

The Barbless Hook



November 2015

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

It's that time of year again – no I'm not talking about Steelhead, Stripers, Turkeys (fowl type), Ghosts or Goblins – I'm referring TVFF elections (groan).

The club has 4 elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It also has 1 other officer which is the outgoing President. The new President is required to recruit at least 3 other Directors to help him. Next year we will probably have 15 directors; the thought being this minimizes each directors effort thus leaving the directors time for fishing and other frivolities like a job. The inside joke on the board is to make the board as large as the total membership → so what position would you like. The process of electing the Officers begins with the Board of Directors acting as a committee to nominate at least one member for each of the 4 offices. Daniel Kitts is chairing this year's committee and if you're interested in any of the offices or wish to nominate any one please contact Daniel.

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Photo:

Tom Vargas with a Trinity Steelhead from a September outing. Caught by swinging a black intruder on a spey rod.

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

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

The board will present all candidates eligible (i.e.: must be a member in good standing and be willing to serve) to the members at the December club meeting for election. The membership will be notified the week before the meeting of who the candidates are.

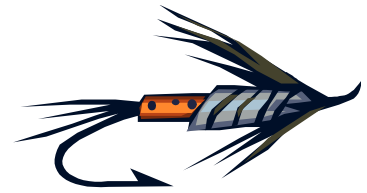
We still have some board positions which are available next year and if you are not already involved and would like to do so, call me, we could your help. I'm sure you would enjoy the interaction with the rest of the folks on the board and being involved with helping decide what we are doing next year - - so what position would you like??

I'll leave you with this final thought: If your pets are named Lefty, Orvis, or Winston, you might be a trout bum.☺

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The big fish of the year, so far! Bart Hughes with a Pyramid Lake Lahontan Cutthroat.



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

November 5th:

Dennis Lee

**"Winter Steelhead
Fishing"**

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2015 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable soon!
See Jo Dee Widmayer

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

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson

November 2015



<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
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NOVEMBER 18-21	TRINITY STEELHEAD	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 5	DISCOVERY BAY/DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

2016

SPRING TIME (TBD)	MONTANA RIVERS	MARTY LOOMIS
APRIL 30-MAY 7	YUCATAN PENINSULA	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER 17-24	LA PAZ	JIM BROADBENT



Rob Vellinger
with a 2014
Trinity Steelhead

Program
Marty Loomis

November 5th Meeting Featured Speaker:

Dennis Lee

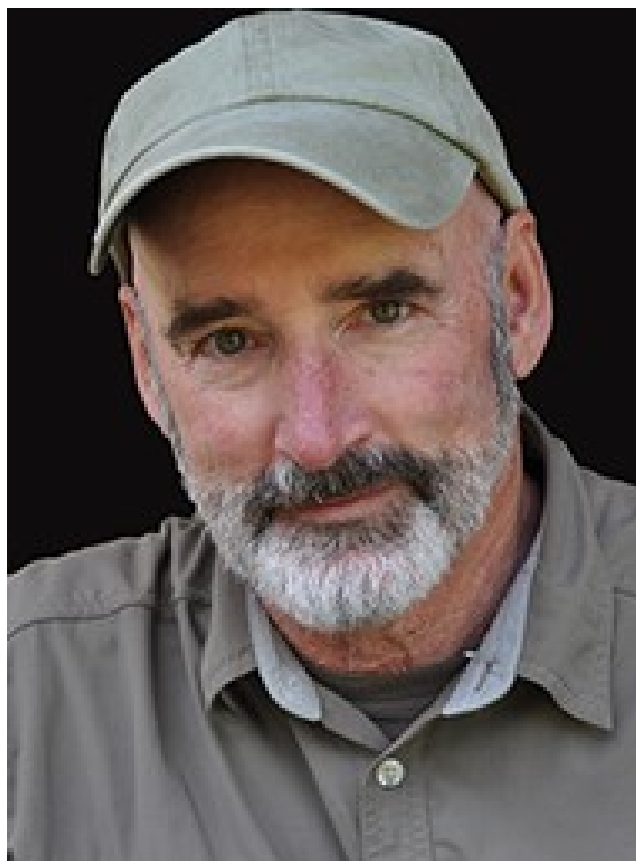
" Winter Steelhead Fishing"

Club Members,

Next months speaker will be Dennis Lee. Dennis is a retired fisheries biologist, flyfisher, and author will be the Invited Speaker at the Tri-Valley Flyfishers November Meeting on Thursday the 5th starting at 7pm.

