

The Barbless Hook



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Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Ken Javorsky

Calling all members!! Our fearless Board Member Bart Hughes has sent out a reminder to all members with regards to the TVFF Membership Survey. This survey is important to our Club as it will give the Board a focused direction on what the membership interests are. Your feedback is important to us as longevity of the Club depends on the participation and interests of the membership. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey via the link that Bart has sent to you. Individual responses will be discreet. The Survey will be summarized for all to view in the next few weeks.

Our next club meeting will be on Thursday October 4th. Our guest speaker is **Jon Walton** owner of Walton's Pond in San Leandro. Jon will speak on Bass fishing opportunities with regards to Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Striper fishing tactics in the Delta and the surrounding area. Since Jon was born and raised here and has targeted bass most of his life, feel free to pick his brain on any area you have fished or plan to fish in Northern California.

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*Tranquil float tubers on
Spicer Reservoir in the
shadow of the
Dardenelles.
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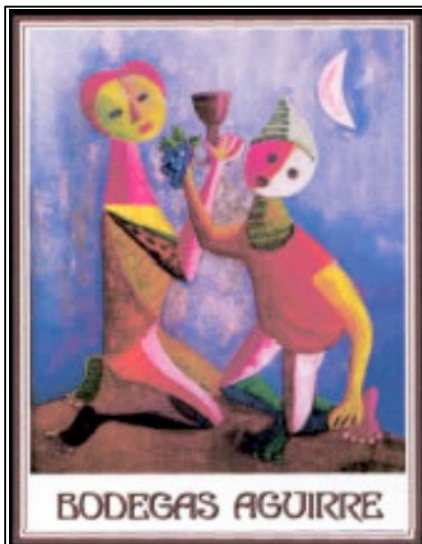
As a precursor to the presentation, I will be giving a class on "Fly Fishing for Largemouth Bass" from 6:00- 7:00 which is just before the start of our Membership Meeting on Thursday. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Finally, we are going to offer casting lessons once again at the Oakland Casing Club Ponds at Leona Park (Oakland) on Saturday October 6th from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM.

We will we teach the basic overhead and roll cast. In addition Al Tom of the Oakland Casting Club will be available until noon for anyone that would like to cast a Spey rod or learn spey casts. This outing is open to all members at no-charge. You do not have to bring waders or a rod.

See you at the meeting.

KJ



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October 4th Program Speaker-Jon Walton

Delta Bass Fishing- “The Ins and Outs”

If you have any interest in fishing for largemouth bass, rookie or expert, than this month's speaker is not to miss. Jon Walton is the proprietor of Walton's Pond on Washington Ave in San Leandro.

He has spent more than 40 years at becoming an expert at chasing bass all over California. His talk will enlighten us on the ins and outs of bass fishing in our Delta. I have never been in his shop when he wasn't helping, answering questions, or giving unbiased advice. He is known to be a straight shooter.

Education

October – **Club meeting speaker Jon Walton Thursday October 4th** renowned Delta bass fisher and owner of Walton's Pond will talk on bass strategies.

October – **Bass Basics pre- meeting class. Thursday October 4th 6:00 – 7:00 P.M**

October – **Casting lessons and Spey Casting Saturday October 6th** at the Oakland Casting Club ponds. Learn basic casts from qualified casters. Free to all members.

Activities

October – **Lower Sac. Club Outing.** Guided float trip in the Redding area. Target species: Rainbow Trout. Fee for guides and hotels.

October – **Lewiston Lake Club Outing.** Camping and fishing in the Trinity area. Target species: Rainbow Trout

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



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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_Outting_Signup_Form.pdf

TVFF OUTINGS 2012

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER(S)</u>
OCTOBER	10/13 to 10/16	LOWER SAC	DON GARDNER
	10/26 to 10/28	LEWISTON LAKE AREA	TOM FESSENDEN
NOVEMBER	11/28 to 12/2	TRINITY STEELHEAD	BOB MCCOLLUM
DECEMBER	12/8	DELTA STRIPERS	RICK MIKLA TOM VARGAS

Lower Sacramento Float Trip October 13th-14th Donald Gardner

I have tentatively reserved four (4) drift boats through The Fly Shop in Redding for a two day drift from Redding to Anderson or guides choice on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. Salmon are running strong and the Rainbows are active on the egg-bite. My experience has been 25-40 takes/ day with about 50% hookups. Fish coming to the boat depends on luck and experience. This is an excellent primer to indicator fishing for Steelhead later in the year and good coaching for perfecting your drift in moving water.

