



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts November 2014

Wed, Nov 12th 2014 is our next meeting date: 6:30 fly tying and 7:30 speaker. Located at the CARD center, 545 Vallombrosa Ave. Free refreshments as well.



Henry Lomeli co-star of the NEW reality show: "Tethered" will speak at our Wed, Nov 12th CAF General meeting! Time 6:30 fly tying 7:30 Speaker Henry Lomeli.

Henry Lomeli co-star of the new reality show "Tethered" that aired on the Discovery channel, Oct 5th, 2014.. will be bringing a DVD to share of the episode and tell of his experiences surviving 10 days while tethered to a stranger; and, trekking across Kodiak island, AK. to a designated pick-up point. See the three items he used for their survival; hear about his bear encounters; listen to the 48 miles of terrain they endured while tethered; what could they eat? and, "you" can ask questions about his encounters. FUN!!

Henry has 24 years as a wildlife biologist with CDFW; 10 years running his Sacramento River Ecotours; professional Outdoor Adventure Guide; Wild Mushroom Foray Leader; Primitive Survival Instructor; Hunting & Fishing Guide; lives here in Chico and now, he adds to his list: "Tethered" cast member on the Kodiak Island episode. Can you spell EXCITING!



Secretary minutes for Lincoln Gray by Pat Sleeper

At our last General meeting we had Hogan Brown give a wonderful program on most of the fish we seek to catch in the Sacramento River in our general area. He went into detail on each type of fish, where they were found, what they ate, why they live in that area and what flies to use at the different times of the year! Very informative and entertaining for the full house of CAF members...thank you all for coming and thank you Hogan for the GREAT talk!

We also had elections where we elected: Dave McKinney as Secretary and Eric See, John Hamiter and Scott Joyce as board members. Congratulations gentlemen

Henry Lomeli will be our special speaker Nov 12th (Wed) about his reality segment on the new show "Tethered".



President's line by V. President Pat Sleeper

Larry is out Elk hunting in Colorado; therefore, I'll tell you of some upcoming events: We are starting to plan our March fundraiser/dinner that will be held Sat, March 7th, 2015 at the Masonic lodge. Your help and input is "always" appreciated. We are accepting donations and your help in acquiring them is equally appreciated! Please feel free to call, e-mail or text Pat Sleeper or Don Sleeper with questions - 345-1197.

I trust you've been out fishing, I've been hearing Almanor is fishing well as well as the egg bite on the river. We hope to see you at our next general meeting at CARD Wed, Nov 12th. Hope you can take some time to enjoy the wonderful fishing out there right now!! Thanks, Pat Sleeper

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2014

CAF meets monthly and presents a variety of exciting flyfishing-related programs throughout the year. The meetings also include monthly fly tying demonstrations, raffle prizes, refreshments, and the very best info and lies about Northern California Flyfishing. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Fly tying begins at 6:30pm - general meeting begins at 7:30pm.

Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico, California, 95926. We look forward to see you at our next meeting!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Nov 12 (Wed)	Henry Lomeli	Tethered, reality show experience on Kodiak island...hear/watch "his" story.
Dec 10th	Pizza	Round table Pizza, Pillsbury Ave, Chico

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2014

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfisher's provide to its Membership. These Club Fishouts 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.

We are also looking for additional **fishout leaders**. If you have one of those favorite spots that you don't mind sharing with others and would like to lead your fellow CAF members for a day of fishing fun, and fellowship please contact Don Sleeper or Eric See.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Nov	Lewiston Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Eagle Lake	Open

Other ideas: Floating Indicator Clinic, Float Tube Clinic, Fly Casting Clinic, Yuba River, Fort Bragg area Surf Fly fishing---

On The Road Again: Redding, CA

by Don and Pat Sleeper

On the road took Don and I to Redding, CA to the famed "egg bite"! The egg bite is where the steelhead travel closely behind the spawning salmon "feasting" on the eggs as they float down the river. It's an incredible yearly fishing event, even in this low water year!

As we got, right on the water, at 8:30 A.M. it was a beautiful day with a bit of a chilly cloud coverage, just a mild breeze; but, we didn't travel 100 yards, when Don had the first hook-up. With that, we took turns catching one after another until I thought Lincoln had to be "exhausted" from rowing back up to the top of the drift again and again. But, he kept it up until we couldn't catch a fish in the drift... This scenario continued throughout the entire day until the sun started going down and a nippy cloud coverage started coming in; whew, I could hardly cast my line! My hats off to you Lincoln!

Lincoln Gray was our guide; and, Lance Gray was closely by in his drift boat with his clients. As a quote from one of Lance's clients, "how's your rod?" "fine?" I repeated. "it should be broken! Every time I looked up at you, you had a fish on!"

Sometimes the best fishing can be "in your own back yard!" Thank you Lincoln Gray for a GREAT day of fishing the Lower Sacramento River Thursday, Oct 30, 2014.



