

The Barbless Hook



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Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Pocket Water

No, I'm not actually going to talk about fishing, it's a metaphor. I plan to hit a number of topics. Kinda like casting to this rock and that eddy.

The first thing I'd like to speak to is our recent auction. The numbers are in and we did quite well. We netted about 6,500 \$. That compares very well to past performance. There are many people to thank for the great success we enjoyed, and rather than try to thank them all, I will just thank our leaders so as not to offend anybody. First was our auction leader, Marty Loomis. Marty did a fantastic job organizing all of the many facets of this endeavor. Tom Fessenden did his usual fantastic job handling all the financial stuff going on in the back room. I don't believe we could have done this without the herculean effort put in by these guys. I want to send out a special thanks to all the spouses and family members who volunteered their time to make this event possible. And of course, thank you to all the members and guests who attended and made the purchases which will allow us to continue to operate. Great job everyone!

Our Conservation director, Doug Whitmore is leaving us. Doug is relocating to Oregon. He has been our conservation director for the last 2 years and has done a great job. We are now searching for his replacement. The conservation director is responsible for interacting

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Picture:

Gary Prince with one of his Lahontan Cutthroat from the 2nd Pyramid Lake outing!

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

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with other groups and organizations, recommending contributions, and leading conservation activities such as clean ups, fish rescues etc. Please see the conservation section of our website. If you are interested or know someone else who is, please let me know. We need to fill this very important position as quickly as possible.

Your board of directors has voted to present one of our highest honors to Tom Vargas. Tom is the newest member to receive our Life Member status. Tom joined our club in 2005. He was president in 2011 and 2012. He has been a fishmeister nearly every year, leading both the Lake Alpine trip and the Fall/Winter striper outing. He is also the person who puts out this publication each month and has done so for quite some time. The life member award includes free dues for life, but more importantly, it represents an acknowledgment of extraordinary effort and accomplishment. We appreciate the many things you do for our club Tom!

It was pointed out at our most recent board meeting that there is a stop sign at the end of the driveway leaving the rod and gun facility. The sign is aging (less reflective than desirable) and on the wrong side of the road, making it easier to miss. Please be careful when leaving the parking lot.

I had the opportunity to attend the board meeting for the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun club this past month. I was able to extend our appreciation for the use of their facilities and for all the support we get from them. I was also able to present them with a check for \$750. I would like to report that all the comments I received from them indicated that we are doing a good job in taking care of their clubhouse. Let's keep up the good work.

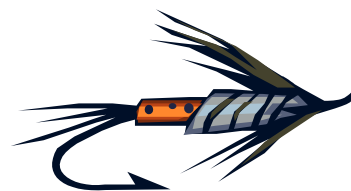
We are nearing our summer break, so if you have some outing or activity you'd like to get on our outings list, please do so soon.

Martin Plotkin has put together an outing to Kistler Bass Ponds for May 13th. This was done very quickly and will be upon us very soon. An email has gone out, and there will probably be a write up in this newsletter. Please consider attending.

It is with great sadness that I report that Jim Cramer, a long time past member of our club has passed. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

Thanks again for all the participation and support for our very successful auction. See you this coming Thursday 5/4/17.

Roger



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

May 4th:

***Lu Tan
Tenkara Fly
Fishing***

June 4th:

***Successful
fishing
techniques
for Pyramid
Lake***

Jim Roberts' Fly Fishing Guide Service



Lower Sac Floats,
Upper Sac and
McCloud
Klamath River
Steelhead

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2017 Dues Notice

It is time to pay Membership Dues! The cost is \$45 after the February 2nd meeting.

Frank Gordet

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

OUTINGS AND EVENTS - May 2017

Hal Wilson

A background image showing a boat on a body of water, with a person visible in the distance. The image is slightly faded to allow the table text to be read clearly.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>
MAY 6	O'NEIL FOREBAY (CLINIC)	DON GARDNER
MAY 13	KISTLER BASS PONDS & LUNCH	DON GARDNER
MAY 17-18	BAILEY CREEK LODGE (Full- replacement signups only)	RON DUELTGEN
MAY26-JUNE-2	EAGLE LAKE	DENNIS RANKIN
JUNE 3-6	FEATHER (or YUBA) RIVER/ SHAD	DON GARDNER
JUNE 23-30	LAKE ALMANOR	DENNIS RANKIN
JULY 7-14	STEWART'S LODGE (CANADA)	MARTIN PLOTKIN
JULY 22-29	MONTANA TRIP	MARTY LOOMIS
JULY (TBD)	FULLER LAKE	HAL WILSON
OCTOBER	BELIZE RIVER LODGE	MARTIN PLOTKIN

