

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



## Short Casts

July 2007



### Presidents Line: By Roger Bevers

I have a request of all of our club members this month. I received a phone call from Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) requesting a head count of how many of our members are individually members of NCCFFF and how many of our members are personally members of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). So, please email me at [rogerbevers@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerbevers@hotmail.com) or call me at 343-6442 and let me know your membership status in these organizations. There is a message machine if you don't get me personally. By giving them an accurate count we could save the club some money.

The last two general meetings have brought to my attention the number of new members to our club and many have expressed their inexperience. Therefore for the general meeting in July and August I will be conducting beginning casting classes in the Gym during the hour before the general meeting (6:30 P.M.). If you are interested, just show up at the regular meeting room and then we will go to the gym. If you have a rod, bring it so you can practice.

The last two general meetings have also brought to my attention the need for fly tying instruction for our new members. I have heard many members say they want to learn, but haven't taken that first step, so here is your opportunity. Fly tying is not difficult; it only takes about an hour of instruction to learn the basics. So, I will conduct a beginning tiers class after the July general meeting. No need to bring tools or vices. I will talk about everything you need and how to get started. We will first demonstrate the entire process and then give you an opportunity  
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### Secretaries Secrets By Pat Sleeper

Call to Order: President Roger Bevers 5:30 P.M. at the residence of Roger Bevers.

Attending: Tom Simmons, Joe Garza, Dennis Boyd, Roger Bevers, Don and Pat Sleeper, Percy Ledbetter, Dana Miller and Ryan Miller.

\*Minutes were approved M/S/P – Tom/ Joe.

\*Dennis reported: Printing change to Digital print & Design, a home town business, initiated this month. Insurance renewed.

\*A list of CAF charitable Donations for 2007 were presented:

Hooked on Fishing  
Chico Creek Nature Center  
CalTrout  
McCloud River Preserve  
Federation of Fly Fishers  
NCCFFF

Big Chico Creek Ecol. Preserve  
California Sportfishing Prot.

These were all on our donation list the previous year. M/S/P Joe/Dana

\*Ryan reported Eagle Lake fishing was Great!

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to try tying after the demo. A pad and pen to write down things you want to remember will be helpful.

Summer is in full swing now, and finding the time to get my entire honey do lists complete, conduct the club business, get in some wood carving and work on my Bonsai trees are all really cutting into my fishing time. I have managed to make several trips already, but not as many as I would like. As I have said before, get it on your calendar or it won't happen.

The problem with calendars is that you're not the only one contributing the activities. That being said, the club is in full swing of summer activities and a great many of our members are hitting the water often. Would it be helpful for you to have a membership list to call and invite other members fishing? Taking the Federal Privacy Act into account, if you would like to have your Name and contact information available to other club members, please email me at [rogerbevers@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerbevers@hotmail.com) and we will add your name to the list. We will try to have it out by the August General Meeting.

Don't forget to take along a camera and send in those photos to Percy Ledbetter at: [silvermagi@hotmail.com](mailto:silvermagi@hotmail.com). I would encourage everyone to also write articles for the newsletter and send into Percy. It doesn't have to be long. A short description of a trip and photos are always appreciated especially of the BIG ONES you caught.

At the last general meeting I announced the formation of a couples club within the club to encourage our married couples to invite other couples on fishing trips. If you would like to participate, see me at the meetings or email me at my hotmail address (shown above). Our web site update is now in progress. We have solved the paperwork problems and are acquiring the needed computer programs to edit the web site on our own. If you have any ideas for the web site you would like to see happen please email Bert Robinson at: [bertrobinson@hotmail.com](mailto:bertrobinson@hotmail.com). The program should be purchased in July and the new website constructed in August. Hopefully it will be fully functional in September just in time for our elections. Speaking of elections, if you would like to serve as an officer, board member, or committee chairperson, please contact me. We still need committee chairpersons and the most crucial right now is the social committee.

