



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

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MAY 2008

General Meeting May 14th, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1877 Hooker Oak. Fly tying will start at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting at 7:30 pm



SECRETARIES SECRETS

By
Pat Sleeper

The meeting was called to order at 5:56 P.M.

The Presidents Line By

Lincoln Gray

I will not have an article this time, just some great pics that follow...



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Lake Davis Reopens!

The 4 and 1/2 month closure at Lake Davis due to the Northern Pike Eradication Project was lifted on Friday, January 18th, 2008. DFG has already begun its trout restocking efforts at Lake Davis, as 31,200 Eagle Lake strain rainbow trout were planted in December 2007. Massive numbers of additional trout will be restocked later this spring as the Department of Fish and Game re-establishes the trout fishery.

*Those present: Joe Garza, Don and Pat Sleeper, Lincoln Gray, Larry Willis, Percy Ledbetter, Michael (Gonzo) Gonzalez, Durl Van Alstyne, Eric See, Peter Ratner and Roger Bevers

*Minutes were approved. M/S/P Larry/Durl

*Joe, Youth Group chairman reported the Youth Group "Lightning Bugs" now has 39 members in the program. April 12 will be the first Youth fishout of the year

*Don, Fishout Chairman reported on the up coming fishouts...it's possible the Crater Lake, CA fishout may need to be postponed due to the late snows in the mountains.

*April 26 will be the next fishout for the Feather River with Eric See hosting.

*Discussion on the proposed CAF budget.

*Hats have been ordered in two colors for the club to sell on the website or at the meetings.

*Gonzo, Outreach chairman, reported he's put together a Casting for Recovery project: Starting now, Win a rod, reel, line, case, and guided trip. The package is worth over \$700. All the proceeds will go to the local Casting for Recovery Project. Tickets sell for \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. This will end the weekend before Mothers' Day in May. The tickets are on sale now

*Julie Cunningham will report on Davis Lake at the May Meeting.

*Hooked on Fishing will be May 31, 2008.

Adjourned: 7:49

Hooked on Fishing Volunteers Needed!

The 2008 Chico *Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs* event has been scheduled for Saturday, May 31 at Horseshoe Lake in Chico's Upper Park. CAF is a major participant in this event, donating money, organizing and presenting the live fish aquarium display, fly tying, fish cleaning, and providing fishing coaches. This is a wonderful event that is designed to introduce kids (and sometimes their parents) to the world of fishing and the outdoors. The lake is stocked full of catfish so the prospects for success are very high! So plan on bringing your kids out to enjoy a couple of hours at the lake. There's a lot more than just fishing going on, and the kids love it. And if you don't have any kids, no problem: bring your neighbor's kids! Your grandkids! Your neighbor's grandkids! Or rent a bus and bring them all. HOFNOD provides fishing gear if you need it.

By the way, lots of CAF volunteers are needed so please consider helping out this year. We are contemplating the idea of setting up a flycasting area where CAF volunteers will get a fly rod into the kids' hands and give them a quick lesson. This takes a lot of volunteer help so we won't be able to offer this activity without a lot of volunteers. Those interested can contact Eric See at 899-1918.

Record Catch

This Sturgeon below is Still alive, just worn out from the fight. They turned him loose after the photo.



This Sturgeon was caught on the Willamette River just below Oregon City, two weeks ago. It weighed out at over 1,000 lbs and measured out at 11'1". It was 56" around the girth and took over 6 and a half hours, and 4 dozen beers, for the 4 guys taking turns at reeling it in.

Any Sturgeon OVER about five feet has to be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water.

They are brood/breeding stock and probably older than most of us. This one may be as much as 100 years old.

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Chico Area Flyfishers Fishout Schedule 2008

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfishers 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 Lincoln Gray or Don Sleeper.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
May 17, 18	Crater Lake	Don Sleeper
June 28,	Lake Almanor Hex Hatch	Lincoln Gray
July 12,	Philbrook Reservoir Above Paradise	Open
August 18,	Open	
Sept 27	Klamath Lake, Rocky Point	Don Sleeper
Oct 25, 26	Eagle Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Big Chico Creek	Eric See

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

What is Casting for Recovery?



We have all been touched by breast cancer through a family member or friend...or just someone we know. Those of fishing can provide peace and solitude, the chance to be in the moment and an opportunity to experience the beauty of nature. Imagine putting the two together. Casting for Recovery has.

Casting for Recovery, a national non-profit support and educational program for women of all ages and in all stages of breast cancer, provides retreats at no cost to participants, which allow women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to gather in a beautiful, natural setting and learn to fly fish. The retreats incorporate counseling, educational services and the sport of fly fishing to promote mental and physical healing.

