

The Barbless Hook



April 2016

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

IMPORTANT MAY MEETING NOTICE

Our May meeting will be delayed one week to the 2nd Thursday in May, which is May 12th.

The upcoming board meeting this Thursday will be discussing the fun activities of the club. By fun activities I mean fishing trips, outings, speakers, video library and refreshments at the meetings. We would be delighted to get your input on what other activities or different activities you'd like.

Outings And Fishing Trips - This year Steve Ruley is responsible for coordinating our outings and fishing trips. He has published a list of planned outings here in the Barbless Hook. Some of the outings still need fish meisters. If you've never coordinated an outing as the fish meister you should give it a try. It's really not very difficult, does not require you to be an expert on the area, require special knowledge of the sport, nor does it take a lot of time.

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Photo:

Tom Vargas with a healthy Montana Bitterroot River rainbow

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

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

A fish meister is responsible for coordinating efforts and scheduling the event and if you are a first-time Fish Meister you can get one of the coveted Fish Meister caps. I know Steve would be interested in hearing about any other trips you like to see added to our calendar this year or guiding you through being a first time Fish Meister.

Speakers - Don Gardner is still in the process of setting up the speaker's calendar for this year. If there any topics or individual speakers you want to hear give Don a call and see if it'll fit with the program he's planning.

Video Library - Kent McCammon is our Video Librarian this year. He and Dan Vargas are in the processes of putting up a list of all our videos on our website and hope to have it completed by the end of April. If there are any video titles you'd like to see added to the library please give Kent a call; I'm sure he'd like to discuss it with you.

Meeting Refreshments - Gary Prince is doing refreshments at the meetings this year. He's been trying some different things. Several people have commented to me about enjoying them. Please contact Gary and let him know how he is doing and if there's anything else you like to see served at the meetings.

As I've indicated, our board meetings are open to all members. Any member is welcome to hold forth and throw in their 2 cents on any of our discussions. If you want to attend the meeting this Thursday, it will be held at 7:30 and if you call me I'll let you know the secret location.

I'll leave you with this final thought you may just be a trout bum if you think MEGABYTES means a great day fishing ☺

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Martin on the Firehole River in Yellowstone National Park in 2015.



**2016 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

April 7th :

Jim Roberts
*Fly Fishing
Montana*

May 12th :

Denis Pierce
*Lake fishing with
Streamers*

**Note: May Meeting
Date Change!**

June 2nd :

To be announced

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



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2016 Dues Notice

It is time to pay Membership Dues! The cost is \$45. See page 6 for more information.

Frank

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

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Steve Ruley

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
MARCH 31-APRIL 2	PYRAMID LAKE	BART HUGHES
APRIL 15-17	NYMPHING CLASS, UPPER SAC	STEVE RULEY
APRIL 30-MAY 7	YUCATAN PENINSULA	JIM BROADBENT
MAY 20-22	TRUCKEE RIVER & LT/GUIDED	STEVE RULEY
JULY 8-9	CAPLES LAKE	TOM FESSENDEN
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SEPTEMBER 17-24	LA PAZ	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER 23- 25	ALPINE LAKE, NF STANISLAUAS	TOM VARGAS D. BRIDGMAN
DECEMBER 1-2	TRINITY RIVER/GUIDED	GARY PRINCE
DECEMBER 10	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

CHOICE OUTINGS IN SEARCH OF A FISHMEISTER

LAKES-

JUNE LAKE AREA
INDEPENDENCE LAKE
MANZANITA LAKE
BEARDSLEY RESERVOIR
LAKES BASIN/GOLD LAKE, et. al.

STREAMS-

SILVER FK AMERICAN RIVER
EAST/WEST FKS CARSON RIVER
MOKELUMNE RIVER
PUTAH CREEK W/DAVE MCCANTS
MERCED RIVER

NOTE:

I will continue to add prospective locations in upcoming newsletters, but I welcome your suggestions and ideas anytime. See March's Barbless Hook for other options.



Program
Don Gardner

April 7th Meeting Featured Speaker:

Jim Roberts

"Fly Fishing Montana"

Club Members,

Our April speaker will be Jim Roberts, a friend and supporter of Tri-Valley Fly Fishers. He will be talking about fishing in Montana.

