



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts November 2017

Next meeting Nov. 8th, 2017 @ 6:30 tying and meeting @ 7:30 location: California Park Pavilion



President Line by Pat Sleeper

Elections are now over and we have one new board member Tom Rosenow. Welcome to the board list Tom. The rest of the board is still as follows: President: Pat Sleeper V. President: Larry Willis Secretary: Dave McKinney Treasurer: Don Sleeper Board: Tom Rosenow; Scott Joyce; Eric See; Dana Miller Fishing has been improving at Almanor, Pyramid, Frenchman's, Sacramento River, Feather River and other areas. Check with your local fly fishing shops for the latest updates. Hope to see you at our next General Meeting Wed, Nov 8th, 2017. at 6:30 with Gary Bonanno tying and speaking at 7:30 at the California Park Pavilion. Sincerely, Pat Sleeper - 345-1197

A Short Trip to Idaho

On the road again, by Don & Pat Sleeper

Well we left Chico the 29th of October for a quick trip to fish our cousin's pond in northern Idaho. We missed the snows and had a great time fishing their pond for rainbows. Last year they had winter kill and an otter destroyed their fishery. They replanted their fishery in April with fingerlings that were 4 to 5 inches. Now these rainbows are 13 inches long and 4 inches across their backs. There is a very large leach population in their small lake which adds to their incredible growth.

These healthy 13 inch rainbows were all we could handle on our 4-weight fly rods. We used everything from wiggle tails to chironomids under an indicator. My favorite fly was a Carrie special on an intimidate line.

But the high light of the trip was when we make an incredible deal on a new Ram Truck with Dave Smith Motors in Kellogg Idaho. You can't beat their prices on Ram Trucks anywhere....



A spring time picture of the pond.



How it looks now with my new Dave Smith Ram. Fishing was terrific....



These are called Farm Trout for lack of a better name.....



Pat Fishing on the pond last week with her Cousin Chris; And, the Elk were just above us...

Gary Bonanno Speaker

Our Wed, Nov 8th Meeting we will have Gary Bonanno from Reno tying and talking about Pyramid Lake: With more than 50 years experience fishing Pyramid Lake, I enjoy sharing my knowledge and experience, helping anglers catch more fish and maximizing their valuable fishing time. Over the years I've learned where the lake's cutthroat will be at in any given time, during different weather patterns and all times of the season. I have also created numerous fly patterns, some of which are carried by local fly shops such as Orvis Reno. Join me for a day at Pyramid. I would love to take a picture of you with your catch. I guarantee you'll catch fish!

Thank you, Gary Bonanno <pyramidonthefly@yahoo.com

Big Fish photos from La Ventana Mexico





Lake Oroville Community Update

November 1, 2017

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced it has met its goal of repairing and reconstructing the main, gated flood control spillway at Lake Oroville by Nov. 1, 2017 to handle flows of 100,000 cubic-feet per second this winter.

Preparing the main spillway for the rainy season was a primary objective of the Lake Oroville Spillways Emergency Recovery Project, which has now completed its first phase after a massive construction effort that rebuilt and strengthened more than 2,270 feet of the 3,000-foot-long main spillway.

"Today is a truly significant day for DWR, our state, federal and local agency partners, and the contractors who have worked together so well to meet this critical milestone," said DWR Director Grant Davis. "It is also a very important day for the surrounding communities, and everyone who depends on the Oroville Dam facilities for flood protection. However, today is only a milestone and we have much more work to do before the project is complete, and we're eager to begin phase two."

DWR awarded Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. (Kiewit) the contract to reconstruct both the main and emergency spillways in April of this year.

"More than 600 Kiewit workers, many of them from Butte County and other parts of Northern California, have put in over 720,000 hours to date since May this year to help deliver the first phase of this very important project on schedule," said Jeff Petersen, Kiewit project director. "We take great pride in the speed in which the entire project team has worked safely and productively to meet expectations. Our commitment continues to be to deliver the highest quality, most reliable spillways that the communities in this region deserve."

Earlier this month, DWR released an operations plan for the 2017-'18 flood season that will guide reservoir operations between November 1 and April 2018. The plan calls for DWR to maintain lower-than-average lake levels during the winter months to provide space for inflows and manage releases from the substantially reconstructed main spillway.

