



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts December 2016

Meeting at Round Table Pizza on Pillsbury Rd, Chico Wed, Dec 14th, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.



President Line by Pat Sleeper

Our General Meeting for Dec 14th, 2016 will be at Roundtable Pizza on Pillsbury, Chico @ 6:00 p.m. "NOT AT CALIFORNIA PARK PAVILION"! It's the end of another year..... Let's all reflect on our accomplishments and favorite times of the year. I'm sure we've all had our ups and downs. I'm focusing on my achievements. My rotator cuff surgery is over,

and my knee cap, that broke in half, has healed; thus, I can still walk and I can still fish so I'm going to make up for lost time.... I hope you do to!! I hear that Butte Creek opened last month and it should fish well. The Feather has been fishing very well, and the Sacramento River has been coming in at the bottom as far as fishing at this time. And, we have a lot more rain coming in this month. Yeah! Please check out our fish-outs; and, speakers for next year! We have a nice lineup of new speakers.

We are getting ready for our annual Crab/shrimp dinner for Sat, March 4th, 2017. We "always" appreciate your donations and support. We can "always" use your support! Our top donations this year have been to the schools all around us, not just Butte County, for salmon and trout in a classroom project. Our children have sure enjoyed this! And, it's thanks to "you" our members for your support!!! Thank you!!! Call Pat Sleeper @ 345-1197 for donations or questions. The flyer is attached as well.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting...remember...Dec 14th, 2016....it'll be at the Roundtable on Pillsbury Rd, Chico @ 6:00p.m.
Sincerely, Pat Sleeper

Hex hatch 2016

Last summer I attended the Hex fish out at Lake Almanor. My friend Don Sleeper had just given me one of Terry Mich's new flies and I was anxious to try it out. Due to lack of room I had left my pontoon boat at home and brought my float tube. We all put in the water that evening and started out. It was not long until my efforts were rewarded and I hooked a nice rainbow. I am not one to lose my fish and this was no exception. After a few nice runs the fish began to circle my float tube, about 3 or 4 times. As I was doing my best to keep the line tight I realized my net was back at home. At that time I noticed Pat Sleeper fishing about 200 yards away. I began to yell at Pat to bring her net. She could not hear me so I began to paddle her way. About that time I noticed something falling in my lap. It was my license. Where do you put your license when you need two hands to battle your fish? Naturally, in your mouth.

By this time I was close enough to Pat for her to hear me and she rowed over. I said, "Throw me your net." She said she could not as it was attached. She said "Come over here." I paddled over, license in mouth, and immediately caught her fly in my shirt. In the confusion the fly on my spare rod went right under her nose. Pat netted the fish, a 21 inch Rainbow. We both had a good laugh.

Bill Robinson

CAF Minutes BOD Meeting 12/06/2016

President called meeting to Order: Pat 6:19 PM

Attendance: Larry, Terry, Pat, Don, Steve, Eric, David, Lionel
Quorum was established

Secretaries report. David McKinney

The minutes were approved as published by acclamation

Treasure's report: Don Sleeper

Finances were reviewed and approved.

Vice President's report: Larry Willis

A discussion of the upcoming meetings. The pizza feed is December 14 @ 6:00 p.m. Liar's Night is the meeting for January. If you have any interesting fish stories and would like to speak please contact Larry. In February our meeting will be on the Pyramid & Crawley Lake fish-outs.

Committee reports:

- Fly-tier chair. Terry Mich. Terry will be having shoulder surgery so we will have to arrange someone to tie flies for the January meeting.
- Awards Chair: Terry Mich. Because of Terry's shoulder surgery, we had to obtain a new Awards Committee Chair. It was moved and seconded that Dana Miller advance to this post. He was unanimously elected.
- Fish-outs. There was no report of fish-outs tonight from Elden or Tom. Lionel Valley did give a short presentation on the possibility of an Alaskan fishing trip with Niniilchik Characters. This will be available possibly July 22-28. Details are available from Pat Sleeper president or Lionel Valley.

Outreach: Steve Bohmeyer. Will be starting on obtaining the information for dinner donations for our upcoming annual fundraising dinner.

News Letter: Pat Sleeper

To be published next week

Old Business

Question of how much money should the club donate to Almanor fishing Association. It was moved and seconded to make a donation for 2017 of \$2000.

Dinner committee: Pat Sleeper, David McKinney.

Once again it is that time of year we are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up of the dinner as well as the planning.

For more information please contact Pat Sleeper or myself. We also discussed raffle prizes and auction items, including trip donations as well as the number of fly rods that will be available in the Raffle. The dinner will be a crab/shrimp and tortellini feed this year as it was last year and will continue to be held at the Masonic Lodge.

