



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts May 2021

### Next General Meeting To Be Determined



We have booked the CARD center for General Meetings starting Oct 13, Nov 10, and continuing. The meetings will have a fly tier @ 6:30 and speaker @ 7:30. Yeah!!! We're excited to be able to get to gather again....if things stay on the same path for the COVID, of course.

We're also getting to gather at Pat and Pam Hallin's for our annual Hex hatch BBQ at Almanor West. Please.... contact either Pat or Pam Hallin @ 530-518-5031 or Pat Sleeper 530-228-9197 cell or email: psleeper@sbcglobal.net. to put your name down as attending the event...Thank you Pat and Pam....Frank Spiteri will do the BBQ... Thank you Frank!! You can fish the hex after dinner at the place of your choice on Lake Almanor. Maybe Butt lake, also?

PHWFF will be starting to meet every other Wednesday, as soon as we can find a shaded outside area. If you know of one or can offer one, please, please let me know...Pete Wiik or Pat Sleeper

Doug Brown, one of our PHWFF gentleman passed away Sunday, June 6th, 2021. A man we will "all" miss very much!!! He carved the motor cycle clock for our 2020 Crab feed...Bless him!!



## CAF Minutes

06/07/2021

Called to Order 6:22 PM by Pat

Attending: David, Don, Pat S, Pat H, Elden, Peter, Larry, Lionel

Secretary's report. Previous minutes, published in the newsletter  
M/S Passed

Treasures Report Don

Review

M/S Passed to accept

Discussion of Dinner donation this yes. Likely the restaurants will be tight, considering. Also thinking that this year there may be less items, but higher-end prizes.

VP Report. Larry

Regarding programs, when they start-up

Out Reach. Pat H. Discussion meeting for Lake Almanor June 26 for Hex hatch.

Pat and Pam Hallin will be hosting our BBQ Hex Hatch get to gather at their house in Almanor on June 26th, 2021 @ 4pm. Please RSVP: Pat Hallin 530-518-5031 or Pat Sleeper: psleeper@sbcglobal.net.

Fish-outs

Previous ones at Luk Lake, Burney Falls

Possible one for Lake McCumber & Almanor in the future.

Project Healing Waters. Pete. Haven't been meeting due to COVID. Will now be starting again.

New Member: Jerry Stevenson Membership Director.

Adjourned 8:05 PM

David McKinney

Secretary, CAF

## Digger Creek Fish out June 5, 2021

The Digger Creek Fish out was well attended by both fishermen and visitors, Larry Willis, Don and Pat Sleeper, Bill and Katie Roberson, Lionel Vallely, Phil Ryan, Pete Wilk, Lincoln Gray, Elden Hinkle and Two Veterans, Ernie Flud and Lee Markos from the Project Healing Waters Flyfishing project that Pet Wilk mentored for the day.

In the past this event was held in late August/September but thought it would be nice to hold it earlier in the year when the weather is cooler. Well, we did have it earlier but, as we know the weather has still been very hot; fortunately, we had a great afternoon - breezy which made for a wonderfully cool afternoon.

The fishing was Great to good depending on who you spoke to and as usual every one caught something weather it was fish or just harassment of which there was plenty of both to go around.

There were a few hard-core fishermen that really put in the time fishing, Ernie Flud, Lee Markos, Larry Willis and Lionel Valley but it seemed like a bunch of us just enjoyed setting on the porch and visiting after lunch. I have not observed or participated in so much conversation and telling of fish stories at a fish out. Think we all just enjoyed having a normal get together with longtime friends. You couldn't have found a better location than on the "Porch at Digger Creek"

Lincoln you could use that as the title of your new Blog "From the Porch of Digger Creek" you could hold a meeting there every Wednesday and we could smoke cigars drink Whiskey and solve any and all problems "From the Porch" just thinking.

The club sponsored lunch and it was supplied by the KFC and Donna Hinkle making Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad and Chocolate Chip cookies. Probably the reason most didn't leave the porch.

Elden Hinkle

Thank you, Lincoln, for supporting the club with a discount.



