



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts January 2018

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



President Line by Pat Sleeper

Our next General meeting is Feb 14th, Jack Musick will be our speaker. The board has cancelled our Jan meeting.

Our salmon in a classroom and trout in a classroom has been getting some wonderful responses: We are hearing the children are daily more excited at coming to school and checking on and hearing about the lifecycle and growth of the salmon and trout eggs; the growth from the eggs to the Alevins and then fry and then released in a special stream where they can continue to grow.

This natural phenomena has encouraged the children to be more attentive; create better grades; and, even involved their parents in coming to school to see these developing eggs. This project that CAF has been involved in for these past 8-10 years has been a wonderful success: CAF donates fully set up aquariums with pumps, chillers and such from Yuba City classrooms to Quincy; thanks to you, as a member and or a supporter of CAF; please pat yourselves on the back for supporting this wonderful worthwhile adventure. We certainly thank you! There is a picture in the next few pages of this news letter. This is only one of our projects.

We're very excited about a new venture: Project Healing Waters. We may have a leader for the group; but, without volunteers it'll be difficult. If you're interested in helping with this new venue, please e-mail me. Thanks.

We are also excited about our annual dinner scheduled for Sat, March 3rd, 2018. We have a new Dave Scadden frameless boat as well as a lot of rods, reels and other items that you'll enjoy. We are taking reservations and the forms are in this news letter. I look forward to seeing you there again this year!!!

Donations are always appreciated for the dinner; and, without your donation it wouldn't be the same. Thank you ahead of time!!! Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you soon!! Sincerely, Pat Sleeper

Pic of the month



Suzanne and another teacher who did tanks and they released 48 Chinook salmon to the Feather River at Yuba City.

CAF Minute

01/02/18

Called to Order: Pat Sleeper @6:16 PM

Secretary's report was reviewed, published in the last Newsletter: M/S/P Terry/Larry

Attendance: David, Eric, Terry, Pat, Don and Larry

Vice President's report was given upcoming meetings were discussed.

The General meeting January 10th, 2018 will be postponed since much of the club will not be in town. An additional meeting may then be proposed for this summer.

Outreach: No Report

Fish outs: No report.

Pyramid Lake Fish out March 10-11, 2018 briefly discussed

Newsletter: Pat. Going out this week

Old business

1. Upcoming dinner was discussed: Dinner reservations are coming as usual; be sure to get in on the discount before Jan 31st.
2. BOD meetings will be on Monday when available.
3. Fish tanks for school was discussed.
4. Oroville Salmon festival September 29-30, 2018 was put on the calendar.

New business

Long discussion about Project Healing Waters; after much discussion whether or not the club will become involved in full participation was tabled as we're waiting for more information.

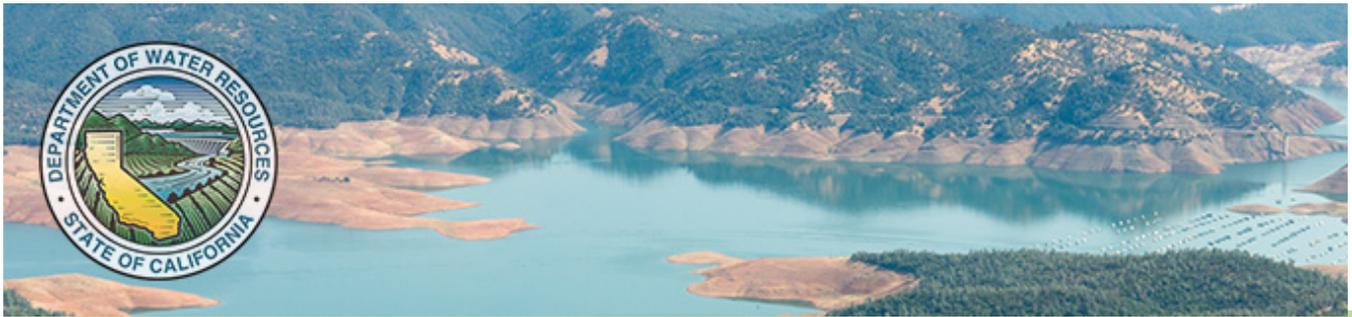
Discussion about possible new leader for youth group for CAF

Discussion of dinner flyers can be picked up at our local fly shops: Sierra Stream and Mountain, Fish First and Sportsman's Warehouse.

Discussion large raffle items: Lots of rods, reels, Dave Scadden frameless boat and much more!

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:12 PM

Submitted **David McKinney** CAF Secretary.



Lake Oroville Community Update

January 5, 2018

DWR Responds to Latest Independent Report on Oroville Findings Will Bolster Dam Safety Program

Today, the Independent Forensic Team (IFT) released additional findings from its review of the February 2017 Lake Oroville Spillways incident. The report builds on the IFT's interim memo from September 2017 that identified physical causes of the incident. While DWR is in the process of fully reviewing this lengthy report, the Department intends to incorporate the latest findings into its ongoing efforts.

