



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

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## Short Casts May 2020

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**Next General Meeting Wed, Oct 14, 2020 6:30 fly tying 7:30 Meeting.**

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Dear Friends:

It looks like the "sheltering in place" guidelines we've all been under is starting to lighten up! With 15 counties opening up, mostly up here in Northern CA with relaxed guidelines! Though, some counties have mandatory regulations advising everyone to wear a mask when in the public...such as Plumas. We've "all" been in this boat together; and, it's with everyone's help, we're all coming out of it together with new appreciations for what we have; our wonderful neighbors; and, the wonderful friends we all have around us! Or could it be, we still have toilet paper...

We, at this time, still must cancel our May and June 2020 General Meetings and fish outs for those months due to our "shelter in place" regulations that are still in place, at the time, of this newsletter. Thank you "ALL" for the part "you" are playing.

Please continue to get your exercise such as going for walks down your street; in parks or fishing...Exercise is still important to our minds, body and soul!

If "you" choose to try fishing; I understand more boat launches are opening for Oroville, Monday; and, the parking lots for Oroville. Chester, Geritol Cove has been open. Caution: some small towns have made it a requirement to "wear a mask" if you want to be served in their restaurants, stores, etc. you must wear a mask, buff or face coverup. Don't leave home without your mask.

Good News: It's my understanding from a little bird, Black Butte Lake is "open to walk into" and fish. Though some are finding ways to drive in. Read the little white letter/sign on the fences. But, I understand, it's "very busy"! Pick your day carefully, we are all feeling the need for some type of release from our closures, perhaps this would be a wonderful bit of pleasure at this time!!!

Good News: Shad are being caught in the Sacramento River...

A release of 65,000 trout from their pens in the Hamilton Branch were released in Lake Almanor a few weeks ago is the news John Crotty, President of Almanor Fishing Association, recently told me; and, Quincy College will be releasing their browns soon.

Please be sure to check out our Jan 2021 trophy bass fishing in Mexico; March 20 & 21, 2021 Pyramid Lake fishing w/Rob Anderson and, Hopefully: September 2020 dorado fishing in Mexico; and others that may be sent out as a last-minute email due to weather; shelter in place guidelines lifted; and, availability. I hope to see you soon on a lake with a fish on your line!!

Stay Safe! Pat Sleeper

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## On The Road Again by Pat and Don Sleeper

We had an incredible fly-fishing day high in the Sierra's. There was an incredibly large mayfly hatch going on at this lake. Never seen anything like it in all my years. Mayflies in my nose; crawling on my mouth; caught in my hair; , under my glasses; and just try to see your line with these guys flying around in thick swarms with 15-20mph winds. Tough...but fun!!! The nice thing was, you could catch nice rainbows by just trying to water load your line while feeding fly line back through the rod guides. AMAZING! Nice trout rolling and coming out of the water in every direction! Exciting!!! Lucky!!!

Four of us landed a lot of rainbows. Pretty incredible fly fishing. Saved four for dinner.



## **Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2020-21**

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.**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Fishout Leader</u></b>
May 16-17	Wild horse Reservoir	Elden: CANCELLED/COVID 19
May 27-?	Crane Prairie Lake, Oregon	Rock Creek campground psleeper@sbcglobal.net CANCELLED/COVID 19
June 20,2020	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor	CANCELLED at this time...
Aug 29 - Sep 5	Dorado fishing: La Ventana, Mexico (3 seperate weeks available)	
Sep 5 - 12	Exciting 7 nights/6 dys fishing, meals, shuttle svc.	
Sep 12 - 19	Double occupancy; w/group. Information:	Don & Pat; 345-1197; www.patsflyfishing.com
Nov TBD	Big Chico Creek, Ecological Reserve;	
Jan 10-15, 2021	Lake Picachos, Mexico; www.patsflyfishing.com - 530-345-1197	Trophy Bass fishing.
March 20-21 2021	Pyramid Lake fishing w/Rob Anderson Pay and Play	Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduct.com

## **CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2020**

CAF meets 9 months out of the year; and, presents a variety of exciting fly fishing-related programs throughout the year. The meet-ings also include monthly fly tying demonstrations, raffle prizes, refreshments, and the very best stories about Northern California Fly fishing. Meetings are being held on the second Wednesday of the month at "The California Park Pavilion". We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories! Fly tying is at