Mr. Lee is featured in Octobers issue of *California Fly Fisher* and has published a new book, *The Half-Pounder: A Steelhead Trout; Life History and Fly Fishing* and will have it available for sale at the club meeting. Cost of his book is \$80.00 (20% off the regular price). His topic will be, Winter Steelhead Fishing.

Non-members of the Tri-Valley Flyfishers club are welcomed to our meetings. We will have refreshments and a club raffle.



Link to Dennis Lee Page

<http://dennisplee.businesscatalyst.com/>

Marty Loomis
925-426-1863

Bug Collecting Reminder

Kent McCammon

Please turn in your collected specimens at the October meeting. We have a lot of them out.

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.



Veterans First Fly Fishing Event

Harry Levin

On October 22 The Veterans First Fly Fishing took 11 veterans on a fishing and picnic outing at Los Vaqueros.

Although the fishing wasn't outstanding most of the vets caught one or two fish.

The picture of this vet tells the whole story.



Delta Striper Outing

December 5, 2015

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmaster I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, December 5th. This is a great opportunity to experience hard pulling, double digit freshwater fish on fly gear. We will fish the Southern bays of Discovery Bay and plan to launch out of Orwood Resort by 7:00AM. You should arrive at least ½ hour earlier in order to set up and get your boat in the water. We will head South about one mile to the Kellogg Creek entrance of Discovery Bay. This is an all-safe 5 mph area and it works well for both small and larger size watercraft. The outing will take place in rain or shine, but plan on a cold morning and the possibility of morning fog for a few hours.

A boat is required to participate in this trip. Boaters and non-boaters will need to make arrangements and get paired up before the outing.

Equipment: 8, 9 or 10 wt. rods with Hi-Speed / High Density shooting heads. Lead core heads, Teeny 300-400, Rio Outbound or SA Custom Tip Express lines trimmed to match the rod all work well. The integrated style lines and tungsten heads are easier to cast than lead core. Your leader is simply 5-6 ft of 15 - 20 lb mono (Maxima). Flies that simulate baitfish patterns such as 3-5 inch Clouser Minnows, Flashtail Whistlers, Deceivers, etc. work well. The 2/0 chartreuse and white Clouser is a standard. Take a look at at Dan Blanton's Board for what is currently happening.

We will provide more information as we get closer to the outing and we can get more specific as the stripers keep move in, which usually starts around mid to late October. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of early stripers being caught out in the Western Delta!



10 pound Delta striper from 2012.
These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



Dan Blanton's favorite Flashtail
Clouser (bottom) and Whistler flies.

Mexico 2016

This is the official announcement of the club salt water trips to Mexico. There are two trips planned for 2016.

The first trip is flats fishing on the Yucatan Peninsula, Xcalak, Quintana Roo, Mexico. We will be staying at the Tierra Maya Lodge with six days fishing for Bone Fish, Permit and Tarpon. The trip is Sat to Sat, April 30 to May 7.

We fish out of pangas and wet wade using 7- 8wt outfits. (10 wt for tarpon)

The second trip is inshore fishing in the Punta Arena area near La Paz, Baja , Mexico. It is a Gary Bulla hosted trip, with 6 days fishing. We will be staying in La Ventana, about 20 minutes from the launch beach.

Rods in the 9 to 12wt range with 10wt being the one of choice for a variety of fish species. (dorado, Jacks, rooster, bonito, bonita, tuna, pargo, variety of rock fish, barracuda, and on and on...) The trip is Sat to Sat September 17 to the 24th.

