

The Barbless Hook



January 2017

Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message

Martin Plotkin

Reflections in the Pond

This month's article should be titled Ramblings and not Reflections.

As a New Year approaches and we look back on the month - it's been great and awful. The club as a whole and Bob McCollum, in particular, caught a lot of Bass. In just 1-day this month, Bob and Don Gardner managed to boat almost 50 fish, mostly stripers. Of course, to appease the fish gods, their average over that trip and the next dropped by 50%.

The awful happened when the central valley Ag interests and SoCal water barons made an end-run around the State and got the US Congress to add a rider to the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 which our President signed into law. The rider which was presented by our own Senator Diane Feinstein allows pumping more

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Photo:

President Martin with a Delta Striper caught on the December 10th outing.

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

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

Delta water to subsidized corporate farmers on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. Needless to say, this will weaken Endangered Species Act protections for salmon, Delta smelt, and other fish species. The older I get the more I feel like **Diogenes** – but I'm looking for an honest politician.

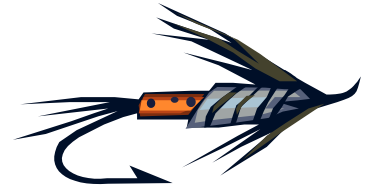
[Expletive Redacted], I'm going fishing before they're all gone.

As 2017 rolls around and the cold makes the bass sluggish, requiring us to almost put the fly in their mouth, some of us will start looking at the central valley streams which reopen on January 1st for trout and steelhead. Yes, steelhead, not Trinity River size, but definitely steelhead trout. Look for a club trip to be announced at the January Meeting if interested.

Speaking of club trips there are still 3 slots open for the Canada trip in July. You can call me for more information.

I'll leave you with this final thought: nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught....☺

-m



2016 TVFF Speakers Program "At A Glance"

January 5th:

Fly Tiers
*Annual fly tying
demonstrations and
Pizza Night*

February 2nd:

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

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2017 Dues Notice

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

Frank

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

OUTINGS AND EVENTS - JANUARY 2017

Steve Ruley

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
JANUARY TBD	MOKELUMNE RIVER	MARTIN PLOTKIN
FEBRUARY TBD	LOWER STANISLAUS RIVER	MARTIN PLOTKIN
MARCH 17-18	LOWER SAC (filled)	GARY PRINCE & TOM FESSENDEN
MARCH 24-25	PYRAMID LAKE	BOB MCCOLLUM
MAY 17-18	BAILEY CREEK LODGE	RON DUELTGEN
MAY TBD	O'NEIL FOREBAY/CLINIC	DON GARDNER
JUNE TBD	YUBA RIVER/SHAD	DON GARDNER
JULY 7-14	STEWART'S LODGE, CANADA	MARTIN PLOTKIN

OTHER EVENTS:

AUCTION

APRIL, 2017

As everyone is aware of by now, we will be having our TVFF club auction in April. One of the things that help make our auction is donations from our club members. Seldom or never used fly fishing stuff is greatly appreciated, including saltwater and traditional fishing stuff. If you cannot make it to a club meeting,

I will be happy to come to your home to pick up donations. I have a pickup truck and can stuff lots of stuff into it. Call me at 925-426-1863, Marty Loomis.



Program
Jim Broadbent

January 5th Meeting:

Our January fly meeting is this Thursday, Jan. 5, will feature six of the very best bay area fly tiers.

We will also serve a pizza dinner prior to the official meeting. Pizza at 6:15 and tying starts at 7pm. Please email me by Tuesday evening if you would like to join us for dinner. The cost is \$5, pay at the door.

John Ryzanych, owner of ICON Products and a very innovative tier, is offering his "catch and release zero limit" t-shirts at 25% off and throwing in the sales tax. If my math is correct thats a tad over 33%.

The 2017 shirts have an image of a big old buck brown. on high quality tee shirts. I get a couple every year. He will also bring some jars of Softex, a must for every fly tier. Let me know how many you want so I can inform John. Include size and color.

