



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts November 2018

Next meeting: To be announced



We "had" two speakers!

Update: Nov 14th, 2018 General Meeting Cancelled.....

Due to the devastation we "all" are dealing with. I trust you "all": your families, friends and loved ones are warm, comfortable and in a safe place!

Our speakers and raffling of a bamboo rod will be re-scheduled.

John Crotty, President of Almanor Fly fishing was going to be raffling off a bamboo rod on our Nov 14th, 2018 @ 7:30 during our General meeting. Tickets: \$10.00 each. And, updating us on issues. Please come and support the Almanor fisheries!

Eli, with CSU, Chico Research foundation: The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve contains 3,950 acres of diverse canyon and ridge habitats, including 4.5 miles of Big Chico Creek will be speaking about some partnering with

CAF. You'll want to hear this!

Its fall and it's getting much colder at night But, I love this time of the year with the fall colors so spectacular! It's the perfect time to fish; they are all putting on the pounds for the long cold winter; but, will it be long and cold or long and wet?

We have some fun fish outs scheduled. Look at the fish out page and choose some of our locations and dates. We'd love to see "you" join us!!

Congratulations to all the newly elected board. Thank you "all" for choosing to stay on the board for another term! You are all "very much" appreciated!! Voted in: President: Pat Sleeper; Treasurer: Don Sleeper; V.P.: Larry Willis; Secretary: Dave McKinney; Board: Eric See, Scott Joyce and Dana Miller. Stay safe my friend!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper President, CAF

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CAF November Minutes

Called to Order 6:22 PM by Pat Sleeper, President

In attendance. Pat Sleeper, Larry Willis, Elden Hinkle, Terry Mich, Eric See, Pete Wiik, Lionel Valley, Don Sleeper, David McKinney

Secretary Report; David McKinney. Minutes Published in October Newsletter.

Accepted as published: Moved, Lionel; Seconded, Terry: Passed.

Treasures Report: Don Sleeper

Accepted: Moved by Terry; Seconded by Pete: Passed.

Vice President's Report

Larry Willis. Speaker's for the meetings set for November: Lake Almanor Association, December is Pizza Feed @ Roundtable on the 12th.; January: Show and Tell: Bring your fish stories, contact Larry if you wish to present. Speaker Mike Kossow, possibly in February.

Newsletter: Pat Sleeper. We are always looking for a few good stories.

Outreach: As our Outreach chair, Steve Bohnemeyer, is traveling, Pat Halin as co-chair has been nominated. Moved, Seconded and passed.

Committee Reports: Fishout. Elden. Little Grass Valley and Digger Creek Trips were a success, with good turnout.

Planning an Almanor Fishout on November 15th. Also planning the yearly trip to Pyramid Lake. This is on March 9th and 10th. This requires \$100. payment in advance. Contact Elden for more information.

Dinner Committee;

Lionel working on Donations.

The Grand Price this year is an Out Cast Pontoon Boat

The dinner price will remain the same at Masonic Lodge and yes, it will be Crab catered by Spiteri's. Never too early to Volunteer.

Old Business: Last month we did discuss not having a general meeting in September due to low attendance as so many members are still traveling. It was moved, seconded and passed. Our yearly meetings now are: October, November, December (Pizza Feed), January, February, March (Annual Fund Raiser Dinner), April, May, June. We are dark in July, August and September.

Project Healing Waters headed by Peter Wiik will start in December with two classes a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays' meetings at Chico Rod and Gun Club. This is basic fly fishing. He will also be sending information about a list for volunteers, which are needed and welcomed. If you would like to help or contribute to this worthwhile project please contact Pete.

New Business: In our organization, we require a second check signer, in case of an emergency; and, the primary is not available. Moved by: Terry Mich, Seconded by Larry Willis: Passed! This change has been made by the board. The new Second Check Signer is: Elden Hinkle!

