



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts February 2016

Our next meeting will be Wed., Feb. 10th, 2015 at 6:30 - @ California Park Pavilion



President Line by Pat Sleeper

We look forward to seeing you at our fun filled, flyfishing Crab dinner, March 5th 2016! It's only one month away; and, we're over half filled with reservations...thank you! If you plan to attend, reservations forms/ Flyers are available on line; at your local fly shops in Chico and, in your news letter.

Thanks to your support, CAF yearly helps sponsors: Salmon in the Class Room; Hooked on Fishing; Almanor Fishing Association (planting & raising trout); McCloud fisheries; trout Unlimited and many others. Thank you for your donations and yes, we'd love to have your hand tied flies, or other donations. Every donation is GREATLY appreciated..thank you again!!!

I look forward to also seeing you at our next General meeting Wed, Feb. 10th, at the California Park Pavilion. Time: 6:30 fly tying and 7:30 with our Pyramid Lake specialist Doug Ouellette!!! I'm so excited about this speaker...come early! Thank you, Pat Sleeper

Creeks and Canyons by Highway 395

Highway 395 courses along the eastern edge of the Sierra Nevada, where the Great Basin and the granitic Sierra Nevada come together. Unlike the western Sierra which gently falls into the San Joaquin valley, the eastern side of the range is much steeper, although sometimes the altitude is deceiving. The east side becomes a rain shadow within just a few miles, going from forest to sagebrush desert in a blink of an eye. But there is water here, rivers, creeks, and lakes, all of them inhabited by trout, including Goldens, Rainbows, Browns, Brookies, and Lahontans.

There are fisheries that stock the lakes, a tradition that goes back over a hundred years. There is fishing in the Owens Valley, where waters follow paths that they have followed for generations. Sometimes in forests, and sometimes out in the middle of the desert. Creeks that have twenty inch trout that rise to small flies every morning, hatches that go off four to six times a day. For one who fishes it is a magic place, full of surprises, tight lines, and beautiful views.

I spend my summers here now, in a canyon that is accessible by a nine mile dirt road, usually heavily washboarded, a road that one drives slowly, admiring the high peaks to west, the deer in the meadows, the birds, falcons, hawks, songbirds, and jays. The land sings to your heart and soul, and through it all there are fish. My basecamp is on a creek, filled with small Brookies, an introduced population and actually a nuisance fish. To the west of me a trail climbs one thousand feet in two miles to a lake.

CAF Board Meeting

by Dave McKinney 02/02/2016

Meeting called to order by Pat Sleeper president 6:16 PM. Those in attendance were Eldon, Terry, Don, Tom, Frank, Dana, John, Steve, Eric, David, Larry and Pat.

Approval of secretaries minutes by David McKinney. Moved to accept as published by Terry seconded by Tom passed.

Treasurer's report: Don Sleeper. Moved and passed. So far there had been 130 dinner reservations submitted, all the club's expenditures for the dinner with regards to trips and raffle items reviewed.

Programs: Larry Willis. Feb program is by Doug Ouellette, on Pyramid Lake. Remembering that there is a clinic on Pyramid Lake for March 14th @ \$100.00 pp by Doug. For every 6 that sign up there will be one guide working with them; for the 7th a new guide until that group reaches 6 and so forth.

Fishouts; Tom. Pyramid Lake will be in March over the 13th and 14th. This is where the clinic on how to fish pyramid Lake will be presented. Please contact Tom or Pat for availability to this event. We need at least 6 participants for the clinic to happen.

Elden Hinkle was nominated to the board to assistant fish master Tom Rosenow in organization of fishouts. Motioned by M/S/P Larry and Terry.

