

# The Barbless Hook



## February 2017

*Editor: Tom Vargas*

### President's Message

**Roger Perry**

Greetings All,

Once again, we find ourselves with a new set of officers and board members (somewhat new). I look forward to the coming months. I believe we (the new board) have been left in a healthy position to carry on with our existing activities and to explore and implement new ones. That is due to the tireless work of many people and especially our out going president. His leadership has kept us on course on many occasions when we might otherwise have gone off on some tangent, and his personal efforts organizing fishing trips etc. have helped to keep this club the fun activity I know I'm looking for. I hope Martin has much energy left, I fear I will need much mentoring as I step in and try to fill the "wading boots" of his and our other past leaders. I also will rely heavily on the effort of the entire board and of all of you in helping to make this a fun and successful club. Toward that end, please make comments or suggestions to either the board member concerning specific areas or directly to me.

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#### Photo:

President Roger.

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

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

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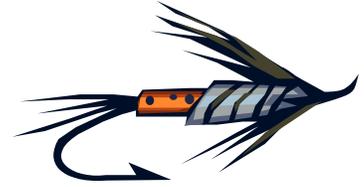
This Thursday 2/2 is our installation dinner. You should all have received an invitation by now (and responded hopefully), but if not, please contact me directly with your RSVP. The club will be providing the meat and the rest of the food will be potluck. Meeting will start with appetizers and social at 6:30 and dinner will start at 7:00. We will have a raffle, but unlike our regular meeting, one ticket will be provided to each attendee. I look forward to seeing you all.

Please remember our upcoming auction on Thursday 4/6. Marty Loomis is heading that activity and is still looking for donations to make it a success. If you have items you'd like to donate, or you know someone or some entity that you think may be willing to contribute, please contact Marty. Please also contact Marty if you'd be willing to help setup or cleanup. In the past, Tom Fessenden has coordinated the back room activities (gathering purchases, accepting payment etc.) and has greatly appreciated the help of spouses and other people who have volunteered to help. Please contact him if you (or someone you've coerced) is interested in helping. Most of our fund raising money comes from our auction, please help to make it a success.

Our board meetings are held the last Thursday of most months. Please be aware that all are invited to attend, but if you wish to address a specific issue, please contact me before hand so I can try to make our meetings as efficient as possible.

Again, I look forward to serving you and hearing how you want YOUR club to operate.

*Roger*



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

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**February 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**Installation and  
Potluck Dinner**  
*Annual meeting to  
install the new  
officers*

**March 5th:**

**Jim Roberts**  
*To be Announced*

**April 6th:**

**Auction**

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## 2017 Dues Notice

**It is time to pay Membership Dues!** The cost is \$40 until the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. See page 13 for more information.

*Frank Gordet*

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



## **FLY FISHING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS ANNOUNCED IN LIVERMORE**

The Tri-Valley Flyfishers is pleased to offer the Flyfishing Fundamentals Class as taught by an experienced group of TVFF fly fishers. The 3-part course consists of 2 evening classroom sessions and a morning of flycasting instruction at an East Bay location. The Wednesday evening classes will be from 7:00pm (sharp) to 9:30 (approximately) at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The club has offered this class in previous years and typically once a year. Don't miss out, sign up early!

**Signups:** Fees for this course are: **TVFF members \$40. Non-members \$80.** For non-members, the fee includes TVFF membership dues for 2017. Light snacks and beverages will be provided as well as equipment and handouts. Please make checks out to 'TVFF' and mail to Tri-Valley Flyfishers, PO Box 2358 Livermore, CA, 94551. The first 12 payments received secures your seat.

### **Dates and Course Content:**

#### **Wednesday April 5 – Time 7 – 9:30 pm**

Introduction to Fly Fishing and Equipment needed for the sport. Recommendations on Flyfishing equipment

Knots You Need to Know, How to Rig a Fly Rod  
Basic Aquatic Entomology

#### **Wednesday April 12 - Time 7 – 9:30 pm**

Reading the water, Fishing streams  
Stillwater fishing (lakes)  
Etiquette and Courtesy while flyfishing

**Saturday April 15** - Casting Instruction. Mid-morning start lasting 3+ hours. Exact time and location will be decided by the students at the first meeting to best fit schedules. Club Equipment will be supplied for flycasting.

