



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts January 2015

Our next meeting is Wed, Jan 14, 2015 @ CARD 5:30 P.M.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Our next meeting will have "YOU" our members as our guest speakers "Wed" Jan 14th at the CARD center! I "always" look forward to this time of the year to hear about "your" adventures with pictures and stories. You can call or e-mail me letting me know you're coming with a thumb drive, CD's or on your own

computer. Come and brag about "your" fishing trips! Please!

Terry Mich will be our fly tyer for our Jan 14th meeting. Fly tying will start at 6:30 and he will be tying Baum Lake fly patterns in tan and black.

Again this is Wed, Jan 14th with fly tying at 6:30, and at 7:30, you our members will be our guest speakers. Notifying me allows us to keep within our time frame or I'll be making calls to add more people to share...thanks!

If you're going to Baum Lake for the fish out Jan 10th, be sure to let Don Sleeper know 345-1197. And, be sure to have your 2015 fishing license...they do check there for up-to-date licenses. Be sure to bring a chair and look forward to a fun weekend.. Have a "wonderful" New Year! Pat Sleeper, CAF, V.P.

Secretary minutes by Dave McKinney

Thank you all for coming to our annual Dec. Pizza feed at Round Table. As always, we had a fun time and full house! We didn't have a board meeting in Dec.

Have a Great year! Dave McKinney, CAF, Secretary

CAF Dinner Awards:

The Chico Area Flyfishers Club presents awards to members who have distinguished themselves during the year, at the annual dinner. The four awards presented are:

The Hall of Fame Award: a member who has distinguished him or herself through significant accomplishments in promoting the sport of fly fishing.

The Saber Tooth Award: a member who has worked over the years to promote our sport through participation in club activities.

The Press Powell Lifetime Achievement Award: a local community award given out based on the person having a major effect and contribution to fly fishing as example by Press. Press is the ideal standard for this award, since he has given so much of himself in the form of education, technology, development of equipment distribution and promotion of his love for the sport.

Walt Kobler Memorial Award aka The Golden Zipper Award: given to the person who "screwed up" the most on the opening day fishout. As the story goes You can personally vote once for the recipient or recipients you feel deserves an award.

The committee reviews all nominations entered by the members of the Chico Area Fly Fishers Club; and, selects the recipients from your votes for the awards and reveal the winners at the Annual Dinner.



President's Line

Welcome to the New Year. Has everyone paid their dues to California Fish and Wildlife? We have a really good year planned. We start off with the "Fish Story" meeting on January 14, 2015, at the CARD center with fly tying at 6:30 and the stories beginning at 7:30 until we get tired of it. This reminds me of an old saying: "I wish that I could catch a fish So big that even I When telling of it after words Would never need to lie."

Before the next meeting, we have a fishout at Baum Lake this weekend. Don will probably do something yummy for Saturday lunch. Those that want to fish Saturday and Sunday, we will be staying at the Green Gables motel. Watch the coming attractions section for fishouts in February as well as the program for the February meeting. We won't be having a regular meeting in March, because that is probably the most important time of the year. Our annual dinner is Saturday March 7, 2015, at the Masonic Family Center. This is the time when a couple of things happen. First, memberships are renewed. Secondly, you see all your fishing buddies, casual acquaintances and other friends and have a wonderful time, as well as a great, all you can eat, crab/shrimp dinner. It is also the time that we raise the money that makes us relevant in the community and carries forth the mission of the club. As always, we need as much help as we can get. We need volunteers for the night of the dinner. We need raffle prizes and auction items. If your business would like to make a donation, or know someone that you can persuade to contribute that would be wonderful. If you need more information or want to contribute, please contact Pat or me. Our numbers are in the bulletin. Most importantly, make your resolution to fish more. Remember this: "The great creator does not deduct from mans' allotted span that time spent in fishing"

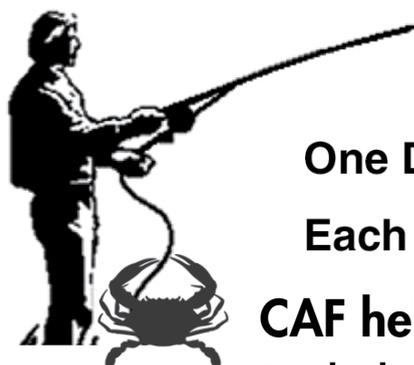
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**44TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
SATURDAY - MARCH 7TH, 2015 @ 4:30
MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE**

“CRAB FEED DINNER & SHRIMP DINNER”

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



One Dinner & a Family membership....\$80.00

*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$75.00

Each additional crab/shrimp Dinner....\$45.00

*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$40.00

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DINNER RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

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ADDITIONAL NAMES:

	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
Family Membership & One Dinner		\$80.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Dinner		\$45.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$500. ___\$200.		\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$100. ___\$50.		\$ _____
Table reservations for 8 people		\$600.	\$ _____
	TOTAL.....		\$ _____

Visa # _____

M/C# _____

Signature: _____

Exp. Date & back # _____

PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 31ST
TO BE ENTERED INTO THE EARLY BIRD RAFFLE.....

