

# The Barbless Hook



**December  
2012**

*Editor: Tom Vargas*

## President's Message

**Ken Javorsky**

Calling all Members!!

Your Club needs volunteers for individuals to serve on the 2013 Board. Please volunteer for any of the positions or nominate any candidate that you would like to see run for 2013. We welcome new ideas and input from all members and encourage you to participate in the activities of the club by becoming a Board Member.

I would also like to inform our membership that the Veterans First Fly Fishing (VFFF) annual dinner will be held at the Fremont Elks Lodge on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Club has donated funds and has lead Club volunteer activities which enable Veterans to participate in the sport of fly fishing. The dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup> is a fund raiser that helps support VFFF in this effort. Please contact Harry Levin ([captnharry@comcast.net](mailto:captnharry@comcast.net)) for more information.

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## ***Photo:***

**Robert Nishio, Gary Phillips and Bart Hughes braved the snow, fishing the North Fork of the Stan in November and found many willing trout.**

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In addition, club membership fees are due by year end. Membership fees will remain ant \$35 until the first meeting in February and increase after that date. Please remember to pay your membership dues early this year.

Do you like fish stories? Jim Broadbent has set up our next club meeting dedicated to just that as we all know that TVFF has a surplus of storytellers. Please email Jim Broadbent

([nob8@prodigy.net](mailto:nob8@prodigy.net)) to schedule your tail tale. Your presentation(s) will be enjoyed at the Club meeting on Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

See you at the meeting.

KJ



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# December 6<sup>th</sup> Program Speakers- You!

Haaa...the end of another great year for the club and almost time to look forward to 2013, but before we go on we want to hear your fish stories. I know most of us had a memorable trip, big fish or a beautiful new destination to share with the members.

Bring pictures or movies on a disk or flash drive to throw up on the big screen or just blather about your outing. Each member will have 10 to 15 minuets to present their outing.

Call or email Jim Broadbent so he knows approximately how many fabricators will be attending.

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## Activities

December 8- Delta Striper Outing. Outing to Discovery Bay/South Delta. Target species: Striped Bass. Need a boat or to pair-up with someone who has one.

## Merry Christmas





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# Outings – Hal Wilson

Below is the tentative/probable outing schedule based on the best information available at the time of publication. This schedule is subject to change. Please consider being the fishmaster in 2013 and contact me if you're interested. Here is a link to the sign-up sheet: [http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF\\_Outting\\_Signup\\_Form.pdf](http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF_Outting_Signup_Form.pdf)

## 2012 SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
DECEMBER	12/8	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS RICK MIKLA

## 2013 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	TBD	HOT CREEK	BART HUGHES
MARCH	3/9/2013	KISTLER RANCH (BASS)	HAL WILSON
APRIL	TBD ,( LATE)	PINECREST AREA	DON GARDNER
MAY	TBD	SHAD	TOM VARGAS
JUNE	THIRD WEEK	MC CLOUD RIVER	DANIEL KITTS
LATE JUNE or EARLY JULY	TBD	DAVIS LAKE	HAL WILSON
SEPTEMBER	TBD	N. FORK STANISLAUS	TOM VARGAS RUSS GEORGE DERRELL BRIDGMAN
OCTOBER	TBD	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER

# Delta Striper Outing

## December 8, 2012

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmasters, Rick Mikla and I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, December 8th. 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 like last year!)

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, 9 or 10 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 '11 and '12 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 keep move in, which usually starts around mid to late October. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of bait already arriving and being chased by hungry stripers!

A sign up list will be available at the December 6th meeting.



10 pound Delta striper from 2012.  
These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



Martin with a nice "Schoolie". These  
guys put up a great fight too!

# IT'S GETTING TO BE KISTLER TIME AGAIN

## Hal Wilson

As we have done for many years, we have reserved the three ponds at Kistler Ranch for a one day trip fishing for bass, crappie and bluegill.

Our date this year is **March 9**. The gate opens from sunup to sundown.

Kistler Ranch is located 17 miles north of Oakdale. We will have exclusive access to the three large ponds that have provided club members with many good days of fishing over the years. You may fish any or all of the ponds, as you choose. I have fished with both 6 wt and 4 wt rods, floating and intermediate lines.

Float tubing is my preferred way of fishing, but some members enjoy wading the shore areas with success. Regular bass bugs, nymphs, wooly buggers, Sneaky Petes, and dry flies all work. (Derrell is tying a bunch of large Humpies for this trip). No motors, gas or electric, are allowed. Catch and release, barbless hooks, artificial lures only.

I will have a signup sheet at the meetings between now and then. Cost is only \$20 per angler. Bring your own lunch and drinks.

There will be more information re specific directions, etc as we get closer to the date.

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## 2013 Dues are Due Now!!!

TVFF Club dues for 2013 are \$40.00 and they are payable now at the club meeting or by mail. **Enroll now for \$35.00 and save \$5.00 by paying early** and you'll be on club mailing list and eligible for outings.