Roll Cast  
Pick Up and Lay Down Cast  
Mends (aerial and on water)

### **Contacts**

Kent McCammon at (925)449-3507, [reeltrout1@att.net](mailto:reeltrout1@att.net)

Ken Javorsky, [kjjavorsky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjjavorsky@sbcglobal.net)

## 2 slots remain for British Colombia fishing trip

*fish meister: Martin Plotkin*

This is a really great experience for novice to advanced anglers. I've been on this trip at least 3 times before. It involves a really nice lodge with a well-run operation. The Stewart family has been doing it for over 50 years. It includes 7 nights accommodation at the lodge with 6 days being flown to remote lakes or rivers.



Date: Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 to Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Location: Based at Stewart's lodge, <http://www.stewartslodge.com/new.htm>, on the Chilcotin Plateau about 200 miles NNW of Vancouver, BC. I've been to the lodge 3 times and consider it a 1<sup>st</sup> class operation Very nice well run and maintained facility.

Activity: Trout fishing at remote rivers and lakes about 15 to 45 minute flying time from the lodge (weather permitting).

Cost: C\$2,650 (about US\$2,008) as of this week.

Deposit: US\$500 with reservation

### Package Rates INCLUDE...

- Flyout fishing every full day of your stay
- 12' - 14' boats at all lake locations
- 3 hp to 8 hp motors at all lake locations
- Fish cleaning, smoking and vacuum packaging
- Private log cabin on beautiful Nimpo Lake with hot shower, flush toilet, vanity, electricity, 2 double beds, linen, towels, sundeck, wood and electric heat
- Three meals a day
- Daily maid service



### Package Rates do NOT INCLUDE...

- Fishing license, gear and tackle
- Guides
- Liquor - licensed dining in the lodge
- Applicable Taxes (GST 5%)
- Gratuities (10 - 15%)
- Transportation from the Bay Area to Nimpo Lake

### Fly from Vancouver Airport (YVR)...

Flights are from Vancouver Airport South to Anahim Lake/Nimpo Lake. Contact Pacific Coastal Airlines toll free 1-800-663-2872 or visit... [www.pacificcoastal.com](http://www.pacificcoastal.com)

Free shuttle between Anahim Lake Airport and Lodge on Nimpo Lake.

### Drive from the Bay Area

I drove the last time I went. It took 3 days of driving 8 hours a day with numerous stops at the many Cabela's along the way. The drive is spectacular and I'd consider doing it again with someone else along.

For more information call Martin Plotkin.

**Check out the Tri Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page for more reports and fish porn!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyFF/>

# Pyramid Lake Spring Float Tubing Outing

**Bob McCollum**



## **2017 Pyramid Lake Outings, Spring and Fall:**

### **Spring 2017 Pyramid Lake Outing:**

Last month I put out an e-mail and a sign up sheet for the spring Pyramid Lake Outing. This is a guided outing with Rob Anderson and Co. The Spring fishing is from step ladders which Rob provides and sets up on the edge of the drop off. The ladder allows you to cast further and keeps you warmer by keeping most of your body out of the water. Sounds odd, but it's a lot a fun. The ladders are set about 25 feet apart so it becomes a very social outing with good-natures banter, bragging, ribbing. The fish, two species of Lohantan Cutthroat Trout typically run from 4-8 pounds. , But there is the very real potential to hook and land a double-digit monster. See pictures from past years.

**Dates: Friday March 24 through Saturday March 25. (Potential option for third day on Thursday, March 23 if enough interest - min. 6 anglers.)**

We will be joining guide Rob Anderson who will be hosting a seminar for the group for the outing. Rob will be providing ladders, flies and breakfast/lunch for both days and the cost is \$190/person for two days (March 24-25). The option for the 23rd will cost an additional \$90/angler, minimum 6 anglers. Advance payment required to hold your spot. Reservations are first come-first served based on receipt of payment. Please send me an e-mail letting me know if your intent to sign on and whether you want 2 or 3 days of fishing. Then snail-mail me a check for \$190 to reserve your spot.

