



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts September 2015

Our next meeting will be Wed., Sept. 9th, 2015 at 7:30 - @ California Park



Vice President Pat Sleeper

Lance Gray will be our speaker and tier for our Sept 9th 2015 meeting.....At our NEW meeting location for the next 6 months: California Park Pavilion, 2565 California Park Dr, Chico, CA 95928 Tying @ 6:30 Speaking @ 7:30



President's Line

The summer is coming to a close. It has been a rough one due to all the streams being low and warm. I had some good times and some struggles and am sure everyone else did also. We had a board meeting last week. A couple of things need to go out to the membership.

First, elections are in October. We need a president, vice president, secretary and board members. Board members are for a two year term with three rotating off the board each year. The board is going to nominate Pat to be president. However, we need new blood if the organization is going to remain vital. If anyone is interested in being on the board, contact Pat or me.

The other item that came up at the board meeting is donations. We might end up the year with a surplus after we fund all of our usual projects. We really don't want to get locked into recurring projects and requests for funds, particularly with other organizations with which we are competing for funds in the community. However, if there is a worthy project out there, particularly related to fly fishing, let us know. There is no guarantee that it will be funded, but we will give serious consideration to any and all suggestions. If you have ever been to a board meeting, you know what a free for all it can be.

Finally, we are moving. As explained elsewhere in the newsletter and on the website, we are going to be moving, for the next six months at least, to the California Park Pavilion. There is more parking, a bigger room and we won't have to play musical rooms every month wondering when and where our meeting is going to be. We can count on Fly Tying and social at 6:30 and 7:30 for the meeting. See you all there.

Lance conducts presentations at fly clubs and outdoor shows and supports local groups like Cub Scouts and 4H. He's a signature tier for Solitude Fly Company, pro staff member for Sage and Rio and is a featured writer, with articles published in Angling Trade Magazine, California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishermen, Sierra Fisherman and Northwest Fly Fishing.

Kirsten is a fantastic photographer who's had images published in periodicals and on websites throughout the outdoor industry.

Secretary minutes by Pat Sleeper for Dave McKinney

Secretary minutes Aug 18th, 2015

meeting came to order by Pres Larry Willis. Those present: Larry, Terry, John, Dana, Don, Dennis and Pat.

Minutes by Pat Sleeper for Dave McKinney M/S/P . Terry/Larry
Treasurer report by Don Sleeper M/S/P. Terry/Dana

Discussion on uses for CAF funds: Lake Almanor Fishing Association. A majority of Chico residents utilize Almanor Lake and they could use the money.

New location for monthly meetings: 2nd wed of each month @ California Park Pavilion, 2565 California Park Dr, Chico, CA 95928 for the next 6 month, until Feb.

Discussions on fishing locations for fishouts, etc. And, other discussions.



Speaker Lance Gray

Lance and Kirsten have more than 50 years combined experience in fly fishing. Lance started fly fishing with his father and brother Lincoln at age 7. In his

teens, he began tying flies commercially for shops all around Northern California. At 17, he went to work at Powell's in Chico, working in the fly shop and building rods. He guided for Powell's, conducted fly-tying and fly-fishing schools, and traveled.

In 1993, Lance and Kirsten started Saltwater Innovations, a company that manufactured and distributed products for saltwater fly fishing. Lance's Crystal Popper, Gray's Billfish Fly, the KO Charlie line and the Raghead Crabs are all Saltwater Innovations products. Kirsten worked behind the scenes, handling the day-to-day operation running the manufacturing floor of the company.

In 2003 they launched Lance Gray & Company, a full-service outfitter offering guided trips, fly-fishing schools, workshops and a travel agency.

Presentation

“Fly-Fishing Northern California”

This presentation has a little of everything – an overview of what Northern California has to offer the fly-fisher. The venues include rivers to the beaches. Moss Landing, the Lower Sac, the metro American River and the East Fork of Hat Creek. Northern California has many types of fish to cast a fly too. Steelhead, trout, shad, stripers, surf perch, rock fish and halibut are represented in this presentations. We mix and match for areas and club desires. A great program.

Saltwater Surf, stillwater, Spey and Tenkara tactics will be discussed.

