

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

short casts

August 2008

Editors' Note: I have been informed by our printer that due to a computer glitch, the snail mail edition was never posted and those members for whom we do not have email addresses did not receive the June newsletter. Therefore, I have included some of the June articles and pictures in this edition.

FYI: You can download current and past newsletters from our website.

Percy L.

General Meeting August 13th, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1877 Hooker Oak. Fly-tying at 6:30pm, General meeting at 7:30pm



SECRETARIES SECRETS

By
Pat Sleeper

July Secretaries Secrets

The board meeting didn't make, it must be vacation time; But, the General meeting June 11th, went off as planned. Lincoln Gray presented Still Water fishing on Lake Amanor and it's Hex Hatch as well as Digger Creek and it's ten pound (10lb) trophy trout!

Lincoln did a wonderful power point demonstration of the types of lines to use, some new ones, and their advantages; rods to use and their advantages; as well as the varieties of flies one uses and their advantages. He also showed some very nice fish produced at these different locations...quite impressive! Thank you Lincoln!

August Secretaries Secrets

There were no meetings in July so there are no secrets to be shared by the Secretary in this edition.

The Presidents Line

By
Lincoln Gray

Well, it is getting close to the end of summer with August here and there is more fishing to be done.

This last couple of months has been very busy for me. I have fished or guided 17 days in June but have not been out as of yet this month (July), but I am working on some days on Digger Creek Ranch, Lake Almanor, Crater Lake and Deer Creek for the next couple of months.

September is almost here and we will be taking nominations for officers and board members. September is also the month that we start planning our annual dinner, so any thoughts that you might have will be appreciated.

I know that Val and Don have both
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The Hexagenia Hatch at Lake Almanor 06-28-08

By Don Sleeper

Through the smoke filled skies from Tuesday, June 24th, through Saturday, June 28th, nine of us fished the Hex hatch; we "all" caught fish every night. Some of us landed one and others landed as many as six in one 2 hour shot. We caught Browns up to 5 pounds, Rainbows up to 4 pounds (22 inches) and very large smallmouth (one 24 inches) all on Hex nymphs (TS buggers) and surface cripples. The Hex hatch would be in full swing for about an hour or so with bats, a few grebes (birds that love to eat Hex nymphs) and those big trout porpoising all around us. Quite fun looking around and all you could see were little yellow sail-boats (hex hatch) and then the trout surfacing like dolphins downing as many of the hex hatch as they could consume. Though I have to say, "there was an eeriness about it" as the sun set, the air got colder and damper; thus, bringing down the smoke like a thick layer of fog over the lake. We couldn't help but talk about the thick smoke and orange sun; could it be bringing out the hex hatch a little early on those special evenings? (HEX HATCH Continued on Page 3 Column 2)

July FLY OF THE MONTH

The Narbaitz Ugly

This fly was shown to me by a friend in the late 1960's. He had a cabin in Sweetbriar, and fished it daily on the Upper Sac. It was from an article on Cased Caddis in an old, 1950's outdoor magazine. The article had the name of the fly, which I immediately forgot. Year's later, Andy Burk remembered the fly when I described it to him, and told me what it was. I immediately forgot then too.

Ed Masterson, a friend of mine, used to have me tie up a dozen or two of them for him every year. Since I didn't know the name of the fly, he dubbed it The Narbaitz Ugly. While I'm still not sure, I assume he means the fly.



The old adage, "Neatness counts," really doesn't apply to this fly. It is extremely easy to tie, and it's a good thing. If fished properly, you will snag more than a few of them on the bottom.

Hook...TMC 3769 or Daichii 1530 #8 & 10

Weight...12 to 15 wraps of .015 lead or non-toxic

Body...Black chenille, fine, or black wool yarn

Rib...Grizzly hackle, trimmed

1. Wrap and tie down wire on the front half of the hook.
2. Tie in hackle. Use that long stuff at the bottom of the neck that you won't use elsewhere.
3. Tie in chenille or yarn.
4. Wrap body material up to eye.
5. Palmer hackle, three wraps only.
6. Tie off and whip finish.
7. Trim hackle down to slightly less than hook gap size.

