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**January
2012**

President's Message

Ken Javorsky

Welcome to the 2012 Edition of TVFF!

We started this year with January's ever popular Fly Tying Expo which was successfully managed and organized by Jim Broadbent. We will follow this up with our Installation Dinner and pot-luck which will be held during our club meeting on February 2nd. This dinner is in honor of the Board Members, volunteers, and members like you who make this club the great club it is today.

As the incoming President of TVFF, my desire is to continue the educational, social, and conservation activities that we all enjoyed under the leadership of Tom Vargas and the Board Members of 2011. As you all know Tom and his team were tireless in providing great member activities which included our auction, premier speakers and supplier demonstrations at our club meetings, conservation activities such as TIC, fishing and educational classes, outings, etc. etc. Wow!

Let's have fun this year....again

KJ

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Photo above: The 2011 TVFF officers, board members and coordinators will be recognized at the Installation BBQ at the February meeting.

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2012 Dues are Due Now!!!

The dues for 2012 are \$35.00 through the February meeting. After the meeting, dues will increase to \$40.00 Pay your dues by the meeting on Thursday and avoid the cost increase!!

February Meeting: 2012 Installation Dinner

Join us at our regular meeting on February 2nd for the annual TVFF Installation Potluck Dinner. The Club will provide the BBQ'd meat and beverages as well as the paper plates, etc. Please sign up at the meeting to bring a food item to share. In addition to a sumptuous dinner, we will honor the out going Board members and install the new Board for 2011.

Please bring your spouse and any guests that you'd like to introduce to the club. Just be sure to indicate the number of guests when you sign up so we have an accurate count for the BBQ.

See you there!



March Meeting: Fishing Local EBRPD Waters

In March, our speaker will be Pete Alexander, fishing coordinator for the East Bay Regional Parks who will speak on fishing the local waters in the district's parks. Member Gary Phillips will share his experiences fishing Shadow Cliff Park. Also, a representative from CalTrout will occupy a table and provide info on their programs.



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2012 Outing Schedule – 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 note that several outings do not have fishmasters assigned. Please consider being the fishmaster for one of these outings and contact me if you're interested.

TVFF PROBABLE OUTINGS 2012

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
MARCH	24	KISTLER BASS PONDS LOWER SAC YUBA RIVER SURF	HAL Wilson <i>OPEN</i> <i>OPEN</i> JIM BROADBENT
APRIL		SHADOW CLIFFS BACK PONDS (PICNIC) PYRAMID LAKE	DANIEL KITTS ROB VELLINGER
MAY		HOT CREEK-MAMOTH AREA CLEAR LAKE	BART HUGHES <i>OPEN</i>
JUNE or JULY		DAVIS LAKE UPPER SAC SHAD (LOC TO BE SELECTED) FULLER/RUCKER LAKES	<i>OPEN</i> DANIEL KITTS KEN GOTELLI/BOB MCCOLLUM HAL WILSON
AUGUST		KENNEDY MEADOWS HUMPHREY BASIN	JIM BROADBENT <i>OPEN</i>
SEPTEMBER		NO FORK STAN/LAKE ALPINE	DERRELL BRIDGMAN RUSS GEORGE/TOM VARGAS
OCTOBER		LOWER SAC ROGUE RIVER MANZANITA LAKE AREA	DON GARDNER FRANK GORDET <i>OPEN</i>
NOVEMBER and DECEMBER		TRINITY STEELHEAD DELTA STRIPERS	BOB MCCOLLUM RICK MIKLA

February New Melones Outing Bob McCollum

I am pulling together an impromptu outing to fish the Angel Creek inlet arm of New Melones reservoir near Angel's Camp on February 11, weather permitting. This will be a one day outing.

This time of year, big browns and rainbows gorge on shad in the coves and creek channels. A recent issue of the Fish Sniffer claimed that Melones is HOT. Mark Cottrell, a speaker we had last fall, recommended fishing the pool at the Angel Creek inlet., which is about 1-2 football fields in size. Mark recommended boating the 4.5 miles out there and bringing float tubes along. Once there, some anglers can float tube the pool while others fish from the boats.


A small group of us tried New Melones last February and fished the houseboat cove, but never got out to the Angel Creel inlet. Tom Vargas and I boated out there last year as well, but we did not float tube it. We saw some BIG fish jumping in the inlet pool, but didn't hook anything. Martin Plotkin has graciously agreed to provide his bass boat and motorized drift boat for the outing.