A PowerPoint presentation with comprehensive handouts for the audience that covers locations, access points, equipment and maps needed to fish these areas.

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Lance Gray

Fish Picks

Fished section B of the famous Green River one day (drifted with a guide). Landed 8 fish total, 16 to 21 inches in length. Half rainbows, half browns. 40% on top, balance took a nymph underneath a hopper (mostly caddis). Lots of yellow sally's and caddis coming off.

Beautiful big, clear river, nice scenery (bright orange and red rock formations). I have also included a pic of Flaming Gorge Reservoir. (Lake Trout).

The drive from I-80 (3 hours east of Salt Lake City) to Dutch John was about an hour (50+ miles) of total open space in all directions as far as the eye can see .deer, elk and pronghorns. Pretty awesome country.

Stayed at Sweet Loraine's Bed and Breakfast (Dave and Loraine McDonald) in Dutch John. Pricey but your wife/girlfriend would love it. Excellent young Argentine chef named Guillermo. Wine and liquor included with dinner. Dave also guides the river.

Craig Lares



Elden Hinkle with a nice brown trout at Hebgan Lake, Montana last week.

Now this is a brown trout of a life time!!! WOW!! Jim Gaumer's proudly holding his, recently caught, brown trout.



Fish Out Report - Pingatore Pond

August 25, 2015

The fishout at the Pingatore pond was a great success. Everyone caught bass and sunfish. We had 39 members and guests for the event. Don Sleeper barbecued hot dogs for the event. The onions and mushrooms toppings really went over well. Everyone enjoyed the event.



Getting ready, unloading pontoons



Don cooking lunch.



Lincoln and Phil caught some nice bass.



Pontoons and boats out on the pond.

Want a Trip Bass fishing on top water?

Bass fishing at Picachos Lake out of Mazatlan is crazy on top water and even getting better, if you can believe that. It's a "new" lake; and, they have caught bass at over 13 lbs already.

Billy Chapman with Anglers Inn international is holding 16 spaces for us. We have 8 spaces left.

Nov. 10th - Arrive in Mazatlan and transfer to Anglers Inn lodge on Lake Picachos.

Nov. 11th - Fish full day

Nov. 12th - Fish full day

Nov. 13th - Fish full day

Nov. 14th - Fish full day

Nov. 15th - Depart

Price per angler for this itinerary/package is \$2,045. for 5 nights/4 full days of fishing. For the non-fishing guest, the price would be \$120 per night.

Your Deluxe accommodations (**based on double occupancy**), 17 ft. Tracker boats, 48 hp Yamaha engine at Lake Picachos, 55 lb. thrust MinnKota trolling motor, Humminbird depth finder, guide, all meals at lodge, open bar (national drinks), soft drinks, Gatorade, purified bottled water and ice, laundry service, ground transportation to and from lodge, airport and hotel.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare, gratuities for guide and staff, reels, fishing tackle, meals, drinks & taxis in Mazatlan and any other items of a personal nature.

You can be a part of the local residents and club members joining this group. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pat Sleeper - 530-345-1197

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2015

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.

Tom Rosenow will be our new fishout leader. 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Oct 1st	Pyramid Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Davis Lake	Open
Jan 2016	Baum Lake	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>
Sep 9th	Lance Gray	Fly-Fishing Northern California
Oct 14th	Dennis P Lee	Author: Half-Pounder-A Steelhead
Nov 11	Ray Palori	Almanor fish hatchery



Fly of the Month for September 2015

Simple Stone

By: Ray Narbaitz

In most places it is a pretty sure bet that almost any running, freestone type stream or river has Stoneflies in it. As long as the water temperature doesn't get too warm, or doesn't dry up during the summer, it will host some Stoneflies. They can come in a wide variety of sizes and colors. They can range from Salmon Fly Nymphs, the big Pteronarcys, which can reach Jurassic proportions, to the much smaller Little Yellow Stones. The Nymphs can range in colors from olive to brown to black to yellow to golden. Since there are over 3,600 different varieties of Stoneflies listed, it might be a tad difficult to match exactly what is in the water at any given time. Fortunately, we don't have to.

