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Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Daniel Kitts

Welcome back!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and the opportunity to wet a line at your favorite or new fishing hole.

With the low water throughout the state many of our old standbys have not been very fishable and those that were had a different structure. One silver lining to that is it gives you the opportunity to see the rock structure of areas that may generally be covered in water. Take notes or photo's for future reference. When the water is higher you might have found some new holding areas you didn't know about.

I had the good fortune to go on a "destination" fishing trip to Alaska with several other TVFF members. I caught a lot of silver salmon, many 20"+ rainbows, brought home 30 lbs. of fresh salmon fillets and had an adventure with old and new friends. If you ever get the chance I highly recommend it.

Wait you do have that opportunity! There are several trips on the agenda for the fall so take a look at them and get out there and enjoy.

The BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge at the Wente Summer camp was a great success. We had 19 volunteers from around the Bay cover the 8 week period with over 100 scouts attempting to earn the badge. In addition to me the TVFF members that volunteered their time were **Jim Broadbent, Dave Fontaine, Steve Johnson, Marty Loomis and Martin Plotkin**. Reports are that everyone had a great time, the comments from the scoutmasters were very positive and the council would like to see it done again next year.

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Photo:

Pizza Night fellowship at Melos
*Remember to send your fishing pictures
to the editor!*

Presidents message, continued from page 1

How about a local Casting Pond! We have been approached by the Pleasanton Planning Commission about the possibility of having casting ponds at the Bernal Sports Park. Thanks to **Greg Murawski** for initiating this interest. I'd like to hear back from the membership about your interest in having a local casting area available. Please feel free to e-mail me or talk to me at a meeting, comment on the subject at our website or discuss it with one of the BOD members. If it ends up working similar to the other casting ponds, TVFF members will probably carry some of the responsibility of getting them built and maintained.

We had another successful Pizza Night meeting in August joined by several significant others. If you weren't there you missed a great opportunity to share your summer fishing adventures.

TVFF Logo wear...We had a big demand for the hats being offered with the TVFF logo. At last count we had over 60 hats ordered. If you've missed the opportunity to order a hat you can still get one but it'll cost a bit more. Talk to Martin Plotkin for details. Thanks to **Ken Javorsky** who started our redesign of the logo, **Bart Hughes** who finished it and **Martin Plotkin** for putting together the purchase of the goods. Watch for the upcoming T-Shirt...You won't want to miss it!

While we still have a lot of 2014 left it is time for everyone to start thinking about what you can and want to do to help TVFF become a better club in 2015. The success of the club is directly related to the participation of members...THAT'S YOU...Consider participating on the board, becoming a club officer or helping on a committee. If you have an interest in a specific area but aren't sure what it entails ask the person now doing the job and let the nominating committee know.

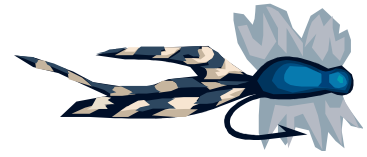
TVFF will be having a booth at Pleasanton's 1st Wednesday Downtown event on September 3rd. Stop by or if you have a friend that might be interested in learning more about TVFF tell them to stop by.

We have a fascinating speaker planned for September who will talk about Steel Head Fishing along with Snake Safety and wild mushrooms.

Look forward to seeing you at the September Meeting,

Daniel Kitts

"The fish you release is your gift to another angler and, remember, it may have been someone's similar gift to you." Lee Wulff



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

September 4th:
Carlo Bongio
*"Snakes, Mushrooms,
Steelhead and the
Drought"*

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

Fall is upon us and we are entering one of the best times to get out and fish. Be selective and find out where the water conditions are good. It will be interesting to see how the weather pattern affects the fishing season this fall and winter. However, rivers with higher flows and lakes should be turning on nicely to create some great fishing opportunities.