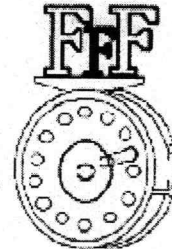
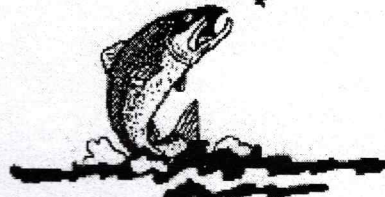
## Past Casts By Roger Bevers

Looking through the newsletters of the past gives a person a real sense of the progress our club has made over the years. None, more than the improvements made in the newsletters. This month I have chosen the newsletter of December 1986 for our stroll down memory lane.

Now, December is a slow month for news anyway, so keep in mind that the holidays are here and everyone is thinking family. And of course the annual December general meeting is our share and brag meeting for all those fish you have caught since the last 12 months. As I think back over those meetings, I realize that they have been some of the most valuable meetings we have. After all, you get to see the great fish everyone has taken pictures of, and you get to ask questions about the details of the trip, such as which flies worked, what methods were used to catch the fish, weather conditions, accommodations, travel details, equipment used, and on and on. Why if you took notes and wrote down details, you could practically have your entire next years trips on the calendar already. Besides it has brought to my attention that I need to start fishing some of the local places.

The only other usual topic in December newsletters is of course the upcoming annual Dinner held the last Friday of February. I won't tell you about that though because I would rather you read it for yourself, since it's only one page anyway. So here it is on the next page:

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## Chico Fly Fishing Club Vol. 14 No. 12

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### Calendar:

**December 9 7:30pm**  
Annual member slide show  
Loma Vista School

**December 11 6:30pm**  
Family Pizza night  
Pizzoni's Pizza

**January Fishout**  
Super Saturday fishout  
Feather River- Steelhead

### December Meeting

Bring your pictures of that 24 inch trophy trout you caught this year to share with a captive audience. If you don't have any of your own then bring that picture of uncle whots his name and his 10 inch squaw fish. If you were lucky enough to have Char-Lie tape you on the stream then bring that. The club will provide both a bath and a vhs machine for your convenience. This meeting is guaranteed to be the best of the year. Bring your pictures and stories and share them with the club.

Its election time!! We will vote on the 1987 OFFCO officers at our next meeting. The Board of Directors has nominated the following officer candidates. If you would like to make a nomination, please speak up at the Dec meeting.

Officers  
President: Mark Adams  
Vice President: Mary Turner  
Secretary: Pat Murphy  
Treasurer: Ray Nerbitz  
Board members  
3yr Term: Ron Leger  
2yr Term: Dick Merrill  
1yr Term: Norm Nielson

### ETC NOTES

Board of directors meetings will be the third Wed. of each month at Lions 7:30pm.

Deadline for newsletter articles is the third Friday of each month.

### December Fishout

Bring your family to share in the annual Dec. Fishout (read) "Pizzas Dinner" December 11 Pizzoni's 6:30pm. The club will provide the pizzas. Members will buy their own drinks. Pizzoni's has a large screen TV and Powell's is providing video tapes. Come share in the fun.

### Annual Dinner March 20

Get your tickets early. Tickets for the dinner will be \$15 each. Members may buy two tickets at \$12.50. With Gary Berger as our program you will need to get your tickets early. We need your help selling raffle tickets. The prizes include a Powell rod, 2 builded trips and much much more. I challenge each member to sell 50 tickets. Just think of the projects the club could support with a little individual effort applied to selling raffle tickets. The club is currently supporting the Yellow Creek project, Cal Trout, the Nature Conservancy, The Sacramento River Preservation Trust, The Oroville Wild Life Area, and projects in the Chico area.

### January Fishout

**Super Saturday Steelhead-**  
This fishout promises to be a chance for us to watch some of the masters catch steelhead on the Feather River. The fishout was scheduled near home so you can fish on Saturday and watch the game on Sunday. More details to follow in the January newsletter.

### Help

Do you have Powell fly shop's copy of Gary Berger's nymphing tape. They would like to have it returned. "no questions asked". Not to mention the fact that I wanted to rent it last week and it was nowhere to be found.



