

# The Barbless Hook



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**February  
2015**

*Editor: Tom Vargas*

## President's Message

**Martin Plotkin**

Reflections in the Pond

February is TVFF New Year and the transition from our 2014 Board to our 2015 Board. Looking back over the last 2 years, I must observe the amazing job Daniel Kitts and his band of merry men accomplished. Besides growing the clubs financial position to enable us to do more and better projects, significantly increasing our membership, he also was the sparkplug starting a project to help Boy Scouts get their Fly fishing Merit Badge. If we don't get the kids involved there might not be an active sport in the future.

Thanks Daniel and all involved – well done.  
What's happening on the board?

We generally hold our Board meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The meetings last about 2 hours and get into the nitty-gritty of the operation of the club, saving general meeting time for more fun and interesting things. Any member of the club is invited to attend the Board meetings, and I encourage any member interested to attend and weigh in with their 2-cents worth.

If you wish to attend any Board meeting, call any Board member for details of where and when.

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### Photo:

**Bob McCollum with a January  
2015 Trinity steelhead.**

**Remember to send your fishing  
pictures to the editor!**

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

*Presidents message, continued from page 1*

At our last meeting we decided a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee celebration was in order for our club. That's right, we were founded 50 years ago in 1965. As to what we're going to do, I'm not sure yet but a committee of all the ex-presidents coordinated by Daniel Kitts is working on it. If you've got any good ideas, give Daniel a call I'm sure he'd be interested in chatting with you about it.

At our upcoming meeting this week we'll be talking about the April auction and the 2015 Budget. As you know, the auction is our main fund raising event. We really could use your help with donations and assistance. If you tie, please tie up some flies and get in touch with Don Gardner. If you have some equipment you're not using, new or old, see Ron Duetgen. We also need your help with the many activities involved with the auction such as set-up, Fly Fishing show solicitations, and so forth. If you have an extra hour or two, please give Ron a call.

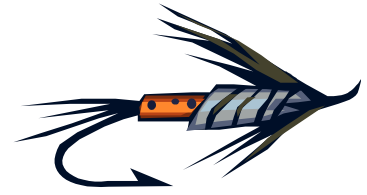
I'll leave you with this final thought:

***Wading - the most common means by which a dry fly-fisherman is transformed into a wet fly-fisherman ☺***

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Incoming President Martin Plotkin



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

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**February 2nd:**  
*Annual Installation of  
Officers and Potluck  
Dinner*

**March 5:**  
**Craig Nielsen**  
*"Owner and Operator  
of Shasta Trout"*

## Outings and Events

Hal Wilson

As we start a new season and begin looking forward to the feel of that powerful surge of the hookup and the beautiful areas we **have to go to** in pursuit of that big fish we know we will catch, we look to the Outings column in the Barbless Hook to plan for trips we want to take, – but wait !! *there are very few to choose from* (few, as in **TWO**).

We do have a few other important calendar events to be aware of, but at this time TVFF has only two fishing trips on the calendar, and one has a waiting list.

The anticipation of that trip in June currently has nine TVFF anglers checking their gear and inventorying their fly boxes to be sure they have the flies recommended by Lake Davis guide Jon Baiocchi, a recent guest speaker.

This trip begins with a two night stay at Prosser Reservoir, from where we will have our choice of four stillwaters to fish, then we move to Lake Davis for three nights. With this relocation from Prosser to Davis, it is **very** possible for anyone unable to make the first part of the trip to join us for the weekend at Davis. The nine of us have already reserved our campsites, so others joining us will be able to know which sites to try to reserve to keep the group together.

**However, the fact that we only have two trips on the calendar is not good.**

I'm sure that many club members have a favorite place to fish. Please share your experience with your fellow club members by being a Fishmeister for a trip of one or more days. If you would like, I will work with you as you start on this very easy and rewarding experience. Email communication makes it possible to do it mostly from your PC. Call me.

## OUTINGS AND EVENTS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
February 21	TIC COACHES' SEMINAR	DERRELL BRIDGMAN
April 9	CLUB MEETING (date change due to Spring break) <b>and</b> <b>SILENT AUCTION</b> (bid high, bid often)	KITTS/PLOTKIN RON DUELTGEN
June 23-28	PROSSER/LAKE DAVIS	HAL WILSON
July 11-18	LA PAZ, BAJA MEXICO (Full, Waiting List)	JIM BROADBENT

# Angling Etiquette- How Do You Rate?

## Al Kyte

Now that the '06 Trout Season has begun, and hordes of eager fly fishers are descending on California's waters, it's an appropriate time to reflect on how we can best interact with the other anglers we'll assuredly meet. Good behavior is in the obvious interest of all of us, if only for the reason that fisticuffs astream tends to put down the trout.