Dinner Report: Dinner is upcoming soon, topics were then reviewed in sequence and discussed;

- Frank has arranged the food it will be crab, shrimp and tortellini as is tradition. There will be cake for dessert.
- The credit card machine is up and running for the dinner
- Fish pictures should be forwarded to Eric See (esee@comcast.net) and should be sent by February 15; Please limits them to 3 best pictures.
- Awards committee has met; and the awards all have been voted on and accepted and will be presented at the meeting.
- Youth Program; there will be fly boxes for youth members. We still need flies for the fly boxes.
- Stars is set up for dinner security.
- We are still obtaining a larger raffle bin for the general raffle.
- Runners are still needed.
- Meeting for the pre-program organization of prizes will be slightly delayed this year and will occur on Monday, February 29th at 6 PM at Franks.
- J.B.'s for the bar.

Adjourned: 7:21 PM

Submitted by: David McKinney
Secretary, CAF

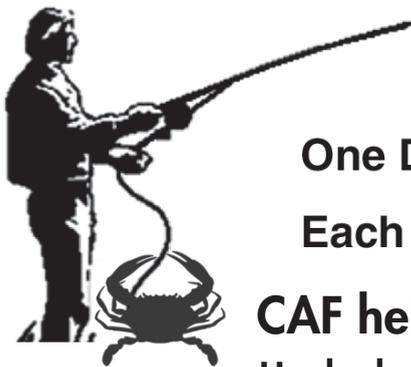
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The lake is in a cirque of high peaks, the rock different colors, some red, some brown, ochre, gray, a conglomeration of colors. Here and there are snow-fields that last into the late summer, located on north facing slopes, and as they melt they feed the lake.



From here one can hike to the east or the west to other lakes. West for a mile and a half and another thousand feet. Switchbacks that seem to climb forever on warm and hot days, eventually coming to another lake and further to smaller lakes, cupped into the rock of the range at ten thousand feet. Or east for a mile and a half to another lake after another thousand feet. Both lakes are at ten thousand feet, where the air seems to become much thinner, and the colors accentuated by altitude. Both lakes have rainbows and browns, and an occasional brookie. Following the trail to the eastern lake eventually follows with a series of lakes, all with excellent fishing, and eventually into Virginia Lakes. Or you could go west into Yosemite to Tuolumne Meadows.

To the east of me the creek descends into a valley, widens out, and beavers dam it in intervals as small as one hundred yards, creating ponds that hold nice size browns. People camp here (boondock actually) with no electricity except for solar or generators, no fires, but at night they look up into a sky of a million stars. The valley is a little over two miles long, and then the creek comes into a final pond, and tumbles down the canyons to cross Highway 395.

The canyon is like many on the east side, some with short paved roads, some with longer roads and larger lakes where the roads are plowed in the winter, people have year round houses, ski areas provide winter recreation for the people that come from the city (for the most part Los Angeles).

My base camp is a Forest Service campground. Families have been coming here for more that seventy years, generations of families, they come every summer to camp and fish, sit around campfires at night, look at the stars, tell stories, remember the bear stories, or the mountain lion we saw last year, or the lost llama. The bonding of three or four generations in what used to be wilderness and is now something else, but still has a wildness to it...

I fish the creek and nearby lakes that are in a wilderness area, or I drive a few miles to fish other waters. Nearby are the Virginia Lakes, with great float tubing, stocked by the State of California and also private hatcheries. Last summer I fished a four weight rod (Reddington Butterstick) for the entire summer in Little Virginia, sitting in my float tube, fishing a variety of flies, and my largest fish was a seven pounder. I rarely keep fish anymore, and I released that behemoth, but the feeling of a tight line in a float tube is one I remember many times every winter.

I also fish Twin Lakes, deeper water that has water skiers and sailboats. Still, there is something magnificent about fishing the waters of the eastern Sierra, surrounded by mountains that create magnificent views. Or one can drive along the Walker River, stop and park anywhere, and start exploring the pools. Or drive into Hat Creek, barbless flies only, catch and release. Or at lower elevations fish the Owens River for another hundred miles. Or Convict Lake, with a campground and a four star restaurant with an excellent wine list, where you can rent a boat if you choose, although the bank fishermen do just as well. Mammoth Mountain has a dozen small lakes, all with excellent fishing. Rock Creek, Kirman Lake, Bridgeport Reservoir, Trumbull Lake, Lundy Lake, Lake Crowley, etc.