**Youth News  
By  
Ryan Miller**

The first youth clinic was a complete success!

With 6 youth in attendance, great help, and a beautiful day we couldn't have asked for a better clinic.

The "classroom" was located on Deer Creek in the meadows section, the utensils requires were a fly rod and smile. Youth coordinators, Ryan Miller and Joe Garza introduced the fundamentals of fly fishing to the group. The students were able to collect bugs, match what flies mimic those bugs and learn where fish hold. They also learned casting skills related to fishing small streams as well as how to properly catch and release fish.

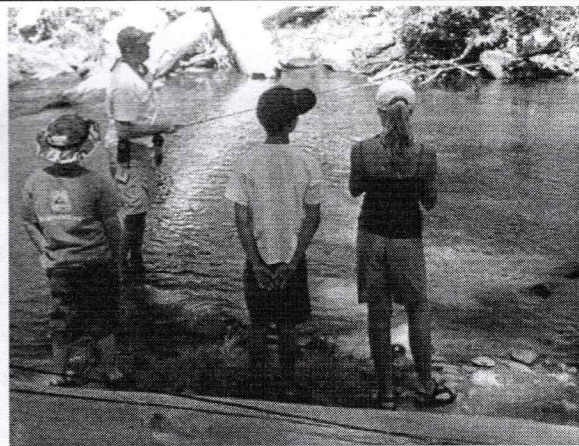
After lunch, the students had an opportunity to put what they learned in the demonstrations. And everyone was successful is landing a rainbow!

Students that attended were:  
Jack and Annabelle Lewis  
RJ and Matt Souza (new members)  
Trevor Leavell  
Christopher Hubbard

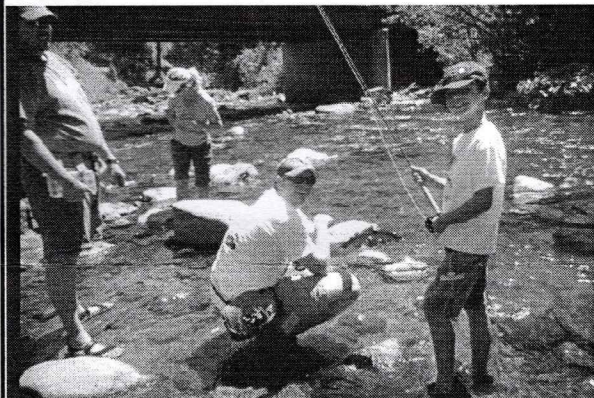
***Special thanks to Mike Leavell and Kim Lewis for their help!***

Joe and Ryan are planning another introductory youth clinic and want to encourage all the youth dream table winners to come out with them. Look for the next clinic to occur in mid July.

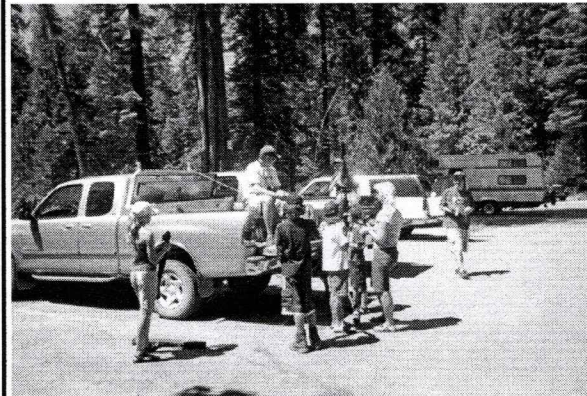
**Fish On!**  
**Ryan Miller and Joe Garza**  
CAF Youth Coordinators



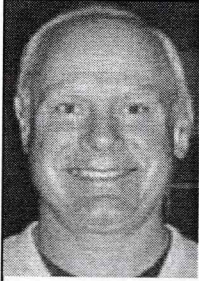
Above: Trevor Leavell, Matt Souza, and Annabelle Lewis receive casting instructions from Ryan Miller



Nice Fish Matt... Pictured L-R are Joe Garza, Kim Lewis, Ryan Miller, Matt Souza .



