



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts December 2014

**Our next meeting is @ RoundTable pizza on Pillsbury: Wed, Dec 10th @ 5:30 P.M.**



### Vice President Pat Sleeper

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! Our next meeting is at Roundtable Pizza Wed, Dec 10th, 2014...it's not a meeting, it's a fun "get to gather time" to share an evening and pizza with your fellow members

at Roundtable Pizza on Pillsbury rd in Chico: at 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

I also want to thank Henry Lomeli for coming and sharing his experience on the "Tethered show", that aired on the Discovery channel in Oct, to a packed house at our general meeting last month! Fun, exciting and jaw dropping listening to Henry's experiences and watching the full show up on our big screen at the CARD center! Thank you Henry!!! And, thank you all for comming!

Our next meeting will be at the CARD center, usual place, at 6:30 for fly tying and 7:30 is our General meeting time.....but, it's "your" turn to share with our members and friends "your" fishing trips and pictures! I'm "always" excited for this evening as i get to see where you've been and see the pictures of "your" fish!

Please e-mail me your name so we'll know how many will be sharing pictures and trips. You can bring them on a CD or thumb drive.

Thank you for sharing and contacting me...Sincerely, CAF, V.P. Pat Sleeper, phone: 345-1197, or e-mail: psleeper@sbcglobal.net

### Secretary minutes by Dave McKinney 11/05/14 Dinner meeting.

Meeting called order 6:38 PM. At Don and Pat's.

Discussion of last year's dinner. The same place, which will be at the Masonic Lodge; Same set up and same stage set up.

We will have a silent auction. Continue to have a general raffle.

Frank will be handling catering.

One concern presently is the price of crab, higher than last year.

There was considerable discussion with regards to whether or not the price of the dinner should be increased. Suggestions were to increase it to \$45 or \$50. There was discussion about the price of other dinners of a similar kind in the community. There was some concern that price would be too high for kids and families. There was discussion with regards to pricing the tickets. Suggestions included two prices, one for adult and one for children. There was also a suggestion to price the tickets cheaper if they were bought earlier.

The dinner has been set for March 7 2015. Doors open at 4:30 pm

Motion: Suggestion to Increase Ticket Prices;

Ticket prices will remain at \$40 per person through January 31. All ticket prices after January 31 will be \$45. This was moved and seconded; and passed. This is the early ticket price. People who obtained their tickets by January 31 will be entered in the early bird drawing.

Motion: Early bird drawing prize will now be \$250 in tickets. Moved and seconded; and passed.

Auction: We will utilize the same process as last year including the same auctioneer. Big Ticket Items; Options, Trips, Pontoon Boat

It was decided that we will pursue the pontoon boat as a big trip item

Additional Business: Don discussed the IRS issue

Fishout will be Saturday the 15th at Lewiston Lake

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

David McKinney



### President's Line

You may have wondered what we would do for an encore to Henry Lomeli's presentation at the last meeting. The simple answer is that we don't have to worry about that for a while. We are going into the end of the year mode where we will have our pizza meeting, then show and tell in January and ramp up to the annual dinner. These things are connected because the pizza feed is the first chance you will have to sign up for the dinner and save yourselves \$5.00. If you have a tale to tell at show and tell in January, let Pat know so she can co-ordinate the program. It is also important to volunteer to help with the dinner. We need help with the planning, obtaining raffle/

auction prizes and we will need lots of help the night of the dinner. Let me or Pat know what you can do to help.

In the meantime, it is the opposite of "Showboat". It is not summer time and the living is easy, it is winter time and the fishing is tough. Take the time to rehab you tackle, ties some flies and get ready for when the fishing picks up. Baum Lake is always a good bet this time of the year and the club is going to be going up there January 10 and 11. I have it on good authority that you can catch fish up there if you are willing to try to see size 20's on the water. Ray Narbaitz, as always, is willing to share his knowledge. Ray also has an index for all the flies of the month that he has put in the bulletin over the years. Find a new one and learn to tie it. I am sure help is available as near as a phone call if you run into problems.

