

The Barbless Hook



January 2014

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Daniel Kitts

January Meeting Date Changed to Thursday January 9th

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. Hopefully you scored some new gadgets for your fishing adventures like I did. After 20+ years of sharing great memories with my fishing vest bought for me by my daughters I decided to give it a well-deserved retirement and now have a new pack system. I'm looking forward to christening it.

A few weeks ago I sent an e-mail about the state releasing their "final" report on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) along with the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). There are many issues surrounding this plan ranging from the financial to the environmental and I'm sure many of you have opinions on the issue

These reports are now out for Public Review and Comment and there are twelve meetings in the state with informational exhibits but no formal presentations or panel to accept public comments. There is information at the web site on how to do that. In addition to the locations listed on the below site Zone 7 Water District announced they were having one starting at 6PM on January 30th at the Dublin City Council Chamber located in the Dublin City Hall, 100 City Plaza.

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Photo:

Bob McCollum with one of his first Delta stripers , a 7 pounder, at the club's December outing.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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Copies of the BDCP and EIR/EIS can be found at the following site;

<http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/Home.aspx>

Don't forget to send in your Steelhead Card by the end of January and buy a new license before your next fishing trip!

We had an exploratory meeting with the East Bay Regional Park District about setting up a practice casting area at Shadow Cliffs. Thank you **Martin Plotkin** for setting this up! Let us know your thoughts and interest in using such an area if it were available.

Are you fly tyers tying up some flies for the Auction? If you'd like to fill a box with several dozen flies talk to **Don Gardner** about getting a fly box from him.

Did you make a Fishing New Year's Resolution...Mine is to explore some new water this year!

Tightlines,

Daniel

"A trout is a moment of beauty known only to those who seek it."
~ **Arnold Gingrich**

Don't miss out on these great January raffle items:
Gary Phillips

Hendrix Spey Rod 12'6"	\$275
Fishpond chest pack	\$120
Three packs of leaders	\$30
4 pocket knives 4x\$25	\$100

See you at the meeting!



NOTE: The January Meeting will be moved to Thursday, January 9th

January Program

Richard Tarbell

January general meeting will be held on Thursday Jan 9th , a week later than usual, in order to give us a little breathing room from the holiday festivities.

This is our annual fly tying meeting, coordinated by Jim Broadbent, in which there will be eight of the Bay Area's finest fly tiers. Whether you are an experienced tier or a non-tier, everyone will get something out of the evening.

It has been traditional to have a pizza dinner prior to the tiers showing their talents, and yes, we will have it again this year.

Dinner 6:15 RSVP to Jim

Tying at 7pm

Cost; \$5 for Pizza, please bring correct change

RSVP required email Jim Broadbent: nob8@prodigy.net

(925) 455-1046



Gary Turri demonstrates his craft at the 2011 event

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

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 2014 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT / LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
BEGINNING NYMPHING CLINIC		
ONE DAY TBD – DEPENDENT UPON SCHEDULES OF STUDENTS		
SOME TIME FROM DECEMBER TO APRIL		MARTIN PLOTKIN
JANUARY 6 *	INFORMAL FLY TYING	JIM BROADBENT
DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR 2014 FISHING LICENSE.		
JANUARY ? OR		
FEBRUARY? (TBD)	STEELHEAD - RUSSIAN RIVER	RUSS O'BRIEN
MARCH 29 DATE CHANGE	KISTLER BASS PONDS	HAL WILSON
APRIL 3	SILENT AUCTION	RON DUELTGEN
MAY 17-18**	ADVANCED NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
MAY 1 - 22**(TBD)	SECOND NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
MAY 1 - 22 *** (TBD)	THIRD NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
JUNE 20-22	DAMSELFLIES AT LAKE DAVIS	HAL WILSON

*Christensen Middle School, 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave, Livermore, Ca, Room 406

** Class full

*** Advance Registration Required

KISTLER TIME IS COMING SOON !!!!

Hal Wilson

March 29

As we have done for many years, TVFF will be going to the Kistler ranch for catch and release fishing for black bass, crappie and bluegill. Our trip this coming Spring will be on March 29, not March 8 as previously scheduled.

