



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts June 2017

Next meeting June 10th, 2017 @ 6:30 tying and meeting @ 7:30 location: California Park Pavilion

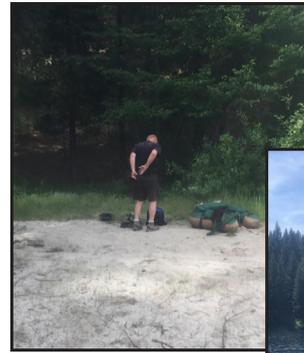


### President Line by Pat Sleeper

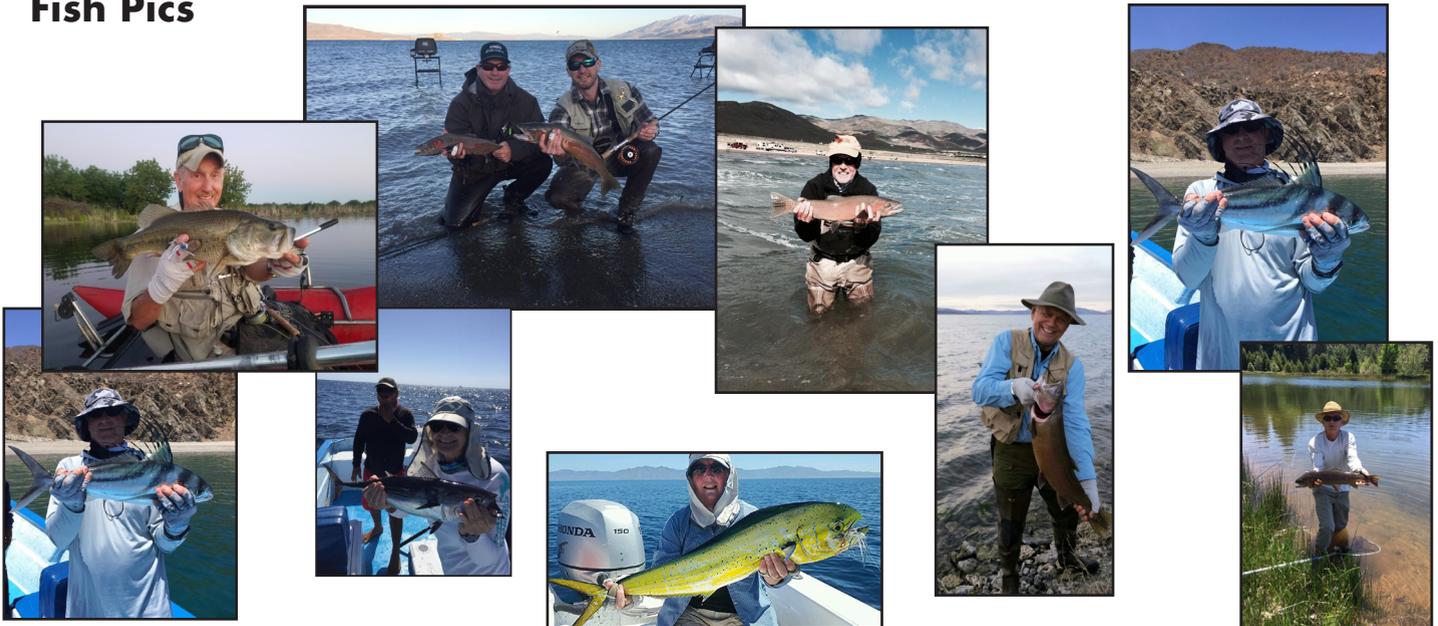
It's time to go fishing! We have Lincoln Gray coming in Wed, June 10th @ 7:30pm to give a talk; and we have Terry Mich tying at 6:30pm. At the California Park Pavilion, Calif. Park Dr., Chico. Our fishout for June 24th will be at Frank Spiteri's place: 2857 Scott, Almanor, CA. Time: 4:00 pm Dinner: 5:00 pm. We're hearing about some wonderful lakes that are fishing VERY well: Almanor, Mt Shasta, Manzanita and other favorites. Our next Meeting when June 10th goes by will be Sep 13th, Wed. Have fun this summer!  
Pat Sleeper