We continue to assist Lake Almanor Association and we are currently working on obtaining donations for fish pens. The board has authorized a meeting with a possible donor. Hopefully, more to come

Adjourned 7:40 PM

David McKinney

Sec. CAF

Fish Out Report Little Grass Valley - Nov 1st, 2018

The Chico Area Flyfishers walked into Little Grass Valley Reservoir just under 2 miles one way. The trail starts on Hwy 299 at Buckhorn summit out of Redding CA. We all had to carry our float tubes, rods/reels, and waders on our backs. It was more than a moderate walk in. The lake was down, but very beautiful, we landed over 40 trout up to 16 inches. Bill, Katie, Pat and I took an hour to walk out, mostly all up hill....Used nymphs, and bunny leaches on floating and sinking lines. Thank you Elden for the wonderful day!



CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2018

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>
Canceled Nov 14	Eli Goodsell	The Big Chico Creek Echo R
Canceled Nov 14	Almanor Fishing Club: Bamboo Rod Raffle for the trout	
Dec 12	Round Table	
Jan 9	Show & Tell	Members share pictures
Feb 13	Mike Kossow	Upper Feather River Basin Fisheries Assessment
March 2	Annual Crab/shrimp dinner	

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2018

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.

Elden Hinkle and Tom Rosenow are our fish-out leaders. If you have one of those favorite spots that you don't mind sharing with others and would like to lead our fellow CAF members for a day of fishing, and fellowship contact Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproducton.com or Tom Rosenow 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>
Dec 15	Almanor - Elden-	ehinkle@aaproducton.com
Jan 13-19th 2019	Lake Picachos and ElSalto, Mexico: combo 3nights @ each & 2 1/2 days fishing @ each location. For information, Please contact: Don or Pat Sleeper psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Feb 7-17	Amazon: Trophy peacock bass/ \$5,699./10 nights Great lodging/6 days Great fishing! The world records came from!! Great trip & at this price!!: Don or Pat: www.patsflyfishing.com 530-345-1197	
March 9 & 10	Pyramid Lake with Rob Anderson: ehinkle@aaproducton.com	
May 11-18	Rooster fishing: Sea of Cortez: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
June 2019	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor rsvp: BBQ lunch included. Elden: ehinkle@aaproducton.com	
July 2019	2019 Pingatori's local fish out for bass - Pat; psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Aug 31 - Sep 7, 2019	Dorado/Tuna fishing La Ventana, Mexico. \$1800.pp: 7 nights/6 dys: fishing, meals, shuttle svc & license: Double occupancy; w/group. Information: www.patsflyfishing.com Don & Pat; psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Sep 7-14, 2019	Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico -	
Sep. 14-21, 2019	Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico -	
Sep. 21-28, 2019	Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - psleeper@sbcglobal.net	

Fly of the Month for November 2018

The Iron Lotus

By: Ray Narbaitz

It's always interesting to wonder how the originator of a fly came up with the name. For some, like the Bird's Nest by Cal Bird, it's pretty obvious. Others, like the Renegade, are a little more obscure. On still others, like the Booby, you have an idea, but you know you probably should not inquire too closely.

I couldn't figure out what inspired Lance Egan to name his fly the Iron Lotus until I saw a video of him showing how to tie it. In it he refers to a "Dumb movie," that used the term as an integral part of the plot. After looking up the movie and seeing who it starred, I figured it probably was a dumb movie, since that's the only kind most of the cast makes. Fortunately, like most of Egan's flies, there is nothing dumb about the Iron Lotus.

It was originally tied to imitate a BWO, and, later, a PMD version came out. Since last month's FOTM was a BWO pattern, we will use the PMD for this month. I had been looking at the fly for some time, and finally decided to tie some up. Late last spring, on a trip to Fall River, I gave it a try, and caught a number of fish with it. I took them using the Fall River drift under an indicator. I also took a lot of fish by stopping the line at the end of the drift, and letting the current bring the fly up towards the surface. The fish would hit it on the rise, including a really pretty 17-incher.

