



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts February 2015

Our next meeting is Wed, Feb 11, 2015 @ CARD 5:30 P.M.



Vice President Pat Sleeper

Our speaker for Wed, Feb 11th @ 7:30 will be Chico's own Jim Clarkson, owner of Raptor Rod Works and full time rod builder for 30 year will be discussing in an open Q & A format,

rod design, selection concerns, care and handling as well as some of the "new" entries to the market. Rod modification and retrofitting options will also be discussed and anyone that needs a rod evaluated or looked over for repair is more than welcome to bring it to this meeting.

Before this meeting, Larry from The Chico Fly shop will be fly tying @ 6:30.

As usual we will be having cookies and drinks...this is free to the public. We hope to see you there.

I'll be sending out another voting request today in the next e-mail. If you could please help our Awards committee: Chairman Terry Mich, Dave McKinney and Larry Willis by nominating/voting for members "you" think deserve an award for the work they give to the club and community. As well, our Golden Zipper Award for the most outrageous act during the year. These nominations/votes should be sent to Terry Mich @ flyfishwisper@icloud.com. Or call him.

Thank you for your help! We're still accepting donations for the dinner and reservations are filling up fast for the dinner... faster than past years! Be sure to call Pat @ 345-1197 or mail the attached form. Thank you! Pat



President's Line

Ah! February. The month of love and very limited fishing opportunities. That gives each of us the opportunity to help

the club with what is probably our biggest event of the year, our annual dinner. It is March 7. It sells out much faster than you would think. We don't want to have to turn anyone away, but we have limited seating capacity at the venue, so sign up early. This year we are going to have a special raffle. A 3 day four night trip to El Salto resort for wear-your-arm-out bass fishing at what is reported to be on of the best resorts on the planet judging from the way everyone says they treat you. Tickets are only \$25.00 each or Five for \$100.00 for a trip worth about \$3,300.00 We also need volunteers to commit to helping with the dinner. We are going to need mostly runners and people to monitor the raffle prizes. If you can help, let me or Don or Pat know and we will put you to work.

We are still having a meeting this month with the usual program and raffle. It will be February 11, with tying at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30. Hope to see you there.

In the meantime, study the waters that you want to fish. Tie up a bunch of flies for the season. Get some travel brochures and plan the trip of a lifetime. We may be putting together a trip to Belize in Mid-March 2016, so if that sounds like something you would like to do, let me know. Whatever you do, if you can't get out to fish, you can still dream about fishing.

Secretary minutes by Dave McKinney

Minutes of Chico Area Flyfishers board meeting 01/07/15 Meeting at Pat and Don's

Called to order at 6:22 PM by Pres. Larry Willis.

Agenda Item 1. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes Moved/seconded. Passed.

Agenda Item 2. Treasures Report. Don Sleeper.

Finances are doing okay, adequate funding, review the yearly budget.

Item. Treasure reports that we need to pay for guides that will be supplying trips utilized for upcoming Dinner. There are a total of 4 trips, all requiring pre-payment.

Moved by (Larry) and seconded (David) to make this expenditure. Passed.

Treasure's report and budget was moved (Terry) and seconded (Pat) and Passed.

Annual Dinner/Fundraiser.

Donations: Discussion by Lionel about donations: donation list

will be circulating. There is a discussion of the McCloud Trip, follow-up information sent;

"After discussing this item with Dawit, we have come to the following conclusion: In view of the possibility that the McCloud River may not be fishable, or at least not as good as would be expected, in 2015, the Club should not use this item this year. Instead, we should offer last years bidders an opportunity to reschedule for this year."

In doing that, how could we encourage them to donate something additional to the Club since we are forgoing in excess of \$1000 in income for the Club.

Dinner: Discussion by Frank; the dinner menu will stay the same, crab and shrimp; always popular. As always, there was much speculation on the price of crab. There is a discussion about using table cloths versus paper, as we have done in the past. We will need about 35-40 table cloths.

This was moved/seconded and passed to replace the paper with table cloths.

