

# The Barbless Hook

May 2021

Edited by Mark Spruiell



## President's Message

by Albert Mansky

Hi Guys and Gals:

I hope this message finds you all in good health. With the availability of the Coronavirus vaccine and the vaccine restrictions being lifted, I hope, most of you have already received at least your first vaccination shot. I sent out an e-mail a few weeks ago to the TVFF general membership, asking their opinion as to whether we should again consider holding our monthly club meetings at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club club house. I received a limited number of responses back. The general opinion was to continue having Zoom meetings for the remainder of this year. Given that many of our members are older and in the high-risk category, I've decided to support them and continue having Zoom meetings at least until mid-summer.

I hope most of you have been able to take advantage of our latest club fishing outings. I made the Kistler bass fishing trip. This was my sixth trip to Kistler and for once I couldn't buy, for the life of me, a bite. Of course, I was only using top water plugs. Those members using "woolly buggers" or some other subsurface fly had better luck. I heard through the grapevine that our Fish and Game Department is going to impose a hefty financial burden on Kistler for their business to pay and fish. It may well be that Kistler might shut down their ponds to fishing. We'll have to see how this plays out in the months to come and next year.

Trout season opened recently, April 24<sup>th</sup> to be exact. Spring will slowly be fading into summer, so now is the time to get out there and do some fishing before the weather really gets hot. With the lack of rain this year and the snowpack well below average, the trout streams will be most likely be running a lot lower this year. It will not be long before, if you haven't already heard, the "D" word. Water rationing is sure to come again this year and of course an increase in



The editor with a Baum Lake rainbow.

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your monthly water rates, because the water departments will be losing money because they asked you to conserve water.

Till next time, as always, stay safe and stay healthy.

*Al*

P.S. Please take note of Dan Kitts's article concerning the upcoming Boy Scouts outing.

## New Member!

TVFF welcomes new member **Betty Blandino**. Glad to have you Betty!

*Welcome!*



## 2021 TVFF Board of Directors

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## May Meeting – Putah Creek Trout

Please join us on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for our monthly club meeting. The speaker will be Steve Karr from Putah Creek Trout.

If you would like the opportunity to land a beautiful rainbow like the one in the picture, you will want to hear Steve's presentation covering the history and heritage of Putah Creek Trout, a status report on the restoration projects both current and future, and of course the presentation would not be complete without covering where and how to fish Putah Creek.



An email invitation to the Zoom meeting will be coming soon.

## Raffle Information

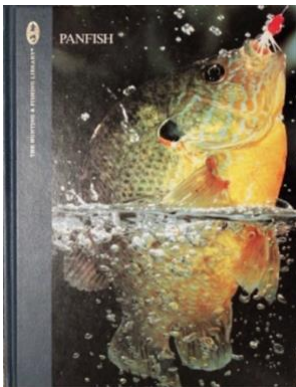
For the club's next meeting on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, winning participants in the raffle will have their choice of the first eight items below. Item 9 (the Piscifun rod) will be awarded last. As always you must be present, or in this case still online, to win.

Tickets must be purchased online through the [club store](#) by end of day on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent to you prior to the meeting with your ticket numbers. If you have not received the email by noon on the day of the meeting please contact me, Steve Johnson, at 925-980-5433.

Cost of tickets are:

- \$5.00 - 6 Tickets
- \$20.00 - 25 Tickets

The raffle items are listed below.



The Hunting & Fishing Library -  
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Bravo Company Hat & Hat Hook



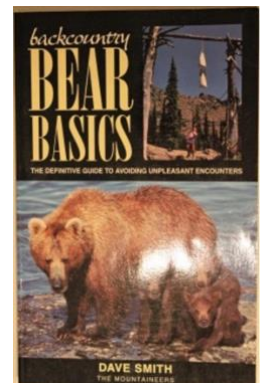
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5 #16 Trout dry flies



Rio Powerflex Core Shooting Line .024in  
100ft Floating Line



Backcountry Bear  
Basics by Dave Smith –  
The definitive guide to  
avoiding unpleasant  
encounters



Trout Stream Insects – An Orvis Streamside Guide by Dick Pobst



Concannon Vineyard, Petite Sirah, vintage 2016



Piscifun 4 piece, 5 weight, 9 foot, IM7 carbon fiber rod

## BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge

### Needed... Instructor Coaches

The BSA has received approval from the local county health department to conduct the 2021 summer camp with some restrictions, including a maximum of 50% capacity.

