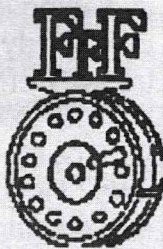


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## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JULY:** NO IIII General Meeting

**WED. AUGUST 14: ANNUAL NEW MEMBER PICNIC, 6:00 P.M.**  
(lakeside, California Park)

**WED. AUGUST 28: Board Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Lyons Restaurant (Chico)**

**ANNUAL PICNIC; WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

For the third year running, CAF members, especially new members, or prospective members you may wish to invite, will meet on the shores of the lake in California Park for picnic and good company beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A telephone chain staffed by the board of directors will be calling you to confirm if you can make it or not, and to ask you to bring one of several dishes to go with the chicken and soft drinks provided by the club. **IF YOU ARE NOT CALLED:** bring one of the following dishes (enough for 8 people) if your name falls within these alphabetical groupings:

A-F: Munchies/hors d'ouvres      G-M: salad      N-S: vegetables to go  
the chicken      T-Z: dessert

Remember to bring your own chairs, and eating utensils.

To get to the picnic spot: drive to California Park, continue along California Park Dr. until you come to Donner Ln. on your right. Turn and park in the cul-d-sac area just above the picnic area.

CAF wishes to thank member Norm Nielsen for obtaining access to picnic spot

Bring the family and join us for our best Fall social event for our members.

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S TACKLE BOX**

Let me add my personal invitation to our membership, urging each of you and members of your family to join me and the rest of the CAF membership at our annual fall picnic on August 14. We especially wish to welcome new members and any member prospects whom you would like to invite. See you there.

## **JUNE/JULY OUTINGS SUMMARY**

We've had two unique outings for members in June and July. The stream rehabilitation weekend on June 29-30 was held at the headwaters of Grizzle Creek on a small tributary called Blakeless Cr. 10 miles beyond Genessee. Eight members worked both Saturday and Sunday under the supervision national forest service hydrologists surveying, taking aquatic and flora samples, and measuring the conformation and assaying the stream bed. The meadow we worked in has been subject to overgrazing and later this year or next year steps will be taken to stem stream bed erosion and reduce to impact of cattle on this fragile eco-system. (See Conservation notes)

The uniqueness of the Silver/Caribou Lake outing July 20/21 was the torrential rain which struck the first night leaving all the but hardiest and snug trailerites to fish the following Sunday. More CAF skunks than fish were the order of the weekend.

### UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER DEBACLE

Any flyfisher who has been streamside along the upper Sacramento, or who has even casually read about or driven along side this pristine Mt. Shasta-fed flow filled with native trout cannot help but be depressed and angry over the desecration of this river whose very name means "sacrament" or "gift from God."

We are asking any member who would like to write a two- or three-paragraph comment on what the Sacramento River has meant to him or her both as an active river or a river lost for the next generation are asked to send their comments, laments, poem, reflection, etc. to the editor of the newsletter by August 15: Editor, 1157 Palmetto Ave., Chico, CA. 95926. We will publish your contribution in the Septebmer CAF newsletter.

### SCHUMACHER ACCEPTS ANNUAL DINNER CHAIR

To offset this bad news, the good news I have is that CAF member Don Schumacher has volunteered (after seven of us waylaid him on the remote logging road high above Genessee beside Blakeless Creek) to be our chairman of our annual dinner and auction fund raiser held during the third week of March. Don has proposed a notably revised format for the dinner and auction which was accepted by the board in principal, and further word will be forthcoming, especially as we take early steps to form working committees from within the membership. Don has chaired dinners for Arabian horse shows and Rotary, and worked with Ducks Unlimited.

### CONSERVATION NOTES

Saturday morning June 29 eight members met at the Genessee Valley Store. After stocking on Genessee Cream Ale (brewed in the town of the same name in N.Y.) and being briefed by Mike Kossov, we crossed Indian Creek and drove up Little Grizzle Creek to our destination: Blakeless Creek.

Blakeless is above the plugged Walker mine. The portion of the stream immediately downstream the culverted road crossing is down cutting. Most of the rest of the stream flowing through the meadow is at meadow level. Much of the stream flows through grass with an occasional open pocket of water with fish and a short riffle just below the open pocket. The fish were 2-8 inch browns.

Saturday we were divided two crews. One crew measured the stream width and water depth every 10 feet and recorded the vegetation and cover at each measurement point: the other crew installed photo and survey points and thoroughly surveyed a down cutting curve in the creek. Overgrazing is the probably cause of the erosions and down cutting at the curve chosen.

At the end of the day we drove back down to Indian creek and got in some fishing. Some of the pan-sized browns fried up nicely in Bob Smith's skillet.

The next day we were back up p at Blakeless and while the survey crew finished installing survey points, the other crew sampled the invertebrates at eight points in a one square foot area at each point and to a depth of about four inches within the sample area.

Afterwards we stopped and fished Little Grizzly between the Walker Mine and the creek's confluence with Indian Creek. In about an hour's fishing about three dozen 4-9 inch fish were caught and released. For a stream that was copper sulfate blue five years ago, this is a remarkable recovery. Next year we'll be back for more work and fishing.

## SHORT CASTS

Bob Smith has received a third shipment of 20 padded cases suitable for storing your streamside fly-tying gear and other vital accessories when out on the water. These cases sell retail in excess of \$75 and are being offered to the club at this price because of an over-stocked inventory. The earlier orders sold out within a few days. Our price is \$27. Call Bob at 342-5908 to place your order.

# General Meeting

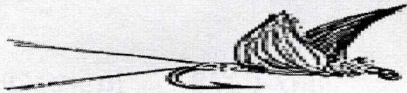
The May General Meeting will be on the 9th at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1877 Hooker Oak Ave. Fly Tying at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow at 7:30pm (Map Inside)

Our guest speaker will be Lincoln Gray, who will be speaking on how and where to fish Lake Almanor.

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

Check out the "Past Casts" edition of the "Chico Flyer" from August 1991 between pages 6&7.

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