Larry has appointed a committee including Eric Pat and Don to find and purchase plastic display stands. This is moved and seconded. These are the stands used to display the items on the auction tables, raffle tables and dream tables etc. The dinner will be March 7th ,doors will open at 4:30 PM and dinner will start 6PM; the pre-dinner organizational meeting will be Tuesday, February 24 at Frank's.

Auctioneer: we will use probably the same auctioneer as last year. Scott is the lead for this item.

Program: Fish pictures will be sent to Eric and placed on the computer to provide a visual back drop at the meeting like last year.

Awards:

This is usually handled by the awards group meeting, who then makes nominations and votes on the winner; this will be handled with a slight difference this year. Pat will send out a request for nominations to the membership by e-mail. They will return by e-mail on or before 02/15/15. The results will be sent to Terry M. And he will arrange a meeting date for the committee to meet and the results from the e-mails will be used by the committee to determine awards.

FISHOUTS:

Don Sleeper is retiring as the fish master for our fishouts; congratulations to Don for all the years he did this. Presently he has 3 fishouts arranged, the first one is at Baum Lake; the next one is at Pingatore Bass ponds in June. The third one is at Pyramid Lake in October. Scott will be organizing one for Almanor Lake probably June 27.

Youth Program

Youth Program will have a new youth program Director, Jesse Wilkerson. There was some discussion about various activities that could be done with the kids, we settled on trying to work around two separate events; one will be in the spring, which will be more of a teaching event for kids, and one in the fall where the kids can go up and do more fishing. More this later.

The spring one will probably be at the Pingatore Bass ponds and set up to have various teaching stations, allowing the kids to rotate around to the different stations and then do some fishing.

New business

Discussion of obtaining some business cards and we discussed this; Scott will be lead person.

There is a discussion about the award themselves. This year we will probably go ahead and use plaques, next year we will try to start earlier and get the carved awards as we have done in the past.

Newsletters is going out in a couple of days;

Speaker notes February, Jim Clarkson; March we have the crab feed and in April we will have a presentation on Lake Almanor by Tom.

Our next board meeting will be February 10th.

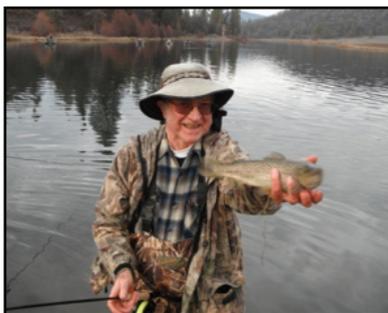
Adjourned at 8:05 PM

David McKinney Secretary, CAFF

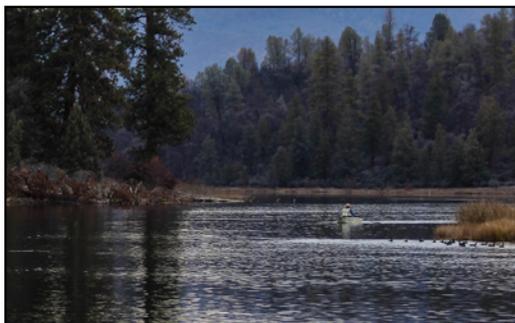
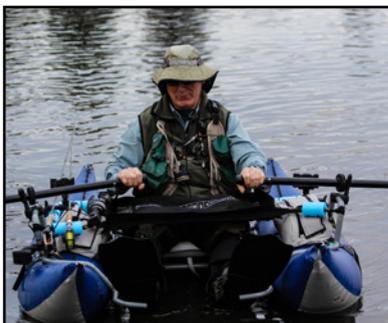
Baum Lake Fishout Report January 10, 2015

By Don Sleeper

We couldn't have picked a better weekend for the fishout at Baum Lake. When we started fishing Saturday, January 10th at 10:00 AM it had warmed up to 27 degrees, just right. Fifteen club members showed up from Chico and Paradise. By the time we quit the temp was up to 58 degrees and everyone caught fish. I landed 10 or more fish from 12 to 16 inches mostly German Browns. I used seal buggers and small nymphs. The rest of the folks used very small midges and wiggle tails. Besides the browns and a couple of rainbows, Pat Sleeper caught two nice brook trout that went 16 inches. The sun was out, a little windy during the day and the fish were biting, it couldn't have been better.



