



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

CAF May 2022 News Letter

Next General Meeting, May 11th 6:30pm Fly Tying 7:30 California Park Pavilion



President's Line

I trust everyone is getting out and enjoying our abundance of beautiful mountains, streams and lakes! As I speak to those living in areas that aren't as fortunate, it makes me appreciate what we do have here in Butte County. We have so many lakes and I'll name just a few: lake Almanor, and it's starting to fish better; we have lake Oroville and the bass have been actively being caught and Black Butte Lake where I just drove to yesterday and watched the bass going arial. What fun it is to watch nature in action. Though the rivers, lakes and streams are very low, we can still enjoy them!

We have some fish outs set up and as the weather changes, there can be additions and changes to these fish outs. Also, If, you have a location that you can share with the club, we'd love to have your help. Please

feel free to give me an email or call. Thank you!!!!

We have some set up for PHWFF, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, at Luk Lake and for the club. Please call the person in charge if you're interested in joining. This information can be found in this newsletter on the fish out page.

We have a General Meeting this Wed, May 11th, 2022, At the California Park Pavilion at 6:30 fly tying 7:30 speaking. It will be our last for the summer. We'll pick up meetings Wed, Oct 12, 2022.

At that time, we'll be having elections of officers.

Hope to see you this Wed at 6:30 for fly tying and meeting with our guest.

Thank you,

CAF President: Pat Sleeper

Speaker for Wed, May 11th

Everyone wants this man in the black boat to be his guide:

Mark Antaramian has spent the last 35 years exclusively flyfishing. He has fished across the United States and Canada. From small lakes like Dodge Reservoir California to Bear Lake Canada. Streams and rivers From Deer Creek California to The Colorado River.

Mark grew up Fishing Lake Almanor and abroad. He has learned techniques from his father and Other Guides. He has also come up some new age techniques that He has used across the country.

After having a stressful job as a Engineer in his past he has decided to teach his knowledge and experience to those that want to know. So for the last 7 years he has dedicated his life teaching others this fine art we call Fly Fishing.

Mark chooses to keep up to date with the most modern techniques instead of sticking to the old school ways. Evolution is his modo. "Out with the old in with the new" He says.



On the Road Again: Nevada, Idaho and Montana.

We had a great fishing and turkey hunting trip to Nevada, Idaho, and Montana. Fished northern Nevada for 5 days: great trout fishing; but very scary weather with snow falling the first day and the day we left. During the time we spent in Nevada, we also had up to 50mph wind gusts. Couldn't use our pontoons on the lake in these high winds and weather!

Though our catching was very productive and fun, we found catching trout off the banks, making sure the wind was in a favorable direction, was the easiest fishing technique. But then... Actually, standing in that wind while maneuvering the large boulders and casting at the same time was my hardest job! "Did you fall?" Don said, "Did you get hurt, Pat? I saw your feet flying through the air!" I told him laughingly, "No, I had too many layers on to get hurt falling on those boulders. I felt like the Pillsbury Dough Boy." Luckily, I didn't bounce so far I ended up in that cold lake.

My train of thought did quickly change dramatically when the wind gust started coming from behind me. I had to slap my entire rod into the water to save myself from falling headfirst into the lake.

This gave me a new revelation: "Time to get out of there and watch the others!" Funny what we'll do to easily catch those monsters! Fun...NOT...

A drink that night in a warm trailer felt very warming, calming and good! Hot Cider!!!

The next day we headed for my cousin's farm in northern Idaho because another snow storm was coming in. This Nevada lake trip consisted of: Dan Heal, Bill and Katie Robinson, Frank Spiteri, Pat Hallin, Carl Selkirk & Don and Pat Sleeper.

We did stop for the night at Steven's in Idaho, where we went out for fish-n-chips with their wonderful friends: FUN!! Thank you, Steven and Sonya!

The next day, we were on the road again for Moscow, Idaho. The next morning, Don had a very exciting turkey hunt at my cousins and I was in the blind videoing Don's tom turkey strutting into the decoys. Don made the shot on an 18-pound tom. Watching those beautiful toms strutting in while my cousin called them was so impressive!! Definitely fun and very exciting!

Then a couple days later, we all headed for the Land of the Giants, Helena, Montana and the Missouri River where we caught a great deal of very large rainbows and browns ranging from 4lbs to 8lbs up to 26 inches. We had four days of guided fishing on three sections of the Missouri. We spent two days on the dam's tailwater for rainbows and then two sections below Craig, Montana for browns & rainbows.

This was terrific dry fly fishing. Don and I caught a good amount of 20-in brown trout on small mayfly cripples when it wasn't raining hailing or snowing. It was my favorite area on the Missouri by far. Though we "never" lost the wind, fishing and catching quality fish never stopped either!!!

Biggest thanks to Montana Fishing Outfitters, Garrett Munson who put our 4-day guided fishing trip together for the 8 of us. Also, Big thanks to Steve Mclean and Elden Hinkle.

With every adventure, it's the comradery that makes an adventure that much better. There were eight of us: Chris and Krystal (cousins), Steve and Elden, Jeff and Pete and, Don & Pat. A trip none of us will ever forget and always look forward to next year!!