In 2014 we put together a Fly-Fishing Merit Badge program for the Boy Scout Wentle Reservation summer camp located in Willits, CA. The BSA does not have counselors that are able to do the instructing so we were asked to find volunteers to teach the merit badge. Every year the number of scouts and leaders has grown and since 2014 over 1100 Scouts and leaders have participated in the program. Each year they are coached by volunteers from around the Bay Area who spend a few days at the camp coaching the scouts.



**We need volunteers to help with the 2021 summer camp.**

The 2021 summer camp will have 7 one-week sessions starting June 20<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>.

This is open to all fly fisher men and women who want to help. Even if you do not feel comfortable teaching casting or tying, we can pair you with people that do and the best way to improve your game is to teach it. Do not let that deter you from volunteering. As a wise man once said, "The best way to learn it is to teach it".

This is a great opportunity for the Fly-Fishing community to introduce new youth to the sport along with helping promote interest and respect for the greater outdoors. **If you are interested in volunteering your time or would like more information let me know. I can send you a link to the signup web site and additional details.**



The camp provides meals and accommodations during our stay making it easy on us. Plus, there is GREAT Bass Fishing on the private lake where 5lb Large Mouth Bass aren't uncommon! You will have access to the lake during your stay along with the use of their boats.



Plus you get the personal satisfaction of helping a young person tie their first fly and maybe even catch their first fish on that fly.



If you participated in the past or have expressed an interest you will be receiving an invite in the next week from "Sign Up Genius" to sign up. If this is new and you are interested please let me know and I'll add you to the distribution list.

Please contact me if you have any questions or want more details and **pass this information on to anyone you feel might be interested in participating.**

Daniel Kitts  
510-816-2846  
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## Passing of Jon Baiocchi, TVFF Speaker & Friend

### Rob Farris

Unfortunately, we've had the passing of another one of TVFF's friends with Jon Baiocchi this past month from a heart attack while guiding on the Middle Fork of the Feather River (one of his favorites). Jon spoke frequently at our club meetings and was most well-known for his instruction on the annual Skwala Workshops on the Yuba River for TVFF (about 20 TVFF graduates), as well as his guiding on the Middle Fork of the Feather River, Lake Davis, and the Tahoe watershed streams. Jon was a past competitive snowboarder and BMX rider prior to his evolving to full time guiding, and with his Dad spent his entire life fishing the high Sierras. He was known for his love of instruction and helping others learn how to fly fish.

Jon began fly fishing and tying flies 1972, and established Baiocchi's Outfitters in 1997. He published dozens of articles (many in recent California Fly Fisher editions); was an educator, an innovative tier, and a highly acclaimed public speaker. One of the most successful guides in Northern California, he had a reputation as hard working, and with public relation skills at the highest level. His enthusiasm for the sport was contagious, and combined with his simple approach to teaching, gave many TVFF students the skills needed to be successful. He will be sorely missed as a true friend of Tri-Valley Fly Fishers.



"Rob, I found a unicorn today at the Pet Shop. It ate a #8 jiggy Skwala nymph. A very subtle grab as well. So many things could have gone wrong... but I got lucky. I got others on the Euro rig, including an 18 incher. 3 grabs on the Skwala dry, 2 to the net. I'm a happy camper 😁."

**Typical Jon. RIP and Godspeed, Buddy...**

## Outings and Activities

We have some great outings coming up and there are still some slots open:

### FULL

The **Hat Creek** trip and Jim Roberts's **Montana trips** are full, but you can put your name on the waiting list if there is a cancelation.