If you are interested in fishing conditions send Carolyn Webb an e-mail and ask her to put you on her mailing list. Carolyn and her husband have managed Virginia Lakes Resort for the past forty one years, and she may just be the best fisherwoman on the east side. Her e-mail is vlresort@wildblue.net. Actually she may be the best fishing person on the east side.

There are numerous fly shops on the east side, starting in Reno (Mark Fore and Strike is the local shop) but there are shops in Gardnerville, Bridgeport, Mammoth and Bishop.

You can always send me an e-mail also. Vince.goetz@icloud.com
Tight lines...



CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2015/2016

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!

Date	Speaker	Program
Feb 10th	Doug Ouellette	Pyramid Lake
March 5th		Annual Dinner
April 13th	Trent R. Pridemore	Bass fishing
May 11th	Max	"Fish First"
June 8th	Blake Merwin	Alaska: flyfishingblake@gmail.com

On The Road Again... Jan 25, 2016

By Don & Pat Sleeper

Dennis Robinson caught an 11 pounder!! it's a "Record breaker" for Angler's Inn International with Billy Chapman's Lake Picachos! This is their largest bass taken on the lake and it was caught on a black popper fly fishing!!! Second largest bass caught in our group went to Frank Spiteri!! Frank's was 8 pounds. Pat and I didn't make the list of largest...

Lake Picachos is 55 min. out of Mazatlan, Mexico where we were fishing for Black Bass. There were ten of us mostly from Chico.

We booked through Anglers Inn International with Billy Chapman. He runs the best service fishing destinations that we have ever visited. We had 5 star meals & caught 30 - 100 pp fishing every day. The fun started with the staff running coffee to us at 4:45 each morning to wake us up; coming to breakfast with the chef cooking whatever we wanted for breakfast and then out on the water at 6 a.m. ...what GREAT service at Anglers Inn, Lake Picachos, Mexico! And, always, with a smile! www.anglersinn.com

The lake was about 10 feet down from our last visit in Nov 2015. And the top water fishing was terrific; it lasted almost all day, especially good in the mornings and just before dark.



We saw wild burros, iguanas, and many different birds I've never seen before... Fishing was equally fun! Each day the ten of us came back with more and different exciting stories to tell: "you should have seen that BIG splash they made diving onto the popper;" "I can't believe how long I fought a couple of them... then it went under the boat;" Like living a National Geographic Movie!..Beautiful! Only one broken fly rod for the trip!!

Fishout Report for Feb Newsletter.

Hello, The scheduled CAF fishout in January was cancelled due to weather and has been rescheduled for February 13, 2016. Don Sleeper will lead the fishout. Thank you Don for being so flexible. This date is a correction from the last newsletter where I ended up looking at the wrong calendar and picked a Sunday instead of a Saturday. My daughter quickly reminded me after the last newsletter went out that February 14th was Valentines day and that while I may not have cared too much, her and my wife would. Sometimes it pays to listen to your youngest child so you do not have to sleep with the family dog. Although our dog has it pretty good and I think I would be sleeping outside by myself.

While we are beginning to finalize some upcoming fishout dates, we will also send out a short notice of other opportunities that pop up by email. Spotted Bass fishing was very good at Lake Oroville a few weeks back, but with the lake level changes it has gone to poor. If it picks up we will send out a notice. This can be a fun opportunity to catch lots of big fish on local waters.

Thank You,
CAF Fishout Committee Chairman
Tom Rosenow

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2016

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.

