



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts February 2018

Next meeting: Feb 14th, @ 6:00pm @ California Park Pavilion, Chico



President Line by Pat Sleeper

WOW!! Our annual dinner is less than a month away; and, we're over half filled with reservations...thank you!!! It's going to be better than ever!!! More wonderful prizes!! New exciting prizes & surprises!! New model out of Dave Scadden's frameless pontoon boat value: \$1900. Hunting trip... If you plan to attend be sure to secure your reservations ahead, as we have always filled up a week out from the dinner: Forms/Flyers are available; at Sportsman's Warehouse, Sierra Stream or Fish First in Chico; and, in this news letter or on our website.

Thank You for your continued support of: CAF!! You can be proud to say, "you" help sponsor: Salmon in the Class Room; Hooked on Fishing; Almanor Fishing Association (planting & raising trout); McCloud fisheries; Trout Unlimited and "many" other great projects. But, we're happy to say: we just signed on Project Healing Waters: fly fishing!!! Disabled American Vets and our support through the process of fly fishing. You may contact Pete Wiik, our man in charge for "CAF" if you're interested in helping in any capacity.

Thank you for your donations and yes, we'd love to have your hand tied flies, or other donations. "Every" donation is GREATLY appreciated..And, your help at the dinner we'd love to have.

Please call Pat. Thank you again!!! I look forward to also seeing you at our next General meeting Wed, Feb 14th at the California Park Pavilion. Time: 6:30 fly tying and 7:30 with our member Jack Musick!!

If you could, Please contact Terry Mich for any awards you feel should be given out like the Golden zipper, etc. 864-9451

Fall fishing has been good at Almanor I heard from some members!!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper
345-1197

Jack Musick CAF Talk. Feb 14 2018

Emeritus Professor and Fish Ecologist Jack Musick has been studying marine fishes for over 50 years, publishing more than 150 scientific papers and some 22 books. However he has been a trout fisher for more than 60 years and noting a singular lack of trout in his University fish collection at the College of William and Mary, he set out on a quest to collect as many forms of North American Trout and Salmon as possible. This quest has led from Newfoundland to the Southern Appalachians, and the Alaskan Peninsula to Mazatlán Mexico. Jack will share his adventures and knowledge about such forms as Apache Trout, Kern Basin Golden Trouts (3 kinds), many Cutthroat forms, and more. The talk will be extensively illustrated. Oh and there will be bears in there too. As Jack has been quoted " Fishing tends to be much more interesting when the people in charge are



Chico Area FlyFisher BOD meeting

Feb 6th 2018

Meeting called to order 6:14 PM. Pat Sleeper, President

Attendance: Tom, Pat, Don, Larry, David, Eric, Steve, Pete, Terry, Lionel

Secretary's report: David McKinney

M/S Accepted as published

Treasures report: Don Sleeper

M/S. Accepted as reported;

We are getting a new credit card machine for the dinner

VP Report: Larry Willis

Discussed upcoming programs and speakers.

Fishouts: Tom

Almanor fishout as a last minute knowing a plant had just been deposited.

Our 2018 opener will be in the Burney area as in previous years Dinner; Report from Lionel, donations are going very well: Crush gave a \$250. dinner card.

Steve- B. Nick Andrew donated 2 \$50 gift cards from 5th Street and 2 \$25 gift cards from Franky's and 2 \$20 gift cards from Riley's. And Ronda Davis from Orient and Flume donated another beautiful blown glass fish valued at \$130. Ticket Sales are comparable to last year. Dinner Meeting to arrange prizes at the Sleeper's on 02/21/18.

If you would be interested in helping at the dinner, please contact Pat Sleeper: 345-1197. Thanks.

Other Business:

Eric See; noted that the salmon festival would be September 4th Saturday, 2018. Project Healing Waters:

"Peter Wiik" is the chairman of Project healing Water for CAF and that the position of Chair for this Project will include status as a BOD member. This was M/S Passed. Awards Meeting will be held on 02/15/18. Send any nominations or suggestions to Terry Mich or Larry Willis.

Adjourned 7:35 PM

David CAF Secretary.



