



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts November 2019

**Next meeting: Wed. November 13th, @ 6:30pm fly tying and 7:30 meeting@ California Park Pavilion, Chico**



I would like to introduce Eric See as our M.C. for the Nov 13th, 2019 General meeting. We will have Lance Gray tying at 6:30 and he'll also be our speaker at 7:30. Please note the fish outs for Big Chico Creek Nov 9th, and the other fish outs we have in this news letter. We will be having our elections at the Round Table Pizza at 5:30; Dec 11th, 2019. We are presently working on our annual Crab Dinner and hope to have more information by the pizza feed. Please enjoy the pictures and stories in this news letter; and, as always we love having "your" pictures and stories of "your" trip for any of the news letters; also, you can personally share your story at our January, General meeting! Please note the Project Healing Waters Auction, PHWFF" and anything won by anyone in our area, the money will go to our Project Healing Waters, PHWFF locally. Thank you for checking out over 100 items!!!

I look forward to personally seeing you at the Dec meeting!!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper  
President, CAF 530-345-1197



**Lance Gray** will be Our speaker and tying for Wed, Nov 13th, 2019:  
Fly Fishing is our Passion  
"Fly Fishing is our Passion" – That's the cornerstone and slogan for our family-owned and operated company. Lance Gray & Company is a full-service outfitter that offers our guests the best fly-fishing experience possible.

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Lance & Kirsten Gray

## CAF Minutes

10/29/2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM

**President; Pat Sleeper**

Attendance; Eric, Don, Pat, Elden, Larry, David

**Secretary report**

Previous minutes were approved seconded and passed

**Vice President; Larry Willis,**

November meeting will be Wednesday, 13th Lance Gray will be speaking and tying flies

December meeting will be scheduled for December 11th @ 5:30 PM for pizza feed at Round Table Pizza.

**Treasurer, Don Sleeper**

Treasurer's report was reviewed, moved seconded and passed

**Committee reports;**

1. Fish outs; Elden Hinkle. Discussion of upcoming events. Fish upcoming this Friday at little grass Valley reservoir Looking for an additional fish out before the first of the year possibly at Lake Davis for Baum Lake. It will be posted There will be a club wide fish out at Pyramid Lake in March 2020
2. Web Page: Lance Gray will be in charge of updating our web page
3. Healing Waters; Pat is in the process of recertifying our club to sponsor this program. This was moved seconded and passed
4. Newsletter: Pat. Will be coming out early next week
5. Dinner Committee. Pat Sleeper, Chairman; discussion around the date of the dinner which will remain about the same. We are currently trying to resolve issues.

**New Business**

Elections: Re-election of officers and board will occur this year at the December pizza feed.

**Adjourned**

David McKinney Secretary CAF

\*Please support our sponsors and auctioneer: Sons of Italy Spaghetti Feed:  
Tickets are \$16 each. March 22, 2020. Contact Pat Hallin @ 518-5031

## **Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2019**

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@aaproductio.com or Tom Rosenow troseNOW.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>
Jan 8-13, 2020	Lake Picachos, Mexico: 5 nights lodging/4 days fishing. Spots available! Information, Please: Don or Pat 345-1197... www.patsflyfishing.com	
March, 2020	Pyramid Lake w/Chris; Elden: ehinkle@aaproductio.com	
May 9-16 2020	Rooster fishing: Sea of Cortez..... Prime time!! Contact: Pat & Don: www.patsflyfishing.com; 530-345-1197	
May TBA	Crane Prairie Lake, Oregon: Rock Creek campground Elden: ehinkle@aaproductio.com	
June 20,2020	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor RSVP: BBQ lunch included. Elden: ehinkle@aaproductio.com	
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 Sep 19 - 26	Double occupancy; w/group. Information: Don & Pat; 345-1197; www.patsflyfishing.com	
Nov 7-17, 2019	Amazon: Rescheduled date: Trophy peacock bass: FULL www.patsflyfishing.com	
Nov 9th, 2019	Big Chico Creek, Ecological Reserve; Steve Periera @ 530-624-5514 steve.chico@gmail.com	
Nov TBA, 2019	Baum Lake Elden: ehinkle@aaproductio.com	

## **CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2019**

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>
Wed, Nov. 13	Lance Gray	
Wed, Dec. 11	Round Table, Pizza	
Wed, Jan . 8	Members share trips & pictures	
Wed, Feb . 12	TBD possibly Montana guide	

# Fish Out Report Little Grass Valley - Nov 1st, 2019

The Chico Area Flyfishers walked into Little Grass Valley Reservoir just under 2 miles one way. The trail starts on Hwy 299 at Buckhorn summit out of Redding, CA. We all had to carry our float tubes, rods/reels, and waders on our backs. It was more than a moderate walk in. The lake was completely full and very beautiful this time of the year. We landed 12 trout up to 15 inches, a little slower because of water temp. These trout are a sustainable wild trout strain, very high jumpers. I took an hour to walk out, mostly all up hill....Used nymphs, and leaches on floating and sinking lines. Elden even caught some on dry flies. Thank you Elden for the wonderful day!



