



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts April 2017

Next meeting: Wed, April 12th @ 7:30 Fly tying: 6:30 location: California Park Pavilion



President Line by Pat Sleeper

April is here and as they say: April showers bring May flowers! We have fields of them now with all this water and they are beautiful! The birds are coming back and so is fishing!!!

They say fishing is improving on a lot of the rivers now. Also, I hear Almanor has been fishing "very" well! I

hope "you" can go out and try one of these locations and come back with your report and pictures! I would love to put "your" pictures and story in this news letter next month! Thank you!!

Our annual dinner has been served; and, if you missed it, we had more rods and reels than ever. We also had larger donations; but, it all went out to you, our members, with our record breaking participation!!! It's "you" our members who are taking our club to these new levels! Thank you for coming, donating and helping!!! Please continue helping by patronizing the businesses that supported us. A list is on the following page. Oh, and tell them "thank you for supporting CAF" when you go to these businesses. Sportsman's Warehouse; Sierra Stream & Mountain and Fish First were some of our donors. I look forward to seeing you at our next monthly General meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, except July and Aug, we have "no" meetings.

We are starting to book some new fish outs; and, we have some new speakers for our monthly meeting; check out the list in this news letter. Remember, besides the speakers, we have fly tying demonstrated before each meeting and refreshments. This month will be Terry Mich tying an Almanor hex fly. See you there.

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper; CAF, President

CAF Minutes by Pat Sleeper for Dave McKinney
Meeting came to order by president: Pat Sleeper; those present: Eric See, Tom Rosenow, Dana Miller, Larry Willis and Don and Pat Sleeper. Minutes: tabled; Treasurers report by Don Sleeper gave a detailed report on what we grossed and netted, which was a new record high from our club dinner; M/S/P Dana/Tom; V. President, Larry reported on our upcoming speakers and Terry Mich is tying this Wed. Eric See reported on the water: chinook salmon that were planted in the afterbay are doing very well. He also reported on the opener that you can read about in the flyer he had published in the news letter. Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.

CAF Award Recipients Congratulations!!!

Elden Hinkle: The Saber Tooth Award: This award is presented to the member who has worked over the years to promote our sport through participation in club activities.

Steve Bohmeyer: The Hall of Fame Award: This award is presented to the member who has distinguished him or herself through significant accomplishments in promoting the sport of fly fishing.

Kayla Kellogg: The Youth Hall of Fame Award: The Youth Hall of Fame was a direct response to the many hours of dedication and interest that Denton Hill gave to the Youth Group, which was stated in 1986.

Frank Spitari: Walt Kobler Memorial Award aka The Golden Zipper Award: This is the oldest award! Traditionally it was given to the person who "screwed up" the most on the opening day fishout.

Bob Baiocchi: The Press Powell Lifetime Achievement Award: The newest award to be given out by Chico Area Flyfishers beginning in 2006. This award is a local community award given out based on the person having a major effect and contribution to fly fishing as example by Press.

Grand Prize winner Dana Miller! Congratulations

Dave Scadden frameless boat!



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CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2016-17

CAF meets 10 months out of the year and presents a variety of exciting fly fishing-related programs throughout the year. The meetings also include monthly fly tying demonstrations, raffle prizes, refreshments, and the very best info and lies about Northern California Fly fishing. Meetings are being held on the second Wednesday of the month at The California Park Pavilion. We look forward to see you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories! Fly tying begins at 6:30 p.m.; general meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. **Location: California Park Pavilion: 2565 California Park Drive Chico.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
April 12th	John Squires	Wilderness fishing trips in Alaska Floating the Koptuli River in the Bristol Bay watershed that I think your club would enjoy. This special river is about a 40-mile float. We usually spend 8 or 9 nights on the river, camping as we float and fish. We fish for grayling, dolly varden, rainbows, and different species of salmon, depending on the time of year. The Koptuli River is also ground zero in the proposed Pebble Mine controversy. Jpscscr2001@aol.com
May 10th	Wayne Syn	Shad
June 14	Lincoln Gray	hex - Almanor
July/Aug	no meetings.....	
Sep 13		Trout Unlimited
Oct 11		John Baiocchi
Nov 8		TBD
Dec 13		Round Table

John Squires who is a registered Alaskan guide, long - time fly fisherman and owner of Against The Flow Adventures. **Will be our speaker Wed, April 12, 2017**, at The California Park, Lake Pavilion: at 7:30.

Against The Flow Adventures specializes in taking a limited number of clients on fly fishing float trips on some of the not-so-famous-rivers in Alaska in an effort to provide a total wilderness experience.

