



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts December 2017

Next meeting: Pizza Feed Dec 13th, @ 6:00pm @ Round Table, Pillsbury Rd., Chico



President Line by Pat Sleeper

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to you and your family! We're looking forward to seeing you at the Round Table Pizza feed at 2201 Pillsbury Rd, Chico; time: 6:00pm We're working on bringing on board "Project Healing Waters". We would like to hear from our members for physical support of this rewarding project: Would you be willing to help with disabled Veterans in some capacity? It could be teaching about insects, streams, lines or casting and such. Please give me a call or email, if "you" would be interested in helping out in some capacity. THANK YOU! It's a very self gratifying; and, it's easy to be a part of this project.

We've started work on our Annual Crab/Shrimp dinner for Sat, March 3rd. We have another Dave Scadden boat as our grand prize: The Detonator. Please feel free to make your reservations; tell a friend; as well, any donations are "always" appreciated very much!!! Thank you!!!

We're working on a good date for our fish-out in January at Baum with Tom Rosenow leading the way. Please feel free to contact him if you're interested in going or helping. Thanks.

If at any time "you" would like to put together a fish-out, please let me know and we'll work out the details, it's easy. Thanks.

We have had an "enormous" interest in the Dorado trip for September; therefore, I have opened up September 1-8th as well. Cost: \$950. Please let me know if you are interested or have questions.

Thanks for your support this past year!!! It's the wonderful members that make a club! Thank you!!!

Ron Leger, Thank you for donating a special carving and always the carving of the trophies!!

Happy New Year! Pat Sleeper, President, CAF

Big Fish from Pyramid Lake



Craig Lares with another incredible Lahontan cutthroat trout from Pyramid Lake!! Nice!!!



Craig Laris at Pyramid Lake with an 8 lb Lahontan cutthroat trout

CAF Minute

11/06/2017

Called to Order 6:10 PM by Dave

Attending: Larry, David, Don, Pat, Tom, Elden, Steve, Terry.

Minutes from previous meeting accepted.

Treasurer's report by Don, M/S/P

Fishout:

Upcoming events were discussed. Mexico fish out for Dorado fishing Sep. 2018: Pat is re-booking for 4 weeks @ 1 week intervals; and, will be having a total of 54 people during that time. Rooster fishing dates April 29 to May 5; 3 openings for the group of 12 are still available.

Newsletter. Pat. Sent out early this month.

Upcoming programs: Larry

Pizza feed in December 13 @ 6:00. Rest of the years programs are being formalized, and will be published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Dinner Progress Report

Reviewed dinner plans, discussed options for Grand Prize. A Dave Scadden pontoon boat.

New Business

Sam Sedillo with Trout unlimited requested our support: Proposal in Congress from secretary of interior could remove or reduced protection for key habitat in the Cascade Siskyou National Monument. We moved and seconded to write a letter opposing such action.

Sacramento River preservation from CAF. It was moved and seconded to provide a donation.

Ron Leger donating a special carving; as well as, the trophy carvings for our annual dinner.

Adjourned 8:05 PM

David McKinney

Secretary, CAF



Lake Oroville Community Update

November 30, 2017

Today the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided an update on construction activities on the Lake Oroville Spillways Emergency Recovery Project.

Construction on the Main Spillway

- General site cleanup, concrete finishing, joint sealing and completion of drainage systems continues at the 3,000-foot gated flood control spillway, also known as the main spillway. This finishing work is expected to be complete by the end of 2017.
- As noted previously on November 1, the main spillway has been substantially reconstructed to handle flows of 100,000 cubic feet per second for the 2017/2018 flood season.
- The structural concrete sections of the main spillway have cured as anticipated. FERC has agreed with DWR that there are no repairs needed.
- Construction will resume on the main spillway in spring of 2018, likely in May. The exact date will be determined by hydrology and snowpack conditions.

Construction at the Emergency Spillway

- Work continues at the emergency spillway. The underground secant pile wall is on schedule for completion in January 2018.
- Crews have completed approximately 60 percent of the secant pile wall.
- Earlier this month, crews began excavation of bedrock to prepare the site for construction of the roller-compacted buttress and splash pad below the emergency spillway in 2018.

Oversight Update

- DWR has posted memo #13 from the independent Board of Consultants recapping the 13th meeting. DWR is meeting with the BOC for the 14th time this week.

To view photos and video of the Lake Oroville Spillways construction, visit DWR's Oroville Spillway photo gallery and YouTube channel. For more information, follow us on Twitter or Facebook, read our news releases or visit our Oroville Spillway Incident webpage.

California Department of Water Resources

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

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 TBA	Baum Lake	hosted by: Tom Rosenow trosenow.chico@gmail.com ;
Jan 11th - 16th, 2018	Lake Picachos, Mexico - Pat Sleeper - 1 opening	psleeper@sbcglobal.net
Jan 25th - Feb 5, 2018	Amazon - full	
Feb TBA	Little Grass Valley - Elden	ehinkle@aaproduct.com
March 3rd, 2018	Annual Crab Feed Dinner	
March 10th & 11th 2018	Pyramid Lake Clinic w/Rob Anderson & Chris RSVP Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduct.com Breakfast/lunch/ladders \$190. pp	
April 28 May 5 2018	Rooster fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper - Host open \$950.pp: 7 nights, meals, & shuttle; Plus \$750.pp 6 dys fishing. Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
June	Lake Almanor - Hex hatch- @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor rsvp: Tom: trosenow.chico@gmail.com BBQ lunch included.	
July	Pingatori fishout for bass - Don and Pat	
Aug	Digger Creek: Elden- ehinkle@aaproduct.com	
Sep. 1-8th, 2018	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Host: Pat Sleeper - open \$950.pp: 7 nights, meals, & shuttle; Plus \$750.pp 6 dys fishing. Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Sep. 8-15, 2018	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper -Full-	
Sep. 15-22, 2018	Dorado Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - Full	
Sep. 22-29, 2018	Dorado Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - Full	

