



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts January 2013

**Our next meeting will be Jan 9th, 2013 @ CARD center, 545 Vallombrosa Av., Chico. Time: 6:30 fly tying and 7:30 meeting. Includes refreshments.**



### President's Line

Fishing in the Beautiful Month of January

Well, it is now the new year and a new

season of fishing, by the way, do not just run out of the house without buying a new license, as I almost did. Fishing in January usually consists a fisherman using a variety of highly specialized techniques to catch a cold. A few of us, the ones who view this as an extreme sport, like to flirt with hypothermia, trench foot, and frost bite as well. There is something very special in my mind about fishing in conditions so cold that it would scare off most people, standing in a freezing river, hoping for an occasional fish. Some of this may be my general philosophy about steelhead fishing; You know, less is more.

As fate would have it, I was downtown at the outdoors store retuning some things when I happened upon a conversation between a young man and the store clerk about winter fishing. It seems this pleasant fellow was off for his first steelhead adventure and was seeking advise on footwear. He had already bought the usual things, boots, insulated waders, but was concerned that his feet would still be cold. The clerk was trying to help him with options, but I could see the conversation was dragging. It is at this point I always like to jump in with both feet, no pun intended. I asked where he was going? He happily told us that the Trinity was the destination and that he was told the



### Secretary's Secrets By Pat Sleeper

CAF Secretary Secrets Jan 2nd 2013 meeting. Those present: Larry, Terry, Dave, Pat & Don.

\*Minutes report: Pat Sleeper M/S/P - Larry/Terry.

\*Treasurer report: Don Sleeper

\*M/S/P Don/Eric to make a donation to Lake Almanor Fishing Association, Paul Guarido.

\*We had a good showing at the annual anchovy feed @ Round Table Pizza on Pillsbury.

\*Ray Narbaitz will be tying at our Jan 9th meeting - The Missing Link.

\*Eric reported - steelhead in the classroom starting in Feb for Chico, Oroville and Paradise schools.

\*We're all working hard on our annual March 1st Crab/shrimp dinner fundraiser at the Masonic Lodge.

weather was going to be good, but the water would be on the cold side. Well, I hesitated to tell him that the Trinity this time of year is usually cold enough to freeze ice, and instead discussed additional gear and techniques to keep warm. But in the end I told him nothing really works to keep your feet warm, except two things. I could see his spirits picked up at the thought of receiving a pearl from me, so I told him; catching a fish and a properly stocked hip flask. The clerked immediately confirmed my analysis, but told him he was on his own for both of these items. He persisted however about keeping his feet warm, so we did agree upon additional socks. Some of my advise must have sunk in, as he wanted to know if it mattered whether it was Bourbon or Scotch? As we all know, there is only one right answer, but that would be another story.

Tight Lines, David

### Pictures at Baum Lake Fishout Dec 8th, 2012

Last picture - John Logan... after an exciting day of catching the most fish "over 100".



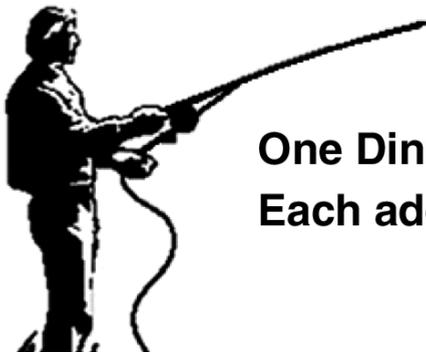
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**42 ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER  
FRIDAY - MARCH 1ST, 2013 @ 5:30  
MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE**

## “CRAB FEED DINNER & SHRIMP”

Raffle prizes - rods, reels, guided trips, fly tying supplies, ladies prizes, lodging/fishing trips and other prizes and surprizes...