If you're interested, please sign up at the February meeting or drop me an e-mail at [fishmaster\(at\)tri-valleyflyfishers\(dot\)org](mailto:fishmaster(at)tri-valleyflyfishers(dot)org).



Casting Practice: February 4th:

All members are invited to participate in casting practice at the Oakland Casting Club Ponds in Oakland. This practice will be held on Saturday February 4th from 10:00 A.M. to Noon. Anyone interesting in participating please contact Ken Javorsky at kjjavorsky@sbcglobal.net.



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Kistler Ranch Outing Signup - Hal Wilson

We have a great signup for our outing on March 24 to the Kistler Bass Ponds to fish for largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill. March 24 was chosen due to its being only two days from the new moon, which hopefully will be a prime time for this trip.

If you missed the first announcement, this is a one-day trip to the Kistler Ranch which is located 17 miles north of Oakdale. We will have exclusive access to three large ponds that have provided club members with many good days of fishing over the years. I have fished the ponds with both 6 wt and 4 wt rods, floating and

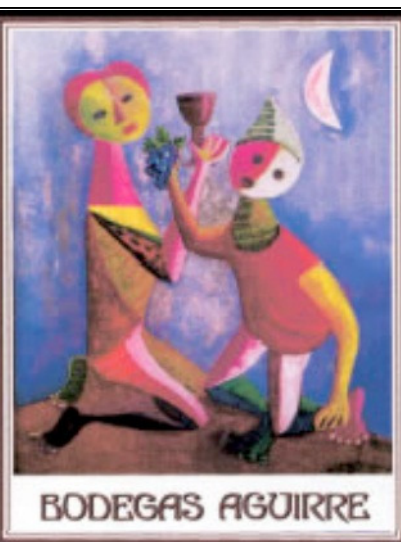
intermediate lines. Float tubing is my preferred way of fishing, but some members enjoy wading the shore areas with success. Nymphs, wooly buggers, Sneaky Petes, and dry flies all work. (Derrell is tying a bunch of large Humpies for this trip). No motors, gas or electric, are allowed. Catch and release,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

To date we have 16 members and guests on the list (yes, you can bring guests on this trip), but only 3 have paid the \$20 fee we need to defray the cost to the Club. Believe me, the three ponds will provide more than enough room for the sixteen we have signed up and many more. Please bring your payment to me at the February Installation Dinner, either in cash or check payable to TVFF.

I will email a contact list to all who have signed up after the February meeting so driving and lunch arrangements can be made among those attending. The club is not providing food or drink for this trip.

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Conservation Corner: Don't Blame the Stripers

Derrrell Bridgeman

The current plan, being proposed by the California Fish and Game Commission, to devastate the striped bass fishery in the delta is totally uncalled for. The agricultural water user in the southern part of the central valley instigated the idea as a way to justify increasing the huge volumes of water that are diverted from our delta region. The rationale for this justification is that the devastation of the salmon, steelhead, and smelt populations in the region is not attributed to increased water diversions but rather by the stripers feeding on the juvenile fish. Granted the fish are an introduced species but that was done many many years ago and they co-existed with a healthy population of salmon and steelhead for a very long time. They have been there so long one could almost consider them native.

An objective review of the history of delta issues makes it clear what the real cause of the decline of it's health can be attributed to. Historically, primary conditions, both natural and man-made, that would cause a major degradation in the health of the delta's ecosystem are very similar today as they were approximately 100 years ago:

>The sources of water that flowed through the delta were from rivers, rain and storm water, and tidal flows. Similar sources still exist today.

>The flows were contained by levees, many of which are still in place today. The channels were dredged and maintained for maritime shipping operations much as they are today.

>The surrounding area consisted of urban and agricultural operations, with wastewater and agricultural drainage similar to what it is exposed to today.

Now; what have been the major changes in these conditions over the last 100 years?

>Both urban and agricultural drainage and discharges are now highly regulated so they are much more environmentally friendly.

>Levee maintenance and dredging are more tightly controlled to limit negative impacts on the health of the delta.

>Urban sewage and wastewater, storm runoff and agricultural drainage are now treated to reduce the amount of pollutants that are introduced into the delta.

>Major water exports from the delta, for agricultural and urban uses in distant areas of the state, have been implemented. These exports were not made 100 years ago.