Jim first picked up a fly rod at the age of thirteen and since has spent countless days on the water learning various aspects of the sport. Jim first got his guide license in 1995. With over twenty years experience and his professional training as a teacher, Jim is able to share his knowledge to help other anglers make it to the next level. Jim guides on the Lower Sacramento River for rainbows, the Trinity River for steelhead, and the Klamath River for steelhead and salmon.



Bug Collecting Reminder

Kent McCammon

Ding dong. Bring out your Dead
(insects that is)!

We have loaned out many vials to have members collect insects for the club insect collection used for club classes. Please collect and return using the directions on the handouts. If you have empty vials please return at the meeting if you do not plan to collect this year, we are running out!

Call Kent if you have questions.



It's time for 2016 Dues!

TVFF club dues for this coming year are \$45. 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. If you have any questions, email Frank at frankgordet@yahoo.com or call 925-846-3069.

Checks or cash can be given to our treasurer, Tom Fessenden, or our membership coordinator, Frank Gordet at any regular club meeting.

Checks made out to TVFF can also be mailed to :

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers
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Livermore, CA 94551

Caples Lake—July 8-10

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 Launch Ramp is completed. At nearly 8000 ft the nights can be cool. 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.

For Questions:
TomJF@comcast.net or



Caples Lake Alpine County Drawn by Dewayne Hight

Fishing and Facility Notes

- Rainbow, Brook, Brown and Mackinaw trout are found in the lake. Trolling and bait fishing is productive for boaters trying for rainbows, browns and brookies. Bank anglers find trout success using bait and lures off the spillway, dam and creek inlet.
- For Mackinaw, troll minnow imitation lures or jig with Gibbs Minnows or Nordic Spoons.
- A 5 mile per hour speed limit is in effect on Caples.
- No Motors are allowed on Kirkwood Lake but rowboats, canoes and inflatables can be used.

Caples Lake Resort (209) 258-8888

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

Caples Lake Resort: http://capleslakeresort.com/summer/?page_id=1 Phone (209) 258-8888

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

Mexico 2016

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

Xcalak -Tentatively Full

Grab your suntan lotion and big boy rods for a week of flats or inshore saltwater fly fishing in old Mexico.

The first trip is April 30 thru May 7 in the small-town of Xcalak on the Yucatan Peninsula. Using 8wt rods, we will hook up with lots of bone fish and have shots at permit, tarpon, barracuda and snook. I am always surprised at how strong a 18" bone fish is , taking you well into your backing , two or three times before you get him to the boat. Fish from a boat or stalk them walking barefoot on sugar white sand.

There are two more spots left for this all inclusive trip, plus air and transport. Time is of the essence as I need to secure the lodge room and guides. \$2350.00

La Ventana , Punta Arena

The second trip is inshore fishing at La Ventana , Punta Arena near La Paz, Baja Calif. Sept.17 - 24th. Fishing out of pangas there are a wide variety of species to choose from. Dorado, roosters, skipjack, jacks, tuna, pargo, snapper, pompano, trigger, sailfish, etc.....

This all inclusive trip is hosted by Gary Bulla who has years of experience.

Check out his website for all the trip information at www.garybulla.com

There are two spots left for this adventure so call your buddy and get on board. Don't say "maybe next year".

I have fished Baja for the past 15 years so give me a call or email for more info.

\$2480.00

Jim Broadbent
(925)899-0817

**Bart Hughes with a 2015
Punta Arena Dorado**



TRUCKEE RIVER FISHING WITH MATT HERON

DATE: MAY 20-22, 2016

Steve Ruley, Fishmeister

Matt Heron, an experienced guide and leader in Truckee River Trout Unlimited, will conduct a half day clinic on techniques and methods of fishing the Truckee and Little Truckee Rivers. The other days will consist of 3 guides for 6 anglers, fishing and discovering the tricks for success on these challenging rivers.

Total Cost for Fishing:	Half day Clinic Friday: \$150/p
	Full day Fishing Saturday: \$210/p
	Half day Fishing Sunday: \$150/p

Lodging will depend on your choices:

Motel
Cedar House Sport Hotel
Resort at Squaw Creek
Prosser/Stampede Campgrounds

Currently, there are only 2 sign-ups, and I encourage members to make this a full outing and take advantage of Matt's expertise.

