

# The Barbless Hook



## March 2015

*Editor: Tom Vargas*

## President's Message

### Martin Plotkin

#### Reflections in the Pond

Okay! Daniel and I are sitting and having lunch today and I was bemoaning that I don't know what to write about for this article. The drinks arrived and so did one of the members who came over to say hello, of course we started talking fishing and as expected the conversation wound around to where to go fishing this spring and summer. After all, as warm as it's been this winter the bass are almost about ready to start biting.

I remarked that when Daniel and I went out fishing the Delta last week the water temperature was already up to 58°.

Daniel commented that in one of Dan Blanton's presentations at the Fly Fishing show, Blanton said the large mouth turn-on as soon as water temp hits 61° to 62°.

Our visitor added we ought to get the guys in the club with boats together and do a spring Bass trip - much like the fall striper trip.

"Really great idea! - why don't you be the Fish Master." Says I

"Oh no! I couldn't do that "exclaims our visitor".

"Why not" I reply.

"Because I wouldn't feel comfortable telling people what fly to use and where to go cast."

About then the salads arrived and our visitor had someplace else to be.

This got me thinking that a lot of members probably hesitate becoming a Fish Master because they think it involves more knowledge than it actually does. The Fish Master's job is simply to bring together a group of members to go fishing.

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### Photo:

**Past President Daniel Kitts receives his Presidential fly plate from Jim Broadbent**

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

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

*Presidents message, continued from page 1*

The Fish Master can spend as little as 30 minutes putting the trip together or like Fish Master Jim Broadbent's destination trip to Mexico, it could involve considerably more time with a pre-trip meeting to learn new knots and make twisted leaders, and all of us who are going sharing our past Baja-ha experiences. Bottom line, it's just getting a bunch of guys and gals together to wet a line and have FUN.

Here's my Fish Master's checklist for putting a trip together:

Call Outings coordinator Hal Wilson and discuss where and when you wish to go.

Draft a short article (about 25 words or more) for the Barbless Hook newsletter and send it to Tom Vargas.

Print out the sign-up sheet that Hal Wilson sends you and bring to the next meeting.

Contact the people going on the trip and ask their recommendations for gear and flies and if anyone's interested in car pooling.

Respond to the group with everyone's recommendations and the schedule.

Go fishing and have FUN!

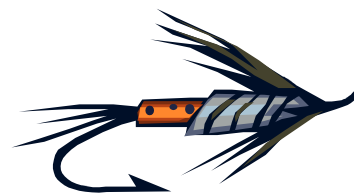
I'll make this offer to anyone who hasn't been a Fish Master and would like to give it a try. One of the members whose already done it will co-Fish Master a trip with you and I'll throw in a club hat for good measure. Think about co-Fish Mastering a Spring Delta Bass Trip, Bassin the back pond at Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton or going over to the Stanislaus out of Oakdale for day trip for wild rainbows to 23". Maybe it would be fun to co-Master a weekend camping and fishing trip to the Kings River near Fresno, Manzanita Lake at Mt. Lassen or the Eastern Sierra. After all is said, most of us joined the club to go fishing – so let's go fishing.

I'll leave you with this final thought: If you honestly believe that you can save money by tying your own flies, you might be a Real Fly Fisher (and not just a wanabe) ☺

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**Annual installation dinner meeting banquet**



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

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**March 5:**  
**Craig Nielsen**  
*Owner and Operator of  
Shasta Trout-  
"Fishing the Upper Sac."*

**April 9th:**  
**Annual Auction**

# OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson



## DATES

## LOCATION

## FISHMEISTER

APRIL 17-19	PYRAMID LAKE	JIM BROADBENT
JUNE 23-27	PROSSER RES / LAKE DAVIS	HAL WILSON
JULY 11-18 All 8 places taken at this time. Will take standbys.	LA PAZ, BAJA SUR	JIM BROADBENT
JULY 16-18	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
AUGUST 9-16	MONTANA RIVERS	MARTY LOOMIS
AUGUST 16-23 All places taken in this time period. Will take standbys.	MONTANA RIVERS	MARTY LOOMIS
SEPTEMBER 25-27	NO. FORK STAN / LAKE ALPINE	TOM VARGAS RUSS GEORGE DERRELL BRIDGMAN
SEPTEMBER TBD	CAPLES LAKE	TOM FESSENDEN
DECEMBER 5	DISCOVERY BAY/DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS



## March Meeting - Program

### Marty Loomis

Craig Nielsen is the owner and operator of Shasta Trout. A Northern California native, he has been chasing trout with a fly rod for over 50 years and guiding professionally since 1992. Having fished all across the west, B.C. and Alaska he especially appreciates the angling diversity Mt. Shasta offers. A certified casting instructor, he has taught at Mel Krieger's school and was one of the first authors on switchrods. He holds a Teaching Credential and a Master's degree from Chico State where he worked prior to following his passion to guide full time.