Each Casting for Recovery retreat accommodates 14 women, who apply and are selected through a random lottery, and immerses them in the world of fly fishing for two-and-a-half days. They learn to cast, tie the basic knots and all about the bugs . . . "What Fish Eat". On the last day of the retreat, the women are in the water practicing catch and release fishing assisted by CFR staff and men and women volunteers from local fly fishing clubs. Many of the participants have never picked up a rod in their life but go on to become active in the sport or become volunteers for the Casting for Recovery program.

Retreats are staffed by trained women volunteers. There are fly fishing instructors, as well as professional medical and psychosocial volunteers who provide education and support at the retreat. The retreats are held at lodges in the area, and participants only need to get to the location. Once there, they are outfitted with fly fishing gear from head to toe which they use while at the retreat.

Headquartered in Manchester Vermont, Casting for Recovery was founded in 1996. Since the program is offered at no cost to the participants, CFR relies on the generosity of individual donors, foundation grants, companies and organizations.

In 2008 Casting for Recovery will conduct 37 retreats in 26 states, supported by over 700 dedicated volunteers, and will serve almost 500 women. But demand continues to grow, especially as the medical community increasingly sees the benefit of the program. In 2007 almost 1,300 women applied for the 500 spots. One indication of the demand is that the Northern California program alone, which began in 2001, had 78 women apply for the 28 positions in 2007.

Casting for Recovery needs additional funding not only to sustain its current program but to fund expansion to meet the need. California is one of eight programs that is hoping to expand to a third retreat in 2009. While CFR receives support from companies like The Orvis Company (who offers a matching gift program), Jim Teeny, Inc., and TFO Rods, the majority of funding comes from individuals whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, who know the value of the program, and agree with Casting for Recovery that "To Fish Is To Hope".

You can find out more about Casting for Recovery by visiting www.castingforrecovery.org.

Casting For Recovery Fundraiser

By
Michael "Gonzo" Gonzalez

At our last General Meeting I announced a new Outreach event.

CAF is holding a Quality Opportunity Drawing. This Drawing will hopefully raise enough money to sponsor three of the 28 positions available.

The Drawing includes an inscribed Casting for Recovery 4 piece TFO 5wt 9' rod, a Ross Reel, Casting For Recovery Rod Case, Jim Teeny Official Casting For Recovery Hat, and a Guided Trip for two with Shasta Trout. The Drawing will take place at our May General Meeting.

What is great is, all money raised here in Chico will stay in Northern California.

Any Donations Made to "Casting For Recovery" at the shops below; will be sent directly to the Nor-Cal Director and ear marked for Nor Cal CFR.

For a donation of \$1000.00, YOU can become a Friend for Casting for Recovery. Your name will put on a special banner displayed at all retreats and sponsored events.

Tickets are for the drawing are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00 . They are available at The Chico Fly Shop, Fish First, and Sierra Stream and Mountain Fly Shop. Or by contacting Michael "Gonzo" Gonzalez at: gonzoisflyfishing@gmail.com or by phone at 530-354-4181. Just remember "To Fish is To Hope."

For more information on "Casting For Recovery" See the article on page 4.

Flytying
by
Joe Garza

Well our fly swap last month was excellent. I hope you all had an opportunity to use the flies we swapped. There were some great patterns.

This month we will be tying for our Crater Lake fishout. Pattern choices for this month: TNT's, Callibaetis, Damsels, Blood Midges, Zebra Midges, Wiggle Tails, Seal & TS Buggers, Beetles, Copper Johns, Parachute Adams, Motor Boat caddis, and Ants in sizes 14 to 20. Fish and Game will be on hand at this months' meeting to give an update on Davis Lake.

I have not arranged a tier for this meeting yet. If you would like to tie a pattern for the meeting this month let me know.

North Fork Fishout Report On Caribou Road
By Don Sleeper

We couldn't have picked a better weekend for the fishout on the Feather River. We had the greatest camp. It was a wonderful social gathering, if you know what I mean in fishing circles. I didn't touch a fish! Some people seemed to find them. The ladies found the fish, us guys, Eric and I didn't. Eric and Christie Ann See, Val Bowlby, Don and Pat Sleeper attended. We fished the North Fork at Caribou and the main river. The water looked great, but the fish weren't cooperating.

The fish that Christie Ann and Pat caught were all very healthy fish, a couple up to 16 inches. All fish seemed to like the Prince Nymphs. I tried for the big guys using an intermediate line and large streamers; and, I did have one large fish that broke my line Saturday night in the main river above Belden Town.

Our next fishout will be up in Crater Lake off, Hwy 44 next month, if the snow melts enough to let us in...stay tuned incase it's postponed. Hope to see you all up there for a great time!

Right: Pat with another nice one!



Upcoming Activities

- May 14th** General Meeting: Julie Cunningham will present an up date of the Pike Eradication Project on Davis Lake
- May 17-18** Crater Lake Fishout
- June 11** General Meeting: Program TBA
- June 28** Lake Almanor Hex Hatch
- July 12** Philbrook Reservoir Above Paradise
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Project in Davis Lake

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