

The Barbless Hook



December 2018

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Editor: Tom Vargas

President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's,

Remember, our annual election will take place at the December meeting this Thursday, 12/6/18. The following are the nominations:

President	Al Mansky
Vice President	Martin Loomis
Treasurer	Chris McCann
Secretary	John Price

Much thanks to these individuals for stepping up. Please keep in mind that while we have our likely officers for the next year, there are still opportunities to help the club. It has been my experience that my enjoyment with the club has been commensurate with my participation. There are still outings that need to be planned and "meistered". Please see the Outings Director if you want to help. If you have ideas about how you'd like YOUR club run, let an officer or board member know. I'm somewhat amazed how rarely I was approached over the last two years with suggestions to bring to our board meetings.

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Picture:

Bob McCollum with a nice Striper from the Delta in November. See the entire story in Member Reports.

Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!

Presidents message, continued from page 1

Take advantage of the fishing or learning opportunities your club offers. In a previous presidents message, I talked about the fishing experiences I've had with our club that I never dreamed would be possible.

Most recently, I've started learning something about Spey casting. I'm not sure how much I'll use it, but I love to learn new stuff. I've found myself in various fishing situations where I couldn't get my fly where I wanted it (ok, I rarely get my fly where I want it, but that's just lack of skill). Watching other anglers using "advanced" techniques made me wish I knew them.

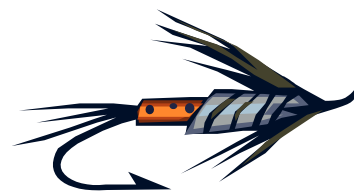
This is my chance to learn some of them.

Interestingly, one of the first things I learned was that some of the Spey techniques are usable with a one handed rod. I didn't know that.

I guess I'll close by saying I hope our club is providing what you wanted when you joined. I hope if it's not, you'll do something to change that.

Thanks,

Roger



**2018 TVFF
Speakers Program
"At A Glance"**

December 6th

Ken Hanley

Fly Fishing
for Carp

January 3rd

Fly Tying Expo.

Pizza and
"Expert local fly tiers
demonstrate their
craft"

February 7th

**Installation of
Officers and
Potluck Dinner**

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Speakers	Patrick Donovan
Trout in Cl. Rm.	Darrell Bridgman/Daniel Kitts
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2019 Dues are Due

Membership renewal dues are now due and payable and are \$40 if paid before the February 2019 meeting; \$45 thereafter. Checks (preferred) and cash will be accepted. Tom Fessenden and Marty Loomis

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

MEETINGS, OUTINGS AND EVENTS -December 2018

Rob Farris

TVFF Outings and Activities for 2018, 2019

Please sign up at the outings/events table at Club meetings, and contact Rob Farris for new entries

Club Meetings:

(all meetings at Livermore Rod & Gun Club at 7:00 PM):

Dec 6th	Speaker: Ken Hanley, outdoor photography for fly fishers
Jan 3 rd	Speaker: Fly Tier Club member helpful tricks & hints
Feb 7 th	Club new officers installation dinner

Fly Fishing Outings:

Dec 8	Delta Striper outing	Tom Vargas
Dec 13-14	Trinity Steelhead trip (SOLD OUT)	Gary Prince

2019:

Jan 5	Feather River Wade for Steelhead (1 day)	Alan Wyosnick
Jan 13-19	Bass Fishing Lake El Salto & Lake Picachos Mexico	Dennis Rankin
Jan TBD	Mokelumne River/Comanche for Steelhead	Martin Plotkin
Jan TBD	San Luis Forebay Striper outing	Bob McCollum
Mar TBD	Eagle Canyon Lake and (opt.) Lower Sac float	Rob Farris
Mar & Apr	Kistler Bass Ponds Day Trip (2 separate trips)	Ken Tetzels
April 7-9	Eagle Canyon Lakes & Lower Sac float	Rob Farris
June 24-30	Stewart's Lodge, British Col.(Trout & more trout)	Don Jower
Summer, 2019	Boy Scout Camp teaching and Wentle Bass Fishing	Daniel Kitts

Fly Tying Sessions:

(all meetings at Livermore Rod & Gun Club at 7:00 PM):

Dec 3 rd :	Fly tying ; flies TBD	Jim Broadbent
Jan 7 th :	Fly tying; flies TBD	Jim Broadbent

Fly fishing Lessons

(Sessions Scheduled Based Upon Interest)

March or Sooner (Have 2, need 8)	Fundamentals of Fly Fishing	Kent McCammon
January	Entomology Class	Kent McCammon
When Class Filled	Back to Basic Flycasting Class	Gary Turi
When Class Filled	Casting-Improved Accuracy and Loop Control	Gary Turi
When Class Filled	Casting-Presentation Casts and Slack Line Aerial Mends	Gary Turi
When Class Filled	Casting-Single and Double Haul Cast Class	Gary Turi
When Class Filled	Casting-Shooting Heads and Sinking Lines	Gary Turi

Members should contact Kent and Gary at meetings or online for signups for courses. More information and contact emails are found on the Website Education page.