In the meantime-Think fishing and come to the meetings.

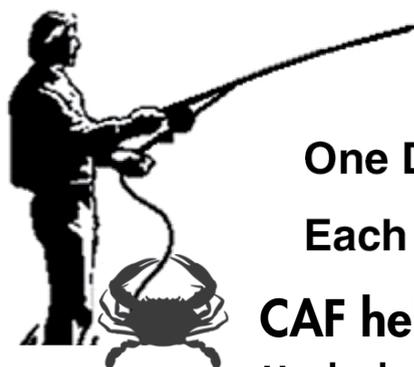
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**44TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER  
SATURDAY - MARCH 7TH, 2015 @ 4:30  
MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE**

## “CRAB FEED DINNER & SHRIMP DINNER”

Raffle prizes - rods, reels, guided trips, fly tying supplies, ladies prizes, lodging/fishing trips, pontoon boat and other prizes and surprizes...



**One Dinner & a Family membership....\$80.00**

\*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$75.00

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\*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$40.00

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ADDITIONAL NAMES:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
Family Membership & One Dinner		\$80.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Dinner		\$45.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$500. ___\$200.		\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$100. ___\$50.		\$ _____
Table reservations for 8 people		\$600.	\$ _____
	TOTAL.....		\$ _____

Visa # \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date & back # \_\_\_\_\_

PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 31ST  
TO BE ENTERED INTO THE EARLY BIRD RAFFLE.....

MAIL RESERVATION FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:  
CAF – 1010 Lori Dr., CA 95973

Questions: 530-345-1197

\*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

\*Early bird raffle drawing: \$250 ticket packet: value \$540.00

## Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2015

We need a new **Fishout Master**, I (Don Sleeper) think it's time to pass this position on. I've enjoyed this position for the last four years. We are looking for a new person to fill this role. He or She has the task of arranging fishouts for the club. This includes putting a year's schedule out there of great fly fishing locations. CAF has a budget for the lunches.

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.

We are also 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 fishing fun, and fellowship please contact Don Sleeper or Eric See. This schedule may change depending on the fish bite or weather conditions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
January 10th	Baum Lake	Don Sleeper
Feb	Open	
March	Open	
April	Open	
May	Open	
June	Pingatore Pond	Don Sleeper
Sept	Open	
Oct 1st	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Open	

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

## **CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2014-2015**

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 usually held on the second Wednesday of the month at CARD. Fly tying begins at 6:30 p.m.; general meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico. We look forward to see you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Dec 10th	Pizza 5:30 Round Table Pizza, Pillsbury Chico	
Jan 14th	You, Our Members	Please come share "your" fishing adventures with pictures and stories. Contact Pat Sleeper and add your name to the list...please.
Feb 11th	Jim Clarkston, Raptor Rods	Learn about your rod: What's the best was to store or carry a rod. What causes a tip or an eye to break. what's a fast or slow rod. How to improve the longevity of a rod, etc. you ask the questions also.
March 7th (Sat)	Annual fund raising Crab/shrimp/ Tortellini dinner and raffle.	
April 15th	Tom Maumoynier	Almanor fishing

# CAF Fishout, Lewiston Lake, Nov 15th 2014

by Don and Pat Sleeper

Well this was one of those times: strong winds and very few fish hooked. But a great CAF lunch, hot chicken stew with french bread brought everyone's spirits up. We had 10 folks show up for the fishout. We used everything from wiggle tails to nymphs trying to find the right set up with no avail. A good amount of the times we had 25-30 mph winds that blew our pontoons and float tubes around a bit. Though John Login and Brian Hoppe caught three using a seal bugger and that was it. They used Kayaks. And again, we have all had those fishing times, no fish, but a fun adventure with our members and friends!



Lunch at Lewiston Lake Fishout



CAF members Pontoon and Float tube launch



CAF members fishing on Lewiston Lake

*All Pictures by Janet Weidel*

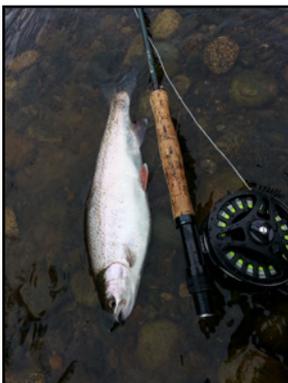
## BIG Fish!



