



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts May 2019

Next meeting: Wed. May 8th, @ 6:30pm fly tying and 7:30 meeting@ California Park Pavilion, Chico



Our Speaker this month is: **Denny Rickards**. Denny will be speaking **Wed, May 8th, @ 6:30 tying 7:30 speaker on Lakes! Denny is an authority on Lakes** with numerous books out on the How to fish lakes; and, tying the special flies. He will share the "hidden Secrets" of fishing lakes. The correct lines to use and why; the stripping techniques; and, why! You "will" find this speaker to have more secrets that he shares; bring your note pad!

I'm continually learning each time I listen to Denny's talks!!! This speaker is coming down from Oregon, just for us, CAF!!! Please come and share in the incredible knowledge he shares!!!

Denny will be bringing: books, fly lines, leaders tippets and flies.

We are continually adding fishouts or changing them for more participation, Please check out the fish out locations and dates on the next few pages. Please be sure to call "that person" in charge of the fish out for more information and to put your name on that fish out list. If it's a pay and play, it's a tremendous help to pay right away. We then know you're serious about going on the trip. Thank you!!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper
President, CAF 345-1197



SPEAKER: Denny Rickards

Wed, May 8th 6:30 tying; 7:30
"Crystal Creek Anglers"

Speaking on: How to fish still waters:
The zones and the why; Lines, leaders and tippets;
Stripping techniques; Hidden secrets;
Improving your strikes; Denny will be bringing:
Fly lines, leaders tippets, books and flies.

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CAF Minutes

04/01/2019

Called to Order 6:23 PM by Pat Sleeper, President

Attending: Larry, David, Terry, Don, Pat, Dana, Elden, Pat, Eric, Peter.

Minutes from previous meeting accepted.

Treasurer's report by Don, M/S Accepted

Dinner Progress Report Review dinner. Was a success. Slightly less well attended, but financially the club still did well.

Programs: Larry Willis VP

This week. Jim Early and Eli Goodsell about Big Chico Creek updates
Discussed upcoming programs

Fish outs

List of upcoming events presented by Elden; Digger Creek was proposed as a group event. Opening Day Fish out at Hat Creek discussed by Eric See

Project Healing Waters

Report by Peter Wiik. Full training has been already accomplished.

Next meeting upcoming. For now, Peter informs us that he has an adequate number of volunteers, but there is still need for more in the future

Adjourned 8:05 PM

Adjourned

David McKinney Secretary, CAFF

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2019

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@aaproduct.com or Tom Rosenow troseow.chico@gmail.com

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
May 11-18	Rooster fishing: Sea of Cortez: Prime Time!!! FULL Contact: Pat & Don: www.patsflyfishing.com ; 530-345-1197	
May 29th	Crane Prarie Lake, Lava Lake, Oregon: ehinkle@aaproduct.com	
June 22nd	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor RSVP: BBQ lunch included. Elden: ehinkle@aaproduct.com	
June 2019	Local fish out for bass - Pingatori's - with lunch: RSVP Don: psleeper@sbcglobal.net 530-345-1197	
Aug 31 - Sep 7, 2019	Dorado fishing: La Ventana, Mexico (4 different weeks available)	
Sep 7 - 14, 2019	Exciting 7 nights/6 dys fishing, meals, shuttle svc	
Sep 14 - 21, 2019	Double occupancy; w/group. Information: www.patsflyfishing.com	
Sep. 21-28, 2019	Don & Pat; psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Nov 7-17	Amazon: Rescheduled date: Trophy peacock bass: FULL	
Jan 8-13, 2020	Lake Picachos, Mexico: 5 nights lodging;4 fishing. Few spots left! Information, Please: Don or Pat 345-1197... www.patsflyfishing.com	

Montana April 22- 29, 2019

Five of us fished Montana last week with high winds and some snow. Winds are always tough for us fly casters, at times we had 30 mph winds in our face... We fished the Big Hole River, Clark Canyon and Canyon Ferry. Clark Canyon and Canyon Ferry produced big rainbows, up to 7 pounds. The wind was too strong for our pontoons, just fished from the shore. We used black jig flies and midges under an indicator. Pat and Elden seemed to out fish the rest of us... But all of us had a great time in Montana.



Fly of the Month for May 2019

Brass Ass

By: Ray Narbaitz

Usually when I pick a fly for the FOTM, I am looking at it as a fly that will be useful in the pursuit of the fish we most often target. This month's FOTM fits into that category, but that is not why I picked it. While the name of the fly is slightly amusing, it brought back memories that you will have to be an old, long time Chicoan to remember.

