

The Barbless Hook



October 2015

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

A lot has been happening this month. The main topics of conversation at the Board of Directors meeting last week were where are we going to hold the monthly Fly Tying/ BS Session (AKA coffee klatch) and the upcoming and ongoing Intro to Fly Fishing Class.

The Rod and Gun Club has generously offered to let us use the small classroom behind the picnic area solving the problem of where to hold the fly tying meeting. For any of you who have not availed yourselves of hanging out at one of Jim Broadbent's fly klatch's, it's a great chance to pick up some good info on why fish are attracted to certain flies, various tools of the art and of course the fly tying topic du jour.

Talking about fly tying...I've been asked by some people if we're going to have a beginning fly tying class for those interested in getting stated or wanting to get an idea what it's all about.

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Photo:

Marty Loomis plies the depth of Lake Alpine at the September outing

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

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

If we get enough people, we will definitely put something together. It could be scheduled over several weeks in the evening, before meetings or on a whole weekend day. It could be a serious class for those really wanting to get into fly tying or just a brief intro. The club does have some equipment for these classes for anyone to use wanting to get an idea of what they need before they buy their equipment. Call me if interested.

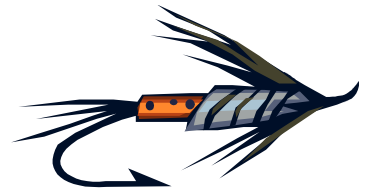
Talking about classes...at the board meeting we discussed the Introduction to Fly Fishing class. It seems that some of the feedback we are getting is that prospective students would rather spend a whole weekend day for the class than spread it out to 3 evenings and 2 half weekend days. Steve Johnson is looking into restructuring the class to accomplish this. A few of the board members will be helping him to do this and he'd welcome any one else who'd like to get involved with the restructure and help teach the class – just give Steve a call.

One last education issue...last year we did an on-the-water 1 day beginning nymphing session and a weekend advanced nymphing seminar with the guide, Jim Roberts. All involved in both events seem to learn something and have a good time. Give me a call if you'd like to have an on the water seminar on any fly-fishing related topic.

I'll leave you with this final thought:

If you honestly believe that you can save money by tying your own flies, you just may becoming a trout bum....☺

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

October 1st:

Bill Scharninghausen
"Fishing the O'Neill
Forebay"

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



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2015 Dues

TVFF Club dues are payable soon!
See Jo Dee Widmayer

The club's mailing address is:
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Livermore, CA 94551

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson



<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
OCTOBER 3	O'NEILL FOREBAY	MARTY LOOMIS
OCTOBER 9-11	CAPLES LAKE	TOM FESSENDEN
NOVEMBER 18-21	TRINITY STEELHEAD	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 5	DISCOVERY BAY/DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

Come prepared to vote at the October 1st general meeting on the new proposed new logo:



Program
Marty Loomis

October 1st Meeting Featured Speaker:

Bill Scharninghausen

" Fly Fishing the O'Neill Fore Bay "

At our next club meeting, our guest speaker will be Bill Scharninghausen and will talk on *Fly Fishing the O'Neil Fore Bay*. O'Neil is close to us and having 30-40 fish days are not that uncommon during the months of October and November. Bill is also offering a guided day on the fore bay with hands-on demonstrations of tip and techniques. There is an additional cost of \$350.00 for the day to be split by the club members who are interested in fishing with Bill. Bill has presented to the club in the past and several of us spent the weekend with him learning to fly fish in the surf. He's very entertaining and a great teacher. He will be focusing on fishing using float tubes but O'Neil can be fished by wading. I am thinking about Saturday October 3rd. for on the water. If anyone is interested, let me know by email and I will also have a signup at the next club meeting.

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.



Guided Fly Fishing opportunity

Gary Phillips

I won the auction item for two days of guided fly fishing for the price of one with Craig Nielsen of Shasta Trout for a bid of \$60.00. I am willing to let this opportunity go to a fellow member for the amount I paid. See me for details.

