

The Barbless Hook



September 2011

A wild Clark Fork trout caught on a blonde Elk Hair Caddis.

President's Message

Tom Vargas

It is hard to believe, but the students are beginning to head back to school and the nip of fall air is just around the corner. This has been a very different summer with high water conditions over much of the Sierras and lots of wind on the Delta, making for challenging fly fishing conditions.

As we enter the fall the club has a number of trips that are coming up including the overnight outing to the North Fork of the Stanislaus, Alpine Lake, Heenan Lake and other nearby waters in September. We have guided trips to the Lower Sacramento in October and the Trinity River for steelhead in November. In November or early December we will have a striped bass outing to the Discovery Bay/Delta area, depending on the arrival of the fall migration. The fishing really starts to pick up in the fall with the cooling temperatures and this is my favorite time of the year.

Prior to joining the club I had never fished for either steelhead or stripers. These club outings introduced me to elements of fly fishing I had thought about, but never knew how to get out and do it. I am very thankful to the club for expanding my horizons and my fishing season. (I am not sure my wife is) When I am down in San Diego visiting my boys I have started fishing in the surf. This was after hearing one of the programs at the club a couple of years ago. My son Dan caught two Corbina on our July outing, The largest was 22 inches and gave him a 20 minute fight on his 6 weight.

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Stillwater Anglers Wanted

Summer is half way over and I haven't fished since May. RIDICULOUS !

Unfortunately I was unable to make the trips to Davis or Manzanita so I really want to get the dust off my float tube and catch some trout!

As those who know me know, I am retired, so mid-week trip is just fine – better than weekends since I enjoy camping in National Forest campgrounds and there is much less competition for campsites and fishable water.

Although I would rather catch and release native trout, the DFG has a website that tells approximately when they plan to plant various waters of our state, and there are always lakes somewhere being stocked with catchable fish.

Please call or email me if you have similar preferences.

Hal Wilson (925) 846-8766

President's Message

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Dan Vargas with a very nice Corbina.

If you were able to make it to our annual pizza night on August 4th you know we had a great gathering of about 35 members and their families for some awesome pizza and fish stories. Our September program is on fishing the Sierras along the John Muir trail. I hope you can get out and wet a line during the remaining days of summer and start preparing your steelhead and striper gear.

Please begin thinking about how you might serve the club as an officer or committee chair in 2012 as the nomination period opens in October. This is your club and we depend on the combined efforts of our members to keep things interesting and functioning well.

Get out and try something new this fall.

Tight lines,

Tom

2011 Meeting Schedule:

The schedule of meeting topics is presented in the table below. Please contact Martin Plotkin if you have suggestions for speakers for these topics.

Month	Topic
September	Fishing the John Muir Trail
October	Taking Better Photos
November	Fly Fishing Tahoe Truckee Area
December	Still Water Fly Fishing



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September 2011 Meeting Program

Martin Plotkin and Hal Wilson

“Trout don’t speak latin!” This often -quoted phrase is correct, so we don’t have to learn this dead language to talk knowingly about *Ephemeroptera* or such, but trout do know the difference between a Mayfly dun and a Caddis pupa, so if we want to be good fly fishers, we’d better know also.

A great chance to learn will be at the pre-meeting class on September 1 at the Rod and Gun Club. Aquatic entomology (the study of water-oriented bugs) will be taught by Gary Turri, one of the best and most knowledgeable teachers we have in the club.

Gary will start the class at 6:00 p.m. promptly, so plan accordingly. You will receive a lot of information so BE SURE TO BRING A PEN OR PENCIL AND NOTE PAD.

It is also very important that you let me know that you plan to attend as soon as possible, so I can provide enough copies of the information Gary will use to lead the class. Call me at (925) 846-8766 or email at HALBMAX@AOL.COM. Gary’s phone number is on the Club roster if you have questions for him.