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

Questions: 530-345-1197

*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

*Early bird raffle drawing: \$250 ticket packet: value \$540.00

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2015

We need a new **Fishout Master**, I (Don Sleeper) think it's time to pass this position on. I've enjoyed this position for the last four years. We are looking for a new person to fill this role. He or She has the task of arranging fishouts for the club. This includes putting a year's schedule out there of great fly fishing locations. CAF has a budget for the lunches.

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>
January 10th	Baum Lake	Don Sleeper
Feb	Open	
March	Open	
April	Open	
May	Open	
June	Pingatore Pond	Don Sleeper
Sept	Open	
Oct 1st	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Open	

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

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2014-2015

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 usually held on the second Wednesday of the month at CARD. Fly tying begins at 6:30 p.m.; general meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico. We look forward to see you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Jan 14th	You, Our Members	
Please come share "your" fishing adventures with pictures and stories. Contact Pat Sleeper and add your name to the list... please.		
Feb 11th	Jim Clarkston, Raptor Rods	Learn about your rod:
What's the best way to store or carry a rod. What causes a tip or an eye to break? what's a fast or slow rod? How to improve the rod's longevity. Just ask?		
March 7th (Sat)	Annual fund raising Crab/shrimp/ Tortellini dinner and raffle.	
April 15th	Tom Maumoynier	Almanor fishing

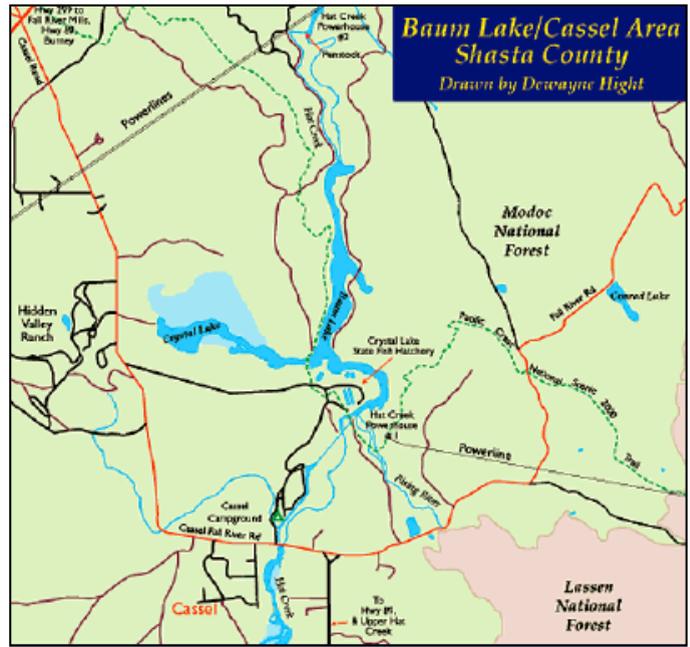
Baum Lake Fishout January 10, 2015

Weather Permitting. Be sure to contact me if coming. We will meet in the parking lot (boat ramp) next to the Crystal Lake Fish Hatchery in the morning. It's 2 1/2 drive from Chico. Chico Area Flyfishers will provide lunch for members and guests. Baum Lake is north of Burney off of Hwy 299; turn on Cassel road. See map.

Winter can be very good on Baum Lake. It is nice to have a small boat or pontoon boat with an anchor or two. I always use a float tube or pontoon boat. Look for #18/20 Baetis to be coming off especially on overcast days now. Midges will be active. I use a floating line with an indicator fishing midges. Also you might try a small attractor fly on a clear slow sinking line like a #10/12 leech, wooly buggler or shaggy nymph in black, brown or olive. There are some real hogs in there.

Winter fishing in California can be an exercise of extreme, dress warm.

Weather conditions and water levels can change overnight on Baum. Call me or email if you are planning to go, I need a head count for lunch. Don Sleeper 530-345-1197 Cell phone 530-228-9197. dnsleeper@yahoo.com
Accommodations: The club will be staying at the Green Gables Motel in Burney.
Green Gables Motel - 0.5 miles S - 37385 Main St - (530) 335-2264



BIG Fish!



Scott Hood with a nice Steelhead from the Trinity.



Mac with a nice steelhead



Nick Hanna with some nice steelhead

Fly of the Month for December 2014

Klinkhamer Special

Fly of the Month, January, 2015

By: Ray Narbaitz

Happy New Year! Here is hoping the rain and snow continues for quite a while. I know it is tough on the fishing now, but it will pay great benefits come this summer and fall.