The cost for guide service will be \$340.00/ person for two days drift. Lodging, tip, food, gear and flies are extra (lunch on the river is included). If you are interested, send me an e-mail at dondihua@aol.com as soon as possible. I will collect checks at our membership meeting on September 6th. Checks will be payable to The Fly Shop. Please try to pair up with a fellow member if possible as we need even numbers to fill the boats. Hotels are available and The Fly Shop has a deal with Embassy Suites for around \$100.00/ room night, double occupancy including breakfast.

Don't delay, contact me today! As of this writing we have three boats filled.

Lewiston Lake Outing

October 26-28

Tom Fessenden



Please join me for a late fall fishing trip to Lewiston Lake this October. Lewiston Lake is a narrow 9-mile body of slow moving water between Trinity dam and the head water of the Trinity River. It has an average depth of 6-8 ft. The lake is unusual for a reservoir because its level doesn't fluctuate and the water is very constant 50 degrees. The view is looking up Lewiston Lake from east of Mary Smith Campground.

Lewiston Lake is located approximately 35 miles west of Redding at an elevation of 1,915 feet with a surface area of 615 acres and 15 miles of shoreline. All boating is permitted with a speed restriction of 10 mph with one improved launch facility. Boat rentals and fishing information are available at Pine Cove Marina (530-778 3770) as well as fuel, bait, tackle, and snacks.

Lewiston Lake is noted as a big trout lake and also holds a good population of bass, catfish, and bluegill. Trout fishing improves as fall wanes and winter approaches; nymphs (woolly buggers (brown, copper or combo), pheasant tail nymphs, copper johns, naughty girls) should work well and ants and/or aquatic wasps may work on the surface. The nights will be cold but probably not below freezing and there is always a chance of an early winter storm so bring warm things.

There are four campgrounds on the lake. At the bottom of the lake is Mary Smith (tent camping only). Next is Cooper Gulch which is my favorite but has only 5 sites. Then Tunnel Rock which is away from the lake (never stayed there). The largest is Ackerman located just below Trinity Dam and is open all year. Ackerman is on the lake and has water, flush toilets, and a dump station. LakeView Terrace Resort (530-778 3803) on Lewiston Lake has a full service RV park and cabins for rent (1,3,5 bedroom starting at \$90).

For fishing and boat rental info check out the Pine Cove Marina web site at <http://www.pine-cove-marina.com/id30.html>



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 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 '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 October 4th meeting.



10 pound Delta striper from 2012.
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2013 Dues are Due Now!!!

TVFF Club dues for 2012 are \$35.00 and they are payable now at the club meeting or by mail. Enroll now 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

North Fork of the Stan and Alpine Lake Outing

Tom Vargas

On September 28th 20 members of the TVFF convened at the Bridgman, George and Vargas cabins for the annual trip to fish the waters of the Highway 4 corridor. Our club members plied the waters of Alpine and Spicer Lakes as well as the North Fork of the Stanislaus River in Big Trees State Park, in the area of Sourgrass Crossing and the original Board's Crossing.

Everyone gathered for appetizers and a great dinner of pulled chicken, gourmet coleslaw, green beans with mushrooms, delectable cornbread and a variety of desserts on Saturday. Thanks go to Cheryl Vargas and the many helpers. Lots of camaraderie, fishing stories and a lie or two were exchanged and combined with the plotting of strategies for Sunday's fishing. The non-fishing ladies shopped in Arnold, had lunch in Murphy's and a took in a musical at the Fallon Theater in Columbia.

We had a full moon and warmer than normal conditions which led to slower than normal fishing on the lakes, but we had beautiful weather. Based on Saturdays reports, it sounded like Russ George, who concentrated on fishing the river, was the top fisherman with 9 to hand! Most of us had to be satisfied with the experience of fishing, a missed strike, or 1 or 2 fish in the net.



