



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts March 2013

**Dinner only for Friday, March 1st
@ Masonic Center W. East Av.
Reservations - 345-1197.**



President's Line

March 2013
The dinner this year promises to be as good as ever. We have an excellent

raffle and auction set up, with an incredible fishing trip up for grabs. But the most important thing about the annual dinner, is that it's really the beginning of fishing season. Now I know we all have probably done a bit during the dark months, but now things get serious; we have to sit and look at every ones pictures, over and over and over. That ought to make you all fired up to get out there and catch a few of your own, so that next year it will be our pictures that are playing over and over. Should be fun and lively, as always.

David McKinney



Secretary's Secrets By Pat Sleeper

CAF Feb 6th, 2013 minutes
Those present Terry, Larry, Lincoln, Lionel, Don and Pat.
Minutes - Pat Sleeper M/S/P
Treasurer Report - Don Sleeper
Larry reported on Public service

announcements for the Fundraiser dinner March 1st 2013. There will be "no" general meeting in March 2013. We're looking forward to a fun filled evening for the Crab/shrimp dinner from Frank Spiteri's great dinner; to the best silent Auction, live auction and raffle prizes this year!!
Pat Sleeper CAF, secretary

Annual Crab Feed

Our annual Crab/shrimp, French bread, Tortellini, salad, etc. Is next Friday @ 5:30 in the Masonic Center on W. East Av. We have an array of, what I think, are the best prizes yet! You can purchase raffle tickets of all types; and, we'll have live and silent auctions. We'll have pictures, up on the screen, for all to see, that have been sent in..I hope you send your pictures in to Eric See. See you Friday night for a fun filled evening!

Be sure you've sent in your Dinner Reservations to: CAF, Don or Pat Sleeper @ 1010 Lori Dr, Chico, CA...or call 530-345-1197.

Lower Sac Fishing – February 9th

A group of us from the Club along with Phil Ryan from Redding floated the lower sac and had a great time. Lance and I both brought our boats and were joined by Terry Mich, Ray Narbaitz, John Hamiter and Phil Ryan. We floated from Bonnyview to Anderson River Park on what was not only a beautiful day to be on the water, but gave us a chance to land some pre-spawn trophy trout. Most all fish went well over 18", unless you count John's MOE of a fish! Sorry, John had to put it in!

Anyway, the day was great and the fish were hungry! Here are some pictures of that day!



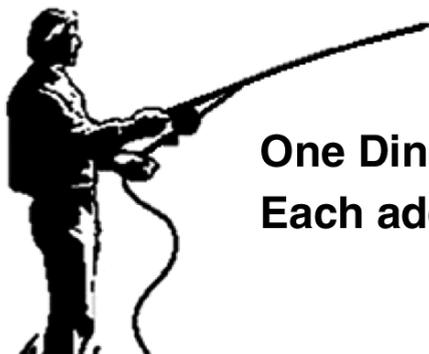
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**42 ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
FRIDAY - MARCH 1ST, 2013 @ 5:30
MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE**

“CRAB FEED DINNER & SHRIMP”

Raffle prizes - rods, reels, guided trips, fly tying supplies, ladies prizes, lodging/fishing trips and other prizes and surprizes...



**One Dinner & a Family membership....\$75.00
Each additional crab/shrimp Dinner....\$40.00**

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES:

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Family Membership & One Dinner		\$75.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Dinner	_____	\$40.00	\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets _____ \$500. _____ \$200.			\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets _____ \$100. _____ \$50.			\$ _____
PHONE: _____			
Table reservations for 8 people		\$450.	\$ _____
TOTAL.....			\$ _____
Visa # _____			
M/C# _____			
Signature: _____			
Exp. Date & back # _____			

PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 15th
TO BE ENTERED INTO THE EARLY BIRD RAFFLE.....
Questions: 530-345-1197

MAIL RESERVATION FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:
CAF – 1010 Lori Dr, CA 95973

CAF Speaker List 2013

Please see the list of speakers lined up for our year of general meetings. Happy New year! We hope to see you at our next meeting.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
March 13th-		NO MEETING
April 10th-	Lance Gray	(PENDING)
May 8th-	Trent Pridemore	Bass Fishing
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	

