

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



APRIL 1997

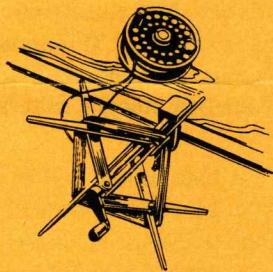
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TIME TO PLAN FOR FISHIN'

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

While I don't know about the rest of you CAF members, I am ready to go fishing. The days are getting longer and the weather is becoming milder. We are very fortunate to live in the area we do, because within an hour's drive of Chico there are many opportunities for the fly fisherman.

Whether it is a quick trip to Black Butte with the kids for a little Blue Gill fishing, or up to the High Lakes at ice-out for some serious trout fishing, most of this can be accomplished with a one or two hour drive from our homes.



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is just not enough time to take advantage of all these fishing opportunities. One of my goals this year is to make the time to enjoy this sport which has given me so much pleasure.

World Wide Web Site of the Month!
<http://flvfish.com/>

This site contains links to literally thousands of web sites that deal with the subject of fly fishing. Whether you are looking for information on fly tying, fishing reports, fly shops, magazines, weather, gear, maps, or clothing, this site has the links to the web sites with the information you are looking for.

Even closer to home is the Sacramento River with the upcoming Shad run, and the DeSabra Lake with not only the Fish and Game plant, but also some large Brown trout. (Sorry, Pat. I didn't mean to let your secret out.)

Also within a short drive are the Upper Sacramento River in the Redding area, the Feather River, the Yuba River and all of the various forks of these main waterways that feed into the Sacramento Valley. One of my favorite past times once trout season opens is buzzing up to Deer Creek after work and getting in a couple hours of fishing before dark.

Many of us claim there

April Fishout!

April 26

Hat Creek

May Fishout!

May 17 or 18

Baldwin Ponds

June Fishout!

June 20 - 22

Modoc County



GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 9

7:30 PM - Butte County Library

Tom Wood, CAF Vice President

The CAF will be hosting Milt Jensen during its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 9th. Milt, who owns Merganser's Outfitters, has been a guide for the last 10 years. He will be presenting a program featuring his experiences on Lake Almanor and Five Dot

Reservoir. He also guides on Butte Valley Reservoir and Yellow Creek, among others. I'm sure there are a few of you who must have a question or two about the "Hex hatch", this will be your chance. The program will be sure to get you into the "big fish now" mode. See you there!

CAF APRIL FISHOUT

Jeff (The bug) Richelieu, CAF Vice President

Hang in there people, trout season is almost upon us !!! We discussed changing the April 26 fishout location at the general meeting, but decided to stay with tradition and fish Hat Creek on opening day. Last

year's fishout program was run successfully by Pat Corbett who took a democratic approach on deciding where to fish. Ballots were handed out and the membership voted on where they wanted to fish. This year Mark Adams and I decided that we will have the

only two ballots, and we will share the power in a benevolent dictatorship. We are both civil engineers who agree on just about everything except which radio station to listen to on our fishing trips, so I don't anticipate any infighting or partisan politics on deciding where to fish.

Between the two of us we know many hot fishing spots in Northern California and one Knot so hot spot near Dinio, Nevada. Our biggest challenge will be deciding which spots we are willing to share with you guys. So let's start with Hat Creek located near Burney in Northeastern California. Hat Creek is a spring creek with stable flows and a considerable amount of weed growth in most areas. Yellow stone, caddis, duns, quigly cripples, birds nest,

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LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop
Chico, CA
(916) 345-9983

Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(916) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters
Colusa, CA
(916) 343-4071

Trinity Fly Shop
Lewiston, CA
(916) 623-6757

Gerry Gray Guide
Trinity Center, CA
(916) 266-3297

Big Bluff Ranch
Red Bluff, CA
(916) 529-2291

Calendar of Events

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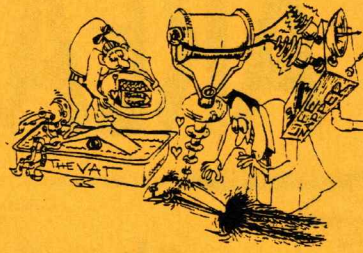
- APR 9 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library
- APR 17 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448
- APR 26 CAF FISHOUT
Hat Creek
Jeff Richelieu, 893-2941
- MAY 5 CAF YOUTH MTG
6:30 PM
1053 E. 7th St.
Roger Bevers,
343-6442

FLY TYING

April 17th - 7:30 PM

Pat Corbett,
Fly Tying Chair

We will work through the basic of tying a size 16 *Mayfly Dry* (parachute) one-on-one. After everyone has successfully tied a *Lt. Cahill*, we will learn to tie both a orange and yellow *Sulphur Dun*. Tyers interested in learning to fish these dries to rising fish will be able to sign-up for a mini fishout. We will match the hatch on these nearby waters offering a



variety of flies you will be able to tie.

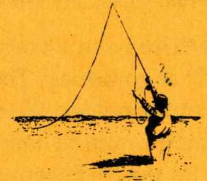
Later in the evening we will also conduct a fly casting program to help understand the dynamics of casting.

We will also offer a mini fishout for the giant *Michigan Mayfly* or *Hex hatch* to lake

trout and small mouths. This fishout will take place at the forebay in Oroville or beautiful Lake Almanor.

Materials will be provided for the April session except your hooks. You will need TMC 101 size 14 & 16.

Come join our great fly tying group at the Music Express Bed & Breakfast, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico.



CAF Fishouts

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and woolly bugger patterns work well here, but as always, reading the water and making the proper presentation are the key to success. The fisherman to watch are Jim Gaumer, Paul Hendricks, and Ray Narbaitz. If your nice to them, they may give you some inside information, but as a rule they'd rather instruct by example (i.e. catching fish after fish in front of you, as you try to figure out their secret).

We will be camping at the McArthur-Burney Falls State campground Friday and Saturday night and we will have the

Chico Area Flyfishers banner on display. This area is a beautiful spot to fish and many wild animals will be around to critique your presentation. At noon on Saturday we will meet at the Creekside Park just off of 299 for lunch and fish tales. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions or you've never fished Hat Creek, you can call Mark Adams @ 345-5042 or Jeff Richelieu @ 893-2941. Hope to see you there.

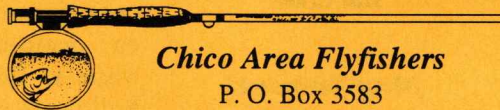
The May fishout will be on the 17 or 18 at the Baldwin ponds. The cost is \$10.00 per adult and kids 16 or under are

free. You can make your checks payable to the Chico Area Flyfishers. You can sign up at the April Meeting. These ponds are private and hold some large bass, catfish, bluegill, and crappie.

The June fishout will be on the 20, 21, and 22. We will be fishing a variety of waters in Modoc County with Ed Bruno, leading the way. Ed promised me that this year we only have to wear blindfolds on our way into one of the lakes.

Tight Lines,
Jeff Richelieu

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