This one-day, almost local trip (18 miles north of Oakdale) is anticipated by many due to the abundance of the above species on the three large ponds (or small lakes) that we reserve for the exclusive use of our club members and guests. Guests are allowed on this trip, however ***non-members will be required to submit a Liability Waiver form***. Dependent upon the weather, many fish are caught on top-water lures. A couple of years ago I watched the wake develop from a bass that came four to five feet to attack my popper!! Woolly Buggers and nymphs below the surface are also very productive.

Although most anglers use float tubes or other water craft (no motors are allowed, either gas or electric) some anglers prefer to fish by wading out a few feet from shore. Rods that are used vary from 4 wt to 7 wt., with Floating or Intermediate lines.

Cost of the trip is \$20 per angler. Bring your own food and drink.

I will begin taking signups at the January meeting. Contact information for all attendees, and specific driving information will be provided to those who sign up.

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2014 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable now and are \$35.00 until the February 6th meeting.

See page 16 for more details

The club's mailing address is:
TVFF
PO Box 2358
Livermore, CA 94551

THE AUCTION IS COMING!

Ron Dueltgen



MEMBER DONATIONS VITAL TO 2014 AUCTION SUCCESS

The upcoming TVFF Auction, scheduled for April 3, 2014, will feature a terrific array of fly-fishing related items – rods, reels, line, flies (lots of flies!), as well as buddy trips, cabin rentals and discounts on lodges and guided trips.

Some of these will come from our favorite manufacturers or fly shops. But, the auction really depends on the many, many items donated from you, our members. Of course, member donations will include all kinds of fishing gear, and almost all of the flies in the auction are tied and donated by members. But, your donation might also be a buddy trip, where you plan a trip to your favorite waters with the winning bidder. Or you could donate the use of your cabin for a week or a weekend. Finally, non-fishing items such as wine or gift cards or jewelry are always popular. Be creative!

Support your club by donating to and attending the auction. Questions? Contact Ron Dueltgen at 925-449-0528 or rondueltgen@comcast.net.

Video Library

Richard Tarbell

Think about the Tri-Valley Fly Fishers Video Library for the January 9th meeting. The Library has 150 DVD titles available to members at each monthly meeting. The DVD's are checked out from a list of titles that cover all elements and locations of the sport of fly fishing. Included are: equipment discussion on gear and line set-up, technique, locations, bugs, fly tying, how to identify and work streams and stillwater hotspots, and how to position on them to catch fish. Fishing spots that vary from salt-water, delta, rivers and streams and lakes, as well as species in those fisheries. The variety of DVD's is continuously up-dated and offer viewing that is easily a better choice than television programming. If you've had a DVD checked-out from the Library for while, December could be a good time to return it.

December 7th Striper outing to Discovery Bay

Tom Vargas

Chris Calabrese, Kevin Barry and Mike Coover in Boat 1, Martin Plotkin and Bob McBride in Boat 2 and Tom Vargas, Bob McCollum and Daniel Kitts in Boat 3 launched at Orwood and hit the waters of Discovery Bay at 7:00am on Saturday, December 7th. It was a cold, sunny morning and given the time of year, it was an awesome day in Discovery Bay. Winds picked up by the middle of the morning and were around most of the day, but shelter could be found in the bays. There was a lot of bait and bird activity in the Windward Bay area, but the fishing was slow for most. Tom's boat led the pack with seven fish, including a 7+ pound striper (see the front page photo of Bob) and 2 other keeper size fish up to 5 pounds.



