



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## CAF March 2022 News Letter

### Next General Meeting, CAF Fundraiser March 5th 4:00pm Masonic Lodge



CAF Members,

**Thank you for choosing to attend our annual Fundraiser dinner on Sat, March 5th, 2022 with doors opening @ 4:00pm.** I know you're as proud and excited about your donations, forwarded to organizations and causes such as: Disabled American Veterans (PHWFF) Salmon in a class room; Almanor Fishing Association; Hooked on Fishing; BCCER (Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve CSUC, Chico) and many other similar organizations and causes! It's amazing the difference we can make; if you're unable to attend our dinner, your membership of \$35 Per family, has been appreciated!! Thank you!!

**Prizes at the dinner** – We have more Sage rods and guide trips, Water Fowl hunting trip, White Water trip (possible) and so many other camping prizes than ever before. And, of course, the wonderful pasta dinner provided by Italian Cottage and served by Sons of Italy!! And... helping us celebrate is Kris Koenig owner

of GOLDEN BEAVER DISTILERY with a private barrel release of Rye Whiskey. It will be gold stickered with "CAF logo, Golden "50t" anniversary 2022." It will be for presale or at the dinner for pickup at the dinners' end. THANK YOU!!!

**If you are wanting to attend but**, haven't sent in your reservation, **it's not too late.** Go on line at [www.chicoareaflyfishers.org](http://www.chicoareaflyfishers.org) or call Pat or Don Sleeper @ 530-345-1197 with a credit card or mail in your request. Flyers and forms can be found @ Sportsman's Warehouse, Sierra Stream & Mountain, Fish First and Dr Joyce Chiropractic.

**Fishing report of an amazing day at a nearby lake of 50 - 80 nice trout caught... in one day...OMG!!** Well with this weather changing, it may not last long but most of these trout were caught from shore. Amazing!! Eagle lake trout!

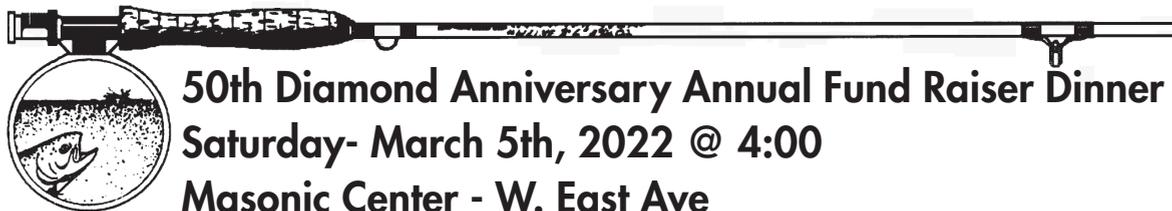
**Just think...our CAF Fundraiser March 5th 4:00pm Masonic Lodge; dinner consists of: hors d'oeuvres, salad, pasta and desert...all for \$35.00 per person; and, a fun night of raffle prizes and surprises! Call Pat @ 530-345-1197 for reservations or questions, etc. Thank you! Pat Sleeper, president, CAF**

## PHWFF - Chico News

We are all very excited about two upcoming fish outs. On Monday, March 28th we take another trip to Eagle Canyon near Manton. Eagle Canyon features two small lakes stocked with rainbows from 3 to 12 pounds. Our last trip on December 17th saw several fish caught in the 4 to 10lb range. Next up is Luk Lake on Wednesday April 13th, which is behind Rolling Hills Casino and managed by the Fly Shop in Redding. Luk lake is stocked with both rainbows and largemouth bass. Both facilities gave us significant discounts to allow for our heroes to spend a healing day on the water. All our activities are at no cost to our disabled veteran participants and supported entirely by donations. Our rod building program has been delayed slightly and is scheduled to start in mid-March. We are always looking for lakes, ponds, sections of moving water that can be fished from the bank, so if you have access to this type of water, please let us know. Also, please contact us if you are interested in participating, volunteering or helping financially. Contact: Stan Thomas at 530-518-3715 or Pete Wiik at 530-520-9495.



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



**50th Diamond Anniversary Annual Fund Raiser Dinner**  
**Saturday- March 5th, 2022 @ 4:00**  
**Masonic Center - W. East Ave**

*Authentic, Handmade Italian Meatballs and Pasta or Lasagna.*

Sons of Italy are partnering with Italian Cottage for our Dinner!

**\*CAF 50th Anniversary Fundraiser, Chico Creek Rye 50th CAF Private Barrel (Donated by Golden Beaver Distillery)**

Dave Scadden Zonker Lo Pro pontoon boat, Lots of Rods, Reels, Flyfishing Supplies, Ladies Prizes, Guide Trips and Other Prizes and Always ... Surprizes!!