**Dan Vargas hooked up
with a Truckee River
Rainbow in 2015**



Member Reports

Bitterroot and Clarke Fork Rivers, Stevensville, Montana

March 18th -22nd, 2016

Tom Vargas

The week before we arrived in Stevensville, Montana the weather was warming and the spring Skwala hatch was just getting going. We arrived at the end of a cold and snowy week, landing in Missoula to a greeting of snow flurries. Clearing weather had night-time lows in the teens with highs in the low 40's on Friday and Saturday. The cold overnight weather slowed the hatch of the big flies until after our streamside BBQ'd lunches were consumed. This is a special time of the season and one of those all-too-rare opportunities to fish with big dry flies.

The Missoula area is a beautiful place to fish and we did manage to hook up with about 10 fish per boat each day ranging up to over 20 inches, with the average around 15 inches. Once again, I sure am glad I brought my steelhead outerwear as the conditions were very similar to those found in November, December and January on the Trinity River. Browns, Cutthroats, Cut-bows and Rainbows make up the grab-bag of trout to be caught. Sunday we fished the Clark Fork for a change of pace and Monday improved as the weather warmed with an approaching storm front.

Monday, March 22nd was epic for me with over 15 fish caught and more than 25 combined fish to our boat, including several in the 18 to 20 inch range. Intermittent squalls with wind, rain and warm sun made it interesting. One not-to-be-forgotten German brown was hooked in a backwater hole filled with many snags. He was nearly landed before getting caught in the downed tree that lined the hole, but it was not to be. We got a good look at the 22-24 incher and almost netted it before he snagged the line and broke off.



Conservation Doug Witmore

More on Delta Tunnels

On March 16th, six Tri-Valley Fly Fisher Members attended the Alameda County Water District Zone 7 Board of Directors hearing to show support against the Board voting to endorse Governor Brown's Delta Tunnel project. The room was full with more than 60 people present. The deck was stacked as five members of the board had indicated in February that they would endorse the Delta Fix. All of the citizens speaking from the audience spoke eloquently against moving forward with endorsing the Delta plan. It was so encouraging to leave that meeting with common sense prevailing. Enough members of the Board were convinced to postpone the final vote until all information about whether the Delta Fix satisfies the Environmental Impact Report and the Endangered Species Act is followed. Read more in the following press release from Restore The Delta.

For Immediate Release: March 17, 2016

Contact: Joan Buchanan, President, Restore the Delta, 925-980-6662
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State Water Contractor Says *Not So Fast* on Delta Tunnels

Livermore, CA - At an unusually packed Board of Directors hearing last night, Alameda County Water District Zone 7, a State Water Project contractor, rejected a request to vote in support of Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels (WaterFix) project. Board members noted the lack of key information including environmental impacts, costs, and willingness of agricultural contractors to pay their share.

Joan Buchanan, President of Restore the Delta said, "I appreciate the board's willingness to listen and delay its decision until all the impacts and costs are known. It was the prudent and responsible action for the residents and ratepayers they represent."

Speaker after speaker in the packed Board room expressed concerns about the irreparable environmental damage additional freshwater diversions from the Delta would cause and the need to rush to support the Delta Tunnels (WaterFix) prior to the release of the Environmental Impact Report and the cost impact on local water users. Many also questioned why Zone 7 should state its support when no other federal or state water contractor has gone on record.

Local taxpayers groups were also there in support of the letter from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association delivered that day. The Association's letter outlined in precise detail the legal reasons that the Board could not pledge property taxes to help pay for the tunnels without a vote of the electorate.

Jonas Minton from the Planning and Conservation League reminded the Board members of their fiduciary duty to their ratepayers and bond holders to conduct full due diligence before acting.

After three hours of hearing, the Board voted overwhelmingly to await the final Environmental Impact Report, Record of Decision, and complete financial analysis before considering its position. Those documents are not scheduled to be available before next winter.

In a note praising Delta activists, Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, executive director of Restore the Delta said, "It was because of you that the Zone 7 Board of Directors voted to table a resolution of support for the Delta tunnels until the EIR, Record of Decision and Financial Data are complete!"

Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

Darrell Bridgman

Oakley Fish Release

•On Friday March 11 several of our club members joined the teachers, students and several other related people in a “Trout In Classroom” Fish Release event that was symbolic of how far this program has advanced. The event proved to be a great success, can can be attributed to the high level of dedication that all the partners on the TIC Program contributed. These partners, the teachers, the students of the Oakley School District, CDFW and EBRP personnel in partnership with TVFF members associated with this program resulted in an impressive event organized for the students when they released their fish.

•The release was located at the Contra Loma Reservoir in Antioch, and completed this year’s program for all of the Middle School Science Classes in the Oakley School District. They had hired large tour-type buses (I didn’t count but a conservative estimate is 12 to 15 buses) to shuttle the kids to the event. The number of students in attendance was approximately 660. It was truly a very large, well organized event.

•The fish were young trout that the kids had observed develop from eggs to the alevin stage then to young trout fry stage. All this occurred in an aquarium right in their classrooms. The teachers had also organized several related activities for them, and East Bay Parks District had also brought out their very large, trailer mounted aquarium with an impressive display of various species of fish that are found in our local fisheries. They made an informative presentation to the kids about their aquarium program..

•The students were so busy and focused on the releasing their young fry and the other activities that I don’t think that they noticed that it rained almost the whole time. They really enjoyed themselves as they bid their little fish friends goodbye.

•I have attended many of the fish releases in the last several years and have been impressed at how much this program means to the kids. This event was the most impressive I have experienced. Undoubtedly, our program is helping in the development of a few future stewards of our fisheries and our natural resources. That, in a nutshell, is what it is all about.

•Again this year, much of the overall success of the program can be attributed to the TVFF TIC Team. Our members have really stepped up and dedicated much of their time and effort into doing whatever is necessary to keep the program operating at a very high level. We can be very proud of those members and our club.

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Guests will be treated by The Fly Shop to a wonderful lunch with all the trimmings. Our local fly fishing club, Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers, will be serving the meal.

Representatives of all the top fly fishing manufacturing brands will also be in attendance, displaying and demonstrating the newest rods, reels, flies, tackle and accessories for fly fishing.

Dylan Rothwell of Rising Fly Fishing Tools will be here again this year with his laser engraver, doing custom laser engravings on anything aluminum or steel (and some plastics) for a minimal fee of \$10. If you purchase a Rising Tool you can have The Fly Shop logo engraved at no additional charge.

Fly Fishing Federation Hall of Famer, Hal Jannsen will be on hand to autograph his book, *Saltwater Fly Fishing Secrets*.

Local author Steven T. Callan (*The Game Warden's Son*) will be on hand to promote his terrific book featuring the adventures of being a game warden, and sets the groundwork on how the passion to protect our wildlife resources can be inspired in a young person's upbringing.

The Dept. of Fish & Wildlife will also be present.

This year we will again have our staff of tiers on hand to answer questions or demonstrate techniques, in addition to teaching newcomers the basics of how to tie flies.

Be sure to sign up for door prizes when you get here! If you have any questions or need further information, please call Sandy Watts at 530-222-3555 or email: sandy@theflyshop.com



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The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

The Club Get Together

Monday, April 4th, 7 to 9pm

Rod and Gun Club ; small room next to the BBQ area

Spring is here and it is time to dust off those trout fly boxes and reload. Taking inventory, I bet you a dollar to a donut that there are no soft hackle style flies in those boxes. This mostly neglected pattern was mentioned in English writings in 1496, so they have been around for a long time. It's the ultimate impressionistic pattern. It looks like almost everything on the aquatic menu.

Hooks--- Almost any style but mostly nymph -- standard and 1x- 2x heavy, 1xl-2xl
Dry fly hooks -- standard and 1xl-2xl

Thread--- 6/0, 8/0 colors to match abdomen or complement the fly.

Body --- Thread, floss, dubbing, pheasant tail, ribbing material .

Hackle--- Mostly upland game birds. Hungarian partridge, grouse, woodcock, starling, Pheasant (rump, breast), Hen cape. No rooster dry fly feathers.

Beads or lead optional

These are simple sparse flies and relatively easy to tie.



"Singing Reel" Award

Jim receives the annual award for his ongoing efforts to teach our club members about fly tying and his overall education of our members in our sport. Thanks and way to go Jim!

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Member Spotlight on Ken Gotelli



Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. 8 years approximately.