## Davis Lake

Frank Spitiery and I had a great Fall fish at Davis lake with Jon Baiocchi on October 17. The weather was on the cool side with some wind and beautiful puffy clouds all day. When the sun would get thru the clouds it was warm and the water had a nice chop on it.

We were to meet Jon at the boat ramp 9:00 am Thursday the 17th which almost turned into a disaster as I had mixed up the date and thought it was the 16th. Fortunately I had sent Jon an email Tuesday to confirm the date and he responded correcting me on the date. Actually it worked out the best for me, got an extra day and meal at Frank's place, we fished Almanor on the 16th (caught a few fish) and the wind blew very hard on Lake Davis Wednesday.

We boated down to the north end of the lake and were into the fish right away. Fished a about 100 yards from the shore in 12-14 ft of water casting toward shore. Frank used a sink tip line I think, and I had an intermediate line. Kind of mixed up the strip at first then for me it was a slow somewhat long strip. The fly we used was what Jon called a "Jay Fair" trolling fly in Red and Burnt Orange, also the fly was unwanted.

Most of the fish were between 12-15 inches and lots of them. We did catch 6 fish 18" and up with Frank landing the biggest 22" on his 3 or 4wt rod which I thought he was going to make a 5 piece out of. It was very nice fish with beautiful colors.

I have fished with Jon a few times and have always had a great time lots of knowledge on where we are fishing. Fished with him at Frenchman's also and had a great fish. Definitely a guide worth fishing with.

Elden





# 2019 Northern California Online Auction

## BID

### Nov. 10-17

Coming Soon

The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing-Martinez, CA Program's annual online Northern California Auction for 2019 will run Nov. 10-17.

We would appreciate it if you could send out word to your group about this event. Funds raised through this auction – our main fundraiser – enable our veterans to build fly rods, tie flies, and go on fly-fishing trips, all at no cost. (You can use the link above or this shortened link: <https://bit.ly/2Prz11V>.)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

If you have questions or would like more information about the auction, please contact:

**John Kreiter**, Auction Chair or **David Lipscomb**, Program Lead  
[john\\_kreiter@yahoo.com](mailto:john_kreiter@yahoo.com) or [davidlipscomb@comcast.net](mailto:davidlipscomb@comcast.net)

Look for a special edition of **Catch Magazine** to appear **Veterans Day**, featuring **California and Oregon Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing programs**.

## Items Up for Bid

### Guided Drift Boat Fishing on Oregon's Scenic McKenzie River

Retail Value: \$450

Join one of the experienced, certified and personable guides from A. Helfrich Outfitters for a wonderful day drifting and fishing down the scenic and crystal clear McKenzie River. The guide will assure that you have a wonderful experience whether you are novice or expert. The fishing is "top water" with dry flies and there is nothing like seeing a trout come up to the surface for your fly!



### Golf Foursome at Crow Canyon Country Club

Estimated Value: \$375

Win a round of golf for four at beautiful Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville, Calif. This 18-hole, par 69 golf course was artfully designed by Ted Robinson. The course features tees and greens that gently roll beneath beautiful vistas of Mount Diablo. The lakes and a myriad of bunkers on this San Ramon golf course place an emphasis on accurate play. Great service, reserved tee times and a lovely location combine to make this stress-free course a wonderful golfing experience.

### Magnum of Frog's Leap Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon

Estimated Value: \$135

Up for bid is a fabulous magnum of 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon from the acclaimed Frog's Leap Winery in Rutherford, Calif. Estate grown from grapes in the Rutherford district of the Napa Valley, this wine is imbued with all the hallmarks of the legendary cabernets of the Rutherford AVA, with deep, cassis-currant aromas, classic notes of Rutherford dust, earthen flavors of cedar and black olive and a velvety, and a plush mouth feel.



