

The Barbless Hook



May 2014

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<http://www.tri-valleyflyfishers.org>

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Daniel Kitts

Our Annual Fund Raising Silent Auction in April was another great success. We had gross proceeds of \$8035 and netted \$6699 after expenses. These funds will go a long way in helping TVFF support our conservation efforts along with providing great programs for the member meetings. We need to thank **Ron Duelstgen** as the Auction Director along with the many people who gave of their time that evening to make this the success it was including, and I apologize ahead of time if I've forgotten anyone, **Don Gardner, Gary Turri, Gary Prince, George De Cossio, Martin Plotkin, Russ O'Brien, Marty Loomis, Hal Wilson, Gary Philips, Jim Broadbent, Steve Ruley, Russ George, Tom Fessenden, Bart Hughes, John Pryce, Michelle George, Cheryl Vargas, Hana Hughes, Lois Duelstgen and Gayle Masingale.** There were also many members who helped solicit vendor donations at the Fly Fishing Show in January.

We also need to thank the members who donated their gently used gear and flies to the auction and in particular **George Allen** who is moving and gave the club a considerable amount of gear this year.

And we can't forget the vendors who have donated a wide variety of equipment to be auctioned off. Check out the listing of vendors on our web site and in future issues of the BARBLESS HOOK. If you are in one of the shops be sure to mention you are from TVFF and thank them for their support.

As you can see it takes many people to make the evening a success.

If you haven't yet seen it check out the new Tri Valley Fly Fishers web site. Thanks go to **Robert Nishio** and **Martin Plotkin** for all the work
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Photo:

Backroom volunteers who helped the April auction go so smoothly
Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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they have put into getting this new site up and running. There will also be a sign in members only section which may or may not be active when you read this.

There are a few bugs we wanted to work out before going live with that area of the site. If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve it please let us know.

Trout season opened with a Flurry this last week end. In some cases I heard it was as much as 12" of the white stuff. Which we do need! If you like fishing lakes be sure to get out there early. I was looking at a report on the lakes and reservoirs and many of them were at less than 50% full. In speaking to one of the rangers at Del Valle he anticipates the lake will be closed sometime in July due to lack of water.

For those of you following my efforts to set up the Fly Fishing Merit Badge at the BSA Wente Summer Camp, I am still looking for a few more volunteers. You can see my article in last month's Barbless Hook or contact me directly. And feel free to pass the need for volunteers on to anyone you feel might be interested. I have one person flying in from Sedona to help. This will be a great opportunity to impact 400+ young men this summer and introduce many of them to the sport of Fly Fishing.

We are a little short on outings this year! Think about stepping up and Fish Meistering an outing. Talk to **Bart Hughes** to find out more about what it entails.

Our Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class finished up this week with 8 participants. By all reports everyone had a good time and walked away knowing a bit more about the art of Fly Fishing.

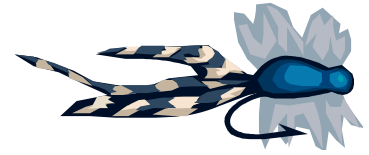
The updated by-laws will be voted on by the general membership at the May Meeting. The updated by-laws were approved by the TVFF Board of Directors at the February BOD meeting, were sent to everyone for review just prior to the March meeting and initially presented to the membership for comment at the March meeting. If you have any comments please feel free to bring them up at the May meeting prior to the vote.

We have a great meeting this week on Nymphing Techniques by Jim Roberts. Hope to see you all there.

Tight lines,

Daniel Kitts

"Angling may be said to be so like mathematics that it can never be fully learned." Izaak Walton



2014 TVFF Speakers Program "At A Glance "

**May 1st:
Jim Roberts
"Nymphing Techniques"**

**June 5th:
Mike Wier
"Truckee River Tactics"**

**September 4th:
Carlo Bongio
"North Coast Fly Fishing
for Steelhead"**

**October 2nd:
Hal Janssen
"Fly Fishing Stillwaters"**

**November 6th:
Jon Baiocchi
"Fly Fishing Lake Davis"**

**December 4th:
John Sherman
"Fly Fishing the California
Delta"**

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Bart Hughes

Warm weather is getting near, but hopefully we'll get another round of rain before the dry summer months. We sure do need it! It will be interesting to see how the weather pattern affects the fishing season this year. It's going to require maximum flexibility I believe. It will be interesting to hear back from those of you who make it out early this year.