Delta Striper Outing

December 8, 2018

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmaster I will lead the striper outing on Saturday, December 8th. This is a great opportunity to experience hard pulling, double digit freshwater fish on fly gear. We will fish the Southern bays of Discovery Bay and plan to launch out of Orwood Resort by 7:00AM. You should arrive at least ½ hour earlier in order to set up and get your boat in the water. We will head South about one mile to the Kellogg Creek entrance of Discovery Bay. This is an all-safe 5 mph area and it works well for both small and larger size watercraft. The outing will take place in rain or shine, but plan on a cold morning and the possibility of morning fog for a few hours.

A boat is required to participate in this trip. Boaters and non-boaters will need to make arrangements and get paired up before the outing.

Equipment: 8, 9 or 10 wt. rods with Hi-Speed / High Density shooting heads. Lead core heads, Teeny 300-400, Rio Outbound or SA Custom Tip Express lines trimmed to match the rod all work well. The integrated style lines and tungsten heads are easier to cast than lead core. Your leader is simply 5-6 ft of 15 - 20 lb mono (Maxima). Flies that simulate baitfish patterns such as 3-5 inch Clouser Minnows, Flashtail Whistlers, Deceivers, etc. work well. The 2/0 chartreuse and white Clouser is a standard. Take a look at at Dan Blanton's Board for what is currently happening.

We will provide more information as we get closer to the outing and we can get more specific as the stripers keep moving in, which usually starts around mid to late September. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of stripers being caught out in the ocean and bay!



12 pound Delta striper.
These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



Dan Blanton's favorite Flashtail Clouser (bottom) and Whistler flies.

New Year Mokelumne River Fishing Trip

January 6th, 2019

Martin Plotkin

The New Year Mokelumne River fish trip will take place on Sunday, January 6th, 2019 – weather permitting. We will plan to leave the Tri-Valley around 7AM returning about 8PM with a stop for dinner along the way. If weather becomes a problem we will reschedule for the next break in the weather.

Last year the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery, operated by CDFW, reported some of the best steelhead runs on record, with 983 fish, including 489 adults 18 inches or over. It's been reported that most fish hooked were in the 18 to 20-inch class. The top fly patterns are those that imitate salmon fry emerging from the gravel. The two major public fishing accesses are at the hatchery and Stillman Magee Park near Clements.

Anglers will have the choice of wading the area from below the hatchery for a half-mile to below the Mokelumne River Day Use Area or floating from the Day Use Area down-stream about 4 miles to the Stillman Magee Park outside of Clements. Those wishing to float should have a drift boat, fishing raft or rowable pontoon. For typical water flows there are 2 areas that need to be rowed. During typical flows the river is an easy drift for anyone with some experience. I've heard the river described as a Class ½ maybe. It is a very picturesque drift with lots of wildlife and birds.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the December 3rd meeting or you can sign-up by emailing Martin Plotkin. Please indicate if you wish to WADE or FLOAT. If your floating, is anyone else in the boat with you or can you take someone with you.



December 6th Meeting Program

Patrick Donovan

Ken Hanley- Outdoor Photography for Fly Fishers

This presentation isn't focused on equipment, instead it concentrates on the techniques anyone can utilize no matter what type of camera they have. We'll cover a variety of tips that will help you capture memories of your best fishing moments.

Ken's Bio

Ken Hanley (CA DFG guide license #2596) has been conducting fishing and adventure specialty programs since 1970. Over 15,000 students have taken advantage of Ken's varied programs both in the field and on the water. His award-winning instructional programs are well respected throughout the adventure industry.

Ken's instructional DVD's cover a variety of gamefish; from saltwater salmon to largemouth bass. He's the author of seven books. Ken also writes and photographs for national and regional publications in the outdoor industry.

Ken's extensive field experience spans the globe; from the highest peaks in Tibet and the Himalaya, to the remote wilderness regions of Asia, New Zealand, Mexico, Europe, and North America.