#### **TOPIC:**

The Upper Sac has nearly forty miles of quick and easy access beginning with crystal clear springs. The Upper Sac is an ideal location to explore a variety of successful techniques and tactics. The Upper Sac is an amazingly rich and productive freestone stream and home to the Shasta Rainbow Trout, which grows hearty on the diversity of aquatic life the river affords.

From Craig's Shasta Trout website:

<http://www.shastatrout.com/rivers/uppersac>



# Prosser/Davis Lake Outing

## Hal Wilson

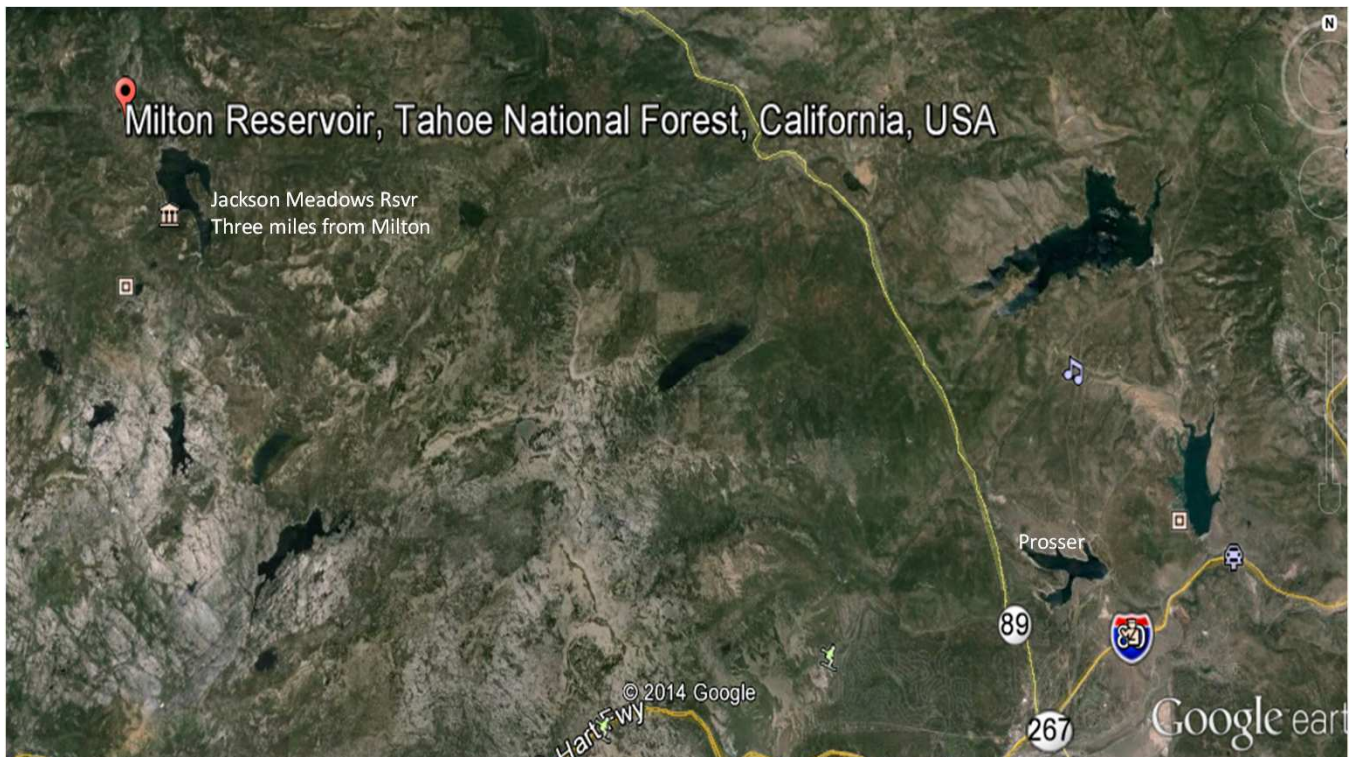
I didn't get nearly as much fishing as I wanted last year, so in an effort to be sure that doesn't happen again, I have done some far-in-advance research. In addition, although Lake Davis during damselfly emergence is a "must do", I have often wanted to expand my fishing horizons, so that hope has also 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 \$40.00. *See page 1 for more details*

The club's mailing address is:

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# Get your bug on!