## Fishing Little Grass Valley Creek Reservoir May 2017

I visited Little Grass Valley Creek Reservoir as my first fly fishing outing, for some time I have wanted to learn to fly fish and this trip could not have been a more perfect first experience. The four of us, Elden, Kenny, Keith and I, had the whole lake to ourselves and from the moment we walked up we could see the trout swimming close to the bank in the crystal clear water. The weather was perfect, a warm early summer day with just enough of a breeze to keep us cool but not give too much trouble with our tubes. I am very grateful for the gentlemen giving me so much good advice and helping with my tangled line, I am already very impressed with the hospitality of this group. We each caught a handful of trout including my very first fish on a fly rod! The fish were fun to hook, jumping around and putting on quite a show. The beauty of a secluded mountain lake is enough a reason for me to make the 40 minute hike but catching those trout made it all the better. By Lyla



## Fish Pics



# CHICO'S Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs Event – A Smashing Success!

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, The Chico Area Flyfishers once again helped put on Chico's "Hooked On Fishing, Not On Drugs" event. 8,000 pounds of channel catfish were stocked in Horseshoe Lake for the kids and the fishing was off the hook for first part of the morning. As the sun got higher in the sky and the day warmed up, the fish moved out to deeper water and the fishing got tougher. The rods that cast further definitely had the advantage later on. Several fish over 5 lbs were caught and I heard of at least one 8 pounder.

CAF not only contributes funding to this event, but we also provide a fish aquarium display of the fish that live in Horseshoe Lake. On the day before the event, CAF members use a seine net and collected fish from the lake, which are then placed in a group of fish tanks for the kids to view the next day. Many people are unaware of the many different fish species in the lake, or that the lake is open to fishing on days other than Hooked on Fishing. This display provides a great opportunity for CAF members to promote fishing, as well as fly fishing and fly tying. This is a very special event that has occurred for over 25 years and some of the parents now bringing their own kids, caught their first fish at Hooked on Fishing. Way back when.



## Lincoln Gray - BIO

Lincoln Gray has been fly fishing for 38 years. The passion for the sport began early, with his father and brother learning the sport on the well-known Rogue River in Southern Oregon. Lincoln continues that passion; with his Lincoln Gray's Fly Fishing Adventures business that includes guided trips, schools, manager of Digger Creek Ranch and a booking agent for The Fly Shop Private Water

Lincoln lives in Chico, Ca with his daughter (Madi). He has fished Northern California waters for over 30 years. Lincoln is the Sales Director for Sierra Stream and Mountain. A company that includes: Tie-Fast Tools, J.Fair Fly Tying Materials and are the west coast distributor for Rio Products, Loon Products, SA, Redington and Ross, not to mention Sierra Stream Fly Shop. Lincoln keeps very busy!



## CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2016-17

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>
June 14	Lincoln Gray	hex - Almanor
July/Aug	no meetings.....	
Sep 13		Trout Unlimited
Oct 11		John Baiocchi
Nov 8		TBD
Dec 13		Round Table

## Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2017-18

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 will be our new **fish-out leader with Elden Hinkle**. 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** [trosenow.chico@gmail.com](mailto:trosenow.chico@gmail.com) or **Elden Hinkle** [ehinkle@aol.com](mailto:ehinkle@aol.com).

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan 11th - 16th, 2018	Lake Picachos, Mexico - Pat Sleeper - <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	
March 3rd, 2018	Annual Crab Feed Dinner	
March 10th & 11th 2018	Pyramid Lake Clinic w/Rob Anderson & Chris RSVP Elden Hinkle <a href="mailto:ehinkle@aaproducton.com">ehinkle@aaproducton.com</a> Breakfast/lunch/ladders \$190. pp + \$30. box of 12 flies. April 26th-	
June 24th	Lake Almanor - Hex hatch- @ Scott Joyce's "thank you!"	
July 13th	Crowley Lake TBD <a href="mailto:ehinkle@alo.com">ehinkle@alo.com</a>	
Sep. 5 - 12, 2017 (FULL)	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. 6 days boat fishing/7 lodging w/food. Cost for everything under \$2000. Questions: <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	<b>Pat Sleeper</b> - host
Sep. 12-20th, 2017	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. 7 days boat fishing/8 lodging w/food. Cost for everything under \$2000. Questions: <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a> 345-1197	<b>Pat Sleeper</b> - host
Oct 1, 2017	Pyramid opener	<a href="mailto:trosenow.chico@gmail.com">trosenow.chico@gmail.com</a> <b>Tom Rosenow</b>

### Fishout July 13th

We have reserved July 13 for a fish out at Crowley Lake with Chris Wharton (last nights speaker at the meeting). His Fee will be \$500.00 for a maximum of 6 people. He will meet us the evening before at the camp ground to get us all rigged up and ready for a 6:00 am departure to the lake with either your pontoon or float tube loaded in your vehicle or a friends vehicular The departure time could change based on weather.(earlier)

He also mention it's a somewhat long kick or row to the fishing location from the put in so be advised/prepared.

