



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts January 2020

**Next meeting: January 8th 6:30 Fly tying 7:30 pictures at California Park Pavillion**



Wed, Jan 8th, 2020, will be our next General Meeting @ California Park Pavilion, Chico..

This meeting will be hosting fly tying at 6:30; and, you, our members sharing your 2019 fishing trips, stories and pictures of "your" fish up on the BIG screen! Tell us all your story about "your" trip with "your" pictures, maps and perhaps a guest. This is my favorite meeting of the year! Eric See will be your host at this meeting.

Please enjoy our latest report from Pete Wiik, head of PHWFF, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing for disabled American Vets in this news letter.

Also a collage of fish pictures sent to me in 2019 can be found in this news letter...HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!!!

We also have some spots available for our dorado trips in September; select the week that works for you and give me an email with your request, questions or go to the web site.

If you want a "fish out" at a location "not" listed on the fish out calendar, please feel free to ask. I am working on another Amazon trip for Oct. by request...please keep watching.

If you have a friend who isn't getting the news letter and is or isn't a member and wants them, please have them give me a call to correct their address or pay the \$35. for membership.

CAF Crab/Shrimp Tortellini Yearly Fundraiser Dinner: We do have the dinner coming up March 6th, Friday, 2020... We "always" appreciate your donations of tied flies...we never have enough. Thank you for tying and encouraging your friends into tying a dozen. We are accepting dinner reservations at this time; flyers can be obtained at your local Fly shops, in this news letter and on line Fishing has been good at Genital Cove, Almanor, if you can make it up there!!! Stay safe!

I love receiving your fish pictures and stories for sharing in the news letter, vis email...Thanks. psleeper@sbcglobal.net; See you soon at the dinner or General meetings.

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper  
345-1197

## PHWFF Jan. 2020 Update

The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing - Chico program has been up and running since March of 2019. We currently meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Chico Rod & Gun Club from 9am to 11am. We have had 18 disabled veterans attend at least 2 classes with about 10 attending on a regular basis. Most of our classes involve about an hour of education and an hour of either casting instruction or fly tying lessons. We have taken the group on 2 fishouts this past year, both to Digger Creek. We have a goal of 10 fishouts for the upcoming year. Starting in February and thru the end of March we will have 10 vets building their own 5 or 8wt fly rod at the direction of Ed Migale. We are very fortunate to have about a dozen volunteers that help run our classes and fishouts, most of which are Chico Area Flyfishers members. CAF and its board have been very generous with its sponsorship of the program. If you would like to learn more about Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, please check out the website at <https://projecthealingwaters.org/> or call Pete Wiik at 530-520-9495.



Picture of PHWFF Program in progress... With Jim Gaumer, lead caster for the program, instructing...

## CAF Minutes

Meeting called to order by Pat Sleeper, President @ 6:08  
Treasurers report: Don Sleeper M/S/P Terry, Jerry; Larry Willis, V.P. report: Please come share "your" stories and pictures for this Meeting; Montana's "Dirty Mike" is coming in Feb 12th, 2020; M/s/P Terry/Tom pay \$700. Or less...he is donating a fly-fishing trip in Montana to our dinner as well; March 6th, 2020 our annual Crab Feed.

Pat Hallin: Outreach reported we have spaghetti dinner tickets for sale at \$16.00 each that pay our auctioneer for our Crab Dinner (Sons of Italy dinner @ Elks Club, March 22, 2020 1:00 - 6:30) And, any new businesses wanting to donate items to our club's dinner may contact us @ 530-345-1197. We are requesting donations for our dinner at this time...Your help is always appreciated.

Pete, with PHWFF stated the group will start building rods in Feb with the supervision of Ed Migale. The Disabled Americans Vets and helpers are consistently coming to most of the meeting held twice per month; rod building which will be held each week for about 6 weeks consistently. Everyone is having a great time learning new methods of tying, casting, lines and so forth.