Short sleeve \$15; s, m, l xl, xxl olive, athletic ash, dark blue
Long sleeve \$20; s,m,l,xl,xxl black

Softex \$7

See ya Thursday,

Jim Broadbent

Announcing destination fishing trip to British Columbia

fishmeister: 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: Friday, July 7th 2017 to Friday, July 14th 2017

Location: Based at Stewart's lodge, <http://www.stewartsloodge.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 1st 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: Canadian \$2,650 (about US\$2,050) as of this week.

Limited: 8 anglers max. – 4 min. The first 8 deposits received will go.

Deposit: US \$500 before October 7th, 2016.

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Destination fishing trip to British Colombia-*Continued*

Package Rates INCLUDE...

- Flyout fishing every full day of your stay
- 12' - 14' boats at all lake locations
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- Fish cleaning, smoking and vacuum packaging
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- 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

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 Lahontan 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.

Delta Striper Outing Report

Tom Vargas

Thirteen TVFF Club members in 5 boats braved the December cold on our annual Delta outing on December 10th. It was a rainy day as we gathered at Orwood Resort but to our surprise, the storm held off until around noon. I think it was one of the better years as far as activity, but the size of the fish that were caught were smaller than previous years. Robert Nishio did catch a wayward salmon that tipped the scales in the ten pound range!



Tom, Dan and Patrick

Members Bob McCollum and Robert Nishio, Rob Fletcher and Bart Hughes, Martin Plotkin and Marty Loomis, Daniel Kitts and August Abellar, Dan Vargas, Patrick Donovan and Tom Vargas made up the club attendees.

Former club member and Discovery Bay resident Rick Mikla gave us some local knowledge although he wasn't able to participate this year.

Many fish were caught, including a mixed bag of Stripers, Largemouth Bass and a Salmon.

The water was in the chilly 49 to 50 degrees range and the many bait balls we located were typically found in the back of the bays where the water was warmer.

I am looking forward to getting out again.



Martin and Marty

Delta Stripers *Continued*

TomVargas



Daniel and August

Delta Stripers December 20th

Bob McCollum

Don Gardner and I braved the cold weather and fished Disco Bay today. We landed about 45 striped bass combined; most were small but still big fun. Don also caught two nice LMB.



Conservation

Doug Witmore

For Immediate Release: Wednesday, 12/21/16

Contact:

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Restore the Delta, 209-479-2053 barbara@restorethedelta.org

[Home - Restore the Delta](#)

DELTA TUNNELS

EIR To Be Released Thursday Is No Green Light

The lead agencies behind the proposed Delta Tunnels (California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation) [have announced](#) they will release their Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/ EIS) on Thursday, December 22, 2016.

The document will be available at www.BayDeltaConservationPlan.com and is expected to be approximately 80,000 pages long.

This document represents the agencies' final attempt to convince state and federal regulators that their proposal for twin 40-foot, 30-mile long water tunnels to transfer Sacramento River water beneath the San Francisco Bay-Delta can meet environmental and water quality standards under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A feat no previous version of the proposal has achieved.

Despite any claims by project supporters, this document is by no means an approval of the proposal. It is akin to the submission of homework to be graded.

The approval process still has a long way to go.

As the Department and the Bureau jointly told the State Water Board at the end of November 2016, the environmental report cannot be finalized until a biological opinion is completed in March or April 2017. They told the Board they would finalize the report "at approximately the same time" as when the biological opinion is released.

"How thoughtful of Delta Tunnel lead agencies to dump this document on defenders of the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary just before the holidays. For comparison, an 80,000-page document is roughly 66 Bibles long," said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Executive Director of Restore the Delta. "We will begin digging through the information, evaluating agency replies to public comments included in this document, engage in the process moving forward, and prepare for litigation if required." resilient wild fish in healthy California waters.