President Dan looks on at Tom with a nice striper

**Martin watching
Bob work the
depths in search of
the elusive stripers.
Staying close and
following the active
birds was the key
to scoring**



2013 Striper Outing



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Member Spotlight on Bart Hughes *By Tom Vargas*



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. Three years

Q. Do you currently or have you ever held an office in the club?

A. Yes, Secretary, Member at Large, Outings

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. Family, private investing, backpacking

Q. Classify yourself as a fly fisherman:

A. Beats the heck out of working.

B. I can't wait to wet a line.

C. I dream about fish & flies.

D. I need some serious help for my addiction.

A. C, I dream about fish and flies

Q. What is the fly rod set up you use for the majority of your fly fishing?

A. Six weight, two nymph rig

Q. What is your favorite species to fish for and why?

A. Any fish in a beautiful location that requires a bit of adventure to get to

Q. What body of water do you fish most often?

A. I purposely don't have one body of water I go to – I like a variety of locations

Q. Do you consider yourself a dry fly or nymph fisherman?

A. Neither – I go with which ever technique fits the situation

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Streams

Q. If you could only fish with one fly what would it be?

A. Small flashback Pheasant Tail

Q. Do you have a fishing license for any states other than California?

A. Alaska and Nevada

The Tier's Bench:

JIM BROADBENT

For everyone involved in the **fly tying group** a reminder that the meeting will be on **Monday, January 6th** at Christensen Middle School, 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave, Livermore, Ca, Room 406.

FluRaffle at the Club Meetings

The rules are simple:

- Bring at least one fly, preferably one you have tied, to put in a bucket or a glass, or some kind of container. This can be any fly of your choice, but please don't make them your rejects. Remember the fishing gods will be watching what you put in and may retaliate on your next fishing trip if it's felt your flies weren't up to snuff!
- You can bring as many flies as you'd like to put into the container, BUT YOU GET ONLY ONE raffle ticket no matter how many flies you put into the bucket.
- Half of the raffle ticket goes to the person donating the fly / flies and the other half is put into a container specifically for the *FluRaffle*.
- The winner gets all the flies.

What a great way to add new flies to your collection and find a home for some of the excess flies you may have tied. Rules are subject to change at the whim of whoever is doing it.



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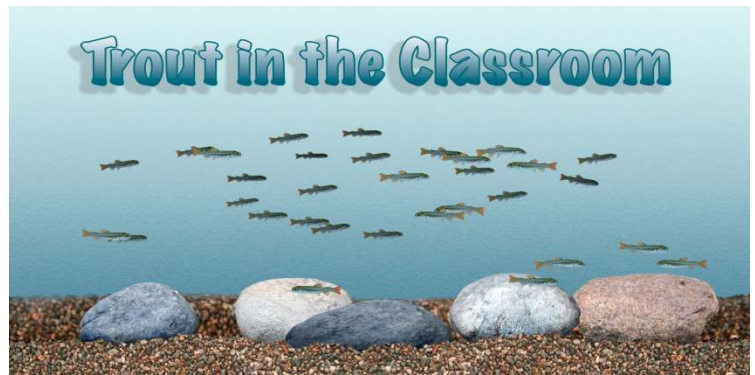
Conservation Corner- Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)

Roger Perry

The big news on the conservation front this month would have to be the release of and the beginning of the formal public comment period for the Bay Delta Conservation plan on Friday Dec 13th. A rally to protest the plan was held at noon in Sacramento on that day, sponsored by many conservation groups. The plan proposes the construction of two tunnels (essentially a "Peripheral Canal") to move water from the northern to southern delta region while bypassing the delta. Many conservation and environmental groups are claiming this will cause immeasurable damage to the delta and its finny inhabitants. I actually worked to defeat the similar measure which was defeated by California voters in 1982 and am angered by the reappearance of this project without the opportunity for voters to be heard. Scarcely a day goes by when this issue isn't in our news, and I'm sure it will figure prominently in my articles throughout the year.

TVFF – TIC PROGRAM 2014

Derrell Bridgman



With the start of a new year our club's TIC Program will be gearing up for another successful run. We are scheduled to deliver trout eggs to the classrooms approximately 1 month later in the year than in the past. The hope here is that the weather will be better when the classrooms go to Shadow Cliffs to release their fish. Of course with the weather there are no guarantees.

The number of teachers participating in the program is down somewhat from last year for various reasons. Some teachers are retiring, some moving on to other positions, and some have conflicts with new mandatory curriculum. At any we still have a good number participating and anticipate a few more after they complete the training course. If club members know of any teachers that might like to participate in the program please get me their contact information ASAP and I will try to get them registered for the workshop. The workshop is scheduled for Jan 18th so don't hesitate to get me their information.