Both trips have a max of 8 anglers. Lodging for both trips have been temporarily reserved for us for a short period of time. The lodge in Baja fills up with fishermen and wind surfers (will hold thru November) and the Xcalak lodge fills up with fishermen and divers (will hold for two weeks only) .

I know these dates are a long way off but we need sign ups so I can lock in the dates and secure the guides. First seven go on the sign up sheet and after filled we'll start a waiting list.

Xcalak April 30- May7 www.excellentadventures.org

La Paz Sept 17-24 www.garybulla.com

Its a real good time. Got questions ?

Jim Broadbent
Call me (925)455-1046
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**Bart Hughes with a 2015
Punta Arena Dorado**



Member Outing Reports

Owyhee River-At it again!

This time it is Bob McCollum

My wife and I made our annual fall pilgrimage to Boise to visit our daughter, a student at Boise State. I took advantage of the opportunity and booked a guide through a local fly shop (Idaho Anglers) to fish the Owyhee in SE Oregon – about 1.5 hours from Boise. The Owyhee is a classic tailwater complete with tiny bug life. I could barely see the #18-#24 flies the guide tied on the 12-foot 5X leader with 6X tippet. My guide likes to fish tiny dries with even tinier droppers, which were nearly impossible to see on the water. Oregon and Idaho are feeling the effects of the drought as well. So, the river flows were low and slow at 12 CFS versus typical 180 CFS. The Owyhee is loaded with algae and bug life that feed a population of fat and sassy resident brown trout that barely break the surface to sip spinners from the surface film. The take from these educated and picky fish was very, very subtle. My guide taught me to say “God bless America” at each strike, then (and only then) gently lift the rod to set the hook. Of course I would forget and use a DefCon 1, Trinity River steelhead hookset that would launch the flies out the river and into the willows on the bank behind me. I made every mistake possible but eventually hooked a few. Pictured here is a nice 22-incher caught at the end of the day. I will definitely fish the Owyhee again in May when I go back for my daughter’s graduation.



Member Outing Reports *Continued*

Bob McCollum Oneill Forebay

Inspired by our October speaker, I fished Oneill Forebay twice last month. I have fished Oneill maybe half a dozen times from my boat in the past, so I decided to try my luck fishing from my float tube to get a different perspective on this fishery. I fished the western ridge of the deep channel and around the power towers.

The first day was very good with 20 fish to hand in about five hours. The biggest, around 19-20 inches, put up a nice fight. But even the small ones were fun to land.

I tried Oneill again about 2 weeks later expecting the same result. I marked lots of fish on my finder and I had many strikes, but the bite was very subtle. I had to take my time and coax each fish to commit with a delicate "strip tease". I ended up with four stripers and one smallish LMB to hand. Not a bad day in the end. I found fishing from the float tube much more intimate, but I couldn't cover as much water as in my boat.

As our speaker suggested, a fish finder is great help in locating fish and reading the sub-surface topography. I highly recommend checking the wind forecast and giving Oneill Forebay a try.



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Greetings All, We Have A New Meeting Place!!

The Club Meeting of the Get Together will be at the Rod and Gun Club, Monday, November 2nd, at 7PM. We have secured a new meeting place at the Rod and Gun Club in the small room next to the BBQ area that is ours to use.

This month we are thinking about the elusive steelhead. Egg patterns are always good. The Bitch Creek nymph is used for Great Lakes steelhead and it is a western pattern so why aren't we using it?

Antron egg

Hook #14 egg or scud hook

Antron dubbing.....or substitute sparkle dub, Ice dub, S.S.T. dub
in egg colors, red for blood spot

Thread White 6/0

Bitch Creek Nymph

Hook #8 (4-10) Streamer hook 3x long

Thread 6/0 (210) Black

Lead wire (lead free) .025-.030

Tail, Antenna Round rubber legs, white

Chenille one black or brown, one orange or yellow

Hackle dry fly brown

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Around the Web:

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Conservation-Doug Whitmore

“Mapping America’s disgusting waterways”

An Oregon non-profit works with Google to index trouble spots



Northern California’s Russian River tends to be a pretty sedate blur of sandy beaches and redwood groves, so when Joe Whitworth and his team row a camera-studded green orb down a 60-mile stretch one morning, they catch some long stares. “You with the government?” asks one swimmer. Another points at the eye of the Google Trekker, essentially a raft-borne version of the search giant’s Street View cars, and asks, “What’s your crystal ball for?” Whitworth’s modest answer: saving the U.S. water supply.

