couple of thread turns just before tying in a new piece of material.

A problem often encountered with tails and wings made of deer, moose or other hollow hair is the splaying of the fibers as the hollow hair is compressed. This can be avoided by tying down the material from front to the butt end towards the tips. The first thread wraps should be very tight and as the last few wraps at the rear are made the tension is reduced to avoid crimping the hollow hair.

If you have the problem of the material continuing to twist around the hook shank as you tie it down you probably are making either one of two common errors. If you just place the material in the proper position and start to tie it in place with a normal wrap the thread will tend to carry the material around the hook shank. On tail fibers you can take advantage of this by holding them at a 45 degree angle to the shank on the near side of the hook as you make your first wrap. Done properly the thread will roll the fibers to the top of the hook as you continue your tie down. The better solution for all other situations is to use what is sometimes called the "soft loop". To accomplish this pinch the materials and the hook shank at the tie in point, bring the thread up the near side, over the top and down the far side without putting any tension on it. Now pull the thread straight down while continuing to pinch the material. Repeat the soft loop wrap at least once more before releasing the pinch. With some materials it is advantageous to use a soft loop and a half. To do this simply bring the thread back up the near side before you tighten the thread by pulling straight up. Hold the pinch!

These are a few of the more common problems tiers sometimes have. Learn to correct these and you'll greatly reduce your frustrations. By far the easiest way to solve a particular problem is to ask for help from a friend who has already solved it. Good Luck!



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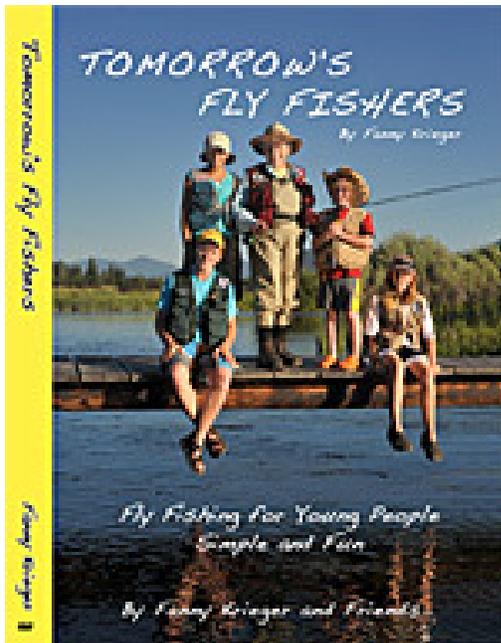


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Directions to

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Exit Highway 580 on North Livermore Avenue

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