From panfish to roosterfish, he's caught over 90 different species of fresh and saltwater gamefish.

He holds numerous Pro Staff positions, and is sponsored by the following companies: SAGE, SIMMS, Patagonia, Daiichi, Renzetti, Umpqua, Whiting Farms and Dr. Slick.

Ken was chosen as the 2005 inductee into the NCC/FFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. Since 1981 the Hall of Fame award has been presented to the individual who has made outstanding contributions to the sport of fly fishing. The criteria for this distinction include the improvement of the art, science, literature, techniques, enjoyment and conservation of fly fishing and the resource.



Member Reports

Tom Vargas-Discovery Bay Stripers

Bob McCollum and I went out to ply the waters of Discovery Bay on Sunday, November 4th. We fished hard and were able to locate pods of fish by looking for the tell-tale sign of birds working the open water, docks and rip rap edges. Terns and Egrets are good indicators of fish attacking shad bait balls and ready to eat a fly. We were able to boat 18 fish with half of them keeper size in the 2-4 pound range.



Photo
by
Rick
Mikla

Member Reports

November Pyramid Lake Report-Chris McCann

November is being a mixed month at Pyramid Lake. Just finished up a few days with Mark Spruiell and we landed some nice fish. The fish are moving into the shallows, can see this by the action the ladder fishermen are having. Morning temps are low, although the afternoons are beautiful. Didn't have much wind until the last day. Finished up with a nice 26" fish. I had similar difficulties of the fish charging, but even when the line went slack, keeping up on the retrieve, I managed to land them. The fisher were keying in more of the midnight cowboy than the beetle. Did switch from the classic white and chartreuse popcorn beetle to a black back style. Had some success, will be trying it out more. One unfortunate incident, forgot one of my fly boxes at home, but not as bad as forgetting my rod (RF). Tight Lines



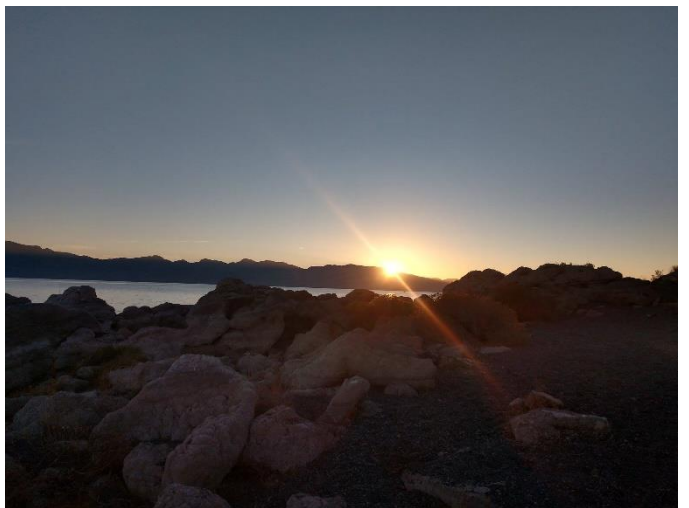
Check out the Tri Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page for more reports and fish porn!

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

Member Reports

October Pyramid Lake Report-Chris McCann

Second trip to Pyramid Bite was slower than opener, although the fish were still keying on the popcorn beetle. Fish were charging the kayak after hook-up, lost a few due to not being able to catch up the slack. Beautiful weather, not your typical late October frosty days. Almost shorts weather.



The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

Monthly Club Get Together

Monday, December 5th , 2018 from 7 to 9 pm
Rod and Gun Club; small room next to the BBQ area

By request, this months Get Together, Monday, will be ants. We will tie thread ants and dubbing ball ants that should be in every ones summer fly box. While we have black thread loaded on the bobbin might as well tie a zebra midge or two.

Material List:

Ants:

Hook Standard dry fly or 1x long, size 14 to 18
Body and Head Tying thread 6/0 or 8/0, Black, brown, cinnamon
Suggest a thread that can be laid flat such as
Danville's Flymaster, Uni-Thread, Ultra thread
Dry fly dubbing black, brown, cinnamon
Legs Dry Fly hackle sized for hook
Wing (Optional) Antron, Poly Yarn, small hackle tips

Zebra Midge:

Hook TMC 2487, TMC 200R, Di-Riki 135 size 16 to 20
Head Glass or silver brass bead
Body Black thread
Rib Silver wire, fine or brassie or 3/0 white thread



Just bring what you can, we always share.....