In this presentation, John will discuss floating the fishing the Kaktuli River; a small river in the Bristol Bay watershed and ground zero in the proposed Pebble Mine controversy. Topics will include: the status of the proposed mine; species of fish available; timing of runs; tackle used ; flies needed for the float; fishing methods; and, dealing with such issues as bugs, bears, and inclement weather.

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2017-18

Future outings that Chico Area Flyfisher's provide to its Membership: These Club Fish-outs 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.

Tom Rosenow will be our new **fish-out leader with Elden Hinkle**. 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 **Tom Rosenow** trosenow.chico@gmail.com or **Elden Hinkle** ehinkle@aol.com.

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

Date	Location	Fishout Leader
Jan 11th - 16th, 2018	Lake Picachos, Mexico - Pat Sleeper - psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
March 3rd, 2018	Annual Crab Feed Dinner	
March 10th & 11th 2018	Pyramid Lake Clinic w/Rob Anderson & Chris RSVP Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduct.com Breakfast/lunch/ladders \$190. pp + \$30. box of 12 flies. April 26th-	
May 4th	Rooster/dorado/tuna Fishing "Sea of Cortez" (2 openings) 7 days boat fishing/8 lodging w/food & drinks. Under \$2000.pp. Host: Pat Sleeper Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net 345-1197	
April 29th	Opener - Eric See	
June 24th	Lake Almanor - Hex hatch- @ Scott Joyce's "thank you!"	
July 13th	Crawley Lake TBD ehinkle@alo.com	
July 22 - 29	Alaska cost about \$2300. w/air Call Lionel for details: 343-7364	- Lionel Valley
Aug	Pingatori bass fishing	-Don Sleeper
Sep. 5 - 12, 2017 (FULL)	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. 6 days boat fishing/7 lodging w/food. Cost for everything under \$2000. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	Pat Sleeper - host
Sep. 12-20th, 2017 (FULL)	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. 7 days boat fishing/8 lodging w/food. Cost for everything under \$2000. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net 345-1197	Pat Sleeper - host
Oct 1, 2017	Pyramid opener trosenow.chico@gmail.com	Tom Rosenow

Chico Fly Fishers Fish Pyramid Lake Fish Out: By Elden Hinkle.

We had set our fishing dates early last year with Rob Anderson with Reno Fly Fishing Outfitters for Pyramid Lake. His suggestion for the best time would be early March, so we chose March 11 & 12.

It was a struggle keeping a group together with the storm damage and closure of Pyramid Lake. Luckily, the lake was reopened before our fish dates and we were able to fish. Elden Hinkle, Roger Beavers, Don & Pat Sleeper, Dan Reese and daughter Jordan, Kevin Jelich, Frank Morance, Mike Kosow, and Mike Mann.

So for the 12 of us that went, we had not only a great fishing weekend but also very good weather, which is very uncommon. Usually, bad weather equals good fishing and good weather poor fishing at Pyramid. The weather was so good that on Saturday morning before dawn one of the group decided to go swimming, thank goodness he kept his clothes on (no Speedo).

Saturday the 11th, the fishing was remarkable, Pat caught 20+ fish, Don caught over 17 fish, others with over 10 and some of us in the 5-8 range. Kevin Jelich caught an 11 lb; Dan Reese caught a 15 lb and Mike Mann a 16 lb. It was a great fishing day.

Sunday the 12th was nearly as good a day. Each of us caught between 5-10 fish, with Kevin catching over 20.

For Saturday: breakfast of Bagels, cream cheese, lox and coffee. For lunch: Bratwurst, chips and drinks. For Sunday: Muffins for breakfast with coffee and Hamburgers; chips and drink for lunch. If you left hungry shame on you. I thought that Rob and Chris took very good care of us and put us on the fish both Saturday and Sunday. Usually you feel very fortunate to have one good day but two days is pretty remarkable.



Nice cutthroat that Pat caught from Pyramid lake caught last Tuesday on a midge.



Picture of Elden Hinkle with a nice cutthroat from pyramid caught in 50 mph winds.



Don with a small cutthroat last week from Pyramid.

2017 Trout Season Opener Fishout

CAF will celebrate the Trout Season Opener with a fishout to the Hat Creek Area, near Burney, CA. Many California streams will be blown-out for Opening Weekend because this has been one of the wettest winters on record. Fortunately, Hat Creek is primarily fed by springs so the flows are not as affected by melting snow. Also, the lakes in this area, such as Baum and Britton, should be in great shape. The Fall River is close-by as well. Here are the details:

What:

- Fishout to Hat Creek on April 29, 2017. Baum Lake is nearby for those who want to fish a great stillwater fishery.
- CAF will host a gourmet deli lunch at Hat Creek on Saturday at 12:30 pm – please RSVP so we can get a head count (Eric See: eesee@comcast.net, please include the words "Hat Creek Fishout" in the subject line).