"We strongly supported having an independent assessment of the spillway failure and take the findings very seriously," said DWR Director Grant Davis. "This report is consistent with the independent team's initial technical findings from last May which were fully incorporated in the design of the reconstructed spillways. As we have done in the past, we will carefully assess this report, share it with the entire dam safety community and incorporate the lessons learned going forward to ensure California continues to lead the nation on dam safety."

The Department has already made significant progress to bolster the dam safety program to include comprehensive re-evaluations of every spillway with attributes similar to Lake Oroville's. These re-evaluations go far beyond the standard inspections to include extensive hydrologic, structural and geotechnical work and a thorough investigation of records.

In May, DWR began planning for a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire Oroville complex to understand what changes, if any, need to be made long term to bolster dam safety of the Oroville complex.

An evaluation of DWR's dam safety program is already underway, and as a result of the IFT's findings, DWR will also assess its existing organizational structures. DWR will continue to invest in resources to learn from other dam safety programs and plans to convene experts over the coming months to digest the findings and recommendations from this report to identify tangible actions in response.

In addition to identifying the combined causes that led to the incident, the latest IFT report also comments on decisions made as the spillway incident unfolded in February 2017.

"During the incident, our sole focus was protecting public safety," said Joel Ledesma, Deputy Director of the State Water Project. "DWR supported this independent assessment – so we can learn from the past and continue to improve now and into the future."

DWR agrees with the IFT's conclusion that all dam owners need to reassess current procedures. As the report notes, "the fact that this incident happened to the owner of the tallest dam in the United States, under regulation of a federal agency, with repeated evaluation by reputable outside consultants, in a state with the leading dam safety regulatory program, is a wake-up call for everyone involved in dam safety. Challenging current assumptions on what constitutes 'best practice' in our industry is overdue."

Background

Following the February incident, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission directed DWR to establish an Independent Forensic Team to determine the root cause of the spillway incident, as well as other contributing causes including operations, structural, geologic, and management. To provide an independent review, DWR contacted the Association of State Dam Safety Officials and the United States Society of Dams, two nationally recognized dam safety organizations, to propose a team of experts capable of conducting a forensic evaluation of the Lake Oroville spillways incident. The six members of the IFT were identified on March 15.

Preliminary findings were released on May 5, 2017, listing 24 physical factors that potentially contributed to the main spillway damage and four physical factors that may have contributed to the emergency spillway damage.

On September 5, 2017, the IFT published an interim memorandum summarizing its findings of the Lake Oroville spillways failure and DWR released a statement regarding the memo. The latest report from the IFT incorporates these previous findings in addition to the contributing human factors.

For more information, follow us on Twitter or Facebook, read our news releases or visit our Oroville Spillway Incident webpage.

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

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@aaproduct.com

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan TBA	Baum Lake hosted by: Tom Rosenow	trosenow.chico@gmail.com
Jan 11th - 16th, 2018	Lake Picachos, Mexico - Pat Sleeper - 1 opening	psleeper@sbcglobal.net
Jan 25th - Feb 5, 2018	Amazon - full	
Feb TBA	Little Grass Valley - Elden	ehinkle@aaproduct.com
March 3rd, 2018	Annual Crab Feed Dinner	
March 10th & 11th 2018	Pyramid Lake Clinic w/Rob Anderson & Chris RSVP Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduct.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@aaproduct.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>
Jan 10, 2018 (Wed)	Cancelled/postponed	
Feb 14th	Jack Musick	
March 3rd	CAF dinner	Annual fundraiser
April 11	Trent Pridemore	
May 9	TBA	

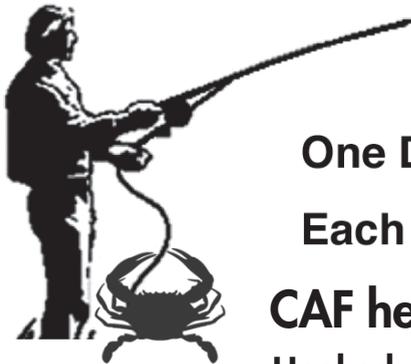
CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



47TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
 SATURDAY - MARCH 3TH, 2018 @ 4:30
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*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$80.00

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

*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$45.00

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES:

Family Membership & One Dinner

Each Additional Dinner

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

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

Table reservations for 8 people

Visa # _____

M/C# _____

Signature: _____

Exp. Date & back # _____

NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
	\$80.00	\$ _____
	\$45.00	\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
	\$600.	\$ _____
TOTAL.....		\$ _____

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

Fly of the Month for January 2018

Tim's Water Boatman

By: Ray Narbaiz

The Water Boatman is a ubiquitous little bug that is present in almost all of our lakes. Fish seem willing to take them almost any time but they are most prevalent in the fall when it starts to cool off through early spring. While they are liable to be in any part of a lake, you can often see them in the shallows as they dart around. With their oar like legs, they are able to zip around at a pretty good clip.

