



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts April 2016

Our next meeting is @ Calif. Park Pavilion, Wed, at 6:30 w/Trent tying and 7:30 speaking.



President Line by Pat Sleeper

Thank you... "all" for coming to our Annual Crab/shrimp fund raiser dinner! I am always soooo impressed to hear how far some of you have driven yearly to share in our Annual Chico Area Flyfishers' Fundraiser dinner!...Joe Lares "A world renowned duck call builder"! And, many more travelers..

Thank you! I feel blessed that so many wonderful presidents before me have paved the way...for our 45Yrs! "I'm not that old." There are always changes made, here and there and back the way it was to make a fine tuned engine run even better.

Thank you to our board:

V.President: *Larry Willis; Secretary & dinner M.C.: *Dave McKinney; Treasurer: Don Sleeper; Fishout Masters: Tom Rosenow and new to the team: Elden Hinkle. Also on the board:

*Dana Miller; *Eric See; John Hamiter; Lance Gray; Steve Bohnemeyer; Terry Mich; in charge of fly tiers. Past Presidents have (*) so you can see we move around.

I would like to thank Lionel Valley and Steve Bohnemeyer for double-teaming and bringing so many wonderful donations.

I would like to thank Richard Wilkerson; our son, Scott and his sons: Paul, Timmy and Josh! Also Haiden Hinkle and Keith Kelley for their dedicated yearly help!

CAF Board Meeting

by Dave McKinney 04/05/2016

Called to order by President Pat Sleeper at 6:10 PM.

Secretaries minutes were read and approved

Treasure report was given by Don Sleeper.

Dinner report on income and expenses report was accepted by acclamation. Budget discussed.

Vice president's report: Review of upcoming speakers and topics of upcoming programs.

Committee reports:

Fish-out: discussion upcoming fish outs.

Old business was then reviewed. Helpers for Sportsman's Warehouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

David McKinney, Sec.

Sportsman's Warehouse!.....your donations were incredible!!!

Thank you!!

J.B.'s thank you.....Fish First... Mac....Creative Composition: programs.....Sierra Stream..Lincoln.....Jim Clarkston: rods.

Ray Narbaitz when he comes up on the podium, he's like The God Father of auctioneering at our Annual dinner, don't you think! Thank you Ray!

I trust you had as much fun and I did! Thank you all! Sincerely, Pat Sleeper, President and dinner chairman.

Biographical Sketch: Trent Robert Pridemore

Trent Pridemore, born in East Texas in 1942, resides in Grass Valley and Carnelian Bay, California. He studied a year at St. Mary's College and received a degree in field zoology at UCSB in 1963. He worked as a timber cruiser on California's Lost Coast. After receiving a doctorate at UCSF in 1967, the Air Force posted him to the Philippines. His lecturing career started at University of The East in Manila. Returning home, he opened a dental practice in Pleasanton, Calif. Where he worked for SACDS dental society as a director, as peer review chairman and lectured on dental esthetics.

Interest in fly fishing and angling conservation led to a position as Project Chairman and Biological Consultant for The Little Truckee River Trout Restoration Task Force. In 2006, he orchestrated protective Regulation Proposal Changes for the Truckee River and received the "Black Hand" Conservation Award.

This author has written for Sierra Heritage and is an alumnus of Squaw Valley Community of Writers. He writes for California Fly Fisher. A *Stillwater* column focuses of fly fishing in lakes. A second, called *The Foraging Angler*, ranges from restaurant

reviews to outdoor cooking.

He studied at the Culinary Academy in San Francisco, Ramekins, Chef West, Tess's and International Kitchen in Spain, Portugal and The Yucatan. He has written for Tahoe Maritime Museum, lectured at Gatekeeper's Museum and has done

guest appearances on radio

and television. He taught classes on fly tying, aquatic entomology, and speaks on the California fly fishing circuit. Current topics include *Stillwater* angling and *Bass Fishing with a Flyrod*.

Trent is a member of Sierra Vintners and Grape Growers Association and works as an Outreach Ambassador and photographer for Bear Yuba Land Trust. He works daily on a collection of literary angling stories called *Chasing Rainbows...Tales of a Well Traveled Fly Fisherman*, and a cookbook, *Recipes from Jackrabbit Hill...Sierra Foothills Cooking in a Small Vineyard Setting*. Another memoir project, *Winds of Mourning*, is set during the Vietnam War.



2016 Trout Season Opener Fishout

CAF will celebrate the Trout Season Opener with a fishout to the Hat Creek Area, near Burney, CA. The streams and lakes should be in great shape.

