

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts March 2015

Our next meeting will be Wed., April 8th, 2015 at 7:00 - @ CARD



Vice President Pat Sleeper

**It's almost here!!!
Our March 7th Crab/shrimp dinner and
annual fundraiser!!!**

We are "sold out." We are sorry! We have never been sold out this early before; though, we have just had a couple of last minute cancellations therefore, please call! We want to THANK YOU ALL for your WONDERFUL DONATIONS! We have the GREATEST supply of prizes that I have ever seen at our event!!! THANK YOU!

And, thank you all for your participation in getting your reservations in early, our wonderful generous new members; and, the continuous support of our long time members! Without "you all" our event wouldn't be the success it always is!

I'm looking forward to meeting some of you for the first time; so, please stop me and say "hi"! I always enjoy meeting you all!

We have ordered "more" crab than usual; and, the shrimp, salad, tortoline (by Frank Spiteri's Deli) is always wonderful!!! the deserts are always a delight as well.

We'll have the usual bar set up by J.B.'s who sell tickets and then you'll purchase your drinks, as usual.

We have more prizes than usual!!! this includes rods, reels, ladies gifts and so forth! Please be sure to check out our silent auction where we have almost 3 X the usual = 33 items from prints to custom tied boxes of flies to jewelry for the ladies.

We have our **SPECIAL RAFFLE** for a fishing adventure in **Mexico out of Mazatlan on lake Picachos for 2 people: 4 nights 3 days fishing with "all" your meals and drinks included. Your boat and guide and transportation to and from the air port also included!!! WOW!!! can you believe a \$25.00 raffle ticket or 5/\$100. could win "you" a BASS fishing trip like that valued at \$3,390.!** You'll see more on the raffle in this news letter. Again, thank you!!! Pat Sleeper CAF, V.P. and dinner chairman



President's Line

The biggest item on the agenda is our annual dinner. I am told we are sold out.

We still need volunteers to set up at noon on March 7. We also need volunteers for runners and to help with the raffle and auction. You even get to eat first. And don't forget the special raffle for the trip to Picachos Lake out of Mazatlan.

With the weather this year, there are more fishing opportunities. I drove up Highway 44 last week and there is no snow all the way up to the Lassen Park entrance. That means lakes like Manzanita and McCumber are not snowed in and we can get out and fish somewhere else earlier than usual. The downside of course is that there will be another low flow year in the streams and the lakes will drop even more. So, get out and fish and we will see you at the dinner, on the water, or at our next meeting.

Larry Willis

Secretary minutes by Dave McKinney

CAF Minute

02/10/2015

Called to Order 6:20 PM by Larry

Attending: Larry, Terry, David, Don, Pat, Dennis, Scott, Dana, Eric, Lionel
Minutes from previous meeting accepted.

Discussion about Almanor Lake; There was a discussion of the thermal curtain proposal. The idea here is to drawing water from the bottom of the lake so that the river will actually stay colder, helping the river fish. This will possibly turn the lake into a bass lake, due to ultimately warmer water temperatures. They can bring the lake down 10ft below the historic low level.

There was discussion on this and Eric will find out more about the proposal before we get worked up one way or the other.
Treasurer's report by Don, M/S/Accepted
Dinner Progress Report

170 are signed up so far. Grand prize is the Mexico fishing trip. The Sportsman Wearhouse will be adding many donations this year dinner. So far we have 3 tables that have been sold. The maximum goal for this years of is anywhere between 225-240 people.

We are still arranging for the auctioneer (much discussion). David will act as MC with Larry and Pat.

February 24 at 6 PM is the dinner organizing meeting at Frank Spiteri's, dinner as usual provided.

Upcoming programs: Pat

March is the Dinner, April in Tom Maumoyner on Lake Almanor, May is Henry Lomeli from the Dept. of Fish and Game.

Old Business:

Business Cards: They are being printed, and will be available. By Scott

New hat insignia is being developed. Scott

New Business:

Eric brought up the topic of a limited edition coffee table book on Steelhead fishing; contact Eric for questions; it is limited edition of 500

Next meeting is April 2

Adjourned 8:05 PM

Meeting at Spiteri's 02/24/15

Short Board Meeting

Larry Called to order 6:15 PM

WE ARE ALREADY SOLD OUT!

First time that has happened this early!!!

Ladies night @ Sportsman's Wearhouse will be 6:30-8:30 and a booth setup by CAF tying.

Sportsman Wearhouse will be putting on a fishing show and demonstration. They have ask for our support by putting on either a fly-tying or other demonstration. We voted to make it official that the club will participate.

Adjourned

David McKinney

Secretary, CAF

Fishout at Little Grass Valley Creek Reservoir

Saturday, April 11th, 2015– Walk-in Fishout by Don Sleeper

Little Grass Valley Creek Reservoir is a great fly fishing spot. It's a walk-in lake that has very clear water. It's located about a 1/2 mile west of Buckhorn Summit on Highway 299. Travel a half-mile west of the summit, and you'll find a wide shoulder on the eastbound side. You can park there and walk to the lake. There are two gates and you'll walk down a two mile trail. The road into the lake is a very wide gravel road. It's a float tube lake with a land-locked steelhead population.