**One Dinner & a Family Membership...\$70.00**

\*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$65.00

**Each additional Dinner...\$35.00**

\*early bird discount by Jan 31.....\$30.00

**CAF helps Sponsor:**

**Hooked on fishing**  
**Salmon in the classroom**

**PHWFF** (Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing)  
**Almanor – Fisheries**

## DINNER RESERVATION FORM

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

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ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
Family Membership & One Dinner		\$70.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Dinner		\$35.00	\$ _____
<b>Meatballs and Pasta</b> _____ <b>or Lasagna</b> _____			
Raffle ticket packets _____ \$500. _____ \$200.			\$ _____
Raffle ticket packets _____ \$100. _____ \$50.			\$ _____
Chico Creek Rye 50th CAF Private Barrel Bottle		\$60.00	\$ _____
Bottle pick up after the dinner			
Table reservations for 8.....		\$500.	\$ _____
	TOTAL.....		\$ _____

Visa # \_\_\_\_\_

M/C# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date & back # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Questions: 530-345-1197

\*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st

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

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 CAF – 1010 Lori Dr., CA 95973

[www.chicoareaflyfishers.org](http://www.chicoareaflyfishers.org)

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# GOLDEN BEAVER DISTILLERY

## CHICO CREEK RYE WHISKEY



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## Baum Lake - CAF fish out, February 2022

After a couple of years of limited fish outs partly due to COVID-19, it was nice to meet up and fish with others from the club finally. Walt Marzen, Redge Hawkley, Larry Willis, and Tom Rosenow attended Saturday.

The weather was good, and fish jumped as we prepared our gear, so we thought we were off to a good start. Some were on the water at 9 am, where the air temperature was around 32 degrees. As the day went on, temperatures rose into the upper 50s, and we found ourselves stripping off clothing. Everyone had a fish on, caught, or broken off throughout the day. Unfortunately, the fishing was about quality and not quantity. Our numbers were in the single digits and not much above that. I must say, there is nothing better than to have someone that you do not know paddle up next to you and shout out, "Man, you should have been here yesterday; it was epic." It makes me want to pop their float tube. :) Oh, well, I am here today, and it is an excellent time to be fishing with friends.

The fish seemed to be wanting to chase a fly (wiggle tails and seal buggers) and would not settle for a dry fly or tiny nymph on a slow sink in front of them. We could see the fish under our floats as they ran in schools of 15-20, often chased by a large male Brown Trout.

At one point, we all tried holding in Terry Mich's "Secret Spot." Knowing where the secret spot was, required us to "channel" Terry on this "spring" fish out. I learned a lot about fishing with him over the years, and he will be missed.

The group took a quick lunch break (chili dogs), talked about where we had gone on the lake, and set up where to go the rest of the afternoon.

It was a good trip and a great excuse to get out and fish with others after a year or two of fishing by ourselves. And Baum Lake is one of those lakes you truly can take in nature as you paddle around all the birds.

Thank you for attending and the great company, Larry, Walt, and Redge.  
"It is not about the number of fish caught until you catch a lot of fish, and then it is." -anonymous.



Tight lines  
Tom



## Luk Lake fishing – Fishing Report 02/04/- 02/08/22

From Don-

Four of us (Wayne, Bill, Pat and myself) caught rainbows and bass both up to 19 + inches, great fishing. The water was very clear and we were fishing with 5X tippets. Lots of break offs, because these 19" trout were hot. It's a spring time trout fishery and a year around bass lake. We found fishing a black blood sucking marabou leach on a jig hook was the perfect fly. Also, pheasant tails and small nymphs were successful. We all used, at times, intermediate lines stripping these leaches and later Wayne and I brought out the indicators and did very well.

Luk Lake is over 65 acres in size, with numerous coves, peninsulas, weed beds and an island. Located behind Rolling Hills Casino. There is a delicate boat launch for folks who use their own float tubes or pontoons. Fishing from shore doesn't work, too much growth. be arranged through The Fly Shop (530-222- the lake for \$90/ in the morning, only, though day and did well, at an additional cost. Couple of pics from Luk Lake.



## **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 times, to helping those members new to the sport, we try to make these trips fun, exciting and successful. But...It's up to "you" to ask for help, if you desired to learn.

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@aaproduct.com, Don Sleeper dnsleeper@gmail.com, Pat Sleeper psleeper@sbcglobal.net, Eric See eric.see@water.ca.gov and Tom Rosenow troseNOW.chico@gmail.com who are our fish-out leaders.

**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>
Jan 12-17, 2023	Lake Picachos bass fishing, Mexico:	Pat Sleeper 345-1197,
March 5th, 2022	CAF annual Fundraiser dinner: Masonic Lodge 4:00pm	psleeper@sbcglobal.net
March 21, 22 2022	Pyramid fish out W/ Rob Anderson Elden Hinkle- FULL	ehinkle@aaproduct.com
April 9th	Luk Lake ½ day/morning fish out: FULL Rosenow troseNOW.chico@gmail.com	Cost: \$40. Pp (cash/check)
April 30-May 1st	Hat Creek/Pit River near Burney Falls - Eric See	eric.see@water.ca.gov
June 25	CAF Hex Hatch fish out BBQ @ Pat Hallin's	
July 16th	Pingatore's Durhan: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Sep 3-10	Dorado fishing, Mexico - Pat Sleeper 345-1197	FULL
Sep 10-17	Dorado fishing, Mexico - Pat Sleeper 345-1197	FULL
Sep 17-24	Dorado fishing, Mexico - Pat Sleeper 345-1197	www.patsflyfishing.com
Sep 24 - Oct 1	Dorado fishing, Mexico - Pat Sleeper 345-1197	

## **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 8 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>
March 5th	CAF 50th "Diamond Anniversary Fundraiser dinner" *Sons of Italy Partnering with Italian Cottage for dinner.	