(Pat, Nevada Lake fishing 4/26/22)



(Dan Heal, Nevada Lake fishing)



(Don, Nevada Lake fishing)



(Katie Robinson, Nevada Lake)



(Pat, Land of the Giants, Montana 4/29/22)



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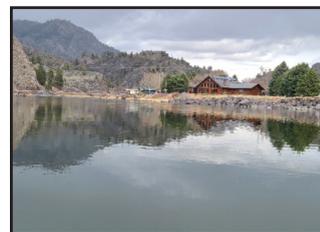
(Pat, Land of the Giants, Montana)



(Don, Craig, Montana)



Jeff Bennett, nice 20 in. brown trout caught on a dry at Craig, Montana



(Craig, Montana)



(Elden Hinkle, Montana)



(Pete @ Green Lake, Montana)

GOLDEN BEAVER DISTILLERY

CHICO CREEK RYE WHISKEY



CHICO CREEK RYE WHISKEY IS A SMOOTH AND BALANCED POUR WITH A 95% RYE AND 5% BARLEY MASH BILL AGED FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS IN NEW AMERICAN WHITE OAK BARRELS. THE HINTS OF SPICE MINGLED WITH NOTES OF OAK GIVE THIS RYE WHISKEY A FLAVORFUL BODY WITH A SWEET FINISH, PERFECT FOR THOSE THAT ARE NEW TO ENJOYING RYE WHISKEY. CHICO CREEK RYE IS BLENDED AND BOTTLED AT 90 PROOF HERE AT GOLDEN BEAVER DISTILLERY.



Tasmanian Devil

Fly of the Month May 2022

By: Ray Narbaitz

I've covered Euro Nymphing and their nymphs in this column a number of times. As I have stated, the technique has been around long enough now that it has gone past the fad stage. People who I respect as being very good on the water continue to state that with the right conditions, it is a highly effective way to fish. Another mini revolution caused by the technique is the explosion of nymphs being tied on jig hooks. That has led to some newer designs on the hooks including wider gaps and longer, slightly upturned points for better fish holding.

While you can use any of your standard nymphs for Euro Nymphing, there is a whole new series of flies that have been introduced because of it. The thing that I find most interesting is few of them bear any resemblance whatsoever to actual bugs. Also, many of them use colors that seem better suited to being in a tattoo parlor than being in a trout stream. Today's FOTM is an interesting mixture. It's different on both ends and more traditional in the middle.

The Tasmanian Devil was introduced by U.S. National Fly Fishing team member Lance Eagan. It was given to him by an Australian guide named Max (unpronounceable last name) during the world championships in Tasmania a few years ago. Max said there was no real name for the fly, so Lance named it the Tasmanian Devil. He says it fished well in Tasmania and has since fished well in his home waters in Utah.

Hook: Jig Hook, 14 to 18

Bead: Slotted, bright pink

Thread: 8/0 light olive

Tail: Glo Brite, #5, Fluorescent Orange

(I didn't have any, so I used orange hackle barbs)

Rib: Copper wire, small

Abdomen: Natural Hare's Ear dubbing

Legs: CDC Feather

Collar: Ice Dub, Peacock Black

1. Debarb the hook, slide on the bead and place the hook in the vise.
2. Start your thread and build a small thread dam behind the bead to settle it. Wrap the thread back toward the tail.
3. Tie in the tail cut it off so it is about a hook gap in length. Wrap your thread back up to the bead.
4. Place the end of the ribbing wire in the slot and tie it down with the thread from there back to the bend of the hook.
5. Apply the Hare's Ear dubbing on your thread. There will be some guard hairs, but that's OK. If any of them appear to be too long to you, pull them out. Wrap the dubbing up to just short of the bead.
6. Spiral wrap the ribbing wire up to just short of the bead. Tie it down and helicopter off the excess.
7. Tie in your CDC feather tip first and take two or three wraps for the legs. Tie it off and trim the excess. Take a couple of thread wraps to push the barbs back. Make



sure to leave some room for the collar.

8. Dub on just a pinch of the Ice Dub and wrap a small collar. This will help push back the CDC barbs even more.
9. Wrap a small band of the thread at the bead, whip finish and trim off your thread.
10. Apply a small drop of head cement on the thread wraps.
11. If it appears some of the CDC barbs are too long, cut or break them off. You don't want them to extend much further than the middle of the tail.

Notes: Like a lot of Euro Nymphs, this one is pretty much an attractor. It doesn't really imitate any natural bug. At least I've never seen a bug with an orange butt and pink head. I have no idea why fish eat these things, but they do. Next month I'll feature another attractor type nymph that could be an imitation of several different kind of bugs and uses much more familiar materials.

Dear Chico Area Fly Fishers,

I own a kayak shop in Tahoe City and, due to pervasive supply chain issues, I'm hearing that many shops around California are sold out of popular fishing kayaks and paddleboards. If any of your anglers are searching for Hobie Mirage pedal kayaks (Outback, Compass, etc), Bote inflatable kayaks or paddleboards, Wilderness Systems kayaks, or Eddyline kayaks...we have many of these in stock, and we could possibly deliver to your next club event if your members can't make it up to our store.

If we can help get some of your members on the water, don't hesitate to reach out. I have family in Chico, and come through there often.

Best Regards,
Andrew Laughlin,
Owner

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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 troseow.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!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan 12-17, 2023	Lake Picachos bass fishing, Mexico:	Pat Sleeper 345-1197 (2 openings)
April 15th	Luk Lake ½ day/morning fish out: FULL Cost: \$40. pp (cash/check)	Rosenow troseow.chico@gmail.com Canceled due to high winds!
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 (1 opening)
Sep 10-17	Dorado fishing, Mexico -	Pat Sleeper 345-1197 Full
Sep 17-24	Dorado fishing, Mexico -	Pat Sleeper 345-1197 (1 opening)
Sep 24 - Oct 1	Dorado fishing, Mexico -	Pat Sleeper 345-1197 www.patsflyfishing.com

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
May 11th	Mark Antaramian	

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