



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts October 2014

**CAF meeting - Oct 8th, 2014, Wed. Location: CARD Center
545 Vallombrosa Av., Chico - Cookies, and beverages free to all.**



Hogan Brown: will be our tying instructor and speaking on the Lower Sac. Oct 8th, Wed, 2014 at 6:30 at the CARD center.

Hogan began fly fishing from an early age virtually growing up on the banks of the North Fork and Lower Yuba rivers. He began hitch hiking the 5 miles from his house to the Lower Yuba River with a fly rod in hand in Junior High school. He has chased trout and steelhead in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Alberta provinces in Canada. Far from being a trout snob, Hogan has spent considerable time fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass and readily admits to enjoying catching carp and catfish on a fly! Hogan has become one of the leading innovators in warm water fly fishing in Northern California. Just as passionate about fly tying, Hogan has developed a unique approach to tying bass, carp, steelhead, and trout flies with the sierra foothills and the CA central valley as his testing ground. Hogan blends many different styles with his own unique approach to create innovative flies for catching bass, carp, steelhead, and trout. Hogan is a contract tier for Idylwilde Fly Co. and has over 24 patterns out through them. Hogan began guiding the North Fork and Lower Yuba Rivers when he graduated from high school and eventually relocated to Chico to attend Chico State. Hogan is a 2005 graduate of Chico State with a degree in Social Science and a minor in Psychology. After that he graduated from National University in 2006 with a single subject teaching credential and a Masters in Education. Residing in Chico, Hogan after 11 years of guiding 175+ days a year now teaches high school. Hogan still guides about 75-100 days a year on the Lower Yuba River, Lower Sacramento River, Trinity River, and Feather River along with various bass and carp water and small streams and rivers outside of Chico. Hogan is also a published author with articles appearing in both Northwest Fly Fishing and Southwest Fly Fishing Magazine along with Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine and California Fly Fisher. He is also an FFF certified casting instructor.

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Chico Area Flyfishers Sep 24th "Wed" 2014 BOD meeting

Meeting came to order by Larry Willis, president. Those present: Terry, Dennis, Don, Larry, Eric, Dana, Dave and Pat.

Secretary's report by Pat Sleeper for Lincoln Gray. M/S/P Dana/Eric

Treasurer report by Don Sleeper. M/S/P Dana/Dave. V.P. report by Pat Sleeper:

Pat and Dave Mckinney will chair the March 7th Dinner again. We're looking for helpers and donations...thank you!

Hogan Brown coming Oct 8th "Wed" at the CARD center.

Nov 12th, Wed, 2014.. Henry Lemoli, will be coming to talk about his...reality show experience! Stranded and tethered on Kodiak island with a stranger. Listen to him tell of his experiences; hear about and see the only 3 items he could bring and did he survive the ordeal for 14 days? Were there bears around them? Any attacks or close calls? did they find food and water to eat & drink? could they fish? How? It was incredible: Listen to the details of their daily survival experience on Kodiak island in Alaska!!

Elections in October for board members: Eric See; Scott Joyce; and we need some volunteers... Would you like to be on the board? Please Call Pat or Larry.

M/S/P Dennis/Dave: "Purchase 4 more fish tanks, chillers, etc. \$3000." for more class rooms.

Eric/Larry working on Reserve fishing.

Round Table pizza: Dec 10th, 5:30.....

Respectfully submitted: Pat Sleeper for Lincoln Gray



President's Line

First, I would like to express my thanks for the turnout last month. It was great. The next couple months are going to be as good or better. See Pat's announcements. The board has also nominated a slate of officers/directors for the next year since October is our annual election of officers. We will open the meeting, present the slate and take nominations from the floor. If there are none there will be a motion to accept the slate as presented. This is not a back room done deal. If anyone is interested in one of positions, let me or Pat know as a courtesy and we will make the necessary arrangements for a secret ballot. This is going to be an exciting couple

months. The salmon and steelhead are in the rivers, Pyramid will be opening October 1, and the higher lakes like Davis are starting to heat up as the weather cools and the fish start bulking up for winter. Get out and fish and if you do something that you think is special, send a picture to Pat and you too can be in the newsletter. See you all October 8 at the CARD Center.

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2014

CAF meets monthly and presents a variety of exciting flyfishing-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 Flyfishing. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Fly tying begins at 6:30pm - general meeting begins at 7:30pm.

Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico, California, 95926. We look forward to see you at our next meeting!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Oct 8, (Wed)	Hogan Brown	Lower, Lower Sac. river
Nov 12 (Wed)	Henry Lomeli	Tethered, reality show experience on Kodiak island...hear" his" story.
Dec 10th	Pizza	Round table Pizza, Pillsbury Ave, Chico

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2014

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 Don Sleeper or Eric See.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Oct 1st-5th	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Eagle Lake	Open
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---

On the Road Again - Henry's lake

by Don and Pat Sleeper

On August 20 Terry Mich, Roger and Gloria Bevers, Frank Speteri, Steve Speteri, Chris and Krystal Lewis as well as Pat and I all headed for Henry's Lake Idaho. Roger's first fish on the lake was a 25 inch cutthroat on a dry fly. It was great fishing for the first week. Then the weather set in, heavy 40mph winds, rain and even a little snow around us. Fishing went downhill after that.