We also discussed the possibility of having professional displays by local guides.

Adjourned 7:47 PM

Submitted David McKinney CAF Secretary

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2016-17

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>
Dec 14	Round Table, Pillsbury Rd: @ 6:00 P.M.	
Jan 11,	Share "Your" pictures and stories...	
Feb 8th	Chris - Pyramid Lake and Crawley Lake	
March 4th, Sat	Annual Crab Dinner Fundraiser...	

Favorite fishing trip of the year:

One of my favorite fishing trips that I take is with my wife, daughter, son-in-law and grandson every year to Montana. My Granddaughter used to come along also but now she has a job to support her habit, i.e. car, gas & insurance.

This year, the first fishing day we fished Minor Lake. It's located about an hour west of Dillion. Don & Pat had told me to try the place a couple of years ago so, we made it this year. Really a beautiful drive over a mountain pass, and then down into this large valley. Take a well-marked dirt road for about 5 miles and you're there.

The first day we fished the lake there was a great hatch coming off and as Cutthroat, Brooks and Grayling are, they pretty much ate any dry you threw. Parachute Adams and Royal Wulffs worked great. These guys are not big but they sure are plentiful. This is a very beautiful lake and does not freeze since the water is warm that feeds it. Would like to go there when we go in December but pretty sure the pass you go over would be pretty treacherous with ice and snow. Also the dirt road would probably be impassible.

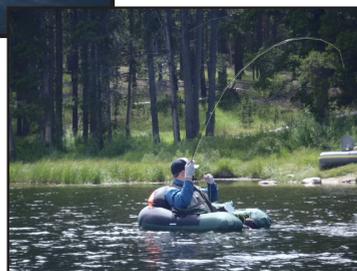
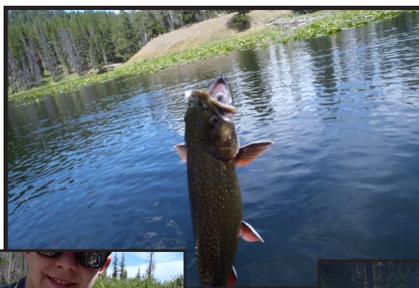
The next day we fished Canyon Creek. It is a fairly small creek and brushy. It can make for a very trying day trying to convince Hayden (grandson) that there are no fish in the damn trees. The other trying part was Deer Flies. They are worse than mosquitos. They are not repelled with Deet, but there were enough Brooke trout and Cutthroat to stay interested.

On another day we fished Bloody Dicks. The story I got was an English guy in the area always used the word Bloody and I assume his first name was Dick?? It's an easy stream, almost a ditch that meanders through the valley. No trees and some bushes. It is easy fishing for lots of fish.

The fish in these streams and Miners Lake are all small; a 12" fish would be a large fish, but its great to fish with a 2 or 3wt rod. Kenny and I always have a great time at these places and it will keep your grandkids coming, at least till they get a car.

Elden Hinkle

Big Fish



Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2016-17

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 trosenow.chico@gmail.com or Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aol.com.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan 2017	Baum Lake - date depends on weather - TBD	
Jan 30th - 4th, 2017	Picachos, Mexico... - Pat Sleeper - full - thank you.	
March 4th	Annual Crab Feed Dinner	
March 11 & 12th	Pyramid Lake Clinic w/ Rob Anderson & Chris RSVP Elden Hinkle ehinkle@alo.com <i>Breakfast/lunch/ladders \$190. pp + \$30. box of 12 flies.</i>	
April 26th-May 4th	Rooster Fishing "Sea of Cortez" La Ventana. Host: Pat Sleeper Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net 345-1197 Includes: boat/guide, lodging, food, air (now)..under \$2000.pp.	
May	Opener - Eric See	
June	Lake Almanor - Hex hatch- @ Scott Joyce's "thank you!" TBD	
July	Crawley Lake TBD ehinkle@alo.com	
Sep. 5 - 12, 2017	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper - host 6 days boat fishing/7 lodging w/food. Cost for everything under \$2000. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Sep. 12-20th, 2017	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper - host 6 days boat fishing/7 lodging w/food. Cost for everything under \$2000. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Oct 1, 2017	Pyramid opener trosenow.chico@gmail.com	Tom Rosenow

