



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts June 2015

**Our next meeting will be Wed., June 10th, 2015 at 7:30 - @ CARD**



### Vice President Pat Sleeper

Our next meeting is Wed, June 10th @ 6:30 with Jon Baiocchi tying. Jon Baiocchi, will also be our speaker talking about: Fly Fishing the Northern Sierra....

\*this will be our "last meeting" until Sep 9th, 2015. Have a GREAT summer! Thank you, Pat Sleeper

### Secretary minutes by Dave McKinney

CAF BOD MEETING May 4th 2015 - Secretary minutes  
BY Pat Sleeper for Dave Mckinney  
Present: Dennis, John, Terry, Steve, Eric, Tom, Larry, Don and Pat.  
Minutes: Pat Sleeper M/S/P Terry/Steve  
Treasurer report: Don Sleeper M/S/P Steve/Terry  
BOD meetings first Tuesday M/S/P Pat/Terry  
Discussions on fishouts by Tom, our new fishout master, he's setting up some new locations.  
Steve: outreach - working on something very interesting.  
Lance: e-mailed Ron Leger to do fish carvings @ \$20. each for trophies M/S/P Steve/Pat  
Hooked on Fishing needs help for May 30th!!! call Eric 899-1918 or Dana please. 570-1184.  
respectfully submitted by, Pat Sleeper



### President's Line

Ever think about where the fish are and how we get to them? How many

of us go solo or in pairs out into the boonies to get them. If something goes south, how do you get out with being eligible for bankruptcy? I think I welcomed our new Outreach Chair, Steven Bonnemeyer, to the board last month, but if I didn't-welcome. He is starting off with a bang. He came up with an idea on how to deal with the situation I led off with, how to get out of there in an emergency. As many of you know, Enloe has a flightcare program to send the helicopter to get you, about a \$2-3,000. value. A subscription is ordinarily \$50.00 per year. Steve tells me we can start a group with the club for a \$30.00 annual fee, the best investment you may never have to use. The board will be considering at the next meeting. We need a minimum of eight people to sign up. This is one of those things that requires some feed back from the membership. If you are interested in signing up, let me or Pat or Don or Steve know. In the meantime, dawn is breaking and I can hear the Roosters calling my name, aka Pez Gallo. See you on the back side.

### Jon Baiocchi, owner-Baiocchi's Troutfitters



Jon's been fly fishing and tying flies since 1972 and is a California licensed fly fishing guide, published author, educator, innovative tier, and public speaker giving fly fishing presentations to clubs and expos across the state of California. His Dad, Bob Baiocchi, was inducted into the Federation of Fly Fishers Hall of Fame in 1999 and was a major influence in helping Jon hone his fly fishing skills at a very early age.

Jon now owns and operates Baiocchi's Troutfitters guide service In Northern California where he has been guiding for the last 18

years. He has a reputation as a hard working guide that's been trained by some of fly fishing's best known anglers. His enthusiasm for the sport is contagious and combined with his simple approach to teaching gives students the skills needed to be successful. Moved by all things flora and fauna his passion for such is never ending. His locations for guiding include Lake Davis, the Wild & Scenic Middle Fork Feather River, Frenchman's Reservoir, Eagle Lake, the North Fork Yuba River, The Big & Little Truckee Rivers, The Lower Yuba, and many secluded creeks in Eastern Plumas Co. Jon's philosophy on fly fishing is to keep it simple, be confident in your presentation, and have fun! His favorite game is stalking and sight fishing to large trout in shallow water whether it is a river or a still water.

# Eldon Montana Fishing

My two most favorite times to fish in Montana are in the middle to end of Spring, and in the Fall. The fishing is usually good, and the crowds have not come yet. In the Fall, they have already gone. But the weather is always anyone's guess. I have had warm, sunny days, and also days you break ice out of your rod's eyes, but always have had some good days.