We have a great team of club members that will be a support group for the classroom teachers again this year. The team helps with setting up the aquariums in the classrooms, deliver the eggs, provide technical support to the teachers, assist with the fish release field trips, etc. With the help of these members our program is gaining recognition as an outstanding classroom education tool.

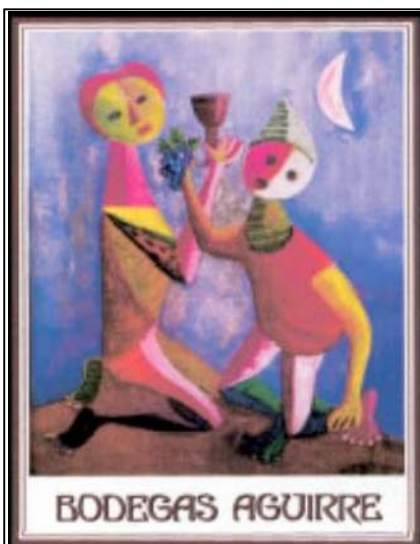
Our program is associated with similar programs throughout the Bay Area and the state. It was honored a couple of years ago with the presentation of a prestigious national award for "Excellence In Aquatic Education" granted by The American Fisheries Society. More recently it was honored again with a similar award granted by the International Federation of Fly Fishers. That's two National Awards within the last couple of years.

TVFF can be proud of what we have accomplished in our involvement in this program.

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Conservation Corner *(Continued)*

- TVFF recognizes that the quality of our fisheries in the future is dependent on dedicated stewards. Those stewards will be developed from our children. We are convinced that one of the most effective ways of accomplishing this is by developing an appreciation and respect for the fish within those children while they are still young. We have developed a program that appears to be an effective way of accomplishing this task. TVFF's Trout-In-Classroom (TIC) has proven to be an excellent way to teach our kids to appreciate and respect our fish.
- The TIC program consists of TVFF members, participating school teachers, and the CDFW who partner in a program that permits the students to witness Rainbow Trout eggs hatch in a classroom aquarium and develop into small fish. The students monitor the fish's development, and participate in related lessons and classroom curriculum. They develop a strong bond with the fish then go on a field trip to a local reservoir where they bid them farewell and release them. Our program started approximately thirteen years ago and has involved a total of approximately 32,000 students during that time. Those students, and teachers alike, love the program. The kids develop a lot of good knowledge and strong respect for the fish. We hope they will remember this experience for years to come, and hopefully, some will develop a strong sense of "stewardship" for the fish and their environment.
- The TVFF TIC program is a part of an East Bay Area program that is sponsored by several Fly Fishing clubs or related organizations. This program was recognized as the best nationwide program of this type by the "American Fisheries Society" and granted a very prestigious award for "Excellence in Aquatic Education".
- **Growth:** Plans are being developed for TVFF's Conservation Program to include a fly fishing techniques program that would educate new members (and include present members) on fisheries habitat protection while they are enjoying the sport. Included would be the protection of "Redds", undercut banks, pollution control, invasive species control, etc.
- **Summary:** Fly fishing, as we know and enjoy today, is dependent on effective conservation efforts and TVFF is dedicated to this goal. We have been, and continue to, actively pursue efforts to ensure access to quality fly fishing venues. We recognize the value of supporting the efforts of other fishery related conservation organizations. We are dedicated to monitoring the political climate on issues that might impact the quality of our fisheries, and take appropriate action, as required to maintain a natural healthy fly fishing environment.



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TVFF Dues for 2014 are due!

Tom Fessenden

- TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$40 (\$35 if paid on or before the club meeting on February 6, 2014). A membership covers you and all family members living at home. All are encouraged to participate in club outings however, liability release signatures are required of those 18 or over.
- Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Russ George, or our membership coordinator Tom Fessenden, at any regular club meeting.
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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 \$20.00
2. Cortland 444SL DT7F Mist Green, very good condition \$20.00
3. Orvis Wonderline Striper WF10F Yellow, new in box, \$25.00

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Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

Thanks for the consideration.

-Cathy Hiromoto

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

