

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

**short casts**

**November 2007**

## The Presidents Line By Lincoln Gray

This is my first article as president of the Chico Area Fly Fishers I would first like to thank Roger Bevers for all his hard work and devotion to the Chico Area Fly Fishers in his three year tenure as president. Roger has brought important issue to hand and has solved many of them in his three years. I would then like to thank the members of the Chico Area Fly Fishers for entrusting me in the position of President. I do understand and except the challenge of this office.

In my position of President, I would like to first assure the members that I will do everything in my power to accomplish the following agenda:

Chico Area Fly Fishers Newsletter overhaul.

The newsletter is in need of drastic changes to better inform the members of CAF. The newsletter at this point is very crucial to keeping members, not only informed, but also involved in the club.

Chico Area Fly Fishers Web Site. This is an issue that I have been strongly for, during my tenure as Vice-President. We as a club need to have a strong presence on the Internet. Not, only for the club members, but also for the public to understand what we stand for.

Mentoring System

This is a system to get and keep new members involved in the club. New members get dis-involved in the club very

**General Meeting: Wednesday, November 14th at the Seven Day Adventist Church 1877 Hooker Oaks. Fly tying will start at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting at 7:30 pm**



## SECRETARIES SECRETS By Pat Sleeper

October, 2007 minutes

**Reminder: The most efficient and effective way to get our monthly newsletter is to let us send it to your e-mail address. It will be sent by the "5th of each month so please make a note to check for it so you can read it well before our next general meeting, if we have your e-mail. If not, please contact our treasurer, Dennis Boyd at [nomopilz@aol.com](mailto:nomopilz@aol.com) or 530-891-5760 to get your e-mail address incorporated into our member information for you.**

Meeting called to order at President Roger Bevers' home at 5:50 PM

Those present were Mike (Gonzo), Percy, Eric, Dennis, Dana, Pat, Joe, Tom, and Don, Lincoln and Roger.

\*Minutes - approved with correction. M/S/P Dennis/Lincoln.

\*Treasurer, Dennis – presented an account statement for July; request to transfer funds, if need be. Expenditures have been larger than budgeted: Kinko's, youth program, large charity donation to disabled youth program, etc. M/S/P Pat/Lincoln

\*Lincoln report – Jay Fair will be tying @ 6:30 and then speaking at the Wed Oct 10th General meeting.

He also listed the next General Meeting speakers/agendas:

Dick and Donna Murrill and Val Bowlby will talk at the Nov 14th, 07 (Wed) General meeting about their trip to Kamchatka;

\*December will be the annual pizza feed; and, Jan 08 will be the annual pictures and trip sharing meeting. *(continued on page 2 col. 2)*

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quickly, and a mentoring system will help them get associated with other club members. This system will involve present members that are willing to get involved with new members as a mentor. Mentors will be

responsible for the following:

- a. Introducing new members to present members.
- b. Involving new members with fishouts, meetings, club banquets, and numerous other functions of the club.

#### Youth Program

The youth program is on the top of my list. Not only because I am a parent, but also because youth are the future of the sport of fly-fishing. I will lend all the support that I can to this program to make it a success.

#### Calendar of Events

It is my intention to insert a calendar of events for the club. Not only informing our members of our events, but also incorporating other club events to our calendar. (Fishouts, meetings, guest, speakers, etc.)

If you have any suggestions for me, and if you would like to present your views as a club member you can either join us at our board meetings that are held at 5:30pm every first Wednesday of the month at Sierra Stream and Mountain (847 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street) or you can email your comments and suggesting to me directly at [lincoln@tie-fast.com](mailto:lincoln@tie-fast.com).

Again, I thank you for intrusting me as your President and I look forward to serving you and your fly fishing needs to my fullest abilities.

Thank You.

**Lincoln Gray**  
**President**  
Chico Area Fly Fishers

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\*Mike - outreach – has a CAF monthly meeting notice going into Life Style, KHSL and others.  
\*Joe - Youth Program – Meeting Thurs Oct 25th  
\*Don – fish-out – Eagle Lake Oct 27 & 28th scheduled with about eight signed up at this time. A barbeque is scheduled for Sat. It will be cold with windy; therefore, we suggest bring float tubes and plenty of warm clothing.  
\*Nov 17 Trinity River - with Maflies invite...Please contact Pat or Don Sleeper for further details...345-1197  
\*Nov Preserve fishing - Eric will be scheduling the date with Jeff, for the preserve, is expecting the Nov booking, per Dana.  
\*Butte Creek opens Nov 1st – Apr 15th 2008 Great fishing!  
\*Ray WILL be the MC for the annual dinner meeting.  
\*Roger discussed the president's fish-out  
\*Roger presented library cabinet supplies' bill of \$164.99 to Dennis.

