



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts February 2021

### Next General Meeting To Be Determined



Hello,

I want to thank so many of our members for asking about membership dues... This year is free....2021 is a free pass for "all" our members. Thank you again, for asking...Thank you for supporting our club for so many years!!!

I would like to ask if anyone would like to volunteer for assisting our group fish outs? At this time our volunteers are: Elden, Tom, Eric, Don and Pat Sleeper. We would love to have some new people with new ideas to do a fish outs, maybe "your" favorite location... One trip is all we ask. Just give me a call or email with any questions on how to do it...Thank you, from the board...With these days getting warmer, I'm sure you are thinking about fishing sometime soon...Though I must say...we can't have official group fish outs yet, with too many due to the COVID... But, I received an update from the American medical association, Bloomberg,

that by April the biggest pressure should be off. I heard reports of COVID is down 77-85% and continuing to go down.

Please note the additions of the Mexico trips...Both in September, 2021, Dorado and, Jan 2022, Trophy Bass. Further information can be found on the fish out calendar in this news letter or just call Pat Sleeper with any questions: 345-1197. [www.patsflyfishing.com](http://www.patsflyfishing.com)

At this time, I understand fishing has been a little slow here and there: Sacramento River, Yuba River, Pyramid Lake, Almanor and Lewiston...but, if you had a very successful day at any of these locations or others and want to share your pictures and stories...I would love that!!! And, so would our membership...always!!!

Please enjoy our stories that have been shared.

Please stay safe...I look forward to seeing you soon!!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper

## Dreams come at different times:

These are pictures of Dirty Mike, from Montana and Elden Hinkle catching some Pyramid Lake Lahantons last year. I'm sure they are dreaming of catching these, whoppers of a life time, again! Thank you both for sharing your wonderful pictures!!! We all wish we could have the pleasure of catching and holding these trophy lahantons especially at these COVID times. But, I feel confident we'll all be there sooner than later to give it a try...



Elden Pyramid



Kevin Kremer with a nice trout from the Yuba.



Hayden Hinkle with a nice trout from the Sac with Lincoln guiding.



Elden with a nice steelhead

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## TAKE ACTION: Demand Zero Discharges to the St. Lucie



**It's possible to eliminate toxic discharges to the St. Lucie River entirely.** The Army Corps of Engineers' own modeling has demonstrated so. That's big news for the estuary that suffers harm from any level of lake releases – and we need your help to make it a reality.

Lake Okeechobee discharges have wreaked havoc on downstream ecosystems, crushed local businesses and statewide tourism, and sparked national conversation about the devastating human health consequences associated with harmful algal bloom exposure.

We shouldn't settle for anything less than a new Lake Okeechobee management plan that eliminates toxic discharges to the northern estuaries. The Army Corps is giving us another chance to fight for that.

**What about the Caloosahatchee?** A management plan that ends discharges to the St. Lucie River doesn't have to mean it will hurt the rest of the system. It's important to remember that the ecological makeup of the Caloosahatchee estuary is different from the St. Lucie. The Caloosahatchee is dependent on the lake for dry-season Lake O flows, which help balance salinity levels in the delicate estuary. Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation [reports optimal dry-season flows](#) to the Caloosahatchee as 750–2,100 cubic feet per second. The St. Lucie on the other hand never benefits from any Lake O water. The Army Corps' development of a new lake plan – the Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM) – is an opportunity to fight for lake management that balances the environmental need for enough water to the Caloosahatchee with the human health implications that come with too much water. The new management schedule should aim to prioritize optimal flows of clean freshwater to the places that need it – west and south – when they need it, instead of wasting it to tide in places that are hurt by it.

As the Corps enters the home stretch on LOSOM, it wants to hear from you. The Corps is hosting an online public meeting Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is your chance to demand zero discharges to the St. Lucie and continued flexible and adaptive management of flows to the Caloosahatchee. Tune in online at [usace1.webex.com](https://usace1.webex.com) or call in by phone at (844) 800-2712. The dial in access code is 199 737 9512. The password is 1234.

Can't make the meeting? If you'd prefer to send written comments, you can email them to [Lisa.E.Aley@usace.army.mil](mailto:Lisa.E.Aley@usace.army.mil) until Feb. 18.

