



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts March 2020

No General Meeting in March



CAF members, Thank you for choosing to attend our BEST EVER CRAB/SHRIMP DINNER!!!! Wasn't the music from Gene Kelly wonderful? And the food: GREAT crab, shrimp and tortellini and salad!!! Those cakes weren't bad either!!! Thank you Nicki, Spiteri's Deli and Save Mart!

I want to thank our Hall of Fame award winner: Pat Hallin for the incredible work he does bringing in donations and helping with the club even after surgery!

Our Sabertooth award winner Pete Wiik for his wonderful work putting together and running our new PHWFF division even after his surgery!

Youth Award to Chris Giampaoli for Hooked on Fishing and "always" putting so much time into this worthwhile event! Though this year, due to "no supple" (catfish in the hatcheries getting diseased) it's been cancelled for 2020.

Press Powel Life Time Achievement Award: Pat Sleeper for her relentless work with PHWFF, fishing trips abroad for CAF members, and always helping with CAF events and fundraisers!

Golden Zipper award winner Larry Willis for breaking a rod on every fishing adventure!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PHWFF helpers and CAF helpers for your help at our LARGEST, MOST ATTENDED AND MOST money BROUGHT in from our annual Fund raiser! Fifteen people helped!!! So very much appreciated!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

We're heading to Pyramid this week for a weekend of fishing, hope you can join us! Please see pictures of those that were there yesterday. Please note our fishing trips in Mexico.....I was asked a few times at the dinner about the dorado and bass fishing trips...please look at the fish out page in this newsletter for the dates. Also go to: www.patsflyfishing.com for more information, or give me a call: 345-1197

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS THAT DONATED TO THIS EVENT!!! Please go to the page listing our donors here in this newsletter...as you shop or go to these restaurants, please tell them, "THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO CAF". Thank you!

As the weather warms up, fishing has started warming up. Some of the small lakes are starting to show signs of fish rising and starting to get on the bite. It's slow.... Yet; but, improving. So...don't be afraid to go out and give it a try!!! Then send me your pictures and story! Tight lines!!!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper, CAF, President.

CAF March News Letter 2020 fishing at Pyramid 3/7/2020 w/pictures



Had only one strike but caught a nice one around 13 pounds at popcorn rock on Pyramid lake



Fishing Pyramid Sat, March 7, 2020 by Redge Hawley

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CAF Dinner Photos



CAF Dinner Awards: *2020

The Chico Area Flyfishers Club presents awards to members who have distinguished themselves during the year, at the annual dinner. The five awards presented are:

The Hall of Fame Award: This award is presented to the member who has distinguished him or herself through significant accomplishments in promoting the sport of fly fishing. Past winners:

1990 Walton Powell & Gene Mercer; 1991 Denton Hill; 1992 Earline Powell; 1993 Tom Peppas; 1994 Chuck DeJournette; 1995 Dr. Charles Beach; 1996 Ray Narbaitz; 1997 Press Powell; 1998 Jim Gaumer; 1999 Herm Sterner; 2000 Milt Jensen; 2001 Wayne Syn; 2002 Mark Adams; 2003 Ed Bruno; 2004 Randy McKean. 2005-06 no/award 2007 Dick Murrell; 2008 Ed Bruno; 2009 Eric See; Lincoln Gray 2010; Pat Sleeper 2011; Larry Willis 2012; Redge Hawkley 2013; 2014 Lance Gray; 2015 Don Sleeper; 2016 Lionel Valley; 2017 Steve Bohnemeyer; 2018 Terry Mich; 2019: Dave McKinney; 2020: Pat Hallin

The Saber Tooth Award: This award is presented to the member who has worked over the years to promote our sport through participation in club activities. Past

winners: 1993 Rex Thompson; 1995 Lee Dickey; 1995 Randy McKean; 1995 Jan Lang; 1996 Bob Smith; 1997 Bert Robinson; 1998 Ron Leger; 1999 Roger Bevers; 2000 Denny Toddhunter; 2001 Marv Turner; 2002 Lionel Valley; 2003 Paul Hendricks; 2004 Mark Adams; 2005 none; 2006 Dana Miller; 2007 Val Bowlby; 2008 Don Sleeper; 2009 Dennis Boyd; 2010 Pat Sleeper; 2011 Terry Mich; 2012 Eric See; 2013 Larry Willis 2014; Frank Spiteri; 2015 NONE; 2016 Tom Rosenow; 2017 Elden Hinkle; 2018 Lincoln Gray; 2019 Keith Kelly; 2020: Pete Wiik.

The Youth Hall of Fame Award: The Youth Hall of Fame was a direct response to the many hours of dedication and interest that Denton Hill gave to the Youth Group, which was started in 1986. Denton donated time, fly tying experience and rod building skills to the classes at the meetings for the children. Recipients of the award can be club members, for support of the youth

Fly of the Month, March, 2020

Fred's Callibaetis Variant

By: Ray Narbaitz

With early spring comes the first significant Mayfly hatch of the New Year, Callibaetis. While the winter will see Blue Wing Olives, spring means the bigger bugs are coming out to play. Callibaetis like slow moving water, and they particularly like lakes. As an example, Manzanita has a pretty good hatch on occasion, and I have seen some major hatches on Lake McCumber. They are easy to spot as while they are flying around they bounce up and down like so many miniature yo-yo's.

While flitting around, they don't spend a lot of time on the water. For that reason, they can sometimes be frustrating to fish with a dry fly. You are better off using a cripple pattern of some kind, as the Trout will take it more readily figuring it isn't going to fly off just as they try to eat it. However, most of the time, neither method will work as well as using a nymph. Usually, a Trout's goal is to spend the least amount of energy to obtain the largest amount of protein. Nymphs meet that goal much more frequently than a bug skittering across the surface. A hatch depends on a number of factors including weather, temperature, wind speed, etc. Meanwhile, the nymphs are always down there, doing their thing, waiting in a sort of holding pattern. The Trout know where they are, and like the easier pickings.

