

The Barbless Hook



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**March
2014**

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Daniel Kitts

Whoever is doing the rain dance or communicating with the rain Gods...Keep it up. We need the water to protect the fisheries not to mention our lawns...

We just finished the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton and our booth was a great success. Thank you to all who participated in making this a success including;

John Price and **Marty Loomis** for the putting the booth together and coordinating the booth activities

Ron Dueltgen and **Martin Plotkin** for setting up the information packets for the vendors and volunteers to solicit donation for our upcoming fund raising auction

Cathy Case, **Russ O'Brien**, **Danny Francis**, **Hal Wilson**, **Kelly Ng**, **Hansen Wong**, **Jim Broadbent**, **Kent McCammon**, **Richard Tarbell**, **Ken Javorsky**, **Augusto Abellar** and **John Price** for manning the booth

Martin Plotkin, **Hal Wilson**, **Robert Nishio**, **Kelly Ng**, **Kent McCammon**, **Greg Murawski** and **Russ O'Brien** for talking to the vendors at the show

I apologize if I missed anyone!

We ended up with many great items for our silent auction; you could hear a sigh of relief from Ron, and about 40 people interested in learning more about TVFF. If history repeats itself that will result in a few more members!

SPEAKING OF THE AUCTION AT OUR APRIL 3rd MEETING! **Ron Dueltgen** has a great article in this month's newsletter you should read to see how you can help.

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Photo:

President Daniel Kitts receives his commemorative fly plate from the Club's newest Life-Member, Jim Broadbent.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

Please remember that this event is our major fund raising for the year and supports many of the club activities such as high quality speakers at the general meetings. In addition to any items you can donate we need people to attend to purchase the items. This event is open to everyone member and nonmember alike. Tell a friend, someone you know looking for new or lightly used gear, bring a neighbor...We are planning to do some announcements but word of mouth is also very important. SPREAD THE WORD!

How important is the auction? At the last Board Meeting we put together a budget for 2014 covering the operating expenses of the club, programs/speakers fees, club sponsored activities, donations etc. and that budget was north of \$8500. The revenue from Dues is about \$3500 so the difference needs to come from fund raisers, reserves, reduced or cut in programs. Anything you can do to help make the silent auction a success is appreciated by TVFF members.

You will have received a message from me on the amended By-Laws. Please be sure to look at them and comment back if you have any questions. There will be a discussion at the March meeting with a vote by the general membership at either the April or May meeting to approve them.

We have a great speaker at our March Meeting with one of our Life Members, Trent Pridemore, returning to share some of his vast experience with us. Be sure to be there!

Tight lines,

Daniel



**2014 TVFF Speakers
Program
*"At A Glance "***

**March 6th:
Trent Pridemore**

***"Flyfishing the Upper Water
Column for Large and
Smallmouth Bass"***

**May 1st:
Jim Roberts**

"Nymphing Techniques"

**June 5th:
Mike Wier**

"Truckee River Tactics"

**September 4th:
Carlo Bongio**

***"North Coast Fly Fishing for
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OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Bart Hughes

I hope that the month of February treated you well and many of you got out to do some fishing and/or attend the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show. I got the chance to attend the show and walked away with another half dozen fishing locales I'd like to visit. So many places, so little time ;-)

It was good to hear that there were many informal fishing outings throughout the month. Outings are a great way to meet and to better get to know your fellow members. Plus I always learn something new from my fellow fishing partners.

Please do consider being a Fishmeister for one of your favorite trips. This is a great way to get our new members more involved with the club. Here are some great options to consider for the coming months:

- March – Yuba, Kings River for the famous March Brown hatch
- April – Pyramid Lake (monsters being caught this year already!), Hot Creek
- May – McCloud, Yellow Creek
- June – Upper Sacramento, Lake Almanor Hex hatch, Lake Davis
- July/August – Sierra lakes/streams, Trinity Salmon
- September – Feather River salmon, Sierra lakes

Lots of interesting options – please feel free to make other suggestions on other outings that would be of interest to you. Better yet consider being a Fish Meister!

At the next meeting, I will be introducing a new and hopefully intriguing pilot program to incent increased participation from some of our newer members.

Below is the current tentative/probably outing schedule based on best information available:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT / LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
MARCH 29 DATE CHANGE	KISTLER BASS PONDS	HAL WILSON
APRIL 3	SILENT AUCTION	RON DUELTGEN
MAY 10-11**	ADVANCED NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
MAY 17 - 18**	ADVANCED NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
TBD***	THIRD NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
JUNE 20-22	DAMSELFLIES AT LAKE DAVIS	HAL WILSON

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LAST CALL FOR KISTLER

Hal Wilson

As has been described in the last couple of issues of the Barbless Hook , TVFF will return to Kistler Ranch on **March 29**, to enjoy a day of catch-and-release fishing for largemouth bass, crappie and buegill. The ranch is about 18 miles north of Oakdale.