Kent McCammon

Time to get your inner bug going strong to help the club. We now have 7 insect display boxes for the Club to build a collection of insects for education of members and we need to fill them up with your help!

David Amaya produced them based upon Derrell's prototype, we appreciate their efforts for members benefit. We intend to bring the cases full of insects to our Club meetings, for our Fly Fishing Fundamentals class, as a attention getting display at public fairs, teach the Boy Scouts, show to veterans at the casting events, and display to students in the trout in classroom.

We had them at the Pleasanton show and kids loved looking at the bugs! Please return the vials with insects at the meeting and please take 1—3 vials for collecting along with a form to fill out that has all the instructions. We would like to collect them at the April and later meetings.



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# The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

**The next meeting of the Fly Tying group will be Monday, March 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 soft hackle wet flies.

Materials:

Nymph hooks 12 to 16 (standard or 2xl)

Dry fly hooks 12 to 18 (Tiemco 100, 200R)

Thin bodies .. Various colors, dull to bright, Floss, thread, yarn, micro braid, etc. Collar...dubbing.

Hackle... Hungarian Partridge, pheasant rump, hen hackle, grouse, (any softer feather with some webiness that would not be used in tying a dry fly.

Regards,

Jim



***Around the Web:***

***Great Soft Hackle Fly information can be found here:***

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# 2015 AUCTION

## Ron Dueltgen

### AUCTION PREVIEW – CHECK IT OUT!

Our annual fund-raising auction is coming up, at the regular club meeting on April 9, 2015, beginning at 6:30 PM. Yes, the date seems a little odd, but we've had to move the auction to the second Thursday of April to accommodate a school vacation week for many of our members' families.

The auction will feature a large number of "Right To Buy" (RTB) items – grants given by many vendors to buy their catalog items at a specific, generous discount, perhaps up to 50% off. You will pay for your winning bid the night of the auction to TVFF. Then, you'll pay the discounted price and, usually, shipping charges to the vendor when the item is ordered. Remember, you will have a strict deadline of 30 after the auction to choose your item and place your order.

In order to be well-informed about RTB items available, I've listed the vendors and their websites, along with their offer, so you can look at their catalog beforehand and be ready to bid on your favorite item. Here's the list so far:

**Tibor reels:** one reel @ 35% off: [www.tiborreel.com](http://www.tiborreel.com)

**Rajeff Sports:** 5 Airflow lines and 5 Echo products @ 50% off: [www.rajeffsports.com](http://www.rajeffsports.com)

**Aire Inc./Outcast Boats:** one boat & unlimited accessories @ 20% off: [www.aire.com](http://www.aire.com) and [www.outcastboats.com](http://www.outcastboats.com)

**Waterworks-Lamson Reels:** one reel and one spool @ 50% off: [www.waterworks-lamson.com](http://www.waterworks-lamson.com)

**Adamsbuilt Fishing:** 2 chances at unlimited catalog items @ 50% discount: [www.adamsbuiltfishing.com](http://www.adamsbuiltfishing.com)

**Thomas & Thomas Rods:** 35% off published price of any items in the catalog: [www.thomasandthomas.com](http://www.thomasandthomas.com)

**Merco Products:** "Deep Discounts" on bobbins, etc: [www.ritebobbon.com](http://www.ritebobbon.com)

**Norlander Company:** 2 offers of 50% off on any catalog item (fly-tying vises and equipment): [www.norvise.com](http://www.norvise.com)

**Scott Fly Rods:** one rod @ 40% off: [www.scottflyrod.com](http://www.scottflyrod.com)

**Scientific Anglers:** 3 offers of 40% off one fly line and one offer of 40% off one fly reel: [www.scientificanglers.com](http://www.scientificanglers.com)