Member Support Request:

Trent Pridemore

I'm in a push to find a publisher for my ten year literary book project: Chasing Rainbows...Tales of a Well Traveled Fly Fishermen. I was the original Life Member at Livermore. A few of the older Livermore club members are characters in the book. I would appreciate if you would publish my web address: www.Trentpridemoreauthor.com

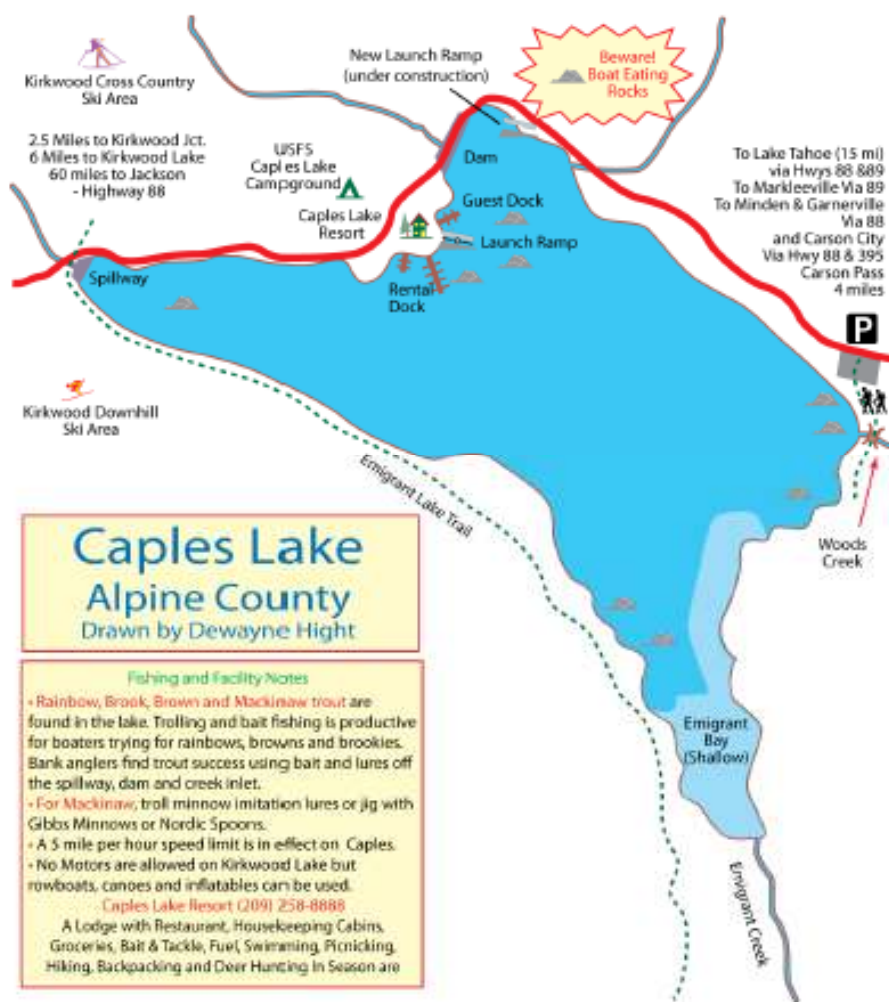
It has a link to my Facebook pages. I can use all the publicity I can get and appreciate "Hits and Likes. This is what the modern publishing world wants.

Sincerely,
Trent

Let's Try Caples— October 9-11

Tom Fessenden

Caples Lake is located 59 miles east of Jackson along Highway 88 a couple miles short of Carson Pass at an elevation of 7,800 feet. The 600 acre lake has 6 miles of shoreline. Small craft are allowed on the lake with a 5 MPH speed limit. The lake is projected to be 80% full by June and should have plenty of water in September. At nearly 8000 ft the nights will be cool and the temperature could drop into the 30s. There is a no-reservation campground on the north side and Caples Resort with rooms and cabins for those wanting a bit more comfort. Kirkwood Station is only 1/2 mile east of the spillway and an interesting place for a beer and hamburger. Food is also available at the resort and at a couple places in the Kirkwood ski area.