We left Chico on May 15, early in the morning with the first stop Idaho Falls for dinner and sleep. There was light rain that evening, but in the morning it was raining pretty steady. Going over the Oneida pass Saturday morning it was snowing and maybe 3-4 inches on the ground. As we went through Clark Canyon and passed by the Beaver Head River, it was extremely muddy and the forecast was to clear and then thunderstorms for the rest of the week.

Drove on to Butte, picked up our groceries, met up with some long time friends of 20 years ago, and all headed back to our place in Melrose. Sunday, we fished the Big Hole behind the house and it was pretty off color / muddy. Throwing streamers I did not move a fish. The other guys used nymph's and had no success. The river had come up 2,000 cfs from Saturday to Sunday. We fished a pond that is on the property and all four of us caught fish, so no one was cutting their wrist yet.

Two of us had a guide scheduled for Monday and Wednesday. The plan was to fish the Bolder on Monday and the Big Hole on Wednesday with a guide. Wednesday's plan seemed to be ok at this point, but the Bolder was unfishable caused by high water. So we decided to fish some ponds just outside of Dillon. I have fished these ponds somewhat frequently and they can be very good or just be down right frustrating (sounds like fishing). Well, the ponds turned out good. Caught some large fish and a number of good Brooke trout and a few Rainbows and browns. It turned out to be a very good day.

Tuesday, we drove over to Ennis and visited the distillery and purchased some medicine in case Wednesday's fish didn't go so well. When we got back to Melrose, we fished the pond again on the property and had a pretty good fish. It was windy but the fishing was good. ( ya gotta know sometimes anything over one can be good in my book) Actually we all did better than that!

Wednesday, two of us decided (with the guide urging ) to fish the Big Hole River above Wise River. Up there, the river is wide and fairly slow and always clears up sooner than the lower river and also holds large Browns. It is an extremely beautiful valley and fairly flat, which in Montana usually equals windy conditions and the wind did blow!, but that's what builds character right? No it makes you drink all the medicine you bought from Ennis. Actually, we did very well. The two of us caught more than a dozen fish each. The biggest might have been close to 18" including a Grayling. No monsters but a really good fish with a lot of beautiful country.

Thursday, we walked in to the Big Hole near Glenn and fished. I used streamers and Gary used a San Juan Worm. We both did well. In fact, I used Streamers the whole week, and I think Gary caught most of his fish on Scuds and Streamers (at the ponds) and the San Juan Worm on the river both days.

Cannot wait for the next trip. Great friends and good fishing!



# Middle Fork of Feather River (Sloat Rd Cabin) and Davis Lake May 16, 2015 CAF Fish Out

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - the Chico Area Flyfishers on short notice, hosted a fish out on the Middle Fork of the Feather River and Davis Lake. Terry Mich offered up his family cabin off of Highway 70 / Sloat Rd as a home base. Attendees were Terry Mich, Larry Willis, Steve Bohnmeyer, Lionel Valley, Janet Weidel, John Gaumer, Adam Patterson, and Tom Rosenow.

Several headed up on Friday texting to others not yet there, that it was raining and to bring a rain jacket. Lionel and I chose to go for the day leaving Chico at 6:30 am and having breakfast in downtown Quincy at the Court House Café telling ourselves that sometimes it is the food, company, and the journey to find fish, as much as it is to have a fish on that makes a successful trip.

Lionel and I with Janet showing up at the cabin as we were rigging our poles, fished the Middle Fork of the Feather River heading upstream of the cabin toward the Twenty-mile house B&B property. The water was low for the month of May, but in the current small fish were seen jumping and a few strikes missed by larger fish. We had to look for deeper pocket water to cast into as we walked mostly in water below our knees. Fish were striking on Yellow Elk Hair Caddis about a size 14. We never really saw a hatch, but a bug or two flying by indicated to us to use something white or yellow in color. While it was slow for the three of us, at dinner we found out that John had caught 9 fish Friday night in the same holes that we were fishing on Saturday. I was beginning to think that he must have cooked them all the night before and left none in the river. Early bird get the fish I guess.