Lake Oroville Community Update

February 4, 2018 Lake Oroville Spillways Construction Update

Please be advised, this week construction crews will begin controlled blasting below the Flood Control Outlet (FCO) Spillway dentates. Blasting will prepare crews for construction of a roller-compacted concrete access road to the dentates. The access will allow for planned restoration of the dentates, which were damaged by debris during the February 2017 Spillway incident.

This e-mail is part of DWR's ongoing effort to provide you with timely information and updates regarding the Lake Oroville Spillways Recovery. We want to provide a transparent process and ensure community members are well informed. We also want to hear from you, so please contact us with comments and questions.

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

Amazon Adventure

Amazing and exciting are perfect words to express our recent travels to the Amazon jungle peacock bass fishing on January 28, - Feb 6th 2018,. This outstanding adventure based on the Xeruini river (pronounces: sheron-e river) reviled in ideal low water conditions.

There were 8 of us, who flew out of Manaus 1 1/2hrs landing on a grass runway just outside a very small village. What friendly people they are!!! They all came out to great us: women, children and adults came out with their wonderful smiles. Though we don't understand Portages we did understand their intent; though, there were those who spoke English and Spanish.

Rob Anderson out of Reno, NV co-owner and outfitter Pat Sleeper arranged an outstanding trip. We stayed in a floating lodge and fished two to a boat for 6 1/2 days. We landed 1149 peacock bass, the largest was 16 lbs all on fly rods. Two 11 lb fish were caught as well; one on a popper and one on a streamer. We generally caught and released these bass; but, from time to time we kept a few for dinner.

Everyone remarked that this was one of their best trips!! We'll all say: "There was nothing to complain about!" The weather was perfect: we had many days of overcast, a few light sprinkles and a couple days of sunshine! Daily, we swam in the river to cool off, take a bath and enjoy sharing our stories over hors d'oeuvres and a drink or two.

Our floating lodge was comfortable with our own individual on board facilities, comfortable beds, water, showers, sink and electricity; the food was better than expected; the nightly reminiscing out on the back porch of the floating lodge while the sun set over the water with a nightly cocktail; how amazingly beautiful it was. Our clothes were washed and rooms cleaned daily. Only three broken fly rod for this trip... It was a Great Adventure!



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@aaproduction.com

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

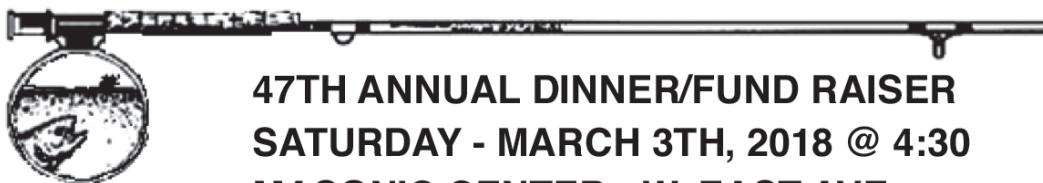
<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Feb TBA	Little Grass Valley - Elden ehinkle@aaproduction.com	
March 3rd, 2018	Annual Crab Feed Dinner	
March 10th & 11th 2018	Pyramid Lake Clinic w/Rob Anderson & Chris RSVP Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduction.com Breakfast/lunch/ladders \$190. pp	
April 28 May 5 2018	Rooster 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	
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@aaproduction.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. - 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 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>
Feb 14th	Jack Musick	
March 3rd	CAF dinner	Annual fundraiser
April 11	Trent Pridemore	
May 9	TBA	

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47TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
SATURDAY - MARCH 3TH, 2018 @ 4:30
MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE

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

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Almanor – Fisheries
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Trout Unlimited N. CA

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
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ADDRESS: _____

Family Membership & One Dinner \$85.00 \$_____

CITY: _____

Each Additional Dinner \$50.00 \$_____

PHONE: _____

Raffle ticket packets \$500. \$200. \$_____

ZIP: _____

Raffle ticket packets \$100. \$50. \$_____

E-MAIL: _____

Table reservations for 8 people \$600. \$_____

TOTAL..... \$_____

ADDITIONAL NAMES: _____

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

7 Rules of Fishing Etiquette

Over the last years I've had the pleasure of sharing my boat with several different anglers. From kids to self proclaimed professionals. I try to have a maximum of two people in my boat at one time to cut down on the line crossing and increase the overall space and fishing area in my boat. Although sometimes it is un-avoidable and three or four people make their way onto my 14' aluminum and things can get quite congested and simply annoying. Especially when one or more of the anglers don't practice proper etiquette. I don't have a written set of rules posted anywhere on my boat and would never consider doing it. However, there is an unwritten set of rules that should be followed by all fisherman on my boat or on any other for that matter.



