



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts December 2013

Our next meeting will be Jan 14th at 6:30 fly tying and 7:30 meeting at the CARD center with refreshments!



V. President By Pat Sleeper

Our next meeting - **Jan 14th, Tuesday, at 6:30.** This is our annual sharing night...So give Pat a call @ 345-1197 and let her know you want to participate

in this fun filled night. This is my favorite meeting of the year! I love seeing the places our friends/fellow members have visited and the wonderful fishing, terrain and waters they've experienced...Please come for this night of sharing pictures...You are our speaker... We can handle lap tops, thumb drives and floppy drives; but, let me know you want to participate. I WANT TO SEE "YOUR" PICTURES..thank you, Pat Sleeper

Our Feb 13th, Thurs, meeting will be Lincoln Gray, who has a new program he wants to share.

Thank you Gayland Taylor for your wonderful enlightenment on the many programs and boards you have embraced...thank you for your hard work as well!

Your talk on the Steelhead punch card system, fisheries restoration grant program, cal tip, and salmon on Butte Creek...

Gayland shared with us the enormous process involves in the restoration and clearing of the dams, trees and diversions of the water for personal watering of pot fields. He also told us how little it would take as a donation to help the CAL-TIP Program...Just \$25.00. Gayland went on to tell us some

President's Line By Larry Willis

Words are as slow as the fishing this time of year. When it is cold and snowy on the streams there are always things to do. My wife kids me about having

more fun preparing for a trip than actually going. So this is the time to stock up on flies. Ray has one every month and they all catch fish. Take the old line off your reels, clean the lines and the reels and re-load. Ask yourself when was the last time that you changed a leader on your favorite rig? Figure out what the weight of that line you have sitting on the shelf really is. The fly



Secretary's Secrets By Lincoln Gray

Date: 11/13/13

Meeting Location: Round Table Club House

Attendance: Terry, Dennis, Pat, Don, Larry, Eric, Lincoln.

Minutes: Pat/Lincoln - Terry Motion, Eric Second - passed.

Treasure Report: Don Sleeper

\$200.00 Lake Almanor Association Donation Pat Motion, Eric Second, Passed.

Credit Card issued for paying bills Dennis Motioned / Eric Second / Terry Third, Passed.

Fishout - January - Baum Lake.

Discussion on possible CAF Facebook or Interactive Webpage for Members.

CAF Website design & maintenance: \$100.00 Don Motion / Terry Second, Passed.

Youth Coordinator: Jesse Klinger - Outline of Program that you would like to institute..

Pizza Feed - 12/4/13 @ 5:30 at Round Table pizza, 2201 Pillsbury Road Chico.

Dinner Meeting - 12/11/13 at Sleepers - time 6:00

Dinner: March 1st, 2014 dinner starting at 4:30 instead of 5:30.

Purchasing Crab and Shrimp ourselves.

Dinner - March 1, 2014

Meeting Adjournment: 6:00pm by Lincoln Gray

watersheds are in better shape than they were 150 yrs ago...thanks to these programs. But, "Many watersheds are currently under siege from pot growers: would you believe the areas where we have spent time and money restoring habitat, there is now no water flowing in the summer months due to illegal diversions by the pot growers".

Thank you Steve Carson for your wonderful article and recap. Of Taylor's talk! You can see Steve Carson's article in the E.R., Nov 22, Friday's issue.

shops can help with that. Go to a fly shop and sit around and BS for a while. You can pick up some knew ideas for next year. While you are out and about, talk to your friends in business about donating raffle prizes for the dinner.

Watch for a new feature that will be posted in probably the next newsletter. I am trying to set up a Facebook page for the club. It hopefully can serve two purposes. First, it is a place for instant bragging rights by posting pictures. If you "like" the page, you will see whatever anyone posts. Perhaps more important will be as an interactive bulletin board. If you are planning a trip, either for a day or to some foreign venue, you can float it out on the Facebook page and maybe get someone to go with you that you have never fished with.

See you all at pizza and start preparing you fishing trip stories for the January meeting.

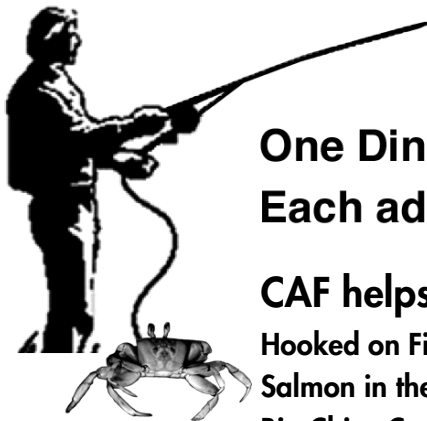
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**43 ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
SATURDAY - MARCH 1ST, 2014 @ 4:30
MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE**

“CRAB FEED DINNER & SHRIMP”

Raffle prizes - rods, reels, guided trips, fly tying supplies, ladies prizes, lodging/fishing trips and other prizes and surprises...