With all other attendees on Saturday on Davis Lake around the Jenkins Point area, Lionel and myself headed to Davis in the late afternoon, leaving Janet to explore more of the Middle Fork of the Feather River. She was determined to find more fish and experience more of the beauty of the waterway.

The weather called for 10 mph winds, but Davis Lake did not seem to hear the weather report and instead hosted 25 mph winds and gusts that tended to blow everyone around as they attempted to keep their hats on their heads. Fishing was slower on Saturday for most. Adam hooked up on 3 fish and caught 2 more. John had 3 or so and broke off 2 more. Larry had a few bites, no report from Steve, and Terry had a couple of bites, plus one that attacked so hard it swallowed the fly resulting in the fish becoming someone's dinner in order to save the fly. Fish at Davis Lake tended to be in the 19" to 21" range and quite fat as well as strong fighters. Fish were caught on Seal Buggers, smaller Wiggle Tails, Damsel fly patterns, and Prince Nymphs. Knowing there is a June Damsel fly hatch the hope was that with the change in water levels (lake is low) that some warmer weather and warmer waters in a typical May the hatch might start sooner.

Terry hosted a very nice spaghetti dinner around 6 pm leaving no one wanting to go home that day as others felt Sunday would be a more productive day. Discussions around the dinner table were related around the upcoming Hex hatches, Damsel hatches and Henry Lomeli's last presentation at the May CAF meeting about the wildlife (Bear, Mountain Lion, and Elk) in California. Again.....the journey, good food, and excellent company sometimes is still the means to a successful day of fishing even if the bite is slow. Terry, thank you for leading and hosting this CAF fish out!

Reported by: Tom Rosenow - CAF Fish Out Committee



Lionel Valley - Middle Fork Feather River



Janet Wydell - Middle Fork Feather River - heading off for more fishing holes



Terry Mich - Davis Lake

## Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2015

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfisher's 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 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 will be our new fishout leader. 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 Tom Rosenow.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
June	Hex Hatch@ Almanor	Scott Joyce
July 25th (Sat)	Pingatore Pond	Don Sleeper
Sept	Open	
Oct 1st	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Open	

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

## **CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2015**

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 usually held on the second Wednesday of the month at CARD. Fly tying begins at 6:30 p.m.; general meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico. We look forward to see you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
June 10th	Jon Baiocchi	Davis Lake and beyond
Sep 9th	Tom Maumoynier	Almanor Fishing
Oct 14th	Dennis P Lee	Half-Pounder-A Steelhead

## **Fishing story by Curtis Robinson:**

Headed up to Almanor after work Friday to open cabin with parents and Nicole (girlfriend). Almanor is not as low as I thought it would be. Very few people up this weekend. Fished rock lake with Nicole from shore Saturday night with rebels and worms. Water is very low water still cold. If it warms up too much this summer id be concerned of fish drying from oxygen depredation. Only caught small catfish. Didn't see any bluegill or bass along shore. Still may be too cold. There was a mayfly hatch and few fish hit the surface.

Sunday mid day went home to redding on 44 and fished crater lake. Fish are very active and plentiful. Long and skinny saw some large ones cruising but didn't catch them. They are feeding on black water bugs with green eyes again this year. Brought home a limit of pan fryers in two hours. Released the smaller fish that weren't hooked badly. There were only four others fishing. One in a tube float and one tent set up. Many trees down from Chester all the way to lassen park. Massive wind storm fell many trees. See attached photo of road to crater.



# Fly of the Month for June 2015

## Wood Duck Scud

By: Ray Narbaitz

When people discuss what flies they use in what situations, you seldom, if ever, hear them talk about Scuds. I count myself in that group. It's a fly that I seldom fish. I don't know if people ignore it because it lacks "Fly Bin" sexiness or because it has just never caught on as a consistent fish catcher. I do know that it produces in the right situation. I remember fishing with Wayne Edwards on a spring creek in Oregon when he smoked me one day using a Scud. I, of course, immediately began to ignore that lesson by not fishing them any more than I did before. That's probably a mistake. Many of our area's lakes and spring creeks have healthy populations of them.