1. **Respect Real Estate:** When your fishing at the front of your boat, your casts should be limited to the front half of the boat and the angler at the back should keep his casts within the back half of the boat. This will not only cut down on the amount of occasional line crossing, but will increase your water coverage, thus increasing your chances of hooking up.
2. **Don't be a Copy Cat:** Try to make your choice of lure/lures different than the person you are fishing with. Color and cadence should be presented differently as well. This will help you find out what the fish want quicker! Once a solid pattern is established, then copying is suggested.
3. **Rotation:** Often the person at the front of the boat will have a better chance of catching more fish than the guy at the back of the boat because he will have the opportunity to fish "new" water first. If a switch or rotation occurs once in a while, both anglers will have an equal shot at having a great day on the water.
4. **Reel Em' In:** When someone on the boat hooks into a fish it is important to reel your line in as quickly as possible. This will shut down the chance of a fish crossing into other lines and possibly breaking off. This becomes increasingly important when there is more than two people fishing on the boat.
5. **Help Out:** When an angler on the boat hooks into a decent fish it's your responsibility to reel in and become the "net man". Holding a rod in one hand and reaching out with a net in the other can sometimes be quite awkward. Many fish are lost when trying to do this. A good net man will definitely increase the chances of your fish making it into the boat.
6. **Don't Be A Fish Stealer:** When your co-angler has a fish erupt on his lure and miss it, don't throw your lure in there right behind his. Chances are pretty good that the fish will attack again and you will either scare the fish away by splashing your lure too close to him/her or you may steal your partners fish! A respectful angler will at least ask the other one if it's okay for him/her to cast in there.
7. **Take One For The Team:** If there is more than two or three anglers in the boat it is often suggested that one of them should be throwing something different than the others. Even if a solid pattern has been developed! Patterns can change, sometimes several times a day! If someone does something different, pattern changes will be detected more quickly and more fish will have their picture taken at the end of the day. Often the person that makes this sacrifice will be rewarded with the biggest fish of the day.

A little bit of respect and etiquette will not only make for a easier day on the water, but will more than likely put more fish in the boat as well.
See you on the Water!!

Bass fishing Lake Picachos, Mexico 1/11/2018:

Pat and I returned from Angler's Inn on Lake Picachos, Mexico with Twenty (19) local Fly fishermen and women who caught and released over 2000 Black Bass in four days of fishing. Our arms and backs sore; and, all this with only one broken fly rod. The fish ranged between 1lb and 7lbs. We used poppers, small size 12 bead headed wooley buggers and up to size 1/0 clocusers. The majority of our fish were caught on the surface using poppers. The surface bite was on. Angler's Inn International owned by Bill Chapman provides the most outstanding service of any lodge we have ever fished out of!!! Next year we'll be back again.



Fly of the Month for February 2018

Hippie Stomper

By: Ray Narbaitz

I suppose the whole double foam fly trend started with the Chernobyl Ant. I don't know why it was called that because it looked nothing like an ant. In fact, it didn't really look like any kind of bug a self-respecting trout had ever seen. That didn't stop them from eating it however. From there, the concept led to any number of flies from Fat Alberts to steroid abusing Hoppers.

This month's FOTM is part of that genre. The Hippie Stomper was developed by Andrew Grillos, a long time guide and fly tyer. I couldn't find any reference as to why he calls it that. I do know he is pretty specific about how he wants it tied. Commercially, it is tied by Umpqua. Grillos says they tie it correctly, and one or two demo tyers on the internet come close, but other than that, he is unimpressed by everyone else. He also is very specific about the thickness of the foam, depending on the size of the fly. His suggestions are in the Notes following the tutorial. Since he also gives his recipe and instructions on line, I will try to follow them as closely as I can in my demo tie. Don't forget I still subscribe to Dave Hughes' theory that in most cases close is close enough.