Serving up a great dinner



Where did all the fish go?



Bart gets after them



A "story", or two, being told

The Tier's Bench:

FLY TYING GET TOGETHER By JIM BROADBENT

Note: No fly tying get together on October 5th.

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:

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Beyond Fly Fishing

Derrell Bridgman

On occasion, I have been reminded that the “Tri-Valley Fly Fishers” is a “fly-fishing club”, not an activist organization. I do understand, and respect this concept, and do not have a problem if you choose to disregard the remainder of this article. I also have come to realize that not all people are the same, but it is unusually common for “die-hard” fly fishers to develop a strong sense of stewardship, and desire to protect the fisheries they love. If you agree with this concept please read on. That was certainly the case for me.

Since my earliest memories I always enjoyed our natural outdoor environment. Hunting and fishing were some of my favorite pastimes; however, just being out in nature was the best part. Being young and naive I never gave it much thought, but just assumed that it was everlasting, and would be there forever, for anyone to enjoy if they wished. It wasn't until I matured considerably that I realized that my assumptions were unrealistic.

Later in life I decided to pursue the sport of fly-fishing' and soon learned that the quality of our fisheries, like much of our natural environment, was being degraded at an alarming rate. This realization was further emphasized when I introduced my grandson to the sport. He was enjoying learning the techniques but I became concerned that his interest would fade unless he was able to experience the rewarding pleasure of actually catching a fish. I finally was able to see him achieve this experience; my plan worked; however, my next concern was that, if the condition of our fisheries continued to decline as they have, my grandson would, undoubtedly, not have the opportunity to see his grandchildren enjoy the experience that he and I had.

This experience was an eye opener; and I realized that to avoid watching the quality of our fisheries continue to decline something had to be done. I wasn't sure if I could make a difference, but I had to try. I certainly didn't want my great grandchildren to think that I was in the slightest way; responsible for watching their fishing opportunities disappear without, at least trying to stop it.

A review of this issue revealed that “poaching” and “over fishing” has been cited as major causes of the problem, and, to a certain extent this is true; however, they cannot compare to the devastation that is caused by water management (mismanagement) policies. These policies are very complex, and will be a major issue for us for years to come. Water is one of the most valuable resources we have so it is not surprising that greed and political issues will somehow be associated with its allocation and management; they have and it is resulting in a serious negative impact on the health of our fisheries. Years of effort have contributed little to the resolution of the issues and, as the “water wars” continue, the health of the fisheries continues to decline.

The water's major users (primarily agribusiness), armed with more money and political clout, continue to fight for more than their fair share, with little or no concern for the devastation of the environment (including our fisheries) in the regions that their water comes from. Likewise, environmentalists, equipped with determination and the concept that they are morally right, continue to battle. The wars rage on.

As I pointed out earlier, dedicated, “die-hard” fly-fishers tend to develop a desire to protect their fisheries, so it is not surprising that they are well represented in the environmental groups that fight so hard for the health of those fisheries. As they develop their skills in the sport they also develop a bonding and respect for the fish they pursue so it seems to be a natural progression that they just come about it naturally. I for one am dedicated to doing my part to help restore and protect our fisheries, and hope that some of you share this dedication.

While it is true that we are a fly-fishing club, it is also true that some amount of a passion to protect the fish we pursue is not such a bad thing. I urge you to go fishing and enjoy the experience, but likewise, don't neglect any opportunity to do your share to ensure that our descendants have a chance to do the same. We owe them, and the fish, this consideration.

Tight lines

Derrell

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Tom Vargas (925) 586-4019

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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

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Gary Turri (925) 786-5184

Video Library News

Bob McCollum – Video Librarian

We have several new videos that have been donated to the library, which are outlined below. The library has a wealth of fly fishing knowledge on casting, fly tying, fishing, conservation, water safety, and more. Please see the latest listing of the videos on the club web site and consider checking some out at the next meeting.

Switch Rod Casting Techniques:

Several members have bought switch rods recently, but do you know how to use them? This excellent video covers switch rod equipment as well as the techniques. Several casts are demonstrated including the roll cast, double spey, snap-T, and snake roll. Steelhead season is coming soon, so check it out before you hit the water. This video was donated by Kiene's Fly Shop.