### AVAILABLE

There is still one opening on the Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> **Shad Clinic**.

There are still openings for fishing the **UC private access to the Yuba River** on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>; there will be a fundamentals session for those interested on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Also still open are the **Truckee Camping** outing from June 25-28 as well as the July 17-24 **Baja** trip.

We have two new outings which will post over the next couple of weeks.

## NEW LISTINGS

Jim Roberts, a fly fishing guide and instructor and long-time supporter of TVFF, has presented to the club many times and has often focused on nymphing techniques. On Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>, Jim will be giving an intensive on-the-water beginning nymphing clinic. The following month, Jim will do an intermediate/advanced clinic for those wishing to sharpen their skills.



These clinics will each be limited to six members of Tri-Valley Fly Fishers. The clinic will include everything: meals, flies, leaders, lodging and instruction. Attendees will provide their own fishing gear and licenses. The beginning class is \$500 all-inclusive, and the intermediate/advanced is \$600 all-inclusive.

The intermediate/advanced clinic on the water will be three students to one instructor.

Clinics include:

- 2 nights lodging in the Shasta/McCloud area
- All meals from dinner Friday night to breakfast Monday morning
- Beer and Wine with dinners
- Flies

Participants must bring:

- Current CA fishing license
- Regular fishing gear (waders, boots, 4 to 6 wt – 8 to 10' rod\*, reel, floating line, 3-5X tippet, polarized glasses, brimmed hat, forceps, nippers, sun-screen, ...)
- Transportation from lodging to river

For more information, see the [event calendar](#), contact the outing's Fish Meister, or me.

Martin P., Outing Coordinator

## Lower Yuba River – June 12-13

Our club events on the Yuba will be on the private property owned by the University of California. We have contracted for TVFF's exclusive use of the facility for the weekend, with a maximum of twenty anglers per day. There is approximately 2.5 miles of available river that is the tailwater section a mile or so below Englebright Dam. The river has easy and level access, so it's ideal for those less comfortable in heavy current wading situations, although that is also available for those Euro Nymphing.



The UC facility is on many acres in a pastoral valley leading down to the river. Most of the research here is for cattle, grazing land management, and erosion control so it is very

quiet with no nearby roads, ranches, or houses. There is a covered picnic area for use that sits above the river with 8-10 picnic tables and a restroom that is also available on site. All in all, it's a very scenic and serene site.

The club is offering three separate events:

- A special novice fly fishing clinic on June 12<sup>th</sup> for those that have already completed a Fly Fishing Fundamentals course and the Basic Casting class, from any year or any club. It is designed to provide a full day of instruction by a TVFF instructor for a maximum of six students on the river with practical use of what has been learned in the courses. A two-hour night session will be scheduled prior to the trip to review and prepare rods and reels with rigging, flies, proper approaches, wading safety, and reading the river.
- Fish on your own – June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Fish on your own – June 13<sup>th</sup>

**As of this writing, these events are still available for registration. Please register by May 20<sup>th</sup>, at which point we may open the events to other clubs.**

Visit our [event calendar](#) for all the details.

## Truckee Watershed – June 25-28

This is our annual 3 night-3 day [camping trip](#) headquartered at Logger Campground, Stampede Reservoir with three days of fishing the Big Truckee, Little Truckee, and Milton Lake for rainbow and brown trout. It coincides with the peak of multiple aquatic hatches in the area and will include river wading opportunities and a day of either float tube, pontoon, pram or bank fishing at Milton Lake. Fishing techniques to be used include traditional indicator nymphing, Euro nymphing, streamers, and dry fly techniques.



## Baja Inshore Fishing – July 17-24

Six days fishing out of panga boats for a variety of saltwater species. Our host, Gary Bulla, operates out of Baja Joes on the beach in Ventana between LaPaz and Cabo on the Sea of Cortes. Home cooked meals, bar and single occupancy cabins, can't ask for more. Fishmeister Martin Plotkin has been going down to fish Mexico for the past 25 years and this location and trip set up has to be the best. All lodging (single occupancy) and locally and home cooked food is provided, as is daily guide services. Contact Martin if you have any questions about this [outing](#).