Umpqua carries the Hippie Stomper in nine different colors. Grillos' rule is to try to make the under layer of foam the same color as the body of the fly. As near as I can tell, the two most popular colors are red and royal. On the red, the entire body is red Flashabou or Holographic Tinsel. On all the other colors, other than the royal, the same rule applies. For my demo tie, I did the Royal version.

Hook: TMC 3761, 6 to 18

Thread: Black 70 denier

Tail: Moose Body Hair

Overbody: Two layers of Foam about the same width as the hook gap, black on top and olive on the bottom

Underbody: Peacock Ice Dub, red Holographic Flashabou or Holographic Tinsel and Peacock Ice Dub

Wing: White synthetic like McFlylon, Zlon or Poly Pro

Legs: Fine barred Grizzly rubber legs (black and white)

Hackle: Grizzly

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Put a thin layer of Super Glue (like Zap-a-Gap) on the hook shank.
3. Start your thread an eye length or two behind the eye and spiral wrap it to the bend of the hook.
4. Stack a small clump of the Moose Body Hair and tie it in for the tail. Make the tail slightly shorter than the hook shank. Tie down the hair on top of the hook up to about the 2/3 point of the shank. Trim off the excess hair, and wrap your thread back to the bend.



5. Put your two layers of foam together and cut one end to a V for easier tie in. Put a small tab of Super Glue at the tie in point, and tie down the foam. Have the under piece on top, so it will be correct when you fold it over. Try to make the tie in as small as possible.
6. For the under body, it is the same technique as a Royal Coachman. A small ball of the Ice Dub, a waist of the Tinsel and another small ball of the Ice Dub. End the under body at the same place you finished tying in the Moose Body hair.
7. Fold the first layer of foam over, and tie it down just in front of where the hair ends. Put a thin layer of Super Glue on top of that layer, and fold the other layer of foam over it, trying to keep both layers right on top of the shank. Tie them both down, and leave the remainder lying over the eye of the hook.
8. Wrap the foam from the tie down point toward the eye of the hook, forming a sort of waist. This will almost be like a Thorax. Leave it just short of the hook eye so you can get a tippet through it by lifting up the overhang. Trim the overhang. You want it to be the same length as the body of the fly.
9. Tie in the wing material in the middle of the waist. Cut it off so the butt end is about half the length of the body, and the front is a little longer than the overhang.
10. Tie in the legs, one on each side at the same tie in place as the wings. Trim them off so they are just a little shorter than the overall length of the body and overhang of the fly.
11. Tie in your hackle and wrap it the full length of the waist. You want it to be heavily hackled. Tie off the hackle and trim the excess.
12. Whip finish either where you tied off the hackle or at the eye of the hook, whichever is easier for you.
13. Trim the hackle off flat on the bottom. This will allow the fly to be flush with the surface of the water and it acts as a sort of outrigger to keep the fly floating in the correct position.
14. Put some head cement or Super Glue along the bottom of the hackle and on the whip finish.

Notes: Grillos' suggestions on the thickness of foam by size. They are: size 6 to 10 black layer is 2mm and under layer is 1mm; size 12 to 16 both layers are 1mm; size 18, black layer is 1mm and under layer is .5mm...Grillos has 13 signature patterns with Umpqua. He has a knack for giving them unusual names. In addition to the Stomper they include: 64 Impala, Bob Gnarly, Party Animal and Pool Toy.



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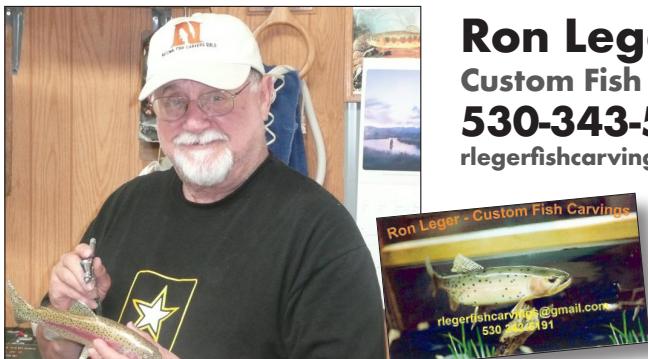
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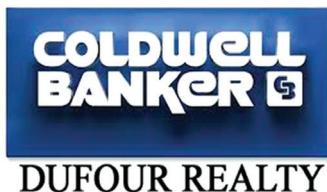
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