Our main speaker for September is Steve Beck from Merced, California. His program is on fly fishing the John Muir Trail (JMT), which includes a slide show covering the trail that runs 210 miles along the crest of the Sierra. In addition to being a path through some of the world's finest mountain scenery, fly fishers will find that the JMT provides fine trout fishing for colorful wild trout.

As a companion topic Bart Hughes will do a short member presentation on winter fishing at Hot Creek. Hat Creek is located across US395 from the Mammoth Mtn. turn-off on the Eastern Sierra.

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2011 Outing Schedule – Jim Broadbent

Summer is fading away and my favorite and busiest fishing season is just around the corner. Warm days, crisp nights and hungry fish make fall a great time to hit the water.

If you are not taking advantage of the club outings you are missing important aspects of fly fishing as a sport. Visiting places you've not seen before. The comradeship of fellow fly fisherman and a vast library of knowledge from fellow members. On all of our outings a person can get advice, get tutored, get better. All you have to do is ask.

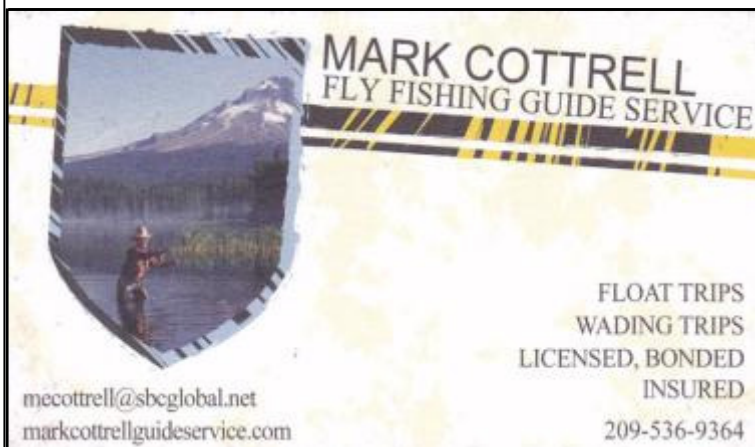
September 23-25, North Fork of the Stanislaus; Derrell Bridgman, Russ George and Tom Vargas

~~October 6-9, Sonora Pass/Pinecrest; Bob McCollum: CANCELLED~~

October 14-15, Lower Sac River Float; Ken Javorsky

October-December, TBD-Delta Stripers; Rick Mikla and Tom Vargas

November 16-20, Trinity River Fall Steelhead-Bob McCollum



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Sonora Pass Outing - Bob McCollum

Don Gardner, Doug Witcomb, Ron Dueltgen, Robert Nishio, Keith Thomas, Richard Tarbell and I participated in the Sonora Pass Outing held August 25-28: The Sonora Pass area offers a wide variety of fishing opportunities, including the upper headwaters of the Middle, South, and Clark Forks of the Stanislaus River and numerous small creeks.

We broke out our 3 and 4 weight rods and coaxed eager 6-12 inch resident trout and stockier planted rainbows on dry flies and nymphs. A couple of us experimented with Tenkara rods – a traditional Japanese fly fishing method that employs a rod and line, but no reel.

Don Gardner graciously opened his Leland Meadow condo to the group. Each day after breakfast, we formed small groups and set out for the day. We met a couple of evenings for an early dinner at the Kennedy Meadow Lodge and resumed fishing until dark. We developed a solid pattern of “fish, eat, sleep, repeat”.

We all caught fish and had a great time. We also explored and fished new waters and learned new fishing skills. Don and I explored the Sand Bar Flat area of the Middle Fork of the Stan below Beardsley Reservoir and may offer an outing in that area next fall. A few pictures are shown below and more will be available on the Clubhouse page of the club website.



Lower Sac Float Trip October 14 and 15th – Ken Javorsky

I have tentatively reserved (5) drift boats through the Fly Shop in Redding for a two day float trip on the Sac from Redding to Anderson.