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:

- September – Feather River salmon, Sierra lakes, Rogue River Steelhead
- September to February -Delta Stripers
- October – Truckee for big browns, Beardsley for October Caddis hatch, Feather River salmon, North Fork Stanislaus
- November to February-Klamath and Trinity River Steelhead
- January1- Stanislaus River below Goodwin Dam/Lake Tulloch
- California rivers and lakes that are open year-round

Many of the closer locations lend themselves well to day fishing outings in the fall - e.g. North Fork Stanislaus. If you are looking for fishing action but can't get away for an extended weekend, don't be shy about sending out an email to the club soliciting interest for a day outing. This is a great and easy way to get to know your fellow club members and learn some new skills and fishing locations along the way.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT / LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTERS</u>
SEPTEMBER	RED LAKE	HAL WILSON
OCTOBER 3-5	ALPINE LAKE/NF STANISLAUS	VARGAS/BRIDGMAN/GEORGE
OCTOBER	LOWER SACRAMENTO RIVER	DON GARDNER
NOVEMBER 8	DELTA STRIPER OUTING	VARGAS
DECEMBER 3-7	TRINITY RIVER STEELHEAD	MCCOLLUM

Program

September Speaker

"Snakes, Mushrooms, Steelhead and the Drought"

with Carlo Bongio



What do rattlesnakes, mushrooms, and steelhead have in common ?.....they are the passions of your September 4th guest speaker Carlo Bongio. After two months off to hone in your fishing skills, our September speaker will increase your knowledge on a variety of subjects and help increase your success for Fall and Winter fly fishing.

Carlo Bongio has been fly fishing for over forty two years. He has been a fly casting instructor and licensed guide for more than fifteen years. Carlo is the past president of the North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He has fished throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska, Florida, Mexico, Belize, the Bahamas, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Carlo is a published outdoor writer and holds two California Heritage Trout awards. He has worked in the fishing tackle industry for the past thirty two years. When he is not fishing, teaching or guiding he enjoys backpacking, diving, field herpetology, mushroom hunting, nature and reading.

How is the drought going to impact fishing this Fall and Winter ? Carlo will provide the latest updates on the fishing conditions on many coastal rivers, as well as the Klamath and Trinity rivers and recent regulation changes due to the drought. You will receive his predictions for both Fall and Winter steelhead fishing , plus fly fishing techniques using the swing method and using "shooting heads" on coastal rivers and swinging dry flies for steelhead on the Klamath.

Whether your fishing on the McCloud or one of our local foothill bass ponds you may have encountered that familiar "rattle" of a Western Diamondback or Pacific rattlesnake. Carlo will discuss the common myths of these reptiles and best ways to avoid them and more importantly how to deal with a snakebite.

Be sure to ask Carlo about his experience with CA Fish & Game wardens. HINT: He was once cited for rescuing steelhead on a lagoon of a coastal river by helping them reach the ocean. The first to ask the question receives a special prize ! You'll enjoy hearing how he handled this worst nightmare for any guide !

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers Casting Practice/Lessons

Where: Oakland Casing Ponds (Highway 13 and Carson)

When: Saturday ,September 20th, 2014 11am – 2pm

Contact: Ken Javorsky at kjjavorsky@sbcglobal.net

Example:



Agenda

- Will center around the participant's request(s) for : Fishing Casts (with real fishing situations) , Roll Casts, Double Haul, Drag-Free Drifts, Tight loops, Wide Loops, etc. Please state your request(s) .
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Nevada Report

Mike Avilla

Recently we had a guest speaker at our newly formed Montreux Fly fishing Club here in Reno, NV. His name is Jan Nemec. He is a local Nevada guide and the author of a book entitled "Fly Fishing Nevada". I used his book to explore and fish two areas in eastern Nevada, Angel Lake near Wells, NV and the Ruby Marsh area approximately 30 to 40 miles south of Wells, NV.

1. The first was Angel Lake. Truly a beautiful place stocked full of easy to catch trout. Jan mentioned in his book that the fish always seem to be looking up for food so it is a great place to dry fly fish. I stepped out into the lake on a windy, rainy afternoon with a 6 inch chop on the water and no sign of rising fish. I tied on an size #16 Adams dry fly on a 5X tippet and caught fish after fish for a couple of hours. It was great fun to torture the night crawler slinging and power bait flingers on each side of me who were not catching a thing. Nothing of any size but a lot of action. Perfect place for a small boat or a float tube day on the water. A great place to show a beginner how to dry fly fish. Angel Lake is only 12 miles off of Highway 80 at Wells, if you are headed that way, it would make a great lunch and fishing break to a long trip. Stop and pick me up in Reno on the way!!