Therefore, with the exception of water exports, most of the issues and conditions that impact the health of the delta are either the same as they were, or have been controlled to higher standards over the past 100 years.

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Likewise, 100 years ago the delta contained a very healthy population of salmon, steelhead, smelt and striped bass. History also shows that those healthy populations coexisted (with only minor degradation) for most of those subsequent 100 years. However, with the implementation of the state and federal water programs that resulted in major water exports from the delta, about 40 years ago, we have seen a decline in the populations of these fish. Furthermore, when the delivery systems were upgraded a few years ago and the exports were increased dramatically the populations dropped to seriously low levels, at an accelerated rate.

There is documented evidence that the large pumps that feed the canals that transport our delta water south have sucked up (and impaled on the fish screens) thousands of salmon and steelhead smolts regularly. Even the stripers that are accused of being the source of the low populations of these fish don't get a chance to feast on them. How can we blame them?

It seems clear to me that the problem is with water management practices and the claims that the stripers are the cause is completely unfounded. The Fish and Game Commission's proposed regulation changes to reduce/eliminate our striped population is likewise unfounded.

It is time for anyone in our area, who enjoys fishing for striped bass, to let the Commission know that they are making a mistake, and that you do not approve of the proposed changes. I will have post cards available at our next meeting to accomplish this. Please consider sending one.

Tight Lines - Derrell



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Silent Auction: All Types of Donations Needed!

The silent auction, held during the April meeting, is the single largest source of funds for the club. These funds are used to support conservation organizations as well as the operations of the club.

We need all types of items: Fishing equipment, flies, non-fishing items, wine, services. We especially need donations of Buddy Fishing Trips and vacation rentals.

One of the most productive areas of the auction is the flies donated by members and friends of the club. Gary Turri will once again chair this section. Gary asks that all tyers start tying on these cold winter nights. Please bring your donations to the January, February, and March meetings.



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January Steelhead on the Trinity River

Bill Nevins: I made my final steelhead trip of the 2011-2012 season over the weekend of Jan. 7 through 9. This was typical late-season steelheading. The weather was cold. I was wearing pretty much all the long underwear I own, together with a heavy shirt and fleece jacket, and was still cold. The guides froze up each morning making line mending quite a challenge. It was enough to make me wonder what I was doing on the river -- until I started catching fish. I fished the Trinity for three days (Saturday thru Monday) with Matt Dover – my favorite guide from The Fly Shop. There had been a light rain on Jan. 5 (two days before I arrived) which must have brought in some fresh fish. We did well, with 10 steelhead landed over the three days, together with several sea-run browns.

Gary Phillips and Bob McCollum: Gary and I drifted the T with Jeff Parker on January 25-26. We caught 18 fish between us: 15 adults, 2 half-pounders, and one brown. Only one adult was wild. Most were 20-25 inches; we caught one 27 and one 28 inches as well..

The river got semi-blown out from rain/snow melt Tuesday night, so we drifted Lewiston Bridge to Rush Creek twice on Wednesday. Saw a lot of spawning fish and about 1/2 of what we caught were down-runners/post spawners.

Thursday we fished Bucktail to Steel bridge. It was busy since much of the rest of the river downstream was blown. No rain on Wed. night, so the water started out pretty clear, but the weather got warm causing more snow melt and the river got muddier as the day went on. We still caught fish all day, except mid-afternoon was slow. Most of the fish that day had not yet spawned. Nice BWO hatch around 1:00 on the warm sunny stretches.

All fish except three were caught on pink bead eggs. Two other were caught on red copper johns and one on Parker's pink worm-like fly. So all pink/red/orange flies. Fished some stones and other nymphs but no takers.



El Salto: Largemouth Bass Fishing in Mexico

Gary and Nancy Phillips recently embarked on a bass fishing adventure in Mexico with Ken Hanley. They caught over 200 eager, chubby bass. Nancy caught the largest fish on a fly rod during the outing and won a spa treatment. Here's a [link](#) to more pictures of the outing.



Free Putah Creek Wine Tasting Fundraiser

I wanted to take a moment to invite all TVFF club members to a free fly fishing and wine tasting event at Putah Creek on Saturday Feb 11 from 1:00 to 3 p.m. Putah Creek has been through some tough years recently with declining fish counts, invasive species, and water level issues. However thanks to regulations changes and the efforts of non profits like Putah Creek Trout it is now year round catch and release and the creek is well on the way to it's former glory. I have included a link below to the event below.

