

# The Barbless Hook



## February 2016

*Editor: Tom Vargas*

### President's Message

**Martin Plotkin**

#### *Reflections in the Pond*

We had an interesting board of directors meeting last night. We discussed the organization of the board, what the directors hoped to accomplish this year, our 2016 budget and moving the date of the May meeting.

Because of the size of our board this year, 22 members, we have organized into 4 working groups. Each group is being coordinated by one of the officers. The groups are: Fund Raising, Communication, Conservation/Education and Activities.

❖ Fund Raising is being coordinated by our Treasurer (Tom Fessenden) and includes Auctions (Marty Loomis), Raffles (Gary Phillips), Membership (Frank Gordet) and the 2 Members at Large (Greg Murawski and Joe Cerniglia).

❖ Communication is being coordinated by John Price our Secretary and is made up of the Barbless Hook Editor (Tom Vargas), Web Editor (Hal Wilson), Web Master (Dan Vargas), and Publicity (Rob Vellinger),

❖ Conservation and Education is being coordinated by our Past President (Daniel Kitts) and is composed of Conservation (Doug Witmore), Education (Steve Johnson), Fly Tying (Jim Broadbent), and Trout in the Class Room (Darrell Bridgeman).

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#### Photo:

2015 Installation Dinner.

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

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

*Presidents message, continued from page 1*

❖Activities are being coordinated by our Vice President (Roger Perry) and consists of Refreshments (Gary Prince), Outings (Steve Ruley), Speakers (Don Gardner) and Video Library (Kent McCammon).

Please contact any of the members of a working group if you'd like to get involved. We really would appreciate the assist.

We've run into a scheduling conflict for the May meeting and will need to change the date to another Thursday in May. The board is going to request the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

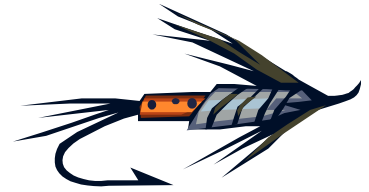
Once again, any and all members are invited to our board meetings. The next meeting will be held the end of February and will involve establishing a budget for 2016. Please contact me if you'd like to attend and share your thoughts and I'll tell you the time, location and secret hand-shake.

I'll leave all our fly tiers with this final thought from Hank Patterson:

***"There's not a day that goes by that I don't wonder how dreary this world would be if elk were bald and birds had no feathers.".....☺***

-m

Keith  
Thomas  
with some  
of the great  
food at the  
2015  
installation  
dinner



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

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**February 7<sup>th</sup>:**

**Annual  
Officer  
Installation  
BBQ/Pot Luck**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> :**

**To be Announced**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> :**

**To be Announced**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> :**

**Note May Meeting  
Date Change!**

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President	Martin Plotkin
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Secretary	John Price
Treasurer	Tom Fessenden
Past President	Daniel Kitts
Directors	
Auction	Marty Loomis
Conservation	Doug Witmore
Education	Steve Johnson
Outings	Steve Ruley
Fly Tying	Jim Broadbent
Member at Large	Greg Murawski
Membership	Frank Gordet
Raffle	Gary Phillips
Refreshments	Gary Prince
Speakers	Don Gardner
Trout in Cl. Rm.	Darrell Bridgman
Video Library	Kent McCammon
Publicity	Rob Vellinger
News Letter	Tom Vargas
Web Content	Hal Wilson
Web Master	Dan Vargas

## 2016 Dues Notice

**It is time to pay Membership Dues!** The cost is \$40 if paid on or before the February meeting. See page 6 for more information.