Grass Valley Creek Reservoir can offer a great winter/spring experience. It's a 2.1 mile hike in with float tubes, though, and over a ridge and back down again. Our lines will be sinking or intermediate, Wooley Bugger or leech-patterns. Also black chironomids under an indicator worked very well.

If you don't know where Grass Valley Creek Reservoir is, have someone who's been there before take you. My friends and I have wandered around on logging roads to nowhere thinking we could locate it on our own. It used to be easy to find because there was a big wooden sign just less than one mile from Buckhorn Summit on Highway 299, west of Redding. The trick was to turn your car around at the wooden sign and park at the second turnout back toward Redding. The big wooden sign is no longer there, so you really have to know where this place is before you go. Mercifully, sometimes a car or two will be parked there.

Please give me a call if you plan to attend. We plan to leave Chico at 6:30 a.m. and leave the lake around 3:00 or so. I bring my own water, food, float tube, fins, waders/boots tied to the tube. Make sure you adjust and try out your gear before the walk-in to the lake. Cell 530-228-6197 or home 345-1197 Don Sleeper



Releasing Colder water from Lake Almanor on the docket again.

Please read the water board URL for information on this. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/upper_feather_ferc2105/eir2014nov/unf_noa.pdf

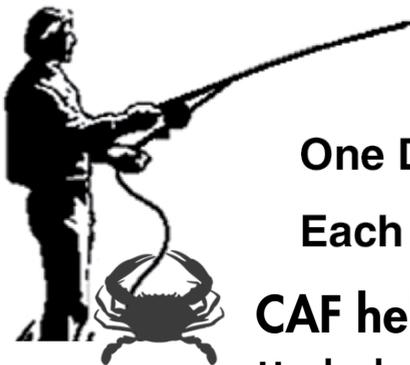
CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



44TH ANNUAL DINNER/FUND RAISER
 SATURDAY - MARCH 7TH, 2015 @ 4:30
 MASONIC CENTER - W. EAST AVE

“CRAB FEED DINNER & SHRIMP DINNER”

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



One Dinner & a Family membership.... \$80.00

*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$75.00

Each additional crab/shrimp Dinner.... \$45.00

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CITY: _____

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E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES:

| | NUMBER | COST | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|
| Family Membership & One Dinner | | \$80.00 | \$ _____ |
| Each Additional Dinner | | \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| Raffle ticket packets | ___\$500. ___\$200. | | \$ _____ |
| Raffle ticket packets | ___\$100. ___\$50. | | \$ _____ |
| Table reservations for 8 people | | \$600. | \$ _____ |
| | TOTAL..... | | \$ _____ |

Visa # _____

M/C# _____

Signature: _____

Exp. Date & back # _____

PURCHASE YOUR RESERVATIONS BEFORE Jan 31ST
 TO BE ENTERED INTO THE EARLY BIRD RAFFLE.....

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

Questions: 530-345-1197

*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

*Early bird raffle drawing: \$250 ticket packet: value \$540.00

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.

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 Don Sleeper or Eric See.

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Fishout Leader</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| March 19 | Pyramid | Don Sleeper |
| April 11 | Little Grass Valley | Don Sleeper |
| May | Opener | Eris See |
| 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> |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| March 7th (Sat) | Annual fund raising Crab/shrimp/ Tortellini dinner and raffle. | |
| April 15th | Tom Maumoynier | Almanor fishing |
| May 13th | Henry Lomeli | Dep of fish & Game |
| June 10th | Jon Baiocchi | Davis lake and beyond |

Listed below are locations the Chico Area Flyfisher's have used in the past for our club Fishouts . It gives great fishing locations.

CAF Past Fishouts 2015 by Roger Bevers

Rivers and Creeks

- Hat Creek
- Feather River
- Sacramento
(Shad, Stripper, Salmon, Trout)
- Yuba (Middle and South Forks)
- North Fork of Feather
- South Fork of Feather
- Middle Fork of Feather
- Trinity R. Lewiston (Steelhead)
- Klamath (Orleans)
- Feather River Canyon
- Anderson Float Trip
- Feather R. Oroville
(Salmon, Steelhead)
- Bend Oregon rivers and lakes
- Big Chico Creek
- Deer Creek
- Mill Creek (Alturas)
- Parsnip Crk. (Alturas)
- Warner Crk. (Likely)
- Nelson Corral (Likely)
- Butte Crk. (Butte Meadows/ Jonesville)

Lakes

- Siskiyou (Bass)
- Baum (trout)
- Pit R. (trout)
- Grass Valley (trout)
- Silver Lake (trout)
- Long Lake (trout)
- Crater Lake (trout)
- O'Neil Forebay (Stripers)
- Frank's Tract in Delta (stripers)
- Davis (trout)
- Phillbrook (trout)
- Modoc Lakes and streams
- Eagle Lake
- Bass Lake Madera County
- Lake Britton (Bass)
- Lake Almanor and Butt Lake
- Caribou
- Clear Lk. & Blue Lk. Alturas
- Eagle Lk. (trout)

BASS FISHING IN MEXICO for 2 - GRAND RAFFLE,

March 7th Sponsored by: Chico Area Flyfishers, CAF, Annual crab/shrimp

dinner/fundraiser - March 7th, Sat.

