



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts April 2018

Next meeting: Wed. April 11th, @ 6:00pm @ California Park Pavilion, Chico



President's Message:

This Month's meeting, Wed, April 11th at our usual location: California Park Pavilion and usual time: 6:30. Ray Narbaitz will be demonstrating the Hackle Stack method for tying emergers. And, at 7:30 will be Members sharing: I want to see "your" fish pictures from the trips "you" took during the year! I look forward to this time of the year and love seeing your pictures so, please come and share! Bring them on a thumb drive or your computer. You can call or e-mail Larry or Pat. Advance notice is appreciated for the timing. :) Thank you!

Also, Terry Mich, our awards director, will be announcing the award winners. You don't want to miss this! The Golden Zipper Award winner will be announced! Who will it be this year?

We are hearing Oroville Lake, Almanor and many of our local lakes are picking up in the fishing category, if it isn't raining 7inches of rain.

Eli Goodsell, from the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve came to our Board of Director's Meeting: He informed us they will be having an Open House April 21st, Saturday; 1-3 Pm. Celebrate the Earth; learn and explore. A family friendly event! For more information please go to www.csuchico.edu/bccer. We had a wonderful talk with Eli and he will be our speaker at the Oct 10th General Meeting. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting: Sincerely, Pat Sleeper, President, CAF

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Posted By: Laura Eng

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The 50,000 trout released into the water were the last remaining fish rescued from the Oroville Dam Spillway one year ago.

"When the emergency spillway failed, we were actually out on the lake," said Alan Wensman, a Gridley fisherman.

Wensman was fishing on Lake Oroville when the spillway evacuations began.

"We had to get our boat out quickly and then exit stage left real fast! So we had kind of a scare," said Wensman.

"In California, we raise about 18 million salmon and about 40 million trout that we put in state waters every year so hatcheries are critically important to the infrastructure," said Andrew Hughan, Public Information Officer to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Fishing is about a \$ 1.4 billion industry in California.

"Those figures are hotel rooms, gas stations, bait and tackle, things like that. The department, we get very little money, revenue from that," said Hughan.

Employees at the Feather River Fish Hatchery met early on Tuesday morning to pack the fish into trucks.

"They literally pull up to the fish dock, put a big pipe on the end of the truck and the fish are dumped into the waterway," said Hughan.

"It's great that they saved these fish from the hatchery, I guess got flooded. It would've killed them all, so they saved them and released them, so the fishing should come back hopefully real strong," said Wensman.

<http://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/478807693.html>

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Frank Spiteri had a GREAT DAY at Oroville Lake Monday April 2nd, 2018:

After getting up at 5:00AM he headed over to the lake with his boat. He launched his boat at Lime Saddle and noticed the water was way down as it was quite a walk down to the water's edge to get back into his boat.

He proceeded out to his favorite fishing locations with his favorite 5/6 wt rod and favorite minnow imitation. For Frank it was a white and gray Clouser that he immediately found connecting to the black bass!

Frank knows that around April 1st - May the water temp is usually around 55 degrees and it's at that time the bass start coming up to the surface to a depth of 10-15 feet. Thus, he uses a sinking line and waits it out until it hits about that depth; he then starts retrieving his line to mimic a minnow.

Frank likes to fish along the steep sheer walls where he usually finds more bass biting and minnows hanging out. But, if the water warms up to 65 degrees he'll use his poppers and, usually has better results with them. Frank caught a few dozen before deciding to leave and head home. What a GREAT DAY on the Water! Narrated by Frank Spiteri. Written by Pat Sleeper

Pyramid Lake Report

by Pat Hallin

No pics as it was treacherous walking between ladders. We had a few swimmers during the two days. The first day we landed around 55 to 60. Teenager Jordan showed up the entire group by going on a 7 fish run in 45 minutes during the first day.

On the second day we ran into flat water and the fishing turned completely off. The group only landed 5 the second morning.

A 12 pounder was the largest fish caught during the trip.

Big Fish!



Elден Hinkle with a nice Lahontan cutthroat trout from Pyramid Lake.



Elден Hinkle with another nice one from Pyramid Lake.

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.