Fishout Report: Pyramid Lake

By Don & Pat Sleeper

We fished Pyramid Lake October 1st for 8 days in beautiful weather; Pyramid was almost calm at times, dead calm. In the fall of the year we fish Pyramid from Pontoons or float tubes casting into the bait balls of chuchubs. It's very different than spring time fishing for the Lahontan cutthroat trout. We camped at Warrior point, again on the beach. We all caught very strong healthy fish. And we had 16 members from CAF fishing at our camp. The fish ranged between 2 and 13lbs, and Terry Mich caught the fish of a life time on a foam beetle fly. We used Teeny Lines (shooting heads) with black and white streamers, midges, and foam beetles.. And this time of the year we even used bait fish patterns fished on top, it was very exciting to see those large trout hitting flies on top water patterns.

Terry Mich's 13lbs and 32 inches long, this one went into the smoker (no guessing - it was weighed and measured). We saved 4 trout out of over about 200 landed.



Chico Area Flyfishers and the Salmon in the Classroom

The Chico Area Flyfishers is an enthusiastic supporter of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Classroom Aquarium Education Program, where salmon (sometimes steelhead) eggs are placed in classroom fish tanks so the students can watch the eggs hatch and develop into fry; eventually, the students take a field trip to the river and release the fish. Along the way, the teachers, who have to take a special training class with DFW, teach the students about the life cycle of the salmon and steelhead, and the student also learn scientific methodologies such as observation and data recording.

In addition to a fish tank, this program requires a water chiller to keep the tank at the necessary temperature of 52-55°F, and these chillers are so expensive that they exceed the budget of most schools. For many years now, CAF has uses a portion of the funds raised at the Annual Dinner to provide these fish tanks & chillers to willing classrooms, and this year, CAF supplied fish tanks and chillers to four different Chico area classrooms: three at Citrus Elementary School, and one at Parkview Elementary School.



Salmon eggs being dropped into Fish Tank



Salmon fry being released in river

Fly of the Month for November 2014

Polar Shrimp

By: Ray Narbaitz

Steelhead fishing is often referred to as the game of a thousand casts. Supposedly, it takes a thousand casts before you can expect to catch a fish. It's a nice sounding cliché, but I think the world is very short on people who would be willing to make a thousand casts before they chucked the whole thing. Another problem is that it assumes the only way to Steelhead fish is to swing a fly. In fact, on a lot of well know Steelhead rivers, if you are not using a two handed rod, either switch or spey, you are to be pitied if not downright frowned upon. An internet search for Steelhead flies shows the vast majority of them to be made for swinging. Swinging flies for Steelhead is a classic if not necessarily efficient way to fish for Steelhead.

While swinging will work on our local waters, most of our Steelhead streams in this area, the Sac, Trinity and Feather, to name a few, are basically big Trout streams. And, since Steelhead are Trout, the same tactics and often the same flies we use on Trout work very well for them. They work even on big waters. The biggest Steelie I ever caught was a fat, 32-inch Buck on the North Umpqua River, and I took it high sticking a big (#2 5X long) heavily weighted Stone Fly Nymph back when it was still legal to use them there. If I'm fishing the Feather, for instance, I make very few changes in my fly box whether fishing for Steelhead or Trout. One exception is using the Polar Shrimp for Steelhead.

The Polar Shrimp was developed by the great Polly Rosborough in the 1930's. He used it to fish for Steelhead on the Eel River. He was well known for developing what he called his "Fuzzy Nymphs." In fact a collector's item book called Tying and Fishing the Fuzzy Nymphs was very popular in its time. Polly was one of the first to come up with the tying in the round concept of nymph design. He used almost all natural materials, because there just weren't many man made materials available at the time. One exception might be the Polar Shrimp.

The original called for red hackle fibers for a tail, orange or pink chenille, white calf or buck tail, and brown or orange hackle. Some think it was to imitate Salmon spawn, and others think it was to imitate a Shrimp, a favorite food of Steelhead in the ocean. When I first heard of it, I got a vague description of it as an egg type pattern with some white spawning sack still attached. My problem was, there was no internet back then, and I couldn't find a picture of it. So, I made up my own pattern. Today, if you google Polar Shrimp, you can easily find a picture of it...along with pictures of about 50 different variations, all called Polar Shrimps. So, since the name has become almost generic, and with all due deference to Mr. Rosborough, I'll show you my somewhat bastardized, version of the Polar Shrimp.



Hook: Standard heavy wire nymph hook, or one extra long, size 8 to 14.

Thread: White 6/0

Weight: Lead wire, sized to match hook

Tail: White Marabou

Body: Chenille, color of your choice

Wing: White Marabou

1. Debarb hook and place it in vice,
2. Wrap weighting wire around hook, start your thread, and take multiple wraps around the wire to tie it down.
3. Tie in a moderate clump of the Marabou for the tail, and make it about hook shank in length.
4. Tie in your Chenille, and wrap it up to just short of the eye of the hook.
5. Tie in another clump of Marabou at the head, in a wing style. Make it just a little longer than the body of the fly.
6. Whip finish the head, and add some head cement.

Notes: I fish this fly just as you would any other nymph. You want to make sure you are using enough weight either on the fly or the leader to get it pretty close to the bottom. It's such an easy fly to tie, you shouldn't mind losing a few of them...An interesting side note is that I have fair hooked several Salmon using this fly on the Feather...After you have finished your drift, let the fly hang down below you for a few seconds before you retrieve it.

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