The mailing address is:

TVFF

PO Box 2358

Livermore, CA 94551

## Delta Report

### November 17th and 18th

Tom Vargas

My son Ben and I braved the wind and rain on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and were rewarded with more than 30 fish to the boat. It was an awesome day in Discovery Bay with several keeper size stripers with the largest at 8 pounds. We sought the shelter of a nice cove and apparently the fish were thinking the same thing as we found lots of bait and stripers. We had a sea lion visit us and even that didn't slow down the bite. On Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, Bart Hughes and I went out in fulfillment of his auction purchase and had a good day too. Completely opposite weather was enjoyed and we experienced a flurry of activity early in the morning at our first stop. Overall we boated fewer fish and it was more sporadic during the day. A memorable time was had and at one point 4 out of 5 casts resulted in a fish on, with 3 keeper stripers, including two 6 pounders!



# Trinity Steelhead Fishing

**Nov. 17-18, 2012**

**Bill Nevins**

I spent the weekend of Nov. 17-18 on the Trinity fishing for steelhead. Weather was rainy both days and got rather cold on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The rain got the steelhead moving up river. We saw a lot of fish – salmon on their reds and steelhead moving upstream at the tails of the pools (where they are easy to spot). This would have been great if I was swinging streamers... but I was rigged for indicator nymph fishing. Not a lot of action – went through most of the pools without a strike. However, I did manage to land sever several steelhead and four sea run browns.



Bill Nevins with a colorful hatchery buck caught about ½ mile above Steel Bridge.



Sea-run brown caught below rush creek on the morning of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Nov. 3, 2012**

**Tom Vargas**

My three sons and I made our annual trek to the Lower Sacramento at the end of October and had a great day fishing the stretch from Red Bluff to Los Molinos, catching a mix of rainbows and steelhead. On Saturday we made our way to the Trinity and found some willing fish. Dan landed one, Ben was taken to school by a really hot fish and Matt hooked up with four and landed two; not bad for a first timer! I played guide.



Ben with a 22 inch steelhead on the Lower Sac.



Matt with his first wild Trinity steelhead.

## The Tier's Bench:

FLY TYING GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

***Note: Possible fly tying get together on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.***

***Check with Jim to Confirm time and date.***

On the first Wednesdays of the month, from 7 – 9 pm, we will have a Fly-Tying/BS get together for the purpose of learning and expanding our knowledge of fly tying and related subjects. The itinerary could include techniques, materials, knots, entomology, and specific and not so specific fly patterns. The meeting will be chaired by various individuals who have knowledge of the meeting's target subject. Vices, tools and some materials could be provided. Let Jim know if you are interested.


**Meeting location:** Martin Plotkin's office: 1799 Portola Avenue, Livermore, CA

### Fly Plate Donations

It is time to get out the tying vice and produce a fly for the Presidential fly box. Both nymphs and dry flies in sizes 10 to 18 are needed. Please put the flies in a small box and include the name of the fly and your name.

I can collect your creations at the monthly meetings or arrange pick-up by January 20th.

**Jim Broadbent**



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December 8, 2012

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# CONSERVATION CORNER

Derrell Bridgman

## Our Creek

TVFF has its own section of a local Livermore creek – well in a manner of speaking. We have agreed to adopt a section of the Arroyo Mocho for the purpose of helping to maintain the natural beauty and health of the creek.

As fly fishermen and fly fisherwomen who frequent streams etc. we are aware of the sight of unsightly debris and garbage that gets deposited regularly along our fishing spots. We see it but do not like it. Even worse a large percentage of this trash finds its way to the stream, then downstream and eventually into our rivers, beaches and oceans as pollution. The magnitude of these unhealthy conditions continues to increase each year, and is affecting the health of our world.

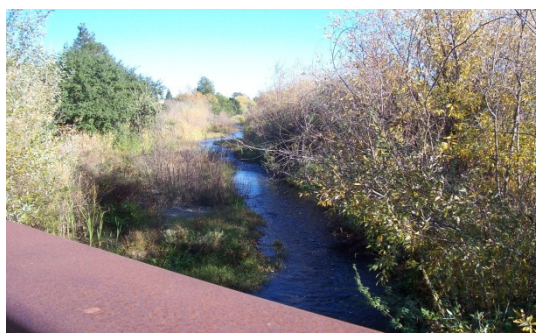
Several agencies, including LARPD, Zone 7 Water, The City of Livermore, and others have organized a plan to help reduce some of these undesirable conditions in our area. A part of that plan is to seek the assistance of willing groups in keeping the volume of the pollution to a minimum. They have formed the “Adopt a Creek Spot” program. Local responsible community organizations adopt an area where they help to keep unwanted debris cleaned up.

