



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts November 2015

Our next meeting will be Wed., Nov. 11th, 2015 at 7:30 - @ California Park



President Line

I am proud and honored to have the position as President of Chico Area Flyfishers. We have a wonderful board and as I have served with them for the past 8 years, I look forward to another two as president. Thank you to: Larry Willis as V.P.; Dave McKinney as Secretary; Don Sleeper as Treasurer; Tom Rosenow as Fishout Chairman; Steve Bohnemeyer as Outreach ; as

well as John Hamiter, Eric See, Scott Joyce and Dana Miller for serving as board members. It's the knowledge, support and help of the entire board that gets things done...A BIG "thank you" gentlemen!

Thank you also goes out to Larry Willis for serving as president for the past two years. Your dedication to the club is appreciated by everyone!
THANK YOU!!

Now, Crab season has been closed for the season! Our dinner is usually a crab shrimp dinner. I would like to have an e-mail from "you" giving us 3 "suggestions" you'd like to eat at this annual fund raiser dinner. thank you! Our dinner fundraiser is also accepting donations for our March 5th, 2016 dinner that will take place at the Masonic Lodge on East Av., Chico as usual.

Fishing has been exceptional at Baum Lake. If you haven't gone, you may want to take a trip up there.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual General meetings the second Wed of each month located at the California Park Pavilion: time - 6:30 for fly tying; 7:30 speaker, though Dec 9th is at Round Table Pizza..... time 5:30.... Thank you!!!!!! Pat Sleeper

Secretary minutes Nov 3rd by Pat Sleeper for Dave McKinney

Meeting called to order by new president Pat Sleeper.
Those present: Dave, Tom, Terry, John, Don and Pat.
Minutes stand as published.

Treasurer Report by Don Sleeper.

Reports: Terry has Ray Narbaitz coming to the Nov 11th General Meeting at 5:30 for fly tying at the California Park Pavilion. Almanor fishing Association, Ray Pallari speaking at the Nov 11th meeting @ 7:30 about fish rearing, etc. and CAF will donate \$1000. ear marked for the pens broken up by the storms. M/S/P Dave/Terry.

Dinner committee - the CAF board: dinner March 5th at the Masonic lodge as usual. Chairman Pat Sleeper; Assistant: Dave McKinney. Donations are being accepted...thank you. Don reported on the CAF log's can be put on your shirts at: Andy's embroidery, Wall st., Chico.

John reported Shasta Trinity Club in Redding, who are building a new club house, would like financial assistance. Request placed on hold for more input. M/S/P Terry/John. Dinner planning and other discussions.

by Pat Sleeper/Dave McKinney

CAF fishout 10/30/2015

At the end of October six adventurous souls made the 2.5 mile steep uphill and downhill hike into Little Grass Valley Creek Reservoir located in Shasta County near the Trinity Wilderness area. It started out as a foggy morning as we descended off the road down the trail to meet up with the gravel road into the watershed. The lower temperatures allowed us to take a rather fast pace. After reaching the lake within 40 minutes the sun had begun to show, creating a fishing day that was one of the more pleasant ones we have had for some time up in this area. The leaves were turning colors, bugs were out, water down about 3 feet, and fish were right up against the shoreline. Fish were caught in the 7" to 15" range and a couple jumping out of the water 1 to 1.5 feet in the air. It was so quiet and peaceful on the lake that we were able to talk to each other from opposite sides of the lake without hollering and making you look around to see if the person you were talking to was right behind you.

Fish were biting on Black Woolly Buggers, Copper Johns, Ants, and Matt's turkey feather pheasant tails. The hatches

Short Speaker Biography and Program Information

At our next meeting will be Andrew Harris speaking at 7:30 P.M., Wed, Nov 11th at the California Park Pavilion, Chico 2565 California Park Dr, Chico. Fly tying will also be available at 6:30 by Ray Narbaitz

Andrew Harris

Andrew began his guiding career at Clearwater House on Hat Creek in 1997, guiding clients on the rivers surrounding Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen. Andrew is the author of "Plumas National Forest Trout Fishing Guide" and is a frequent contributor to California Fly Fisher magazine. Andrew lives in Red Bluff, California. His current guide destinations include the Lower Sac, Fall River, Trinity River, Battle Creek, Pit River, Upper Sac, Hat Creek and McCloud River. Wed., he will be speaking about the Pit River.

seen were in the size range of 22-24 for white midges (almost like a Griffins Gnat in shape) and size 14-16 in Callibaetis Mayflies that were spent on the top of the water and a favorite for the wild trout. While we did not match the white midges for the hatch, we could use them as an indicator that the Callibaetis were going to come out within 15-20 minutes of the midges. So, you knew when to switch your flies. Day time temperature was in the 70s and lake temperature was 54 F.

On the hike out at 3pm, we realized that next time we should bring headlamps and fish the evening hours because the activity really began to pick up in the later hours of the day.

Both the fishing and the company made for an excellent day out. This is a watershed that if you want some solitude, be allowed to take your time on the water, catch decent size fish, and quantities of fish that make you feel good, then this place is definitely worth the hike in.

Those that attended: Elden Hinkle, Frank Moran, Keith Kelly, J.D. Feemster, Matt Johnson, and Tom Rosenow.

Tight lines! – the CAF Fish-out committee.

--Tom Rosenow



Pyramid Lake Fishout – October 1, 2015

By Don & Pat Sleeper

We fished Pyramid Lake from October 1st for six days in somewhat beautiful weather; Pyramid this year was a little rough the first few days: lots of rain. But after three days things started to turn around: good weather and the fishing was excellent. Everyone caught fish, 5 of us caught and released over 100 trout. We used minnow patterns and foam beetles, they all worked. In the fall of the year we fish Pyramid from Pontoons or float tubes casting into the bait balls of chu-chubs. It's very different than spring time fishing for the Lahontan cutthroat trout. We camped at Warrior point, again on the beach. We had 13 CAF members for our Saturday night spaghetti feed.