The PMD and BWO patterns are a great one two punch by season. Both will take fish pretty much year round because they are buggy looking. Starting in the fall and then winter when the water is colder, the BWO version will be more effective. In the spring, and through summer, the PMD will be more effective as the naturals like the warmer water.

Hook: TMC 2457 14 – 18

Bead: Tungsten sized to match hook

Weight: .10 lead or lead free wire, 8 wraps or so

Thread: 140 denier Rusty Brown UTC or Ultra and 6/0 yellow Uni Thread

Tail: Partridge or Coq de Leon. The latter is much more durable.

Abdomen: Rusty Brown thread

Rib: 6/0 Yellow Uni Thread

Wing Case: Black Thin Skin

Thorax: Mercer's Crystal Buggy Nymph dubbing, PMD

Collar: 6/0 Yellow Uni Thread

1. Debarb the hook, thread on the bead, and place the hook in the vise.
2. Wrap on the weight, and seat it up against the bead. If some of it slides into the bead, so much the better.
3. Start the Rusty Brown thread right behind the weight, and build a little dam so the weight can't move. Take a couple of wraps over the weight to secure it, and bring your thread down to about the point of the hook.
4. Tie in the tail material, and wrap it down the bend of the hook a ways. You want the tail to be a little shorter than the body of the fly. Wrap your thread back up to the weight, and cut off the excess tail material.



5. At this point you have one of two options to continue. After the ribbing is done, the body of the fly has to be glued with either something like Sally Hansen's or a UV Cured Resin. If you are going to glue it, tie in a piece of the 6/0 yellow thread and wrap it back to the tail tie down point. Wrap the Rusty Brown thread back up to the bead, making sure you have a tapered body from the tail to just short of the bead, and that all of the weight is covered. Spiral wrap the Yellow thread up to the bead, tie it off, and cut off the excess. Throw a two turn Whip Finish with the Rusty Brown thread, and cut it off. Assuming you are going to tie several, apply a thin coat of the Sally Hansens and set the fly aside. By the time you have finished the last fly, the first one should be dry enough to continue.
6. If using UV, have the Yellow thread in a bobbin, and tie it in the same way (it has to be 6/0 as 8/0 would be too thin and not show well enough). Bring the Rusty Brown thread up to the bead just like step 5, whip finish and cut off the thread. Now spiral wrap the Yellow thread to the bead, and let it hang. Apply a thin layer of the UV, cure it and you are ready to go.
7. If you used the glue method, start the Yellow thread right behind the bead. Tie in the Thin Skin making sure it is right on top of the fly. Tie it back to just short of the hook point.
8. Dub on the Thorax material, and wrap it to the bead.
9. Stretch the Thin Skin over the Thorax and tie it down behind the bead. Now double it back over itself and tie it down with a couple of wraps. Cut the excess off close, apply head cement to the collar, and the fly is done.
10. Do a four or five turn Whip Finish, making sure you have given the fly a nice, yellow collar. Cut off the thread, and the fly is ready.

Notes: If you want to tie the BWO version, the materials are a little different, but the technique is the same. The only difference is the ribbing thread is not the same as the thread you will use for the Thorax and Collar, so tie it in like any other rib. Here is the recipe:

Hook, Bead, Tail and Weight: The same as the PMD

Thread/Abdomen: 140 denier UTC Brown/Olive. Thorax/Collar, 70 denier Red UTC

Rib: White 6/0 Uni Thread, after this step, switch to Red 70 denier UTC

Wing Case: Black Thin Skin

Thorax: Peacock Black Ice Dub or Arizona Synthetic Peacock, Natural

Collar: Red thread

RAFFLE TICKETS \$10 EA.
CUSTOM HANDMADE FLY ROD

Donated by:

Note Only 150 tickets will be sold
Drawing 11/14/18 at the
Chico Fly Fishers General Meeting*

A custom made bamboo fly rod from Kane Klassics. It is an 8'2" 5/6wt, 2 piece with extra tip rod that retails for approx \$1,500. We will be sell 150 tickets at \$10 a ticket This will help support our fish rearing in Almanor. Thank you! John Crotty



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