FYI, the opportunity to participate with the "new member fishing guide" pilot that we introduced this year is still available. As a reminder, the club has agreed to pick up the cost of a guide for a day as long as an outing brings along 3-4 new members (joined within the past year). This is a great opportunity – see below for some ideas for the coming months. First come, first serve on this one. Consider the following suggestions as ideas:

- May – McCloud, Yellow Creek
- June – Clark Fork, Upper Sacramento, Lake Almanor Hex hatch, Lake Davis
- July/August – Sierra lakes/streams, Trinity Salmon
- September – Feather River salmon, Sierra lakes
- October – Truckee for big browns, Beardsley for October Caddis hatch, Feather River salmon, North Fork Stanislaus

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. I know from experience that is a very easy thing to do.

See below for upcoming outing events. There are a few new ones so please check them out and sign up if interested.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/ LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
MAY 10-11**	ADVANCED NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
MAY 10-11	LOWER SACRAMENTO	TOM FESSENDEN
MAY 17 - 18**	ADVANCED NYMPHING CLINIC	MARTIN PLOTKIN
JUNE 19-22	DAMSELFIES AT LAKE DAVIS	HAL WILSON
JULY TBD	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
SEPTEMBER	REDS LAKE	HAL WILSON
OCTOBER 3-5	ALPINE LAKE/NF STANISLAUS	VARGAS/BRIDGMAN

** Class full

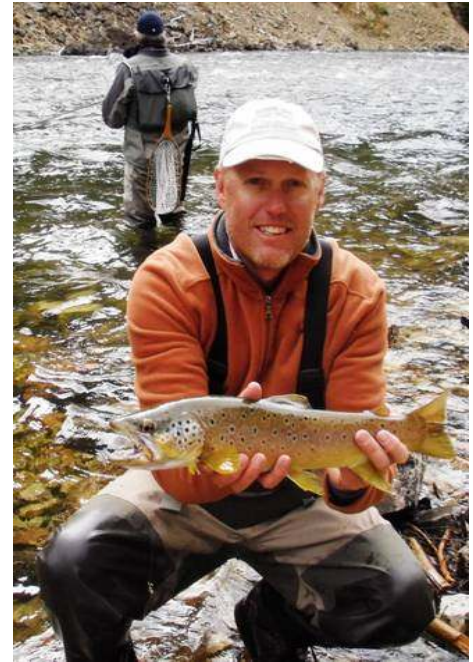
Program

May Speaker

Featured Speaker - Jim Roberts "Nymphing Techniques"

Are you a dry fly purist ? Or a streamer fanatic ? Whether you are a novice or a veteran fly fisher, you won't want to miss our May 1st TVFF meeting speaker as he shares some new ideas and skills to the "Art of Nymphing".

Northern California fly fishing guide and instructor Jim Roberts will be discussing different types of nymphing techniques. Jim has been a long time supporter of TVFF and lives and guides on the McCloud and Upper and Lower Sacramento river areas.



Why Knot? Pre-meeting program on June 5th at 6:00

Martin Plotkin "Knot Tying Tips and Techniques "

Look Who's Coming in June!

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Hal Wilson



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If you like to catch large trout on or near the surface, don't miss this trip to one of northern California's premier fly fishing lakes during its peak activity time.

Lake Davis is noted for its large mass of aquatic insects, especially its damselfly population, many of which choose mid June to early July to emerge. Large mass of insects means large trout!

The lake has campgrounds on its eastern shore. Many of the campsites can be reserved in advance to assure you have a place to pitch your tent. There are two motels in the nearby town of Portola if you would rather stay in town.

See last month's Barbless Hook for more details, or call or email me for more information.

A signup sheet will be available at the May meeting.

Hal

This trip is only for current members who have signed a Waiver of Liability (on the membership application). Signup sheet will be at the April, May and June meetings. Please contact me with any questions. Hal Wilson (925) 846-8766

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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

AUCTION WRAP-UP

Ron Dueltgen

2013 TVFF Auction was Successful!

Thanks to all TVFF members and friends who participated enthusiastically in this year's auction.