JIM CRAMER-

The passing of Jim Cramer was noted in the presidents message. I would like to describe my feelings on the loss of a close personal friend. In 1971 I saw an announcement for a fly fishing club at that time called the Livermore Flyfisherman. At the first meeting I attended I met this welcoming member, Jim Cramer. We became close friends and he became my mentor sharing his vast fly fishing knowledge and experience. We socialized on and off the water. Fly fishing brought us together but more important was the friendship that developed. He will be missed.

Harry Levin

Fishout at Kistler Bass Ponds

Martin Plotkin



- On Saturday, May 13th, the club is having our traditional Spring fish-out at Kistler Bass Ponds. Kistler is about 1-1/2 hour drive from Livermore. The fish-out will cost all participants \$30 which includes lunch. We have not fished Kistler for a couple of years because of the draught and many of us look forward to this special experience. Very recently, we heard Diablo Valley had fished it and the ponds were full and had fish. We immediately called Kistler and have arranged for the club to fish there on May 13. The club and invited guests will be the only ones there on that day.

Payment: Must be received on or before May 11th. Payment by check only to “TVFF” and labeled/memo “Kistler” may be made:

- Directly to me at our meeting next Thursday, May 4th. Invited guests from other clubs are welcome and we’ll have Wong Tan speaking about Tankara.
- Or mail a check to: Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, PO Box 2358, Livermore, CA 94551.
- Or contact me directly to make other arrangements.

What I bring:

- 6, 7 or 8 weight setup
- For top water I use divers, crease-flies and poppers.
- 10 to 15 pound flat leaders – 4 to 6 feet long
- Waders, boots etc.,
- Pontoons and float tubes are allowed as are electric motors (absolutely no gas)
- Don’t forget the sun-screen, extra water, polarized glasses and a brimmed hat.

Dos and Don’ts

- Parking: As you enter Kistler, Pond 1 is to the right and further on along the road on the left are Ponds 2 and 3. Parking ONLY between the road and the fence by Pond 1 or parallel park along the road next to Pond 2 or 3.
- Access: Gates open at 6AM and close at dark. If you fish up to dark, you are requested to leave immediately.
- Restroom: There is a restroom with a flush toilet to the left of the road near the residence.
- Barbless hooks, and “Catch-and-Release” only.

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Fishout at Kistler Bass Ponds-Continued



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- **DIRECTIONS TO KISTLER FROM LIVERMORE**
- Go East on I-580 East in Livermore toward Tracy and continue on I-205 E following the signs for I-205/Tracy/Stockton
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- After about 14 miles and passing the Tracy exits merge onto I-5 N
- Stay on I-5 N for less than 1 mile and use the right 2 lanes to take exit 461 for CA-120 toward Manteca/Sonora
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- Continue onto CA-120 E past Bass-Pro for about 6 mi and use the left lane to merge onto CA-120 E/CA-99 N toward Sacramento/Sonora
- After about ¼ mi use the right lane to take exit 242 for CA-120 E/Yosemite Ave toward Sonora
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- Follow CA-120 E for about 20 miles and in downtown Oakdale turn left onto CA-108 E/CA-120 E/E F St
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- Continue to follow CA-108 E/CA-120 E for about 19 miles and, on your left, look for large letter "K/" painted on the highway side of the red barn visible from the road.
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- Turn left at the break in the center divider, onto the road to the ranch. (If you miss the turn just proceed on up the highway for a short distance where there will be another break in the center divide where you can make a "U-turn" and come back to the entrance.)
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- A short distance down this road there will be a gate into the ranch property on the left. As you enter you will see another gate that heads down to the three ponds. NOTE: there is a **restroom** (for our use) on the left near this (second) gate. The gate to the ponds will be open around 6:00 am and will close about dark. You may drive on down to the ponds. All three are available for us to fish and the choice is yours.

