



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts September 2018

Next meeting: Wed. Sep.12th, @ 7:30pm @ California Park Pavilion, Chico



President's Message:

Trent Pridemore will be tying a pigboat @ 6:30; and, our speaker Wed, Sep 12th, 2018 @ 7:30. Our first meeting in 2 months!!! I hope you can come and support Larry Willis handling the meeting and for Trent our wonderful speaker!!!

I'll be back next month from Mexico; though, I sure wish I could be in attendance as I know what a wonderful speaker Trent is!

Please note the wonderful trips and fish outs we have available and listed; and, note the prices!! You can't beat our trip costs; and, the fun we all have!! We still have availability for the dorado trip. Yes, the dorado are in! Yes, the sardines are in! Yes, they are catching! Yes, there is room!!! Yes, dorado, tuna and roosters and more!

Another trip to the Amazon Feb 7-16...this one is AMAZING!!! Beautiful mother ship and new fishing boats & motors: Our location is where all the world record peacock bass came from: Upper Rio Negro tributaries with Billy Chapman, Awarded the best hospitality award! Be it Picachos, El Salto or the Amazon, Billy Chapman's Anglers Inn does it right though the price doesn't show it.

Contact Eric See if you can help at the Sep 22 Salmon Festival! He NEEDS help between 10-2:00 that day. Thank you!! His number is on last page here. Thanks.

They are raising brown trout at the Almanor High School a birdy told me.

I trust you had a wonderful summer despite the smoke and fires.

I am hearing some are starting to catch at Almanor! Fall can be a wonderful time to fish!

Pat Sleeper
President, CAF
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BIG Fish pics



Pete's nice brown



Pete rainbow



Pats nice bass

Both caught deep trolling (30-35') just off the bottom.



Pam's nice rainbow



Don's nice rainbow

CAF Minutes 08/28/2018

Called to Order 6:27 PM By president Pat Sleeper
Treasures Report: Don Sleeper. Reviewed, doing well, receipts up over last year-to-date.

Moved/seconded: Passed

Treasure also requested funds to buy a new fold down table: M/S/Passed

Vice President's Report: Larry Willis

Speakers lined up. Possible change of location for Christmas Pizza Feed

Fishout Committee Report: Eldon Hinkle

Pyramid Lake Oct 4-6

Digger Creek Nov 3 (Space still available, contact Eldon)

Little Grass Valley Nov 10th

Project Healing waters. Peter Wiik. Several upcoming meetings. No other reports

New Business

09/27/18. Oroville Salmon Festival. Volunteers needed. Contact Eric See

Adjourned

David McKinney

Secretary CAF

Biographical Sketch: Trent Robert Pridemore

Trent Pridemore resides in Grass Valley and Carnelian Bay, California. He studied field zoology at UCSB and worked as a timber cruiser in Humboldt and Trinity Counties. After a Doctorate at UCSF, The Air Force posted him to the Philippines during the Vietnam conflict.

His zoological background stimulated an early interest in fly fishing that led to involvement in angling conservation. He was Project Chairman and Biological Consultant for the Little Truckee River Trout Restoration Task Force that led to what has become a major and unique trout resource in the California Wild Trout Program. In 2006 he orchestrated Regulation Proposal Changes that resulted in Wild Trout status for the Truckee River and its tributaries between Trout Creek and the Nevada State Line. He was also involved in the implementation of winter angling on the Truckee and Yuba River systems and is a recipient of the "Black Hand" conservation award.

Other angling related activities include writing for California Fly Fisher, Sierra Heritage Magazine, Tahoe Maritime Museum and guest appearances on radio and television. He has taught classes on fly tying, fly casting, angler's entomology and currently lectures on the California fly-fishing circuit. Major interests are Stillwater angling for trout and bass. He has traveled extensively pursuing both. Trent formed Angler's Education Service to expand his lecturing and educational programs. He is a member of Sierra Grape Growers and Vintners Association and is on the Board of Directors of Bear Yuba Land Trust. When not chasing bass, trout and other species, Trent is working on a memoir collection of literary angling stories called *Chasing Rainbows...Tales of a Well Traveled Fly Fisherman* and a outdoor themed cookbook titled, *Recipes from Jack Rabbit Hill*, that includes outdoor cooking material featured in his California Fly Fisher column, *The Foraging Angler*.