## Other Items Up for Bid

**Guided Fishing** - Pyramid Lake, East Walker River, Putah Creek, Crowley Lake, American River (for shad in a custom-built drift boat).

**Tickets/Admission** - Great America, Stanford Basketball, Oakland and Sacramento zoos, San Francisco Opera, Berkeley Repertory Theater, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, de Young or Legion of Honor museum, Walt Disney Family Museum, NASCAR at Sonoma Raceway, Roaring Camp Railway

**Golf** - Oakhurst, Rossmoor, and Round Hill country clubs.

**And More** - Flies, casting lessons, four-night stay in Palm Springs, restaurant gift certificates, and wine.

# Fly of the Month for November 2019

## --Squirmeey Wormey

By: Ray Narbaitz

I had been hearing and reading about the San Juan River in New Mexico for years before I had a chance to fish it. It had two things that piqued my imagination. It had lots of fish, and you used very small flies. Finally, a number of years ago, I was able to get there with good friend Wayne Edwards. Both of my expectations were met. We caught a lot of fish using size 22 to 26 flies.

Two other well-known techniques using the San Juan name were much more controversial. One is the San Juan Shuffle and the other is the San Juan Worm. I won't go into the San Juan Shuffle as it is illegal in most states, as it should be. It is just a form of chumming.

The San Juan Worm started a fire storm of debate. Some claiming it was just an imitation of a Trout's natural food, and others saying it was no more than artificial bait, only slightly better than a night crawler. Most finally accepted it as a legitimate fly, particularly after they realized it was so good at catching fish. While the San Juan River is full of them, most rivers and streams carry some form of aquatic worms. Back in October of 2013 the Fly of the Month was the Fire Worm, which is a variation on the theme that Lance Gray showed me as we caught Steelhead with it on the Feather River.

Then, a few years back, came the Squirmeey Wormey, and the controversy started all over again. Many fly fishers refused to even look at it, let alone fish one. Slowly but surely, it began to be accepted. It started with competition team members who discovered that those who were using it were out fishing them. The material used to tie it is a silicon type and extremely limber. That allows it to have a lot of movement. However, it also really looks a lot like a neon worm. I'll let you decide how you feel about the fly, but it here is how to tie it.

Hook: Standard nymph hook 10 to 14

Bead: Gold 2.8mm

Thread: Red, 140 denier

Body: Squirmeey Wormey material. Pink and San Juan Red are most popular, but it comes in a wide variety of colors.

1. Debarb the hook, place on the bead and attach hook in vise.
2. Start your thread at the back of the hook, and lay down a thread base toward the bead, stopping about a two bead length from the hook eye.
3. Pull the bead back to the thread and run the thread over the top of the bead and take a wrap on the hook shank right in front of it. Then go back over the top and take a wrap behind it. Repeat this step again, laying down a thread base to the eye before coming back over the bead for the last time. Then take the thread back to the bend of the hook.



4. The body material is not a lot of fun to work with. It tends to really want to roll around the hook as you try to tie it in at the back of the hook. The best way to do it is to place it on the top of the hook, with about an inch plus hanging over the back. Hold the material on the top of the hook, and bring your thread up to form a pinch wrap with your two fingers. Go back down around the hook and pull the thread straight up. Don't use too much pressure as the thread can easily cut through the material. Keep your index finger on the other side of the hook and the material, and take three or four more wraps in the same spot as the first one.
5. Pull the material out of the way and take a few wraps just in front of the tie in point. Then, wrap your thread up to the bead.
6. Under some pressure, so it stretches a little, wrap the material up to the bead. When you get to the bead, keep wrapping the stretched material around the back of the bead. You will see that it starts to press the wrappings back to where you tied it in originally. It should cover your tie in wraps, and maybe even straighten out the tail a bit.
7. Hold the material straight up, and take several wraps with the thread to hold it at the bead. Again, not too tight with the thread.
8. Advance the thread over the top of the bead, and take a couple of wraps around the hook shank.
9. Pull the Wormey material over the top of the bead and tie it down right in front of the bead. Then, lay it back out of the way, take a few wraps of thread close to the eye, whip finish and cut off your thread.
10. Cut off the material past the eye so it is about the same length as the tail. You want them to be between an inch to an inch and a half long.

Notes: Several people who have fished the Wormey say it is an all or nothing fly. Either the fish take it regularly, or you won't get a strike...I have no scientific proof, but my feeling is if the material comes off of the side of the hook at the tail instead of right on top, the fish will not penalize you...

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