## **Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2021-22**

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@aaproducton.com or Tom Rosenow troseNOW.chico@gmail.com

**This schedule may change depending on the fish bite or weather conditions and COVID 19 VIRUS status!!!.**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Fishout Leader</u></b>
June 26	Hex Hatch BBQ 4 pm 307 Maidu Dr, Almanor West, Chester, CA RSVP: Pat Hallin 518-5031 or Pat psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Sep 4 - 25	Dorado fishing, Mexico www.patsflyfishing.com - 530-345-1197 (three, one week trips...\$1,200.pp Double occupancy + 6 days Fishing \$750. pp Sep 11-18 (Week 2) (one or two openings); Sep 18-25 (week 3) has openings.	
Oct/ Nov	Little Grass valley Reservoir Elden Hinkle-ehinkle@aaproducton.com	
Jan 12-17, 2022	Picachos Lake, Mexico: Pat Sleeper 345-1197, psleeper@sbcglobal.net (limited spots, please reserve ASAP-Thank you)	

## **CAF General Meeting "Speakers" 2021**

We truly look forward to seeing you at our next meeting; and, hearing "your" fly fishing stories! Your excitement is ours! CAF meets 9 months out of the year; and, presents a variety of exciting fly fishing-related programs throughout each year. Each meeting includes: monthly fly-tying demonstrations; variety of raffle prizes; refreshments; and, the very best stories about Northern California Fly fishing from our members. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month; location: "The California Park Pavilion" on California Park Dr, Chico, CA. Live Fly-tying presentations: 6:30 p.m. @ General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Speaker</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>
July-Sep	No Meetings - have fun fishing!!!	
Oct 13	TBD	
Nov 10	TBD	
Dec 8	Pizza feed	
Jan 12	Members Share their fishing trips with pictures and stories	

# Fly of the Month, May, 2021

## Chernobyl Ant

### Walt's Worm

By: Ray Narbaitz

The vast majority of nymphs we fish today contain a bead or what's called a strike trigger or both. Super innovative fly designer Mike Mercer is always looking for that trigger in the great flies he comes up with. Materials like that are used in flies because they work...most of the time. There are times we fly fishers can go a bit overboard. I have long refrained from fishing gold beaded flies in lakes or clear water streams when the sun is high overhead. I think the bead is a little too flashy and will put fish off. I have no proof of this either way, but it's my story and I'm sticking to it.

All of this came to mind when I read a piece by a Central Pennsylvania guide/blogger named Domenic Swentosky. He titled the piece, "Feed 'em Fur." It also brought to mind a quote I like by a woman named Allison Moir. "I look into my fly box and think about all the elements I should consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: "Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about five-eighths of an inch long."

That fuzzy brown idea is what struck Swentosky to call for Fur on a Hook. The idea is later in the season, particularly on pressured water, flash and beads and what not spook fish off. With that, it may be time to become a little more subdued. Enter, Walt's Worm. The original Walt's is indeed just fur on a hook. The fly was first tied by Walt Young, thus the name. It has no bead, no ribbing, no tail, no legs, no wing case and no wings. It is just fur on a hook. Hook: Standard nymph or 1 extra long nymph hook, 10 to 16

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 in Brown or Tan

Weight: Lead or Lead-Free wire, sized to hook shank

Body: Tan or Brown Hare's Mask

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Wrap 6 to 8 wraps of the weighting wire right in the middle of the hook. You want the body to be cigar shaped, and this will help with that.
3. Start your thread at either end of the wire and wrap back and forth over it a few times to tie it down. End with your thread back at the bend of the hook.
4. Wind on the dubbing, tight enough to stick on the thread, but not too tight. If you have quite a few guard hairs sticking out, so much the better.
5. Wrap your dubbing up to just short of the eye of the hook. Remember, you are looking for a cigar shaped body.



6. Wrap your thread back over the body in spiral wraps, to the bend of the hook. This will help make the body more durable.
7. Now repeat steps 4 and 5. If you don't think the body is fat enough in the middle, you can add a little more dubbing there. Bring your thread to the eye of the hook, make a small head, and whip finish.
8. Use whatever kind of material brush you have and brush out the body so it is even more shaggy.
9. Put some head cement on the whip finish, and the fly is done.

Note: Of course, after Walt's Worm came the Sexy Walt's. It has ribbing, some flash, etc...While the original called for natural or tan Hare's Mask, it can also be tied in Olive and Black...If you wanted a fly that had a bit more bling, but was still pretty much Fur on a Hook, you could use something like a non-beaded Bird's Nest or Hare's Ear.

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