Frank

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

## OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Hal Wilson

February 2016



### DATES

### LOCATION

### FISHMEISTER

MARCH 19-20	LOWER SACRAMENTO RIVER	DOUG WITMORE
MARCH 31-APRIL 2	PYRAMID LAKE	BART HUGHES
SPRING TIME (TBD)	MONTANA RIVERS	MARTY LOOMIS
APRIL 30-MAY 7	YUCATAN PENINSULA	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER 17-24	LA PAZ	JIM BROADBENT
SEPTEMBER 23- 25	ALPINE LAKE, NF STANISLAUAS	TOM VARGAS D. BRIDGMAN
DECEMBER 10	DELTA STRIPERS	TOM VARGAS

**HEY FOLKS,**

**IT'S TIME TO GET A LOT MORE OUTINGS ON THE  
SCHEDULE !**

*DO YOU KNOW A GOOD BASS LAKE TO FISH THIS SPRING ?  
CONTACT YOUR OUTINGS COORDINATOR WITH A  
SUGGESTION FOR A TRIP FOR THE CLUB.*

## **Annual Installation of Officers and Pot-luck Dinner**

**Daniel Kitts**

A reminder that if you plan to attend our annual TVFF Officer and Board recognitions and installation Dinner AND dine on the fabulous food being offered we need to know if you are coming. We need an accurate count of the number of people attending to insure there is adequate food and drink for everyone.

TVFF's annual Officer and Director Awards and Installation dinner will be held at the Livermore Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We will start with appetizers and mingling at 6:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

As in the past TVFF will be providing the liquid refreshments and Tri-Tip for dinner. We will also have vegetarian and chicken options for those that would prefer BUT you need to let us know if that is what you'd prefer. We will be doing pot luck for the remainder of the meal.

Please respond back to let us know if you are planning to attend, if your significant other and other family members are planning to attend with you and what dish you will be bringing to share. We will need appetizers, salads, bread/rolls, entrée side dishes and desserts. If you have any questions on what to bring please give contact me.

If you would like vegetarian or chicken as an alternative to Tri-Tip please let us know as well.

In order to properly plan, please **RSVP by January 31st**.

If you are wondering if your buddy is planning to attend I've attached a document of whose RSVP'd and what they plan to share. If you don't RSVP but end up coming you'll be welcome but at the end of the line and who knows what will be left!

Regards,  
Daniel Kitts  
510-816-2846



## 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 (\$40 if paid on or before the club meeting on February 4, 2016). 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](mailto: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**  
**PO Box 2358**  
**Livermore, CA 94551**

# **Lower Sacramento River Outing**

## **March 19-20, 2016**

### **Doug Witmore**

I'm going to be Fish Meister for 2 days of fishing the Lower Sac on 3/19 and 3/20. Jim Roberts is the guide. He told me that March is one of the better times to fish this part of the River.

We are planning on guides for 3 boats (2 fisherman each boat). The charge per boat per day is \$450. For those planning to go on this trip, I will need \$225 deposit before February 1st, 2016.

Sign up sheets will be out at our next TVFF meeting, January 7th.



**“Lower Sac” Rainbow Trout**

# 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 March 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](http://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**





# Conservation

## Doug Witmore

On January 25<sup>th</sup> Restore the Delta held a teleconference entitled “The State Water Board and the Health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. Contact Brian Smith 415-320-9384

The San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary is on the brink of environmental disaster. The fish, wildlife, drinking water, and the many other uses it provides are all declining due to massive water exports. The State Water Resources Control board still operates Delta outflow on a 20-year-old Water Quality Control Plan that was due to be revised in 1998. This outdated plan allows more than half the water needed for the Delta’s ecological health to be diverted away largely for unsustainable industrial agriculture in the southwest San Joaquin Valley. Now the State Water Board is considering permits for the Delta Tunnels without first updating the best available science about how to keep the SF Bay Delta Estuary alive.

On the call were a group of experts who have followed the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for decades who were asked, “How did we get into this situation and what must be done to fix it, now?”

**Here are samples comments from each of the expert speakers who have followed the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for decades:**

### **Tim Stroshane, Policy Analyst, Restore the Delta**

By 2005, scientists sounded the alarm in the media about the sudden collapse of yet more Delta fish species besides those already listed. They found that nonnative invasive shellfish in the Delta were concentrating selenium and other toxins in their tissues, threatening the health of Delta food webs.

All the while, state and federal water exports from the Delta increased 50 percent, from 3.6 million acre-feet in the 1970s to 5.4 million acre-feet in the 2000s.

Such dire conditions barely roused the Water Board to action, when staff in 2006 revised the 1995 plan, but changed none of its water quality objectives despite the Delta’s well documented collapse. Planning for the Governor’s Tunnels Project got under way that year too.