Here are the details:

What:

Fishout to Hat Creek on April 30, 2016. And Baum Lake is nearby for those who want to fish stillwater. Burney Creek (great small stream!), Fall River, and Lake Britton, are all within a short drive. The Pit River – anyone interested in fishing the Pit Saturday evening, contact Eric See.

CAF will host a gourmet deli lunch at Hat Creek on Saturday at 12:30 pm – **please RSVP so we can get a head count: ese@comcast.net**

When: April 30, 2016 @ 0800 for fishing, 12:30 pm for deli lunch.

Where: On Saturday morning on the lower section of Hat Creek, in the proximity of the fish barrier dam located just above where Hat Creek empties into Lake Britton. We will meet at the parking area at 0800 and walk-in from there to the fish barrier dam section.

There is a dirt road to this area located ¼ mile west of the Hwy 299 Bridge over Hat Creek. This road is on the north side of Hwy 299.

The easiest way to find this road is to drive into the little park at the 299 Bridge over Hat Creek, then turn around and drive back toward Burney and take the first dirt road on the right. Follow this dirt road for about a mile and park at the area at the end of the road near Hat Creek. This is where lunch will be served at 1230.

The Fish Barrier Dam is located about ½ mile downstream of this parking area.

Camping: Ruling Creek Campground, on the bank of the Pit River.

This is about 1 mile downstream of the Pit 4 Dam and reservoir. This is downstream of the Pit 3 reach of the Pit River, which is downstream of Lake Britton. 37N06 is the Forest Service Road that takes you there, and this campground can be found on Google Maps and Google Earth. Print your



map ahead of time though, as there is no cell coverage down there.

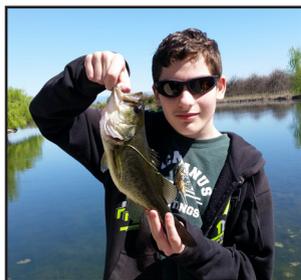
Flies for Hat Creek: small nymphs are standard fare, Pheasant Tails, H.B. Pheasant Tail Flash #18, Micro Mayfly #18 and #20, HBI, Brassie (#16s and 18s) Golden stone (#12s and 14s) Fox Poopah and Bird's Nest #16 and one or two other caddis larvae patterns in #16 and #18. Prince nymphs are good in #12-16, but these should be in your box at all times anyway (along with Bird's Nests and Pheasant Tails). The big rubberlegs stones are good to have for the fast water sections such as the Powerhouse Riffle and the Lower Section (look for the ledges and break to deeper water in the lower section). These are all good for Pit River too, along with black AP nymphs in #16 and #18. For dries, Parachute Adams in #16, 18, and 20, and some #18 Pale Morning Dun patterns, any of the standards in parachute style will work. And bring some Elk Hair Caddis in #14, 16 and 18. And bring Tippet from 2X to 7X, some people even go with 8X when fishing dries on Hat Creek, but it is hard to land fish with this. Streamers can be good on Hat Creek as well.

Hat Creek is easily waded with standard wading boots. A wading staff can also be helpful.

The Pit River offers some challenging wading. Bring a wading staff, your best wading shoes, and your patience. If you move slowly and deliberately, it's not that bad. Trust me...

Flies for Pit River: #10 Stimulator with a #12 BH Prince Nymph dropper, Birds Nests.

Big Fish



Josh with Bass



Paul with Bass



Jordan at Pyramid with a nice lahontan!



Carl with some nice rainbows at Jurassic Lake



Outreach

I'm Steve Bohnemeyer Outreach board member of CAF. Outreach means many things to many people. One of the great things about any endeavor is the interesting people you meet. In fly fishing we have some very interesting people. Think about it. These people like to stand thigh deep in a river in all kinds of weather and wave a magic stick at things they can't see. Really interesting people, right?

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure to meet lots of these people all in one place. Lance Gray, a local guide, organized a Fly Club Day on the Yuba river. He invited people from the many clubs in the northern California and southern Oregon region to gather and learn about the bugs and eggs that we see in our drainages. Lance did a show and tell about the available eggs, colors and rigging. Jon Baiocchi, another local guide, gathered and explained the habits of live bugs from the Yuba. Both very good seminars and worth the trip in themselves.

But the real deal was the interaction with the other organizations on the river: the attendees. There were representatives from 16 clubs. All from different habitats. All with the common goal of enjoyable fly fishing. Some were high country small stream folks, some were coastal salt folks, some were river drifters, some were lake fishers. All with a goal of protecting the resource, educating their friends and having a great day on the water.

Here is a list of the websites for the attendees. I urge you to visit the sites. Most of the sites have a current newsletter. Maybe attend a meeting or contact the fish master and attend a fishout. I know I will.

