



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts June 2013

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President's Line

June 2013
Everyone have a good summer and catch some fish, I plan too.
Dave

Tim Fox – Short Bio

Born in the Sacramento Valley and raised on the Sacramento River near the Corning area. Loved hunting and fishing from the beginning, fishing the family farm pond and shooting pheasants in the fields. Learned to tie flies at age 11 but took real fly tying lessons at Powell Fly Shop in Chico when I was 14. I started tying commercially for Powell's when I was 14 as well. When I turned 17, I started teaching some fly tying classes at Powell's and when I turned 18 I started working in the retail shop part time while still teaching tying classes, and tying commercially. I did all that and also worked at Kmart as well for a few years on and off, switching back and forth from Powell's and Kmart and from 1993-1995 was just at Powell's in an unofficial manager's capacity. From 1995 to 1996 I helped start up the original California Fly Shop in Fairfield, from putting up slat wall, to merchandising to painting to helping install carpet. When that didn't work out, I put in for a shipping job, just to get in the door, at The Fly Shop in Redding, CA. Mike Mercer was a family friend and helped with me securing the job. I started out at what seemed below minimum wage. For the next 15.9 years I worked my butt off to help The Fly Shop become what it is today. I decided to retire from the fly fishing industry to go back to my roots and farm but a unique opportunity came along. I am now managing several fly shops under the Grizzly Hackle name, Kiene's in Sacramento being one of them. So far, it's been most enjoyable, from Bill & Marilyn to the staff to the wonderful customers. We'll see where this road takes me and my family!

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Tim Fox
Manager
Kiene's Grizzly Hackle



Secretary's Secrets By Pat Sleeper

Secretary minutes: May/June 2013
No meetings.

I would like to thank all our volunteers that choose to come out and help at the annual "Hooked on Fishing" event! From Eric See's aquarium col-

lection; Brooks Taylor and Shane Seining for our collection of crappie, bluegill, bass, crawdad, catfish, etc.; Durl, Lionel, Ron, Jeff, Polly, Pat & Don all helped with other duties.

Pete and Chris Giampaoli and the bass club worked very hard every year to put together an incredibly orchestrated event; and, it would not work if it wasn't for so many wonderful helpers who've donated their time and support of this incredible event! thank you all!!!

We had an ambulance team from Enloe that contained a wonderful team of supporters!

I too, would rather see children hooked on fishing, rather than drugs. Watching these children's eyes light up with joy of catching maybe their first fish is breathtakingly wonderful!!!

Have a GREAT summer...see you in Sep. 2013.
by Pat Sleeper



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CAF Speaker List 2013

CAF General Meeting

CAF meets monthly and presents a variety of exciting flyfishing-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 Flyfishing. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Fly tying begins at 6:30pm and the general meeting begins at 7:30pm. Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico, California, 95926. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
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	(Location TBD)

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 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>
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
Nov	Feather River	Lance Gray

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

Fly of the Month for June, 2013

The Red Headed Step-Child

By: Ray Narbaitz

I was first introduced to the Step-Child by Lance Gray on the Feather River a few years ago. While I was struck by how pretty a fly it was, I was more impressed by the fact that we took a couple of Feather River Steelhead with it. After that, for reasons that defy logic, I decided that it was primarily a Blood Midge pattern. I should have known better, since that's not a fly one sees on the Feather. Still, that's how I fished it for some time. And, I must tell you, it fished rather well. Among other places, it caught fish at Lake McCumber, Siskiyou Lake, Manzanita, Iron Canyon Reservoir, Little Grass Valley Reservoir, and, to this date, landed the biggest fish I have ever pulled out of Lake Almanor, a beautiful, 27- inch Rainbow.

I was brought back to reality by reading an article on the fly in the California Fly Fisher. The Step-Child is from the highly creative mind of Hogan Brown. He pointed out that he designed it to be a Mayfly Nymph imitation. He said it is a little like a Pheasant Tail, but different enough to look like a change from the large number of PT's the fish had probably seen go by. He originally designed it to fish on the Trinity River. I know most people use large flies on the Trinity, but in late winter, there is a small Mayfly hatch that comes off if it isn't too cold. I have taken several fish at that time using a Micro-Mayfly Nymph. The fact that Hogan says it is a Mayfly to fish on the Trinity (or anyplace else), is more than good enough for me.

Hook...TMC3769 or any standard Nymph Hook, 14 to 18

Thread...8/0 Brown

Bead...Red Glass Bead

Tail...Pheasant Tail Fibers

Rib...Small Red Wire

Abdomen...Tying thread

Shellback...Medium Mirag Flash or similar product

Thorax...Peacock Herl

Legs...Red Krystal Flash



1. De-barb hook, place the bead on the hook, and secure hook in the vise.
2. Start thread, and tie in P.T. fibers for the tail. Make the tail no longer than the hook shank.
3. Tie in the ribbing wire, tie it the full length of the shank in order to keep the body even.
4. Wrap a slightly tapered thread body up to about the 2/3 point on the hook.
5. Spiral wrap the ribbing wire up the abdomen, tie it off, and break off the excess.
6. Tie in the Shellback, making sure it is right on top of the hook (I use silver Holographic Tinsel). Tie it back to the Abdomen.
7. Tie in a couple of strands of Peacock Herl at the Abdomen, and wrap them up to the bead. Tie them off and cut off the excess.
8. Take two strands of the Krystal Flash, and tie them down on the side of the fly. Pull the excess over, and use your thread to tie them down the same way on the other side. The legs should look just like the legs on a P.T.
9. Pull the Shellback over the Thorax, and tie it down right behind the bead. Trim off the excess.
10. Whip finish right behind the bead, and apply a little head cement.
11. Cut the legs off so they are about half the length of the fly.

Notes: In the version that Lance showed me, the Abdomen is tied with Pheasant Tail fibers. It is also a good looking fly, but I like the thin profile of the thread body...I know it is supposed to be a Mayfly Nymph, and I will fish it like one. However, in sizes 16 and 18, it's still a darned good Blood Midge imitation. I doubt that Hogan will have any objections to my fishing it like one.

Carter Lake Fishout – May 11, 2013

Fishing on Crater Lake was very good, we all caught fish even in a little wind. Members that attended were Terry Mich, Steve Bohnemeyer, John Logan, Larry Willis, Bill Robinson, Ken Albright, Arletha Albright, Pat and Don Sleeper. We fished the lake with dry flies and beetle patterns on light 3 and 4 weight rods. Some of us caught over 60 fish in 4 hours of fishing, not so bad. This year's biggest fish was 16 inches, most fish were between 8 and 12 inches. This fall those fish will put on another two inches. Everyone used float tubes, kayaks and pontoons which got us out on the lake.

Camping at Crater Lake can be an unexpected charm. You drive off Highway 44 across a railroad track toward a mountain in the distance. The mostly dirt road (only 7 miles) winds up around what is a volcanic cone. Rough only in places, the road brings you in a short time to the lip of the cone, and you look down on 27 acres of the prettiest little lake surrounded by aspens turning gold in the fall; pine trees nestled amongst the dramatically sloping mountain side; and, a meadow on the other where there's a small campground—only 17 campsites, and most of them are pitched wrong or too small for even small RVs; so, this is prime tent camping. The sites are sprinkled up and down the loop to the lake's edge.

Hope you to see you all again next year.



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