If you missed the announcements in the newsletters and want more information before signing up, please contact me.

This annual trip is a great way to begin the fishing year, getting your casting, hooking and netting muscles in shape for another season.

Seventeen TVFF anglers have already paid the \$20 per licensed angler fee and more are on the “*Count me in, too*” list. **Your 2014 TVFF dues must be paid before attending this event.** TVFF members may invite guests to accompany them on this trip, but guests must complete a WAIVER OF LIABILITY form before coming. Bring your own drinks and food.

After receiving the last sign-ups at the March meeting, I will distribute contact info and specific directions to all who sign-up so participants can arrange car-pooling for this hour and a half ride.

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2014 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable now and are \$40.00. Don't miss out on the great activities planned for 2014!

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

THE AUCTION IS COMING in April!

Ron Dueltgen



TVFF Auction Preview

Now's the time to begin preparing your strategy for the upcoming TVFF Auction, to be held at the April club meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014. Many items donated by supporting members will be on view at the auction, but just as many are represented by Right-to-Buy (RTB), catalog, or outing purchases. Please check the following websites to view complete descriptions of items or outings that you will want to bid on:

- Bauer reel: RTB @ 40% off catalog; www.bauerflyreel.com
- Lonesome Duck Ranch (Oregon): 50% discount on log house rental; www.lonesomeduck.com
- Surf Inn (Gualala): 2 certificates for one free night; www.surfinngualala.com
- Frank Hastings Guide Service: One-day trip for two; www.norcalflywaters.com
- Excellent Adventures: Two gift certificates for one day at Kelsey Bass Ranch; www.excellentadventures.org
- Fly Fishing Specialties: Four \$25 gift certificates for the entire catalog; www.flyfishingspecialties.com
- Jim Teeny, Inc: \$25 gift certificate on \$50 purchase; www.jimteeny.com
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- Galvan Fly Reels: RTB one reel @50% off retail; www.galvanflyreels.com
- Outcast Sporting Gear: ANY ITEM in the catalog at wholesale price; www.outcastboats.com
- Meadowcliff Lodge & RV Resort: Two-night stay at lodge or RV resort; www.meadowcliff.com
- Scott Fly Rods: RTB fiberglass or graphite rod @ 40% of retail; www.scottflyrods.com
- The Waterworks Lamson: Pro purchase price on any item in catalog; www.waterworks-lamson.com
- Norlander Company: 50% of on up to \$500 of products; www.nor-vise.com
- Indian Creek Lodge (Trinity): \$100 gift certificate; www.iclodge.com
- Regal Engineering: "Deep Disount" on any item in catalog; www.regalvise.com

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- Crosby Lodge @ Pyramid Lake: Two 2-night discount certificates; www.crosbylodge.com
- The Creek Company: big discount on any item in catalog; www.creekcompany.com
- Abel Automatics: RTB reel(s) @ 40% of retail; www.abelreels.com
- Loon Outdoors: big discount on all catalog items; www.loonoutdoors.com
- Merco Products: big discount on catalog items (Rite-Bobbin); www.ritebobbin.com
- Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lakes: outing @ \$100/angler; www.confluenceoutfitters.com
- St. Croix Rods: RTB @ 40% off rods, clothing & accessories; www.stcroixrods.com
- AdamsBuilt Gear: “highly discounted rate” on any catalog item; www.adamsbuiltfishing.com
- Ross/Scientific Anglers: “generous discount” on all catalog items; www.scientificanglers.com; www.rossreels.com
- Winston Rod Company: one rod and unlimited accessories at big discount; www.winstonrods.com
- Winston Rod Company: RTB two boron/graphite rods @ 40% off retail; www.winstonrods.com
- Rajeff Sports: RTB up to 4 Echo products and 5 Airflo lines from catalog @ 50% off retail; www.rajeffsports.com
- Ross Reels: RTB @ 40% off retail; www.rossreels.com
- Kane Klassics Fly Rods: RTB rod @ 10% off; www.kaneklassics.com
- Alaska’s Legend Lodge: RTB Alaska Flyfishing trip @ 50% off; www.legendlodge.com

When you bid on a “right to buy,” you are paying for the ability to buy the item or items at the stated discount. Usually, the company requires you also to pay shipping. So, you can calculate your out-of-pocket cost as the discounted price plus the amount of your winning bid plus shipping.