## Beginning Nymphing Clinic – August 13-15

Jim Roberts will be hosting an intensive [on-the-water clinic](#) for beginners where students will learn how to safely wade, rig for nymphing, read the water and fish on the McCloud or Upper Sacramento Rivers. Expect to catch fish! The clinic will include everything: meals, flies, leaders, lodging and instruction. Attendees will provide their own fishing gear and licenses. See the event for all the details.



## Member Reports

### Pyramid Lake – Bob McCollum

I fished Pyramid Lake in mid-April and it was tough. I was a little late for the peak period of March, and Pyramid fishes better in bad weather, so the blue skies and warming weather didn't help. I had two tough days with just a few fish. But things opened up on the last morning with cloud cover that delayed daybreak a bit, so I caught some larger fish, the biggest pushing 10 pounds.



## San Luis Forebay – Bob McCollum

Pretty decent fishing for striped bass at the O’Neill Forebay of San Luis Reservoir. No really big fish, but a few put a good bend in my 8 weight rod. It was entertaining. Took me a couple of hours to locate fish but had decent catching for a few hours.



## A Winter and Spring Review of the Lower Yuba – Rob Farris

(Dedicated with heartfelt appreciation for the teachings of Jon Baiocchi on the river)

This winter I decided to stay a bit closer to home and a bit warmer as well. So I have been concentrating on the lower Yuba fishery, with terrific teachings and inputs from Jon Baiocchi all along the way. The Yuba is a wonderful river, once one gets to know it and its varied moods. A number of our club members have participated in one of Jon’s Skwala Workshops to learn its intricacies. And that’s how I started some three years ago, but the river is so much more than just the Skwalas.

This year I began fishing the Lower Yuba in late December and have made some 12 trips to the river since then with a number of club members periodically joining me. Both Jon and Lance Gray have sung the benefits of the Yuba, and I wholeheartedly agree. This year I decided to really delve into fishing and learning it, for it is not an easy river to come to terms with. Jon always pushed my buttons with characterizing it as a great dry fly river, and I would agree considering the many varied hatches throughout the year. So let’s start there...

**Late December:** weather is Ok and in the low 40’s. Unfortunately, the water temp is 42 so it’s likely to be a slow day with deep nymphing to lethargic trout who hate me. OK, I’m 8.5’ down from my indicator at the Clay Banks with a #22 Zebra midge on the bottom and a #18 S&M mayfly nymph on the tag. They hate me. But my heart be still; they start rising around 11 AM to very small Baetis, and just 8-10’ off the shoreline. Out comes my 2nd rod (dry fly 4 weight) and I start pitching a #18 Baetis with a #20 RS2 dropper and voila! Three fish hooked and one to the net... in the middle of winter! Life is good but the hatch disappears about 3 PM into nothingness.

**January:** Spent most of my time on the Feather euro nymphing for Steelhead and was rewarded with my largest ever steelie in the “bathtub” at Oroville. After the big guy, pickin’s were slower so I moved back to the

Yuba the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January with Alan Wyosnick who promptly catches a nice 19" steelie Euro Nymphing in a great riffle. As to the dry fly activity... nope. Nothing materialized the entire day. However, I did see a few early Skwalas begin to turn up so hope springs eternal and I'll be back on the 30th to meet Jon Baiocchi and kick off the TVFF Skwala Workshop. This time Todd Hyrn is at my side while Jon quietly suggested his "secret" area ½ mile or so downstream for us to fish, while the Workshop was going on. A previous report talks about both Todd and Patrick Donovan hooking into Steelhead that day while I pulled in a nice 16" native rainbow on a Skwala nymph. Things are looking up, and Jon's help was awesome.