## **Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2020-21**

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.

Elden Hinkle and Tom Rosenow are our 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 Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproducton.com or Tom Rosenow trosenow.chico@gmail.com

**This schedule may change depending on the fish bite or weather conditions and COVID 19 VIRUS status!!!.**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Fishout Leader</u></b>
May TBD*	Crane Prairie Lake, Oregon;	Don Sleeper dnsleeper@gmail.com
June 5th, 2021	Digger Creek (\$75. pp with 10 people max)	ehinkle@aaproducton.com
June TBD*	Lake Almanor BBQ location TBD	Pat Sleeper 345-1197
Sep 4 - 18	Dorado fishing, Mexico Three... one week trips.....	www.patsflyfishing.com - 530-345-1197
Oct TBD*	Little Grass valley Reservoir	Elden Hinkle-ehinkle@aaproducton.com
Jan 12-17, 2022	Picachos Lake, Mexico: (limited spots, please reserve ASAP-Thank you)	Pat Sleeper 345-1197, psleeper@sbcglobal.net

\* TBD - To be determined. (COVID AND WEATHER)

## **CAF General Meeting "Speakers" 2021**

We truly look forward to seeing you at our next meeting; and, hearing "your" fly fishing stories! Your excitement is ours! CAF meets 9 months out of the year; and, presents a variety of exciting fly fishing-related programs throughout each year. Each meeting includes: monthly fly-tying demonstrations; variety of raffle prizes; refreshments; and, the very best stories about Northern California Fly fishing from our members. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month; location: "The California Park Pavilion" on California Park Dr, Chico, CA. Live Fly-tying presentations: 6:30 p.m. @ General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Speaker</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>
April 14	TBD	
May 12	TBD	
June 9	TBD	
July-Sep	No Meetings - have fun fishing!!!	
Oct 13	TBD	
Nov 10	TBD	
Dec 8	Pizza feed	

# CAF Past Fishouts as of 2021

All of us are looking for new fishing places once this COVID-19 thing is past us. Here are a few locations CAF has fished in the last 40 years of Fish Outs. Most of these locations are close to us in California. Lets all plan for 2021 fish outs. Rivers and Creeks Lakes

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Hat Creek                                   | 1. Siskiyou (Bass)                    |
| 2. Feather River                               | 2. Baum (trout)                       |
| 3. Sacramento (Shad, Stripper, Salmon, Trout)  | 3. Pit R. (trout)                     |
| 4. Yuba (Middle and South Forks)               | 4. Little Grass Valley (trout)        |
| 5. North Fork of Feather                       | 5. Silver Lake (trout)                |
| 6. South Fork of Feather                       | 6. Long Lake (trout)                  |
| 7. Middle Fork of Feather                      | 7. Crater Lake (trout)                |
| 8. Trinity R. Lewiston (Steelhead)             | 8. O'Neil Forebay (Stripers)          |
| 9. Klamath (Orleans)                           | 9. Frank's Tract in Delta (stripers)  |
| 10. Feather River Canyon                       | 10. Davis (trout)                     |
| 11. Anderson Float Trip                        | 11. Phillbrook (trout)                |
| 12. Feather R. Oroville ( Salmon, Steelhead)   | 12. Modoc Lakes and streams           |
| 13. Bend Oregon rivers and lakes               | 13. Eagle Lake                        |
| 14. Big Chico Creek                            | 14. Bass Lake Madera County           |
| 15. Deer Creek                                 | 15. Lake Britton (Bass)               |
| 16. Mill Creek(Alturas)                        | 16. Lake Almanor and Butt Lake        |
| 17. Parsnip Crk. (Alturas)                     | 17. Caribou                           |
| 18. Warner Crk. (Likely)                       | 18. Clear Lk. & Blue Lk. Alturas      |
| 19. Nelson Corral (Likely)                     | 19. Eagle Lk. (trout)                 |
| 20. Butte Crk. 20. (Butte Meadows/ Jonesville) | 20. Crane Prairie Lake Oregon (trout) |