The fish ranged between 4 and over 10lbs. We used Teeny Lines (shooting heads) with different colored streamers. A few club members even went to the dark side with jigs when the fish went to 60 to 80 feet deep, you just can't get down with fly equipment. But most of the fly fishermen used bait fish patterns and fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. It was very exciting to see those large trout take us into the backing on our own hand tied fly patterns. Those Lahontans are getting bigger every year at Pyramid.



Scott Joyce with a very nice cutthroat.



Bill Robinson with a very nice cutthroat.



Opening morning at Pyramid with rain and a fleet of pontoons.

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Lake El Salto, Lake Picachos. Canada and Amazon fishing as well.

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Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2016

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 Tom Rosenow, Don Sleeper or Eric See. This schedule may change depending on the fish bite or weather conditions.

Date	Location	Fishout Leader
Nov 21 2015	Feather River	Tom Rosenow
January 2016	Baum Lake	Don Sleeper
Feb	Open	
March	Open	
April	Open	
May	Hat creek	Eric See
June	hex hatch	
Sept	Open	
Oct 1st	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Open	

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

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2015

CAF meets 10 months out of the year and presents a variety of exciting fly fishing-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 Fly fishing. Meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of the month at CARD. Fly tying begins at 6:30 p.m.; general meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Location: CARD Center - 545 Vallombrosa Avenue - Chico. We look forward to see you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories!

Date	Speaker	Program
Nov 11	Ray Palori	Almanor fish hatchery
Dec 9	CAF	Pizza 2201 Pillsbury Rd, Chico



Fly of the Month for November 2015

Mercer's Tungsten Swing Caddis Emerger

By: Ray Narbaitz

Generally speaking, fly fishing for trout, and the flies used to catch them, have gone through overlapping stages. Having migrated to this country from England, the first phase was dry fly only, with Catskill style flies. Later, wet flies became the rage, and then a Mr. Sawyer of England committed heresy and came up with the Pheasant Tail Nymph meant to fish down deep. From there a lot of styles have had their day, and almost all of them were frowned upon by the advocates of the form that preceded them.

I have never really understood this whole idea. Our sport is supposed to bring us enjoyment. I'm sure we all have enough rules in our daily life that we don't need to clutter up our recreation with more of them. As for me, I don't really care if you are dry fly fishing, nymphing, swinging soft hackles, wet fly fishing, streamer fishing, Tenkara fishing, Flymphing, high sticking, Czech Nymphing, throwing a Hopper/Dropper/Copper combo, indicator fishing, using a boat, a pontoon boat, a float tube, a kayak, a canoe, wet wading, using waders or fishing naked. The point is, if what you are doing is legal, and you enjoy it, who gives a rip what some purist type thinks about it? Figure out a few methods you like, combine them with some flies you like, and go to it.

Which brings me to this month's F.O.T.M. I enjoy nymph fishing, and really enjoy using soft hackles. Leave it to the creative mind of Mike Mercer to come up with a fly that can be used for both, on the same cast. With its tungsten bead to get it down, and the CDC and Partridge waving around, you can high stick nymph it, and then hold your line tight at the end of the drift, and let it rise (emerge) up through the current. It's a technique that is quite effective on both Trout and Steelhead.

Hook: TMC 3769 or 3761, or solid nymph hook of your choice size 10 to 14.

Thread: White 70 denier followed by black 70 denier.

Bead: Black Tungsten, sized to hook.

Abdomen: White thread overwrapped with something like Midge Tube or D Rib. In this case, I used Olive, but Brown, or even Black could be used.

Back Legs: CDC in Tan or Brown

Thorax: Bead/Ice Dub. Ice Dub in Olive, Brown, or almost any color you think compliments the fly.

Front Legs: Partridge

- Debarb the hook, thread on the bead, and place the hook in your vise.
- Start your white thread at the mid-point of the hook, and wrap back down the bend just a bit.
- Tie in your tubing and run it from the mid-hook point to just down the bend. Overwrap it so that it is completely covered by the white thread. Keep the overwrap as smooth as possible, it will provide the shine under the tubing.
- Wrap your tubing in touching wraps up to the half way point of the hook, and tie it off. Trim the excess.



- Take a couple of wraps with the thread forward on the hook shank, throw a half hitch in it, and cut it off. Take your black thread, start it on the shank, and wrap back up to the tubing cut off point.
- Take a CDC feather, and tie it in by the tip. Wrap it around the hook four or so times pulling the feathers back with each wrap so they lay over the abdomen. Tie it off and trim the excess.
- Pull all the fibers back with your fingers, and take a few wraps of thread around them, so they fan back over the fly. Pull them back by the tips and cut them off just a tiny bit past the bend of the hook.
- Push the bead tight against the base of the CDC, and take one wrap past the bead onto the hook in front of it. Take a few wraps of thread to hold it in place.
- Dub your thorax of Ice Dub. Dub it forward so you have an eye length or so of bare hook at the eye. It's OK if the dubbing is a little shaggy. In fact, after it's dubbed, comb it back a bit so it forms a sort of see through veil around the bead.
- Take your Partridge feather and tie it in by the tip. Tie it so it is lying flat over the top of the fly. Take two or three wraps of the feather, combing back the barbs with each wrap. Tie it down and trim the excess.
- If the Partridge has not fanned back over the fly to your liking, take a few wraps of thread around it to make it lay back. It's OK to do that, but try to keep the head as small as possible.
- Whip finish your thread, cut it off, add some head cement to the final wraps, and the fly is ready.

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