

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

October 2007



The Presidents Line By Roger Bevers

Here we are down to the wire with our elections being held at the October 10th general meeting. The election ballot will be inserted as a flyer in this newsletter for your perusal and convenience. If you are going to attend the general meeting you will be able to vote for your choice of new officers at the meeting. If you cannot make it to the October 10th meeting, fill out the ballot flyer in the center of this newsletter and mail it to Chico Area Fly Fishers, P.O. box 3583, Chico, CA. 95926. Please have your ballot taped shut and in the clubs box at the post office by Tuesday October 9th at 5:00 P.M. Ballots received after that time will not be counted due to the fact that we will not be checking the mailbox on Wednesday. We encourage all members to vote and vote only once. We trust your honor for this important election.

Our newly elected officers will take office immediately at the October 10th general meeting. Lincoln Gray will be the M.C. for the October meeting as I will be out of state.

The transfer of club property and materials for the officers and board will be done at the newly elected president's arrangement. As for my part, I will facilitate the transfer procedure where needed.

I am looking forward to being able to take a different angle on the clubs needs and hope to be able to provide further future support for the club. As for my current newsletter articles, they of course will cease. The Presidents line for November will be done by the new president and the Past Casts articles will need to be picked up by someone else.

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General Meeting: Wednesday, October 10th 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

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 not received, please contact Percy Ledbetter @ Silvermagi@hotmail.com or 530-877-4848 if we have your e-mail. If not, please contact our treasurer, Dennis Boyd at nomopilz@aol.com or 530-891-5760 to get your e-mail address incorporated into our member information for you.

Call to Order: By President Roger Bevers at 5:35. Attending: Roger, Lincoln, Tom, Joe, (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

Jay Fair to speak at CAF General Meeting on October 10th

We are very lucky to have Jay Fair as our speaker for the October 10, 2007 general meeting. Jay has been a professional guide for 30 years and has been in the fly tying material business for over 60 years. Jay retired from the fly tying business, and now devotes his time to fishing and guiding. But if you asked Jay about guiding, he would say that he is teaching his clients the way to fish for big trout.

Jay has worked for years to master stillwater fly fishing techniques and this is your opportunity to listen to and learn from one of the best stillwater fly fishermen in the country.



EAGLE LAKE TROUT

(Presidents' Line: Cont. from page 1)

I plan on continuing the Travel Line due to the great comments and reception it has had. I will be possibly doing other articles for the newsletter, but not every month. My travel plans for 2008 are already heavily booked starting with a six week trip in February to New Zealand and Pacific Islands. One thought that I have had, was to do a fly tying series for the club. Not just weekly tying hints or patterns, but some real meat and potatoes background and education articles to help people learn how to pick the "right fly" when they get to a place they love, or have ventured on to a new stream or lake. I already have some plans for the first one, but need time to cement how to make it evolve into a real gut-busting sense of pride in the way our members are approaching their fishing Shangri-La's.

I would encourage all members of the club to submit articles to Percy that they feel need to be addressed. Perhaps a monthly request to Percy or the board or general membership about the subjects you need to know. No one in the club has a better knowledge of what you want than you personally. So write a short note asking the members about a particular subject; sort of like a chat-room atmosphere. You never know, someone in the club may have the answer you're looking for, but you just didn't know who to ask.

I would like to again thank everyone for their support and I look forward to fishing with each of you a.s.a.p. I will make a call to someone new each month to invite you on a fishing day with me.

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Larry, Percy and Don and Pat Sleeper.
Lincoln - Jay Fair to speak at the Oct general meeting. Youth Group – Joe states with Ryan in school now they will focus more on fly tying. The Group may be enlarging.
A committee to work on membership flyers consisting of Joe, Don and Larry.
A Motion to pay the Cal Trout Membership of \$35. M/S/P Larry & Lincoln.
Chico Creek Nature Center Paver Program M/S/P Larry & Joe.
Elections slated for Oct Meeting and members can mail in votes.
Discussion on fund raising dinner.
With Pat's absence to the general meeting, Tom will bring cookies and Roger will bring drinks. Thank you!
Fishouts by Don Sleeper for Eagle Lake Oct 27th & 28th. Discussion of renting a large cabin at Eagle Lake.
Adjournment 6:50

YOU CAN NOW PLACE ADS IN THIS NEWSLETTER TO SELL OFF THAT EQUIPMENT YOU ARE NOT USING AND THEN USE THE MONEY TO BUY NEW GOODIES. CONTACT DENNIS BOYD AT 891-5760 or via Email @ nomopliz@aol.com for details.