The cost for the guide services will be \$324.00 per person for the two days. Lodging, tips, food, (except for lunch on the river) will be extra. Please sign up as soon as you can as payment is due to TVFF by June 17th. Please contact Ken Javorsky if you have any questions. (kijavorsky@sbcglobal.net)



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Sight-casting for Striped Bass – Bill Nevins

Every now and then I get a chance to brag about something besides fishing. My most recent accomplishment-by-proxy was my daughter Katharine's graduation from Harvard Business School. Attending the graduation ceremony left me with the impression that tomorrow's business leaders are going to be a diverse lot, as young white males were heavily outnumbered by both women and minorities in the long line of graduates waiting to receive their MBA's.

Attending Katharine's graduation also left me on the East Coast at the end of May. My wife was occupied in her endless quest to unload her former residence in Connecticut. Never one to let a fishing opportunity pass me by, I decided to spend the Memorial Day weekend fly-fishing for striped bass in their ancestral waters. Being a complete novice in the art, I engaged the services of Capt. Brewster Minton (see <http://fishingwithbrewster.com/>). Brewster is best known as a tuna hunter (see The Tuna Assassin), but will also take clients striped bass fishing on the flats in Shinnecock Bay. One normally associates "flats" with bonefish and the exotic tropical locations. While Capt. Brewster can't put you onto bonefish in Shinnecock Bay, he is an expert at finding striped bass from the polling platform on the stern of his 16' Dolphin.

I've been bonefishing before, and found flats fishing for striped bass remarkably similar. Capt. Brewster spotted the quarry well before an inexperienced client like myself, gave me the range and direction, and told me when to cast. As your fly settles into the water, Instead of twitching it, you tuck your fly rod under your arm and begin stripping vigorously. With a well-aimed cast, this often results in a strike. However, you must continue stripping your fly until the striped bass is soundly hooked. If you think of a bonefish as a thoroughbred, then a striped bass is more like a Clydesdale. It does not run as fast, but it is much stronger! I wore my arm out reeling in a 20 pounder while Capt. Brewster was urging me on to greater efforts so that I could cast to the other schools of striped bass coming toward us across the Shinnecock flats. All-in-all, one of my best fishing weekends ever!



The author with a Shinnecock Bay striped bass



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Our club video library boasts more than 130 titles on all aspects of fly fishing. Be sure to take advantage of this rich resource at the next meeting. (List continues on subsequent pages.)

