



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts October 2019

Next meeting: Wed. October 16th, @ 6:30pm fly tying and 7:30 meeting@ California Park Pavilion, Chico



Due to the electrical shutdown our next General Meeting has been rescheduled for Wed, Oct 16th, with fly tying at 6:30 by Ray Narbaitz; and Speaker Andrew Harris. I still want to hear "your" special fishing experiences and, have "You" share your summer memories at our next meeting as an opener for the meeting!

Project Healing Waters is "making a difference" with our Vets; and, your presence and donations helps, enormously! PHW Meetings, if you want to help are the first and third Wed of each month at the Rod and Gun Club in Bidwell park. Larry Willis would like trash in the streams help: meeting every Friday @ 9AM at Capers Acres. Larry Willis 530-520-8556.

Elections will be occurring at our October meeting; if you would like to run for an office or know of a friend who would like to run, please feel free to share this information.

Please Note our Crab Feed Dinner is Scheduled for March 14th, the 2nd Sat in March, this year.

I look forward to seeing you this Wed, at the California Park Pavilion on California Park Dr, Chico.

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper
President, CAF 345-1197



Captain Andrew Harris

Andrew Harris has been guiding in northern California since 1997. He lives in Red Bluff, California with his wife Katie and daughters Mackenzie and Madison. In 2007 Andrew created Confluence Outfitters with help from partners Gino Bernero and Jon Hazlett. Andrew puts the "Outfitter" in Confluence Outfitters, as he is the one who answers the phones and emails. Andrew really enjoys helping our guests plan their trips.

Confluence Outfitters has a great group of guides and a bewildering array of venues in northern California, southern Oregon, and Washington.

Andrew can help you select the right guide, destination, and time of year for your next fly fishing trip.

Andrew is a USCG-licensed Captain which means he can operate a motorized boat in the inland waters of California. He puts this license to good use on the lower reaches of the Sacramento River where he uses his jet boat to fish for striped bass, trout, and steelhead. Andrew has been a pioneer of using lightweight spey rods for trout on the Lower Sac. Andrew's jet-boat Trout-Spey trips are very popular.

Since 2010, Andrew and his wife Katie have been the exclusive booking agent for Eagle Canyon, a private trophy-trout destination near Red Bluff. Eagle Canyon is open from December through mid-April and is a great place to fish for rainbow trout from 3 to 15 pounds.

Andrew is a regular on the northern California fly fishing club circuit and typically does 5-10 presentations a year. Andrew has a wide variety of presentation topics to choose from. He also writes regularly for California Fly Fisher magazine and is the author of the Plumas National Forest Fishing Guide, a fly fishing guidebook to the Feather River Country.

CAF Minutes

Meeting called to order by president, Pat Sleeper at 6:15; Monday Oct 7, 2019.

Minutes: Dave McKinney; MSP Larry/Dana;

Treasurers report: Don Sleeper, MSP Larry/Elden. Those present: Pat Sleeper, Dana Miller, Pat Hallin, Pete Wiik, Elden Hinkle, Don Sleeper, Eric See, Larry Willis and Terry Mich.

Eric See will run the Nov 13th General Meeting at the Calif Park Pavilion for Pat Sleeper.

Elden discussion on Little Grass Valley and Baum Lakes for Nov.; Project Healing Waters Lead, Pete Wiik report: We can always use help and finances! And the Vets are loving our support!!!

Discussion on our March 14th Crab dinner this year. Sincerely, Pat Sleeper for Dave McKinney

*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@aaproduct.com or Tom Rosenow trosenow.chico@gmail.com

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
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	
May 9-16	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@aaproduct.com	
June 20,	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor RSVP: BBQ lunch included. Elden: ehinkle@aaproduct.com	
Aug 22 - 29	Dorado fishing: La Ventana, Mexico (3 separate weeks available)	
Aug 29 - Sep 5	Exciting 7 nights/6 dys fishing, meals, shuttle svc.	
Sep 5 - 12	Double occupancy; w/group. Information: Don & Pat; 345-1197; www.patsflyfishing.com	
Nov	TBA Little Grass Valley Elden: ehinkle@aaproduct.com	
Nov	TBA Baum Lake Elden: ehinkle@aaproduct.com	
Nov 7-17	Amazon: Rescheduled date: Trophy peacock bass: FULL	

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.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Wed, Oct. 16th	Andrew Harris	
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	

On the Road Again, By, Don and Pat Sleeper

August 30, 2019, we and 40 plus fisher persons (ladies and men) all went to LaVentona, Mexico, which is located two hours north of Cabo on the sea of Cortez; Fly fishing for Roosters, Dorado, and other such ocean going species.

Each Saturday a new group from the Chico area would fly in for 6 days of fishing and 7 nights lodging. We had "the incredible time fly fishing": We caught Bonita, Skip Jack, snappers, groupers, jack crevalle, pompano, Dorado and roosters. It was the best Dorado fishing we had ever experienced. In one month of fishing we landed 715 Dorado. They were much larger this year, we landed quite a few over 40 lbs.

We managed to bust 9 rods; 8 reels; and 9 fly lines; but, great fun!! Luckily, the sardines were in the Sea of Cortez which made all this great fly fishing. Our guides chummed at times and used teasers to bring roosters and Dorado into casting range. We had schools of 100 or more Dorado around us at times, and at one time 5 of us in four boats had fish on.

Most of the Dorado was caught on a Sardinia fly patterns and surface poppers. Even though we had a few gear problems it was still a very successful fishing trip. And we survived a hurricane the 3rd week of September; we lost only two days of catching Dorado for the entire month down there.