\*Golden Beaver Distributing donating a private barrel release of "Rye Whiskey" by Kris Koenig helping celebrate our 50th Golden Anniversary. Presale pick up at end of dinner. Please See flyer in this News Letter

# Fly of the Month, March 2022

## The Mahalo Nymph

By: Ray Narbaitz

On March 21st, Eldon Hinckle will lead a club fishout to Pyramid Lake in Nevada. This has become a popular, annual event and, as usual, the guy showing folks what to do when they get there is Rob Anderson. Rob is a man for all seasons who leads expeditions from Pyramid to South America and in between. He's been at the top of the list at Pyramid for a long time. He was one of the pioneers in fishing nymphs under indicators at Pyramid and one of the flies he came up with to do so was the Mahalo Nymph.

To learn how it came about, you have to go into the way back machine a bit and start in Redding. During that time, the Redding Fly Shop had two of the most creative fly designers and tiers in the western United States and possibly the whole country in Mike Mercer and Andy Burk. Mike is still there, but Andy moved on to the Reno Fly Shop. That's where he and Rob go to know each other. One of the things that got Andy's juices flowing was trying out new materials to see what could be done with them. So, there was always a flow of new stuff coming into the shop much of which had not been seen before. One of the new materials was something called Holographic Tinsel. Rob Anderson thought it looked pretty cool, so he bought a couple of spools and took them home. He was still pretty new to tying but he could tie a Pheasant Tail Nymph, so he used it as the base pattern for his new creation. He tied some, tried them out at the lake, and knew he had a winner. In fact, as the word got out the shop had trouble keeping them in stock, so Rob, Andy and other shop guys would get together after work and tie them up. What Rob hadn't done was think of a name, so he asked Andy to come up with one. After a bit, Andy yelled out, "The Mahalo Nymph." His reasoning was when you see an indicator go down you say things like, "Fish on, Got One, or Yes!" He thought why not yell, "Mahalo," which is Hawaiian for, "Thank You." And that's what it's known as today. Some folks call it the "Maholo Nymph," because it uses holographic tinsel, but I like the original better.

Hook: 1X long Nymph Hook, size 12

Bead: 3.3mm or 1/8, Copper

Thread: 8/0, Black

Weight: 7-10 wraps of .015 lead or lead free wire

Tail: Pheasant Tail Barbs

Abdomen: Red, Black or Wine Holographic Tinsel, large

Rib: Brassie Copper Wire

Wing Case: Large, Mirage Opal Tinsel

Thorax: PT Ice Dub

Legs: PT

1. Debarb the hook, thread on the bead and insert the hook in the vise. Lay down a thread base on the hook shank.
2. Wrap up the weighting wire and jam it into the back of the bead. Wrap a small thread dam behind the wire to keep it from sliding back.
3. Pull off about a dozen PT barbs and tie in a tail a little shorter than the hook shank. Wrap the barbs back to the wire and cut off the excess.



4. Tie in the ribbing wire with the end of it up against the weighting wire and wrap it back to the hook bend.
5. Using your thread, wrap from the bend of the hook up to the bead until you have built a tapered body that covers the weighting wire.
6. Tie in the Holographic Tinsel at the bead and wrap it all the way back to the hook bend. Wrap your thread back to the bead, and then wrap the Tinsel in slightly overlapping wraps up to the bead. Tie it off and cut off the excess.
7. In open spiral wraps, advance the copper wire up to the bead. Tie it off and helicopter off the excess.
8. Now wrap your thread back from the bead about a third or so of the shank to start the Thorax.
9. Tie in the Mirage Tinsel making sure it is right on top of the shank. Tie it from the bead back to that third or so.
10. Dub in a ball of the Ice Dub to make a nice, plump thorax.
11. Pull the Mirage over the Ice Dub and tie it down right behind the bead to make the wing case. Cut off the excess.
12. Take a clump of PT Barbs and tie them in at the bead on one side to make the legs. Make them extend back to short of the end of the abdomen. Do the same thing on the other side. When you have them adjusted to where you want, cut off the excess as close as you can.
13. Wrap a small thread band behind the bead. Whip finish, cut off your thread and use head cement on the finish.

Notes: I didn't have any PT Ice Dub, so I substituted Shrimp Pink for the Thorax. It's one of my favorite colors...In case you are wondering if you can take the big Lahontan's at Pyramid with a size 12 hook, the picture is of Rob with a 24 pound bruiser that he took on a black Mahalo.

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