The event was fun and financially rewarding for the club, with a net income of \$6699 which will go a long way to support our work in education and conservation.



Many people deserve recognition for making the auction possible. Don Gardner and Gary Turri organized the collection and display of flies. Gary Prince and George De Cossio donated and arranged for food and drink. Martin Plotkin took the lead in setting up the auction space, aided by Russ O'Brien, Marty Loomis, Hal Wilson and Daniel Kitts. Gary Philips, Jim Broadbent and Steve Rouly ran the raffles. Russ George ran the back room superbly, aided by Tom Fessenden, Bart Hughes, John Pryce, Michelle George, Cheryl Vargas, Hana Hughes, Lois Dueltgen and Gayle Masingale.

Many members also contributed by visiting all of the booths at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show to get our message out and solicit donations.

In addition, thanks to all of the members who donated lots of flies and other wonderful stuff to be auctioned, which contributed significantly to income. You really made a difference!

We are always looking for ways to improve our auction. If you have suggestions or comments, please send them to Ron Dueltgen (ronduelgtgen@comcast.net).

Pyramid Lake

Mike Avilla

I have been a member since the early 1980's and I live up in Reno now. I just spent a fun day on Pyramid Lake last week with 6 of my neighbors and a local guide named Rob Anderson.

He provided the ladders, rods if you needed one, all flies and terminal equipment, and he even fixed us lunch for \$125.00 dollars a head plus tip. We had a fun day and the six of us stuck about 50 fish in the 16 to 22 inch range. It was a good day fishing and a good day catching. Not always the case at Pyramid.



HAPPY FISHERMEN

Mike is in the blue shirt on the left



New Members Update

The “welcome mat” goes out to six new members and their families who joined the Tri-Valley Flyfisher’s Club last month. Be sure to say “Hi” invite them to go fishing or attend an event.

Jim Catalano
Dan Pardee
Eugene Heiman
Jo Dee Widmayer
Denise Doerr
Dave Baron



Bug Collecting Kickoff

At the May meeting, please pick up 3 empty insect vials and a Form to take with you fishing. Participate in creating a TVFF Club insect collection for our Education Programs.

The Form includes instructions on the collection process and has 3 sections for you to fill in, cataloging information about the location where the specimen was collected.



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Member Spotlight on Martin Plotkin *by Tom Vargas*



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. 5+ years, both now and a decade ago

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

A. Yes, VP last year and now, Speakers, At Large

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. Getting ready to go fishing

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. D. I need some serious help for my addiction.

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

A. Rod, reel, line and backing for small brookies to dorado and everything in between

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

A. Roosters-The thrill and the rush

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

A. Northern California

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

A. Really like dry, but most of the time I use nymphs and streamers

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Equal opportunity angler and like variety

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

A. Chartreuse Clauser. Used successfully on small Mt. lakes to Baja

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

A. Yes, depending on where I happen to be. 2013 included FL, ID, MT, BC and Andros

Education-Kent McCammon

Tri-Valley Flyfishers' "Fly Fishing Fundamentals" class in April

The class was attended by 8 people, including 6 new members, learning from our TVFF Club members. Daniel, Bart, Hal, Ken, Derrell, and Martin all contributed their time to teach the class.

The 5-part course had 3 evening classroom sessions and 2 casting classes. The casters who were at the Oakland Casting Ponds welcomed Ken and the group by offering extra teaching after the class was completed. The Club plans to offer another class in the Fall of this year.



If you are interested in future classes contact:

Kent McCammon, Education Board Member at
(925)449-3507, Email is reeltrout1@att.net

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent

This meeting we will be discussing fishing knots and leaders. Bring heavy cord, like parachute cord, and mono in 6 to 20 lbs. test. Have a large size fly (bugger) and nippers for trimming the line. This is an opportunity to share a knot or leader system that's a favorite of yours.

As usual, *almost* all input is appreciated.

Regards,

Jim



Around the Web: Here is an interesting site that illustrates and describes uses for the various knots: <http://www.animatedknots.com/indexfishing.php>

The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, April 7th at the Christensen Middle School at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.