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2017/2018

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>
Dec. 13th		Round Table
Jan 10, 2018	(Wed) Member come sharing your pictures and stories of the year.	
Feb 14th	Jack Musick	
March 3rd	CAF dinner	Annual fundraiser
April 11	Trent Pridemore	

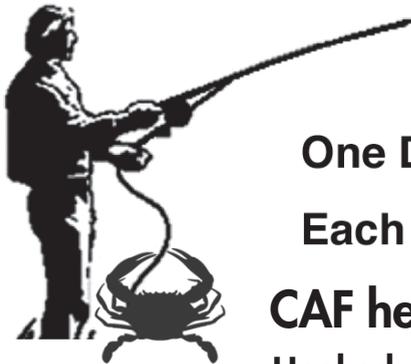
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47TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
 SATURDAY - MARCH 3TH, 2018 @ 4:30
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*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$80.00

Each additional crab/shrimp Dinner.... \$50.00

*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$45.00

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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 # _____

M/C# _____

Signature: _____

Exp. Date & back # _____

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

Questions: 530-345-1197

*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

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

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

Fly of the Month for December 2017

By: Ray Narbaitz

Clear back in September of 2009, the fly of the Month was Dave Whitlock's Red Fox Squirrel Nymph. Whitlock developed the fly almost 50 years ago. I became aware of it by reading Dave Hugh's book on Nymph Flies, as he highly recommended it. I have been using it ever since. I remember talking about it with Lance Grey, and he said he used to fish it, but had kind of forgotten about it. He put it back in his arsenal, and remembered why he liked it. In addition to fishing it in streams, I had a great day with it once up at Crater Lake, stripping it slowly on a floating line. I have no idea what the fish thought it was, but they liked it.

Very few in our part of the country need an introduction to Cal Bird's, Bird's Nest. In various colors and sizes, it is probably one of the most consistent producers in the sub surface fishing world. Many years ago, on a whim, I tied a tan Bird's Nest on a size 6 hook and caught two Bonefish with it in Belize.

This is all a rather long way to introduce this month's F.O.T.M. The Flying Squirrel is the brainchild of Tim Flagler. It was inspired by the above named, which are two of his all-time favorites. The abdomen and thorax are both from the Fox Squirrel, although the technique for the thorax is a little different. The tail and legs are based on the Bird's Nest.

Hook: 2X long Nymph Hook, 12 to 16

Thread: UTC 70 or 140 Denier, Tan or Brown

Bead: Gold, standard or tungsten

Weight: Lead or Toxic Free wire

Tail: Wood Duck Flank Feathers

Rib: Gold Wire, small

Abdomen: Whitlock's SLF blend Abdomen Fox Squirrel

Legs: Wood Duck Flank Feathers

Thorax: Whitlock's SLF blend, Thorax Fox Squirrel

1. Debarb the hook, thread on the bead, and place the hook in the vise.
2. Take 6 or 8 wraps of the lead or toxic free wire around the hook, and shove them into the bead to seat it.
3. Start your thread just behind the wire, secure it, and wrap back and forth over the wire a few times to secure it. Stop your thread at the original tie in point.
4. Tie in your ribbing wire, and wrap it all the way back to the bend of the hook. Make sure it ends up on the far side of the hook. Bring your thread back to the tie in point.
5. Take a clump of 10 or so barbs from a Wood Duck Flank feather. Make sure the tips are fairly well aligned. Measure them so they are a little shorter than the hook length, and tie them in. Making sure they stay on top of the hook, wrap them all the way back to the bend of the hook. Trim off the excess.



6. Dub a small noodle of the Abdomen SLF blend, and wrap a slightly tapered body up to about the 2/3 point of hook shank.
7. Take open spiral wraps of the ribbing wire up through the Abdomen. Don't use too much pressure. You want the wraps to be firm, but not so tight that they bury themselves in the dubbing, and you can't see the ribbing effect. Tie down the wire, and helicopter off the excess.
8. Take the Wood Duck Flank feather that is remaining from where you pulled off the barbs for the tail. Leaving the feather intact lay it over the top of the hook, with the tips reaching to the end of the hook. You don't need too big a feather to do this. Fold the feather around the hook so it forms a circle around the abdomen, and tie it down. If you don't have a perfect circle of feather around the abdomen, and you have a small gap or two, no problem. Tie down the feathers and trim off the excess. Again, if you still have some stubs of the feather up on the bead, don't worry about it. Make sure you have left enough of a gap for the thorax.
9. Take a small pinch of the Thorax SLF blend, and set it on your tying bench. Give your bobbin a counter clockwise spin so the thread flattens out. Run your bodkin up and down the back of the thread to make sure it's flat. Place your index finger behind the thread, and use your bodkin to split the thread into two strands. Insert the index finger into the gap to keep it open. Take the pinch of SLF blend and place it in the gap, removing your index finger so the gap closes on the blend. Give your bobbin a hard clockwise spin, and what you will have is a very unkempt, spikey rope. Wrap this around the hook to form the thorax. What you will then have is a wild, unkempt messy looking thorax. That is exactly what you are looking for. Preen it back from the bead, and take a number of wraps right behind the bead.
10. Whip finish right behind the bead and trim off your thread. You can pull off any loose material, or trim the thorax a bit if it is so wild it bothers you. However, it's not really necessary.

Notes: If you don't want to try the split thread technique, loosely dub the SLF material, and then pick it out with your bodkin to give it that hairy look. You could probably get the same effect by using a dubbing loop. I just enjoy using the split thread, because it is a technique that I don't often use.



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