



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts October 2020

Next General Meeting To Be Determined



Dear Friends:

An interesting year this has been! Making the best of an interesting situation is the way we chose to handle this COVID situation. Structure-in-place has been the norm as well as wear a mask. I know we have all done what we could to eliminate this pandemic from spreading.

We, Don and I, chose to spend most of the time in Almanor fishing and then Idaho fishing and hunting. We stayed on a large ranch in the middle of "no where" and saw mostly "no one"... We, Don and I, did choose to travel on our scheduled trip to Mexico where we found "no" COVID in the town we stayed in. We found the airlines to be very clean and using Hepa air filters on board. The airports have virtually "no restaurants open" so make your own peanut butter and jelly sandwich before you leave home if you do any airline traveling.

Our club "can not" get-to-gather until this COVID calms down. We have listed some possibilities on our club meetings calendar and fish outs projected; Please check them out.

I trust you are safe; healthy; and, getting out for a little fishing. It's extremely relaxing to walk a stream, river or lake; travel out in the lake with your boat; or just go for a ride now that the fires are calming down.

I truly believe we'll be having some very enjoyable gatherings soon. And, I look forward to that day!!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper

Annual Dorado Flyfishing Trip

This year's annual Dorado flyfishing trip to Mexico hosted 8 of us from Chico for an amazingly prosperous fishing trip. We safely flew down August 29th to Mexico on a half full Delta Airlines. With the safety protocols on the airlines including hepa air filters; seating every other seat; and, constant cleanliness of the plane and airports made us feel very safe. We felt Mexico was safer than Chico as there wasn't any Covid-19 in La Ventana Mexico. The airport in Cabo felt safer than Sacramento and LA.

The week of Fishing was outstanding for Dorado and Roosters, we caught more Dorado (8 people landed 295 Dorado) than we had ever caught in one week of fishing. The GREAT stories are endless: we only broke 4 rods, 5 reels and lost 2 fly lines. Jim even landed a large Giant Trevally in the sea of Cortez.

We saw the usual sail fish jumping, pods of dolphins, turtles and rays doing their areal acrobatic shows.

Don did break two fly reels on fish; but, he didn't break a rod. Pat caught her personal best on the most dorado in one day and then couldn't hardly fish the next day with her wrist so swollen and sore...the guys wouldn't give up any sympathy on that for her.

Our guides were Lalo, Chameleon, David and Rego; their hard work and dedication to seeing we had the best time ever was a testament to the number of dorado we caught. They "never" complained about anything. We caught sardines (chum) just up the coast and enjoyed the buoy fishing that Lalo had set up just for his groups. He has acquired personal permission from his government to set up these buoys mostly because of "our" fishing trips.

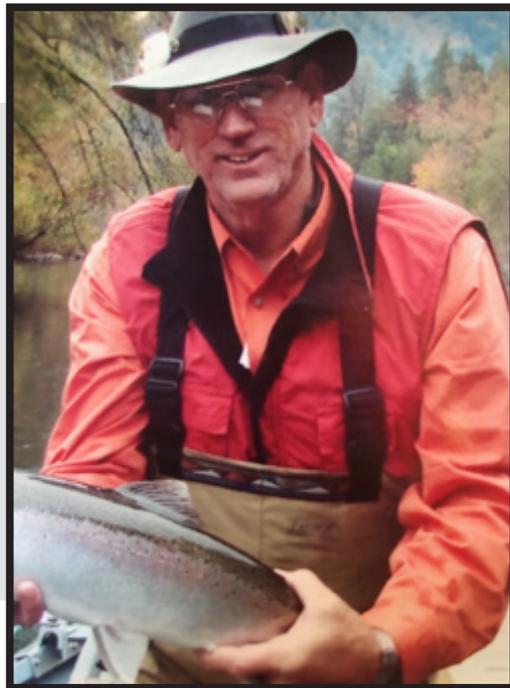
This was our 6th year of staying at the same location and using Lalo as our head guide. He and his friends have treated us with the most excellent respect and care that I've ever had fishing abroad!!! BIGGEST HUGS LALO!!! We plan to be back next year so members get "your" name in early...www.patsflyfishing.com



In Memoriam

TERRY MICH

Oct 15, 2020



Terry Lee Mich, born May 29, 1946 in Sacramento, California; passed away peacefully in his Chico home on the evening of October 15, 2020 surrounded in the love of his three children Tania, John, and Danielle.

Dad will be remembered for a life spent in love and service to his family, friends, community, and country. He was a loving father and fierce advocate for all three of his children and was completely besotted with his grandchildren and great grandson. Always present with positive support threaded with his wisdom that he delivered with humor.

Dad lavished his friends with his time and caring support. Dad showed a loyalty that made them know their importance in his life.

Dad was an avid sportsman and conservationist who enjoyed the outdoors. Throughout his life he was active in hunting, fishing with rod and reel and especially a fly rod, archery for hunting and competition, scuba diving, boating and camping. He brought home trophies and awards from hunting deer, pronghorn antelope, wild pigs and archery carp shoots. He shared his enthusiasm through teaching Hunter Safety courses, serving as treasurer for Chico Area Flyfishers, helping Veterans heal through fly fishing with Healing Waters Program at the VA., helping teach flyfishing at Boy Scout Camp and playing host annually for deer camp.

Dad was a proud veteran who served in the Army Corps. of Engineers during the end of the Vietnam War where he was stationed in Germany.

He would tell you to take care of yourselves, each other and the land. Be well, fish on!