Phase 1 Completion of the Main, Flood Control Spillway

- Reconstruction of 2,270 feet of the main spillway:
 - Placement of all reinforced, structural concrete slabs and walls is complete in the upper and lower chutes. This includes 870 feet of the upper chute and 350 feet of the lower chute of the spillway.
 - The 1,050-foot middle section of the main spillway chute is complete, with approximately 350,000 cubic yards of roller compacted concrete placed. This middle section will be completed to final design with a top layer of structural concrete in 2018.
- The top 730 feet of the main spillway leading to the radial gates has been patched and reinforced. It will be removed and reconstructed with structural concrete in 2018.

Construction at the Emergency Spillway

- Construction of the secant pile wall, or cut-off wall, downhill of the emergency spillway is scheduled to be complete by the end of January 2018.
- Crews have completed 50 percent of the secant pile wall.

To download graphics, fact sheets, and other information, please view the press kit online. Photos and video of the Lake Oroville Spillways construction are available on DWR's Oroville Spillway photo gallery and YouTube channel.

This e-mail is part of DWR's ongoing effort to provide you with timely information and updates regarding the Lake Oroville Spillways Recovery. We want to provide a transparent process and ensure community members are well informed. We also want to hear from you, so please contact us with comments and questions.

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Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2018

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.

Tom Rosenow and Elden Hinkle will be our new 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 Tom Rosenow trosenow.chico@gmail.com or Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduct.com

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Jan 11th - 16th, 2018	Lake Picachos, Mexico - Pat Sleeper - 1 opening	psleeper@sbcglobal.net
Jan 25th - Feb 5, 2018	Amazon - full	
March 3rd, 2018	Annual Crab Feed Dinner	
March 10th & 11th 2018	Pyramid Lake Clinic w/Rob Anderson & Chris RSVP Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproduct.com Breakfast/lunch/ladders \$190. pp	
April 28 May 5 2018	Rooster fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper - Host open \$900.pp: 7 nights, meals, & shuttle; Plus \$750.pp 6 dys fishing. Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
June	Lake Almanor - Hex hatch- @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor rsvp: Tom: trosenow.chico@gmail.com BBQ lunch included.	
July	Pingatori fishout for bass - Don and Pat	
Aug	Digger Creek: Elden- ehinkle@aaproduct.com	
Sep. 8-15, 2018	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper -host- \$900.pp: 7 nights, meals, & shuttle; Plus \$750.pp 6 dys fishing. Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Sep. 15-22, 2018	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper -host-open Cost \$1650.pp: 7 nights, 6 dys fishing, meals, & airport shuttle. Non fisherman \$900.pp: 7 nights, meals, & shuttle. All prices Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	
Sep. 22-29, 2018	Dorado fishing La Ventana, Mexico. Pat Sleeper -host- Cost \$1650.pp: 7 nights, 6 dys fishing, meals, & airport shuttle. Non fisherman \$900.pp: 7 nights, meals, & shuttle. All prices Double occupancy; w/group. Questions: psleeper@sbcglobal.net	

CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2017

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 being held on the second Wednesday of the month at The California Park Pavilion. We look forward to see you at our next meeting and hearing "your" fishing stories! Fly tying begins at 6:30 p.m.; general meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. **Location: California Park Pavilion: 2565 California Park Drive Chico.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Nov. 8th	Gary Bonanno	
Dec. 13th	Round Table	
Jan 10, 2018	(Wed) Member come sharing your pictures and stories of the year.	

Fly of the Month for November 2017

By: Ray Narbaitz

There are around 3,500 species of Beetles in North America. Believe it or not, that's only ten percent of the 350,000 species worldwide. There are more species of Beetles than any other insect in the world. With that in mind, Dennis Potter came up with his Fat Head Beetle. However, he didn't do it to imitate a Beetle; he wanted it to imitate a bug. Potter points out that for all of the Beetles around, you seldom see any on the water. Nobody ever says they hope to be on the water for a Beetle hatch. Potter says that while there are 3,500 Beetle species, there are 20,000 species of bugs in North America that are sort of oblong in shape. He lists among them Beetles, Wasps, Bees, House Flies, etc. His theory is that the fish aren't keying on Beetles per se, they are keying on a bug type they see all the time. Potter says these bug body types come out with the warm weather of spring, and are around all through the summer until the cold weather comes along. Potter started with the basic concept of a decade's old Rusty Gates pattern called the Secret Rubber Bug (SRB). He kept the foam over body and the Peacock body, but made quite a few changes in the materials and look of the fly after that. The concept is good, and he says he catches a lot of fish with this fly. I have no reason to doubt that he does.