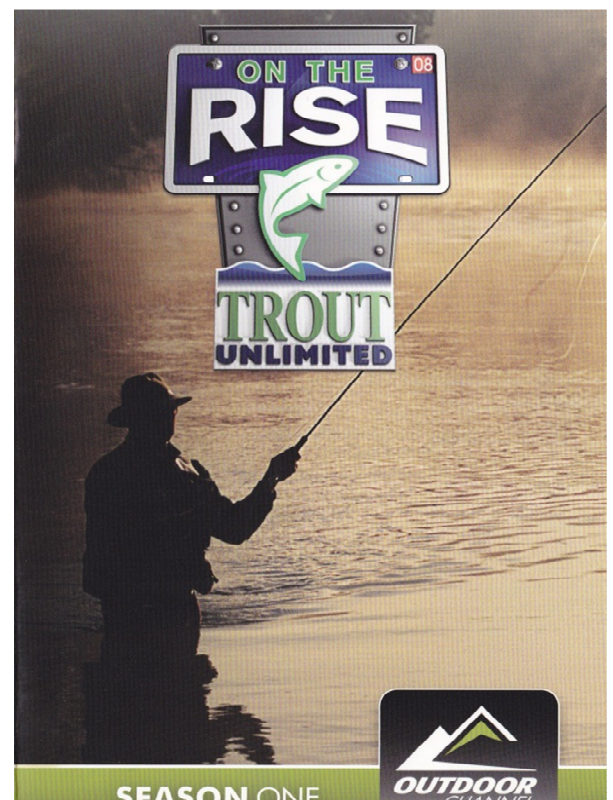
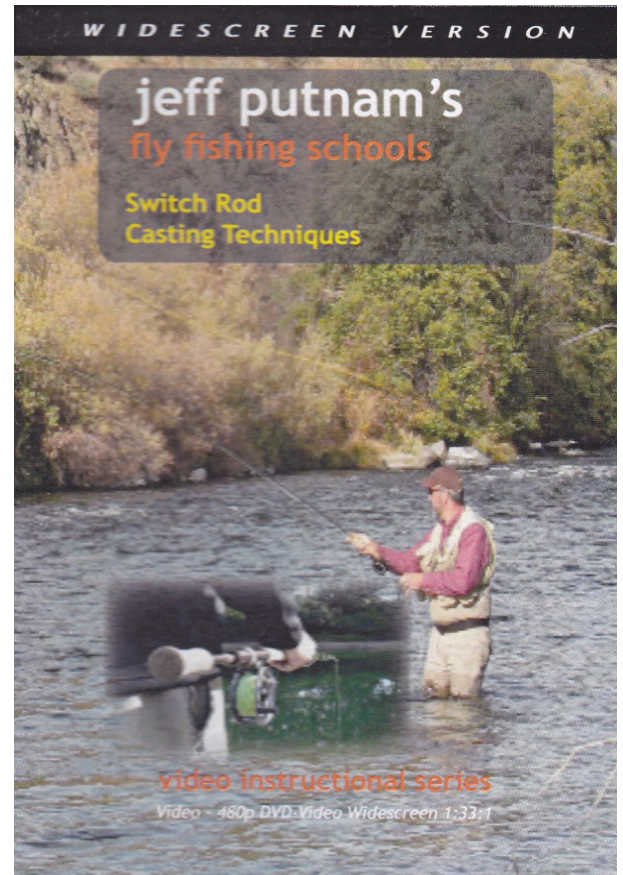
Boating Videos:

Whether you own a boat, are thinking about getting a boat, or are just a passenger on your buddies power boat, you could benefit from a little info on boating. We have three new videos on boating: 100 Boating Mistakes, 60 Boat Handling Tips, Handling Your Inboard/Outboard.

On the Rise – Trout Unlimited:

This three DVD set covers the first season of this Trout Unlimited series, which is broadcast on the Outdoor channel. The shows are a mix of fishing and conservation. They are both educational and entertaining.

Joe Bob says, "Check 'em out"!



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).

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