For more information give me a call.

Tight lines,-m

Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Outing

Dennis Rankin

- Lake Almanor Hex Hatch Fishout - June 24-25

- General Information-

- The Lake Almanor Hexagina Hatch takes place in June and July of each year. During this time the fishing can be from good to phenomenal. Lake Almanor has rainbow trout (mostly Eagle Lake strain), brown trout and smallmouth bass. The trout range up about 10 pounds and the fish I saw caught last year ran up to about 9 pounds. Most are in the range of 2 to 5 pounds. Lake Almanor is a PG&E owned lake and access to the lake is free and easy to get to. The weather this time of year is great. Bring a head lamp with a flashlight and extra batteries; you may be kicking in in the dark. I will be sending out map sketches later in the cycle suggesting places to access the lake and any last minute information.

- Fishing

- The hex hatch starts in the early evening and continues until after dark. Nearly all the trout fishing is done from tubes, pontoons or boats. Smallmouths can be fished by wading. All fishing is wet fly with sinking lines, last year their location was from about 3 feet to the bottom. Much of the fishing one week was in 15 to 20 foot of water and the next week it was 25 to 30 feet. My suggestion for a day is to get up and go fish for smallmouths in the morning and then rest and be ready to go out about 4 pm. There are several launch places from the boat ramp at the south, dam end to access places along the west shore. You can drive right to the shore to launch, most do. The hatch generally begins at the south end of the lake and progresses up the lake along the west side. The fly patterns seem to change week to week and year to year. A size 16 trailer, about 3 feet behind the primary fly, has been effective sometimes. These fish are tough and fight extremely well, they don't roll over after a minute or two. For the latest fishing information stop at the Chester Fly Shop (Lake Almanor Fly Fishing Co) just after the bridge on HI way 36 (main street through Chester) Lake Almanor Fly fishing Company - 159 Main Street - Chester, CA - 96020 - 530-258-3944. The correct fly patterns are available there. Hex patterns, wiggle tails and wooly bugger are popular. Smallmouth patterns seem to be marabou chartreuse patterns seem to work well. Butt Valley and Mountain Meadows are two reservoirs in the vicinity. I recommend getting a map at the fly shop if you do not have one. There were salmon planted in the lake, I have no information if this practice has continued. If you wish to be guided I would suggest that you book a guide early, I personally have never used a guide and only know of a couple, those from the Chester Fly Shop and Lance Gray, those did well when I observed them, I am sure there are others.

- Camping and Lodging

- There are several campgrounds around Lake Almanor, some USFS, PG&E and private. Lake Almanor is a very popular place so make reservations early. Some of the campgrounds are completely booked for the summer. The campgrounds range from those that have just water and restrooms to some with full RV hook-ups and cabins. I will be staying at the North Shore Campground – 530-258-3376 <http://www.northshorecampground.com/>. This campground has large clean restrooms with showers, hookups, tent sites cabins, a small store, boat ramp and docks. There are others listed on the web pages for Lake Almanor and the town of Chester. There are motels in Chester; I have not stayed in any so I cannot give a recommendation. Again the web is the place to look, but book early.

Lake Almanor Hex-Hatch Outing - *Continued*

- Restaurants

There are several good places to eat in the area, many I have not eaten at. I will give a few suggestions and ideas; a burger stand on the south side of 36 in Chester has been quite good for hamburgers and good milkshakes. The Copper Kettle is a good place to have breakfast. The Subway sandwich shop is good and it is convenient to pick up a sandwich on your way to get to the fishing launch area. There are a couple of good pizza restaurants and some full service dinner restaurants. Tantardino's is an excellent Italian restaurant, reservations are required or heavily suggested on weekends, we go for a late lunch and I recommend this one. Tantardino's, 623 Peninsula Drive, Lake Almanor, CA 96137 Phone: 530-596-3902.

Shopping

Chester is a modern town with about everything needed for a good trip; there is a large, modern grocery store, gas stations, etc.

Route

I recommend to go north on I 5 to Red Bluff and then going east on HI way 36. Simple directions, 5 north to 36 east. Beware Chester area and the roads around Chester can be speed traps.