\*Lincoln will write a letter supporting the Trinity River: Farmers' water has been running off into the Trinity River with pesticides, fertilizers, etc.

\*Meeting adjourned about 6:50

General Meeting: Jay Fair shared his incredible knowledge of fly tying and fishing the desert lakes around Eagle Lake and Alturas with pictures and examples. Thank you Jay, the audience was mesmerized by your vast knowledge...A true honor to meet, watch and listen to gentleman of your great skill! I can't wait to hear another presentation!

Thank you Donna for bringing the delicious cookies!

Ballots were cast and the election results are:

President: Lincoln Gray

Vice-President: Durl Van Alstyne

Treasurer: Dennis Boyd

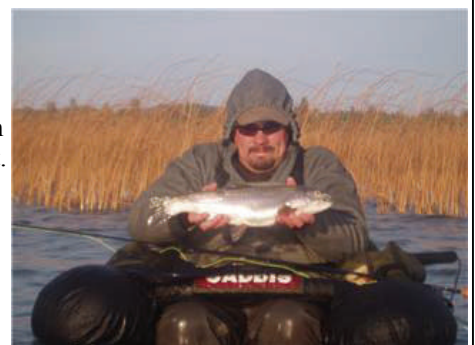
Secretary: Pat Sleeper

Board Members:

Eric See, Larry Willis

**Pat Sleeper**

Another nice fish from the Eagle Lake fishout.



Fly Tying  
By  
Joe Garza

This is my first article for the Fly Tying section. I have not yet filled the fly tying spot for the November meeting so if any one is interested please let me know.(see contact information on page # 6) As fly tying coordinator I would like to start "The Bakers Dozen". This is basically going to be a fly swap. I need 12 or more members to commit to tying 13 flies per month for 12 months. I already have 6 members who are interested, and we will certainly take more than 12 tiers if more folks are interested. If you are wondering why 13, here is the answer. 12 flies will be swapped per month between the members who have signed up. The extra fly or 13th fly from each member will go into a separate box each month, to be used as prizes for our annual dinner in February. So in February we should have 12 boxes of one dozen flies each to be raffled or auctioned off (what ever the board decides). I would like to have the flies tied a month before our fish outs, so we can use each others flies at the fish outs. The month before a specific fish out, each member that is signed up will receive an e-mail as to which pattern will be tied that month. Each member will have to contact me to let me know if they are tying a variation of a pattern, a different color of a pattern, or a different size of a pattern, or if they have their own tie for that pattern. Variation of patterns, color and size will all be on a first come first serve basis. The swap will occur at the end of each months meeting. I'm looking forward to swapping some flies.

*Joe Garza*  
*Fly Tying Coordinator*

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## CAF NEED YOU!

Chico Area Fly Fishers is looking for a club member to fill the following positions. The success of the club depends on the member involvement to provide manpower to serve the membership. Please volunteer your time. In the absence of volunteers the board will have to appoint members to these positions or drop them. Dropping them means that the club loses out and so do the members. See the article entitled Back In the Days in this newsletter for part of the rich history of the club. You can volunteer by calling Roger 343-6442

Historian, Outreach Chairperson, Fundraiser chairperson, and Projects chairperson.

### **Historian:**

CAF needs a club Historian to record the clubs history of yesteryear as well as the history we make each year. Please volunteer your time to help make Chico Area Fly Fishers maintain the rich family tree we have developed.

### **Outreach Chairperson:**

The clubs new outreach program is still being debated and refined, but we need someone to head up that committee.

Outreach is a human resource program that connects the club to the people of our community through humanitarian efforts. If your interested in this chairperson position, or you would like to learn more, please contact Roger 343-6442.