Synopsis: Fly Fishing The Upper Water Column For Large and Smallmouth Bass

Trent's 50 minute PowerPoint Presentation evolved from three feature articles on fly rod bass fishing that he wrote for California Fly Fisher Magazine. His program focuses on the upper water column where bass are reachable with a fly rod. He will discuss the biology and behavior patterns that bring bass into shallow areas, bass food items and the types of habitat and structure that produce inshore and topwater action. Effective fly patterns, retrieves and tactics are covered. Equally important is discussion of the revolution in flyrod bass fishing tackle that includes specialty rods, lines and innovative new flies, and how to select a fly rod outfit that will allow you to cast them effortlessly. California and western waters are mentioned including some that you might not know about. These include the spectacular Northern largemouth fishery at Oregon's Davis Lake, smallmouth on the Umpqua river as well as chasing huge Florida strain fish at Mexico's El Salto and Picachos lakes. A bonus section looks briefly at *"Bugging For Browns in Chilean Patagonia"*, where Brown trout behave like bass and eat Fat Albert terrestrials as well as dragonfly patterns and bass bugs in Andean mountain lakes.

Fly Fishing The Mexican Bass Lakes

Mexican Bass Lakes, particularly ones created by damming rivers found on the western slopes of Mexico's mainland are considered the best trophy bass lakes in the world. These lakes were not well known to fly fishermen. Ten years ago anglers started bringing fly rods and boxes of bass bugs. It was a pioneering endeavor since resort operators and guides knew little about fly rod fishing for bass. Anglers make the trek south because of prodigious numbers of large, healthy, hungry Florida strain largemouth bass that feed on threadfin shad, tilapia and langostina in the most amazing bass habitat and structure that you have seen.

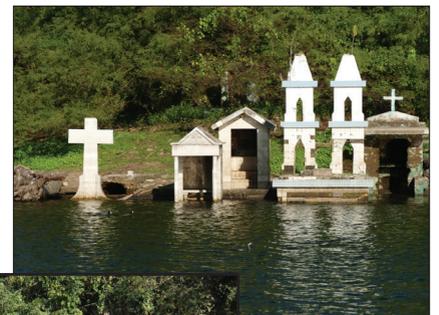
In addition to superlative topwater angling where largemouth bass, *lobina negra*, "blowup" on poppers and baitfish patterns, visiting anglers enjoy "The Mexican Experience" in scenic settings in the foothills of the fabled Sierra Madre Oriental mountain range. Accommodations range from "fishcamps" to quality resorts. Authentic regional Mexican cuisine, service and amenities add to an angler's enjoyment and comfort. Exotic birds, iguanas, cotatias, and other forms of wildlife are seen by fishermen working the shoreline and offer unending photographic opportunities. A bonus is the unique experience of throwing topwater bugs in partially submerged villages and cemeteries where fish cover could be the walls of a submerged barn, casa, corral fences, or shade behind crypts and tombstones in flooded cemeteries.

Trent will discuss fish biology and the unique habitat, cover and forage that produce these fisheries and the best time to book a trip. Equipment needs will be covered as well as some thoughts on international angling travel. Though a presentation on an exotic angling destination, the fishing lessons are equally applicable at home.

Trent Robert Pridemore

Grass Valley

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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 or Tom Rosenow trosenow.chico@gmail.com

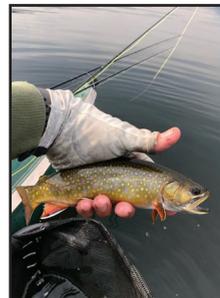
This schedule may change depending on the fish bite or weather conditions.

| Date | Location | Fishout Leader |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Jan 13-19th 2019 | Lake Picachos and ElSalto, Mexico: combo 3nights @ each & 2 1/2 days fishing @ each location. Don or Pat Sleeper psleeper@sbcglobal.net | |
| Feb 7-17 | Amazon:for more information:Pat; psleeper@sbcglobal.net | |
| March 9&10 | Pyramid Lake with Rob Anderson: ehinkle@aaproducton.com | |
| June 2019 | Lake Almanor "Hex hatch" @ Frank Spitari's in Almanor rsvp: BBQ lunch included. Elden: ehinkle@aaproducton.com | |
| July | Pingatori's local fish out for bass - Pat; psleeper@sbcglobal.net | |
| Sep. 1-8th, 2018 | Dorado/Tuna fishing La Ventana, Mexico. | |
| Sep 8-15th, 2018 | Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - | |
| Sep. 15-22, 2018 | Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - \$1700.pp: 7 nights/6 dys: fishing, meals, shuttle svc: Double occupancy; w/group. Information: www.patsflyfishing.com Don & Pat; psleeper@sbcglobal.net | |
| Sep. 22-29, 2018 | Dorado/Tuna Fishing La Ventana, Mexico - psleeper@sbcglobal.net | |
| Oct 4 | Pyramid Lake fishing Elden- ehinkle@aaproducton.com | |
| Nov | 3 Sat Digger Creek:\$100.pp 10 spots- Elden- ehinkle@aaproducton.com | |
| Nov 10 Sat | Little Grass Valley Reservoir: Elden- ehinkle@aaproducton.com | |