2. The second area was the fabled Ruby Marsh area along the east side of the Ruby Mountains. I had heard of the area for the past 30 years but never made the trip before. The entire Ruby Marsh area is over 20 miles long and several miles wide. It hosts both a trout and a bass fishery. Naturally, along the way I stopped at the Elko Fly Shop which is located in a local sporting goods store and found that there is no one on duty at the fly shop counter until 4:30 PM. So much for picking up some local nuggets there. Next stop was the Ruby Marsh Federal Headquarters which was closed due to a personnel shortage. They did have a map on the wall which I followed to many fishy looking spots. The water is gin clear, the weed beds are lush, access is easy but every location we searched appeared to be barren of fish of any size. After a frustrating day Ginger and I found the local bar to drown our sorrows. The bartender steered me to a different spring location where he assured me many Polaris Submarine size trout were located. I managed to land one 5 plus pound Tiger Trout and exercised a Rainbow, that had to be at least 8 lbs, through two exciting leaps and two strong runs. Fun fight until he broke the hook off at the bend. Both fish taken with 5x tippet and size 18 midge patterns. Exciting stuff, had a Woody that lasted for a week, much more to learn about this area. See attached photos of the Tiger Trout.

If you are planning a fly fishing trip to Nevada I would highly recommend Jan Nemec's book. It's available at the Orvis, Reno store and probably online.

Mike Avilla

P.S. If you Google Tiger Trout you will learn it is a cross between a Brown and a Brook Trout. When my wife first netted the beast I had no idea what I had just caught.



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Ken Tetzl Report

Ken's been hitting the rear pond at Shadow Cliffs this summer. He has been biking in his float tube and getting into some very nice largemouth bass. These are not bad for topwater bass. (take a look at these pictures that he enclosed) The action isn't fast and furious, but a half dozen fair-size bass with a few more grabs in about 3 hours-or-so has been fairly routine. The size of these largemouth is surprising, including a couple of 4 pounders, all on top water!

Not bad for a backyard fishery.

Elsewhere:
The Lower Stanislaus has improved in the last 2 months, but still mostly small trout. Will keep trying!

Thanks,
Ken Tetzl



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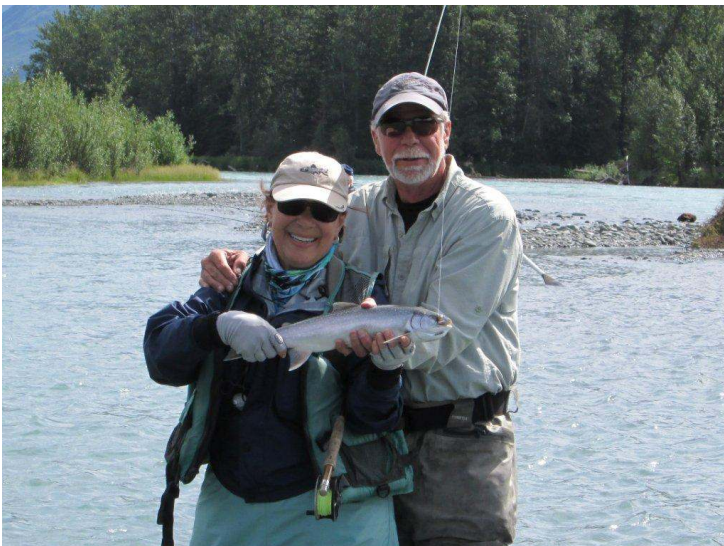


North to Alaska, the Rush is ON

Martin Plotkin: Six members (Steve Johnson, Daniel Kitts, Marty Loomis, Bob McBride, Barry Penner and Martin Plotkin) and a couple of friends went to McDoudell's lodge about 80 miles N.N.W. of anchorage in the shadow of Mt' Denali. The fishing was great and the group landed over 50 Silver Salmon, a couple of hundred Rainbows (many around 20" and some Pike. All agreed they had a great time.