Here is the recipe as listed by Potter. As you can see, I did not have two of the materials that he called for, so I used a substitute. I can't imagine it will change the effectiveness of the fly whatsoever.

Hook: Standard Dry Fly Hook, 12 to 16

Thread: Black 8/0

Underbody: Peacock Herl

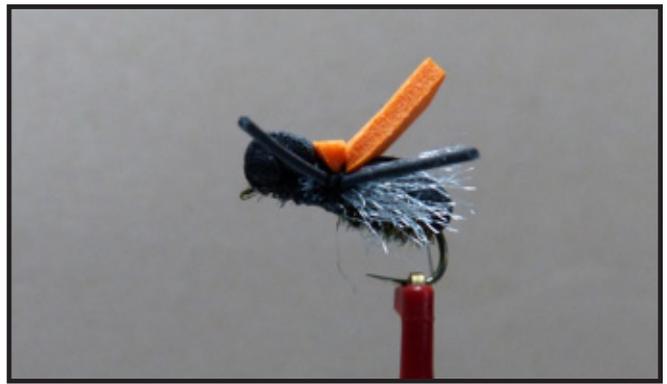
Body: Black Fly Foam

Wings: Gray EP Fibers (I used Zlon)

Legs: Small, black, round rubber legs

Indicator: Fluorescent Egg Yarn (I used foam)

1. Debarb the hook and secure it in your vise.
2. Start your thread, and wind it back to just past the point.
3. Take a strip of the Fly Foam, you want it to be about the same width as the hook gap, and cut a V in the end. This is to give you a little smaller piece of foam to tie onto the hook.
4. Tie in the foam so its full width is even with the bend of the hook. Make sure it is right on top of the hook.
5. Take a half dozen or so Peacock Herls, trim the tips off square, and tied them in tip first. Start them at about the mid-way shank of the hook, and tie them back to the foam.
6. Wrap the herl the full length of the hook toward the eye. Leave



- yourself a couple of eye lengths of room so you will be able to bend the foam back and tie it down. Tie off the Herl and trim the excess.
7. Pull the foam straight over the top of the body and tie it in with several good wraps a few eye lengths behind the eye. When wrapping foam with thread, make a couple of looser wraps and then a couple of tighter wraps, making sure your wraps are right on top of each other. This will prevent your thread from cutting through the foam.
 8. Pull the foam tag up and fold it over the body to the eye. While you want the round fold to be at the hook eye, don't allow it to cover the eye so you can't get your tippet through it. Tie the foam fold down at the same spot your underbody stopped. As you tie it down tightly, wrap your thread back toward the tail of the fly a few wraps to give yourself a little waist at the tie down spot.
 9. Pull the foam up, and using your scissor points, cut it off at the thread. Now wrap down the stub, and continue to make that wrap part of the waist.
 10. Take your wing material, and tie it in on both sides of the waist. You want it splaying back like spent wings. Tie in each side separately.
 11. Tie in one rubber leg on each side, one at a time. Two tight wraps of thread will cause it to flair out in a V shape. Adjust them to where you want them after they are tied in.
 12. Tie in what you are going to use for the indicator right on top of the fly. Wrap your thread around it and the legs. Cut the indicator to the length you want.
 13. Whip Finish your thread there, on the waist, over the wraps that are holding down the legs and indicator. Finish with your whip finish on the bottom of the fly. Cut off the thread.
 14. Trim the legs making them a little longer than they would be on an actual bug.
 15. Pull the wings back and up, and cut them off even with the back of the fly.
 16. Add head cement along the bottom of the waist.

Notes: Flies like this can be hard to see on the water, even with the indicator tied in. Sometimes it is better to fish it as part of a two fly set up behind something like a Coachman Trude or Parachute Adams to keep track of it... While designed to fish in moving water, don't be afraid to use it on lakes in the smallest size. Fish it under overhanging bushes or trees.



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