**One Dinner & a Family membership....\$75.00  
Each additional crab/shrimp Dinner....\$40.00**

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ADDITIONAL NAMES:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Family Membership & One Dinner		\$75.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Dinner	_____	\$40.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets _____ \$500. _____ \$200.			\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets _____ \$100. _____ \$50.			\$ _____
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Table reservations for 8 people		\$450.	\$ _____
TOTAL.....			\$ _____
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M/C# _____			
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PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 15th  
TO BE ENTERED INTO THE EARLY BIRD RAFFLE.....  
Questions: 530-345-1197

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

## CAF Speaker List 2013

This month "January 9th" on Wed will be members sharing pictures, stories of your travel destinations this last year. Please contact Lincoln Gray to add your name to the list. We want to see your pictures and hear your stories. Please see the list of speakers lined up for our year of general meetings. Happy New year! We hope to see you at our next meeting.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
February 13th-	Charlie Schillnsky	Tying SMALL Flies
March 13th-		NO MEETING
April 10th-	Lance Gray	(PENDING)
May 8th-	Trent Pridemore	Bass Fishing
June 12th-	Tim Fox	Fly Tying Demonstration
July 10th-	NO MEETING	
August 14th-	NO MEETING	
September 11th-	Hogan Brown	Nor Cal Warm Water
October 9th-		
November 13th-	Lincoln Gray	Drifting The Lower Sac – V-II
December	PIZZA FEED	

## Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2012-2013

This is where you can locate future outings that the Chico Area Flyfishers 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 your 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 Lincoln Gray or Don Sleeper. 345-1197

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
January 12	Baum Lake	Don Sleeper
April	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper at Pelican beach
May 11	Little Grass Valley Reservoir Walk-in with float tubes 2.3 miles	Don Sleeper
May	Crater Lake Depending on when we can get into the lake.	Don Sleeper
June	Lake Almanor Hex Hatch	
July	Yuba River – Float with Pontoons	
August	Deer Creek	Lincoln Gray
Sept	Davis Lake	Open
Oct. 2,3,4,5	Pyramid Lake at Warrior Point	Don Sleeper

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

# On the Road Again, Baum Lake Fishout Report

By Don Sleeper

We couldn't have picked a better weekend for the fishout at Baum Lake. When we started fishing Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 AM, it had warmed up to 50 degrees "just right"! We had five members: Terry Mich, Bill Robinson, John Logan, Roger Bevers, and Don Sleeper. We all had a wonderful tailgating lunch Saturday. We all fished from pontoons, prams and kayaks; and, the fishing was fantastic! The five of us caught and release over 300 German Browns and trout ranging from 12 inches to 19 inches. It was silly fishing: you couldn't miss; the hatchery must have dumped a ton of browns in Baum lake.

I even targeted Rainbow trout in the upper part of Baum, fishing green #14 wiggle tails with a small size 18 green midge tied off on the bend of the wiggle tail. I finally connected with two rainbows. I used an intermediate fly line on a four weight rod. Finding the pods of fish was the key to catching a lot of trout on any fly presented.

The sun was out with a little wind, during the day, and the fish were biting! It couldn't have been better. Our next Baum lake fish out will be Saturday, January 12th. I want to see more of you there.

Thank you all for coming.



One of only two Rainbow caught...



Bill Robinson with his 40th fish



Nice 16 inch Brown

## Baum Lake Fishout January 12, 2013

### Weather Permitting

We will meet in the parking lot (boat ramp) next to the Crystal Lake Fish Hatchery between 10 and 11 a.m. on December 8th. Chico Area Flyfishers will provide lunch for members and guests. Baum Lake is north of Burney off of Hwy 299; turn on Cassel road. See map below.

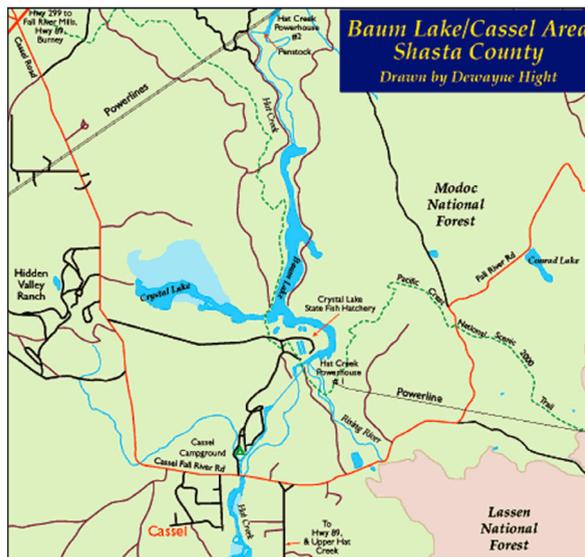
Winter can be very good on Baum Lake. It is nice to have a small boat or pontoon boat with an anchor or two. I always use a float tube or pontoon boat. Look for #18/20 Baetis to be coming off especially on overcast days now. Midges will be active. I use a floating line with an indicator fishing midges. Also you might try a small attractor fly on a clear slow sinking line like a #10/12 leech, wooly buggie or shaggy nymph in black, brown or olive. There are some real hogs in there.