6:30 p.m.; general meeting @ 7:30 p.m. **Location: California Park Pavilion: 2565 California Park Drive Chico.**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Speaker</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>
May 6	Cancelled COVID 19	
June 10	Cancelled COVID 19	
Oct 14	John Crotty	
Nov 11	Lance Gray	
Dec 9	Pizza feed	

# Fly of the Month, May, 2020

## The 20 Incher

By: Ray Narbaitz

I've been tying flies for somewhere around 45 years now. In that time, one of the biggest changes I have seen is that synthetic materials have, for the most part, taken over for natural materials. I think the primary reason for this is the synthetics have just gotten so much better. As they have been developed, they have allowed the fly tying world to expand into sizes, shapes and mostly colors that the naturals couldn't match. Also in their favor is they usually tend to be much more durable and long lasting. A Parachute Adams tied with a Razor Foam abdomen is going to float higher and longer than one tied with Muskrat Fur.

Having said that, it doesn't mean one should quit using natural materials. This month's FOTM was developed a long time ago by someone (nobody seems to know who) in Colorado's Roaring Fork Valley when synthetics were not as available as now. It is still a highly productive fly that catches a lot of fish. It is a Stonefly Nymph that has a good profile for the bug. It is one of those flies that is a little more impressionistic than actual, but the profile and look invites the fish to eat it.

Before we tie it I thought I'd put in a note about the hook. The original pattern calls for a Tiemco 200R. I won't bore you with my feelings about that hook. Suffice it to say I don't like it.

While the pattern calls for a slightly curved hook, I doubt the fish will turn it down if tied on a straight shank hook like a TMC 5262 or 5263.

Hook: 2 or 3X long hook, size 2 to 12

Thread: 6 or 8/0 Black

Bead: Brass or Tungsten Gold, sized to hook. While this is the original pattern, I prefer a black bead.

Weight: .20 or .15 lead or lead free wire

Tail: Brown Goose Biots

Ribbing: Tan Floss or Copper Wire size Brassie

Underbody: Any dark dubbing

Abdomen: Peacock

Wing Case: Turkey Tail or Thin Skin

Legs: Partridge

Thorax: Natural Hare's Ear

1. Debarb the hook and slip on the bead.
2. Take 10 to 15 wraps of the weighting wire and shove them tight against the bead.
3. Start your thread behind the lead and wrap a small dam so the lead can't slip down. Wrap down the hook to the bend and wrap a taper from there up to the lead, and over the lead to hold it down.
4. Go back to the bend and tie in a short tail with the Biots.
5. Tie your ribbing material at the wire and wrap it back to the tail.
6. Use any kind of dark dubbing and build a tapered underbody from the tail to about the 75% mark up the shank.



7. Tie in a healthy chunk of Peacock at the bend and wrap it up to the end of the underbody.
8. Counter spiral the rib up to the end of the Peacock.
9. Cut a strip of the Wing Case a little smaller than the hook gap. If using Turkey Tail, cut the points off straight and tie them in behind the bead. Wrap over it all the way back to almost the half way point of the shank, over the Peacock. You want a lot of room for the Thorax. Make sure it is right on top of the hook.
10. Take a Partridge feather with barbs about half the length of the hook shank. Grab the tip and preen the barbs back leaving only the small tip to use as a tie in. Strip the barbs from the bottom of the stem so you only have enough left to be about the length of the Thorax.
11. Tie the feather in by the tip with the stem back over the Wing Case. Tie it in so the stem is curving up. Wrap the tip down and trim any excess.
12. Dub a robust Thorax with the Hare's Ear. You want it to go from the bead to almost the half way point of the shank. Make sure it is a little fatter than the Abdomen. If it is rough and shaggy, so much the better. End with your thread at the back of the bead.
13. Pull the Partridge over the top of the Thorax and tie it down.
14. Pull the Wing Case over the Partridge and tie it down.
15. Trim the excess of both as close to the bead as possible, Make sure both are securely tied down.
16. Place a very small bit of the dubbing and wrap it right behind the bead.
17. Whip finish the fly and cut off the thread.
18. If you have used Turkey Tail for the Wing Case, you might want to put some head cement over it to help with durability.

Notes: If maneuvering the Partridge for the legs gives you a problem, an alternative would be to Palmer it through the Thorax and then trim it top and bottom...Its entirely optional, but you can rough up the hair in the Thorax a bit to give the fly even more motion and more illusion of legs.

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