



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts October 2015

Our next meeting will be Wed., Oct. 14th, 2015 at 7:30 - @ California Park



Vice President Pat Sleeper

Our speaker Dennis P. Lee author of the book: "The Half-Pounder, A Steelhead Trout" Will be our speaker at 7:30 Wed, Oct 14th; and, our fly tying at 6:30. At the California Park Pavilion, 2565 California Park Dr, Chico We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you, Pat Sleeper V.P.

Secretary minutes by Pat Sleeper for Dave McKinney

CAF BOD meeting Oct 6th, 2015

Those present: John, Steve, Lionel, Larry, Dana, Terry, Tom and Don and Pat
Minutes by Dave McKinney: as published

Treasurer report by Don Sleeper

Elections, Wed, Oct 14th:

President: Pat Sleeper

V.P. Larry Willis; Treasurer: Don Sleeper
board: Dana Miller and Lance Gray.

Pat Sleeper was elected Dinner chairman Dave McKinney Co-Chairman.

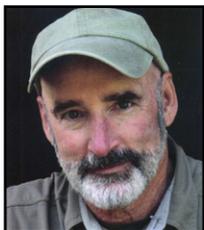
M/S/P John/Steve

CAF will purchase chiller setup for Salmon in the classroom. M/S/P John/
Dana.

Larry working on logo set-up for CAF logos on your shirts.

Respectfully submitted, Dave McKinney and Pat Sleeper

Short Speaker Biography and Program Information



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**Program Title: The Half-Pounder,
A Steelhead Trout**

The program (Power Point Presentation) describes the origin of steelhead and half-pounder names, and covers half-pounder evolution and distribution, life history, important half-pounder rivers, fly fishing equipment and presentations, and historical and current flies used for half-pounders. Information is based on Dennis' new limited edition, 240 page, full color hardback book, **The Half-Pounder, A**



President's Line

This one is a little hard to write. My term as president is expiring and I will be handing

over the club to the next, very capable, administration. We have accomplished a lot over the last couple of years. We have a vibrant, growing, active club, which could not have happened without the help of all the board, officers and members. Our dinners have been a raging success. Our fishouts have been varied and well attended. To all-well done.

A couple things we are finishing up. One of my goals when I became president, and even before, was to find a way to "show our colors". We have our club hats, but I have always been a little jealous of those clubs whose members had their logos on their shirts. We are in the process of fixing that. I have found a company that can digitize our logo off our hats and convert it to a template to do shirts, fishing vests or wherever you want it. The club is going to pay for the set up. Anyone who wants to personalize a piece of clothing can do so at the expense of whoever is going to have it done. The estimated cost is going to be \$12.00 per item. Once they get the image digitized, they can expand or contract it as necessary to fit whatever item you want done.

See the fishout page for coming fishouts. We will have a report at the next meeting on Pyramid Lake. We are also working on some out of the country trips. As always, if anyone has an item that they would like put on the agenda for the board to consider, send me an e-mail. The address is in the newsletter.

And carry on the good work-Thank you all.

Steelhead Trout Life History and Fly Fishing, released in March 2015.

Dennis retired from the California Department of Fish and Game in 2006 as a Supervising Fishery Biologist. He began his 36-year career in 1970 at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery helping spawn and rear Chinook salmon and steelhead. Throughout his career, he was promoted to various positions, and supervised and worked on a variety of programs, projects, and studies. These included the

Russian River Salmon and Steelhead Study, Trophy Trout Program, North Coast Fisheries Management and Timber Harvest Review, Central Valley and Sierra Fisheries Management, Klamath River Salmon and Steelhead Study, Heritage and Wild Trout Program, Lake and Reservoir Program, and Central Valley Angler Survey. He also acted as the Department's liaison to the Klamath and Trinity Restoration Advisory Committee, the Director's Warmwater Fishery Board, helped promulgate sport fishing regulations, and reviewed legislation pertaining to management of California inland and anadromous fishery resources.

During his career, Dennis was awarded the Director's Superior Achievement Award for his work on northern pike control, and development of an interactive fisheries information system. In 2010, Dennis was appointed by the US Fish and Wildlife to the California Hatchery Review Group, a nine-member science committee, tasked with reviewing California's anadromous fish hatchery programs and providing recommendations for improvement. He continues to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife as a Retired Annuitant and is a member of Hatchery Coordination Teams for the Feather River, Nimbus, and Mokelumne River hatcheries.

Dennis and his wife Wendy live in Folsom, California, and continues to fly fish his favorite steelhead rivers, and tie flies.

On the Road Again,

August, 24, 2015

by Don and Pat Sleeper

We started our road trip in Idaho at Henry's Lake. The lake was not as good as years past. Fish were slow to bite and the wind was gusting at 40 mph every day.

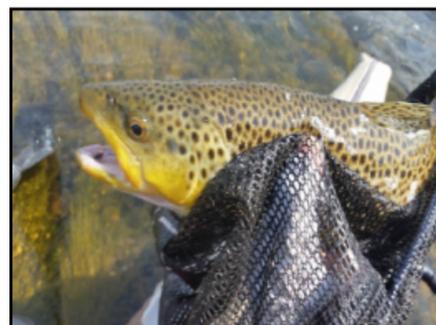
We then went over to Quake Lake below Hebgen Lake in Montana. The lake paid off, we all caught nice rainbows and browns. I used an ant pattern around the stumps, and that was fun.