### Winter fishing in California can be an exercise of extreme, dress warm.

Weather conditions and water levels can change overnight on Baum. Call me depending on the weather. Don Sleeper 530-345-1197 Cell phone 530-228-9197.

Accommodations: The club will be staying at the Green Gables Motel in Burney.

Green Gables Motel -0.5 miles S - 37385 Main St - (530) 335-2264



# Fly of the Month for January 2013

## The Renegade

For this first Fly of the Month for 2013, I'm going to go into the way back machine. Somewhere around 35 years ago or so, I had a friend that used to have me tie a handful of Renegades for him. He would drive about as far as you could go up into upper Bidwell Park, and fish them in Chico Creek in the spring. He told me that he always caught fish, and, upon hearing that, I went up a few times and tried my luck. I was pretty new to fly fishing at the time, and clumsy dry fly fishing was all I knew. Using an old, Fenwick fiber glass rod (man I wish I still had that rod), I could always count on sticking a few fish. For reasons that I have forgotten, I quit doing that after a while, and have never gone back. I have no idea what it would be like now.

The Renegade was originated by a man named Taylor Williams. It is known as a fore and aft type fly because of the hackle at both the front and back. It is an offshoot of a type of fly known as a bivisible, where the entire body of the fly is tied with hackle. It is thought that Mr. Williams was meaning to imitate mating Midges with the fly. Others fished it a lot when there were Caddis in the air. Others didn't care; they just knew it caught fish.

At the time I was tying it, all I knew about the Renegade was that I had copied it from one that my friend had brought to me. It was a very easy tie, and it caught fish. I had no idea what it represented to the fish, other than food. I guess the same could be said about the Royal Wulff. Like most fly fishermen (persons), I quit using the Renegade years ago, as I moved on to the more "sophisticated" patterns we fish today. I always fished it as an attractor dry fly, but after doing some research on it, I think I may have been missing part of its potential. I'll talk more about that after we tie it.

Hook: Dry fly hook size 10 to 18

Thread: Black 8/0, 70 Denier

Tag (optional) Gold Mylar Tinsel

Rear Hackle: Brown Hackle

Body: Peacock Herl

Front Hackle: White or Cream Hackle

1. De-barb the hook and place it in the vice.
2. Start your thread and wrap it back to the end of the shank.
3. (Optional) Tie in the Mylar Tinsel with the silver side showing so that the gold side will come up when you are wrapping it. Tie it down the bend of the hook for a short way. Wrap the tinsel back up to the start of the bend.



4. Tie in the Brown Hackle and make several wraps up the shank. Your eventual goal is to have a quarter of the fly be the back hackle and another quarter the front hackle, with one half of the fly being the peacock herl. Tie off the Hackle and trim the excess.
5. Tie in two or three Peacock Herl, and take a few wraps of the herl around your tying thread. Wrap the herl forward, holding on to both the herl and the tying thread. This will make your herl much more durable. Tie it off and cut off the excess.
6. Tie in the White Hackle, and wrap up to just short of the eye of the hook. Tie off the hackle, trim off the excess, and whip finish the head.
7. Add a little head cement, and the fly is done.

Notes: For most people, the Renegade was considered an attractor dry fly. However, a gentleman named Georges Odier had a different idea. He considered the Renegade to be a great Caddis imitation when fished with several split shot above it and fished with the high stick method right on the bottom. Of course, Mr. Odier also tied it with the white hackle in the back and the brown hackle in the front. For all I know, he may have just been a natural contrarian.

## LOCAL GUIDES

Chico Fly Shop  
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