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TVFF – TIC Another Success Story

Derrell Bridgman

Once more our club's "Trout In Classroom" (TIC) Program has completed another successful season. Our participating school classrooms have planted almost 1000 young Rainbow Trout Fry in Shadow Cliffs. Furthermore, there are over 3000 students in those classrooms who have experienced the unique opportunity to witness those trout hatch from eggs and develop into the young fry that they released.

Once again this program has proven that it is a great teaching tool for introducing the students to the natural wonders and environmental requirements of our fisheries. The program is very effective in developing a focused interest (in the kids) in protecting the world that those little fish live in. This is something that seems to be missing in a large percentage of our kids these days.

Time To Say Good-Bye

One of this year's teachers & his class releasing their fish at Shadow Cliffs Lake. They typically wish them a good life, and send them off with an emotional farewell.



This year's program turned out well in spite of a few conflicting issues and equipment failures:

First; CDFW delayed the egg delivery date by about a month. Their hope was to provide more favorable weather conditions during fish release field trips. Of course weather conditions this year were great anyway, and the delayed schedule created a major conflict with the schools "Spring Break" schedules. The ideal time to schedule the fish releases coincided with the break so the schools were closed.

Next we experienced an unusual amount of classroom aquarium/equipment failures this year. These consisted of, primarily, broken/leaking aquarium tanks, and chiller unit failures. These can be serious if we have live eggs/fish in the tanks.

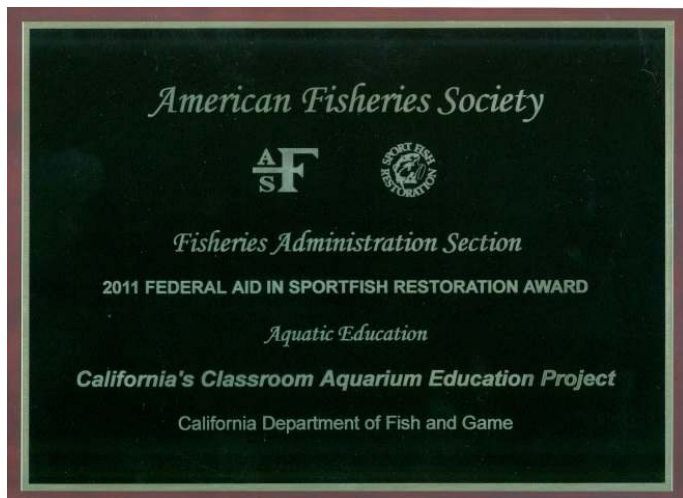
The members of our TVFF "TIC Team" were on top of the problems as they developed, and managed to correct them before they resulted in serious setbacks. We are fortunate to have a great group of dedicated club members that keep this program running smoothly.

The number of classrooms participating in our program was down about 25% this year due to teacher retirements, reassignments, and school curriculum changes. We will be looking to expand the program again next year to bring the participation level back up.. Our TIC Team is fully capable, ready, and willing to manage an expansion in the program. Offering the experience to as many students as possible is our goal.

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TVFF – TIC Another Success Story *Continued from page 13*

The quality of the program in the Bay area is improving substantially. As you may know it has already been recognized as one of the most outstanding programs of this type by two different prestigious national organizations:



Awarded By:
American Fisheries Society



Awarded By:
NCC Federation of Fly Fishers

Both awards were granted for exceptional programs in "Aquatic Education". To receive this kind of recognition on a national level surely means we are doing something right.

The primary mission of our TIC Program is to develop future stewards for our fisheries. Since we launched this program some 14 years ago, almost 40,000 of our local area students have participated, and many have shown signs of stepping into that role as they grow up. My hope is that this is true and that we will, someday, be able to proclaim; "Mission Accomplished".

You can help make this program more successful; If you have children, grandchildren, etc. in school check with their teacher about participating in the program. If they are interested please give me (Derrell Bridgman; derrellwb@gmail.com) their contact information and I will be happy to offer them the opportunity.



I have been working with the Boy Scout Council of San Francisco to put together a program for scouts to earn the Fly Fishing Merit Badge at their Wente Summer camp located in Willits. The BSA does not have experienced counselors that are able to do the instructing so they are looking to the Fly Fishing Community to provide volunteers to teach the classes.