Then four of us: Bill Roberston, Elden Hickie, Pat and I floated the Madison in our pontoons. We caught a few rainbows and browns; Elden and Pat did very well. Elden was the streamer guy and hooked some very big browns using a black streamer, though they were hard to land.

After a couple of days we went into the Yellowstone Park; about 5 miles from the West Entrance and fished the Madison. Wading the edges, we all caught fish. Pat and I using a hopper dropper rig and Elden used his streamers.



Nice Rainbow from Quake Lake on ants.



Pat's nice Brown while floating down the Madison using a lightning bug.



Pat on the Madison in Yellowstone Park.

Fish Picks



Bill with trout from Pyramid



Dennis with steelhead



Scott Joyce with a nice Lohontan



Frank on the Clearwater in Idaho

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
January	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!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Oct 14th	Dennis P Lee	Author: Half-Pounder-A Steelhead
Nov 11	Ray Palori	Almanor fish hatchery
Dec	CAF	Pizza



Fly of the Month for October 2015

The Clodhopper

Fly of the Month, October, 2015

By: Ray Narbaitz

I have often thought that I don't fish Terrestrials enough. There is no particular reason for this. Like most Fly Fishermen, I stick to a fairly small number of flies that are my favorites and seldom vary.

The big three in Terrestrials are Ants, Beetles and Grasshoppers. There is something almost magical about Ants. There must be something to the taste of them that fish really like. On the rare occasions that I fish them, the takes are seldom subtle. Trout will often take an Ant even when there don't seem to be any around. Entomologists tell us there are more Beetles in the world than any other species. They can range in size from quite small to those in places like the rain forest and Africa that look more like VW Beetles. Despite that, I don't know that I have ever fished a Beetle in my life.

For many of us, if we do fish a Terrestrial, it is usually a Grasshopper. Even then, I don't turn to them very often. I probably should. In our area, there are Hoppers around from mid to late spring through September. Often, you find them into October, especially if drought like conditions continue. Hoppers can range from pretty small to darn big. In the Rockies, where the Hopper, Dropper, Copper system developed, the Hoppers they use look like they could float an anchor. Colors range from olive to tan to yellow. The variety of patterns used to imitate Hoppers is almost endless. They range from things that look like a science experiment gone wrong to highly realistic in design. In my limited experience, I haven't noticed that the very realistic fish all that much better than a pattern that is imitative, but not exact. The latter is usually also a whole lot easier to tie.

Ed Bruno first brought the Clodhopper to my attention. He said he had tied a few, and found them effective. When I found the instruction video on how to tie it, I found it was the brainchild of Jim Brady. He is the epitome of a good old down home Southern Boy from Micanopy, Florida. In the video, he is tying it at an FFF convention in Mt. Home, Arkansas. With names like The Clodhopper, Micanopy and Mt. Home, who could resist it?

Hook: TMC 2312, 8 to 14, although the hook style is not that important, it should be a 2X long shank.

Thread: 6/0 in tan, olive or yellow, depending on the fly color.

Tail: Abdomen and Head, Closed Cell Foam, color of choice.

Body: Dubbing, color of choice.

Wing: Deer Hair.

Legs: Rubber or Sili Legs type.

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Lay down a thread base from a point about even with the point of the hook to the eye.
3. Tie down the foam. Usually you want a foam strip to be about the same width as the gap of the hook. Although, you can rely on what you think looks good as well. Tie it down from just a little behind to eye, to your thread base. If you want, you can put a thin coat of something like Zap-a-Gap on the thread before you tie it down. Leave some of the strip hanging over both the eye and the tail.



4. Trim the back of the foam even with the back of the hook. Cut a small piece of the corners off to make a little more rounded tail.
5. Dub back up to the tie in point. The kind of dubbing is not that important, although a synthetic would probably be better since it is a floating fly. Make the dubbing fairly robust.
6. Cut some Deer Hair off of a skin, and get rid of the fluff at the butt ends. Stack the hair and then place it on the fly. Set it so the tips are even with the end of the fly, and firmly tie it down. If you give a couple of looser wraps up on the hair, it won't flair quite so badly. Make sure the hair stays on top of the fly.
7. Trim off the butt ends of the hair as closely as you can. If you put some head cement on the butt ends, it will insure the wing won't pull loose.
8. At the same tie in point, tie in your legs on either side of the fly.
9. Fold back the foam lying over the eye of the hook to form the head. Pull it back so it lies fairly flat on the abdomen. Tie it firmly down at the tie in point. Try to make your thread wraps one on top of the other. That will help prevent the thread from cutting the foam. You don't want the foam strip to go too high up onto the wing, so trim it if it does.
10. Whip finish at the tie in point, trying to finish so the knot is on the top of the fly.
11. Use head cement on the thread, working it into the slot of the foam where the thread is.
12. Trim your legs so the back legs are about even with the end of the fly, and the front legs are a little shorter.

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