

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

short casts

September 2008

General Meeting September 10th, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1877 Hooker Oak. Fly-tying at 6:30pm, General meeting at 7:30pm

**The Presidents Line
And Secretaries Secrets
Will return next month**

A Great Place To Fish: By Don Sleeper

Well it's one of those times, I had a little surgery on my back and I haven't fished for the entire month of August...and, I didn't throw it out fly fishing, something 'like' just washing my truck. But last August, at this time of the year, we went to Dragon Lake outside the city of Quesnel in B.C. Dragon Lake is one of the jewels of the Caribou Region and is home to trophy sized rainbows 14 pounds and over. This relatively small lake is only a few miles outside the city of Quesnel and is situated among hilly forested (*Cont. on Page 3*)

Lightning Bugs

Everything has been placed on hold until September. This is due to the fires, river closures, no attendance, etc. I will try to have a revised schedule for the Lightning Bugs by the first of September. Any ideas or feed back would be greatly appreciated. Thanks

Joe Garza, Lightning Bugs youth coordinator.

Fly tying

As I write this I'm preparing to go to the coast for a week. So I must be brief. Our swap for September will be on the 10th, at the meeting. We will be swapping steelhead patterns. Any steelhead pattern will work for this swap. Also to make up for the summer months I would like to ask that everyone donate one of their favorite dry patterns, and one of their favorite nymph patterns. This will help make our collection of flies for the dinner complete. There are still spots available for the swap, so if anyone knows anyone that may be interested have them contact me.

Joe Garza

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 your 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>
Sept 27	Klamath Lake, Rocky Point	Don Sleeper
Oct 25, 26	Eagle Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Big Chico Creek	Eric See

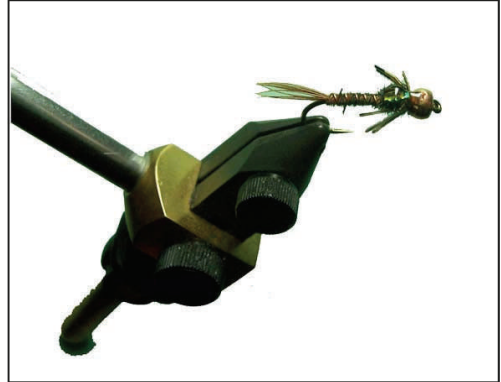
Other ideas: Floating Indicator Clinic, Float Tube Clinic, Fly Casting Clinic, Yuba River, Fort Bragg area Surf Fly fishing---

August
FLY OF THE MONTH
By
Ray Narbaitz

The Bead Head, Poxyback, Flashback, P.T.

This is one of a gazillion variations of an old fly. The P.T. (Pheasant Tail Nymph) was originated in England in the late 1950's by a gentleman named Frank Sawyer. He tied the original without using thread, but instead tied the whole thing with fine copper wire. He made the body by wrapping the Pheasant Tail Herl around the wire, and then wrapping it up the shank of the hook. We wrap the body, and then rib it with the copper wire. Anyway you look at it; it still hasn't strayed very far from the original design.

Hook: TMC 3761 or Daichii 1560, 12 – 20
Bead: Copper
Thread: Brown 8/0
Tail: Pheasant Tail
Abdomen: Pheasant Tail
Rib: Copper Wire
Thorax: Peacock Herl
Wing Case: Pheasant Tail, 1 strand pearl Flashabou
Legs: Pheasant Tail
Bubble: Epoxy



Note: The tail, abdomen, wing case and legs are all made from the same pieces of P.T. Herl.

1. Debarb hook and put on bead.
2. Pull 4 to 6 strands of herl off of Pheasant Tail (4 for 18 & 20, 6 for the other sizes).
3. Tie in Copper Wire for rib.
4. Tie in tips of Herl for the tail. Make tail a little shorter than normal.
5. Wrap herl up to about two thirds of the shank and tie off.
6. Counter wrap Copper Wire, finishing with a couple of wraps beyond the tied of P.T. Herl.
6. Tie in the strip of Flashabou immediately behind the tie in point of the P.T. Herl.
7. Tie in Peacock Herl and wrap a fairly full Thorax up to the Bead.
8. Pull the P.T. Herl straight over the Thorax to form the wing case, and tie down immediately behind the Bead.
9. Pull the Flashabou straight over the top of the P.T. to form the flash.
10. Take 2 or 3 strands of the P.T. Herl, and tie them down on one side of the fly for the legs. Do the same for the other side of the fly. Trim them so they are a little longer than the Thorax.
11. Trim the Flashabou as closely as you can.
12. Put a drop of Epoxy over the wing case, making sure it overlaps onto the bead just a bit. This anchors it and eliminates the need for head cement.

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Tip: Instead of Epoxy, use a drop of Loon's UV Knotsense. Put it in the direct sunlight for 15-seconds or under a UV light for 30, and it will have hardened. Even then, let it cure for awhile before you touch it, or it will get dull. Don't try to put it on the fly with the tip of the tube. Instead, put a drop of it on your bodkin, and place it on that way.

The P.T., in any of its forms, is a great nymph in both moving and still water. It can be tied with or without beads, with or without weight and with or without the flash. It will fish for any Mayfly imitation including Baetis and BWO's. It's also good as just a plain old searching pattern.



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Announcements

General Meetings: Seventh Day Adventist Church
1877 Hooker Oak

September 3rd BOD Meeting Location TBA
September 10th Fly-tying at 6:30pm, General meeting at 7:30pm

Fishouts:

Sept 27 Klamath Lake, Rocky Point
Oct 25, 26 Eagle Lake
Nov Big Chico Creek

(A Great Place To Fish *Cont. from page 1*)
terrain, farmland and there are a number of residences along the shoreline. The shoreline is sandy gravelly soil and black loam with cattails and bulrushes along most of it. The trout are stocked rainbows, a local, hard fighting, highbred specie that average up to 12 pounds. Although this is a high usage lake located along a major Caribou highway, it offers some great fishing and is considered a fly fisherman's dream, with ideal conditions and hatches. When we fished it even in August, Pat and I both caught trophy fish. Pat caught her fish on a large Prince nymph with rubber legs. I used my go-to olive green wiggle tail on a clear intermediate line. Thanks to our guide Kevin Crawford, we were told where to fish and rented one of his nice boats. Kevin has a water front B&B with wonderful accommodations, with boat and tackle rentals, and also offers guided fly fishing trips and fly fishing lessons.
Contact Kevin Crawford at 250-747-1470 or seasport2@msn.com for your reservations or up to date lake reports.

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General Meeting:

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Seventh Day Adventist Church
1877 Hooker Oak.
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General meeting at 7:30pm.**

Ed Bruno will give a presentation about fly fishing in the Modoc area.

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