The scouts arrive on a Sunday, work on merit badges Monday thru Thursday and they depart the camp on Saturday. The camp repeats that for 8 weeks from June 15th thru August 9th.

Monday thru Thursday there will be a 1 hour class each day with each group and what we have tentatively scheduled is;

- . Monday - Equipment basics & casting instruction
- . Tuesday - Fly tying & basic entomology
- . Wednesday - Knots, Safety
- . Thursday - Regulations, BSA Outdoor Code
- . Monday thru Friday Catch at least one fish -They will do this on their own time or any time that can be worked into the schedule
- . Monday thru Friday - BSA will acquire the fish and someone from BSA will work with them to cook it

We would like 3-5 people on Monday and Tuesday when we do the casting instruction and fly tying and 1-2 People on Wednesday and Thursday for the general discussion classes.

Depending on staffing from the fly fishing community and the number of scouts signing up to earn the merit badge there will be 1 to 4 groups per day with up to 15 scouts per group. Over the summer that could mean 400+ scouts!

Several TVFF members have already volunteered their time I have reached out to other clubs in the area to help with the staffing. **But we are still in the need of people to help.** You can volunteer for a couple of days or the 4 days when we will do the instructing. You can do it once or several times thru the summer. There is a lot of flexibility in the schedule!

People at the beginning would show up on Sunday to be prepared for the Monday start. In addition;

- There are sleeping facilities(tents with cots and mattresses), a dining hall and even a couple of RV Sites available to the volunteers
- There is some pre training required that can be done on line
- The camp is on a private lake with bass & blue gill and when you are not in class or helping some scouts you are welcome to wet your line
- There is no cost to you other than getting there
- This is open to every and all fly fisher men and women who want to help
- If you have a fly fishing friend who might be interested please feel free to let them know about this

This is a great opportunity for the Fly Fishing community to introduce new youth to the sport along with helping promote interest and respect for the greater outdoors. If you are interested and there is a good possibility you can be there let me know! If you have any questions or want more details please contact me,

Daniel Kitts, at 510-816-2846 or flifish2@gmail.com.



Golden West Grand Shoot
Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club

The LPRG Club is hosting the 63rd annual Golden West Grand Shoot at their facilities on May 7th thru 11th. This is a trap shot event that is an important activity for their club. LPRGC has been a great host to us over the years allowing us to use their facilities and they are now asking for volunteers to help them with the event.

Following is the announcement to their club requesting volunteers with more specific information

Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club
Presents The
63rd Annual
Golden West Grand Shoot
1,100 Target Trap Event
May 7th - May 11th, 2014

Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club is honored to have the opportunity to host the prestigious Golden West Grand! The size and importance of this event is an exciting occasion for our club. With this being the first GWG hosted in California, we have the ability to not only put LPRG on the map, but to open our facility to larger shoots, youth programs, and more in the coming years. We have a real opportunity for not only us, but our surrounding community & businesses, while showing that our Second Amendment rights are still being practiced and going strong at our club. With opposition to our beloved hobby growing, we should be doing all we can to further our ability in our shooting sports, and extending our opportunities for the generations after us.

As with all events, we need manpower. We expect to host 200+ shooters for this weeklong event. We will need a minimum of 12 Scorers and 12 Loaders PER DAY, as we will be extending our facility and opening 12 Traps. We expect Wednesday and Thursday to be our lightest days, and Friday through Sunday to be heavier in the amount of squads.

It is our responsibility to keep our shooting sports alive, to support our associations and local clubs as they work to continue our celebrated, esteemed shoots such as the Golden West Grand.

This is a good opportunity to say "thank you" to LPRG Club for their hospitality. If you would like to volunteer your time for this event you can either let me know @ dckitts@aol.com and I will pass the information on to LPRG Club or you can let Bradie Rosa with LPRGC know at (925)216-3139 or bradiemrosa@gmail.com. Please let her know you are coming from TVFF.

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Bob McCollum (925) 989-2358

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I am a Preschool Special Ed teacher and the floating fly line comes in handy for many projects that preschool children make: necklaces, lacing, hanging art, fishing poles.....I would be happy to collect it and give it away to other preschool teachers.

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

