



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts October 2013

**Our next meeting will be Nov 13th at 6:30 fly tying and 7:30 meeting at the CARD center with refreshments!**

### Welcome aboard to our new officers as of Oct. 9th, 2013.

We have moved around a bit on the board tonight: Our new president is: Larry Willis  
Vice President is now: Pat Sleeper; and, Secretary is Lincoln Gray. Don Sleeper was re-elected as treasurer. Dave McKinney holds our past president office.

New to the board we welcome back Dennis Boyd; as well as incumbants: Dana Miller and Lance Gray.

A BIG THANK YOU to Dave McKinney for serving as president for the past two years!!! A big thank you to Lincoln Gray for holding the position as V. President for the past two years; and Don Sleeper for holding the position for the past few years. As well, a big thank you the the entire board for your yearly hard work!!!

The board works hard throughout the year to help the community and they couldn't do it with out the support of our members...thank you all!!!

Eric, thank you as well as Polly, Lionel and Larry for your hard work at the casting ponds in Oroville for the Salmon festival last weekend.

A thank you to the helpers at the RAD, Recreation and Dreams, children surviving cancer, program last weekend as well: Don and Pat Sleeper, Terry Mich, Larry, Jessie, John and Claire Hammiter, Fred Richelieu and Lincoln Gray.



### Secretary's Secrets By Pat Sleeper

CAF Minutes for Wed, August 14th, 2013

Those present: Lincoln, Lance, Dana, Eric, Larry, Pat, Don and Scott Joyce.

Minutes: Pat Sleeper M/S/P Larry/Terry

Treasurer report: Don Sleeper M/S/P Larry/Lance

V.P. report: Lincoln Gray - Hogan Brown will be our next speaker...looking at maybe Department of Fish and Game for Oct 9th, meeting.

Dinner meeting discussion...More discussion in Oct. Scott Joyce handling announcer.

Hooked on fishing discussions...CSUC (people movers), city (lake), insurance (Larry)...it had a great turnout! thank you for all your support!!!

Elections for October 9th, 2013.

Oroville Salmon festival Sep 28th can use helpers.

RAD Sep. 28th...can use helpers.

Nominations are being accepted for: President, V.P., Secretary, Treasurer and two board member positions. Nominate/vote your preference...thanks, Pat sleeper

### On the Road Again

by Don Sleeper

August 19 - Sept 10th Idaho/Montana. Four fly fishing couples headed for Glacier Park with our RVs. We fished the middle fork of the Flathead river in Montana just outside the Park and a couple of other lakes and rivers. We floated the Flathead river for 14 miles, a little too long on pontoons, about nine hours on the water. The fishing was outstanding for cutthroats, we all caught nice fish up to 18 inches. All cutthroats were caught on top water patterns, big beetles, hoppers, and chernobyl ants.



After a week in the park we headed for Henry's lake Idaho. Terry Mich and Karen Horne joined our adventure. The other two couples headed back to their homes in Idaho. Fishing on Henry's Lake was very exciting for cutties, brookies, and cutbows. We caught them on everything from top water to wiggly tails.



## CAF Speaker List 2013

### CAF General Meeting

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 and the general meeting begins at 7:30pm. Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico, California, 95926. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
October 9th-		
November 13th-	Lincoln Gray	Drifting The Lower Sac – V-II
December	PIZZA FEED	(Location TBD)

## 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, U.S. GOVERNMENT, and weather conditions. At this time it is gated for camping by the U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Oct 24,25,26 and 27th	Davis Lake	Don Sleeper
at Lightening Tree campground Call me if you plan to attend. 530-228-6197 Weather may cancel fishout..		
Nov	Feather River	Lance Gray

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

# Fly of the Month for October, 2013

## The Fireworm

By: Ray Narbaitz

If you asked most people what one of their favorite, sub-surface flies was, few if any of them would say a San Juan Worm. The fact of the matter is, almost all moving water contains these aquatic worms. There are many varieties and sizes across the country, and fish eat them all. It is called the San Juan Worm because it is believed that a gentleman by the name of Paul Pacheko developed it on that fabled tailwater in the 1960's. Since that time, there have been a gazillion variations, colors and styles developed to imitate the, "Worm." The Fireworm is one of them. The nice thing about it is that almost all of the variations use the same basic techniques to tie it, with a few additions and colors being the only change.

It is an extremely easy fly to tie.

Hook...TMC2457 or 2488H, size 10 or 12

Thread...8/0, 70 denier, color to match fly

Bead...Gold 3/32

Ribbing...Red Ultra Wire, Brassie

Body...Red or Worm Brown Vernile or Ultra Chenille

1. Place the bead on the hook, and place the hook in the vise.
2. Lay down a thread base from the bead to just a little ways down the bend of the hook.
3. Advance the thread back up to the bead, and tie in the piece of wire for the ribbing from the bead back a little ways down the bend. Cover the shank of the hook and the wire with the thread.
4. Take a two inch piece of the vernile, and singe one end of it to keep it from unraveling. Do not use a match for this, as the burning wood leaves a black singe mark on the vernile. The easiest, least expensive method to use is a Bic type lighter.
5. With a half inch or little more hanging off the end of the hook, tie in the vernile on the top of the hook, and advance the thread up to the bead, but not over the vernile.
6. Bring the vernile over the top of the hook shank, and tie it down with palmering wraps of the red wire. Wrap it right up to the bead.



7. Tie off the wire and break it off by helicoptering it under some tension.
8. Whip finish the thread right behind the bead and cut it off.
9. Take the piece of vernile that should be sticking straight up from the bead, and cut it off about half the length of the tail. Singe the end of it, put some head cement on the whip finish, and the fly is done.

A variation on this theme is to have the vernile coming out of the bead instead of sticking up behind it. The materials are the same.

1. Place the bead on the hook with the larger opening facing the eye of the hook, instead of the smaller opening, and move the bead to the back of the hook.
2. Singe the end of a piece of vernile, and tie the non-singed end in just behind the eye of the hook, with about a half inch sticking out over the eye. Tie it down tightly, with as little bulk as possible. Make this tie in just a bit longer than the width of the bead. Whip finish it, and cut off the thread.
3. Slide the bead forward, and jam it over the tie in point, so it comes up to the eye.
4. At this point, repeat steps 2 through 7 from above.
5. Cut off the remaining vernile close to the bead.
6. Bind it down with some wraps, whip finish and cut off the thread, and apply head cement.
7. Some people whip finish a collar at the bead to imitate that little muscle that worms have in the middle of their body.

## Fishing on the Sacramento River:

Steve Pereira



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