Tom Rosenow: fish outs spoke about putting together the opener for April 24th as Eric can't this year. Tom also spoke about some other locations TBA. Meeting adjourned at 7:36

Respectfully submitted by Dave and Pat

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



**49TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER  
FRIDAY - MARCH 6TH, 2020 @ 4:30  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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Each Additional Dinner		\$50.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$500. ___\$200.		\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets	___\$100. ___\$50.		\$ _____
Table reservations for 8 people		\$650.	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

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PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 31ST  
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CAF – 1010 Lori Dr., CA 95973

Questions: 530-345-1197

\*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

\*Early bird raffle drawing: \$250 ticket packet: value \$540.00

## Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2019

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@aaproductio.com or Tom Rosenow troseow.chico@gmail.com

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan 8-13, 2020	Lake Picachos, Mexico: 5 nights lodging/4 days fishing. Cancellation: Call about discount: \$200.pp Pat Sleeper (345-1197) psleeper@sbcglobal.net .....information: www.patsflyfishing.com	
Jan 18th	Baum Lake ehinkle@aaproductio.com (weather permitting)	
March 14-15	Pyramid Lake, Club fishout; Elden: ehinkle@aaproductio.com	
May 9-16, 2020	Rooster fishing: Sea of Cortez..... Prime time!! Openings Contact: Pat & Don: www.patsflyfishing.com; 530-345-1197	
May 16-17	Wild horse Reservoir Elden: ehinkle@aaproductio.com	
May 27-?	Crane Prairie Lake, Oregon: Rock Creek campground psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
June 20,2020	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor RSVP: BBQ lunch included. Elden: ehinkle@aaproductio.com	
Aug 29 - Sep 5	Dorado fishing: La Ventana, Mexico (3 seperate weeks available)	
Sep 5 - 12	Exciting 7 nights/6 dys fishing, meals, shuttle svc.	
Sep 12 - 19	Double occupancy; w/group. Information:	
Sep 19 - 26??	Don & Pat; 345-1197; www.patsflyfishing.com	
Nov TBD	Big Chico Creek, Ecological Reserve;	

## **CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2019**

CAF meets 9 months out of the year; and, presents a variety of exciting fly fishing-related programs throughout the year. The meet-ings also include monthly fly tying demonstrations, raffle prizes, refreshments, and the very best stories 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 seeing you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories! Fly tying is at

6:30 p.m.; general meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Location: California Park Pavilion: 2565 California Park Drive Chico.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Wed, Jan . 8	Members share trips & pictures	
Wed, Feb. 12	Montana guide, Mike Elliot; Madison River; tying flies as well.	
Friday, March 6	CAF Crab Fundraiser Dinner; Masonic Lodge; 4:30 doors open	

# Fish of 2019



Tom Rosenow's first dorado



Steve Pereira trout



Jordy Reese's first Dorado



Jordy Reese 1st rooster



Pat Sleeper with a Dorado



Craig Lare's lahonton



Jordy Reese 2nd dorado



Katie Robinson's Dorado



Jim Gaumer's peacock bass



Dann Moser's peacock bass



Dan Heal with a lahonton



Chris Hinkle PHWFF Nice trout



Pete Wiik's nice German Brown



Rob Ginno's peacock bass



Pam Hallin's trout



Pat Hallin's rooster fish



Lionel Valley's peacock bass



Kathryn with a dorado



Gary Gaumer's peacock bass



Pete Wiik's nice Lahonton cuttie



Walt Mazen



Don Sleeper's Dorado



Steve Mclean with lahonton



Elden hinkel's nice Trout

## Lionel Valley's Amazon Fly Fishing trip Nov 7-17, 2019 with Pat Sleeper and group



# Fly of the Month, January, 2020

## The Found Link

By: Ray Narbaitz

The Fly of the Month for December of 2012 was Mike Mercer's Missing Link. It was and still is a great pattern. While it is essentially a Caddis pattern, it has proven to be a much more versatile fly. When I saw the name of Kelly Galloup's Found Link, I wondered if it was also a Caddis. It turns out it is meant to be a Mayfly. He says he fishes it any time there are Mayflies on the surface, and, in the smaller sizes, will even fish it as a spinner. Kelly Galloup is a well-known fly designer, tyer, author, guide, etc. out of Montana who has developed a number of good patterns. While tying the Found Link (I don't know why he calls it that) is not particularly complicated, he has some pretty specific instructions that I'll try to pass along.