Video ID#	Title	Author	Description
1	Learning to Fly Fish	Jack Dennis	Basic Instruction on Fly Fishing for Trout
3	Introduction to Fly Fishing	L.L. Bean	Basic Instruction on Fly Fishing
4	Fly Fishing Made Easy	Unknown	Basic Instruction on Fly Fishing
5	Fly Fishing Basics a Beginners Guide	Unknown	Basic Instruction on Fly Fishing
6	Basic Fly Casting	Unknown	Basic Fly Casting
7	Fishing the Dry Fly	Gary Borger	Dry Fly Fishing
8	Hooked on Fly Tying His Favorite Flies	Rene Harrod	Fly Tying
10	Life Cycle of the Caddis Fly	Rene Harrod	Aquatic Insects
11	Life Cycle of the May Fly	Rene Harrod	Aquatic Insects
12	Tying with Turkey	Rene Harrod	Fly Tying
13	Fly Tying Basics	Jack Dennis	Fly Tying
14	Hairtrout Flies	Chris Helms	Fly Tying
15	Never Name the River	Unknown	Fly Fishing
16	Where the Trout Are	Chris Helms	Fly Fishing
17	Build your own Rod	Dave Clemons	Fly Rod Building
18	Secrets for Catching Walleye	Bob Winkleman	Fly Fishing
19	Dorf Goes Fishing	Tim Conway	Fishing Comedy
20	Fly Fishing for Stillwater Trout	Denny Richards	Fly Fishing
21	Still Water Flies	Denny Richards	Fishing Flies
22	Still Water Flies for Trophy Trout	Denny Richards	Fishing Flies
23	Tying and Fishing Attractors	Gary La Fontaine	Fly Fishing using Attractors
24	Tying and Fishing Caddis flies	Gary La Fontaine	Fly Fishing
25	Advanced Fly Casting	Mel Krieger	Casting Technique & Instruction
26	Tying Techniques	Bob Clouser & Lefty Kreh	Fly Tying
27	Tying Techniques of Bob Clouser & Lefty Kreh	Bob Clouser & Lefty Kreh	Fly Tying
28	Fly Fishing Secrets the Wet Fly & Nymph	Hal Jansen	Wet Fly Nymphing
29	Fly fishing Secrets the MayFly	Hal Jansen	Fly Fishing Secrets
30	Underwater Realm The Striped Marlin	Guy Harvey	Magical Encounters The Striped Marlin
31	Tying Bass Flies VOL 1	Dave Whitlock	Instructional for Tying Bass Flies
33	Salmon Spectacular	Charlie White	Fly Fishing
34	Tying Foam Flies	Skip Morris	Fly Tying
35	Spinning Duck Hair	Chris Helms	Fly Tying
36	Tying Flies with Rainy's Float Foam	Unknown	Fly Tying
37	Tying Nymphs	A.K. Best	Fly Tying
38	Tying Caddis and Midge Flies	A.K. Best	Fly Tying
39	Casting Instruction at Golden Gate Park	Steve Rajeff	Casting Technique & Instruction
40	Rotary Tying Techniques	Al Beatty	Fly Tying Techniques
41	Tying Terrestrials	A.K. Best	Fly Tying
42	Advanced Fly Casting	Doug Swisher	Casting Technique & Instruction
43	Tying Bass Flies	Shane Stalcup	Fly Tying
44	Tying Streamers	Shane Stalcup	Fly Tying
45	Tying Lake Flies	Shane Stalcup	Fly Tying
46	A Collection of Fly Tying Tips and Tricks	Al & Gretchen Beatty	Fly Tying
47	Understanding Fly Tying Material	Scott Sanchez	Fly Tying
48	Fly Tying for Beginners	Ray Trefes Jr.	Fly Tying
49	Saltwater Fly Tying	Lefty Kreh	Fly Tying
50	Fly Tying Basics	Jack Dennis	Fly Tying Basics
51	Sure Fire Trolling System for Big Fish	J. Fairs	Trolling
52	Aquatic Insects	Dave Whitlock	Aquatic insects
53	Tying Flies for Spring Creeks and Tail waters	Mike Lawson	Fly Tying
54	The Essence of Spey Casting	Mel Krieger	Casting Technique & Instruction
55	Fly Fishing for Shad in Northern California	Dave Simmons	Fly Fishing
56	Fly Fishing the San Juan	Chuck Rizuto	Fly Fishing
57	Introduction to Fly Tying	Clifford Sullivan	Fly Tying
58	Fly Tying Concord California Weekend Footage	Traveling Fly Fisherman	Fly Tying
60	Best Knots for Fly Casting	Bill Walsh	Knot Tying
61	Fly-fishing Techniques VOL 1	Stillwater Productions	Fly Fishing Instruction