***So, to refresh your sense of courtesy, presented here are 10 questions highlighting common angling situations that have the potential for developing into hot words...or worse.***

1. While fishing a mountain river you arrive at a favorite pool to find another angler already there. You believe there is enough room for two anglers to fish. Do you ask the other angler's permission before casting in the pool?
2. When overtaking and passing an upstream-fishing angler on a small stream, do you note his or her rate of movement, stay back from the bank, and walk far enough around to leave an estimated half-hour of undisturbed water before fishing again?
3. When fishing your way down along a creek, you encounter an angler fishing up toward you from downstream. Do you stop fishing and move around that angler, thus honoring the tradition of yielding the right –of-way to an upstream fishing angler?
4. When you are fishing a spot where anglers must wade or float through to reach other water, do you yield the right-of-way to such access?
5. When you approach an angler on a lake or spring creek, do you stop far enough away to leave a little unfished water between your casts and his or her longest casts and drifts?
6. While float-tubing you notice a fish rising behind a near-by angler's float tube within his or her casting range. You also notice that the angler seems preoccupied in casting to other rising fish. Do you alert that angler to the fish behind the tube and cast to it only if invited to do so?
7. As you drift down the river, your boat approaches a wading angler. Do you guide the boat's course away from the water being fished, keep as low and quiet as possible, and avoid dropping anchor where it might disturb that person's fishing?
8. When walking along a spring creek, do you walk well back from the banks to avoid spooking fish and even farther back around any visible angler?
9. When you encounter another angler, are you likely to acknowledge that person's presence with a friendly gesture, smile or greeting?
10. When approaching a river pool, you see another angler on shore who isn't fishing. Do you consider that he or she might be resting the water and ask permission to fish there?

If you can answer yes to questions such as these, you've already learned that there is more to being a competent angler than merely catching fish.

*The content for these 10 questions was extracted from Al Kyte's article, "In search of Etiquette" (California Fly Fisher, September-October '94). Reprinted with permission from Al Kyte.*



## Outings - THINKING W-A-Y AHEAD

### Hal Wilson

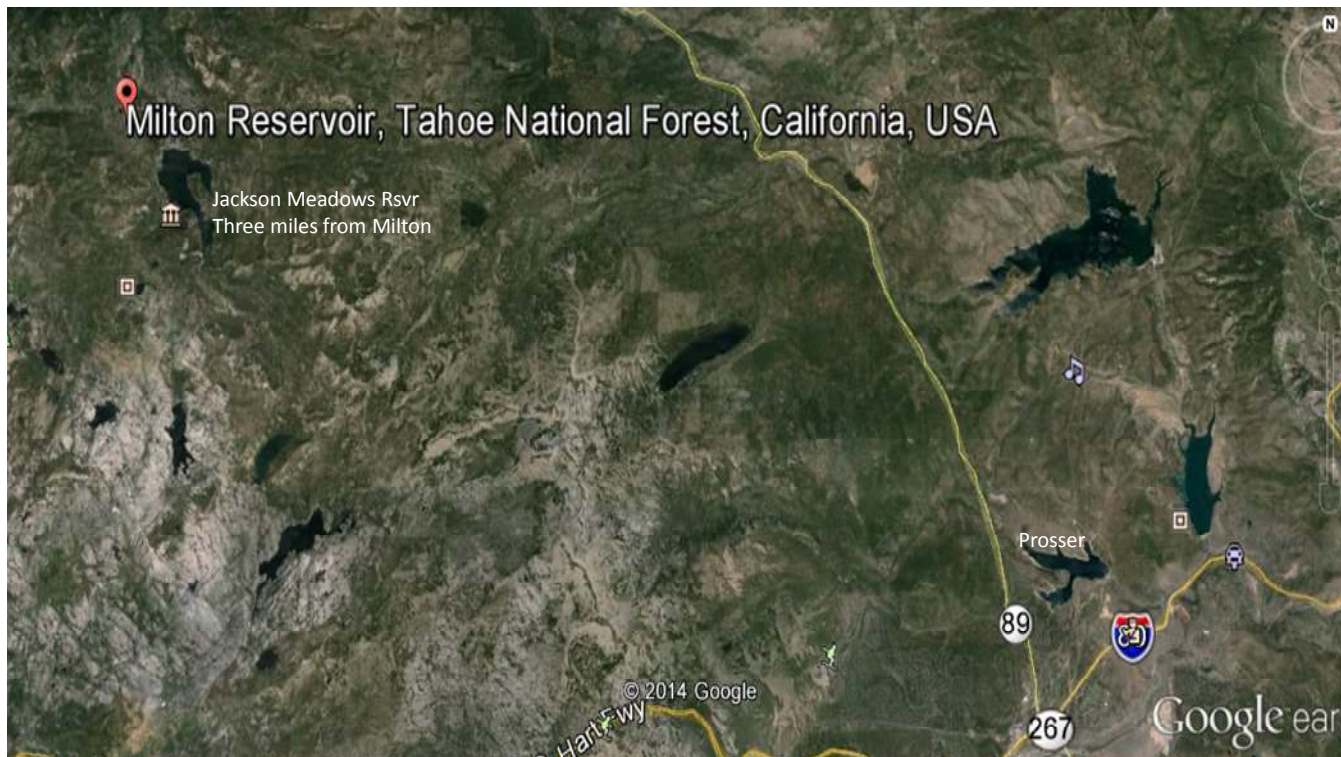
I didn't get nearly as much fishing as I wanted last year, so in an effort to be sure that doesn't happen again, I have done some far-in-advance research. In addition, although Lake Davis during damselfly emergence is a "must do", I have often wanted to expand my fishing horizons, so that hope has also been part of my pondering these last few weeks.