Tips: This is still one of the best, Cased Caddis patterns I have ever used. It has performed well on the Upper and Lower Sac, the Pit, the Feather River, and just about anyplace else I have fished it. Fish it right on the bottom in any stream that has Caddis.

Chico Area Flyfishers Fishout Schedule 2008

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfishers provide to its Membership. These Club Fishouts are designed to give fly fishers the best opportunity to catch fish and enjoy the outdoors. Our Club has many accomplished anglers who are willing to share their skills with others and you are only limited by willingness to become involved. From selecting promising locations and time, to helping those members new to the sport, we try to make these trips fun, exciting and successful.

We are also looking for additional **fishout leaders**. If you have one of those favorite spots that you don't mind sharing with others and would like to lead your fellow CAF members for a day of fishing fun, and fellowship please contact Lincoln Gray or Don Sleeper.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
August	Open	
Sept 27	Klamath Lake, Rocky Point	Don Sleeper
Oct 25, 26	Eagle Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Big Chico Creek	Eric See

Other ideas: Floating Indicator Clinic, Float Tube Clinic, Fly Casting Clinic, Yuba River, Fort Bragg area Surf Fly fishing---

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written articles about the Lake Almanor fishout this year, but I would like to thank all who participated in the event. It was fun fishing with all of you. Val, the TS Bugger works, right?

As always, if any of you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at anytime. Also, please remember to be safe and have a great time on your next fishing trip.

Thanks-
Lincoln Gray

(HEX HATCH Continued from page 1)

We had about 10 other float tubes and pontoon boats around us. Later in the month it gets a little crazy with boat traffic added to the pontoons, I counted over a hundred boats off the public launch one July night. Lets all hope the hatch stays with us another month and everyone gets to experience this fun adventure! Give us a call and tell us you'll be at the next fish out in Aug, thanks. (See pictures pages 4&5).

A special **THANK YOU** to the wonderful helpers/members who so graciously donated their time to help at the Casting for Recovery at Rolling Hills Casino and Clear Creek Hunting and Fishing Club event on June 22nd. It was a BIG success due to your help! Gary McFarlan, Terry Mich, Bryan Rogers, Bob Smith, Lionel Valley, Hack Vance, Caleb Newsom, Larry Willis, Joe Garza and Christopher, and Pat and Don Sleeper. A Big thank you from Brad Henman and all the ladies and gentlemen attending the event. There were about 150 participants....Again, thank you all!



August Fly of the Month Quill Body Parachute Adams

Hook...16-18, Tiemco 100, Daichii 1100, 20-22 Tiemco 101, Daichii 1110
Thread...Black or Gray 8/0
Tail...Grizzly Hackle Barbs
Wing, Posted...Dun Z-lon
Abdomen...Dyed Black Quill, Stripped Hackle...
Grizzly Thorax...Adams Gray Super Fine

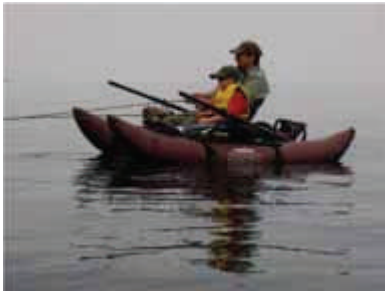
I'm not sure this fly fishes any better than a regular Adams, but it is fun to tie, and it looks really cool. It is also quite versatile. When you strip the dyed black quill, it leaves some of the white of the feather exposed to give you a little contrast. If you strip a grizzly hackle, you will notice that the barred effect is also on the quill, and gives you a lighter body. Strip a dyed olive hackle and it's a BWO. Or, you can strip a white hackle, and use a Panatone or Sharpie pen to color it yellow and make it a PMD. Gray pens will make it any color Adams you want and the same with olive pens for the BWO. You can also change the color of the hackle to match the fly, but I have not found that the fish care.