**Loon Outdoors:** 2 offers of 50% off all catalog items: [www.loonoutdoors.com](http://www.loonoutdoors.com)

**Far Bank Enterprises:** 3 **Sage** rods and 3 **Sage** reels @ 40% discount; 5 pieces of Sage luggage @ 40% discount; 3 chances at any Accessories & Apparel @ 40% discount: [www.sageflyfish.com](http://www.sageflyfish.com)

**Far Bank Enterprises:** 8 **Redington** rods and 8 **Redington** reels/spools; 6 pairs Waders, 6 pairs Boots; 3 chances at any Accessories & Apparel, all @ 40% discount: [www.redington.com](http://www.redington.com)

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**St. Croix Rods:** 2 rods @ 40% discount: [www.stcroixrods.com](http://www.stcroixrods.com)

**Bauer Fly Reels:** 2 reels @ 40% discount: [www.bauerflyreel.com](http://www.bauerflyreel.com)

**The Creek Company:** 2 chances at 30% - 40% off all catalog items (float tubes, pontoon boats & Accessories): [www.creekcompany.com](http://www.creekcompany.com)

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**Regal Engineering:** 1 vise + 2 accessories @ 40% discount: [www.regalvise.com](http://www.regalvise.com)

**R. L. Winston Rod Co.:** 2 rods + accessories @ 40% discount: [www.winstonrods.com](http://www.winstonrods.com)

**Chota Outdoor Gear:** 1 pr. stocking foot chest waders; 1 pr. Felt alternative wading boots; 1 pr. Hip waders; 1 pr. Felt wading boots; each @ 30% discount: [www.chotaoutdoorgear.com](http://www.chotaoutdoorgear.com)

**Abel Reels:** 1 reel @ 40% discount: [www.abelreels.com](http://www.abelreels.com)

**High Sierra Rod Co.:** \$200 off one rod or rod-making class: [www.highsierrarods.com](http://www.highsierrarods.com)

**Aspen Reels:** 1 reel @ 20% discount: [www.aspenreels.com](http://www.aspenreels.com)

**Galvan Reels:** 1 reel @ 50% discount: [www.galvanflyreels.com](http://www.galvanflyreels.com)

**North Fork Outdoors:** 6 different **Dave Scadden** framed and frameless pontoon boats @ 30% discount below posted internet Show Special Sale prices: [www.northforkoutdoors.com](http://www.northforkoutdoors.com)

These are the offers known at the end of February; look for late additions in the April *Barbless Hook*. Of course, there are lots more items: books, photos, gift certificates, rods, reels, lines, boots, etc.

Remember to bring your checkbook or cash; the auction is not able to process credit cards.

Light refreshments will be served. Come out and enjoy yourself while supporting all TVFF programs and activities.

Questions? Contact Ron Dueltgen; [auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org](mailto:auction@tri-valleyflyfishers.org); 925-449-0528.

## TVFF Dues for 2015 are due!

**Jo Dee Widmayer**

- TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$40 (\$35 if paid on or before the club meeting in February). 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, Jo Dee Widmayer, at any regular club meeting.
- Checks can be made payable to TVFF

If you have already paid, thank you very much!

And if you are unsure, please send me an email ([clayjodee@aol.com](mailto:clayjodee@aol.com)) and I will confirm.

Thank you,  
Jo Dee Widmayer  
Membership Chair

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# Conservation

## Doug Witmore

This is my first conservation submission to our Barbless Hook newsletter. With continuation of drought conditions in our state, it has become an extremely important time for all of us to stay current with water policy issues in California. I asked Derrell Bridgman to provide me with a starting point for monitoring water conservation information.

He provided the following list of his favorite conservation type websites:

<http://calsport.org/news/>

<http://restorethedelta.org/>

<http://www.nccff.org/>

<http://www.friendsoftheriver.org/site/PageServer>

<http://www.alamedacreek.org/>

<http://klamathrestoration.gov/>

<http://caltrout.org/tag/klamath-river-dam-removal/>

<http://www.tucalifornia.org/>

<http://www.trrp.net/>

It is my goal to review these websites and other resources for relevant topics and help our membership become aware and involved. For starters I intend to report the progress of implementing California water policy resulting from the 2014 passage of the \$7.5 billion dollar water bond and the Sustainable Groundwater Water Management Act.



# TVFF's TIC Program Continues to Grow

**Derrell Bridgman**

Members of our TVFF – TIC Team recently delivered 10 new aquariums and related equipment to classrooms in the Oakley Union Elementary School District. The aquariums were placed in all of the Science classrooms in each of the district's Middle Schools. Participation in the program on an entire "District-Wide Level" is a first for our club. The teachers and staff members in the district are excited about the great educational potential this program provides for their district.