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>
March 30	Private Pond Fishout	Don Sleeper (Bass fishing including lunch fee \$10.00)
April 13	Big Chico Creek Reserve	Eric See
April 18, 19, 20	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper at Pelican beach
April 27, 28	Hat Creek	Eric See
May 11	Little Grass Valley Reservoir Walk-in with float tubes 2.3 miles	Don Sleeper
May	Crater Lake Depending on when we can get into the late.	Don Sleeper
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---

Pontoon/Float Tube Safety

By Don Sleeper

Yes, I have a pontoon boat and they're a lot of fun; and, great exercise. You won't believe how fast you can get hauling on a pontoon; but, it DOES require some practice and skill. You should dip your oars exactly the same on both sides, or you could start turning in circles. Also, you will need fins. Once you put the oars away, the fins will help keep you from turning and will maneuver you, as you fish. Even in fast water with a pontoon boat you can wear your fins for maneuverability. But be careful in shallow fast water: such as rapids...keep your fins out of the water so they don't get caught on fast approaching boulders or the fast moving current. We like to stick with the oars at that time, keeping the boat pointed down stream and away from objects.

Pontoons draft very little and fishing maneuverability can surpass a boat or a float tube since your lower half is in the water...each has it's advantages and disadvantages.

If you are using your pontoon for still water only, you can use just about any model you like- but if using it on moving water, not all models are suitable! If using it on rivers, the pontoons should be made out of commercial raft style material and oars appropriate for the boat and water. The pontoons need an up curved rise to them so if you go over a water fall the tips don't dive under the water. I've seen one of these flip when a guy took one into a whirl pool: the tips dove and the back churn pushed the tips under him, and he went over. Remember there is no seatbelt and you MUST wear a life vest, I recommend the low profile kayaker type- better freedom of movement for casting and rowing.

Things You'll Need With a Pontoon:

- Float tube Fins
- Waders (for cold water)
- Air pump and valve
- Loud whistle (for lakes with speed boats)
- Night light if on the water after dark
- Water and snacks
- Anchors and rope are important even in rivers
- Patch Kit
- Spare oar lock is handy

Helpful Steps

Step 1

Float tubes or pontoon boats should be stored partially inflated. The day before your outing, it's a good idea to pump up your tube until the outer covering is fairly tight and let it sit for a few hours so you can make sure it holds air. If it doesn't, you will need to pull the bladder and check for leaks and fix with a patch. You will need to make sure you have your air pump and a patch kit on board while you are in the water. You may also want to take a net bag for holding cans of soda or water. You will want to make sure that you have all of your fishing items organized in your tube pouches. And remember to keep your pontoon or float tube only partially inflated if you drive to higher locations to fish because the high elevation will cause your tube to expand.

Step 2

When you get to the water, carry all your gear that you plan to take with you to the water's edge and lay it all out on the ground and check to make sure you haven't forgotten anything.

If the water is cold you will want to have waders for comfort. I prefer neoprene waders for float tubing and use in my pontoon because they are comfortable for sitting for extended periods, and they fit snug so you can move easily through the water. In warm water you will not need waders (hip boots work fine with pontoons), but in either case you will need fins. You can put the fins on right before you enter the water. I look for a shallow area with easy access and then place the tube or pontoon in the water and load my fishing rod, food and drinks on the boat and push it out into deeper water before seating myself in the craft. I prefer thigh deep water for getting into a float tube because it's easier to move around in the water, once you're on board.



Step 3

When you get out away from the bank you will need to make note of landmarks around your entry area so you can find it later on your way back. You will also want to make note of any other boats, etc. on the water. At this point you will need to keep your eyes peeled for signs of fish. You also need to check for currents. You can do this by sitting still in the water and see if you are moving in relation to a bush or tree on the bank. Many lakes have currents in them that are barely detectable and these currents can be the reason that you will find yourself far away from your entry area in a relatively short time. Use your anchor when there is wind or a slight current if you want to fish in the same area. On a river use a heavier anchor. I use about a 10 pound anchor now on rivers, but be careful with anchors on rivers, never anchor in swift water with a pontoon. You may want to stay fairly close to your entry area until you are sure your boat is holding air and to make sure that you haven't forgotten anything. Again when on rivers always use your fins whether in a float tube or pontoon boat. Another thing to remember if you encounter heavy waves or wind, head for the shore. Once in shore you can always move around the edge of the lake back to the place where you started.