Fly Tiers Library and Trading Post (LTP)

Most fly tiers, like me, have materials which would probably last several life-times. Often, to tie a new fly, we need a small amount of material which means buying some from the net, which may arrive next week, or jumping in the car for an hour+ drive to a fly shop in the area.



To remedy this, we are creating the LTP. The LTP has 2 resources: the Library for getting small amounts of material (a couple of feathers, small swatch of hair, etc.) and the Trading Post for exchanging your excess with others. Here are the details of how it will work. Both the library and Trading Post are only available to members.

Library: The library will be supported by donations of fly tying material from members. The material will be packaged in gallon sized zip locks with colored labels about the contents. Any member may take a small amount of material for a project and make a modest donation (\$1 min). The donations will be used to buy supplies and, if any is left over, other material for the library.

Trading Post: The trading post allows members to exchange excess tying material for other material. Any member may submit a gallon sized zip-lock bag with the material along with a very brief description to Jim Broadbent. Jim will assess a point value to the material based on his experience (Jim's decision is final). The material will be labeled with a different colored label than the library. Members may exchange their points for material in the trading post.

Martin Plotkin will arrange for the LTP to show up at all general, board and fly tying meetings. It can also be accessed by special arrangement made with Martin.

LTP kicks-off, at the meeting, on Thursdays so bring your Trades and Donations.

Conservation Corner:

Mitchie McCammon

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch

For the past few months I have been talking about reducing our use of plastics, especially single-use plastics, and cleaning up trails and waters as we hike and fish. This month I have compiled information about what happens to those bits of trash that end up in our oceans. As I was putting away lunch items, I reached for a Ziploc bag, but quickly changed my mind when I opened my refrigerator and saw so many pieces of single-use plastics. I put my leftovers in a Tupperware instead. It was still plastic but at least it was not single-use. It's a start. For those wanting more detailed information, click on the links at the end and learn more.

They can't get a satellite image of it from space, but it's real and it's huge. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It's located about halfway between Hawaii and California and is the largest accumulation of ocean plastic in the world. This giant garbage heap is actually comprised of the Western Garbage Patch, located near Japan, and the Eastern Garbage Patch, located between the U.S. states of Hawaii and California. The Great Pacific Garbage patch was discovered in 1997 by Charles Moore, a racing boat captain, when he noticed millions of tiny pieces of plastic surrounding his ship. This isn't the only garbage patch in our oceans, but it is the largest.

Why does all this plastic and garbage end up in this particular location? These areas of spinning debris are linked together by the North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone, located a few hundred kilometers north of Hawaii. This convergence zone is where warm water from the South Pacific meets up with cooler water from the Arctic. The zone acts like a highway that moves debris from one patch to another. The area in the center of a gyre tends to be very calm and stable. The circular motion of the gyre draws debris into this stable center, where it becomes trapped. The Great Pacific Garbage patch covers an estimated 1.6 million square kilometers, an area of twice the size of Texas or three times the size of France.

For many people, the idea of a "garbage patch" conjures up images of an island of trash floating on the ocean. In reality, these patches are almost entirely made up of tiny bits of plastic, called microplastics. Microplastics can't always be seen by the naked eye. Even satellite imagery doesn't show a giant patch of garbage. The microplastics of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch can simply make the water look like a cloudy soup. This soup is intermixed with larger items, such as fishing gear and shoes.

Plastic makes up most of the ocean garbage because of its durability and cost of production. Plastic does not biodegrade but breaks into smaller and smaller pieces. Marine life mistakes these pieces of plastic for food, often starving themselves and their young after ingesting it. Discarded fishing nets made of plastic also trap and drown seals and other mammals. This floating garbage also blocks sunlight from reaching plankton and algae below. Many marine animals feed on plankton and algae. If the food supply is depleted, so are the animals and fish.

As plastics break down, they leach out colorants and chemicals, such as bisphenol A (BPA), that have been linked to environmental and health problems. As marine life ingests these toxins, it builds up in the food chain. Ultimately we humans likely ingest these chemicals when we enjoy our seafood meals.

What's being done to clean it up? Because of the size and location of this debris, no one country wants to take on the cleanup. The scale and cost of the cleanup will be massive. Luckily there are organizations that are monitoring and attempting to come up with solutions to clean up this debris. One such organization is Ocean Cleanup. They currently have a 2,000-foot-long floating pipe named "Wilson," in the Pacific Ocean attempting to scoop up the floating plastic. There have been issues with the system, but the organization hopes to collect 50 tons of trash by April.