**One Dinner & a Family membership....\$75.00
Each additional crab/shrimp Dinner.... \$40.00**

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Almanor – Fisheries
Trinity – Fisheries
McCloud – Fisheries
Butte Creek – Fisheries

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES:

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Family Membership & One Dinner		\$75.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Dinner	_____	\$40.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets ___\$500. ___\$200.			\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets ___\$100. ___\$50.			\$ _____
PHONE: _____			
Table reservations for 8 people		\$500.	\$ _____
TOTAL.....			\$ _____
Visa # _____			
M/C# _____			
Signature: _____			
Exp. Date & back # _____			

PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 15th
TO BE ENTERED INTO THE EARLY BIRD RAFFLE.....
Questions: 530-345-1197

MAIL RESERVATION FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:
CAF – 1010 Lori Dr, CA 95973

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2013 + 2014

CAF meets monthly and presents a variety of exciting flyfishing-related programs throughout the year. The meet-ings 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>
Jan 14th, 2014	6:30/7:30	Members Share your pictures an stories (Call Pat Sleeper @ 345-1197 to be added to the list...thank you..)
Feb 13th	Lincoln Gray	
*March 1st "Sat"		Annual Crab/shrimp dinner at Masonic Lodge
April 9th	Andrew Harris	Spring fishing in the Fall River area

On the Road Again,

Davis Lake Fishout Report and fishing stories
By Don Sleeper

We couldn't have picked a better weekend for the fishout at Davis Lake, in the beginning.. But, got snowed out three days later. The lake had turned over and moss was everywhere, which slowed the bite. We pulled out of Davis just in time: Terry Mich stay over for two more days and woke up to four inches of snow the next morning; and, it continued to snow for a few days. We still had some time; so, we headed for Almanor and it was fun! We had 30 thousand German Browns to fished for at the Canyon Dam boat launch. The Lake Almanor fishing Association had just planted them a couple days earlier. Fishing was great, whatever you casted, worked.



Our next trip was to a lake I had never fished, Lewiston Lake below the Trinity Dam. Fishing was great! Elden Hinkle, and Pat and I caught a lot of steelhead from 10 to 16 inches. But Pat caught three over 20 inches, somehow she always does that.. We used brown leach patterns and small midges under an indicator. These steelhead are the excess from the Lewiston Hatchery. California Department of Fish and Wildlife can't put steelhead back into the Trinity river once their quota is met and so they dump them into Lewiston Lake.

My next story is scary: be careful and beware of things in the brush. I went fishing up in Butte Creek Canyon, which I do every year on the opening of this creek, November 15th. Butte Creek can be fun with a 3 weight fly rod in the fall of the year. The creek is about a 1/2 hour from my house.

I walk in about 1/4 mile to fish for small fall steelhead at my favorite location. While I was walking in my sixth sense said turn around and look behind you... I wouldn't have believed it, holly s***! there was a lion laying down 30 yards away with his head on his paws looking at me, crouching. I slowly reached down and picked up a large rock, yelled and heaved it at the lion. The lion jumped up and ran the opposite direction. That kind of wrecked my fishing for the morning. I'm going back and putting out a trail cam and packing... If I catch him on camera I'll post the pics..

Pat with her very nice Lewiston Lake steelhead. Notice the rear adipose fin was clipped.

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2013

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 times, to helping those members new to the sport or experienced, we try to make these trips fun, exciting and successful.

We are always 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 fun fishing, and fellowship, please contact Lincoln Gray or Don Sleeper. 345-1197

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan 2014	Baum Lake	Don Sleeper

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

Fly of the Month for December, 2013

Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear

By: Ray Narbaitz

On a couple of occasions in the past, I have started with the description of a fly saying I had gone to, "The way back machine." Perhaps no fly has gone back as far as this month's rendition. The Hare's Ear Nymph is mentioned in early European history books. While it isn't known for sure who first tied the current version, a gentleman by the name of James Ogden is often given credit for tying it in the 1830's. Renowned tier Frederick Halford tied a version used as a dry fly in the 1880's. Nobody knows who added the gold rib to the equation.

When Cal Bird came out with his Bird's Nest several decades ago, Pres Powell used to argue that it wasn't that much different than the Hare's Ear, and didn't fish any better. I guess he never convinced me, because the Bird's Nest was and remains one of my favorite Nymphs. I have never fished a Hare's Ear. I think that will have to change next Trout season.

Here are the tying steps, mostly gleaned from Charlie Craven's wonderful web site.

Hook: TMC5262 or Daiichi 1710 size 8 to 18

Thread: 8/0, 70 Denier usually in brown or sometimes black

Tail: The original calls for Hare's Mask Guard Hairs, but Speckled Hen Hackle works just as well, and is easier to tie.