Step 4

When you see rising fish or movement in the water, you will want to get fairly close and cast to those areas. It always amazes me how close I can get to rising fish without spooking them and it does give you an extra advantage. This is the real beauty of using a float tube or pontoon. If you're like me, you will be concentrating on fishing and not on the clock. Give your self plenty of time to get back to your entry area before it gets dark. But most of all enjoy the experience. You will find that float tubing or using a pontoon is a very relaxing and a peaceful way to catch lots of fish.

Fly of the Month for March 2013

The Wooly Worm

By: Ray Narbaitz

For January's F.O.T.M, we went into the way back machine to talk about and tie the Renegade. That got me to thinking about other flies that have been around for a long time, but nobody seems to fish, or even talk about any more. Such a fly is the Wooly Worm.

I first got serious about Steelhead fishing in the low flow section of the Feather River some time in the 80's. Under the mentorship of long time club members like Jim Gaumer and Charlie Beach, I quickly learned that you fished it pretty much like the big trout stream it is. We used mostly nymphs, and high sticking was the order of the day. The three flies I used the most were a Bird's Nest, a Polar Shrimp, and the Wooly Worm. The worm is a very old pattern that started in England in the 1800's and first became well known in the Southeast in this country in the early 1900's. It was easy to tie, almost impossible to fish incorrectly, and it caught fish. One wonders why it has been relegated to the dust bin.

Hook...TMC5262 or any 1 to 3 extra-long Nymph hook, sizes 6 to 12.

Thread...Black

Weight...Lead or lead free wire to match hook.

Tail...Red Wool, if you don't have any, Red Egg Yarn or Red Poly Pro will work.

Hackle...Grizzly Saddle Hackle

Body...Black Chenille

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Wrap on eight to ten wraps of weighting wire, and tie it down.



3. Tie in a short, puffy tail of the red material you are using. Pick it out with your bodkin to make sure it is a puff. Cut it off about hook gap long.
4. Tie in your hackle, tip first.
5. Tie in the Chenille. I use size small, and tie it in the full length of the hook to give it a little more bulk.
6. Wrap the Chenille up the body to just short of the hook eye. Tie it off and cut off the excess.
7. Palmer the hackle up to the same spot. I like to take an extra wrap or two at the front of the fly, and then wrap it back a bit with the thread. I think this gives the fly a little more bulk and allows it to move a little more water if you are stripping it. Tie it off, and cut off the excess
8. Wrap on the head, whip finish, put some head cement on, and the fly is done.

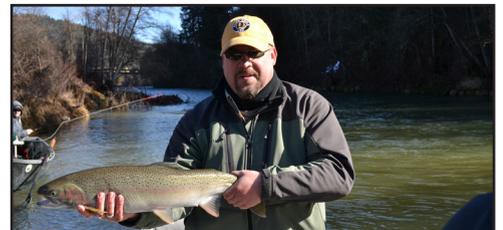
Notes: I have seen the fly tied in different colors, like olive, and with a bead head. If I was going to use a bead, it would probably be black. I have also seen it tied with Peacock Herl for the body instead of Chenille, and it makes a nice looking fly. If you are thinking it looks like a Wooly Bugger with no tail, you are correct. Before the Bugger came the Worm. It can be stripped, just like the Bugger, but the way I usually fish it is start with the standard High Stick method, let it hang straight down after the drift is finished, and then strip it back for a few strips before re-casting.

Trinity River Steelhead - January 26th and 27th

Steve met me at a mutual friend's house in Redding, Ca on the night of the 25th of January. The 26th and the 27th were our scheduled dates to fish the Trinity with Darrin Deel. Steve and I got up early and headed over to Weaver-ville to meet up with Darrin to start our first of two days drifting down the Trinity River. We met Darrin, had a few words and were off to the launch destination.

We launch the boat and soon we were into steelhead. Our first day, we went 13 for 21 with many browns landed too. After a great meal at the golf course on Saturday night, we awoke on Sunday morning to find all things frozen. It was very cold that Sunday morning, but our concentration was on the river. After a quick trip to the market, we were at the launch. Fishing was excellent for Steve on this chilling morning. He did not leave much for the back of the boat. Steve landed 10 steelhead, along with many browns. I landed 2 steelhead and one brown trout. I would like to say and I think Steve would agree, that Darrin is a fine guide and knows the Trinity River very well.

We had a great time and we both look forward to doing it again! It was an epic two days of fishing and the company was outstanding! Thank You Steve and Darrin!



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