Sign-up

If you are planning to go, please sign up with the requested information so that we can get you the latest information. If you sign up and cannot make it, no harm but if we don't have your information we will not be able to keep you informed. This trip should be great, weather, fishing, friends and the beautiful golden hex fly. If you have any questions or need any information please give me a call or email.

Dennis Rankin, dennis.rankin@comcast.net, 925-784-5666



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 6th 2017 to Friday, July 13th 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 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: 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

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/>

MONTANA OUTING

Marty Loomis

Come fish southwestern Montana with Jim Roberts on this hosted trip to some of the West's most famous waters. We will be fishing such waters as the Madison River, Beaverhead, Ruby, Gallatin, Firehole, Soda Butte, and/or Yellowstone River. Each are spectacular places to fish offering abundant fish and scenic views. We choose where to fish each day based on flows, weather, and group input.

This is a non-guided trip but I will be with the group to make sure everyone is having a productive day on the water.

Guests can check in any time on Saturday and we will start fishing on Sunday. We will be staying at a comfortable house on Hebgen Lake just outside of Yellowstone National Park. At the house we will enjoy good meals and comfortable beds.

Also included with the trip are flies that are sure to hook some nice fish. Each angler should bring some basic flies with them. I will also take care of the fishing licenses needed.

The cost of the trip is \$1700 per person.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Jim at (916) 765-8668 or email at flyfisherjim@charter.net. Thank you and I hope you consider joining me up in Montana.

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

Eagle Lake Fishout (fishing outing, borrowed from Chico Fly Fishing Club)

Dennis Rankin

Date - May 27 for about a week, May 27th is the opening day for Eagle Lake.

General Information – Eagle Lake is a legendary fishery located in Lassen County 16 road miles from Susanville, CA. It is famous for its Eagle Lake Rainbows, a subspecies adapted to live in the alkaline waters of Eagle Lake. These fish grow quickly and are tough fighters, with their beautiful color they are a prize. The limit is 2 per day and 4 in possession. Note that if you have 2 fish in possession, you may not continue to fish. Memorial Day weekend the temperature has been very pleasant and has also been cold 40s and hot 100, watch the weather report for Susanville and plan accordingly. Fishing is by wading, tubing and boat, there are no special gear restrictions (artificial lures, barbless, etc.) Eagle Lake was down 15 feet below normal full capacity last year due to drought and other factors; this has had a disastrous effect on the fishery including the plants that have been cut as much as 50% in the recent past. This is due to the lower lake levels and volume and the slower growth rates observed during the drought. There was only one boat launch active at the Marina last year, the Spaulding area on the north end was impossible to use. The lake is currently up about 4 feet from its 2016 level. Some areas of the lake are now dry and are sandy or boggy, do not drive on these areas without 4 wheel drive. The web site for Eagle Lake is <http://www.eaglelakerecreationarea.com/>

- Fishing
 - The fishing for the opener last year was the worst in recent history. Fly fishing was not productive at all, I managed to catch 2 fish in 5 days, most did not get a fish and many left after 2 days. There were some fish caught deep trolling but the count was very poor. The fishing information is best seen on Val Aubry's web page <http://www.eaglelakefishing.net/> this page has all the latest information concerning the lake and fishing. There are links to the problems with Eagle Lake and its fishery, it is very interesting reading. Just search the web. Guides are available if desired, however they are definitely not required, just read Val's column and stay communicating. Some of the hot flies for the lake are Rust Wiggle Tails, leach patterns (olive, blood leach, purple/ black and rust, Tui Chub imitations, a greenish white snail, and sometimes bright orange patterns. I recommend a 5wt rod with both floating and sinking lines, indicator fishing is common and is my favorite, however we may have to go down to get em..
- Alternate Plan
 - If the fishing is not acceptable at Eagle there are a few lakes in the near area which can be fished, Antelope, Silver and Crater Lake (CA) are a few within about an hour. I recommend stopping at the Chester Fly Shop on your way and talking to Tom for any enlightenment he can give. Get an Eagle Lake map \$10 there, it is worth it. He also has a good selection of flies and equipment. I have never had a guide at Eagle Lake, if you feel you want one, I would call Val Aubry or the Chester Fly Shop for recommendations. I will be trying to get reports on the other lakes after opening day from some local friends. Pine Creek west of hiway 44 is loaded with brook trout, they are small 8" variety but there are thousands, please do not release any caught. These fish were introduced many years ago and are now an unwanted predator that is destructive to the natural spawning cycle.