These are usually really good bargains when you are in the market for the particular items being offered.

An additional catalog of items and buddy trips will be sent by email as the auction draws nearer.

I hope you will invite your friends and neighbors as well as prospective members to the auction. Participants always seem to have a good time, and the club benefits greatly from the event. See you there!

March Speaker

Trent Pridemore, TVFF Life Member

Trent Robert Pridemore resides in Grass Valley and Carnelian Bay, California. His zoological background stimulated an earlier interest in fly fishing that led him to involvement in angling conservation. He was Project Chairman and Biological Consultant for the Little Truckee River Trout Restoration Task Force in the mid “70’s” that ultimately led to what has become a major and unique trout resource in the Wild Trout Program. In 2006 he orchestrated Regulation Proposal Changes that resulted in Wild Trout status for the Truckee River and its tributaries between Trout Creek and the Nevada State Line. He was also involved in the implementation of winter angling on the Truckee and Yuba River systems and is a recipient of the “Black Hand” conservation award.

***Program:* Flyfishing The Upper Water Column For Large and Smallmouth Bass**

My 50 minute PowerPoint presentation evolved from two feature articles on flyrod bass fishing that I wrote for California Fly Fisher several years ago. The program focuses on the upper water column where bass are reachable with a fly rod. I discuss the biology that brings bass into shallow areas, bass food items and the types of water that produce better inshore and topwater action, effective fly patterns and tactics. I also talk about the revolution in flyrod bass fishing tackle that includes specialty rods, lines and innovative new flies. California waters are covered as well as the spectacular Northern largemouth fishery at Oregon’s Davis lake and Florida strain fish at Mexico’s El Salto reservoir.

A bonus section at the end looks briefly at “*Bugging For Browns in Chilean Patagonia*”, where Brown trout behave like bass and take Fat Alberts as well as dragonfly patterns and bass bugs.



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Member Spotlight on Nancy Phillips *By Tom Vargas*



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. Four years

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

A. No

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. Travelling

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. A. As a novice, I enjoy being on the water and learning

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

A. 6 weight Orvis Helios

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

A. Trout-Most success (Pretty nice bass here!)

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

A. Alpine, Lake Davis and Saw Mill

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

A. Dry fly or indicator

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Still water

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

A. Jay Fair Wiggle Tail

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

A. No

The Tier's Bench:

JIM BROADBENT

This month we will be tying a Gold ribbed hares ear nymph.

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Hook #12-14 Standard nymph or 1xl

Gold bead 1/8 (3.3mm) sized to hook Optional

Lead or non-lead wire

Gold wire

Tail guard hair from hares mask

Dubbing hares mask or hares (rabbit) dubbing in lt brown, tan

Wing case Turkey

For optional and fancy flies bring Cristal flash, Flashabou

Clear goo, bug bond, Loon UV clear for wing case coating Pheasant tail



The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday March 3rd at the Christensen Middle School at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore starting at 7:00 PM.

Regards,
Jim



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Conservation Corner

Drought Emergency Fishing Regulations and Closures

Roger Perry

In response to at least one suggestion that I report on drought driven fishing regulations and closures, I assumed a quick visit to the DFW website www.dfg.ca.gov would yield a list of the affected water systems and I would include them here. My search wasn't that simple. Your mileage may vary.

Upon navigating to the above web site, I immediately saw a button labeled "Angling Closures". I'm in, I thought. I clicked the button and the page it took me to looked promising. It spoke of the current drought conditions in our state and the need for emergency action with regard to closures. It also referred to a map which could be "clicked" for more information on specific streams. I saw no map.

Perhaps it was just "down" during my visit. This is not intended as a criticism of the dfw or its website, just the difficulty in obtaining current information on this topic. There were phone numbers to call for information on closures which yielded the type of information I was hoping for. There was also an admonishment that "Some rivers and streams will open and close as flows change and other rivers will be closed for the season."


Because of the dynamic nature of this problem, I have chosen not to try to include a list of the closures but to advise anglers to check at the above mentioned website for current information on the specific waters you hope to fish.

TVFF Dues for 2014 are due!

Tom Fessenden

- ***TVFF club dues for this year are \$40.*** 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, Tom Fessenden at any regular club meeting.
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1. SA Mastery XPS DT4F Grey, good condition \$20.00
2. Cortland 444SL DT7F Mist Green, very good condition \$20.00
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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

