



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

## Short Casts October 2018

Next meeting: Wed. Oct.10th, @ 7:30pm @ California Park Pavilion, Chico



### President's Message:

Jim Earley, our speaker for Oct 10th, @ 7:30 will be speaking about Salmon in our rivers. It's also CAF elections as well:

If someone would like to volunteer to go up for a position, please feel free to contact any board member to do so. Thank you.

At this time our nominees are:

President: Pat Sleeper

V. President: Larry Willis

Treasurer: Don Sleeper

Board: Eric See & Scott Joyce

Almanor Flyfishing will be raffling off a bamboo rod at our Nov 14th, 2018 General meeting. Tickets \$10.00 each.

Fall is coming and it's getting so crisp out! I love this time of the year with the fall colors so brilliant! That's the perfect time to fish! They are all fattening up for the cold winter! We have some fun fishouts scheduled. I hope you look at the fishout page and choose some of our locations.

We're getting ready for our crab/shrimp dinner and soon we'll be respectfully asking for any donations. Thank you! Please Mark your calendar for March 2nd, 2019 for our next dinner...Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you Wed, Oct 10th, @ 6:30 fly tying and 7:30 Meeting. California Park Pavilion on California Park Dr, Chico. Sincerely, Pat Sleeper 530-345-1197

## Presentation: by Jake Earley

Title: If we build it, will they stay? The story of Sacramento River Salmon in an altered world.

Wednesday's speaker is a fish biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Red Bluff. He works on fish habitat enhancement projects, water management strategies for primarily Salmon and steelhead. His main area of focus at work and that evening's presentation is describing efforts to improve habitat for Salmon and steelhead in the Sacramento River from Redding to Knights Landing and the challenges of the Central Valley Water Project.

## BIG Fish pics



This is Pete Wiik



Pat Hallin with a 20 lbs

## CAF October Minutes

Meeting called to order by president: Pat Sleeper @ 6:26p.m.. Present: Dave McKinney, Pat Sleeper, Eric See, Dana Miller, Terry Mich, Pete Wiik, Don Sleeper, Elden Hinkle, and Larry Willis. Minutes M/S/P Dana Miller; Terry Mich. Treasurer Report: Don Sleeper M/S/P Dana & Larry. V.P. Report: Jim Earley Oct speaker; Eli, Nov speaker; Dec: Pizza; Jan: sharing your pictures.

Motion to have 3 months off: July, Aug, Sep as not many people come to the Sep meeting. M/S/P Larry & Eric. Board will be sending Harrison Jack to Digger Creek: our Project Healing Waters man.

Terry Made Motion to purchase new table for fishouts: it broke! M/S/P Terry & Pete.

Further discussions about CAF dinner March 2nd, 2019. Nominations for officers at Oct meeting: President: Pat Sleeper; V. President Larry Willis; treasurer: Don Sleeper; Board Scott Joyce and Eric See.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m. Respectfully Dave McKinney, Secretary

# Big Mexico Trip

This year went from 16 people going to Mexico Dorado, Rooster and Tuna fishing to 54 people just in September. We had "4" groups that went down! Each person caught dorado and tuna and some roosters were landed. But, what excitement each day they went out on that water. The GREAT stories are endless: "I had a dorado on and the next thing I knew... my spool popped out of the reel and into the water. My guide kept trying to grab my spool as it was jumping around on top and then sinking into the water. Finally, with a good catch my guide caught the spool and held it with three fingers as the line kept pulling off the spool from the fast swimming dorado. As the dorado slowly turned, my guide quickly snapped my spool back into the reel and I was able to reel the dorado in and boat it!" WOW!!

The group broke 10 rods; 8 reels and 5 fly lines. The fish keep getting larger. The bait is in and they are feeding!

As the fish keep getting larger, we are now using 10 and a few of us using 12wt rods. This is what we're using to catch the 40lb dorado and 50lb tuna. We still have the 8lb dorado; but, there aren't as many. Remember dorado are the bunny rabbit of the ocean.

We're going back down in Sep again. Call and we will teach you the flies, lines, reels and rods to use. I even teach fly tying to help. Don or Pat Sleeper for questions: 530-345-1197 PAT'S FLYFISHING