As Governor Brown said last month, 'if Trump gets elected, I am going to build a wall around California'. He was joking. Yet, the joke may become a metaphor for our strategy to protect California's environmental regulations. California has long set an example for other states to follow, and we cannot allow our values to be compromised by weakened federal regulations.

Near term, our principal concern is the weakening of federal environmental protection laws and reduced federal funding for conservation projects. As we look at how our portfolio of work could be impacted, concerns include:

- **a weakened Endangered Species Act potentially impacting our precedent setting Shasta Safe Harbor and Southern steelhead work**
- **a weakened Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) could mean less consideration for fish in the way dams are managed**
- **a decrease in protections for Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers could leave rivers like the Smith vulnerable**
- **an underfunded Forest Service could jeopardize our Sierra Meadows work;**
- **a weakened Clean Water Act could compromise our efforts to ensure clean, cold water for both fish and people**

2017 WARDEN STAMP AVAILABLE

Hal Wilson

In browsing through the DFW website, I was reminded that the new 2017 Warden Stamp is available through online ordering.

I strongly recommend that all anglers and hunters show their support to our wardens by purchasing this stamp. It is not really a stamp, but a stick-on label to be proudly displayed on your car and/or boat window (check California vehicle code for legal locations).

As stated in the letter accompanying the stamps I requested, the money collected from the sale of these attractive labels ‘will be used solely to support California’s Wildlife Officers’.

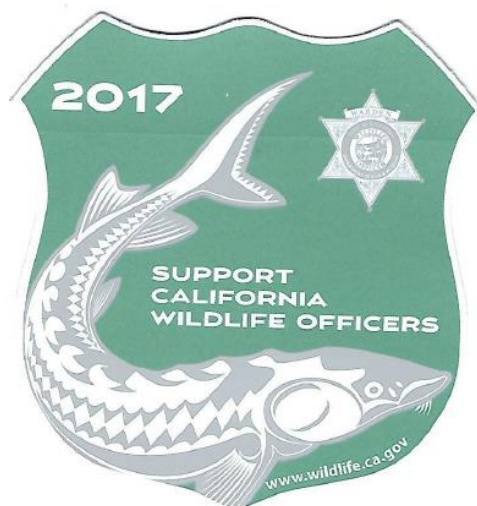
Your purchase helps ‘to procure vital equipment, protective gear and training for wildlife officers, and enhance our Law Enforcement Division’s K-9 program’.

The letter continues:

“Fish and Wildlife Officers patrol more than 159,000 square miles of California’s diverse land mass, as well as its 1,100 miles of coastline, 18,000 miles of streams and 3,648 lakes”.

Their responsibilities include enforcing fish and wildlife laws, protecting habitat and aiding in homeland security.

I really think the cost should be more than the \$5.00 requested, but that’s what the price is. For more information, go to www.wildlife.ca.gov/warden_stamp



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Attend the club meeting for our annual fly tiers gathering



Gary Turri demonstrates his craft at the 2011 event

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Member Spotlight on Marty Loomis

Guide



Marty



Big Steelhead

Q. How long have you been a club member?

A. 4 Years

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

A. Yes, Auction 2017

Q. What occupies your time other than fishing?

A. Enjoying Retirement

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. A and B

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

A. Most of the time a 6w with a floating line

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

A. Whatever I am trying to catch at the time

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

A. Most of my experiences have been rivers

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

A. Nymphs but trying to do more dry

Q. Do you prefer fishing stillwater or streams?

A. I enjoy them equally

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

A. I am still trying to figure out what fly is what.

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

A. No

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 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 and dates coming soon.

Thanks Kent



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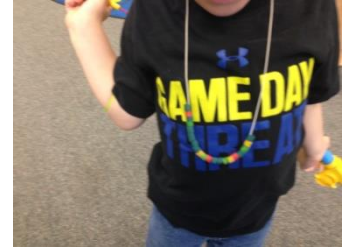
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