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**Travel Line:
by
Roger Bevers**

One of the hardest areas of fly fishing to get started in is the surf fishing off the coast of California. (Unless you happen to live in So. Ca.) Fly Fishers around here have to make a concerted effort not only to learn the different techniques and obtain the proper gear, but need to learn each beach you visit. They are all different, and every one of them has different species of salt water fish that visit them and to make things worse, it truly depends on the month or season of the year when you will find the fish there. So! How do you get started if you're interested in trying the surf?

The answer is really easy! Get on the net! You would be amazed at what you will find with a little time invested. For example, Southern California has a guide named **Gary Bulla** who specializes in surf fishing. The best thing you can do is find a guide like Gary and go out with him for a day or two and shorten your learning curve. He has all the knowledge and you will pick up some very basic skills that will encourage you to try on your own. But! Before you jump out on the surf, do learn the basic skills necessary for your safety. **Number One!** Never go alone. Especially at night. **Number Two!** Get a tides table book and learn how to use it. **Number Three!** Check with the local area fishing shops for dangerous areas and stay away from them. **Number Three!** Scout the water you intend to fish at low tide so that you are familiar with the layout of the bottom and can avoid dangerous "Pitfalls". **Number Four!** Visit the beach for a couple of days before you intend to fish it and observe the low and high tides and directions of change. **Number Five!** Remember that your fishing is not done when you get back to where you are staying. Your gear needs a complete shower as well as you. Take your rod and reel in the shower with you and strip all of the line off the reel spool so that you can rinse out all the salt that accumulates while on the beach. Do use soap on the line and reel as well as the rod. Remember it is better to be extra cautious than to have your reel exposed to the caustic salt and far less expensive.

Gary Bulla has a web site:
http://www.garybulla.com/guided_surf_fishing.htm
. You can check him out for yourself and perhaps take a friend along with you. It's cheaper. Another
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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

A Great Road Trip

by
Don Sleeper

Pat and I just had a wonderful fly fishing road trip through our western states. We started on the Hamms Fork in southern Wyoming. The stream was beautiful and the cutthroat trout were stunning. There wasn't a lot of water coming down but enough to see the pockets. That's where we found our bounty. We used hoppers with a small pheasant tail tied off at the bend (hopper dropper rig). Pat and I both caught cuts on this public access area of the Hamms fork.

Next we headed for Lander Wyoming (my home town) and meeting up with Terry Mich and Karen Horne who were heading back from Mount Rushmore. From there we headed up to a couple of small lakes at an elevation of 9600 ft and had wonderful fishing for rainbows and brookies. It was great except for the continued wind that blew our pontoon boats from one side to the other.

After four days in Lander we headed up to Teton Park and fished the Snake, and that was the only place we got skunked. They were dumping water from Jackson Lake and the water was ripping. After two days of watching the Elk bugling we headed for Yellowstone and fished the Lamar River on the north eastern side of the park. The cutthroat were wonderful wild fish. I used a very small nymph and Terry used a large hopper.

Next we headed for Livingston Montana to fish the Yellowstone out of the park. Pat, Karen, Terry and I booked two drift boats and guides and had an outstanding time. Pat landed 53 fish that included white fish, rainbows and large browns (19 inches). We found the ticket and used a large brown stone fly with a small size 18 pheasant tail under a small white balloon indicator. That was the most fish we caught on one outing, over 100 fish released from our two drift boats.

At that point we split up, Terry and Karen headed for West Yellowstone and fished the Madison and we head up into Montana to visit relatives near Harlowton, Montana. We had great fishing and caught cuts, browns and rainbows from a small lake that was surrounded by elk. The weather was changing, on one outing we had temps of 23 degrees with wind chill and the fishing was amazing, one lake (Stapleton) had white caps and we decided to fish it with sinking lines from the banks. It was outstanding, within 45 minutes of freezing we caught seven rainbows that went from 17 inches to 24 truly a hidden trophy lake that few have ever heard of. Those weighed