Bill Robinson with a fun catch.



Pictures taken by Janet Weidel

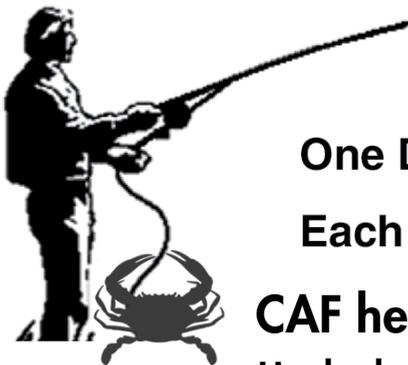
CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



44TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
 SATURDAY - MARCH 7TH, 2015 @ 4:30
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Each Additional Dinner		\$45.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$500. ___\$200.		\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$100. ___\$50.		\$ _____
Table reservations for 8 people		\$600.	\$ _____
	TOTAL.....		\$ _____

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M/C# _____

Signature: _____

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*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

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

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2015

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>
Feb	Open	
March	Open	
April	Open	
May	Opener	Eris See
June	hex hatch@ Almanor	Scott Joyce
July 25th (Sat)	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 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>
Feb 11th	Jim Clarkston, Raptor Rods	Learn about your rod: Learn about your rod: the best way 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 rod's longevity. Just ask?
March 7th (Sat)	Annual fund raising Crab/shrimp/ Tortellini dinner and raffle.	
April 15th	Tom Maumoynier	Almanor fishing
May 13th	Henry Lomeli	Dep of fish & Game

BASS FISHING IN MEXICO for 2 - GRAND RAFFLE,

March 7th Sponsored by: Chico Area Flyfishers, CAF, Annual crab/shrimp

dinner/fundraiser - March 7th, Sat.

This is 4

nights/3 days fishing with boat/motor, guide, all meals, drinks (margaritas), travel to and from airport for 2 people. Raffle Tickets: \$25. each or 5/\$100.00. Obtain dinner reservation flyers at our local chico fly shops, also call 530-345-1197 or on line www.chicoareaflyfishers.org . Must be present to win. Trip does not include fishing tackle, airfare or tips to guides, maids, etc.

Trip for 2 people, Value: \$3,390.00

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Fly of the Month for February 2015

Zelon Midge

Fly of the Month, February, 2015

By: Ray Narbaitz

Many of my fellow Fly Fishers in the CAF give me a bad time because I often fish very small flies. They will often use this fact as yet another indicator of my various mental deficiencies. A case in point is last month's fish out at Baum Lake, where I enjoyed a very good afternoon fishing unweighted, size 18 & 20, Gray Zebra Midges on 7X tippet. I did this, not because of some weird compulsion, but for the same reason that any of us fish a given fly on a given situation. I was catching fish. Trust me, if I could have caught them using a size 12 Coachman Trude, that's what I would have used. However, except for the very occasional suicide fish, that would not have worked.

The reason the smaller fly worked is because the predominant food source in Baum this time of year is Midges. This is true almost anywhere you want to fish in the North State right now. In fact, Midges are probably the most prevalent bug in the vast majority of our waters any time of the year. They are always present, and fish are always eating them. I'm well aware that other club members caught fish at Baum that day using other methods. A couple of weeks prior to the fish out Wayne Edwards and I did very well stripping #14 Soft Hackles. However, not all Midges are minute. My experience is that in the winter, almost all are very small. That means they are the most prevalent food source for the Trout, and that they must eat a LOT of them to sustain themselves.