Like a lot of bugs, fishing the dries is the most fun. The big Salmon Fly hatch will bring big fish to the surface. Unfortunately, like most bugs, the hatch is short lived. Most last only a scant few weeks. The good news is that the Nymphs are in the water all year long. Since their life cycle is fairly long, there are often several generations and sizes in the water at the same time. The different types also seem to overlap at times. In rivers like the McCloud, which has both Black and Golden Stones, it almost doesn't seem to matter which one you fish. The fish will eat them both.

Patterns can range from very realistic to suggestive. One of my favorite Golden Stone patterns is Mike Mercer's Poxyback Golden Stone. It is also one of my least favorite to even attempt to tie. I guess that is why the label, "Simple Stone," caught my eye. This pattern is from Tim Flagler. If you are not familiar with his work, you should look into it. He does the weekly fly column for MidCurrent Fly Fishing news, a pretty good E, Flyfishing newsletter. You can also catch him at Tightline Productions. I think he has some of the best, easy to understand instruction videos available today.

The pattern shown here is for the Golden Stone. However, as Flagler points out in his video, to match almost any Stone Nymph all you have to do is change the color of the materials. The tying technique remains the same.

Hook: TMC 5262 size 10 to 14

Bead: Black or Gold, Standard or Tungsten to match size of hook

Thread: 8/0 Yellow for Golden, Black or Brown for others

Weight: .20 lead or lead free wire

Rib: Brassie size Gold Wire

Dubbing: Rabbit or Possum or other fur, dyed Yellow or Black or Golden Stone

Tail: Amber or Black Goose Biot

Back & Wing Pad: Pheasant Tail, Natural or dyed Yellow

Wing Pad Bubble: Epoxy or any of the UV Ray cured products of your choice.

1. Debarb the hook, thread on the bead and place the hook in your vise.
2. Start wrapping your wire at about the barb point on the hook, and wrap it the full length of the shank, all the way to the bead.
3. Push the wraps of lead tightly together, and then push them as far into the back of the bead as you can.



4. Start your thread at the base of the back of the lead wire. Make open spiral wraps up the shank to the bead. Go back and forth several times so the wire is mostly covered with cross wraps of thread. End with your thread back at the point where you started it.
5. Take a pair of needle nosed pliers, and flatten the lead top and bottom. This will give the fly a more natural, oblong look. A lot of Stonefly patterns call for lashing a strip of the wire on each side of the hook to give it that look. Flagler's method is easier and quicker.
6. At the back of the lead wire, make a small, ball of dubbing, slightly larger than the wire.
7. Take your thread back up to the bead, and tie in the ribbing wire. You can start on the top and let the thread torque take it to the side of the fly opposite you, or just tie it in on the opposite side.
8. With your thread back at the dubbing ball, tie in a biot on one side of the shank. You want it to be about the same length as the hook shank. Tie it so the butt of the biot runs along the side of the fly, making the tail stick straight out. The natural curve of the biot should point out.
9. Tie another biot on the other side, using the same technique.
10. Pinch the butts of the biots to the sides of the fly, and wrap them all the way up close to the bead. Cut off any excess if you have to. Then bring your thread back to the dubbing ball.
11. Cut or tear off about a dozen fibers of Pheasant Tail, keeping the tips mostly even. Tie the tips on the very top of the fly with the bulk of the fibers lying out past the tail, once again ending with your thread at the dubbing ball.
12. Take more of the dubbing, and wrap an Abdomen to about the half way point of the shank.
13. Pull the Pheasant Tail fibers over the top of the dubbing, and tie them down at the end of the Abdomen.
14. Wrap your ribbing wire in fairly close spiral wraps up past the dubbing, tie it off and break or clip the excess.
15. Put more dubbing on your thread. Pull the Pheasant Tail back, and dub back over it a wrap or two, to pin it back. Dub down to about the half way point of the gap between the end of the Abdomen and the Bead.
16. Pull the P.T. back over the dubbing to form the first Wing Pad. Tie it down, and then repeat the same technique, dubbing back over the P.T. and then up to the bead. Bring the P.T. over the dubbing to form the second Wing Pad. Tie it off right behind the bead, and cut off the excess.

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