This is 4

nights/3 days fishing with boat/motor, guide, all meals, drinks (margaritas), travel to and from airport for 2 people. Raffle Tickets: \$25. each or 5/\$100.00. Obtain dinner reservation flyers at our local chico fly shops, also call 530-345-1197 or on line www.chicoareaflyfishers.org . Must be present to win. Trip does not include fishing tackle, airfare or tips to guides, maids, etc.

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Fly of the Month for March 2015

Baetis Soft Hackle

By: Ray Narbaitz

Back in the stone ages, when I first started tying, there was widespread use of the Latin names for bugs and the flies used to imitate them. I knew that referring to bugs by the species and genus names would specifically identify them, but it was way more detail and memorization than I wanted to take on just to tie a Mayfly or Caddis. For the average tier, like me, it was a difficult world in which to navigate. We will leave the argument as to whether we, "Average," guys were average or lazy for another time. In any event, the trend slowly diminished, and today generic names grace the vast majority of the patterns we tie.

Exceptions to the rule might be Baetis and Callibaetis. It is easy to confuse them because of the similarity in their names. While both are Mayflies, they are two different bugs that, for the most part, frequent different types of water. Callibaetis are pretty much a stillwater bug and Baetis like moving water. Callibaetis range from gray to dark gray to almost black at times, and Baetis are almost universally olive. Callibaetis prefer a little sun when they hatch, and Baetis like it anywhere from overcast to downright raining or snowing to come out. Finally, Baetis have slowly taken on a more generic name of their own. We know them as Blue Wing Olives or even BWO's.

BWO's are the first Mayflies to come off in late winter and early spring. When the hatch is on, fish will concentrate on them almost exclusively. They usually come off in big numbers, and that's good, because they are a pretty small bug. I've often wondered if fish eat them so greedily, because it takes a lot of them to make a meal. Getting fish to eat your dry imitation of a BWO is a fun, and almost always challenging game. While fish will most certainly rise to the occasion, that's a lot of energy expended for not much protein return. As a result, they find the Emergers a lot more enticing because the Emergers are not going to fly off, and all it takes for the Trout to get one is a slight up tip of the snout and a gentle sip. Today's F.O.T.M. imitates that BWO Emerger. It has the added benefit of being extremely easy to tie.

Like last month, this month's fly comes from Craig Mathews and his bevy of creative tyers at Blue Ribbon Flies. Like here, Baetis are a most important early season hatch in the Rockies, and my guess is that this is a typical, "Guide's fly." Guides like a fly that is effective and quick and easy to tie.

Hook: TMC3769 or TMC2488H, 18 to 22

Thread: Olive 8/0

Tail: Wood Duck or Wood Duck dyed Mallard

Body: BWO or Olive Gray Superfine

Hackle: Olive dyed Partridge. Natural Brown or Gray Partridge also works, as does Olive Jay Fair Hen Hackle

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Start your thread and clip off the excess.
3. Tie on several fibers of the tail material, making it about the length of the hook shank.



4. Dub a thin, tapered body from the start of the bend of the hook up the shank, stopping to leave enough room at the head to tie in the hackle.
5. If using Partridge, clip a small bit of the stem from the top of the feather, leaving a bit of a V. Place that over the fly, with the V on top. Grip the feather around the hook with your off hand, and wrap it down with the thread for a couple of wraps. You want the hackle to be about the same length as the hook shank. If it is too long, pull in out a bit until you like the length. You can twist it a bit to try to get the barbs all the way around the hook. Don't worry too much if it isn't perfect. You can then bind it down. If using the Jay Fair Hen Hackle, you can usually find a feather short enough to just wrap it in the normal fashion.
6. Wrap a small head, whip finish, and trim your thread.
7. Put a touch of head cement on the finishing wraps, and the fly is done.

Notes: I don't have any Olive dyed Partridge, but I find that I can take the Gray Partridge and hit it with Olive Sharpie or any other waterproof marker and get close enough...If you use the 2488 as your hook, remember it is 2X short. That means that a size 16 has that size gap, but is closer to an 18 or 20 in shank length. I use either the 2488 or 2499 on almost all of my smaller flies. I like the larger gap because it gives me a better bite for hooking power. This fly is tied on a #14 2488H. It looks much bigger because of the close up photo, but in true size, the bite is a 14 and the fly body is between a 16 and 18.

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