Gary and Nancy Phillips: The first picture is a Dolly Varden fishing with Andy on the Kenai. The other pics were fishing at Lake Clark in Pt. Alsworth, Alaska, we caught grayling and pike. We have never fished for pike before and it was a blast they hit hard & are fighters with lots of teeth. As usual everything was catch and release just a tip be sure to have long pliers when releasing the pike.



Education

Kent McCammon

Bug Collecting

Remember, 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.



Tom Vargas looks over Derrell Bridgman's prototype display box at the "pizza night" club meeting on August 7th.



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Member Spotlight on Derrell Bridgman *by Tom Vargas*



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. Approximately 22 years

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

A. Yes, Member at Large, Treasurer, Conservation Chairman, and President.

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. fishing related issues, but not actually fishing (Conservation issues, and Trout In Classroom, etc.)

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 & flies.

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

A. 9 foot 4 weight, Floating line, 9' tapered leader

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

A. Steelhead because I consider landing them more of a challenge.

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

A. Lake Alpine.

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

A. I prefer dry flies.

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. I prefer streams, however, my wading ability is being compromised by my advanced age so I fish Stillwater more often.

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

A. Humpy.

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

A. No

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent

The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Tuesday, September 2nd at Christensen Middle School located at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore starting at 7:00 PM.

This month we will tie a stimulator, an all around good meaty fly pattern that replicates a number of flies and terrestrials.

Materials list:

Hook: 8 - 12 2xl dry hook, TMC 200R
Tail, wing: Elk in cream, tan or light brown
Body : Floss or Thread in red, green, yellow
Hackle : Color to complement elk, Palmer abdomen , bushy collar.



Around the Web:

Concerned about our Delta? Read Gone with the Flow

<http://thebayinstitute.blob.core.windows.net/assets/Gone%20with%20the%20Flow%20FINAL.pdf>

Conservation Corner- Local Conservation Opportunities

Roger Perry

Volunteers Needed For Tri-Valley Creeks to Bay Clean-up -

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This event is part of Coastal Clean-up Day, a statewide and international effort to clean trash and debris from beaches, bays, creeks, rivers and lakes.

Trash and debris negatively impact quality of life, property values and housing prices; and endanger plant, fish and wildlife populations and habitat. Removing trash and debris not only improves the aesthetic beauty of neighborhoods; it also helps to improve water quality and aquatic habitat in neighborhood creeks.

Due to limited space, please pre-register. It's easy - just choose one of the following clean-up sites and contact Braden Christensen at (925) 960-8142 to sign up and obtain the required waiver form(s). Bring the signed and completed waiver form(s) with you to the event.

Cleanup Sites:

The site we have historically sponsored and the one mentioned in the email sent to me is at Robertson Park, but the following sites are also available.

Site One: Arroyo Las Positas at Northfront Park Road (near Northfront Trailhead Park)

Site Eight: Altamont Creek and Arroyo Las Positas at Bluebell Drive (near Springtown Golf Course)

Site Nine: Arroyo Las Positas at Heather Lane (near Springtown Golf Course)

Site Ten: Arroyo Mocho at Arroyo Road (between Arroyo Rd. and Holmes St.)

Note: Volunteers under 18 years of age must have the waiver forms signed by a parent or guardian. Volunteers under 13 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

In addition to the above, The Alameda Creek Alliance is having a membership dinner on Oct. 18. They are also having a creek cleanup in Niles on Sept. 20. For details on these and other events see their website: <http://www.alamedacreek.org/upcoming-events/events.php>



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From the Video/DVD Library

Gary T.

Entomology For The FlyFisher
by The Bug Guy- Robert Younghanz.

This is a great DVD set of two for any fly fisher who is interested in starting there own bug collection or interested in just increasing their knowledge of aquatic insects.