Additional info can be found at Rob's: <http://pyramidlakeflyfishing.com/group-and-club-outings/>

**Fall 2017 Pyramid Lake Float Tube Outing:** I would like to assess the level of interest in setting up another Pyramid Lake float Tubing outing next October specifically for our club. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested.

## Fishing Belize with Belize River Lodge

<http://www.belizeriverlodge.com/>

In 2017 we are hosting 2, 1 week fund raising trips to Belize for 6 anglers each week. The first week 7/3 to 7/10 is sold out. The second week will be scheduled between July and December by those going.

The cost of the trip is \$2300/angler and includes 6 days guided fishing or sightseeing. The second group can choose between spending 3 days fishing from the



*Good Size Snook*

lodge and 3 days from Long Cay an Island about 15 miles off shore surrounded by flats or 6 days fishing from the lodge. The lodge is about 15 minutes upriver from the bay and fishing. Depending on time of year there are bone fish, permit, tarpon, snook and barracuda.

For more information or to reserve your spot contact Martin Plotkin.



*20 # Tarpon*

**Trinity River - January 18, 2017**  
**Bob McCollum**

Just got back from the Trinity. The river was high but still fish-able. Very tough fishing this year. Managed to land this nice adult along with a few juvenile "half-pounders".



## Conservation

Doug Witmore

This was written just before Northern California was hit with recent January storms about three weeks ago.

# AS CLIMATE CHANGES, SO DOES CALIFORNIA'S SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FLOODPLAINS

The California Department of Water Resources predicts significantly larger flood flows for the San Joaquin River and its tributaries moving forward.

## JOHN CAIN

Director of Conservation for California Flood Management

[jcain@americanrivers.org](mailto:jcain@americanrivers.org) , January 6, 2017

As a massive, warm storm bears down upon California this weekend, it is worth taking note of how climate change is affecting our rivers and what our leaders are doing to protect the people and wildlife that depend upon them for their livelihood. As discussed in my [previous blog](#), the forecast calls for an atmospheric river event with heavy rain at very high elevations on Saturday and Sunday. After a week of abundant snow at relatively low elevations, the National Weather Service is predicting heavy rains at elevations up to 10,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada.

There is a common misperception that these “rain on snow” events cause flooding due to extensive melting of the snow pack. In reality, relatively little snow melts because of the rain and in some cases the snow pack can actually [absorb some of the rain](#). In most cases, the rain just flows through the snow pack and into the rivers without significant snowmelt. The primary mechanism through which rain on snow events create large floods is that a larger area of the watershed is subjected to rain rather than snow. The floods are large because the area contributing to run-off is larger.

The [San Joaquin](#) Watershed upstream of Fresno has a median elevation of 7,000 feet and rises to as high as 14,000 feet. Nearly all precipitation events occur in the winter and spring when it is still relatively cool, and as a result, precipitation falls as snow over large parts of the watershed. As the climate changes and individual storms become warmer, rain will fall over a larger part of the watershed. This weekend's storm will drop rain at elevations up to 10,000 feet, increasing the total area contributing runoff over the next week by 20-30 percent compared to a storm with snow levels at 7,000 feet.

[As the climate changes, California's San Joaquin River watershed is changing with it. CLICK TO TWEET](#)

The Draft 2017 Update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan issued this week by the California Department of Water Resources predicts significantly larger flood flows for the San Joaquin River and its tributaries moving forward. The San Joaquin Basin Wide Feasibility Study, an appendix to the plan, predicts that a 200-year flood event with climate change could cause a flood roughly twice the volume of the 1997 flood (the largest flood on record), doubling the flood damages to urban cities and resulting in “massive loss of life.” Doubling such a flood is truly horrific.

If climate change is going to make the watershed larger, we need to make sure that the floodways are large enough to safely carry those flood waters. American Rivers believes that the best way to protect communities from these dangerous new floods is to give rivers more room to safely accommodate and convey the larger floods that a changing climate will bring. Giving rivers more room will also create new opportunities for open space, recreation, and trails along the rivers of the Central Valley. And giving rivers more room will provide better habitat for Chinook salmon and several other threatened species that rely on healthy rivers.

Stay tuned to learn more about how American Rivers and the new flood plan propose to give rivers more room, keep communities safe, and restore habitat for endangered species.