In reading through Bill Sunderland's book, Fly Fishing California Stillwaters I find other stillwaters in the Truckee area which would be on the way to Davis. Three stand out as potential waypoints worth trying – **Milton Reservoir**, **Jackson Meadows Reservoir** and **Prosser**. Boca and Stampede Reservoirs are often associated in one's mind with Prosser, but in checking this all out, I learned that water-skiing is allowed on Boca and Stampede, but not on Prosser. In addition, Prosser has reservable campsites (as does Jackson Meadows).

So, the plan as it is now outlined in my mind is to begin the trip on Monday or Tuesday following Fathers' Day, establishing camp at Prosser or Jackson Meadows. After fishing any or all of the above three waters, moving on to Lake Davis to set up camp (in previously reserved sites) Thursday afternoon. We go through the town of Portola a few miles before reaching Davis, so restocking of food and ice is easily accomplished. Our last two years at Davis we have camped in Grasshopper Flat campground, with campsites near the coin-operated hot shower which would be very welcome our third or fourth day out! This break in the trip to relocate makes it doable for those who can only make part of the trip.

The excellent presentation by Jon Baiocchi at our last club meeting gave us lots of great information about Lake Davis, so I have been tying flies he recommended for a Lake Davis specific fly box.

Reservations for Prosser and Davis can be made 6 months prior to the requested dates, so I will be firming up this plan in order to request in early January the sites and the dates I want.



Call me if interested or have questions

*Hal*

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## 2015 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable now and are \$35.00 until the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
*See page 15 for more details*

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

***YOU are invited to the*** **2015**

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## Let's do This: Hal Wilson

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**Hal**



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# The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

**The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, February 2nd at Christensen Middle School located at 5757 Hagan Oaks Ave in Livermore from 7:00 to 9:00PM.**

This month we will be tying knots, yes I said knots. Most of us, including myself, use the clinch knot 95% of the time, but there are a tons of knots to tie on a fly or build a leader. The Albright, Duncan Loop, Turle, Riffle Hitch, Orvis Tippet, Davey, Harvey Dry Fly are just a few.

Those who are going on the Baja trip will need to know these: No Slip, Slim Beauty, Bimini Twist. We can make twisted leaders for turning over big heavy flies( Delta and Baja ).

Bring 10 to 20lb Mono line, hooks #8 and up to 2/0 for salt water , Nippers If you have a favorite knot please come and share it.

Regards,

Jim



## ***Around the Web:***

***An excellent site which describes the history of, why and how to tie many different fishing knots. It has great animations too:***

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## February Auction Update

**Don Gardner**

### Attention Fly Tiers

TVFF FLY TYERS...As you know the 2015 Silent Auction is quickly approaching and we need strong support from our fly tying members...Please bring your donations in lots of six for smaller fresh water flies and lots of three for larger bass and saltwater streamers and clausers...Please bring your flies in small plastic bags labeled with your name, fly description and hook size.

Anybody interested in doing a "Destination Box" with twelve or more flies, I will package in nice foam fly boxes...Examples would be 1. Gary Turri famous Pyramid Lake collection, 2. Hal Wilson Davis Lake collection, etc. Be creative and most of all...bring some flies to contribute to the fund raiser.

Proceeds from fly sales usually total between fifteen hundred and twenty-five hundred dollars...have some fun and support the cause...Please bring your donations to the February and March meetings.