Whitworth is president of the Freshwater Trust, a 45-employee Portland (Ore.) nonprofit taking on the unenviable task of fixing America’s broken watershed. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classifies 79 percent of freshwater lakes, rivers, and streams as threatened or imperiled because of pollution, excess quantities of nitrogen or phosphorus, or water that’s warming too much for fish. The Freshwater Trust has joined with Google to take the first step toward a solution, using its advanced cameras to more quickly survey waterways.

While that may sound like a baby step, it’s an important one. Watershed surveys typically take months or years of scientific fieldwork, if cash-strapped federal agencies do them at all. Solid data on rivers’ levels of pollution or nitrogen are scarce. When the government or nonprofits try to figure out how to improve fish habitats or reduce runoff, “it’s like trying to drive without a speedometer, GPS, or even a gas gauge,” Whitworth says.

Like Google’s car-mounted cameras, the Trekker snaps 15 photos every 2.5 seconds, and the Freshwater Trust team uploads the shots from its so-called BasinScout to Google Maps. Besides offering laypeople a virtual river tour, the images help scientists assess the quality of the area’s fish habitat. Pictures from Whitworth’s day on the Russian River are a little grim. Some riverbanks are being held up by stacks of crushed cars from the 1970s. Others are anchored by 20-foot, nonnative grasses called arundo, which provide less shade for fish and wildlife than native cottonwoods.

Whitworth’s raft also tows instruments that measure water temperature, levels of phosphorous, and oxygenation. His team feeds that data into software with information from climate records, county land rights filings, and soil tests by the U.S. Geological Survey. The Freshwater Trust’s model can help pinpoint which farms most need government help to install a more efficient irrigation system, or which areas need more wetlands restoration to protect them. “The Freshwater Trust has developed a way to do that quickly and inexpensively,” says Matt Elliott, principal at consulting firm California Environmental Associates.

The nonprofit is relying on Google for help crunching the data, as well as for the loaner camera equipment. “They are the content experts,” says Karin Tuxen-Bettman, a geo data strategist at Google. “We can lend them the tools.” Most of the 200-odd nonprofits that use her team’s hardware only photograph threatened landscapes, she says.

Long a regional organization focused on protecting Oregon’s salmon and steelhead trout, the Freshwater Trust has spent much of the past decade trying to better quantify waterway damage throughout the U.S. Whitworth is pitching the federal government on a system of offset credits for water pollution akin to the carbon offsets traded among utility companies and other industrial polluters. Peter Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute, a California-based water policy think tank, calls such trades “win-win,” because it’s cheaper for many companies to buy offset credits than to curb pollution.

Others argue that such a system lets polluters off the hook. Nina Bell, executive director of Northwest Environmental Advocates, says such offset deals entail too much guesswork by politicians instead of scientific analysis. And the scale of America’s watershed problems can be staggering. Wild Pacific salmon populations hover below 10 percent of their historical levels. Excess water use in California has drawn salt water 12 miles inland in the farming hub of Salinas Valley. Each spring, nutrient runoff produces an oxygen-depleted “dead zone” the size of Connecticut in the Gulf of Mexico. Whitworth says those issues are challenging but solvable. First, he says, he’s trying to raise at least \$25 million to finance his nationwide waterway index. The Freshwater Trust plans to charge companies and municipalities for some of the data to finance the map’s completion but will ultimately make the data free to everyone, Whitworth says. “Eventually, we’ll be able to monitor the condition of our rivers in real time. That will help us make better decisions.”

The bottom line: The Freshwater Trust says it needs at least \$25 million to finish mapping the nation’s waterways, a first step to fixing them.

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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