In 2009, the Legislature specifically ordered the Water Board to determine what flows Delta fish need, which it did in 2010. The Board has done its best to ignore its own findings.

### **Darcie Luce, Water Policy Specialist, Friends of the San Francisco Bay Estuary**

“Last year’s State of the Estuary Report found that the status of freshwater inflow is poor and declining for both the Bay and Delta. Not only have we failed to improve the delivery of fresh water to the estuary, we’ve actually been doing a worse job in the past decade or so—and of course, that is evident in the widespread decline of fish species.

In effect, we have created a chronic and artificial drought for our fish and wildlife that depend on the Bay-Delta Estuary. Dr. Peter Moyle, one of the foremost authorities on this subject, has stated that from a fish perspective, California has been in an increasingly severe drought since the 1960s; and that during this current extreme drought, the environment is the ‘water user’ that has suffered the most.”

## **Conservation *Continued***

### **Bill Jennings, Chairman/Executive Director, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance**

Fish & Wildlife's 2015 Fall Midwater Trawl demonstrates that, since 1967, populations of striped bass, Delta smelt, longfin smelt, American shad, splittail and threadfin shad have declined by 99.7, 98.3, 99.9, 97.7, 98.5 and 93.7 percent, respectively...

Since 1995, DWR and USBR have fully complied with Bay-Delta water quality objectives in only 8 of 21 years. The State Water Board has never taken an enforcement action for the thousands upon thousands of violations.

In addition, the State Board has routinely waived compliance with legally promulgated criteria explicitly enacted to protect fisheries and water quality during critical drought sequences. And the fishery agencies have consistently acquiesced in these actions.

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For example, in 2014, the State Water Board reduced regulatory Delta outflow by 43% so they could increase water exports by 18%. In 2015, they reduced outflow by 78% in order to increase exports by 32%. In 2015, these changes shifted more than a million acre-feet from fisheries and water quality protection to agricultural use.

It should be noted, that Central Valley agricultural production has set new record highs in each of the drought years.

Failure to enforce temperature criteria on the upper Sacramento River led to the loss of 95% of winter-run, 98% of fall-run and virtually all of the spring-run Chinook salmon in 2014."

### **Robert Wright, Senior Counsel, Friends of the River**

At present, the water for the exporters is taken at the south end of the Delta so the water provides environmental benefits throughout the Delta before being taken. The Water Fix Tunnels would take that water upstream, leading to enormous reductions of freshwater flows through the already imperiled Delta and worsen water quality violations including blue green algae.

# The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

## The Club Get Together

Monday, February 1st will be the second Get Together of 2016. This is a meeting of like minded folks that have questions pertaining to our sport. We tie flies and solve, with profound discussions, the most challenging and technical conundrums in fly fishing. As of late we have plenty of room and chairs so drop on by. Fly tiers need to have their own vices and tools, and a basic knowledge.

This month we will play with dubbing loops and split thread loops. Bring 6/0 and 8/0 Thread, natural and synthetic dubbing, maybe CDC if you have it (bulldog clamps also) Dubbing spinner.



## Beginning Fly Tying

Once again the club is offering the beginning fly tying class.

This is four 2 hour classes where you will learn the basic skills to tie your own flies.

We will discuss tools, materials and techniques to get you started in what can become a life long hobby and another tool in your fishing arsenal.

All tools, materials and handouts will be provided.

Classes will be Tuesdays , Feb. 16, 23 and March 1, 8. This is limited to 10 students, 14 years and older. The cost is \$20.00 for TVFF members to cover costs.

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Call or email Jim Broadbent to sign up.

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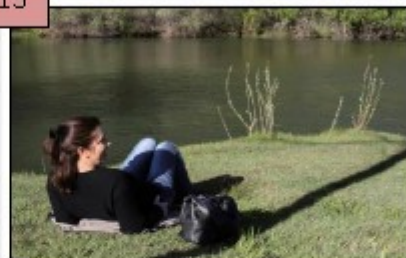
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I am a Preschool Special Ed teacher and the floating fly line comes in handy for many projects that preschool children make: necklaces, lacing, hanging art, fishing poles.....I would be happy to collect it and give it away to other preschool teachers.

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

