

The Barbless Hook



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President's Message

Ken Javorsky

Thanks to the membership for participating in the TVFF 2012 Membership Survey. The feedback you have given The Board will be used to focus on the activities that are most important to you, the members. Special thanks go to Bart Hughes who put together the survey and made it happen.

Once again it is that time of the year when I ask the membership for volunteers and /or nominations from the membership for individuals to serve on the 2013 Board. This is an important activity for our club as the holistic efforts of our members make the club what it is. We have a strong volunteer base in our club and that trend is sure to continue. Therefore, if you are willing, 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.

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**Photo:
Steelhead Time!
Russ George with a bright
2010 Trinity River
steelhead**

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It is also that time of the year to remind club members that renewal 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.

Our next club meeting will be on Thursday November 1st. Our guest speaker is **Matt Young** who will speak on backpack fishing in California. This should be a good one; please come out enjoy the presentation.

See you at the meeting.

KJ



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November 4th Program Speaker- Matt Young Fishing the Sierra's

For our Nov 1st meeting our speaker is Mat Young. Mat has been roaming the Sierra's searching the roads less traveled, and the waters less fished.

He will share his travels and clue us in on how to find new fish holding waters buy using topo maps and the internet.

NEWS:

Pursuant to new legislation, the California Department of Fish and Game announced that its name is changing to the Department of Fish and Wildlife as of January 1, 2013.

Read more here:

<http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/California-s-new-wildlife-game-plan-3969816.php>

Activities

November – Trinity River

Club Outing. Steelhead fishing on the Trinity River.
Target species: Steelhead

December – 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.



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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 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 Outing Signup Form.pdf](http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org/TVFF_Outting_Signup_Form.pdf)

TVFF OUTINGS 2012-2013

NOVEMBER	11/28 to 12/2	TRINITY STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM
DECEMBER	12/8	DELTA STRIPERS	RICK MIKLA
MARCH 2013	03/09	KISTLER RANCH (BASS)	HAL WILSON
LATE JUNE or EARLY JULY	TBD	DAVIS LAKE	HAL WILSON

LET'S LOOK AHEAD

As I look at the calendar, I see there is a year 2013 scheduled, and it will begin rather soon. Our schedule of club outings for 2013 is quite sparse at this time, with only two trips (Kistler and Davis Lake) on the books.

The survey that many of our members completed recently showed there is interest in club trips to the Yuba, Walker, Owens and American Rivers, among other locations. I 'm sure that many of you have other destinations that you would like to share with the club as well. All we need is someone to head up the trip by being a fishmeister. The term fishmeister has been with the club for years, (it just means coordinator) a very easy opportunity to do something for the club that requires very little effort.

As fishmeister, a club member picks a location he or she enjoys fishing, chooses the best dates for the trip, and tells the Outings Coordinator or President who will check the dates to avoid conflicts and get the trip on the club calendar. Fishmeister then writes a short article for the Barbless Hook at least a month or more before the trip dates ,describing the key elements, e.g., dates selected, location, possible routes, and accommodations available, (camping, or motels or both) and provides a signup sheet at the club meeting. (I can supply a blank if desired). Certainly important info for the article would be suggested rod weights, floatation gear (boat, float tube, etc.) if needed, flies and techniques – nothing more than you would say if you were inviting a friend to go with you – which in fact, you are.

As the date approaches, I find it helpful to email the contact info for probable attendees (from the signup sheet) to all on the sheet so attendees can pair up for rides, motel rooms, camping partners, etc .

That's about it. Those on the trip make their own motel reservations so the fishmeister is not involved in that.

Please let us know you want to be a fishmeister for a trip to one of your favorite locations.

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 November 1st meeting.



10 pound Delta striper from 2012.
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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

Lower Sacramento River Outing Report

October 13-14, 2012

Don Gardner

A total of 8 anglers enjoyed fine weather and healthy fish on our annual drift trip down the Lower Sacramento River. Participants were Don Gardner, John Gardner, Richard Tarbell, Ron Dueltgen, Wynn Smith, Trent Smith, Scott Kitayama and Doug Yyoshida. Our guides from The Fly Shop in Redding included Ernie, Gabe, Lonnie and Ross. We drifted Saturday and Sunday with varied itineraries. All boats reported 25-50 takes/day, claiming 5-12 fish per fisherman/day. The fish were fat and healthy including rainbows 12"-18", a few steelhead 18"-22" and a couple squaw fish and suckers. The egg-bite was there but most fish were taken on pheasant-tail nymphs, copperbobs and hares-ear in sizes 12-16.

All fisherman had smiles on their faces and enjoyed the fight of these beautiful fish. All remarked how much they learned about drift presentation, hook set, and playing fish in faster water. Most of us stayed at Oxford Suites (\$99.00/ double including breakfast and evening snacks) and visited at breakfast before our day of fishing. In short, a good time was had by all. The club will be doing this outing again next year and, hopefully, more members will be drawn to this fine venue.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Gardner

Delta Report

October 9th and 23rd

Tom Vargas

My son Ben and I have been out chasing stripers two times in October and have had some decent success. Each day we boated about twenty fish and while most fish have been schoolies, we did find a number of keepers in the twenty-inch range in one of the bays at Discovery Bay. We had the water boiling all around us at first light and it was pretty exciting until everything settled down after about fifteen minutes. These attacks on the shad pods would erupt every so often throughout the day. One exciting moment came when a huge largemouth attacked and tried to eat a small striper that I hooked between the docks. The 8-10 pounder came at it three different times before finally departing.



The Tier's Bench:

FLY TYING GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

Note: Fly tying get together on Tuesday, October 30th, 2012 !!