## FANTASY FISHOUTS

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Florida Tarpon      | 2. San Diego Yellowtail         | 3. California Surf Perch     |
| 4. Castaic Lagoon Bass | 5. Hells Canyon Snake R.        | 6. Loretto Baja              |
| 7. Alaska              | 8. Patagonia                    | 9. Klamath Lake              |
| 10. Frying Pan R.      | 11. S. Island New Zealand       | 12. Corpus Christi Redfish   |
| 13. La Ventana Mexico  | 14. Land Of the Giants, Montana | 15. Stone House (Duck Lk Mt) |

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# Fly of the Month, February, 2021

## Perdigon

By: Ray Narbaitz

Last month I introduced a style of fly called Perdigon. That is Spanish for pellet or shot, and the style originated in Spain. It was introduced by the Spanish National Fly Fishing Team a number of years ago and pretty much dominated in its first year of use. Naturally, everybody had it in the next year's competition. If you want the full story on the style, refer to last month's newsletter. If you don't have it, email me at [tytline@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tytline@sbcglobal.net) and I'll send you the article. If you don't care, read on. The flies are almost always tied on jig style hooks and covered with UV Resin. The object is to cover anything that may inhibit in any way the fly's ability to sink like a rock...or pellet...or shot.

Before we tie one, let me say a few things about the style. The competition guys will tie each pattern with a fairly wide range of beads from small to oversized large. In their world, you are not allowed to put weight on your leader. Since its doubtful any of us will be competition fishing, I usually just use a bead sized to the hook, and if I need the fly to get a little deeper, I add split shot to the leader. As stated, they are almost always tied on jig hooks. There will not be a terrible tear in the Force (Star Wars reference) if you use a standard nymph hook. Not all of them have a Wing Case, but this one does. Don't let the fact that many of them look nothing like anything any self-respecting Trout has ever seen. The competition guy's sole purpose in life is to catch as many fish as possible in a specified length of time. They wouldn't be using them if they didn't work.

Having said that, I'm not saying these are the be all end all of flies. Like all flies, they should only be used under the right conditions. They are one more arrow for your quiver and well worth taking the time to learn a little more about them and their use.

Hook: Competition style 60 degree jig hook, 14 - 18 I used Umpqua's Competition Hook

Bead: Tungsten slotted bead, sized to hook, copper or gold

Thread and Abdomen: Veevus Body Quill, Olive

Tail: Coq de Leon

Rib: 8/0 Yellow tying thread

Hot Spot and Thorax: Hot Orange tying thread.

Wing Case: Black Sharpie or its equivalent.

1. Debarb the hook if it has one, slide on the bead and put the hook in the vise. Make sure the bead is butted right up against the eye of the hook.



2. Start your Body Quill right behind the bead and take a few wraps toward the bend.
3. Strip off four or five fibers of the Coq de Leon. Measure them so the tail will be about a hook shank in length and tie them in. Take a couple of more wraps toward the bend and cut off the excess.
4. Take a piece of 8/0 yellow thread and double it. Tie in the open ends, so the loop is facing the back of the fly.
5. Now wrap all of it back to the bend of the fly with the Body Quill and leave it there.
6. Start your orange thread right behind the bead and wrap it down in touching wraps about Thorax size and cut off the excess.
7. Wrap it back and forth so you make a nice taper from the back of it up to the bead. Remember, you don't want anything to make the body very fat.
8. When you have the taper done, do a two or three wrap whip finish right behind the bead, and cut off the thread.
9. Wrap the Body Quill back and forth to make a taper up to the Thorax. Toward the end, take a couple of wraps up onto the Thorax.
10. Spin the loop of yellow thread into a rope, and spiral wrap it up to the Thorax. Tie it off and cut off the excess.
11. Do a two or three wrap whip finish, allowing each wrap to go over the Thorax toward the bead. Cut off the Body Quill. This material is fairly fragile, so don't use too much pressure.
12. Put a thin layer of the UV Resin on both the Abdomen and Thorax, even allowing a little of it to get into the slot on the top of the bead. Cure it well with the UV light.
13. For some time, the Wing Case was put on this style of fly using black, Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails. However, you had to wait for it to dry before moving on. Since then, the tyers have learned that a black Sharpie colors very nicely on the cured UV Resin. So, use one to make a black Wing Case over the Thorax.
14. Put another thin layer of the UV Resin over the black ink, cure it and the fly is done.

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