### **Fundraiser Chairperson:**

The CAF board and officers are presently looking at way to increase our money-making capacity. We have several ideas for this and will consider any members ideas you wish to submit. When we have fundraiser activities adopted, besides the annual dinner, we will need someone to put the plans to work. Again, some simple organizational skills and participation are all that is needed.

### **Projects Chairperson:**

The projects chairperson will handle the organization of club projects. This will entail working with the Outreach chairperson, Fundraiser chairperson, Outreach chairperson, Youth Leader, and Conservation chairperson to co-ordinate club projects, as well as carrying out projects the board approves



## Youth Group News

By  
Joe Garza

We had our first youth meeting Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at Round Table pizza. We had 13 youth whose ages ranged from 6 to 14 years old. We had the opportunity to meet parents, and get the youth together to meet each other. We had a great time.

There was a lot of discussion about the youth program, from winter activities (Fly Tying and intro to Fly Fishing) to fish outs and Conservation (fund raising).

Ryan brought his drift boat for the group to check out after the meeting, they loved it. Kim Lewis brought a tee shirt template for the kids to create a name and design for the youth club. I received a lot of great ideas from the youth.

Pat and Don Sleeper were on hand to help as well (Thanks). While we don't have a date for the next meeting yet, there will be a meeting in November, we will let all our adult and youth members know when it will be.

Thanks to all that came to our first meeting, we are looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

**Joe Garza**  
Youth Coordinator

### Festival of Fly Fishing by Michael Gonzalez

Saturday October 20th I attended the Festival of Fly Fishing and was happily surprised by how many attended the show. The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers presented a great program. I was *lucky* enough to attend several of the seminars to learn more about the great fishing areas  
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available to our club members in CAF.

I personally had fun going around to various fly tiers at the venue and to meet many people not only from our area, but also Oregon, Idaho, Canada, and Montana. I got to collect several new flies from these ladies and gentlemen.

I sat in seminars by local talent Hogan Brown, Mike Mercer, and of course Bob Clouser. Hogan's seminar was a great presentation on Bass Fishing. He emphasized that we as fly fishers have many areas, equipment, and skill sets that will allow us fish for Bass year round. I even went fishing at Big Chico Creek near the "wash out" on the Sac to fish this week after his talk and hooked up several small mouths. I will be getting a 7 weight outfit soon and a Bass taper line to throw the traditional bigger bugs.

Mike Mercer's presentation was awesome too for a newbie that has hardly touched the waters in the Nor Cal area; it was a standing room only. It will take me another 5 years to fish all of the waters available to us here in Northern California. I also saw some great pictures of some waters I have yet to fish, that are off the beaten track.

Bob Clouser's presentation on his fly, the Clouser Minnow, was full of anecdotes. It was awesome to observe the original designer tie his fly!

I got to see kids and adults alike faces as they lit up tying their first fly. I also learned many new techniques in fly tying including noodling, dubbing, making chenille with dubbing loop, and the difference between show flies and fishing flies.

I had lunch with one of our new active members and we split up to go to the seminars of our choice. We shared what we learned and compared some thoughts of what flies and vendors we saw at the show. I also got to mingle with other clubs that had booths at the show.

I recommend attending these shows not only to support the FFF but to expand your knowledge in Fly Fishing. Also you can plan a fishing trip around these FFF events. I know of several members that attended both Friday and Saturday and went fishing on the Upper and Lower Sac, and the Trinity! Remember our club is also a member of the NCCFF. Next Summer I will be attending the National Conclave of FFF. I am looking to doing some of the on water seminars there! **Gonzo**

Outreach Report  
by  
**Michael Gonzalez**

What is Outreach? What does the committee do? Here is my vision as Outreach Chair. The Outreach Committee should be able to provide local, state and national organizations with support from our club. Outreach locally should include youth programs, conservation projects, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, colleges, and other service clubs that work in the outdoor projects that affect our fisheries and we should be able to promote their good works. We should be working with local government entities including city, county, local DFG and water agencies. We also need to support our brother and sister clubs events and projects. How do we do this with labor, funds, and all of our club resources including providing grant writing, speakers, fly tying, letter writing and any thing that will promote our sport and club?

Outreach should also be promoting our own committees events and projects.

Statewide programs should be looked at too. California Trout programs, Heritage trout program and many other programs that I have yet to learn about. We should also consider water diversions, salinity, fishing regulations.