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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“It’s Complicated”

Derrell Bridgman

The movement to restore the steelhead fishery to the Alameda Creek Watershed was launched several years, maybe even longer, ago. It seemed simple enough to just find some funding, obtain a permit and put in a fish ladder at the BART weir. “Just build it and they will come” - right?

Since the project was launched many dollars, a lot of good research, plus time and effort have been put into it. Significant progress has been made and a lot has been accomplished, however there is still no ladder at the weir. Why not?

I have been active with Alameda Creek Alliance for a long time and have witnessed the unbelievable amount of effort that has gone into completing this project. It continues to add up, but there is still no ladder.

ACA generated the spark that ignited the movement to make this happen, however, it became necessary to involve other stakeholder organizations and agencies in the process. Soon others were included then more, etc. They got together and organized into the “Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup” (ACFRW). The workgroup consists of, but is not limited to, the following major players:

- Alameda Creek Alliance (ACA),
- Center for Biological Diversity
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- Alameda County Water District
- Zone 7 Water Agency
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- California Department of Fish and Game
- East Bay Regional Park District
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Alameda County Resource Conservation District
- Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

The workgroup is focused on the complete restoration of a healthy, natural fishery and related habitat. They have invested a substantial amount of time, effort and money to ensure that this goal is met. It turns out that this is a lot more involved than just building a high quality fish ladder, and the amount of research, and planning involved is nothing less than mind boggling.

There was much to consider in the planning for this project. The character of the watershed is significantly different than when it was a great fishery. Urbanization has made major changes, as well as modifications to the stream beds (water diversions, impoundments, blocked fish passages, contamination, stream flows, and resulting water temperatures, streamside habitat, streambed/spawning conditions, food sources, and etc., etc.) have presented significant challenges to the to the completion of the project.

The focus of the workgroup on meeting these challenges is commendable. They have contracted expert consultants (at considerable expense) to identify the problems, and evaluate their impact on the restoration’s effectiveness. The workgroup studies these reports and work together to determine how to best correct the problem or, if that is not feasible, how to minimize it so the watershed, and the fish can tolerate it. Restoring the fishery to historic levels may not be feasible, however restoring it to a healthy, sustainable level should be a reality

“It’s Complicated” (continued)

I have been impressed at how conscientious and thorough the workgroup has been at resolving the problem areas related to the restoration of the creek. I guess I have to concede that their efforts are necessary and that the related time delays are justified. The latest reports on the status of the project are that things are coming together. An approved design is being finalized, funding sources are being discovered and construction of the ladder is in the process of being scheduled. It will happen we just have to be patient.

When I became involved in this project I decided to add an item to my “bucket list”; I want to personally photograph a beautiful sea-run steelhead migrating up the fish ladder at the BART weir. It is taking longer than I thought, so I guess I may need to extend my lifespan somewhat to accomplish this, but I have no problem with meeting that requirement.

Tight lines

Derrell

Items For Sale

Vacation Home For Rent:

Three-bedroom/2 bath modern home in Twain Harte/Crystal Falls area.

Sleeps up to eight in five beds (1 queen, 1 double bed, 1 double loft bed, 2 twins).

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Tom Vargas (925) 586-4019

Fishing Vests for Sale:

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

Bob McCollum – Video Librarian

Just in time for steelhead season, Lani Waller's "Steelhead Legacy" has been added to the TVFF video library. This 2-DVD set provides a wealth of information on steelhead fishing from a living legend.

Disc 1: How To Fish for Steelhead

Disc 1 is a compilation of 3 steelhead shows Lani made back in 1984 that are chock full of instruction on all aspects of fly fishing for steelhead. These videos have become classics and are widely considered the most accurate and complete treatment of the subject ever produced.

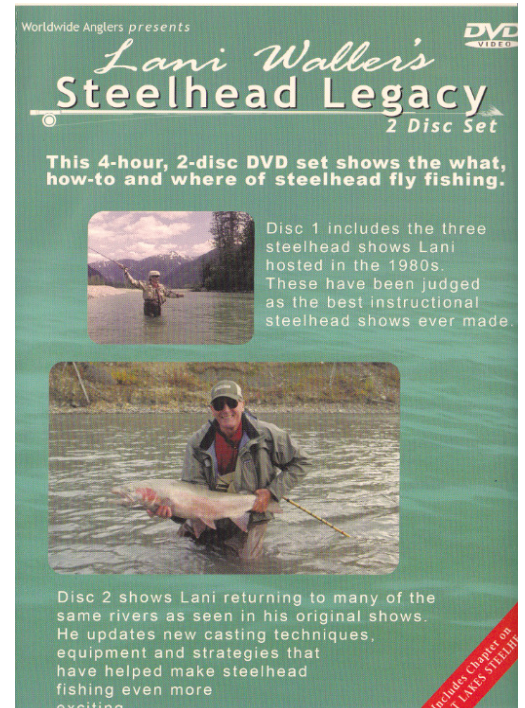
Disc 2: Updated information

In disc 2, Lani returns to some of the rivers covered in the original shows from the 80's with updated information on casting techniques, equipment, and strategies for steelhead fishing.

Lani has been fly-fishing for over forty-five years and was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 1997 by the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He has pursued both trout and steelhead for over four decades and is considered one of the foremost experts on trophy British Columbia steelhead. He is one of the leading US proponents of BC Steelhead fishing.

Lani has also written two books- "A River of Dreams," published by West Rivers Publishing in 2004, and "A Steelheader's Way," published by Headwaters Books in 2009.

According to his web site, Lani "currently lives in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico with his wife, two cats and a garage full of fishing equipment. He is currently at work on a new book and plans to clean out the garage one of these days."



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