Today's F.O.T.M. comes from the very innovative vise of Craig Mathews. He is the owner of Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, Montana. His creative mind has come up with a number of great flies over the years, ranging from the Zelon Midge to the Sparkle Dun, and through things like the Bonefish Bitters, which is a killer on Bonefish off the coast of Central America. If you want to see some great how to videos on tying flies that work well in our area, either go to the shop's web site or put Craig Mathews fly tying in the search link on You Tube. When I asked the folks at Blue Ribbon Flies if I could use this as our F.O.T.M., they not only said yes, they sent me a sheet with tying instructions. According to the sheet, they fish this fly any time there is a Midge Hatch, no matter what time of the year.

Hook: TMC 2488, 18 to 22

Thread: 8/0, color of choice. Gray, Black, Olive, or any other you like

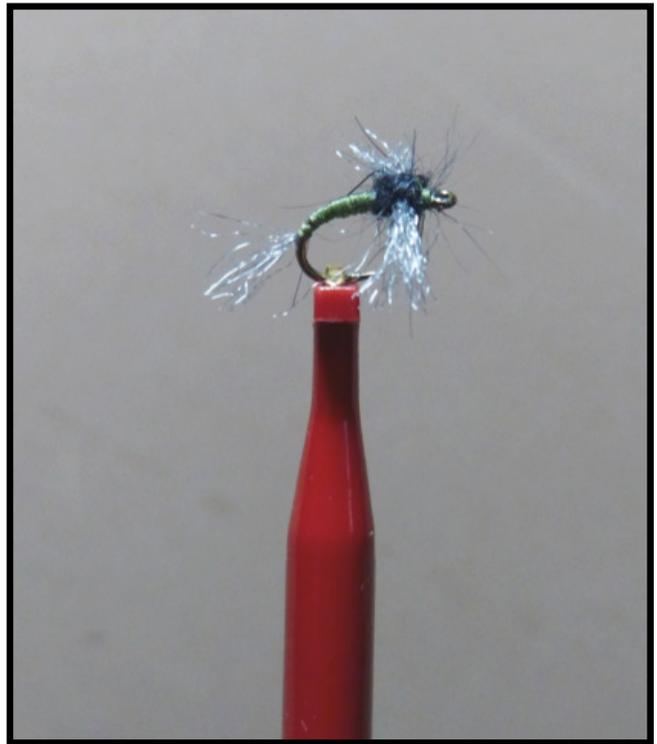
Shuck: Light Gray or Dun, straight Zlon.

Abdomen: Tying Thread

Wing: Same as Shuck

Thorax: Black Zlon dubbing. Black Muskrat, or Hare's Ear Plus or anything else sort of buggy will work.

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Start your thread a little behind the hook eye, and wrap toward the rear of the hook to about the bend, and cut off the excess.
3. Cut a piece of the Zlon a couple of inches long. Separate out about 1/3 of material to use for the shuck. Do not throw away the other 2/3.



4. Tie in the 1/3 piece of Zlon and wrap it down the bend of the hook a couple of wraps. Then wrap it back up in touching wraps of thread to just past the half way point of the shank. Cut off the excess Zlon, leaving a shuck about the same length as the shank of the hook.
5. Take the remaining 2/3 of the Zlon, and tie it in perpendicular to the hook shank between the end of the Abdomen and the eye of the hook. Tie it in with a couple of figure eight wraps.
6. Dub a very thin rope on your thread, and using figure eight wraps, make a slightly bulb shaped Thorax around the wings. The wings should lie straight out from the side of the hook.
7. Wrap a small head just behind the eye and whip finish. Cut off your thread.
8. Trim the wings so they are also about shank length.

Notes: Needless to say, this would be an impossible fly to see more than a foot or two away on the water. To fish it, I'd recommend one of two methods. You could cast it out, and try to concentrate on where you think it is, and set up on any movement in that general area (don't laugh, it is a sometimes frustrating method that does work). Or, you could fish it about a foot behind a dry with a little more visible wing like a Sparkle Dun or Parachute Adams. Again, set up if something moves in the general area of the indicator fly. Also, remember that the takes will more than likely be nothing more than a sip, so don't expect a splashy rise.

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