Oh, and we had a free lunch and raffle! Thanks, Lance!

Club	Website
Gold Country Fly Fishers	http://www.goldcountryff.org
Russian River Fly Fishers	http://www.rrflyfisher.org
Grizzly Peak Flyfishers	http://www.grizzlypeakflyfishers.org
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Annual Crab feed dinner photos



Pyramid Lake – Just tell yourself, the wind is my friend.....

Over the last couple of weeks, several Chico Area Flyfishers (CAF) members have made the trek to Pyramid Lake, Nevada. The wind can try to blow you off at certain times of the day, but for this place that is normal and you must tell yourself, the wind is my friend because it will often entice the fish closer to shore.

Pyramid Lake is North of Reno and about a 3.5-hour drive from Chico. It is a desert lake that is the last remnants of the Lahontan Sea and home of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout that can often get in the 20lb range.

Fishing has picked up as the lake warms from 45 degrees to 55 degrees. Shore fishing has been good in spurts throughout the day and when the wind picks up and begins to blow into your face that can be a very good time to be on the water. To the point that you may just laugh at yourself for being out with a fly line attempting to wisp in the air and still be catching fish.

Some of the CAF fly fishers that have made the trek and are willing to share what they have learned are: Elden Hinkle, Terry Mitch, Boti Trimmel, Earl Mitchell, Scott Joyce, Pete Wiik, Scott Hood, and Tom Rosenow.

An 8wt rod with a sinking line of about 250 grains (and in the fall 350 grains) and having a second setup with an 8wt rod, floating line will be two options to bring. You will make your leaders out of 12lb and 15lb seaguar (fluorocarbon) in lengths of 10-13 feet in total.

Flies used by many have been: White and black popcorn foam beetles, Woolly buggers in black, brown, or green, or a combination such as purple and black. Under an indicator: midges, chironomids (large lure like ones not your typical sizes), and/or balanced leaches.



Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2016

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.

Tom Rosenow will be our new fishout 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.

Date	Location	Fishout Leader
April 16:	Little Grass Valley Crk Reservoir	(Tom Rosenow and Elden Hinkle)
April 22-23:	Pyramid Lake Clinic	Ron Anderson \$180
<small>(2 - days \$180. pp w/breakfast & lunches included. fly box @ \$30.00 w/12 flies. includes ladders, and additional flies if fly box purchased only 6 people per guide. Chris, Rob's assistant helping. maximum 12 people.) call Pat - 345-1197 to be added to the list.....</small>		
April 24:	Pyramid Lake CAF lunch	Elden Hinkle
April 30:	CAF 2016 Opener at Hat Creek/Pit River/Baum Lake	Eric See
May 14:	CAF Spey Casting Clinic	Mac Noble
May 20-21:	CAF Chico Hooked on Fishing	
Sept 30:	CAF Pyramid Lake Clinic	Doug Ouellette (no water)
October 1:	Pyramid Lake opener.	
December 6	CAF Surf Fishing Workshop	Lance Gray and Co. (Moss Landing)

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

Fishing can be good in the morning at first light, 1-2pm, 4pm until dark as well as some in between. Good means several fish often and some large ones once in a while.

Scott Hood reported catching a 22lb, 35" fish. Scott Joyce reported several good size and one large fish, Pete Wiik was in the 35 fish caught range, as well as, Elden Hinkle rounding out nearly 60 for his 5-day trip. Several were caught by Terry Mitch, Boti Trimmel, Earl Mitchell, and Tom Rosenow during their two days of fishing, but not in the same quantities as the others.

The retrieve and where your fly is in the water channel can make quite a bit of difference. You must experiment with flies, colors, sizes and retrieve patterns of each type until you find out what is working. Once you find the retrieve stay with it until it slows down again. If you find a fly that works and it is torn-up, continue to use it even as it disintegrates. The fish will continue to go after it.

The area guides (Doug Ouellette, Ron Anderson) and Crosby's Lodge/Store have been great help to the new and the experienced fly fishers so do not be afraid to call them up, elicit their services, or visit. They all have been known to share their knowledge, teach, and assist.

The month of April should be outstanding to be at Pyramid and as well as the opener October 1st. CAF will be hosting another clinic on September 30th (no water) for the October 1st opener and several of us will be making the trek again in April as well I am sure.

Pictures are of CAF members Scott Hood, Scott Joyce, Pete Wiik, and Elden Hinkle with fish in-hand (nice job everyone very exciting).