The lake is heavily stocked with fingerlings and catchable rainbows several times each summer. It holds rainbows and lake trout (Mackinaws) up to 10 lbs or more. Most fishermen use spinning gear or troll for the big trout. However, fly fishing along the east side from the dam to Emigrant Bay can be very productive. Woolly Buggers and Calibaetis imitations should work well. As the summer progresses the fish tend to look more for things like Rubber Legs and the bigger terrestrials.

I must admit I have never fished Caples although I have been fishing the area every summer for over 15 years, I have fished Kirkwood and Red Lake in wet seasons but I mostly fish Woods Lake which is just above Caples. I will be back to Woods Lake

again in late July or August and will have a chance to check the water level in Caples before our September club meeting.

For Questions: TomJF@comcast.net or phone 925-837 6483

Campground map: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev7_018856.pdf

Caples Lake Resort: http://capleslakeresort.com/summer/?page_id=1801

Fishing Reports: <http://www.fishhound.com/fishing-reports/caples-lake-ca>

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.

Member Outing Reports

Owyhee River-At it again!

Greg Murawski

I fished the Owyhee River in Oregon on Friday, September 25th. I used a guide and I landed 21 fish, all on dries. There was an unbelievable Trico hatch and they also hit caddis imitations.



Member Outing Reports *Continued*

Tom Vargas

**September Alpine Lake and North Fork of the Stanislaus River outing
September**

16 TVFF members attended the outing and caught several trout. We enjoyed a great dinner of grilled tri-tip and chicken, beans, cornbread and more, including a bottle, or so, of red and white wine.



Hal ready for the big one



Marty heads to the water



Daniel, Derrell and Jim take a lunch break



Bob McCollum ties on a fly

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Greetings All, We Have A New Meeting Place!!

This months Meeting of the Get Together will be at the Rod and Gun Club, Monday, Oct 5, at 7PM. We have secured a new meeting place at the Rod and Gun Club. A small room next to the BBQ area that is ours to use.

We will be conversing on how to organize your flyfishing equipment to fish central and northern Calif. I hate spending hours restocking a fly box for a trip to Manzanita Lake and then building another for a last minute trip to Pinecrest Lake. Next it is "hey Jim, lets go to the Upper Sac tomorrow". Give us your suggestions and we will collectively, solve this problem.

The fly we will tie(time permitting) will be a simple small black stonefly. This is a great fly for fall, winter fishing.

Materials-----

#10-16 1x long nymph hook

Small black flex tubing or black dubbing (tubing sized to hook)

Black or brown Medallion sheeting, scud back, pheasant tail, etc. for wing case.

Black rubber legs.

If you are not a fly tier, there is no reason not to attend these meetings. The purpose of this get together is to discuss and work out any subject and questions relating to flyfishing.

Hope to see you there.



Around the Web:

***John Ryzanych "Fat Head"
Lightweight streamer***

***Tying instructions can be found
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Conservation

Doug Whitmore

The ChicoER, September 1, 2015

Editorial: Klamath water grab attempt another reminder of how south state views north

Apparently we see rivers differently here. In Oroville we watch the salmon leaping vainly at the fish barrier dam on the Feather. Along the Sacramento, otters play, and all variety of birds flock along the banks.

The rivers teem with life and really are the arteries that sustain the valley. They're the foundation of our entire ecosystem, and of our prosperity as well. Farming's complicated dance of water and soil and sun remains the foundation of our economic system. And farming depends on the rivers.

The rivers are living things, from our point of view. They ebb and flood with the seasons (usually), and resident populations of wildlife are joined by seasonal runs of fish and migrations of birds.

But elsewhere the rivers are just seen as pipes. Sterile conveyances to carry water to places that need it.

This was made obvious again recently by the lawsuit filed by two San Joaquin Valley water districts to try to block releases from reservoirs on the Trinity River to save the salmon population downstream along the lower Klamath River from a deadly parasite.