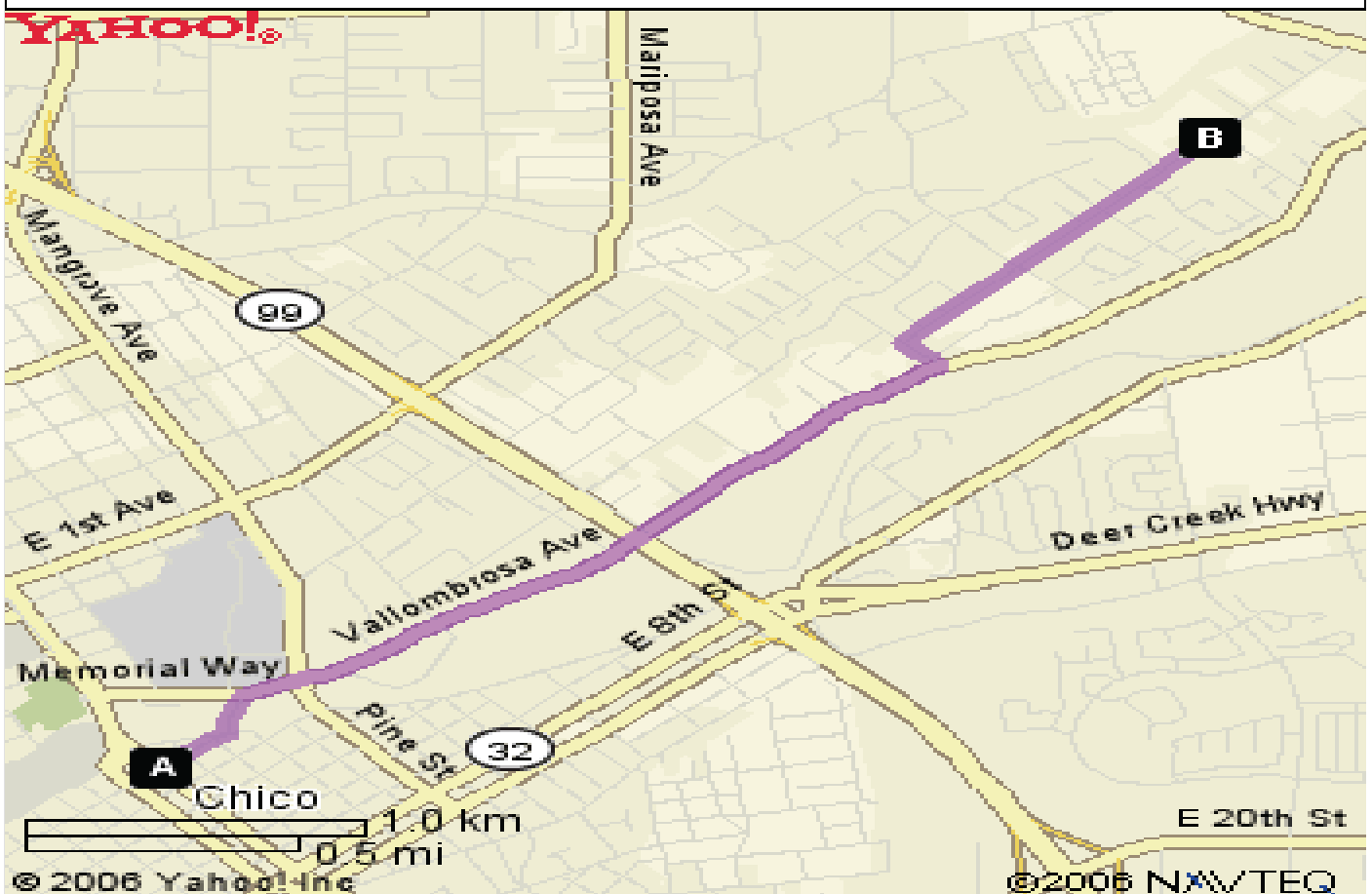
black wooley buggers did their job, they out performed Pat's cousin's mepps using spinning gear.

From there we head back down to the Madison in West Yellowstone Montana and had great success on the Madison, walking up stream about a mile, where most of the tourists don't venture. Both of us keeping a sharp lookout for grizzly bears, that had us a little spooked. We finally made it home this last weekend after our 25 day road trip with a lot of new pictures and memoirs.





Maps to the Seven Day Adventist Church at 1877 Hooker Oaks Ave.



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>
Oct 27, 28	Eagle Lake	Don Sleeper
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---

Announcements:

Youth Meeting scheduled for end of October: CONTACT Joe Garza 897-0978 or Lincoln Gray 345-4261 for more information.

- Wednesday October 3rd. **Board of Directors** meeting at 1053 E. 7th St. at 5:30 P.M.
- Wednesday October 10th. **General Meeting** at the church 6:30 casting and Fly Tying demos. **7:30 General Meeting and Elections.**
- Sat- Sun October 20-21st Eagle Lake Fish out – Don Sleeper host. 343-1197

Chico Area Flyfishers

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thought is to gather a group from the club to go along with you. Make a true adventure of it and host the trip. (Not at your expense of course.) Ride sharing and lodging is a much better way to get out on the water more often. And that's what it's all about, Isn't it!

Don't forget!
Bring your ballots to the
general meeting or get
them mailed so they
arrive at the P.O. Box
NLT October 9th.
Mark your ballot and
Mail
TODAY!!

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October **General Meeting**

Elections will be held this meeting

Mail you ballot today or bring to the general meeting with you. All mailed ballots must be in the P.O. Box NLT 9 October to be Counted.

Speaker for October 10th CAF General Meeting
Jay Fair

Come on out and enjoy the camaraderie, fish stories and information from the local area. Refreshments will we served.

Guests are always welcome, come on out and join us for an interesting evening and information on local fisheries!