Breaking it down... Annabelle Lewis, me, RJ Souza, Matt Souza, Jack Lewis, Christopher Hubbard



**(Travel Line  
By  
Roger Bevers**

This month I would like to take you to an inexpensive overlooked wonderful lake within a two hour drive of Chico. I rarely hear of anyone in the club talk about this lake, but it has wonderful easy access, good cabin accommodations, campgrounds for \$18-20/night, and a good variety of fish. We are talking rainbows, browns, bookies, kokanee, and mackinaw. The lake sits at 5,158 ft. elevation and has good maps of the lake. I am talking of course about Bucks Lake out of Quincy, Ca. For those of you who want to camp, as I mentioned there are five campgrounds around the lake: Sundew, Low Mill Creek, Lower Bucks, Grizzly Creek, and Whitehorse. If you want a hassle free stay, the Bucks Lake Lodge has cabins that sleep two to four persons ranging in price from about \$100-\$110. Great if you're looking to get in that early or late season fishing trip. You can also book a room in the main lodge. Check in after 3:00 pm Check out time is 11:00 am.

For more info go on line to:  
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I would encourage all of you to use the Internet as much as possible to get the vital info you need for your trips. I usually give you the basics but then you should check out the little details that apply to yourself. Please check out this underused local resource. The fishing can be really good in the fall and early spring.

Tight Lines and Good Fishing!

*(Secretaries Secrets: Continued from pg 1)*  
Also, a clinic for the Youth group is scheduled for June on the weekend of the 17th.

\*A list of committee Chairpersons' Duties and Procedures were presented for committee approval. M/S/P - Don/Joe.

\*Percy Ledbetter also handed out a list of suggestions on printing, etc.

Adjournment: 6:40 P.M.

### Help Wanted:

We still need a club historian to work on preserving our clubs history. This would involve scanning past newsletters onto a computer and making electronic records of the clubs former years. If you would like to help out, please contact an officer or board member to volunteer, or call me at 343-6442.

We also need copies of newsletters from 1972 at the clubs inception to 1985. Please search your files and donate what you can. Happy Trails and Tight Lines to All!

The Hexagenia Hatch at Lake Almanor  
By Don Sleeper

On June 19, Lincoln Grey, Ray Narbaitz, Pat Sleeper and I hit the Hex hatch. Fishing was fantastic; we caught 17 fish in two hours. The four of us caught fourteen trout (Browns and Rainbows) and three smallmouth on Hex nymphs and surface cripples. We all caught trout, but Ray was the lucky one, he landed six large trout. Lincoln caught the largest a 6 lb brown on a hex nymph with bug eyes. The Hex hatch was in full swing for about an hour with bats coming in at their usual time; and, no grebes (birds that eat Hex nymphs) just big trout surfacing all around us.

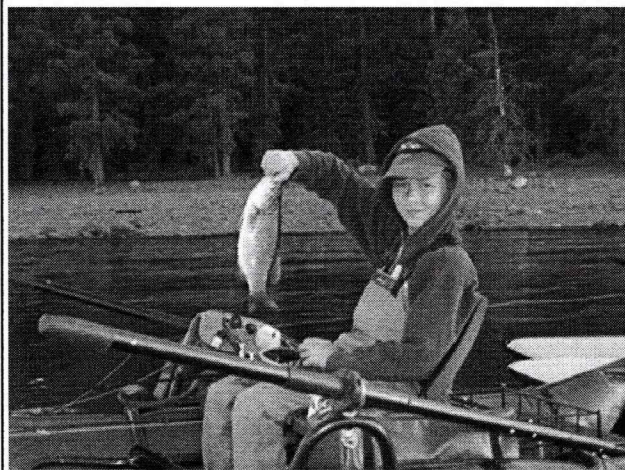
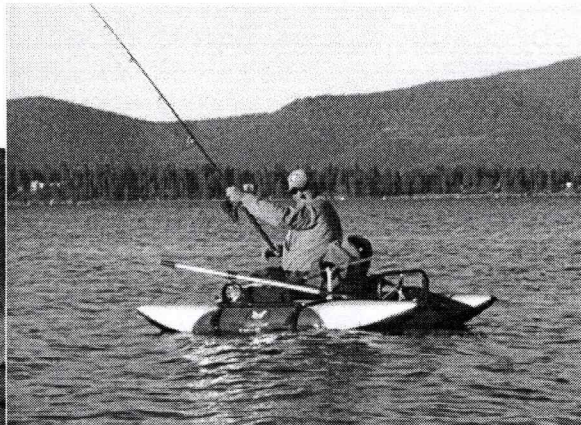
Quite fun looking around and all you can see are little yellow sail-boats (hex hatch) and trout surfacing like dolphins downing as many of the hex hatch as they can consume. Boat traffic hadn't started yet on a Tuesday night; we had about 10 other float tubes and pontoon boats around us. Later in the month it gets a little crazy, I've counted over a hundred boats off the public launch one July night. Lets all hope the hatch stays with us another month.