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers is proud to join this program and do our part to preserve the ambiance and health of our local waterways. The spot we will be responsible for is on the Arroyo Mocho in the Robertson Park area of Livermore. The location of our spot and a view of it is shown below:



### TVFF – “Adopt A Creek Spot” Location

Arroyo Mocho in Robertson Park (opposite Livermore Rodeo Stadium)



### **Lower TVFF “Adopt A Creek Spot” Boundary**

(Bike Trail Bridge)

View from bridge facing upstream



### **Upper TVFF “Adopt A Creek Spot” Boundary**

(Opposite Stop Sign near Rodeo Grounds)

View from near upper boundary facing downstream

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## **“Our Creek” (continued)**

The section of the stream is approximately (my estimate) quarter of a mile in length and extends from the “bike trail bridge: across the Arroyo upstream to a spot adjacent to the “stop-sign” at the entrance to the parking lot.

Our agreement presently consists of making, at least, one clean-up on the area per year. We will collect any garbage and LARPD will dispose of it for us. We have no further commitment at this time, but water quality testing and aquatic life monitoring may be an option at a future date.

This is a good way for us to make a responsible contribution to the health of the waterways in our community and does not involve a huge commitment of time and effort on our part. A recent sign-up sheet at our club meeting indicated that this project has the full support of a lot of our members. This is great.

Thank you for your support and I will keep you posted on further developments on our commitment.

Tight Lines

Derrell

## **Items For Sale**

### **Vacation Home For Rent:**

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**Tom Vargas (925) 586-4019**

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- 1.Orvis Super Wading Tac-L-Pak. Medium size, Tan color Like new condition. \$ 45.00, (\$119.00 new)
- 2.Patagonia Mesh Vest Medium size, Grey color Good condition. \$20.00

### **Fly lines for sale:**

1. SA Mastery XPS DT4F Grey, good condition \$25.00
2. SA Mastery XPS DT4F Sunrise, fair condition \$ 20.00
3. Cortland 444SL DT7F Mist Green, very good condition \$25.00
4. SA Mastery Nymph Taper WF8F Willow,like new, great for steelhead \$30.00
5. Orvis Wonderline Striper WF10F Yellow, new in box, \$30.00

Also have some reels available for sale for these lines if interested.

Will install these lines on your reel if requested.

**Gary Turri (925) 786-5184**

# Video Library News: Fly Tying Videos

## Bob McCollum – Video Librarian

Winter is coming – the perfect time to hit the tying vise and refill your fly boxes for the coming spring. Whether you're just starting in fly tying or are a seasoned expert tyer, the TVFF video library has over 50 fly tying videos with something for everyone.

We have several multi-disc series from renowned tyers such as Denny Rickards, Gary LaFountain, Dave Whitlock, A.K. Best, and more. Scan the table below and you'll see there are videos for all types of fish: trout, bass, and salt water. You will also find videos for every type and of style of flies. I encourage you all to visit me at the December meeting and check out one or two of these fine videos.



Dics No.	Title	Tyer(s)
21	Still Water Flies	Denny Richards
22	Still Water Flies for Trophy Trout	Denny Richards
23	Tying and Fishing Attractors	Gary La Fontaine
24	Tying and Fishing Caddis flies	Gary La Fontaine
31	Tying Bass Flies VOL 1	Dave Whitlock
34	Tying Foam Flies	Skip Morris
35	Spinning Duck Hair	Chris Helms
36	Tying Flies with Rainy's Float Foam	Unknown
37	Tying Nymphs	A.K. Best
38	Tying Caddis and Midge Flies	A.K. Best
40	Rotary Tying Techniques	Al Beatty
41	Tying Terrestrials	A.K. Best
43	Tying Bass Flies	Shane Stalcup
44	Tying Streamers	Shane Stalcup
45	Tying Lake Flies	Shane Stalcup
46	A Collection of Fly Tying Tips and Tricks	Al & Gretchen Beatty
47	Understanding Fly Tying Material	Scott Sanchez
48	Fly Tying for Beginners	Ray Trefes Jr.
49	Saltwater Fly Tying	Lefty Kreh
50	Fly Tying Basics	Jack Dennis
52	Aquatic Insects	Dave Whitlock
53	Tying Flies for Spring Creeks and Tail waters	Mike Lawson
55	Fly Fishing for Shad in Northern California	Dave Simmons
56	Fly Fishing the San Juan	Chuck Rizuto
57	Introduction to Fly Tying	Clifford Sullivan
58	Fly Tying Concord California Weekend Footage	Traveling Fly Fisherman
62	Glass Bead Flies For Trout	Joe J. Warren
64	Warm Water Glass Bead Flies	Joe Warren
69	Tying Western Dry Flies	Jack Dennis & Mike Lawson
70	Essential Patterns	Oliver Edwards
71	Pacific Coast Stripers on the California Delta	Anglers Academy
72	Pan Fish and Bass Fly Fishing Basics	Larry Dahlberg
73-79	LaFontaine Originals Vol 1-7	Gary LaFontaine
115-126	Fly Tying the Anglers Art VOL 1	Unknown

We meet at the Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club (directions below) on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7:00 PM.

**Directions to**

Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club: 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore, California.

Exit Highway 580 on North Livermore Avenue

Proceed North on North Livermore Avenue to May School Road (~2.5 miles).

Turn right onto May School Road and proceed to stop sign at intersection with Dagnino Road (~1 mile).

Entrance to Rod and Gun Club is directly across intersection

