



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts September 2016

Our next meeting is @ Wed, Sep 14th @ 6:30 fly tying & 7:30 Meeting @ California Park Pavilion, California Park Dr.



President Line by Pat Sleeper

Summer vacation for most has ended so rapidly; and, fishing is starting to pick up again! I trust you've had a wonderful summer and will share your stories at our next General meeting Wed, Sep 14th at the California Park Pavilion time: 6:30 Bodi will be tying and 7:30 meeting...same place as usual.

Mike Kossow will be our speaker. Please be sure to read all about him and his talk in the insert on this page. We have a lot of fun filled fish outs scheduled that will be "new" to our usual schedule; thus, be sure to look at our "fish out schedule"; and, as always if you have any questions...or.....if you want to attend "please" be sure to call/email the person in charge of the fish out.... they always appreciate it and adding your name

to the list...thank you.

We also have some new speakers; therefore, be sure to look at our speaker list. You may be very surprised at our speakers and the latest information they will be sharing. I "always" find something new to learn and I'm sure you will to. Thank you for being a member and joining this fun group of fishermen and women! We always enjoy hearing your suggestions and support.

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper, CAF, President.

Hex Hatch fish-out @ Scott Joyce's June 2016

What a fun time we "all" had!! Thank you Scott Joyce!! From Scott's beautiful cabin to Darrel's delicious barrel cooking of tri tips and chicken thighs and legs; to, Katy Robinson's three bean salad - it was all perfect! The potato salad, chips, Sleeper's sliced tomatoes and cookies. Wow! If that wasn't enjoyable enough, we had 24 members and non members to chat with and share or listen to new fishing locations, experiences and flies to use. Pete Wiik tied a special fly for everyone there. ...Pete had been very successfully catching trout with it in Lake Almanor. Thank you Pete!!!

Then we broke up into about three different groups and three different location...you could choose which location you wanted to fish. I think us all landed fish; but, Bill Robinson caught a dandy! I had just landed my fish when I heard "Pat....Pat.....could you help me? Could you net my fish?" I was about 65 yards away so it took me a few minutes to row out there. But, that was fine...he still hadn't gotten it to his boat by the time I got out there. I paused, watching it make a run right toward me and thought I'd be able to net it right away as it was right at the surface in front of me; but, when "it" saw me it rapidly took off again...way out there.

After quite a while it wore it's self out and I was able to net it. Well have you ever tried to hand someone their fish in a net with your extra rods pointing out the back and or out the front of your pontoon boats? We both caught each other with our extra rods...oh my gosh!...we were laughing so hard it's a wonder we got these pictures of his wonderful 23inch trout! Congratulations Bill. As always the day comes to an end with a beautiful sunset...



Grandpa Don and grandson Mason



Frank Spiteri



Terri Spiteri



Keith



Bill Robinson



In case you didn't understand where to fish...



As always too soon the sun sets to a beautiful day...

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2016

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>
Sep	Mike Kossow	
Oct	Henry Lomeli	
Nov	Almanor fishing Association	

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2016

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 at trosenow.chico@gmail.com.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
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Sep 30 Oct 1:	Pyramid Lake opener.	Tom Rosenow
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Friday, Sept 30th Fish-out Clinic at Pyramid Lake with Doug Oullette from 10am to 2pm. We will talk about gear, setup, and technique. Doug will then be on the water with the club on Saturday, October 1st Opening Day. Cost is \$100 each for the Sept 30th Clinic and Opening Day follow-up.

Saturday October 1st is open to all CAF members as a Fish-out. Fishing will be best in pontoon boats and float tubes. Crosby's Lodge will have several opening day events scheduled and CAF members are encourage to check out the "Iron Fly" competition.