Scud is sort of a generic term for a number of bugs that look enough alike to make a general pattern work for most of them. They are grouped in with things like Scuds, Sow Bugs, and Fresh Water Shrimp. I always thought that Scuds came in a variety of colors. However, in reading up on them, I find that most of them are translucent. What we are seeing is the color of their intestines, which will vary according to the color of food they are eating. In places like Fall River or Manzanita Lake, where most of the vegetation is green, they tend to be Olive in color. In places like McCumber Lake where the vegetation is yellow to tan, they will take on that color, and in Eagle Lake, where their numbers can be huge; they live mostly on growth they pick off rocks, so they tend toward gray in color. No matter what color they are, they turn orange when they die. While they live mostly on vegetation, they will, as they mature, attack smaller bugs than themselves and eat them as well. In her lifetime (about a year), a female Scud will lay about 15,000 eggs, so they can build a pretty good population in a hurry. In imitating them with a fly, you only have to worry about one life cycle. A just hatched Scud looks exactly like a mature Scud, only smaller.

I picked this pattern up from a video by Tim Flagler on the Mid Current E-zine. Most scud patterns are mostly dubbing with a plastic shell back and mono ribbing. I'm not putting them down, they work just fine. I liked this one because it is a little different. I don't know if the fish care about how different it is, but I can't think of why they wouldn't like this variation.

Hook: Curved Scud hook like a TMC 2488, 2488H or 2499, 14 – 18

Weight: Optional: Few wraps of lead or lead free wire in the middle of the shank

Thread: 8/0 Bright or Fluorescent Orange

Tail and Back: Wood Duck Flank

Rib: Small gold wire

Body: Dubbing like Sow Scud, Scintilla or Buggy Nymph. Olive and Gray are the most common colors.

1. Debarb your hook and place it in your vise.
2. If you are going to weight it, take a few wraps of weighting wire in the middle of the shank. You want the fly to be a little hunch backed.
3. Start your thread toward the back of the hook.



4. Take a good chunk of the longest Wood Duck fibers you can find, and pull or cut them off the stem. Try to leave them as long as you can.
5. Tie a short tail off the back of the hook, well down the bend. You want the tail to be pointing down. You might find this easier to do if you place the hook in the vise with the eye pointing down so the bend is a little more flat to you.
6. Tie in the tail, and wrap the Wood Duck up the hook a short ways, keeping it on top of the hook.
7. Replace the hook in the normal position, and continue to wrap the Wood Duck up the top of the shank to the hook eye. Leave a small piece of the hook bare at the eye.
8. Tie in your ribbing wire so it is on the opposite side of the hook from you. I usually tie it in on the top and let the thread torque take it to the side. Tie it down to the base of the tail
9. Apply the dubbing to the thread and dub it back up to the tie in point of the Wood Duck at the eye. Make sure the dubbing is fatter in the middle of the hook than the two ends.
10. Pull up the Wood Duck and take a couple of wraps of thread at the hook eye.
11. Pull the Wood Duck over the top of the dubbed body. Take the ribbing wire under the fly without disturbing the tail, and use it to tie down the back at that point. Continue to wrap your rib up the fly, tying down the Wood duck. Advance the rib all the way to the eye, tie it down, and break it off.
12. Whip finish at the eye, and cut off your thread.
13. Pull up the butts of the Wood Duck, and without cutting the tail, cut off the excess, leaving just a bit sticking out from the first ribbing wrap.
14. With a brush or your bodkin, pick out some of the dubbing at the bottom of the fly to form your legs. After doing so, cut them off at an angle from the eye to the bend of the hook. They do not have to be too even or symmetrical.
15. It is optional, but Flagler suggests you coat with back with something like Sally Hanson's for durability and to give the back a bit of sheen.

Notes: Most of the time, I will fish a Scud under an indicator. However, they are fairly robust swimmers, and you can fish them on a floating line with no indicator and swim them with short little strips with a stop in between strips. Good places to fish them are close to either vegetation or rocky bottoms.

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