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The Tier's Bench No. 22: The Para Glen

By Jim Cramer

I came across a neat fly on the internet that I have to share with you. In fact I picked up more than one but the others will have to wait. This seems like the perfect fly for those of you having trouble with the standard parachute patterns. But first, before going on, let me give credit where credit is due. The fly which goes by the name "Para-Glen" first came from the vise of Al Beatty. Al says the name came from a bottle of 12 year old Glenlivet during a tying session with Lars-Ake Olsson, a European tier. Sounds like the perfect name to me.

The materials list for the Para-Glen is quite simple.

Hook: #10-#20 Tiemco 100 or 5210 or similar.
Thread: 6/0 color to match body and wings
Wings: Pale gray poly yarn
Body: Pale gray poly yarn extended
Hackle: Grizzly - several turns

Of course other colors can be used, just keep them coordinated.

The tying process is very simple with only one step in the process that may be new to some of you. So put you hook in the vise and let's get started. Fasten the thread to the hook with a short wrap directly behind the eye. Now tie in a four inch piece of poly yarn a heads length behind the eye with four or five tight wraps of thread. The yarn is tied in so that it extends over the hook eye about 3/4's of an inch with the remainder extending to the rear. The thickness of the yarn is dependent on the size of hook you have selected. On the larger sizes you can use a full strand and on the smaller sizes just a few fibers. You'll quickly zoom in on the right amount. Don't trim anything at this point. Now we are going to form a furred extended body. Don't panic, it's really quite simple. Attach your hackle pliers to the end of the yarn that extends to the rear and twist it until it is tight, eight or ten turns at least. Keep some tension on the yarn during the twisting and this next step. Pinch the yarn at point a body's length from the tie in point and fold the yarn forward pinching it down at the original tie in point. Let go of the yarn at the fold point. Now if you have done everything right so far the two sides of the loop should twist together and resemble a loose rope. Holding everything together at the tie in point secure the yarn directly on top of the first strand. Now you can trim the yarn butts extending over the hook eye to the length of the wings. In this pattern that is where they will remain, sticking straight out over the eye. Next we will secure the extended body so that it stands at a right angle to the hook shank. The best way to do this is to bring the thread

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over the top of the hook, around the base of the body (counter clockwise), and back down the far side of the hook. In other words make a figure eight wrap around the body. Do this two or three times and the thread acts as a rope on a tent post does when it's staked to the ground. Leave the thread hanging directly behind the body. Now tie in the hackle and make one turn behind the body and two or three in front. Tie off the hackle and whipfinish. I find it best on this fly if you whipfinish between the wings and the hackle rather than at the head where you will tend to displace the angle of the wings.

At first glance this fly looks somewhat strange with the rear half of the hook completely bare, the wings extending forward over the eye, and the body perpendicular to the hook shank. All the important parts are there, they are just laid out a little different. It is an easy quick tie especially in the smallest sizes. I am anxious to give it a try this next season.

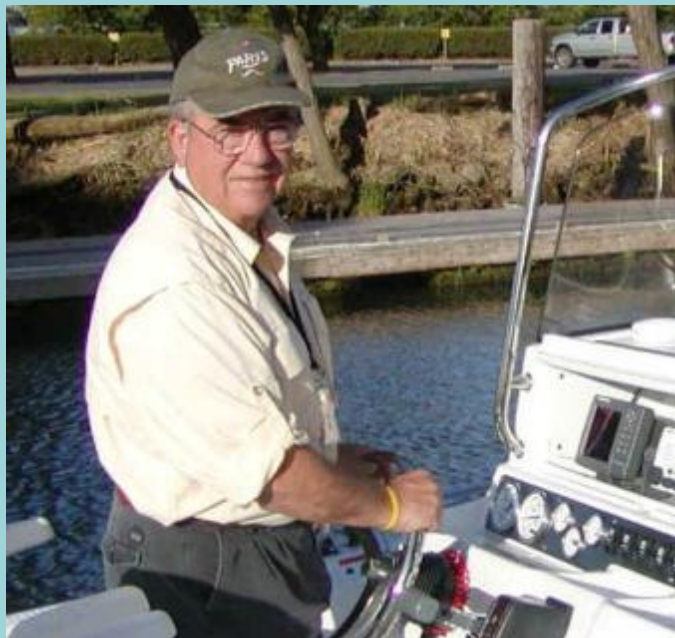


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