The pest, *Ichthyophthirius multifiliis*, commonly known as "ich," was responsible for killing 70,000 fish in the Klamath in 2002, during another time of low flows due to low supplies. Ich thrives when the water moves slowly and the fish are packed together.

So when ich turned up in fish tested last month, the Yurok Tribe and Humboldt County asked to have the flows increased to wash the bugger away. After some back and forth, the feds agreed.

That's when the Westlands Water District and San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority sued — in a federal court in Fresno, mind you — to block the releases in a river hundreds of miles away.

Westlands spokeswoman Gayle Holman was quoted by capitalpress.com at the time as saying, "It's frustrating to see water that, when others have a zero water allocation ... may be a potential opportunity for additional water resources, and it's literally flushed out to the ocean."

See what we mean? The Trinity and Klamath are not living rivers in the eyes of some — they're just pipes. The water's "literally flushed out to the ocean" as if there was nothing in the water or along the banks that would in anyway be affected by the flow.

What's particularly obscene about this lawsuit is that the Trinity and the Klamath don't even flow into the Central Valley. They're North Coast rivers. The Klamath starts up in Oregon, the Trinity joins it in northern Humboldt County, and the combined flows reach the ocean between Eureka and Crescent City.

The only reason Trinity River water can get to the San Joaquin Valley at all is because we've gouged a huge tunnel through the mountains to get it to Whiskeytown Lake.

Yet two water districts, two watersheds and several hundred miles away, somehow feel crops unsuited to where they've been planted have a higher right to that water than the natural world that was born of the Trinity and Klamath, and depends upon their flows.

Luckily, their hometown judge didn't agree, and the water's still flowing. For now.

And we have one more reminder of how the rest of the state views the north.

FLY FISHING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS

The Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, (TVFF), is pleased to offer the popular Fly Fishing Fundamentals Class as taught by experienced Club members. This 5 part course consists of 3 evening classroom sessions and 2 casting classes.

The Wednesday evening classes will be from 7:00 PM (sharp) to 9:00 PM (approximate) at the Livermore Rod & Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The 2 fly casting lessons will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (times subject to change), at the McCrea Park Casting Facility in Oakland, off HWY 13. No equipment, no problem, TVFF provides all the equipment for the casting lessons

Course Content, Dates, Times, (order of topics subject to change):

Wednesday, October 7th	Introduction to Fly Fishing and Equipment Details the different types of equipment needed in the sport and will give recommendations.
Wednesday, October 14th	Knots You Need to Know; How to Rig a Fly Rod; Basic Aquatic Entomology
Wednesday, October 21st	Reading the Water, Streams, and Stillwaters (lakes); Safety, Etiquette and Courtesy
Casting Lessons:	
Saturday, October 10th	Students will be taught the basics of the roll cast and the pick up and lay down cast. Equipment will be supplied.
Saturday, October 17th	Students will be taught mends, (aerial and on water), casting at targets using roll casts and aerial casts. Equipment will be supplied.

Fees and Registration:

TVFF Members \$35.00

Non-TVFF Members \$80.00 – non-member fees include TVFF membership dues for the remainder of 2015 and membership for 2016.

Registration is limited to the first 12 payments received. Please call or email Steve Johnson to verify space is available and send check, made payable to **TVFF**, to Steve Johnson at 826 Orion Way, Livermore, CA 94550. Steve can be reached at 925-980-5433 or lcsjohnson@att.net.
If you should have any questions concerning the class please call Steve Johnson.



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Tom Fessenden: (925) 837 6483

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1. Orvis Wonderline Advantage Striper WF-10-F new in box \$35.00

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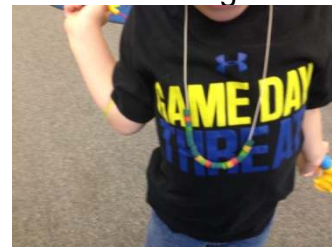
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