Oct 23rd	Bailey Creek lodge fishout for the day	
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@ \$100. per rod and a 10 rod/person max. RSVP Elden* 10 person max. RSVP *Elden; ehinkle@aol.com

Jan 30th-Feb 4th, 2017	Picachos, Mexico	Pat Sleeper
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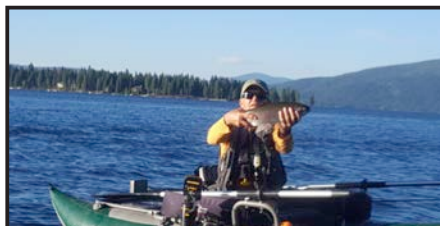
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Other ideas: Floating Indicator Clinic, Float Tube Clinic, Fly Casting Clinic, Yuba River, Fort Bragg area Surf Fly fishing---

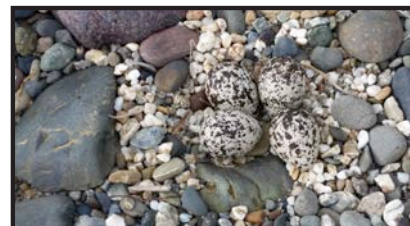
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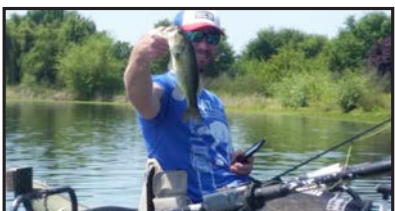
Bill Robinson with a trout from Lake Almanor in June 2016



Elden Hinkle with a nice trout at Lake Almanor July 2016



Can you see what's in this picture? ..isn't nature amazing?



Jake McLaughlin bass fishing.



Pat Hallin @ Pyramid

About Speaker Mike Kossow

Statement of Qualifications

Michael has an extensive understanding of the North Fork Feather River Watershed.

He has been studying the native and non-native fish of this ecosystem as a professional for the past thirty-four years. This experience was gained as an employee of the California Department of Fish & Game, United States Forest Service, and as a private contractor to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, as well as private landowners that include logging companies, livestock ranches, and small landowners. Michael has conducted riparian and upland watershed assessments, analyzed the cumulative impacts of road building, livestock grazing, logging, mining, urban and rural development and their effect on fish habitat and water quality.

Resume

Expertise:

Aquatic habitat inventory, fisheries studies, geomorphology (stream dynamics) and sediment transport, stream restoration, watershed assessment, hydrography, and water quality monitoring of the Feather River Watershed(s).

Professional Experience:

I am a fisheries and biological technician with thirty-four years experience in water quality monitoring, sediment sampling and transport, hydrography, and biological assessment of aquatic communities. I have designed and supervised basin-wide monitoring programs that include road assessment, stream classification and channel condition survey. I served as the monitoring coordinator for the East Branch North Fork Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group, and have worked with the California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Forest Service, P.G. & E., and the Natural Resource Conservation Service both as an employee and as an independent contractor. As such, I have designed and implemented water quality sampling and database management for an alternative dredging method and sediment disposal project. I have been an instructor at Feather River College teaching sediment monitoring, stream habitat analysis, stream survey techniques, and stream restoration. I have been the Director of the Salmonid Restoration Federation's "Watershed Assessment and Stream Channel Restoration School", 1994-2002. I have designed and supervised and constructed fish ladders for the Pine Creek CRM and Feather River CRM; and erosion control and fish habitat structures for Battle Creek Ranch, Crane Valley Properties, U. S. Forest Service, 101 Ranch, Collins Pine and P. G. & E. I have served as a Wildlands Research Instructor for San Francisco State University teaching a three-week field course, Quest for Salmon investigating the relationship between salmon habitat and watershed conditions and politics.

In addition I was employed by the California Department of Fish & Game 1981-1986 as a fisheries technician on the six-year North Fork Feather River Fisheries Study and conducted limited zooplankton analysis on Lake Almanor under the supervision of the CDF&G lake biologist Ron DeCota.

Meadowbrook Conservation Association/Services:

Michael Kossow organized the formation Meadowbrook Conservation Associates partnership in 1992 and has been the sole owner and principal of Meadowbrook Conservation services since 1998.

Relevant Training:

California Department of Fish and Game: Stream Habitat Typing; American Fisheries Society: short courses covering topics as erosion control, fish barrier analysis, stream restoration, and stream habitat analysis, 1985-1995. Dave Rosgen Stream Classification course and Geomorphology workshops. Bureau of Land Management training: Assessing Proper Functioning Condition, (PFC).

Education:

Gridley High School 1956-1960 Liberal Arts.

Feather River College, 1980-1982. Various courses in fisheries, forestry, biology, physical sciences and general education courses.