Most Callibaetis patterns are fairly simple both in looks and tying. Fred's is no exception. I'd like to tell you who Fred is, but I don't have a clue. This is a pattern I got on the internet, and the person who posted it didn't bother to let us know who Fred is. So, with apologies to Fred, here is his Callibaetis Nymph.

Hook: 1X long nymph hook like the TMC 3761, #12 to 16

Weight: Optional, a few wraps of .015 or .010

Thread: 8/0 Tan or Rust

Tail: Wood Duck Fibers

Ribbing: Copper wire, Brassie on the 12's, Small on the 14 and 16's

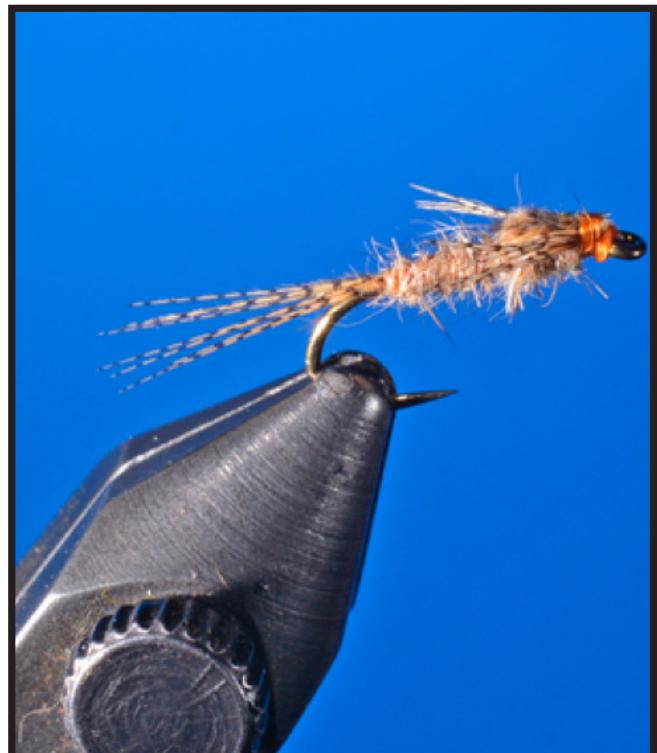
Abdomen: Hare's Ear in tan or gray

Wing Case: Wood Duck

Thorax: Same as Abdomen

Legs: Wood Duck

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Lay down a thread base, and if you are going to use weight, wrap it on and tie it down.
3. Take a dozen or so Wood Duck fibers and tie them as the tail. Make the tail about a hook shank in length.
4. Tie in the ribbing wire and as you tie it down, let the thread torque move it over to the side of the hook away from you.
5. Dub the material on your thread, and wrap the body up to about the 2/3 point of the hook shank. As usual with dubbing, use as little as possible. These are not fat bugs.
6. Reverse spiral wrap your ribbing wire up the body, tie it off and helicopter off the excess.
7. Take a good sized clump of the Wood Duck and tie it in on the top of the hook. Spread it out a bit so it is not so



clumped up, and wrap it from the eye back to the Abdomen. Leave the tips pointing towards the back of the fly.

8. Dub in the Thorax with the same material as the Abdomen. Make it a little fatter than the Abdomen.
9. Take a clump of Wood Duck and tie it in about an eye length behind the eye of the hook on the far side of the fly for legs. Make the legs go just past the Thorax. Then, take another clump, and tie it down on your side of the fly.
10. Pull the Wing Case over the Thorax, and tie it down behind the eye. Cut the excess off as closely as possible. Wrap a small head behind the eye, whip finish, and cut off the thread.
11. Place a small drop of cement on the head. If you want, put a small dab of it over the Wing Case as well to help with durability.

Notes: The fly can be fished anywhere from just below the surface to the bottom. Often, when there is a hatch on, you can fish it on a floating line, just below the surface. I like to put just a couple of wraps of lead on the fly so it will break the surface, but not sink too quickly...Fred's pattern calls for tan for the body. I added the grey, because on a lot of our waters, the bugs range from tan to grey, and I find that color works very well...In the spring and early summer, the bugs are rather large, and a size 12 works well. As mid-summer comes along, and moves toward early fall, they will get smaller, and by the time fall is here, they will be down to the size 16's...If at all possible, try not to use too small a size for your tippet. The takes can sometimes be downright vicious...Full disclosure, I didn't tie the fly in the picture but copied it from the article I read to get info on it...Once again with apologies to Fred, as I wrote up the tying instructions, I thought this could well be considered a tan Bird's nest with a wing case.

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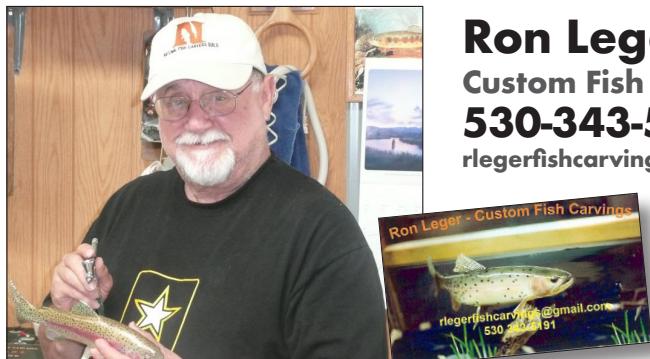
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