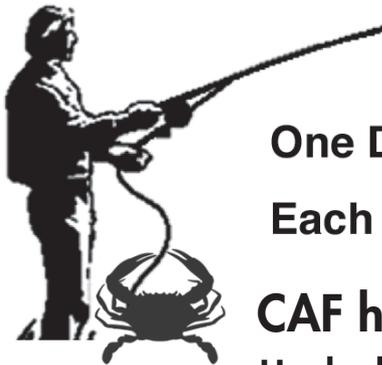
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	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
Family Membership & One Dinner		\$85.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Dinner		\$50.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets ___\$500.____	\$200.		\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets ___\$100.____	\$50.		\$ _____
Table reservations for 8 people		\$650.	\$ _____
	TOTAL.....		\$ _____

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Signature: _____

Exp. Date & back # _____

PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 31ST
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Questions: 530-345-1197

*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

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

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CAF – 1010 Lori Dr., CA 95973

Fly of the Month for November 2016

The Christmas Nymph

Fly of the Month, December, 2016

By: Ray Narbaitz

Any time there is a fly pattern that is proven to be effective; you can bet the farm that tyers will start coming up with variations on the theme. The examples are more than numerous. The Wooly Worm eventually became the Wooly Bugger. The Wooly Bugger has so many variations you could fill every fly box you own with them, and still have more to go. Rick Takahashi has written a book of over 300 pages that is on Midges only. Off the top of my head, I can think of a number of variations on the Pheasant Tail Nymph, or, as we call it, the PT. Among them are the PT, the Bead Head PT, the Flashback PT, the Poxy Back PT, the Cadillac PT, the Red Headed Step Child and this month's F.O.T.M., The Christmas Nymph. I have no doubt there are others I don't know about. The thing about these variations is they all catch fish...sometimes. This is why there is an age old argument in Fly Fishing as to what is more important, the pattern or the presentation. I think the answer, as it is to so many of these questions, is, it depends. Sometimes it's the pattern, sometimes it's the presentation, and often it is both. The Christmas Nymph is a variation that has gained favor in Australia for fooling the super selective Browns and Rainbows in New Zealand. They like it because it has a slim profile, sinks fairly quickly and doesn't make much of a splash when it hits the water. I chose it for a completely, unscientific reason that had little or nothing to do with its fish catching capabilities. It's called the Christmas Nymph, and this is December. It got its name because its primary colors are red, green and gold.

Hook: TMC 3769 or Daiichi 1530, 14 to 18

Bead: Gold Tungsten

Thread: Red, 8/0

Rib: Brassie size wire, red

Tail: Pheasant Tail

Abdomen: Pheasant Tail

Wing Case: Pearl Flashabou or Holographic Tinsel

Thorax: Peacock

1. Debarb hook, insert the bead, attach the hook to the vise, and start thread.
2. Tie in the ribbing wire making sure it is on the opposite side of the hook from you.
3. Get 6 or so PT Barbs, even the tips, and tie them in for the tail at where the bend of the hook starts. Make the tail a little shorter than the shank of the hook. Only use a couple of tight wraps to tie in the tail. Advance your thread up the shank to close to the bead.
4. Wrap the PT Barbs up the hook shank. You want the Abdomen to be about 2/3 of the hook shank, but you can wrap the Barbs a bit past that for now. Tie them down, and cut off the excess.



5. Counter wrap the Ribbing in spiral turns up to the end of the Abdomen. Tie it down, and break off the excess.
6. Tie in the Wing Case material. You want it to be wide enough to pretty much cover the entire top of the Thorax. Make sure it is directly on top of the fly when you tie it in. Tie it so it lies back over the fly.
7. If you tied the Abdomen past the 2/3 point, wrap your thread back over it a bit, and then tie in the Peacock. Wrap a fairly full Thorax with the Peacock, taking it up to the bead. Cut off the excess.
8. Pull your Wing Case over the Thorax, tie it down behind the bead, and trim the excess. Take a few wraps of thread so there is a little, red hot spot just behind the bead.
9. Whip finish the head and cut off the Thread.
10. Take head cement (I use Sally Hansen's) and put a thin layer of it over the Wing Case and up onto the Bead. You could use Epoxy or a UV cured cover as well.
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Notes: Our sport of Fly Fishing can be very confusing at times. It is, in the final analysis, a fairly simple, straight forward pursuit. On the other hand, it can also be quite complicated at times. Unfortunately, I think we often complicate it when it could be simpler. I suppose that's part of its allure. This is true in all parts of it, but perhaps the most complicated is choosing flies. Umpqua lists around 1,500 different patterns in its catalog. That's just one company. There are large numbers of other fly manufacturers with their own choices, not to mention local patterns tied by shops and individual tiers thinking up their own variations. Sometimes we need to step back and take a deep breath, and look at what we are doing. The following quote has a certain ring to it. "I look into my fly box and think about all the elements I should consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: "Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about five eighths of an inch long." Allison Moir
Merry Christmas!



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