WHAT DOES THE DEEP-SEA DEBRIS DATABASE REVEAL ABOUT OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION?

Plastic pollution is a scourge that is ravaging the surface of our planet. Now, the polluting polymer is sinking down to the bottom of the ocean.

Conservation Corner-*Continued*

The deepest part of the ocean is found in the Mariana Trench, located in the western Pacific Ocean, to the east of the Mariana Islands. It stretches down nearly 36,100 feet (11,000 metres) below the surface.

One plastic bag was found 35,754 feet (10,898 metres) below the surface in this region, the deepest known piece of human-made pollution in the world. This single-use piece of plastic was found deeper than 33 Eiffel towers, laid tip to base, would reach.

Whilst the plastic pollution is rapidly sinking, it is also spreading further into the middle of the oceans. A piece of plastic was found over 620 miles (1,000 km) from the nearest coast - that's further than the length of France.

The Global Oceanographic Data Center (Godac) of the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (Jamstec) launched for public use in March 2017.

In this database, there is the data from 5,010 different dives. From all of these different dives, 3,425 man-made debris items were counted.

More than 33 per cent of the debris was macro-plastic followed by metal (26 per cent), rubber (1.8 per cent), fishing gear (1.7 per cent), glass (1.4 per cent), cloth/paper/lumber (1.3 per cent), and 'other' anthropogenic items (35 per cent).

It was also discovered that of all the waste found, 89 per cent of it was designed for single-use purposes. This is defined as plastic bags, bottles and packages. The deeper the study looked, the greater the amount of plastic they found.

Of all man-made items found deeper than 20,000 feet (6,000 metres), the ratios increased to 52 per cent for macro-plastic and 92 per cent for single-use plastic.

The direct damage this caused to the ecosystem and environment is clear to see as deep-sea organisms were observed in the 17 per cent of plastic debris images taken by the study.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/great-pacific-garbage-patch/>

<https://www.theoceancleanup.com/great-pacific-garbage-patch/>

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-6430619/Plastic-scooped-floating-pipe-designed-clean-Pacific-Garbage-Patch-spilling-ocean.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490





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Tom Fessenden 925-785-6871 email TomJF@comcast.net

- **Spey Rod.** Brand new never used
SAGE TCX SPEY 8119-4 (4pc-8wt- 11'-9") retails \$850.00
Asking \$400.00 send me a offer

Joe Cerniglia email sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net

- **Redington RS3 Rod** 9 foot 10 weight, 2 piece. Great for top water Stripers, new condition \$80.00
- **SA Custom Tip** T-14, new in box \$30.00
- **SA Sonar Stillwater** Clear Intermediate WF-6, new condition \$35.00
- **Orvis Wonderline** Clear Intermediate WF-7, new condition \$30.00
- **SA Sharkskin Steelhead** Taper WF-7, new in box \$50.00
- **Rio Indicator** 2 WF-7, new in box, \$40.00

Gary T (925) 786-5184 cell

- **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

- **SAGE Model FLi 8140-4, 14-foot, 8 Weight, 4 piece Spey Rod including Rio Skaget Line, 15ft Skaget Floating Tip and 5ft Skaget Cheater Tip for Sale. The equipment is all in very good condition.**
\$175 for all or best offer – open to trades.

For more information, to see the equipment, and try it out or to buy it contact Martin Plotkin

Items For Sale:

Minn Kota Bow Mount Trolling Motor For Sale

Donovan Rittenbach has donated a nearly new trolling motor to the club to be used for fund raising. The motor has a MLP of \$700, and is sold used on Ebay and Craigslist for between \$300 to \$500.

We are offering the motor to any member for \$200 or non-member for \$250 which includes membership in TVFF.

Description:

- Manufacturer: Minn Kota
- Model: Power Drive – Bow Mount
- Thrust: 55 pounds
- Power: 12 Volt Battery
- Control: Electronic Foot Pedal
- Shaft Length: 54"
- Reference: <https://minnkotamotors.johnsonoutdoors.com/freshwater-trolling-motors/powerdrive>

For more information, to look at the motor or to purchase the motor contact Martin Plotkin.



Let me say on behalf of all of us, Thanks Donovan.

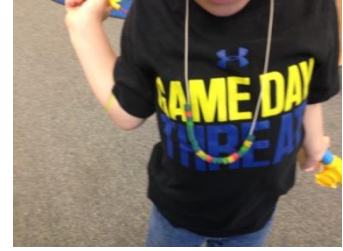
Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

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