Hans van Klinken of Norway came up with the Klinkhamer Special in 1984 to fish for Grayling. He originally tied it on what he called a grub hook. As the fly became more popular, he designed a special hook that had a longer, curved down abdomen area with a flat thorax area. For years Partridge made the hooks for him, but when the company sold, he didn't get along with the new owners, so he moved to Daiichi. They now make the hooks to his specifications. He says the object is for the fly to float like an iceberg, with about a third of it on top, and the rest below the surface. I have included a picture he uses to illustrate his point. While I have no proof of it, I am assuming that the fly was the inspiration for the Quigley Cripple.

Van Klinken says that several people came up with the same concept around the same time without ever knowing of the efforts of the others. In 1983, Tomas Olson of Sweden invented a similar fly, and Roy Richardson of the U.S. did the same in 1986, long before he ever saw the Klinkhamer. Van Klinken originally called the fly the L.T. Caddis, with the L.T. standing for Light Tan. In 1987, a Dutch fly fishing magazine printed an article on the fly, while Klinken was off on a trip. As a joke, a good friend and fellow fly tier named Hans de Groot told the magazine that the name of the fly was the Klinkhamer Special. The name stuck, and it has been known by that name ever since. While the fly was originally designed to imitate an emerging Caddis, it has long since been adapted to most other bugs. One interesting note is van Klinken uses it in much larger sizes than one might expect in certain conditions.

Here is his recipe. In some cases I used slightly different materials. Some because it is fun to tinker and some because that was the closest I had to what he suggested.

Hook: Daiichi 1160 or 1167, 8 to 20. They are the same style hook, except one is silver and the other is bronze.

Thread: 8/0, color to match fly

Body: Fly Rite Poly Dubbing or Super Fine.

Rib: Copper or silver wire I added a rib for some segmentation, and I think it helps make the abdomen a bit heavier and makes it easier to sink to get the iceberg effect.

Wing: White Poly-yarn. I used Zlon because I think it holds its shape better and discards water better during false casting. While white always works, you can change the color of the wing with no difference in effectiveness.

Hackle: Dun, Gray, Brown, White, Grizzly, color you think works best with the color of the fly.

Thorax: Peacock Herl. I used Peacock Black Ice Dub because I like the fact that it has a little more sparkle. I also just like the material. Arizona Synthetic Peacock would also work.

1. Debarb your hook and place it in the vice so the flat portion in the front is level.
2. Start your thread in the flat portion of the hook.



3. Tie in your wing material. Cut off the excess at an angle so it narrows as it points toward the rear of the hook. This will help give you a taper toward the top of the body. Post the wing so it stands upright.
4. Tie in your hackle, and also post it up the wing.
5. Tie in your ribbing and wind your thread well down the hook so you start the body just about where the most severe part of the bend starts. Cover the butt ends of the wing material and the ribbing well so you have a smooth underbody.
6. Dub and wind your body material up the hook, trying for a slightly tapered body. van Klinken says most people make the body way too thick. Aim for the slimmest body you can.
7. Tie in the Peacock Herl at the base of the flat portion of the hook, and wrap or dub a thorax that is slightly heavier than the body.
8. Tie the hackle up the wing post a bit, and then wrap the hackle back down to the top of the fly. Four or five wraps should do it. If you err, err on the side of having a little oversized hackle, not undersized.
9. When you make the final wrap on your hackle, end it on your side of the wing. Hold it down a little, and tie it off ON THE POST by wrapping your thread under the hackle barbs, trapping the hackle stem against the post.
10. Whip finish the fly at the same place you tied off the hackle. You can do this by holding your whip finisher directly above the wing and wrapping under the hackle barbs, or re-adjusting the hook in the vise so the eye of the hook is pointing down, and wrap the whip finish as if the post is a hook shank.
11. Cut off the thread, and then, using the tip of your scissors, lift the hackle barbs out of the way a bit, and carefully snip off the excess hackle.
12. Put a bit of head cement on the tip of your bodkin, and apply it to the cut off hackle stem and thread.

Notes: Van Klinken recommends that you fish the fly with a downstream cast. He is a believer in the fly preceding the leader technique... Van Klinken does not use the tying thread to tie in the hackle. While he uses the same technique as listed above, he whip finishes the thread at the eye of the hook after tying in the thorax and clips it off.

He then used Spider Wire to tie in the hackle. He believes it is less apt to be cut by the teeth of a fish. He may be right, but I think it is an unnecessary step... When applying floatant to the fly, make sure you apply it on the thorax, wing and hackle only... In the Fly of the Month for June this year, we tied a Callibaetis Cripple. This would be an excellent pattern to tie on the Klinkhamer hooks. If you don't have a copy of that article, email me at tytline@sbcglobal.net, and I will send it to you.

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