**February:** Now I'm fired up, and visit the river several times. But my beloved Baetis hatch in December was nowhere to be seen, and the hatches start turning over more rapidly now. However, the air temperature is up and the river temps are now at 47 so we're getting close. The Skwala's show with the warm sun and lots of shore sightings and nymphs in the shore shallows with the fish responding well to either special Skwala ties or Pat's Rubber Legs. Dry fly fishing is sporadic with the Skwala and I have much better success down below with nymphs. Several nice wild rainbows to the net with those big tails and strength once they get in the current. The gasoline bill is up, but things are looking up with the strong tugs and hot fish.

**March:** Now we're talking as the warm spell hits the river and activates the spring hatches. Skwalas, PMDs, Pinkies, Brown Duns, and Mother's Day Caddis (Brachycentrus) are all out. A dry fly guy's dream.

This is what all the winter fly organizing, expansion, and cleaning are for. Back to my beloved riffle on 3/24 and after a few small fish hooked, I wade out in the riffle shelf and hook my largest Yuba River rainbow ever on a dry. This time it's a classic 45 degree up dry fly parachute cast into the seam with a mended presentation and a #16 Brown Sparkle Dun. Not the easiest in waist deep water, but now I hook up for an epic fight that lasts several hard runs and short sprints before I get him to the net. Awesome; let's do this again. Nope. The river tells me that once is all you get today, so I pack it up. Jon saves my ego that night in an email telling me that the average is below 50% hookup-to-net ratio on the Yuba, and that one fish a day is about the average. OK... but c'mon; average?

Gary Prince and I then hoof it up to the river the next week, and Gary cracks the dry fly Mother's Day Caddis code while I hook up with fish several nymphing in the current seam. The hot fish teach me a lesson as landing these guys is always quite the challenge. Jon's lesson of fishing with a downstream presentation so the fish see the fly first works great, and we both get several fish to the net after a good day.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> I scout out the UC Property (upcoming club trip in June) with Trout Unlimited. Very slow in the AM on Euro, then everything breaks loose on the surface at noon. I raise 6 fish, hook four and lose them all when they too like the current better than my net. Highlight was a nice jumper of about 19" and a tough, long fight of many runs, and an unsuccessful downstream breakoff on my 4 weight dry fly rod. Most of the rises were on different flies (#16 Adams, #18 PMD Comparadun, #16 Pinkie spinner, and a #14 Brown Dun for the big guy). Typical Yuba River; the hatches change frequently during the day and you have to be prepared for it (and take your 5 or 6 weight rod next time, dummy!). But a terrifically fun day, nonetheless.



**April:** Mitchie McCammon calls me and asks if I can drive up with her to Yuba City where she is scheduled for a vaccination shot in case she has a reaction (no reaction; yea!). Sure, if we can stop by and fish the Yuba as well. And the river treats me well during the afternoon Caddis hatch with a nice 18" rainbow that takes a #18 "Z" Wing Caddis dropper behind my tan/yellow Elk Hair Caddis. Another typical Yuba explosive take four feet off shore in two feet of water and with a 30' downstream presentation. Mitchie is impressed, but she hasn't seen all the fish I've lost up there this season. Guess I'm learning how to fight them better.

Except a week later after thinking I had this figured finally, I carry the skunk home with me after striking out. And that's the way the Yuba rolls. Good days that you really have to work at it, and some days that the fish hate you up there. One of my favorite Troutbitten quotes certainly applies to a highly technical river like the Yuba: "In the end, the river has a way of dealing with pretenders". Best to be prepared to be humbled at any time. But what a satisfying experience if you can solve the puzzle.

P.S. The Mother's Day Caddis hatch is in full bloom right now (it can be awesome). See below if you want to learn more about it, and there's a Yuba River hatch chart on the [Resources](#) page of our website.