The first DVD is in a classroom setting. The author lists a half dozen really good books by very well known and respected fly fishers. He also covers topics like biological classification of insects and how to remember the order, different mayfly types and how to identify them, the four most common caddis species that you will most likely find on your local water and much more. There is more info on this 1st DVD than most fly fishers really need to know, but ALL the info that they should know is there. You could doze off here so have a pad and pencil and take notes cause you won't remember most of it and it will help you stay awake. The notes will be useful when you actually start collecting insects.

The 2nd DVD is done on the stream bank and is easier to sit through. The author sets up a table and goes thru all the gear and how to use it. He then shows how to collect the samples and then goes over many of the samples in his collection tray and identifies them. Also how to store, label and preserve the samples.

In 2014, our club has started a drive to establish a Tri -Valley Bug Collection Display. You can see Kent McCammon at the monthly meetings and he will supply 3 insects vials and collection forms to any members who would like to bring in a stream sample for the club display. This would be a great way to increase your knowledge of the insects that are present in your favorite waters. That way you will have a better idea of what fly to tie on.



SEPTEMBER RAFFLE BOARD

Ron Dueltgen

At the September meeting (Sept. 4) you will have a chance to win an excellent steelhead outfit generously donated by The Fly Shop in Redding, CA. The outfit consists of a Fly Shop-signature GL-H2O 7-weight fly rod, a Fly Shop signature L2a 7/8 weight fly reel, and a Rio Steelhead Floating WF7F fly line. The package has a retail value of \$340.

A 7x7 raffle board will offer attendees a chance at the outfit; \$10 for one square and \$20 for 3 squares. Bring your cash and look for Gary Phillips and the raffle board. This is a fundraiser for our club; please be sure to thank our friends at The Fly Shop next time you are there.

TVFF Club donation to the Gabe Duran Memorial Bench Fund. Gabe guided many members of our club on our Northern California waters and unexpectedly passed away this past winter at a young age.



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Joshua Schwartz
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Greetings Joshua,

Thank you for organizing the memorial fund to honor the passing of Gabe Duran. Gabe is missed as a member of the fly-fishing community and as an all around nice human being. Enclosed is a check for \$100.00 as a donation from The Tri-Valley Fly Fishers to be use for the Gabe Duran Memorial Bench. Please send receipt for funds to Tri-Valley Fly Fishers PO Box 2358 Livermore, Ca. 94551. We are hoping you are approaching your goal and the bench can be constructed in the near future.

Thanks again for organizing this memorial. Gabe Duran will not be forgotten.

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3. SA Mastery XPS DT4 Grey color, one end used - \$10.00
4. Cortland 444 SL WF7 F/S 20 foot Sink Tip Type 6, New in Box \$20.00
5. Redington RS2 Reel for 7/8 lines, with Albright WF7-F Yellow new fly line, excellent cond.-\$60.00
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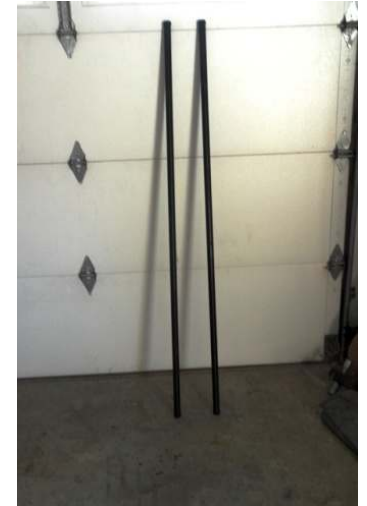
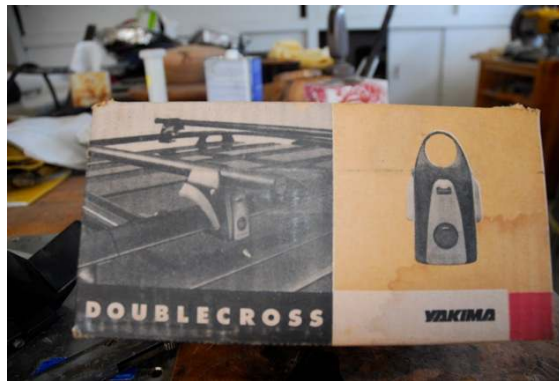
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Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

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