## The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

### The Club Get Together

Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9pm

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

This month we will explore the bullet head technique and tie a Madam X fly pattern. The bullet head can be used on many types of flies including hoppers, caddis, stoneflies just to name a few.

### Material

Hook: 8-10 long shank hook, Tiemco 200R, thin wire streamer hook

Tail: Elk

Body: 6/0 tying thread color is your choice

Wing and Head: Elk hair (body)

Legs: Round rubber legs your choice of color

Specialty tool: Soda straw

Hope to see you there,  
Jim Broadbent



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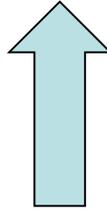
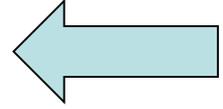
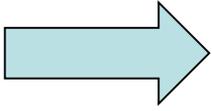
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**Member Spotlight-This Could be You!!**  
**Please fill out the questions below and send your picture**



**Q. How long have you been a club member?**

A.

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

A.

**Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?**

A.

**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.

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

A.

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

A.

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

A.

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

A.

**Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?**

A.

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

A.

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

A.

## **It's time for 2017 Dues!**

Members:

As we start the new year it's time to think about 2017 club dues. As I'm sure you know the clubs counts on dues as the largest portion of the clubs operating budget. Getting dues in early allow the board to better plan the operating budget for the coming year. The benefit to you is that the dues are only \$40 dollar paid prior to the February club meeting when the price bumps up to \$45 which is a great saving to you.

In addition the club has purchased patches with the new club Logo, members that get their dues in early will be the first to receive the new patches.

As always the clubs board appreciates your support.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Frank Gordet

[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**

## DVD of the Month Kent McCammon

### A New Years Request

Please take a moment to gather up your viewed Club DVDs and insect bottles and return them at the January meeting. Call Kent at (925)449-3507 if you have questions!

### Intro to Flyfishing Class in Spring

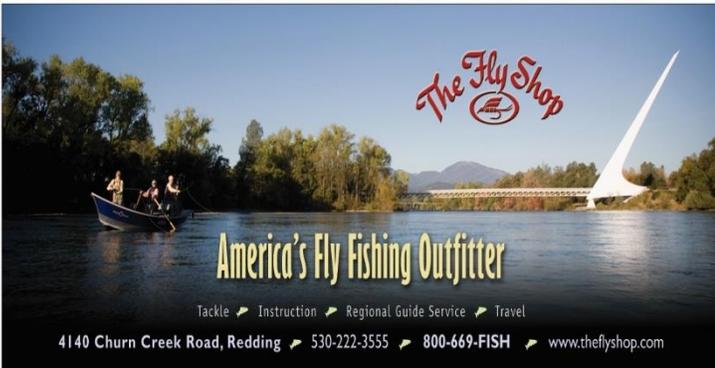
The club plans to offer an introductory class in March/April this year. If you are interested in taking the class or being an instructor please call Kent McCammon (925)449-3507. Please spread the word with your friends who want to try flyfishing in a relaxed and low cost Class. Please collect those interested info; name, email, and phone number. Curriculum and handouts have been developed previously to allow new instructors who want to volunteer. Details on page 5 of this newsletter.



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•**Fly vest for sale XL size.**

Includes 6 interior pockets, one large and one medium pocket on back. Like new condition. \$30

**Ken Gotelli: 415-286-1194**

**Spey Rod.** Brand new never used  
SAGE TCX SPEY 8119-4 (4pc-8wt- 11'-9") retails \$850.00  
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**Joe Cerniglia** email [sawmillake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sawmillake@sbcglobal.net)

**Redington RS3** Rod 9 foot 10 weight 2 piece. New condition \$120.00

**Orvis Wonderline Clear Intermediate WF-5-I.** Brand new on spool. \$30.00  
Slow sink at about 1-2 inches per second. This is a great line for lake or Stillwater fishing

**Sage RP 690** 9 foot 6 weight 2 piece, excellent condition \$160.00

**Sharkwave** Ultimate Trout WF5F, new in box \$60.00

**Sharkskin** Steelhead Taper WF7F, new in box \$60.00

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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