Here are a few pictures from the Fishout on the 23rd.



Left: The CAF Navy Flotilla prepares to launch for the Hex Hatch at Almanor.

Right: Terry Mich points the direction for the best fishing...



Left: Chris Hubbard shows off his catch. I heard he also showed the adults up pretty good. Way to go Chris!

## Local Guides

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## Announcements:

**No** July Board meeting due to the holiday.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** general meeting 7:30 P.M.  
Casting and fly tying domo at 6:30 P.M.  
with a  
beginning fly tying class after the general meeting.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** Fish out— Manzanita Lake.  
Call Terry Mich for  
details 895-0205.

## Welcome to new Members:

Mishu Cioban & Talia Scherquist, Chico,  
Dennis Olson, Medford,  
Hack Vance, Los Molinos,  
Bob Cate, Kelseyville.

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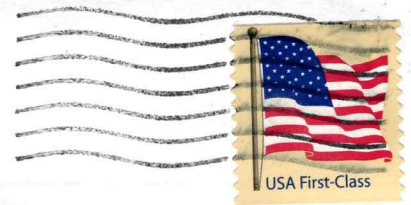
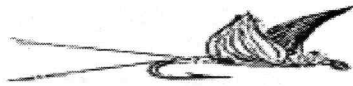
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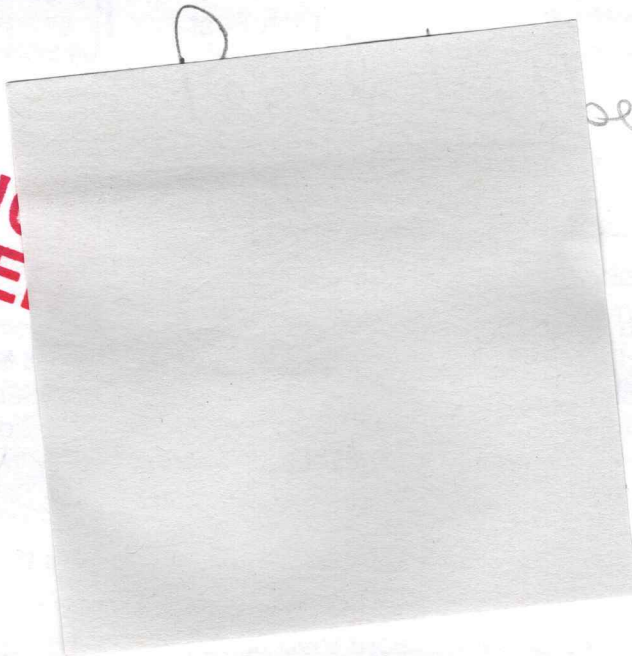
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## General Meeting

**July 11<sup>th</sup> at the 7-Day Adventist Church, 1877  
Hooker Oak Avenue. 7:30 P.M. Casting and fly tying  
demos at 6:30 P.M. with a beginning fly tying class  
after the general meeting.**

**Refreshment will be served and guests are always  
welcome.**