John Logan with a Trout in Idaho.



Feather river Steelhead caught by Eldon Hinkle.



Two nice steelhead on beads wading the Feather this morning for a couple of hours.

# Fly of the Month for December 2014

This is the 64th edition of the Fly of the Month, and I surprised myself when I realized that I had never included one of the most popular, versatile flies in our part of the country. The Bird's Nest was developed in 1959 by Cal Bird. Cal owned a fly shop in San Francisco in the 40's and 50's before moving to the Reno area for the remainder of his life. He developed the Bird's Nest to fish on his favorite home water, the Truckee. Cal maintained that he named the fly after catching his back cast in a bird's nest, and the name should be printed with a small, not a capital B. His good friend and co-advocate of tying in the round, Polly Rosborough, always said Cal only changed the spelling after Polly gave him a bad time for naming a fly after himself.

Cal's original pattern called for dubbing with a mixture of Australian Possum and Coyote fur. Today, it is tied with a variety of furs, with rabbit being the most popular. He wanted it to be a little shaggy. He used Wood Duck flank for the tail and hackle, as do most tiers today. However, years ago, the design changed somewhat by using the flank for legs instead of hackle around the fly. Cal also liked the thorax to be somewhat bushy, and used a dubbing tool to make it a little thicker. One of the prized possessions on my tying bench is a Cal Bird Dubbing Tool that he gave to me at the San Mateo show sometime in the 70's. I had always thought that Cal invented the tool himself, but later found that it was developed for him by the great Frank Matarelli, who also invented the bobbin style that most of us use today, as well as the whip finisher.

The Bird's Nest is another of the many flies that could be classified as an attractor nymph. It doesn't look like anything in particular, but it mostly just looks like something a fish would like to eat. To prove its versatility, I once used a tan, size 6 Bird's Nest in Belize, and caught a number of Bonefish with it. While Cal tied it mostly in tan, other popular colors today include olive and black. Like most pre-90's nymphs, many tiers today add a bead to the fly. I'm not sure with or without the bead makes it any more successful

Hook: Standard Nymph Hook, size 10 – 16, 1 X-long hook for bead head version.

Thread: 8/0, color to match fly

Weight: Lead wire or bead or both

Tail: Wood Duck flank feathers, or Wood Duck dyed Mallard flank.

Ribbing: Copper wire, usually size Brassie

Abdomen: Fur dubbing, Squirrel or Rabbit the most popular

Legs: Same as tail

Thorax: Same dubbing as used for the Abdomen, but thicker

1. Debarb hook, and if using one, insert bead, then place in vise.
2. If using weight, wrap it around hook, usually about 8 wraps, give or take.



3. Tie in tail, making it about the same length as the shank of the hook.
4. Tie in ribbing wire, tying it in on the opposite side of the hook.
5. Dub a slightly tapered body up to about the 2/3 point of the shank.
6. Spiral wrap the ribbing up the fly, tie it off, and break off the excess.
7. Tie in a clump of the Wood Duck barbs on the side as legs. Make them about the same length as the Abdomen.
8. Tie in another clump for legs on the other side.
9. Dub in the Thorax, making sure it is fatter than the Abdomen.
10. Wrap a small head and whip finish the fly. If using a bead, wrap and whip finish behind the bead.
11. Pick out the Thorax with a Bodkin or Dubbing Brush to give it a leggy, shaggy look.
12. Add some head cement to the whip finish.

Notes: In streams, fish the fly as you would any other Nymph. At the end of your drift, it doesn't hurt to allow the fly to hang in the current for a bit, to give it the appearance of emerging...The fly is also very effective in lakes. You can fish it under an indicator, and also slow strip it in what is known as fishing a swimming nymph...In a pinch, it can also be fished as a Soft Hackle, particularly in an unweighted form.

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