It was an extremely fun time that was full of new daily experiences: from watching a dorado take your fly and watching your "neatly placed line" laying at your feet, go sailing out your rod...but it didn't! What? A knot in my line! Oh, no there goes my first two rod tip sections out with the Dorado!! Oh no!!! Their still going out, way out! Now, I'm so far into my backing if I get anything back it'll be a wonder. Finally, he stops; and, I start reeling until my wrist is burning, my stomach hurts from the rod's butt stuck so firmly into it; and I know, if I stop reeling he'll head back out; so I keep reeling. Finally the two sections are mealy a foot from the rod and I grab them; I holler at my guide and he gets one knot out; and, out the dorado goes again! Darn!!!! Again, he gets tired and I get the two sections reeled back to me; I grab the line and my guide gets the last knot out; he connects the two sections back to the two I've been using and I land the bull! A nice 38lb bull Dorado! A lot of fun new memories; and, great learning experiences!

People new to fly fishing the ocean even caught these breathtakingly beautiful, fighting, fish. Most of all, we want to thank our Chief Captain Guide "Lalo" for his hard work and 7 boats captains for making our fishing so very successful!



Dan Reese with nice Dorado



Jordan Reese with a nice Dorado



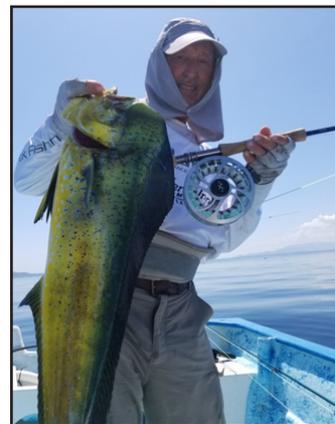
Pat with a nice dorado.



Pat Hallin's nice rooster.



Heading out in the morning, just 50 feet from our lodging, as the sun rises.



Don with a nice Dorado



Dinning with group #3.



Fly of the Month for October 2019

Boogie Man Micro Leech

Fly of the Month, October, 2019

By: Ray Narbaitz

Way too many years ago to admit to, I Trout fished almost exclusively in moving water. I rather disdained lakes, didn't really understand them and wasn't too interested in learning them. Wading was part of the adventure including treacherous places like the North Umpqua and the Pit. Moving back to today, as I rapidly approach my dotage, I find I fish lakes more and more. As age and my balance head in opposite directions a lot of the streams and rivers I used to fish are no longer available to me. The good news is, I find lakes have unique sets of challenges of their own, and are a real pleasure to fish. A lot of fishing lakes consists of Nymphs or Midges under indicators. For a while now, people have started to also put Leeches under an indicator. There is also a big move toward Balanced Leeches, but that's a conversation for another time. Phil Rowley is a Canadian tier and guide who is a partner of Brian Chan's. Chan is a guru of all things Midges when it comes to lakes. Rowley says you could argue that if you fished nothing but Leeches and Midges under an indicator on lakes, you could catch fish pretty much year round.

The Boogie Man is a Leech, and more specifically, a Micro Leech. It is the invention of another Canadian tier, Bob Taylor. While it is not balanced, you fish it pretty much the same way. Try to find the depth of feeding fish, set your indicator for that depth, cast it out, and let it suspend. It's even better if there is a chop on the water as this will give the fly a little more action. After a bit, give the fly a slow strip, and start all over again. Just because the fly is meant to be suspended from and indicator doesn't mean it can't be fished like a regular Buzzer type pattern. I have caught fish using it both ways on both Digger Creek and Baum Lake.

Hook: TMC 2488 or similar scud hook 10 - 12

Thread: Black 8/0

Bead: Black, sized to hook

Tail: Black Marabou

Rib: Red wire, size small

Body: Same Black Marabou as tail

Collar: Black Ice Dub

1. Debarb the hook, place on the bead, and secure hook in the vise.



2. Start your thread at the back of the bead, and wrap it down till it's about even with the barb of the hook, and wrap back up to the bead to lay down a thread base.
3. Tie in your ribbing wire at the bead and wrap it back to even with the hook barb.
4. Take a clump of the Marabou and tie it in for the tail. It's OK if the tips are thin, but try to have the rest of the barbs be fairly full. Tie the tail about the same length as the hook shank. After you tie in the tail, pull the Marabou back and take a couple of wraps to tie it back to the barb.
5. Take the remaining Marabou and take one wrap around the hook shank. Grab it by the butts and twist it a bit to make a sort of rope out of it. Then wrap it up the hook shank to the bead. Tie it down there, and cut off the excess.
6. Spiral wrap the wire up the body to the bead. Waggle the wire back and forth a bit as you wrap it so it will matt down fewer of the Marabou barbels.
7. Tie it down and helicopter off the excess.
8. Wrap your thread back from the bead about a bead length. Dub in a small collar with the Ice Dub. It's OK for it to be a little shaggy. The pattern calls for black, but I used Peacock Black, as I like the color better.
9. Take a few wraps of thread behind the bead, whip finish, cut off your thread and the fly is done.

Notes: This marks an anniversary of sorts. The first Fly of the Month column appeared in the CAF newsletter on May of 2008. It doesn't seem possible that eleven years have passed since I tied the first FOTM, Lincoln Gray's T.S. Buzzer. This is the 109th column since that start. In that time we have gone from the locally originated T.S. Buzzer to this month's Canadian based fly, with many others from all over the place. I have the columns already done through the end of this year. It appears we will keep going for a while. It's been a fun ride.

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