Eagle Lake Fishout- *Continued*

Camping/Lodging

Lodging - There are several motels and a casino with hotel in Susanville, all are available on the web, no recommendations, pick what you like.

Camping – There are several USFS campgrounds around the lake. These campgrounds are listed on the web site along with maps and their locations. I will be staying at Merrill Campground (space 26). The sites range from complete RV hook-ups to just plain tent sites. Drinking water is available at most sites. There are restrooms throughout the campground, kept clean daily. There are no showers; rent a shower is available at the Eagle Lake Marina and Concession Stand. Reservations should be made as early as possible, the web site is <http://www.eaglelakerecreationarea.com/camping/>. Note that only 40% of the campsites are pre reserved, if you do not have a reservation, don't panic there has been ample space every year. Beware that Spaulding on the north end of the lake does not have water and what was lake is now meadow. Costs are on the web site as well.

Restaurants/Stores

There is a small store concession stand at the Marina. Susanville is about 16 miles from the lake; this is a modern city with everything from Safeway to Walmart to McDonalds. There are several good restaurants in Susanville from The Pioneer (reservations on weekends) to a couple of Mexican restaurants (Mazatlán) to good Chinese food and a few steak places and of course McDonalds.

Route

I recommend to get there by going north on I5 to Red Bluff and going east on HI way 36 straight to Eagle Lake Road, 3 miles from Susanville, turn left and 13 miles to the lake. HI way 32 through Chico is very windy, although Chico does have a nice fly shop.

Sign-up

If you are going or are probably going, please sign up so we may publish a list of everyone so that arrangements and plans can be made between us and phone # so we can communicate while we are there. You are certainly welcome to come signed up or not, this is a Fishout (a group fishing get together to have fun and enjoy the greater things in life).

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Luong Tam

- **STORY OF LUONG TAM**

- I love building rods. I created my first bamboo rod when I was about nine years old. It was a one-piece fixed line rod, about 1 meter long. When the dot com bubble burst around 2002 – I was working in the computer industry – I tried to build bamboo rods for almost a year and hang out with bamboo rod makers. I learned a lot about rod making at the time. I love the idea and feeling of bamboo rods and the lightness of carbon fiber. That was the beginning.
- Initially, I just wanted to build tenkara rods for myself and some friends in 2014. Then I was getting deep into it without knowing. I ended up quitting my job so I can concentrate on the design. I was constantly thinking how to engineer the rods and how to put materials together. Designing tenkara rods became obsession that was intriguing and inspiring at the same time.
- One of the most challenging aspects of creating Tanuki rods is that it is a marriage between tradition and innovation. It has the traditional Japanese rod feel with some aspects of Western style fishing. It also was a combination of modern technology and materials into an age-old fishing method. I created mission statement "Best of Both Worlds".
- On the engineering side, it was challenging to keep the traditional soft and smooth casting of Japanese rod, at the same time retain the stiffness of the Western style which helps control accurate casting. Modern technology and material helped me achieve the desired result. On the aesthetic side, I wanted my rods to reflect traditional Japanese culture in modern time. I am inspired by Japanese simplicity in design which, I think, is focused and elegant.
- My friends loved Tanuki and encouraged me to develop and manufacture the rods for everyone who love to have an opportunity to fish with a beautiful rod.



Member Reports- MORE Pyramid Lake

Bob McCollum set up a productive Pyramid Lake trip last week. (See Gary's pic' of his largest, approx. 4-5 lbs., 25-26" on the front page.) Thanks again Bob!



OK, so how many Pyramid pictures can one club have...? J. Are there really that many fish in there?

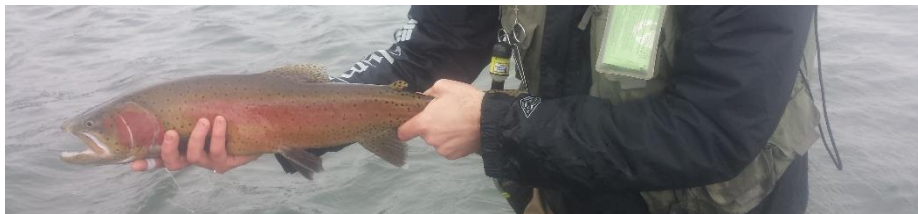
Here's one of mine from the recent trip with Bob and Gary Prince. A nice male lookin' for a hook up.