MORE Fish Pics



Pics from Elden's Montana trip



Terry Mich

Fly of the Month for September 2018

Bread and Butter Nymph

By: Ray Narbaitz

One of the few absolutes in Fly Fishing is that seldom is anything ever, never or always. About the best you can hope for is that something is true most of the time. As long as I can remember people have argued over which is better, imitation or presentation. I have come to believe that the answer is, like many things in life, it depends. At any given time, one the other or both can be correct. Having said that I still think in most of our waters in this area I subscribe to Dave Hughes' statement that usually close is close enough. An awful lot of the flies I use, particularly in Nymphs, sort of look like a lot of things.

I think that is what attracted me to the Bread and Butter Nymph. I found it on a site called, "Troutbitten." It is the property of a guy named Domenick Swentosky. He's a fly fisherman/blogger/musician/guide back east who once went fishing five days a week for 21 straight weeks to learn more about his local waters. He is a great believer in the presentation over imitation argument. In speaking of the Bread and Butter he says: "Yes it looks like a Hare's Ear nymph. Half the stuff in my box looks like a Hare's Ear or a Pheasant Tail. When you turn over rocks to see what kind of bugs trout are eating, most of what you find fits under the category of 'little brown things with some moving parts.'" In looking at the fly, it looks like part Hare's Ear, part Whitlock's Red Fox Squirrel Nymph, and part...something a fish might want to eat.

Hook: Jig Hook, 10 -16 (a standard nymph hook and bead would work too)

Bead: Slotted Gold Tungsten, sized to match hook

Thread: Brown 8/0

Weight: 6 to 8 wraps of lead or lead free wire, sized to match hook

Tail: Dark Coq de Leon, if you don't have any, I think PT would work just fine

Rib: Gold wire, small

Abdomen: Hare's Ear (The Bread)

Thorax: Arizona Synthetic Peacock, Bronze (The Butter)

Collar: Rust Brown thread, I am using the same thread as the tying thread

1. Thread bead onto the hook small hole first, and place the hook in the vise.
2. Take six or eight wraps of wire around the shank, and break off excess.
3. Slide the weight up to the bead. If you pinch a few wraps of the wire flat with needle nosed pliers, you should be able to slide the front of the wire into the slot, which will help stabilize the bead.
4. Start your thread right behind the wire and form a little dam so it can't slip. Run your thread back over the wire to anchor it and with the thread, make it taper from bead to back.



5. Tie in the tail, making it about hook shank long.
6. Tie in the ribbing wire, keeping it on your side of the hook.
7. Dub on the Hare's Ear and wrap it from the tail up to a couple of eye lengths of the bead.
8. Spiral counter wrap the ribbing wire all the way through the Abdomen.
9. Dub on the Synthetic Peacock, and fill in the gap. Make it a little fatter than the Abdomen.
10. With the thread, wrap a small collar right behind the bead. Whip finish and cut off your thread.
11. Apply a small amount of Head Cement to the collar.

Notes: Swentosky calls for rust brown thread for the collar for a little contrast. I stayed with the tying thread. It's your choice. Don't forget, there is nothing sacred about the materials or color of the thread. I think you could just as easily use Orange or Chartreuse thread for the collar and have a good looking fly.

FOR SALE

FLYCRAFT STEALTH DRIFT BOAT

Selling my mint condition Flycraft Stealth drift boat due to non use. I bought a cabin in Colorado and now strictly fish there without a boat.

This boat was purchased in the summer of 2015 with all the upgrades offered by the manufacture.

Boat Includes:

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Shelf
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Spare Oar
Motor Mount
Lehr 2.5 HP propane motor.



The boat is awesome but between my work travel schedule and traveling to the cabin in Colorado during the fishing season, I just don't use it.

A new Flycraft Stealth package is \$3,845.00 without a motor. I'm selling mine for \$2,850 with the motor that has only 20-minutes on it.

Accept cash, checks and credit cards via PayPal - buyer pays 3% credit card fees.

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Orvis Fly Rods For Sale

Orvis "Recon" 9' #5 wt. four piece with aluminum rod tube and cloth bag. Used lightly; excellent condition. \$250

Orvis "Clearwater" 9' #5 wt. four piece with cloth-covered tube w/interior sections. Brand-new condition. \$125

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