An internet search will show you an almost unlimited way of tying imitations. The problem with most of them is that for such a little bug, the patterns seemed way too complicated. Skip Morris has one that is a thing of beauty, but the multiple steps makes me think I'd only want to put it in a shadow box, not in the water where it might be harmed. What I was looking for was a fairly easy pattern to tie that did the job. As usual, to the rescue came Charlie Craven. Once again let me suggest that if you haven't already done so, go to his web site. His how to pictorials on dozens and dozens of patterns are the best there are. One of the patterns is Tim's Water Boatman.

The Tim is Tim Drummond. He is a guide in Colorado who specializes in fishing some of their high country lakes. Craven says Drummond shows pictures of some very big fish that have taken his pattern. Like most guides, Drummond wants flies that don't take forever to tie, but that seem to have the necessary ingredients to get the job done. When I have fished it, it has done the job for me as well.

Hook: Standard Nymph Hook, 12 to 16

Bead: Glass, Gunmetal is suggested, but any dark color should do

Weight: 8 to ten turns of .010 lead or lead free wire

Thread: Black 6 or 8/0

Under Wing Case: Lateral Scale. I don't even know what that is, so I use Mirage Pearlescent Tinsel

Over Wing Case: Mottled Thin Skin

Body: Peacock Black Ice Dub

Legs: Flexi Floss or Span Flex, or any of the other brand names of Spandex

Collar: A tiny bit of the Ice Dub

1. Debarb the hook, slip on the bead, and place the hook in the vise.
2. Wrap on your wire. Most of the time you will fish the fly with an intermediate sink line. You want the fly to sink at roughly the same speed as the line.
3. Push the wire up tight against the bead. If some slips inside the bead, so much the better. In any event, the wire will help set the bead against the eye of the hook.
4. Start your thread right behind the wire. Build a little dam so the wire won't slip back and then take a number of wraps over the wire to tie it down. Bring your thread to the back of the hook.
5. Take a strip of the Thin Skin slightly narrower than the gap of the hook. Cut a V in the end of it to make it easier to tie in. Tie it in so it



goes down just slightly on the bend of the hook. Make sure it is on top of the hook.

6. Tie in the tinsel, again making sure it is on top of the hook. Tie it back to where the Thin Skin is tied in.
7. Wrap your thread to the back of the hook and dub on the Peacock Black Ice Dub. Ice Dub is not very easy to dub, so try to put the material on the thread as thinly as you can. Dub it up to the bead. Dub more of it onto the thread, and dub it back to the Thin Skin. These are pretty blocky little bugs, so you want a rather robust body. Now spiral wrap your thread back to the bead. These wraps will help lock down the material and make your fly a little more durable.
8. At this point, if the body looks a little too ragged, you can use your scissors to trim it up. If possible, trim it so it is a little narrower at the back.
9. Just behind the bead, tie in your legs. Start on the far side of the hook. If the material has a natural curve to it, make sure it curves toward the body. If not, use your thread to tilt it a bit towards the back. Make the leg is longer than you will need. Pull the tag end over the top to the near side of the hook, and tie in another leg doing the same as the far side.
10. Pull the tinsel straight over the top of the body, and tie it down right behind the bead with a couple of tight wraps.
11. Pull the Thin Skin over the top of the tinsel and tie it down the same way. Try to get it as close to straight over the top as you can. Now, pull the remainder back, and take a couple of wraps over it so it is doubled over the thread. Thin Skin is stretchy and slick and doing this will insure it doesn't slip out after a few fish have hit it.
12. Clip the Thin Skin and tinsel off as close as you can.
13. Take a tiny bit of the Ice Dub, and make a collar right behind the bead. This can also be used to insure the legs tilt back toward the tail.
14. Whip finish right behind the bead, trying to get the knot down behind the bead and trim off the thread.
15. Pull the legs back, making sure you are not stretching the material, and clip them off just slightly past the bend of the hook.

Notes...If you look closely at most Water Boatmen, you will see that the legs actually tilt forward. However, since Charlie Craven said tilt them back, I did. Later, out of curiosity, I tied some with the legs forward. I fished both types at Lake McCumber and saw no difference whatsoever in the take rate... I also tie this bug in Olive/Brown Ice Dub. The last time I fished Crater Lake, both colors took fish, but they seemed to like the Olive/Brown a little better... My usual method to fish it is on an Intermediate line. I cast it out, and let it just drop for a few seconds, and then retrieve it with short, jerky strips with small pauses. If you are kicking from one spot to another in a float tube, don't be afraid to troll one behind you while doing so.



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