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

A. Video Librarian.

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. I like to hike and hunt, but work occupies most of my time.

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 and flies.

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

A. Three rigs for stripers...8wt; one with T-14, one with type 3 sinking, one with floating line.

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

A. Stripers...love the aggressive hit and hard fight.

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

A. Delta 1st and Trinity River 2nd.

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

A. Nymph.

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. Streams...by far.

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

A. Birds nest.

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

A. Not normally. Only if I have a special trip planned.

Learn How to Fly Fish

At TVFF's

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 2 evening classroom sessions and 1 casting class.

The Wednesday evening classes will be from 7:00 PM (sharp) to 9:30 PM (approximate) at the Livermore Rod & Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The fly casting lesson will be held on a Saturday (time to be determined by the instructor), 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, April 20 th	Introduction to Fly Fishing and Equipment; Knots You Need to Know; How to Rig a Fly Rod;
Wednesday, April 27 th	Basic Aquatic Entomology; Reading the Water, Streams, and Stillwaters (lakes); Safety, Etiquette and Courtesy
Casting Lessons:	
Saturday, April 23 rd	Students will be taught the basics of the roll cast and the pick up and lay down cast, 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 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.

BIG BASS Fishing... All To Yourself!

Ever wanted to be able to spend a few days fly fishing for 5-8 lb. largemouth bass on a lake that doesn't see any fishing pressure and being the only person fishing on the lake getting access to the nooks and crannies where the large bass are lurking?

And, on top of that having a comfortable place to stay, three meals a day and a boat provided... All without having to pay a small fortune!



You just have to help teach the Boy Scout (BSA) Fly Fishing Merit Badge during a few hours each day. For the last couple of years I have helped the BSA put on a Fly Fishing Merit Badge program during their summer camp at the Wente Scout Reservation located in Willets, CA. We have had volunteers from TVFF, other clubs in the area and Fly fishermen not affiliated with any club that came from as far away as San Diego. Some of the TVFF members who have volunteered their time in the past are **Jim Broadbent, Dave Fontaine, Marty Loomis, Roger Perry, Martin Plotkin, Hal Wilson and Doug Whitmore.**

The details are simple. There are 8 one week sessions beginning each Sunday starting June 18th going through August 13th. The Merit Badge is taught Monday through Thursday of each week with one class in the morning and another in the afternoon with different parts of the merit badge covered each day. Many people go to the camp for one of the weeks, some volunteer a few days and others have gone up several different weeks.

Where does the Big Bass Fishing come in? The Wente Camp has their own little lake with lots of fish and as a volunteer you have the opportunity to fish it anytime you're not teaching the class. In one evening last year I caught 15 Bass in the 3-8 lb. range. Just ask Jim Broadbent about it!

In addition to the fishing you get the personal satisfaction of teaching some young people the art of Fly Fishing, seeing them tie their first fly or catching their first fish.

I am starting to develop a list of people who are interested in learning more about this summer opportunity. No commitments required at this time, which will come later if you want.

If this intrigues you please ask any of your fellow club members who have been there about their experience.

If you want more details or to be included in future communications on this fun adventure please talk to me at a meeting or let me know by calling me at 510-816-2846 or e-mail me at flifish2@gmail.com.

Daniel Kitts




DVD of the Month- Rio Modern Spey Casting Tom Vargas

If you are considering your first purchase of a spey rod, or even are an experienced caster, this is a must-have video. Simon Gawesworth grew up Spey casting in Scotland and is fun and informative to watch. I had tried to watch a few other spey casting videos from some of the prominent instructors and this is the most complete review of the subject I have encountered.

This video starts with the basics and then moves to the mechanics of each individual cast. A wide arsenal of spey casts like the single spey, double spey, circle spey, snap T, perry poke, snake roll, and others are covered. The differences in traditional long belly vs. more modern Skagit and Scandinavian techniques are described too. During this entire process there are detailed explanations of what the caster is doing. The different casting instruction is followed by a biokinetic breakdown of the mechanics of each cast. In addition, there is a separate glossary of terms.

This three disk video is well worth the time if you are interested in learning the art of spey casting. It is just as good for improving upon your knowledge base if you are an experienced spey fishermen.



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•Fly vest for sale XL size.

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Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194



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-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