Categories:

Education/Instruction

Greenville & Quincy High Schools

Salmonid Restoration Federation Field School & Workshops

Watershed Monitoring

CDF&W – NFFR Six year fisheries study

USFS – Watershed Assessment

USFS/Collins Pine/Sierra Pacific Industries – Road Assessment/Inventory

Sierra Pacific Industries – Fisheries Habitat Inventory

Collins Pine/Sierra Pacific Industries – Fisheries Habitat Inventory

Plumas Corporation – Stream Monitoring

Pacific Gas & Electric Company – Stream/water quality & fisheries monitoring

Stream Restoration

Kimshue Creek Battle Creek

Gurnsey Creek Butt Creek

Pine Creek Fish Ladder Feather River Fish Ladders – Soda Creek – Rush Creek

Opapee Creek Granite Creek

Fly of the Month for September 2016

Bloody Mary

Fly of the Month, September 2016

By: Ray Narbaitz

Fly fishing, like fly tying, is not an exact science. We aren't trying to solve a math equation; we are dealing in a world of many variables that allow for creativity, instinct, confusion and the realization that, at times, what we are doing has no solid reason behind it. One of the beauties of our sport is in knowing that many of the "rules" are not absolutes, but merely guidelines.

This is particularly true when it comes to our flies. Sometimes matching the hatch is called for, because the fish are keying on one type of bug, or even a particular life stage of that bug. Other times what we often refer to as, "Attractor Flies," will work. They sort of look like a lot of different things, and sometimes they don't look like anything that has ever lived in the water where we found fish willing to eat them. I remember finding a very sick Rainbow on the Upper Sac a few years ago. It was about 14 inches long, as skinny as a snake, floating on its side in a back eddy, barely able to move. I put it out of its misery, and opened it up out of curiosity. Lodged in its stomach was a cigarette filter. Come to think of it, no fly we fish truly represents the bugs were are trying to imitate. If they did, Caddis Flies would hatch with a hook hanging out of their butt.

This month's FOTM is one of those flies that doesn't resemble anything in nature, but it still catches fish. However, that's not why I chose it. I chose it because the name sort of tickled me. As I said in the first sentence, it's not an exact science. The fly itself is very old. It probably originated in Scotland and like most flies that old, it has gone through quite a few revisions.

Hook: TMC3761 or 5262, 10 to 16

Bead: Gold or Black Tungsten or Standard, sized to hook

Thread: Black 8/0

Tail: Brown Goose Biots

Rib: Peacock Herl and Gold or Copper Wire

Body: Red Floss

Hackle: Dark Hen Hackle, Brown Partridge or dyed Grizzly Hen hackle.

Collar: Peacock Herl

1. Debarb hook, thread on Bead and place it in vise. For really fast sinking, wrap lead wire on the hook shank, and shove it into the back of the Bead. Tie down lead wire if you have used it.



2. Tie in Biots so they splay out from each other. Make them no longer than the hook shank.
3. Tie in one strand of Peacock Herl at the back of the fly for ribbing. Tie it in the full length of the shank.
4. Tie in the ribbing wire, also the full length of the shank.
5. Tie in the Red Floss. Tie it in with the long end over the eye. Tie it down to the tail, and then wrap your thread back up to just short of the bead. Use thread wraps to try and have a fairly smooth under body. Wrap the Floss down to the tail, and then back up to the bead, tie it off and trim the excess.
6. Spiral wrap the Peacock Herl up the shank to the bead. Tie it down and trim off the excess.
7. Counter wrap the wire up the shank, crossing the Peacock and ribbing in between the Peacock rib. Tie it down, and break off the excess.
8. Tie in the hackle. Only take one or two turns. Tie it off and trim the excess.
9. Tie in some Peacock Herl and wrap a small collar at the bead. The Herl should help the Hackle lay back on the fly. Tie off the Herl and trim the excess.
10. Whip finish the thread behind the bead and cut it off.



The Fly Shop @ 4140 Churn Creek Rd, Redding, CA

TROUT SEASON OPENING DAY CELEBRATION! There is such a thing as a free lunch!
The fly shop's annual Opening Day Celebration will be on Friday, April 29th,
10:30 am - 4:30 PM.

Celebrating 38 yrs. in business! Guests will be treated by The Fly Shop to a wonderful lunch with all the trimmings. Meet the staff and see their local author Steven T. Callan "The Game Warden's Son".

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