Hook: Straight eye dry fly hook like the Daiichi 1110 or the Tiemco 101, 12 to 18

Thread: 8/0, color to match fly

Extended Tail: Coq de Leon

Body and Short Tail: Deer Hair, bleached or more Dun colored

Splayed Wing: Dun colored Zlon

Thorax: Super fine in Olive Brown, Tan, Olive... or your choice

Wing: Deer Hair

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Start your thread about 1/3 back from the hook eye. That will be your demarcation point between the abdomen and the Thorax. Wrap the thread to the bend.
3. Take a few barbs of light or medium Coq de Leon. Measure them so they are the length of the hook shank. They could even be a tad longer. Tie them in at the bend, cut off the excess, and bring your thread back to the original tie in point.
4. For the deer hair, try to find hair that is fairly short with short coloration on the tips. Cut off a small hunk, clean the fuzzies from the base, and use a hair stacker to even the tips.
5. Measure the hair so it goes from the tie in point to just barely past the bend of the hook. Transfer that measurement to the other hand, and cut off the butt ends flush.
6. At the tie in point, take a couple of fairly tight wraps around the butt ends of the Deer Hair to clamp them down. Then, maneuver the hair a little so it wraps around the hook shank.
7. Strip off enough thread from the bobbin so you can make spiral wraps along the Deer Hair without applying too much pressure. You want the thread to hold the hair in place, but you don't want to compress it too much as that will reduce its floatability. When you get to the bend of the hook, take a couple of tighter wraps, and then use the moderate pressure to go back to the tie in point. There should be just a short tail of the tips at the bend, and the CDL fibers should be obvious as an extension out of the hair.
8. Take a piece of the Zlon (either white or dun will work) and tie it in perpendicular to the hook shank with figure eight wraps. Leave the Zlon sticking out the sides longer than you are going to need them to be on the finished fly. You



- want them to be straight out from the shank of the hook like Spinner wings.
9. Dub a very fine rope of the Super Fine for the Thorax. Wrap it around the hook, including a few figure eight wraps around the base of the wing. The Thorax should be a little fatter than the Abdomen. Leave a little space at the eye of the hook.
  10. Take another small clump of the Deer Hair for the Sighter Wing. Put it in a hair stacker to even the tips. Measure it out so it is about the length of the body. As you did with the body of the fly, transfer the measured hair to your other hand and cut it off flush.
  11. Take a wrap around the butt ends and tighten the thread. Take a couple of more wraps right on top of each other. This should leave you with a little head, almost like an Elk Hair Caddis. Move your thread to the eye, whip finish, and cut off your thread.
  12. Trim the Zlon so the two ends are about the same length as the body of the fly. Spread the fibers out a bit with your fingers so they are not in such a clump. Now, trim them at an angle from the tip to the body of the fly at the back of the wing. You want the shortest fibers to be down close to the fly, and the longer fibers at the front.
  13. Add a little head cement to the Whip Finish and the fly is done.

Notes: Galloup says the extended CDL Tail is a great help with the flies floatation, as it keeps the back of the fly from breaking through the meniscus of the water...He also says the sighter wing has nothing to do with attracting the fish. It is strictly so you can see the fly on the water...On the larger flies, he suggests you use two applications of dubbing instead of one long one, so you don't have such a long piece of thread to control...On the 12's and 14's I would use the 8/0 thread. On the 16's and certainly the 18's I suggest something like either Tiemco or Veevus 16/0. Both have good strength and cause minimal bulk...He calls for the straight eye hook because it opens up the gap a little more. I would go with that for sure with the 16 and 18's, but I'm not sure it makes a difference on 12 and 14's.

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