Fishing photos



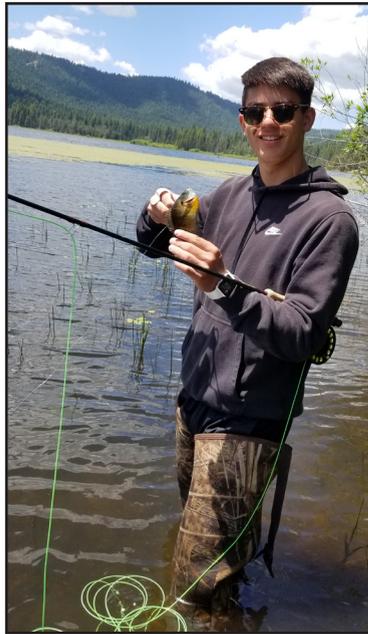
Chris Lewis



Elden Hinkle, Dorado



Jeff Armstrong, Dorado



Christopher's first fish



Jim Gaumer nice trout



So much bait



Terry Mich Henry's lake.



Jordan's nice bass



Steve McClean Dorado.

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2020-21

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 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>
May 16-17	Wild horse Reservoir	CANCELLED/COVID 19
May 27-?	Crane Prairie Lake, Oregon: Rock Creek campground psleeper@sbcglobal.net	CANCELLED/COVID 19
June 20,2020	Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor	CANCELLED at this time...
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	Double occupancy; w/group. Information: Don & Pat; 345-1197; www.patsflyfishing.com	
Nov TBD	Big Chico Creek, Ecological Reserve;	
Jan 10-15, 2021	Lake Picachos, Mexico; www.patsflyfishing.com - 530-345-1197 Trophy Bass fishing.	
May TBD	Wild horse Reservoir; Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproducton.com	
May TBD	Crane Prairie Lake, Oregon; Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproducton.com	
June TBD	Lake Almanor BBQ Butt Lake - Pat Sleeper 345-1197	
Sep 1 - ?	Dorado fishing, Mexico www.patsflyfishing.com - 530-345-1197	
Oct TBD	Little Grass valley Reservoir Elden Hinkle ehinkle@aaproducton.com	

CAF General Meeting "Speakers" 2020

We truly look forward to seeing you at our next meeting; and, hearing "your" fly fishing stories! Your excitement is ours! CAF meets 9 months out of the year; and, presents a variety of exciting fly fishing-related programs throughout each year. Each meeting includes: monthly fly-tying demonstrations; variety of raffle prizes; refreshments; and, the very best stories about Northern California Fly fishing from our members. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month; location: "The California Park Pavilion" on California Park Dr, Chico, CA. Live Fly-tying presentations: 6:30 p.m. @ General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
Oct 14	John Crotty - Cancelled due to COVID	
Nov 11	Lance Gray - Cancelled due to COVID	
Dec 9	Pizza feed - ???	
Jan 13, 2021	Share fly fishing trips with pictures & stories	

Fly of the Month, October, 2020

Thread Frenchie

By: Ray Narbaitz

Regular readers of FOTM will remember I have mentioned the name Lance Egan before. In fact, last June's Tubular Hopper is one of his flies. He is a member of the USA National Fly Fishing Team, and the originator of a number of easy to tie, productive flies. While his preferred method of fishing nymphs is what is known as Euro Nymphing, it is certainly not the only method he uses. Many of his so called Euro Nymphing flies work equally well whether fished using high sticking or under an indicator. The Thread Frenchie is just such a fly.

One of his better known flies was the original Frenchie. It was tied using Pheasant Tail dyed Muskrat Gray and pink or Shrimp Pink Ice Dub for a hot spot. The Thread Frenchie is the evolution of the original fly. It has several advantages. First, with a thread body, it is easier to tie. In addition, adding UV Resin to coat the body and ribbing makes it pretty much bullet proof. Almost all of Egan's nymphs are tied on jig hooks, but I would think you could tie them on regular nymph hooks as well. You would want to use a standard nymph hooks as well. You would want to use a standard nymph hooks as well. You would want to use a standard nymph hooks as well. You would want to use a standard nymph hooks as well.

Hook: Jig Hook, 14 -16...I used an Umpqua C400 Competition hook

Bead: Slotted tungsten bead 2.3 or 2.8

Thread: Olive UTC 70 Denier

Tail: Medium Coq De Leon

Body: Tying thread

Ribbing: Brassie size wire in Sculpin Olive

UV Resin: Brand of your choice

Hot Spot: Ice Dub in Pink or Shrimp Pink

1. Debarb the hook, slide on the bead and place the hook in the vise.
2. Start your thread right at the bead, wrap it down a bit and cut off the tag.
3. Wrap your thread all the way to the bend of the hook, covering the shank.
4. Tie in a few strands of the CDL for the tail hook shank in length. Wrap the butt ends all the way back to the bead. Cut off the excess.
5. Tie in the ribbing wire by inserting the end into the bead and wrapping it on top of the hook back to the bend. Wrap your thread back to the bead. Try to keep the thread on the body as smooth as possible.
6. Spiral wrap your wire up to the bead and tie it off. Helicopter off the tag end.
7. Coat the body with the UV Resin. Don't make it too thick. You want the ribbing to show and not be buried under the Resin. Cure the Resin with your UV light.



8. Dub a very small amount of the Ice Dub, and wrap it as a collar. It is just a collar, not a thorax.
9. Whip finish right behind the bead. Cut off your thread.
10. Put a dab of head cement on the whip finish and the fly is done.

Notes: While the original calls for Pink for the collar, Egan points out that there are a number of colors that would work. I prefer the Shrimp Pink, which is one of his alternates, but there is nothing scientific about it, I just like the color better. He also thinks chartreuse would work, as do I...If you think the 16 is a little small, you can tie it on a 14, but don't wrap the thread body all the way to the bend of the hook. That way you will have a 16 fly on a 14 platform.

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