The cost will be the number of fisher persons divided by 6. If we get more than the 6 we possibly could get an additional date of the 14th or the 12 will just see what the interest level is. Chris thinks the middle of July should be very good.

As Chris mention the drive is about 3 hrs from Reno, so about 6-7 hours from Chico. I have driven this with a glider in tow years ago. Beautiful drive, mostly two lanes Carson City south.

You can "EMAIL ME" or call to secure a spot. Do not reply to this email! thanks, Elden Hinkle [ehinkle@aaproducton.com](mailto:ehinkle@aaproducton.com)

# Fly of the Month for June 2017

## Rainbow Warrior

Fly of the Month, June 2017

By Ray Narbaitz

This is the final F.O.T.M. before the CAF takes its summer break.

There won't be another meeting or newsletter until September. It's appropriate that we take a break here as this month's fly makes an even 90 Flies of the Month since I started this odyssey.

I have on a number of occasions written that a particular fly is known as an attractor pattern. This is particularly true of some dry flies. However, I've also said that there can be attractor nymphs as well, such as the Bird's Nest. In some of my reading, I've learned that dries can be called attractors, but nymphs are searching patterns. Silly semantic games aside, the definition doesn't change. "Searching" nymphs are flies that don't really look like anything in particular, but could look like a lot of different things. Hopefully they look like something a Trout wants to eat.

The Rainbow Warrior is the creation of Lance Egan. Most of us are probably not too familiar with him, as most of us don't really follow competitive fly fishing much. Suffice it to say Egan is one of the most successful Team USA fly fishermen ever. He has won competitions both in America and abroad, and finished in the top five in the world championships on several occasions. Competitive Fly Fishermen pretty much fish Nymphs down deep. Because of that, they like flies that are fairly simple in design and easy to tie, as they are probably going to lose quite a few snagging them on the bottom. In looking at the Rainbow Warrior, I'm not sure what the fish see in it. However, if Egan says it's a real killer, that's good enough for me. In doing some research, I found a number of people who have said it's been very effective for them. I haven't fished it yet, but hope to rectify that this year.

Hook: TMC 2457 or 2488, 12 – 20

Bead: Tungsten, Silver

Thread: UTC, Red, 70 Denier

Tail: Pheasant Tail

Abdomen: Pearl Flashabou over Thread

Wing Case: Pearl Flashabou

Thorax: Rainbow Sow Scud

1. Debarb the hook, thread on the Bead, and place the hook in the vise.
2. Start your thread and wrap toward the back to tie in the tail.
3. Take 4 to 6 PT Barbs and tie them in for the tail. Wrap them so they point slightly downward on the hook. Make the tail about a hook gap in length.



4. Wrap your thread back up to the eye, keeping the body as smooth as possible. Tie in the Flashabou right behind the bead and wrap the thread in touching wraps back to the tail tie in point, and then wrap your thread back up to the bead. You should have a solid red body that will be the underbody of the fly.
5. Wrap the Flashabou in slightly overlapping wraps up to the Bead and tie it off.
6. Pull the Flashabou back, over the top of the hook, and tie it down to about even with the hook point.
7. Dub on the Rainbow Sow Scud, and wrap it for the Thorax. Make it so it is slightly bigger around than the bead. The dubbing should go from the point of the hook to the bead.
8. Pull the Flashabou back over the dubbing to make the Wing Case. Tie it off right behind the bead and trim the excess.
9. Take some wraps with the thread and whip finish. You want a collar of the thread behind the bead as a trigger point. Trim off your thread, and add a little head cement and the fly is done.

Notes: If you use strung Flashabou, try to get the wider kind. The regular is very narrow. You could also use spooled Flashabou or Opal Pearl Flashabou in the large or medium size...I haven't tried it yet, but I would think tying the same fly, only with Chartreuse thread would be an interesting variation.



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