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>
April 13th	Trent R. Pridemore	Bass fishing
May 11th	Max	"Fish First"
June 8th	Blake Merwin	Puget Sound, WA

Alaska: flyfishingblake@gmail.com

Pontoon Boat FOR SALE:

I have an extra 8ft pontoon boat (Water-skeeter brand) for sale and in very good shape (no leaks and fast on the water) for \$375 obo to CAF members. Includes pontoon, 2 gear bags, oars, rear gear rack (removable), 2 rod holders. Does not include pump. If interested I can be contacted at trosenow.chico@gmail.com or 530.520.3053 thanks. Tom Rosenow



Fly of the Month for April 2016

Hot Wire Prince

By: Ray Narbaitz

Some flies just seem to have much longer lives than others. While some patterns come and go, others are used for decades, close to centuries. One such fly is the Prince Nymph. Developed by Doug Prince in the 1940's, it is still one of the most used nymphs today. A fly for all seasons, it seems to work in all kinds of water, whether moving or still. It can be fished dead drift, under an indicator or stripped. It's another of those flies that doesn't look like anything specific, but sort of looks like a lot of different bugs.

Another fly that became a classic the minute it was introduced to the world by Umpqua Feather Merchants is John Barr's Copper John. You knew he must be on to something because every other fly manufacturer on the planet started to copy it almost the day it came out. It is said to be the number one selling nymph in the fly fishing world. Tied in a variety of colors and sizes, it is one of those flies that is fished, literally, all over the world.

The Hot Wire Prince is a fly that melds characteristics from both of those flies. Fore and aft it's a Prince Nymph and in the middle a Copper John. It also features a weighted body, a Tungsten bead and with the wire body, it sinks like an anchor. By changing the color of the wire used for the body, you can make it appear to be a wide variety of bugs. Green and gold could be a Rock Worm and brown and gold a Caddis. The variations are almost endless.

Hook: TMC3761, 10 to 18

Bead: Gold Tungsten, sized to hook

Weight: Lead Wire sized to hook.

Thread: Black 8/0, Uni thread works, but UTC or Ultra Thread is better because it lays down flat with no ridges.

Tail: Brown Goose Biots

Abdomen: Two colors of wire, one Brassie sized and the other size small.

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Hackle: Brown Hen Neck or Saddle

Wings: White Goose Biots.

1. Debarb hook, thread on bead and place hook in vise.
2. Make 10 to 12 wraps of the lead around the shank and break off the ends. Shove the wraps up into the back of the bead.
3. Start your thread at the back of the lead, and make a tapered dam from the hook shank to the lead to make a smooth transition. Wrap up on the lead at an angle so you don't get the thread wedged down into the wire. Wrap back and forth on the thread to make a smooth tying surface.
4. Tie in the Brown Biots for the tail. Make sure they flare out away from each other. Make them a little shorter than the hook shank.



Wrap the butt ends up past the lead for a bit to help with the smooth taper to the head.

5. Tie your two strands of wire on the near side of the hook. Tie them in at about the three fourth point of the hook shank, and wrap them down to the tail. Use two different sizes of wire, like a Brassie and Small. It helps to show the contrast of the colors.
6. Wrap a smooth thread base over the wire. The smoother the better, as this helps in trying to prevent gaps in the wraps of wire.
7. Take the two strips of wire, and wrap together up the hook shank. Try not to allow any gaps between the strands if you can help it. Hold the wire as close to the hook as you can while wrapping, as this will help keep the strands together. Wrap them up to the tie in point of the wire and tie them down tightly. Helicopter the strands individually to break them off.
8. Tie several strands of Peacock in at the gap between the wire and bead. Tie it with the strands pointing back. Wrap your thread up the herl, over the first few wraps of wire up to about the 60% point of the fly. Bring your thread back to the bead and wrap a bushy Thorax up to the bead with the Peacock. Tie it off and cut off the excess.
9. Tie in the Hackle at the bead, and take two or three wraps with it. Pull the fibers back with each wrap so they point back over the fly. Tie it off and cut the excess.
10. Pull all of the hackle fibers back and use a few thread wraps to keep them pointing back like a soft hackle feather.
11. Tie in the white Goose Biots for the wings, split over the top of the fly, like a Prince Nymph. Tie them down with a few tight wraps and cut off the excess as closely as you can. There will be a little of the white nubs sticking out from the cutoff point.
12. Take some more wraps to cover the nubs, whip finish, and cut off your thread. Apply head cement to the final wraps and the fly is done.

Notes: If you have tied a Copper John before, you know it is extremely difficult the first time you tie some to not leave a little gap between some of the wraps of wire. If there are not too many, and the gaps are not too big, finish the fly and try to do better the next time. Meanwhile, the fish will not down grade the fly for having gaps, and will eat it willingly if the presentation is correct.



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

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