## **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.

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@aaproducton.com](mailto:ehinkle@aaproducton.com) or Tom Rosenow [trosenow.chico@gmail.com](mailto: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 13-19th 2019	Lake Picachos and ElSalto, Mexico: combo 3nights @ each & 2 1/2 days fishing @ each location. For information, Please contact: Don or Pat Sleeper <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	
Feb 7-17	Amazon w/Billy Chapman for trophy peacock bass/ \$5,699.10 nights Great lodging/6 days fishing where the world records came from!! Please contact:Don or Pat: <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	
March 9 & 10	Pyramid Lake with Rob Anderson: <a href="mailto:ehinkle@aaproducton.com">ehinkle@aaproducton.com</a>	
May 11-18	Rooster fishing: Sea of Cortez: <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	
June	2019 Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor rsyp: BBQ lunch included. Elden: <a href="mailto:ehinkle@aaproducton.com">ehinkle@aaproducton.com</a>	
July	2019 Pingatori's local fish out for bass - Pat; <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	
Aug 31 - Sep 7, 2019	Dorado/Tuna fishing La Ventana, Mexico. \$1800.pp: 7 nights/6 dys: fishing, meals, shuttle svc & license: Double occupancy; w/group. Information: <a href="http://www.patsflyfishing.com">www.patsflyfishing.com</a> Don & Pat; <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	
Sep 7-14, 2019	Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico -	
Sep. 14-21, 2019	Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico -	
Sep. 21-28, 2019	Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - <a href="mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net">psleeper@sbcglobal.net</a>	
Nov 3 Sat	Digger Creek:\$100.pp 10 spots- Elden- <a href="mailto:ehinkle@aaproducton.com">ehinkle@aaproducton.com</a>	
Nov 10 Sat	Little Grass Valley Reservoir: Elden- <a href="mailto:ehinkle@aaproducton.com">ehinkle@aaproducton.com</a>	

# Fly of the Month for October 2018

## Barr's BWO Emerger

By: Ray Narbaiz

Most of the time, we tend to think of Blue Wing Olives, or Baetis, as a bug reserved for cloudy, cool days. In fact, a little light rain or snowfall is even more desired. This is essentially true if you are looking for a hatch with these diminutive little bugs floating down a river or stream. However, just because there are no bugs on top, doesn't mean they aren't around. Before they become adults, they have to be nymphs, and they are almost always there. Fish will key on them a little more in bad weather months, because a lot of the other Mayflies numbers decrease more during those times. Still, the BWO nymphs will catch fish pretty much year round.

In May of 2010 the FOTM was Barr's PMD Emerger. There is very little difference between that and this month's fly as far as style and technique goes. The primary difference is in the coloration. It's a great example of using a color to match whatever bug you think is prevalent on the water you are fishing. It's not often that a fly can only be tied in whatever color the example you are looking at recommends. Barr, who Charlie Craven says is one of the great minds in fly fishing and tying, came up with his Emerger clear back in the 1970's. Not many flies continue to be successfully fished for that long a time. It's a testament to the simple, solid design of the fly.

I think there may be another reason why this fly works pretty much year round. Fish will often key on one bug during a hatch, but that is not so true sub surface. In its darker colors, the BWO imitates the Baetis, but I think it has a more universal appeal. I have no scientific evidence, but I think the darker coloration makes it a little more generic. I don't think a trout looks at it and its instincts always say, "Oh good, a BWO nymph." I think that instinct often says, "Hmm... there is a buggy looking thing that might be good to eat."

Hook: Curved hook like the TMC 2487 or 2488, 16 to 22. Barr's original pattern calls for it to be tied on a dry fly hook, but most people tie them on the scud style hook today.

Thread: The finest you can comfortably use in dark grey or olive. In this case, I used Tiemco 16/0.

Tail: Brown Hackle fibers

Abdomen: Brown Olive or BWO Superfine, or Beaver, or Rabbit. Try to eliminate any guard hairs.

Wing Case/Legs: Dark Dun hackle fibers or Mallard Flank, or dun Zlon.



Thorax: Gray in the same material you used for the Abdomen.

1. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise.
2. Start your thread at the eye, and wrap it back about a third of the way down the shank.
3. Tie in your tail material. Don't worry about the length. Wrap it well down the bend of the hook. Cut it off at the back so it is just a tad shorter than the length of the fly.
4. Form a small noodle of the Abdomen material, and dub a thin body up to the hook point or a touch further. Don't worry if you go too far up, you can wrap back over it later.
5. Tie in your Wing Case material, with it lying back over the fly.
6. With your thread just short of the eye of the hook, dub another fine noodle of the Thorax material. Wrap the dubbing material back to the Wing Case, and then back down to the eye of the hook, leaving that bit of bare hook at the eye.
7. Pull your Wing Case material over the Thorax, and tie it down in that small space. Try to have it flatten out a bit over the Thorax.
8. Take half of the Wing Case material, and tie it back on each side to make the legs.
9. Whip finish at the eye, and cut off the thread.
10. Pull back the leg material, and cut it off just a little longer than the Thorax.

Notes: If you want a little flash in the fly, you can use a strip of Opal Pearl or Pearl Flashabou over the Wing Case, and make it a Flashback... Most people fish this fly in one of two ways. During a hatch, fish it a few inches behind a sighter fly like a Parachute Adams. It is impossible to see the Emerger when fishing it in or just below the water surface. If not doing that, then put it below a weighted fly or put shot on your leader and fish it right on the bottom.

## CAF General Meeting Speaker List 2018

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.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program</b>
Oct 10th	Jim Early	Salmon
Nov 14	Eli Goodsell	The Big Chico Creek Echo R
Dec 12	Round Table	



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