Tom Rosenow and Elden Hinkle will be our new 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 Tom Rosenow trosenow.chico@gmail.com or Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduct.com

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan 13-19th 2019	Lake Picachos, Mexico and ElSalto combo 3 nights each & 2 1/2 days fishing each location. www.patsflyfishing.weebly.com Don or Pat Sleeper 345-1197	
April 28 May 5 2018	Rooster fishing LaVentana, Mexico. 2 spots open \$1700.pp: 7 nights, meals, beer, water & shuttle; 6 dys fishing: Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: Don & Pat 345-1197	
June 23	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor rsvp: BBQ lunch included. Tom: trosenow.chico@gmail.com	
July 14	Pingatori local fish out for bass -	Don and Pat 345-1197
Aug	Digger Creek:	Elden- ehinkle@aaproduct.com
Sep. 1-8th, 2018	Dorado/Tuna fishing La Ventana, Mexico. \$1700.pp: 7 nights/ 6 dys fishing, 3+meals, beer, water & shuttle: Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: Don & Pat 345-1197 www.patsflyfishing.weebly.com	
Sep. 8-15, 2018	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. - Full	
Sep. 15-22, 2018	Dorado Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - Full	
Sep. 22-29, 2018	Dorado Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - Spots available	

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>
April 11	Show and Tell "Members" come share your fish pictures and stories. Contact Larry or Pat if you want to share. Thanks! willislaw43@gmail.com	
May 9	Benson Kanemoto	Lewiston and tying "The" fly!
Sep 12	Trent Pridemore	Bass fishing
Oct 10	Eli Goodsell	The Big Chico Creek Echo R
Nov 14	Jim Early	Salmon



Update on Lake Oroville Operations

April 6, 2018 at Noon

This is an update to DWR's April 4 announcement: Current and forecasted storms in the Feather River basin this weekend may require using Lake Oroville's flood control outlet spillway (also known as the main spillway) this weekend or next week. After last year's spillway incident, the Department created the 2017/18 Lake Oroville Winter Operations Plan to ensure public safety in the event of major storm events. This plan triggers more aggressive outflow from Hyatt Powerplant and potential use of the main spillway should the reservoir's elevation reach 830 feet during the month of April. The current forecasts show the potential for inflows to raise the reservoir near the 830-foot trigger elevation by the middle of next week.

In anticipation of the incoming weather, DWR has increased outflows from the reservoir.

Because the forecasts are dynamic, they could change in magnitude and timing.

The following provides the most current approximate information:

DWR will provide daily updates around noon until after this storm system has passed.

For more information, follow us on Twitter or Facebook, read our news releases, visit our Oroville Spillway Incident web-page, or visit the California Data Exchange Center for real-time Lake Oroville reservoir data.

- **Lake Elevation:** 792.55 feet
- **Inflow:** 12,700 cfs
- **Spillway Outflows:** 0
- **Hyatt Powerplant Outflow:** 13,000 cfs
- **Feather River Flows:** 13,750 cfs

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This e-mail is part of DWR's ongoing effort to provide you with timely information and updates regarding the Lake Oroville Spillways Recovery. We want to provide a transparent process and ensure community members are well informed. We also want to hear from you, so please contact us with comments and questions.

**California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th St. Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Call our general information line at 1-800-248-7026
or email us at oroville@water.ca.gov**

Fly of the Month for April 2018

Breadline Emerger

By: Ray Narbaitz

As I have mentioned before, I spend a lot of time on the internet looking at fly patterns. My wife refers to it as my "fish porn." I have no idea how many patterns and the instructions on how to tie them are available, but it easily runs into the hundreds if not thousands. That's just Trout patterns, leaving out Salt Water, Warm Water, etc. There are many interesting patterns and ideas out there. There are also a lot of patterns and ideas that seem rather weird, and tons of them that seem to be minor modifications on the same idea. Add to that the often conflicting theories and claims as to where the pattern came from and who originated it, and it can get rather confusing after a while.

This month's FOTM, a Mayfly Emerger pattern, is a good example. Some think the fly was originated by Kevin Hospodar. He is originally from the Ukraine, and said the idea for the name came to him as he watched fish line up to take emerging BWO's. He said it reminded him of when he was a boy, and they had to line up to get bread during hard times. Others think the fly was first done by a tyer named Grant Bench. Add to that the inclusion of Snowshoe Emergers, and Rabbit Foot Emergers that are pretty close to the same thing as the Breadline, and it starts to run together.

The thing they all have in common is they are a Mayfly Emerger. As such, the exact materials and colors are not the most important thing. They are a style of fly that can be used to imitate most any Mayfly, just by changing the color of the materials. In this version I'm going to use a Goose Biot for the Abdomen, but you could just as easily use dubbing, either natural or synthetic, dyed PT barbs or almost anything else. I'm basing this model on a video by Tim Flagler. I am trying for something that will be suggestive of a PMD Emerger, so it is not exactly like the fly that Flagler tied. I'm sure the fish will let me know how I did.

