



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts

February 2011

General Meeting: Feb 10, 2011 @ 6:30 tying and 7:00 meeting at 545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico. Snacks and drinks all free to the public.



Secretary's Secrets By Pat Sleeper

CAF Secretary Minutes Jan 2011

By Pat Sleeper

Meeting run by V.P. Dave McKinney

Meeting was held at Don and Pat

Sleepers. those present: Larry, Don,

Dave, Dana, Lionel, Terry & Pat.

CAF Secretary minutes for Jan 6, 2011 M/S/P Larry/Dana.

Treasurer's Report M/S/P approved by e-mail Larry/Dana

Speakers coming: Mac with Fish First and tying...April Fly

Water Travel on Steelhead in Oregon by Charles

We're looking forward to our annual March Crab/shrimp

dinner...flyer attached in news letter.

Checking on CAF patches for members.

Adjourned abt. 7:00 P.M.



The Presidents Line

It's February and we are gulped in planning our annual dinner. The dinner this year will be at the Masonic Lodge on March 4, 2011. Tickets are \$35.00 per person for dinner. The flyer is included in this news letter.

I would like to send out a big thank you to David McKinney for taking care of my article for the January's newsletter. I was a bit under the weather and David, being an excellent VP took care of me. Yum, maybe David for President. President McKinney, that has a sweet sound to it, don't you think. Just kidding David. Thank You.

Fishing is very good to excellent in many locations. The Lower Sac, Baum Lake, Lake Almanor, Feather River and the Yuba. So do not miss your chance, get out there and fish.

Anyone would like to volunteer for the dinner, we do need help. So, please email me and let me know what you would like to do.

Thank you... Lincoln Gray

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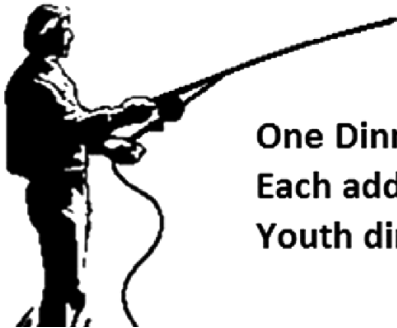
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40TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
 FRIDAY - MARCH 4TH, 2011 @ 5:30
 MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE.

"CRAB FEED DINNER & SHRIMP"

Raffle prizes - rods, reels, guided trips, fly tying supplies, Ladies prizes, pontoon boat and other prizes and surprizes...



One Dinner & a Family Membership\$ 70.00
 Each additional crab/shrimp Dinner.....\$ 35.00
 Youth dinner.....\$ 35.00

-----DINNER RESERVATION FORM-----

NAME: _____	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
ADDRESS: _____	Family Membership & One Dinner		\$70.00
CITY: _____ ZIP: _____	Each Additional Dinner	_____ \$35.00	\$ _____
PHONE: _____	Youth - Dinner	_____ \$35.00	\$ _____
E-MAIL: _____	Raffle ticket packets	_____ \$500. _____ \$200.	\$ _____
	Raffle ticket packets	_____ \$100. _____ \$50.	\$ _____
	Reserved a table for 8 people	\$450.	\$ _____
	(Five memberships 8 dinners)	TOTAL	\$ _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES: _____ Visa # _____

_____ M/C# _____

_____ Signature: _____

_____ Exp. Date _____ back # _____

PURCHASE TICKETS BY JAN 15TH FOR EARLY BIRD DRAWING
 MAIL RESERVATION FORMS AND PAYMENT TO: CAF - 1010 Lori Dr, Chico, CA 95973
 Questions: Don or Pat 530-345-1197

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2011

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfisher's 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.

This schedule may change depending on the fish bite or weather conditions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Feb	Open	Open
March	Open	Open
April 13 thru 17	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper
April 30	Trout Opener	Open
May 28	Crater Lake	Don Sleeper
June 11, 12	Eagle Lake	Open
June 25	Lake Almanor Hex Hatch	Lincoln Gray
July	Philbrook Reservoir	Open
August	Open	
Sept 24, 25	Lewiston or Davis	Don Sleeper
Oct 1st	Pyramid Lake	Open
Oct	Almanor	Open
Nov 5, 6	Eagle Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Big Chico Creek	Eric See
Nov. 10-19th	Amazon River Basin – Peacock Bass	<i>See Don or Pat Sleeper for details</i>

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

The Truckee River fly fishers

Has an outstanding event upcoming on March 5—at their Annual Banquet. Their speaker is Zeb Hogan from the "Monster Fish" show on Nat Geo—It should be great. Please put the word out to your membership!!!

Also upcoming quickly is the Fly Fishing show in Pleasanton (the NCC Tying and casting education activity will be there, along with Numerous exhibitors).

In April, the NCCFFF will hold its annual Hall of Fame dinner and Auction In Napa. Jim Adams is this years inductee into the HOF.



Fly-Fishing in Belize

Our program for **Thursday, February 10th** is on flyfishing in the far off and wondrous paradise of Belize where large and fierce fish swim. At least, that is what Mack Noble of FishFirst Flyshop tells me. Mack is a dedicated Chico flyfisherman and has been the manager of Fishfirst for about seven years and I am happy to claim him as one of the members of CAFF. He guides locally on the rivers such as the Sacramento and Trinity as well as teaching flycasting. Last summer, Mack worked on developing a tub-fly pattern for Sacramento River Striper fishing and with great success. Personally, flyfishing for stripers is a hoot. Now he is hosting trips to Belize, which seems to be his new diversion. I am sure this will be a great program, Mack is a humorous guy with a lot of good information as well as stories. I know this because I have probably asked him more questions than anybody, and heard a story with each one.