Thanks,

Rob Farris

Here's some Pyramid Lake pics from our April 8th weekend. My son caught 27 and hooked @ 35!!! I was sick for 2 days and only managed 10 total!! Bummer. Will be going up on Friday the 28th to try it again. We'll see what happens.

Ken Tetzal



**THIS IS SO INCREDIBLE, I HAD TO INCLUDE
IT AGAIN THIS MONTH.**

A great year for our members at Pyramid Lake!!!



Chris (18 pounder), Rich (15 pounder) and Rob (16 pounder) caught at same time on Saturday



Steelhead Trout On the Move

Fish biologists with the East Bay Regional Park District tracked seven steelhead trout that were radio tagged and moved upstream from lower Alameda Creek last month. Three of the steelhead went almost a mile up the Stonybrook Creek tributary in Niles Canyon – the lone female steelhead was seen courting in this stream with both male steelhead that were moved, and spawning is suspected. A single male steelhead went up Alameda Creek all the way up Niles Canyon and through the Sunol Valley, to above the Sunol Water Treatment Plant, 22 miles from the Bay! This is the furthest that an adult steelhead trout has been up Alameda Creek in nearly 50 years. At this point, all of the tagged fish are presumed to have gone back out to the Bay.

Read the newspaper articles on the trout tagging:

**[Catch and Release: Threatened Steelhead
Rescued from Alameda Creek](#)**

NBC Bay Area – March 29, 2017

[Steelhead Trout Moved Past Concrete Barrier](#)

Livermore Independent – March 30, 2017

The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Beginning Fly tying Class

Monday, May 1st , 7 to 9pm

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

There will be no Get Together meeting this month. The beginning fly tying class will take over the fly room the first four Mondays in May.

Give me some ideas of a fly, technique or subject you would like to explore for the June meeting.

We still have a couple of spots left for the beginning tying class. Mondays, May 1, 8,15 and 22 from 7 to 9pm.

Members, spouses and children (12yrs and up) will be taught the skills to tie dry flies, nymphs and proper use of tools and materials by our clubs accomplished tying members.

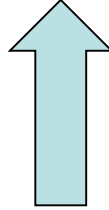
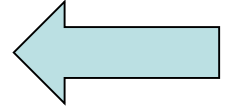
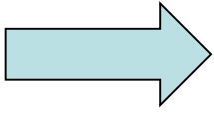
The fee is \$20 which includes all tools, materials and handouts. Bring your payment the first night of class. Checks are to be made out to Tri-Valley Fly Fishers.

Sign up and include your phone #

First come, first served.

Regards, Jim B

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.

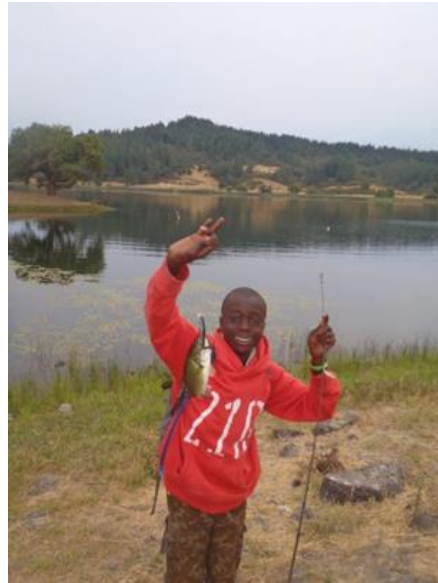
Q. If you could only fish with one fly what would it be?

A.

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

A.

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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, Don Cower, Steve Johnson, Dennis Rankin, Steve Ruley, 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 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 looking for people who are interested in volunteering to coach this summer or learning more about this opportunity. No commitments required at this time, this will come later!

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

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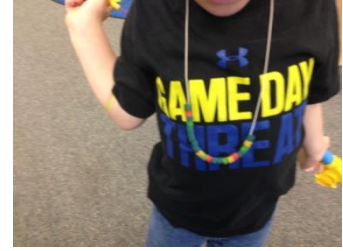
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