Rib: Gold Wire

Abdomen: Hare's Mask with guard hairs. Read the notes after the instructions about the proper hair to use

Wing Case: Mottled Turkey Tail, a synthetic like Thin Skin can also be used

Thorax: Hare's Mask with guard hairs, thicker than Abdomen

Legs: Guard hairs picked out of Thorax

1. Debarb the hook. If you are going to tie the bead head version, place the bead on the hook, and put the hook in the vise. If you want it to sink a little faster, put some wraps of .010 or .015 lead or non-toxic wire and push them up or into the bead. If you are tying without the bead, and want to use weight, put on the wraps in the area where the Thorax will be.
2. Start your thread, and take it toward the back of the fly. Take a clump of the hen hackle, even the tips, and tie in the tail. You want it to be about 1/3 to 1/2 the length of the hook shank.
3. Tie in your ribbing wire. If you are using weight, start it up against the weighting wire, and wrap it along the near side of the hook shank, back to the bend.
4. Dub the Abdomen from the tail, up to about the seventy to seventy five percent point on the hook shank. Try to make the wraps taper up toward the end of the Abdomen.
5. Spiral wrap the ribbing wire up past the Abdomen, tie it down, and break it off.



6. Take a piece of the Turkey Tail about the width of the hook bend, and tie it in, tip first up against the end of the Abdomen, with the rear of the feather toward the back of the hook. You want the shiny side of the feather to be facing down. Tie it so it maintains its width, and doesn't pinch down into a narrower piece.
7. Move your thread to just behind the hook eye. Apply the Hare's Mask dubbing to the thread, and dub it back to the point of the Abdomen, and then forward again to the eye of the hook. You want the Thorax to be a lot fatter than the Abdomen.
8. Pull the Turkey Tail (or Thin Skin) over the Abdomen, and flush with the eye of the hook. Try to make sure the Turkey does not split. Holding the material straight out, take a couple of soft wraps around it, just behind the hook eye. Tighten down the thread, make a neat head, whip finish, and clip off the thread.
9. Take a dubbing brush, bodkin or some Velcro, and tease out some of the guard hairs from the Thorax to make the legs.
10. Apply a little head cement to the final wraps, and the fly is done.

Notes: Be very careful in using packaged material called Hare's Mask. In almost every instance, it is plain Rabbit Fur with a few guard hairs thrown in. You are much better off getting a full Mask, and cutting the desired fur from it...This fly can be fished many different ways. As a weighted Nymph, down on the bottom, or unweighted as a suspended Nymph, or even in a Soft Hackle method. Tie it in the larger sizes in black or dark brown, or golden, and it makes a decent Stonefly imitation. It's one of those flies that doesn't really imitate anything, but sort of imitates a lot of things.

Steve Carson's 'Outdoors': Retired warden Taylor still active on behalf of anglers, fish

By STEVE CARSON-Outdoors Columnist

Retired California Department of Fish and Wildlife warden Gayland Taylor was the guest speaker at the Chico Area Flyfishers meeting last week at the CARD Center, with the former longtime local warden still being active on behalf of anglers, and in protecting the state's anadromous salmon and steelhead populations.

After graduating from Humboldt State and being hired as a warden by the DFG (now Department of Fish and Wildlife), his first assignment was in Ojai. After a few years he was transferred to Paradise, and was quite successful at catching salmon poachers, and his top priority was usually given to anadromous fish.

"Back then there were a lot of unscreened dams on Butte Creek," Taylor said. "The dams were very bad for fish passage, and as many as 40 to 50 percent of baby salmon heading downstream went through those unscreened diversions.

"Over the years, Dr. Paul Ward (DFG biologist) and I worked hard with the landowners along Butte Creek, and secured funding to fix the diversions and dams. The spring run chinook were traditionally the best and strongest of the salmon, as they have to come up into the stream early, and then hold over all summer in order to spawn in the fall. Due to habitat issues, the spring run went from being the predominant run to almost being non-existent."

Since his retirement, Taylor has been active on several committees and panels that oversee funding for anadromous fish habitat restoration, including the committee that handles the money raised via California's Steelhead Report Card, and the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program.

Taylor continued: "In these groups we work on water diversion, logging practices, and habitat. We analyze what each individual watershed needs to restore salmonids. Some watersheds are better now than they were 150 years ago.

"Many watersheds are currently under siege from pot growers. Even in areas where we have spent money restoring habitat, there is now no water at all during the summer months due to illegal diversions.

"There are also plenty of stories about miraculous turnarounds, like the removal of Seltzer Dam on Clear Creek, and this summer on Butte Creek, we got PG&E to release cold water from Philbrook Reservoir, which allowed the spring run fish to survive."

As for what the average person can do to help, Taylor advised, "I am also on the boat that oversees the CAL-TIP program, which gives rewards for people who turn in poachers. The program is a huge success, but is under a funding squeeze. Even a \$25 donation can be huge, and pays enormous dividends."

Before Taylor began speaking, newly elected Chico Area Flyfishers president Larry Willis opened the meeting, and Fishout director Don Sleeper asked several members about their most recent fishing forays. Members related having recently been to Lake Almanor, McCloud River, Lewiston Lake, and Davis Lake.

Some Big Fish



Chad, Terry and Ray with Lincoln



Redge Hawley with a nice Lahontan!
A 30 inch almost 10 lb trout caught at
Pyramid Lake on 10-08-2013.



Christiane's Wear pictured....while fishing with
Donna Murrel and Lincoln Gray guiding.



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