We also have a great, AND I MEAN GREAT, line up of programs for the rest of the year.

After the great lead off presentation from Mack and our annual March Dinner and Fund Raiser, the line-up is as follows:

April. Charles Gehr. Pacific Northwest and British Columbia expert from FlyWater Travel will be presenting a program on Oregon Steelhead Fisheries. The pictures he will bring alone will make this a fantastic show.

May. Craig Nielsen. Owner of Shasta Trout. Craig has a presentation on the "Seasons of the Klamath". Which means



he will talk about all the great fishing on that river besides steelhead. I personally find it hard to believe people will fish for something other than steelhead, and I have told Craig this. He states I am not that evolved and has pictures to prove it.

June. And hitting clean-up this year in our own fearless leader Lincoln Gray, Owner of Stillwater Adventures, CAFF president, and an extraordinary fishing guide. Lincoln has a new program about fishing the lower Sacramento. This promises to be very interesting as Lincoln will be sharing his fish catching secrets with us.

Now hows that for a line up. I hope that all of our members attend these exceptional programs.

On The Road Again:

By Pat & Don Sleeper

We left Chico to play golf and bonefish near Cancun (Tulum Mexico) on January 26th. The first day fishing was outstanding: Pat and I hooked over 50 bonefish. She landed abt. 23 and I landed abt. 20, most were on the smaller side, but one 22 incher was nice. We used seven and eight weight rods and floating lines with long leaders.

The road into Pesca Maya Lodge is the road from "hell" it took us one hour on a bumpy road going 50 mph. Two days later Pat and Jim Gaumer went back in on the same road; the fishing just wasn't the same. I ended up with an upper respiratory infection and couldn't go back. They both landed 3 or 4 bonefish apiece, but Pat and Jim both lost tarpon. Jim also had a permit on.

Wind protection is one of the great advantages of this area. Unlike Bahamas, here you can fish for bonefish 365 days of the year. In Tulum and all the Yucatan Peninsula, it gets some very windy days: from South East or East and

North; but, we found protected flats and lagoons where we could see and cast to bonefish, permit, tarpon, snook, jacks, and barracudas and other stuff...fun, fun!

The Pesca Maya Lodge offers comfortable accommodation, fine food and drinks and relaxation in a peaceful oceanfront setting. Whether you seek adventure, relaxation or a little of both... paradise awaits you in Ascension Bay. An unforgettable fishing experience!



February Fly of the Month

By Ray Narbaitz

The Carey Special

The current issue of Fly Tyer Magazine features a very old fly that I use a lot in our local waters. As I read the article, and then did some research on the web (you gotta love Google), I found that, as with a lot of flies, there are countless variations on the theme. Even the version I tie and fish is a slight variation, but pretty close to what is considered the Carey Special today. About the only thing that remains from the original is the hackle.

The fly started in British Columbia in 1925, and was originated by either Dr. Lloyd A. Day, or Colonel Thomas Carey, or both, in the Quesnel, B.C. area. Supposedly, Dr. Day came across a dead Hedgehog, skinned it and brought it to Col. Carey to make a fly with it. Whether it was Day's or Carey's idea is unknown, but since they were fishing buddies, it was probably a combined effort. The original name for the fly was the Monkey Faced Louise. Apparently, that was a fond nickname that Dr. Day called his wife (hey, who are we to judge). Later, it became known as the Carey Special.

The original was tied with Hedgehog fur, and was meant to imitate either a Dragon Fly nymph or a Sedge nymph. Today, the body can be dubbing, chenille, wool, floss, Pheasant rump fibers, or, most commonly, Peacock Herl. By changing the color and size of the body, it can be a lot of other things as well. I usually just fish it as a generic, attractor streamer. It has been particularly effective for me at Baum Lake, Lake Almanor and Lake McCumber.

Hook...TMC5262, Daiichi 1710, #6 to 12

Thread...Black 6/0, 140 Denier

Weight...Lead or non-toxic, size to match hook

Tail...Black Marabou or Pheasant Rump Fibers, or none

Body...Peacock Herl

Ribbing...Copper Wire

Hackle...Pheasant Rump Fibers

1. Debarb hook and place it in the vice.
2. Lay down a thread base, and add 6 or 7 wraps of the weight toward the head of the fly.
3. Anchor down the weight, and then wrap the thread back to even with the barb of the hook.
4. Tie in the tail if you want to use one.
5. Tie in the copper ribbing.
6. Tie in a noodle of Peacock Herl and wrap it forward to just short of the eye of the hook. Tie it off and trim the excess.



7. Counter wrap the ribbing to the eye. Break off the excess and tie it down.
8. Take a feather from the rump of the Pheasant skin. This is the area just above where the tail would be. Between the end of the skin and the start of the back, you will see feathers that have a bluish tint on the ends. These are the preferred feather. Make one and a max of two wraps of the hackle. Choose a feather that goes back to the tie in point of the tail or a tad longer.
9. Tie the hackle back slightly, like a soft hackle, whip finish, trim the thread, add head cement, and go fishing.

Notes: You will notice in the picture using Peacock for the body that the hackle goes far beyond the end of the fly. That is like the original, as it didn't have a tail tied in. In the green fly, you will see the hackle stops at about the tail, which is the proportion I use. I'm not sure the fish care...If you don't have a full Pheasant skin, you might invest in one. It has tons of usable feathers, and is a great source for Philo Feathers for things like gills on Hex Nymphs...I usually fish the fly on an intermediate line with a fairly slow, erratic retrieve. The fly's designer fished it by slow trolling it, your choice.

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