Tom Rosenow will be our new fishout leader. 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. This schedule may change depending on the fish bite or weather conditions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Feb	Baum Lake	
March 14	Pyramid Lake	Doug Ovellette (Clinic @ \$100.pp) (6 people minimum over that he'll bring in another guide at still \$100.pp on Pyramid lake)
April	Hat Creek Opener	Eric See
June	Terry's Cabin	Terry Mich

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

Fly of the Month for February 2016

Matt's Buzzer

By: Ray Narbaitz

Since I am writing this column in December (yes I do occasionally plan ahead), I don't know if the hoped for El Nino has continued to bring us much needed water. If it has, we are deep in winter, and fishing spots are sometimes hard to come by. In our area, most of the streams in Butte County are open year round, and so are the Upper and Lower Sacramento River as well as the Lower Feather. However, road and water conditions in a normal winter can make those places a little unpredictable as to whether or not they are fishable. That is why, in many cases in the winter, our best bets are to fish lakes. Almost all of them are open year round, and many of them escape the bad water conditions of run off.

It is reported that some of the best lake fishermen in the world are in Great Britain. Most moving water there is controlled by private land owners, and only the privileged few can get to them, almost always by paying a fee. That means for the "average" fishermen, it's the lakes that are open to them. There, as here, one of the primary food sources for the fish is Midges. Again, in both places, in the winter time, Midges may make up almost the only food source. Fortunately, they are prolific little buggers, and are available by the zillions. Unfortunately, I don't fish Midges enough in streams, for no good reason at all, but they are also very prevalent there. Today's F.O.T.M. is one of those Midge patterns that can be fished in either still or moving water.

The Brits call Midges Buzzers. I assume it's because the adult looks very much like a mosquito. Matt Grobert, who writes an internet column called "Caddis Chronicles", is the one who came up with Matt's Buzzer. I don't know if he had the Brits in mind when he named it, but I assume he did.

Hook: Scud hook like the TMC2457 or 2499 10 to 16

Bead: Gold

Thread: Chartreuse, Black or Gray, Ultra Thread 6/0 or 3/0 and Danville Olive or Camel Uni Thread 6/0

Ribbing: 1 strand Pearl Crystal Flash

Abdomen: Ultra Thread

Thorax: 6/0 Thread

Sides: Dyed red duck Primary Wing, or Red Floss, Red Spanflex or Red Tinsel

Cover: Sally Hanson's or UV Clear Resin

1. Debarb hook, insert bead, and place hook in vice.
2. Start your Chartreuse thread at the bead, and wrap it down to about the hook point.



3. Tie in the Crystal Flash, and wrap your thread well down in to the bend of the hook.
4. Wrap the thread in even, smooth wraps back up to the bead. Take a two turn whip finish behind the bead, and cut off the thread.
5. Start your Danville or Uni Thread right behind the bead, and take it back a few wraps, making sure you cover the Chartreuse Whip Finish.
6. Spiral wrap the Crystal Flash up to the bead, tie it off, and clip the excess.
7. Wrap the tying thread to form the Thorax, back to about even with the hook point. Make sure all of the Chartreuse is covered.
8. Tie in your red material on one side of the fly, with it pointing toward the back. Tie in another piece on the other side.
9. Build the Thorax with your thread, so it is just a little smaller than the bead. End with the thread back at the bead.
10. Pull one of your red material straight back on the side, and tie it off at the bead with one or two wraps. Do the same with the other side.
11. Take one wrap in front of the excess red material at the bead, and trim off the excess. Make sure the material is only on the sides, with the brown thread showing top and bottom.
12. Whip finish right behind the bead and trim off your thread.
13. If you are using Sally Hansen's, put a layer on the entire fly, including the back end of the bead. I would probably use two thin coats as opposed to one thick one.
14. I used Bondic UV material, which only takes one coat.

Find some accommodating water and go fishing.

Notes: I did not have any dyed red Primary Wing Feathers, so I tied a couple with Red Floss. However, my floss is a rather dull red, so I went with some red, Holographic Tinsel. I like the looks of it the best, and that's what I used in the pictured fly.



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