When: April 29, 2017 @ 0830 for fishing, 12:30 pm for deli lunch.

Where: Saturday morning on the lower section of Hat Creek, in the proximity of the fish barrier dam located just above where Hat Creek empties into Lake Britton.

- There is a dirt road to this area located ¼ mile west of the Hwy 299 Bridge over Hat Creek. This road is on the north side of Hwy 299.
- The easiest way to find this road is to drive into the little park at the 299 Bridge over Hat Creek, then turn around and drive back toward Burney and take the first dirt road on the right. Follow this dirt road for about a mile and park at the area at the end of the road near Hat Creek. This is where lunch will be served at 1230.
- The Fish Barrier Dam is located about ½ mile downstream of this parking area.
- After assembling at the parking area at 0830, we will walk down along the stream and split off to different locations to fish.

Other Details

Several of us like to make a weekend of this Fishout. We camp out, fish Hat Creek on Saturday, enjoy the lunch, and venture off to other waters in the area as well. Please mention in your RSVP if you are interested in joining the camp out group for more details. The decision on where to camp has not yet been determined due to the unpredictable river conditions this year.

Pit River: This river is likely to be blown-out for Opening Weekend. We will be keeping an eye on the flows and if it is fishable, a group of us will be dropping into the canyon on Sunday to fish this river, arguably the best trout stream in California. High flows or not, the Pit is very difficult wading so bring wading shoes designed for slippery rocks, and a wading staff is an absolute necessity. Don't fish the Pit alone and make sure your life insurance policy is up to date.

Fly of the Month for April 2017

Coachman Clacka Caddis

Fly of the Month, April 2017

By: Ray Narbaitz

Cate's Turkey

Its mid-February when I am writing this, so I don't really know what the water conditions are going to be in April when this month's FOTM is published. Streams may still be very high because of run off and roads to some of our favorite lakes may not yet be open. Whatever the situation, it will eventually calm down, and things will be more predictable. One thing we know, spring is when slow waters like Fall River or Hat Creek and lakes start producing Callibaetis Mayflies.

Callibaetis start coming off in the spring, and will do so for almost the entire summer. In some of the lower elevation lakes, the hatches can last until early fall. The early bugs are the largest, and they get progressively smaller as the year goes along. The adults are easy to spot. They bounce around in the air like they are suspended from bungee cords. Fish don't always key in on the dries, because they have a tendency not to sit on the water for too long. For that reason, you are usually better off fishing the nymphs. In December of 2009, the Fly of the Month was Denny's Callibaetis Nymph. Developed by Denny Rickards, it is still my favorite, and I usually fish it right through the hatch.

Lakes like McCumber, Manzanita, and Baum all have good hatches. The bugs like lakes with weedy bottoms. For today's FOTM, we are going into the way back machine a bit. Another lake with good hatches is Davis Lake, and that is where Jerry Cate came up with the Cate's Turkey. He developed the fly in the 60's to be a Mayfly Nymph, specifically with the Callibaetis in mind. A deceptively simple fly, it worked then and it works now.

Hook: Tiemco 3761, or any other 1X long nymph hook

Thread: Brown or Black 8/0

Tail: Wood Duck Flank or Wood Duck dyed Mallard

Rib: Gold Wire

Abdomen: Dark mottled Turkey Fibers

Thorax: Small bunch of Peacock Herl

Beard: Same as tail

1. Debarb your hook and place it in the vise.
2. Start your thread, and wrap it toward the back.



3. Tie in a small bunch of Wood Duck for the tail. Make it about hook shank length.
4. Tie in your ribbing wire. Tie it back to the tail tie in point.
5. Tie in a few Turkey Fibers by the tips. You want to keep the fly fairly thin and sparse throughout. Tie the fibers up to about the $\frac{3}{4}$ point of the shaft. Tie it off and trim off the excess.
6. Spiral counter wrap the wire through the Abdomen, tie it off, and break off the excess.
7. Tie in a small, Peacock Thorax, tie it off and trim the excess.
8. Take another small bunch of the Wood Duck, and tie it in as a beard, facing down and back on the bottom of the fly. You don't want it to go any further than the point of the hook.
9. Wrap a small head, whip finish, cut off your thread, apply a little head cement and the fly is done.


Notes: The fly can be fished at a variety of depths. An intermediate line just above the weed beds works well. So does fishing it on a dry line, just under the surface. Most of the time, you should fish it with short, fairly slow strips with pauses. Some of the takes can be pretty ferocious.



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