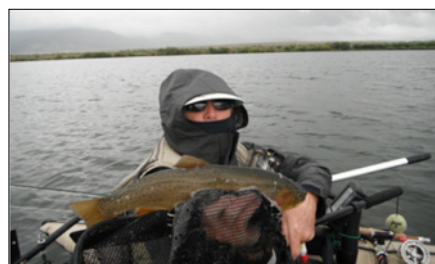
We used the old standby wiggle tail (green/brown olive) on an intermediate sink tip and did OK. But Terry was also using a floating line and Chironomids off an indicator and was catching fish when nobody did anything.

The wind was Scary! Each day the wind would come up to 40 plus. It was great except for the, continuous nightly, thunder storms with their lightning, wind and rain that blew our pontoon boats and fishermen's boats so hard it was "very, very" difficult getting back to the dock! And I don't like fishing in electrical storms!

We finally made it home after our 12 days on a tough road trip with a lot more new memories and pictures.



A Cutbow about 20 inches.



Pat fishing in the rain with a great cutthroat.

Fly of the Month for October 2014

Two Bit Hooker

By: Ray Narbaitz

Ron Lewis, of Sierra Stream and Mountain, has a source where he gets a Hopper pattern. They are beautiful, and extremely realistic. He gave me a couple, and at first, I didn't know whether to fish them, or dip them in an egg batter and deep fry them. I opted to go with the former and they fished very well. Unfortunately, for the average tier (most of us) they are a fly that we wouldn't even know where to begin to try and tie ourselves. I have fooled around with a Hopper pattern myself that is an extended body fly, but pretty simple to tie, and it also fishes fairly well. I have no scientific proof of this, but sort of think that if the fish are looking up for Hoppers, completely realistic patterns may not be absolutely necessary. I have decided it is easier to stick to that theory, than try to learn to tie perfect imitations.

With that thought in mind, I chose Al Campbell's Foam Hopper for this month's F.O.T.M. It is not too hard to tie, still a little fancy, and fishes well. Al was the editor for many years for Fly Anglers Online. He passed away in 2008. His articles and how to writings were always straightforward, easy to understand, and full of great information. It would be worth your time to google him, and go to his archives to read some of his articles.

Hook: TMC 2312 or 5212, 6 to 14

Thread: 6/0 Tan or Yellow

Body: Tan or Yellow Closed Cell Foam

Rib: Copper Wire

Under Body: Yellow Yarn or Dubbing

Wing: Elk Hair

Legs: Tan or Yellow Rubber Legs

1. Cut a strip of the foam about a quarter of an inch wide, a little thinner for the smaller sizes. Cut it a little more than twice the hook shank length.
2. Debarb the hook and place it in the vice.
3. Start your thread at about the $\frac{3}{4}$ point on the shank.
4. Tie in the foam at that point, and tie it down all the way to the bend of the hook. Bring your thread back to the original starting point.
5. Tie in the ribbing wire. Let your thread wraps carry to the far side of the hook. Tie it back to the bend.
6. Create your underbody or yarn or dubbing. Wrap or dub it up to the original tie in point.
7. Fold the foam back over the top of the hook. You want the loop, where the foam is doubled over at the back, to extend a little beyond the bend of the hook. Tie it down at the original tie in point, and wrap your thread over it to the eye of the hook and back. The foam should now be extending over the eye of the hook.
8. Take your ribbing wire, and rib it down the fly, tying the foam down to the underbody. This will make the loop of foam at the back of the fly flatten out nicely. Tie down the wire, and cut or break it off.



9. Clean and stack a bunch of elk hair, and tie it down much like the wing of a Stimulator. It should extend at least to the foam loop at the back, if not a tiny bit further. Keep the hair on top of the hook, and tie it in all the way back to the eye of the hook, making sure it is all covered with thread. Bring your thread back to the original tie in point.
10. Fold the foam back over the fly, and tie it in at the base of the wing. Try to make your tie in wraps one right on top of the other, and not too tight. This will help prevent your thread from cutting into the foam, and also keep the tag end from sticking up to upright. Trim off the tag end of the foam so it sits slightly over the base of the wing.
11. With the thread in the same place, tie in a rubber leg on either side of the fly. If you use a couple of loose wraps, you will be able to adjust the angle of the legs before you finish tying them in. Again, you want the wraps to be snug but not too tight so the legs are not forced to stick out at too much of an angle.
12. Whip finish at the tie in points of the legs, behind the head.
13. Trim the legs. You want the back legs to extend to the back of the fly, and the front legs to be a little shorter.
14. Use some head cement on the whip finish, and the fly is done.

Notes: The 2312 is a standard wire hook with a slight bend and a straight eye. The 5212 is a 1 extra fine hook, with a straight shank and a down eye. They are both 2X long. I prefer the 2312 as with the foam, flotation is not a problem, and the straight eye opens up the hooking area a little more... While I am not sure it is critical, you can take a brown or black Sharpie and put a few dots on the bottom of the fly.

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