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62	Glass Bead Flies For Trout	Joe J. Warren	Glass Bead Flies
63	Fly Fishing and Wilderness Adventure Whalers Cove	Unknown	Fly Fishing Adventures
64	Warm Water Glass Bead Flies	Joe Warren	Glass Bead Flies Technique
65	Wading Safety	Jiones	Wading Safety
66	Secrets of Float Fishing	Mick Thill	Float Fishing
67	Still water Fishing	Mick Thill	Fly Fishing
68	Successful Strategies	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
69	Tying Western Dry Flies	Jack Dennis & Mike Lawson	Fly Tying
70	Essential Patterns	Oliver Edwards	Fly Tying
71	Pacific Coast Stripers on the California Delta	Anglers Academy	Fly Fishing
72	Pan Fish and Bass Fly Fishing Basics	Larry Dahlberg	Fly Fishing
73	LaFontaine Originals Vol 1	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
74	LaFontaine Originals Vol 2	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
75	LaFontaine Originals Vol 3	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
76	LaFontaine Originals Vol 4	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
77	LaFontaine Originals Vol 5	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
78	LaFontaine Originals Vol 6	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
79	LaFontaine Originals Vol 7	Gary LaFontaine	Fly Fishing
80	New Fly Fisher EP101 - EP102 - EP103 - EP104	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
81	New Fly Fisher EP105 - EP106 - EP107 - EP108	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
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90	New Fly Fisher EP213 - EP214 - EP215 - EP216	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
91	New Fly Fisher EP217 - EP218 - EP219 - EP220	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
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93	New Fly Fisher EP224 - EP225 - EP226	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
94	New Fly Fisher EP301 - EP302 - EP303 - EP304	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
95	New Fly Fisher EP305 - EP306 - EP307 - EP308	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
96	New Fly Fisher EP309 - EP310 - EP311 - EP312	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
97	New Fly Fisher EP313 - EP314 - EP315 - EP316	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
98	New Fly Fisher EP317 - EP318 - EP319 - EP320	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
99	New Fly Fisher EP321 - EP322 - EP323 - EP324	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
100	New Fly Fisher EP325 - EP326	Jen Cor	Various Fly Fishing Topics
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103	Fly Fish TV Canadian Cats & Carp	Fly Fish TV	Fly Fishing
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105	Fly Fish TV Frog Holler Hogs	Fly Fish TV	Fly Fishing
106	Fly Fish TV Winnipeg Pike Patrol	Fly Fish TV	Fly Fishing
107	Fly Fish TV Peers on the Pere	Fly Fish TV	Fly Fishing
108	Fly Fish TV White River B&B	Fly Fish TV	Fly Fishing
109	Fly Fish TV Takes on the Lake	Fly Fish TV	Fly Fishing
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111	Clackacraft Drift Boat Basics	Clackacraft	Drift Boat Basics
112	2006 North West Fly Tyiers Expo VOL 1	Oregon Council FFF	Fly Tying
113	2007 North West Fly Tyiers Expo VOL 2	Oregon Council FFF	Fly Tying
114	Saltwater Salmon on the Fly VOL 1	Ken Hanley	Fly Fishing
115	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 1	Unknown	Fly Tying
116	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 2	Unknown	Fly Tying
117	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 3	Unknown	Fly Tying
118	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 4	Unknown	Fly Tying
119	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 5	Unknown	Fly Tying
120	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 6	Unknown	Fly Tying
121	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 7	Unknown	Fly Tying
122	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 8	Unknown	Fly Tying
123	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 9	Unknown	Fly Tying
124	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 10	Unknown	Fly Tying
125	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 11	Unknown	Fly Tying
126	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 12	Unknown	Fly Tying
127	Healing Waters Fly Fishing	Carole Katz	Stream Restoration
128	Endangered Species	Calif Fish and Game	California Fish and Game Wardens
129	Essential Skills	Oliver Edwards	Fly Fishing
130	Bugs of the Underworld	Ralph and Lisa Cutter	Natural History of Aquatic Insects
131	The Essence of Flycasting II & Spey Casting	Mel Krieger	Fly Casting Instruction
132	Tomorrow's Fly Fishers	Fanny Kreiger	Fly Fishing for Young People Simple and Fun
133	The Essence of Fly Casting	Mel Krieger	Fly Casting Instruction
134	Fly Casting Faults and Fixes	Mel Krieger	Fly Casting Instruction
135	Beginning Fly Fishing	Mel Krieger	Beginning Instruction Fly Fishing
136	Rio's Modern Spey Casting	Rio	Spey rod casting instruction
137	Sierra Fly fishing Vol 1 The Lower Kern	Guy Jeans	Fly Fishing in the Sierra's
138	Sierra Fly fishing Vol 2 Golden Trout Wilderness	Guy Jeans	Fly Fishing in the Sierra's



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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