## Got Mother's Day Caddis? It's Time...

### Rob Farris

The *Brachycentrus Grannom* caddis is an early Spring indicator and a case making insect. Your first hint that the hatches are coming will be the large number of cases that you see on the rocks in soft current, such as those below. Our California versions tend to be more rounded in shape, but you'll see plenty in the water this time of year. We are also now seeing the *Rycophilia* and *Hydropsyche* Caddis about as well. The bugs really get going as the water hits 50-52 degrees during the middle of April, depending upon the weather. This week's (late April 2021) water temperature was 54 on the Yuba and the daytime temperatures have been in the middle 70's to 80's, so the fish are finally on the hunt.



The Mother's Day Caddis, known for its emergence in the East around that special day, is best imitated by a light tan/brown and/or yellow pattern in #14 and #16's. The usual Elk Hair Caddis patterns work well but pay close attention to the abdomen colors and aim for the lighter colors of which yellow, tan, and olive seem to work very well. The fish this time of year tend to become very focused on one particular stage of insect so



working the various levels in the water column works best as the hatch progresses, which will finally come off as adults about 1pm or so.

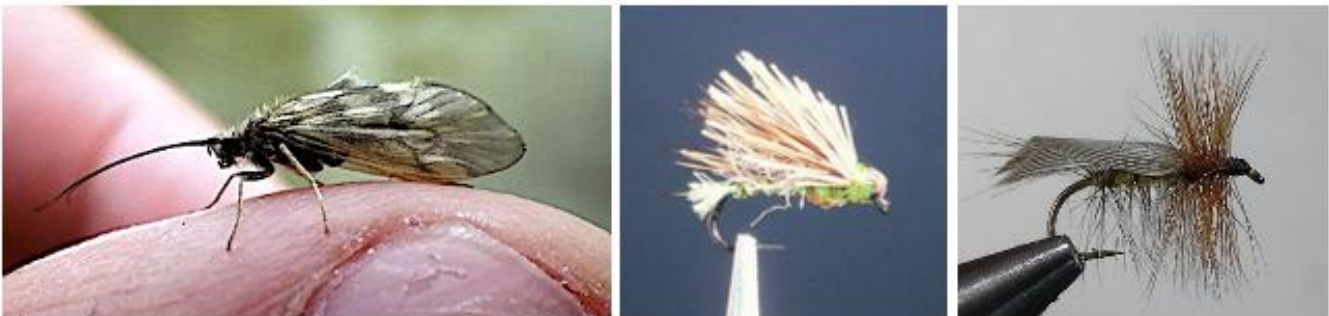
To match the nymph, grab one off the rocks under the water and squeeze out the pupa from the case, and you'll have a roadmap for your nymphs. Toss the pupa back in the water as they're very crunchy, but not so good for eating...You'll see a bright green abdomen with a black head, and the Bead Head Olive Caddis Pupa is a perfect color match in olive for the pupal stage.



Of course, as they work their way up the water column around noon to a full-on adult dun hatch, you might have a good shot with an emerger dropper in the film or middle column. Recently the Z Wing Caddis has been working well and is an effective solution for an emerger dropper trailing your Elk Hair dry by 14-20”.



And finally by mid-afternoon you'll have the adult Caddis duns on the surface that are generally dark in color, but also show in light colors as well. The swept-back wings are always present, which can be imitated by either hackle or CDC material.



And either the Elk Hair Caddis or the famous East Coast Henryville Special ties can be especially effective. The adults will not stay long on the water as once they emerge and dry their wings, they will fly off. You will see the females come back and rest on the water while they are laying their eggs in either a yo-yo effect or skittering across the surface. Imitating that accurately can result in explosive takes, but is a bit challenging to pull off without drag. So go forth; fish the Caddis hatch, don't miss Mother's Day brunch at home, and enjoy springtime on the river.

## Website Security Warnings

### Mark Spruiell

Thanks again to everyone who reported the security warnings they were experiencing while trying to access the club's website via our tri-valleyflyfishers.org address. I submitted a ticket to our hosting service and they (eventually) corrected the problem. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have website issues in the future.



## Website Tips – Event Registration & Payment

### Mark Spruiell

Here's a brief overview of how to register and pay for an event on the TVFF website.