1. Tie in the tail, about hook shank long.
2. Tie in the wing, and post it. I like to use Z-lon, because it doesn't fuzz up like polypro does. Tie in the wing so it is over the eye of the hook. That will help a little in building up behind it for a taper. Post it up, and wrap the post high enough to give you a base for wrapping the hackle.
3. Tie in the quill, tip first. Wrap it in very close wraps up to the wing. I like to use natural quills because they give you a good taper as they get thicker toward the butt, as opposed to the artificial ones you can buy that are one thickness throughout.
4. Tie in the hackle.
5. Put a drop of something like Flexament on the post. This will help stiffen the post, and prevent the hackle from slipping down with use.
6. Bring the hackle up to the top of the post, and wrap it back down to the base.
7. Tie down the hackle and trim.
8. Dub a small thorax with the superfine, and whip finish the head.

Tips: I treat all of my dry flies with something like Water Shed. Then, I use a desiccant like Dry Shake when I'm on the water. The flies float well, and seem to keep their form better after hooking fish.



**2008 Hex Hatch
“Smoke out”
at
Lake Almanor**



Another Road Trip By Don and Pat Sleeper

Pat and I just had another wonderful fly fishing road trip through our western states. We started in Oregon fishing East Lake (July 9th) and Crane Prairie (July 10th) below Bend, Oregon. The time of the year was not the best time. Fishing can't be good all the time. We were three couples who enjoy the outdoors and especially fly fishing. But, since fishing wasn't that great in Oregon some of us left and headed toward Idaho with

Henry's Lake in mind. It was

Storm brewing over Henry's Lake in Idaho

Terry Mich and Karen Horne who followed us to a wonderful camp site on the shores of Henry's Lake. Fishing was something else, we hit the big time. Terry caught over 30 cutthroat and rainbows on one mornings' outing, from 3lbs to 6lbs. I was using the old standby wiggle tail (green olive) on an intermediate sink tip and doing OK. But Terry was also using a floating line and Chironomids off an indicator and catching a fish on every cast at about 7 feet and 6 inches off the bottom. He'll tell you, "I've never caught fish like that before." In the afternoon the wind and rain would come up like clock work. Henry's Lake can be very dangerous: one afternoon, due to the wind we watched waves over four feet hit the shore, no place for our pontoon boats! That same day the wind was tumbling a boat toward our trailer until the owner came out of his R.V., tugged it back and tied it to the back of his motor home, Scary! After an hour or so the weather calmed down and once again the lake would be as flat as glass. Amazing! Always, we meet the most wonderful people! And, at Henry's Lake it was no exception! We met a wonderful Gentleman that not only is a wonderful fisherman; but, he makes beautiful trophy mahogany, oak and manzanita fly boxes and Charlie promised to make one for our Feb. Fly fishing dinner. THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL! You will truly be surprised at the craftsmanship!

After four days Pat and I headed for Lander, Wyoming (my home town). We left Terry and Karen at Henry's Lake. Terry said, "why leave such a great fly fishing lake;" thus, they stayed there and

continued to catch a good amount of fish every day! We have relatives in Lander so we had to pay our respects. We fished a couple of small lakes at an elevation of 9600 ft and caught a few rainbows. It was great except for the continued thunder storms with their lightning, wind and rain that blew our pontoon boats from one side to the other. And I don't like fishing in electrical storms!

We finally made it home this last weekend after our 21 day road trip with a lot more new memories and pictures.

Don with Rainbow at Henry's Lake



Upcoming Activities

August 13th	General Meeting: Program TBA
August	Open
September 10th	General Meeting: Program TBA
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Oct 25, 26	Eagle Lake
Nov	Big Chico Creek



Fires burning on the roadside along highway 32 near Potato Patch Campground during the lightening caused fires during July 2008

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7:30pm

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Oct 25, 26 Eagle Lake

Nov Big Chico Creek

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General Meeting:

**General Meeting August 13th
Seventh Day Adventist Church
1877 Hooker Oak.
Fly-tying at 6:30pm,
General meeting at 7:30pm.**

Guests are always welcome, come on out and enjoy the camaraderie, fish stories and information from the local fisheries. Refreshments will be served.