Hook: Flagler used a 1X long dry fly hook, but I used a standard hook, 14-18

Thread: 8/0 to match color of fly

Shuck: Sparse, Zlon or Antron, color to match fly

Abdomen: Goose Biot

Hackle: Light Brown, or complimentary color for the fly

Wing: Natural Snowshoe Rabbit Fur

Thorax/Head Dyed Possum, or Rabbit, or a Synthetic like Super Fine

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vice.
2. Start your thread at about the 1/4 point of the shank back from the eye, and wrap back a few wraps to lock it in. Cut off the tag end.
3. Tie in your shuck material at the tie in point. Wrap it back along the shank all the way to the bend. Hold the material up slightly as you wrap it to make sure it stays on the top of the shank. Cut it off so the shuck is just a little shorter than the hook length.
4. Pull a Biot off of the stem. Tie it in by the tip and wrap it back to the bend. Make sure the concave part of the Biot is facing you. Advance your thread back to the tie in point. Wrap the Biot forward. With each wrap you should see a small, fuzzy ridge



Pull Quote

sticking up. This will add to the segmentation of the Abdomen. If you don't see the ridge, go back, and turn the Biot over so it will appear when you wrap. Wrap it to the tie in point, tie it down with the thread, and cut off the remaining part of the Biot.

5. Now wrap your thread back to the 1/3 portion of the shank, which means you will take a couple of wraps back over the Biot. Make sure you still have a little bare shank between the tie in point and the hook eye.
6. Tie in your hackle at the 1/3 point and make about four or five adjoining wraps towards the eye. Tie it off and cut off the excess.
7. Take the point of your scissors and cut a notch into the hackle on top of the hook. This will be a space for you to tie in the wing.
8. Cut a small clump of hair from the Rabbit's Foot from the back of the foot, toward the heel. Pull out any extra-long guard hairs from the tip and pull out the fluffies from the base of the hair.
9. Lay the clump on the top of the hook and in the slot of the hackle so the tips go to the bend of the hook. Take a couple of loose wraps around the clump at the hook eye, and then tighten them. Now wrap your thread up the clump until the thread is back up to the hackle. Make sure the hair is tied down tightly, and cut off the excess at the eye of the hook. Check to see that the hair is still on top of the hook, and put a good base of thread between it and the hook eye, ending with your thread at the Hackle.
10. Dub whatever material you are going to use for the head, and wrap it around the hook. You want it to be a little thicker than the rest of the body.
11. Whip finish the head and cut off your thread.
12. Now, cut off the bottom of your hackle so the fly will sit flush in the film of the water. You should be left with hackle sticking out the sides of the fly, almost like pontoons to make sure the fly rides correctly in the water.
13. Add a little head cement to the whip finish if you want.

Notes...On my computer I have a file called, "Favorite fishing quotes." This is one of them: "Fly fishing is like sex, everyone thinks there is more than there is, and that everyone else is getting more than their share." ... Henry Kanemoto.

FOR SALE

FLYCRAFT STEALTH DRIFT BOAT

Selling my mint condition Flycraft Stealth drift boat due to non use. I bought a cabin in Colorado and now strictly fish there without a boat.

This boat was purchased in the summer of 2015 with all the upgrades offered by the manufacture.

Boat Includes:

5 Air Chamber Bomb-proof Raft
Leifield C7 Valves
7-Piece Ultralight Aluminum Frame
Internally Ran Anchor System with Environment Safe Anchor
Cam Straps (includes 5)

Seats with 360 Degree Seat Swivel
Grade 8 Seat Mounting Hardware
Stainless Steel Frame Bolts
High Capacity Air Pump with Aluminum Shaft
Field Repair Kit
Upgraded Oars and Oar Locks

Shelf
GoPro Mast for filming your adventures
Spare Oar
Motor Mount
Lehr 2.5 HP propane motor.



The boat is awesome but between my work travel schedule and traveling to the cabin in Colorado during the fishing season, I just don't use it.

A new Flycraft Stealth package is \$3,845.00 without a motor. I'm selling mine for \$2,850 with the motor that has only 20-minutes on it.

Accept cash, checks and credit cards via PayPal - buyer pays 3% credit card fees.

Kris@koenigfilms.com 530 321 7827

Orvis Fly Rods For Sale

Orvis "Recon" 9' #5 wt. four piece with aluminum rod tube and cloth bag. Used lightly; excellent condition. \$250

Orvis "Clearwater" 9' #5 wt. four piece with cloth-covered tube w/interior sections. Brand-new condition. \$125

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