You can view the [event calendar](#) in either a traditional calendar view or in a list view. You can switch between them by clicking the "Switch to ..." link shown below:

## OUTINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Welcome to the club's calendar. We encourage all members and their guests to join us for any of our outings; however we do require that each guest sign the club's liability release. Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Month: June 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5 8:00 AM Saturday SHAD CLINIC - walk and wade
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

After clicking on an event that interests you, you'll see a description of the event:

When **June 13, 2021**  
8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Location Yuba River/UC Private  
Water Property

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Registered **10 registrants**

Registration

**Yuba River - UC  
property - cash  
payment - \$35.00**

Cash/check payment  
must be received  
within 14 days of  
registration

**Yuba River Family  
Member**

**Registration**  
Yuba River

**Yuba River UC  
Property - credit  
card payment -  
\$36.05**

Yuba River UC outing



Register

## LOWER YUBA RIVER CLUB EVENT AT UC PROPERTY

### Event Description: Sunday June 13, 2021 only



The Yuba River is renowned for its early season SI has offered many workshops on the river to acquai that early season opportunity. However, the end of March means that the fish shift over to the more tr hatches of Pale Morning Duns, Baetis/Blue Wing O Little Yellow Sallies, Pale Evening Duns, Golden St Caddis, and maybe even some terrestrials. So all is activity above and below the surface that the Yuba

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days over the weekend. The river is about 1.5 miles above the highway 20 br and accessible only through a locked gate for a maximum of twenty (20) ang approximately 2.5 miles of available river that is the tailwater section a mile Englebright Dam. The river has easy and level access, so it's ideal for those le heavy current wading situations, although that is also available for those Eu



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The left-hand column shows important information. "Spaces left" represents how many spots are still available for this event, while "Registered" shows how many spots have already been taken. You can click on the registrants link to see the list of people that are currently registered (note that this list is only visible to members). Below that are your payment options.

### Payment Options

As you've probably seen, the hosting service that we now use for our website makes it possible for us to accept credit cards for purchases, although the fees associated with credit card processing are deducted from the amount that the club receives. The TVFF board decided that we would continue to offer the option of paying by cash or check, and those that wanted to pay by credit card would pay slightly more to cover the processing fees that the club would otherwise lose.

In an ideal world, we'd like to tack on the credit card fee during checkout and only if the buyer elects to pay by credit card. Unfortunately, the hosting service doesn't currently give us that ability. Instead, we're working around this limitation by asking you to decide up front how you intend to pay:

# LOWER YUBA RIVER CLUB EVENT AT UC PROPERTY

Event **Lower Yuba River Club Event at UC Property**  
June 13, 2021 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
Location: Yuba River/UC Private Water Property

Choose registration type

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- **Registration**  Yuba River - UC property - cash payment – \$35.00  
Cash/check payment must be received within 14 days of registration
- Yuba River Family Member Registration ⚠ Only for certain membership levels.  
Yuba River
- Yuba River UC Property - credit card payment – \$36.05  
Yuba River UC outing

If you'd like to pay by cash/check, select the "cash payment" option and click the "Next" button, otherwise select the "credit card payment" option and then click "Next". On the following page, you'll be asked to confirm your contact information and optionally add a guest. When you get to the confirmation page, you'll see several buttons along the bottom:

**Review and confirm**

Event Lower Yuba River Club Event at UC Property  
June 13, 2021 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
Location: Yuba River/UC Private Water Property





Registration type Yuba River - UC property - cash payment – \$35.00


Total amount **\$35.00 (USD)**

Payment instructions If you chose to pay by credit card, click the PAY ONLINE button to complete your registration.  
If you chose to pay by cash or check, click the INVOICE ME button to complete your registration. Checks should be made out to Tri-Valley Fly Fishers or simply TVFF. Checks and cash can be given to the TVFF Treasurer. Checks can also be mailed to

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers  
P.O. Box 2358  
Livermore, CA 94551

WAITLIST: If you're joining the waitlist for an event, do NOT make any payment yet. If a spot opens up, an administrator will move you off the waitlist. At that point, the system will generate an invoice and notify you via email.