The Brazen Onager was a pub on Main Street in the late 60's with a somewhat unsavory reputation. Hanging over the entrance was a silhouette of a Mule cut out of brass. You can see why nobody used the pub's official name, it was known everywhere as the Brass Ass. Imagine my surprise years later to find it is also a direct translation of its original name. It turns out an Onager is a wild ass native to Asia. This was back when I was working in TV news and had the pleasure of going in one night with a law enforcement task force to film while they arrested several patrons who had been running a successful, untaxed distributorship. The pub also introduced a young lady, a local gal whose name I have forgotten, that caused quite a scandal by being the first in this part of the state to take part in a notorious form of entertainment. Suffice it to say this was in the time of Carol Doda. In any event, the name of the fly caused me to smile in memory of this mostly forgotten lore of Chico.

The fly itself is from the vise of Ian Colin James. He is a Midwest tier who originally came from Scotland. He came up with the Brass Ass to fish for Steelhead in the Great Lakes region. While he tied the fly in fairly large sizes, most people today tie it much smaller. Among the things James wanted from the fly was for it to sink quickly. He achieved it with this design. The thing sinks like a rock. While he fished it in moving water, in the somewhat smaller sizes it can also be fished in lakes under an indicator. The fly will remind you somewhat of the Brassie, with some bells and whistles thrown in.

Hook: TMC2488H or similar, 10 - 18

Abdomen: Brassie sized Copper Wire.

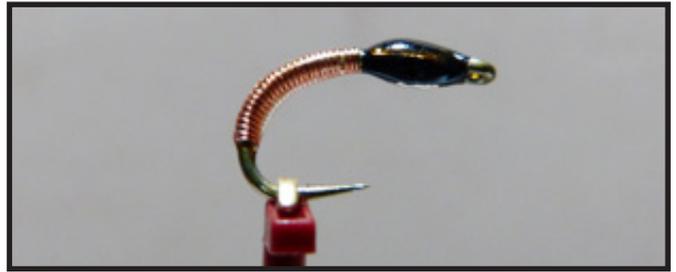
Thread: 8/0 Black UTC

Thorax: Thread

Cheeks: Orange Holographic Tinsel, size small

Finish: UV cured resin or epoxy

1. Debarb your hook and place it in the vise.
2. Take the copper wire and start it right where the vise is holding the hook. Take touching wraps with the wire up the shank until it is about even with the hook point. You want the wraps close, but don't worry if you have the occasional gap.
3. Now push the wire wraps back so they hit the vise. This will



allow you to close any gaps there are. If the wire slips into the gap of the vise, place your bodkin across it, and snub the wire up to it.

4. Tightly grab ahold of the wire wraps and helicopter off the tag end at the bottom. Move the wraps up off the vise just a bit, and make whatever adjustments you have to do to have the top of the wraps about even with the hook point.
 5. Start your thread at the hook eye, and wrap it down to the wire. Make several tight wraps to tie down the end of the wire and helicopter it off.
 6. For the cheeks, you can tie in each side individually, or tie in a strip on one side, pull the other half over with thread and wrap it back. Whichever method you use, tie the tinsel so it is facing back. Wrap them flush with the wire abdomen.
 7. Build up the thorax a little with thread so it is kind of bubble shaped.
 8. Pull the tinsel forward on each side, and tie it down right at the eye. Whip finish at the eye, and cut off your thread. Cut off the excess tinsel as closely as you can.
 9. While you can use epoxy to finish the fly, the UV cured resin is much easier and quicker. Take a small drop of the resin and coat the wire abdomen. You want the resin to cover the wire, but don't goop it on too heavily. Let a little of it go over the bottom of the wire onto the hook, but try to keep it off of your vise. Cure it.
 10. Take another drop, and cover the thorax. Smooth it out with your bodkin so it is nice and rounded. Again, don't use too much. Cure it.
 11. If you think it needs it, add another small drop of the resin to the thorax to get the thickness that looks good to you.
 12. Give the entire fly a good curing and the fly is done.
- Notes: While this is the only way James tied it, I think the fly calls out for some variations. I think the same fly tied with chartreuse wire would work well. You could also play with the color of the cheeks. I'm sure either color in the wire, with red holographic tinsel would look good. As I write this, I remember what Andy Carlson said in January's FOTM about the color purple, and think maybe using purple thread instead of black could have potential. Have some fun with it...By the way I remember the young dancer's name was Vickie Love. That wasn't a stage name it was her real name. Several friends of mine at the time remembered her as a PV High graduate.



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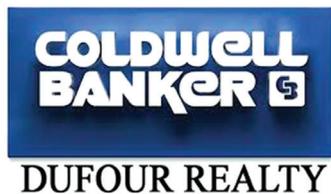
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