If you have questions, please contact me at 925-846-2238 or email at [dondihua@aol.com](mailto:dondihua@aol.com)...Sincerely, Don Gardner

### **TVFF Dues for 2015 are due!**

**Marty Loomis**

- TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$40 (\$35 if paid on or before the club meeting on February 5, 2015). 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, or our membership coordinator Marty Loomis, at any regular club meeting.
- Checks made out to TVFF can also be mailed to :

**Tri-Valley Fly Fishers  
PO Box 2358  
Livermore, CA 94551**

## February Auction Update

**Ron Duetlgen**

### 2015 AUCTION

Preparations for the upcoming TVFF Silent Auction, to be held on Thursday, April 9 are coming along nicely, except for the small number of donations from members. We rely heavily on items from friends and members in the auction; typically they account for more than 50% of revenues. So, please make an effort to look through your fishing and camping supplies for items you no longer use or are duplicate (or triplicate) of items you do use.

So far this year, donations from outside vendors seem to be weighted heavily toward the “Right-to-Buy” or RTB category. In these cases, the vendor does not donate an item outright (say, an Abel reel). Rather, an offer is made to allow purchase the item at a considerable discount, which can range from 30% to 50% of the retail price. Your winning bid will allow you to pick an item from the catalog at these greatly reduced prices. In these cases, your total cost will be your winning bid amount plus the reduced cost of the item plus, in most cases, a shipping charge. So, for instance, suppose you successfully bid \$50 on a RTB for 40% off on a Abel reel that retails at \$500. Your cost would be \$50 (your winning bid) plus \$300 (40% off the cost of the reel) plus \$15 shipping, for a total of \$365 for a \$500 reel. There are lots of rods, reels and guided outings in the Right To Buy category.

The winning bidder will have a deadline for choosing the item – usually 30 days after the auction. It is important to stick to these deadlines as a courtesy to our donors.

I hope you will plan to attend the auction.

Contact me with any questions: Ron Duetlgen, 925-449-0528; [auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org](mailto:auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org).

# Conservation



October 15, 2014

Daniel Kitts  
Tri-Valley Fly Fishers  
PO Box 2358  
Livermore, CA 94551

Dear Mr. Kitts,

We were delighted to receive a gift in the amount of \$100 from the Tri-Valley Fishers, which we received on October 3, 2014. Our Tax ID# is 94-3087382. We also very much enjoyed speaking to your organization about Living Arroyos and appreciate you hosting us; you are such an educated and inquisitive group! Please convey our gratitude to the Fishers.

Your gift is being used to help build Living Arroyos ([www.livingarroyos.org](http://www.livingarroyos.org)), the ambitious and innovative experiment you heard about when we spoke. The program aims to restore and enhance habitat along 45 miles of urban streams in the Tri-Valley. Given that most urban stream projects measure their length in feet, this is a large scope. Even more important than the program's landscape-scale focus is the fact that it is engaging the community to attain clear, measurable goals over the long term.

The end result of the program will be the transformation of many miles of bleak, weedy flood control channel into places that look and function like natural streams – places where people can experience authentic contact with nature, and where other living things can survive and prosper. It's an exciting time for us, and we are thrilled to have your support to help us make this vision a reality.

Once again, many thanks for your support. It's people like the Tri-Valley Fishers, individually and as a group, that help preserve nature for future generations.

Sincerely,

Joni Redmond  
Living Arroyos Program Manager  
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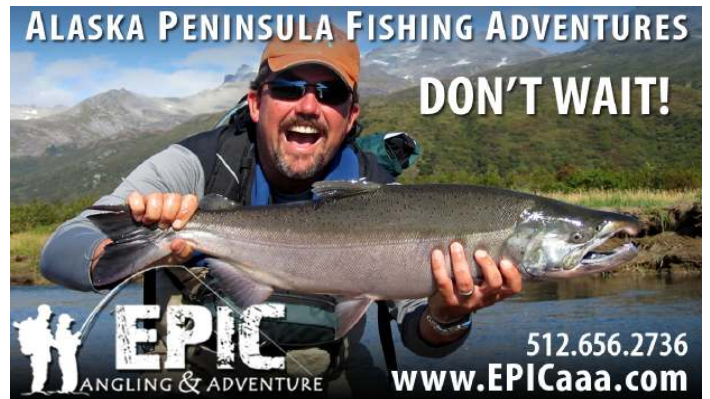
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4. Cortland 444 SL WF7 F/S 20 foot Sink Tip Type 6, New in Box \$20.00
5. Redington RS2 Reel for 7/8 lines, with Albright WF7-F Yellow new fly line, excellent cond. -\$60.00
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Dave or I attend the 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