**TVFF Members Roger Perry and Derrell Bridgman presenting new aquariums (lined up on classroom table in background) to an excited OUESD teacher, Amy DiMaggio .**

With the addition of these classrooms the number of teachers participating in the program is 39 this year. All of the participating classrooms are now equipped with aquariums and all are operational and ready to hatch trout eggs. Trout eggs are scheduled for delivery on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> this year. I am looking forward to another successful run this year.

For the record; with this expansion of our program we now have the largest number of classrooms of all the Fly Fishing Clubs (sponsors) in the East Bay region; we are sponsoring approximately 30% of all the classrooms in this area.

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These two posters were prominently displayed in the courtyard at Delta Vista Middle School in Oakley. Each was about fifteen feet long. They had been made by Gloria Hutsell's 6th grade science class. They were in honor of the delivery of trout eggs for their classroom aquarium on Thursday 2/26. This contributed to a very fulfilling experience with Trout in the Classroom.

Thanks again Derrell.







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## **BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge** **Instructor Volunteers Needed**

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I have been told by the BSA all the feed back they received about our program was positive and all the scouts and the volunteers I have talked to had a great time. I have also been told that this is the first time in the US that a group of outside volunteers have come together in this scale to teach a merit badge through the summer camp program.

I attended a volunteer recognition program put on the BSA Council and thour program was recognized at the dinner. Congratulations to everyone who has helped.

The BSA Council has asked us to do it again in 2015!

From the experience gathered last year some changes we have made for 2015 are:

- Better promotion of the merit badge in their announcements
- We'll be doing regular articles in their summer camp newsletter promoting the class and helping the students do some pre work before camp
- There will be two classes each day of 2 hours each that will give us 8 hours to teach the meriot badge vs. the 4 hours we had last year.
- Initial sign ups will be limited to 8 scouts per class. Depending on the number of volunteers for each session an additional 2 or 3 might be able to sign up at camp.
- We are trying to get national to change the requirement for "preparing and cooking" a fish to an "or" option of discussing and demonstrating good catch and release practices.
- Make it easier for the scouts to check out the fly rods

As with last year, the scouts arrive on a Sunday, work on merit badges Monday thru Thursday and depart the camp on Saturday. The camp repeats that for 8 weeks from June 14<sup>th</sup> thru August 8<sup>th</sup>. Monday thru Thursday there will be a 2 hour class each day. The first is 9-11 AM and the 2<sup>nd</sup> session is 2-4 PM.





Separate from the class they have to catch at least one fish. They will do this on their own time or any time that can be worked into the schedule. There are opportunities for you to work with the scouts on their free time to help catch that fish

Our goal is to have at least 4 volunteers covering each week, you can volunteer for a couple of days or the full 4 days, you can do it once or several times thru the summer. There is a lot of flexibility in the schedule!

Additional information;

- People would show up on Sunday to be prepared for the Monday start
- The camp will provide sleeping facilities(tents with cots and mattresses), meals at the dining hall and there are a couple of RV Sites available to the volunteers that will need to be reserved ahead of time
- There is 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 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**
- Even if you do not feel comfortable teaching casting or tying we can pair you with people that do, do not let that deter you from volunteering.

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 in volunteering your time let me know!** If you're interested but don't know your schedule I can add you to the distribution list for future information messages. If you have any questions or want more details please contact me.

Tight lines,

Daniel Kitts  
Tri-Valley Fly Fishers  
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## Club Announcement-Call for Input

### Doug Witmore

I've been asked by the TVFF Board to obtain suggestions from our membership for donations to tax-free causes. If you have an idea for a contribution take advantage of this opportunity. Send an email to me, Doug Witmore, at [dougwit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dougwit@sbcglobal.net) or to Martin Plotkin at [angle3r@outlook.com](mailto:angle3r@outlook.com) no later than 3/25/2015. Examples of contributions TVFF has made in 2014 are listed below:

- Livermore Rod and Gun Club
- Veterans First Fly Fishing
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- Cal Trout
- Alameda Creek Alliance
- Urban Creek Alliance
- California Sports Fishing Protection Alliance

## Items For Sale

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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
6. SA Mastery Distance Taper WF9-F Mint Green, excellent cond. \$20.00

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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