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Another unfortunate limitation of the hosting service is that it will still allow someone who chose the “cash payment” option to pay by credit card. As you can imagine, this causes some chaos for the club treasurer, who now has to reconcile the fact that the credit card fees were not paid by the buyer.

As it stands, this registration process is clearly not ideal and it’s easy for folks to make mistakes. Many of the hosting service’s customers, including us, have asked them for a better solution. Hopefully we’ll be able to streamline this process in the future. Meanwhile, we appreciate your patience in dealing with this somewhat clunky solution.

## Monofilament vs Fluorocarbon Tippet

### Heather Hodson – United Women on the Fly

This week we are discussing monofilament versus fluorocarbon. Monofilament is a single piece of plastic, usually nylon. Fluorocarbon is tightly-wound mixtures of complex thermoplastics and polymers.

#### Monofilament Advantages

- Cost – Less Expensive. Up to 4x less expensive.
- Floats – Less Dense. Mono tippet will not break surface tension of the water unless pulled under by a weighted fly or by the angler.
- Stretch – The molecular structure of a nylon leader allows it to stretch about 10% under load. Less memory than fluoro when it comes off the spool or out of the leader packet.
- Knots – Mono is softer than fluoro. Knots seat better.



#### Fluorocarbon Advantages

- Abrasion Resistance – Heavier material which results in higher abrasion resistance.
- Strength – Fluoro tensile strength is much greater than mono with the same diameter.
- UV – Not affected by ultraviolet rays. Mono can lose over 30% of its strength with exposure to UV light.
- Permeable – Does not absorb water. Fluoro maintains its breaking strength in water, whereas mono can lose 10 to 15 percent of its strength when wet.
- Sinks – If pulled under by a weighted fly, fluoro will sink about 5% faster than mono.

#### Recycle

Leaders and tippet can be recycled into plastic products. Be mindful of microtrash and place all leader/tippet trash into a recycle container on the river.

## Fluorocarbon Myth

“Fluorocarbon sinks so you can’t dry fly fish with fluorocarbon.”

Both fluoro and mono leaders will not break the river’s surface tension. If pulled under by a weighted fly or by the angler, fluoro will sink about 5% faster than monofilament.

## Dry Fly Fishing

Many choose monofilament for casting dry flies or swinging soft hackles. A thinner and softer tippet will allow a fly to behave more naturally on the water. Fish the longest dry fly leader you can cast and think about drag-free drifts.

## Euro Nymphing

Due to fluorocarbon being tightly packed molecules, there is less stretch which transmits more energy than monofilament, giving more sensitivity. Many use thin diameter tippet as it has less surface area and will sink faster.

## Saltwater Fishing

Many use fluorocarbon leader and tippet for its abrasion-resistance, tensile strength, and resistance to UV rays.



	MONOFILAMENT	FLUOROCARBON
	Single Piece of Plastic, Usually Nylon	Tightly Wound Mixtures of Complex Thermoplastics and Polymers
HANDLING	Easier to Work With	Harder to Work With More Line Memory
STRETCHES	Absorbs Shock More Stretch = Less Sensitivity	Less Stretch = More Sensitivity
SINK RATES/DENSITY	Floats	Denser, Sinks Faster
STRENGTH	Not as Strong Susceptible to UV & Extreme Temps	Stronger Heavier Material so Higher Abrasion Resistance
PERMEABLE	Slowly Absorbs Water	Does Not Absorb Water
VISIBILITY	More Visible	Less Visible
KNOTS	Knots Seat Better	Difficult to Seat Knots with Tightly Wound “Stiff” Materials
PRICE	Inexpensive	Expensive
BEST APPLICATIONS	Dry Fly, Skating Flies, Swinging Soft Hackles and Big Game Freshwater Fishing	Nymphing, Fishing Around Heavy Cover, Spooky Saltwater Fish