National programs are very important too! Trout Unlimited has many programs ongoing in and out of our area as well as many things are decided on by our federal government that concerns us even here locally.

Right now I am a one man committee, I need help and a vision and the Board of CAF is trying to figure out what they want me to do, but one person does not make a committee. I like to practice the buddy system when I fish and I usually go with at least one other fisherman when fishing. I need help. I hope to have at least three other people, buddies, join our clubs Outreach Committee. Please Call me at 354-4181 or email me at <gonzoisflyfishing@gmail.com>. I will be planning a committee meeting in November hopefully it will be at one of our local fisheries, get a little fishing in and a little business done too!

Thanks.

**Gonzo**

Eagle Lake Fishout Report – October 27, 2007

**By Don Sleeper**

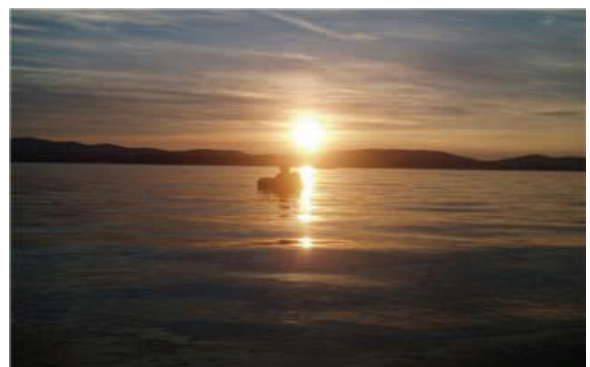
The fishout at Eagle Lake was great fun! Not a lot of fish caught, the wind and cold weather might have affected us all. We had eight folks show up for the fishout. Six of us landed big trout, all fish averaged 20 inches. Karen Horne, Terry Mich, Joe Garza, Christopher Hubbard, Val Bowlby, Chris Mehan, and Pat and Don Sleeper showed up for the event.

These trophy fish didn't like the sun light. All except one fish was caught when the sun wasn't up, either before seven in the morning or after six in the evening. Val caught a large trout at about 10 in the morning, which was the exception. We all fought the wind and cold, but the food and company was a high light of the trip.

Eagle Lake's water level was down compared to past years. We fished most of the time out of the tules in the main body of the lake, contrary to last year, but still only in 2 to 4 feet of water. These trophy fish seem to like the light green wiggle tail fished on floating line or an intermediate line with short strips. We all had float tubes or pontoons boats, but Joe Garza and I caught fish just by wading out in about two feet of water.

The temperature in the morning was close to 32 degrees, but we dressed with layers and that worked great. We stayed in the Eagle Lake campground at the north end of the lake, which made fishing an easy reach, within a mile of two different locations. Val Bowlby especially noticed the plethora of life around the lake other than trout, her list included; Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Common Merganser, Hooded Merganser, Western Grebe, Mud Hen, White Pelican, various hawks, Stellar Jays, Muskrats and the lodge, with its' enormous deer population of both does and many 4 point or better bucks.

I hope to see you all in our next cold weather trip up to Baum Lake in January.



## Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2007

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.

We are also looking for additional **fishout leaders**. 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 Roger Bevers or Don Sleeper.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Nov TBA	Big Chico Creek	Eric See

Other ideas: Floating Indicator Clinic, Float Tube Clinic, Fly Casting Clinic, Yuba River, Fort Bragg area Surf Fly fishing---

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- **2008 Dinner- Start thinking about prizes for next year's dinner. If you have someone you know in town that would like to donate something in the way of art, fishing gear, household items, or decor, please collect the information and we will contact them in January.**
- **Also, if you have any special products from your hobbies that you would like to donate to the dinner, please inform an officer or board member. The before the general meeting Casting has been well received, so we will continue having the casting from 6:30-7:15 every month. If you would like some coaching please bring your rod and reel. Someone from the club will be there to help you.**

Karen Horne with a nice catch at the Eagle Lake Fishout



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## **November** **General Meeting**

November 14th General Meeting at the Seven Day Adventist Church  
1877 Hooker Oaks. 6:30 Fly tying demos and knot tying. 7:30 P.M.  
general meeting.

Guests are always welcome, come on out and enjoy the camaraderie,  
fish stories and information from the local fisheries. Refreshments will  
we served.