

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



AUGUST 1999

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## JULY YOUTH MEETING

July 29, 1999 - Milt Jensen

*Any Lake Almanor secrets . . . ?*

The July meeting will feature another local fishing icon, Milt Jensen of Merganzer Outfitters. Milt will always bring something

old and something new to these exciting meetings.

If Dad is bored also, bring him along for the show.

## SUMMER FISHOUT REVIEW

**DAVIS LAKE:**

*Damsel in distress . . .*

Some exciting fishing has occurred at this sometimes "Fish & Game test lab of, let's try this one . . ."

Having experienced a first Damsel Hatch, we proceeded to slam the shallow water cruisers.

Averaging in size 1 to 4 pounds. It was exciting to witness the tadpole like bugs swimming among our legs and the noticeable "V" streaking through the waters for the strike. At one point we

counted 8 fish landed in 20 minutes on one rod. No bull. A very exciting morning!

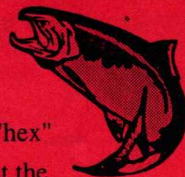
*Sometimes when fishing is unbelievable, I can't help but think about the priest golfing in the rain in the movie, "Caddy Shack".*

**LAKE**

**ALMANOR:**  
*What the hex ?*

The end of June and the first week of July provided the exciting "hex" hatch at the ole lake.

The excitement of driving four hours like a doctor on call to get in about one hour of anticipation, prayer and soul searching is somewhat questionable.



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## MODOC FISHOUT

THE MODOC REGION

Jeff "The Fly" Richelieu

The Modoc fishout was exceptional as usual. We landed large numbers of very large fish that took a long time to land.

On one lake, 3 anglers brought 45 fish from 16" to 22" to their nets. I don't want to brag, but it should be noted that one of the anglers was responsible for half the total. The fish were



exceptional in girth. Mark measured one that was 7"

tall !! The fishing

was so good that Phil Prather even caught a lot of fish. (Last year at this lake he was skunked and broke his

rod, it was an accident, really!)

The first day of the fishout

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## EAGLE LAKE RAFFLE

2 Angiers / 1 Day with J. Fair

Everyone in the Fly Fishing industry knows of J. Fair. His years (his is in his 70's) of experience for the elusive trophy trout is well documented. He also has a couple of videos out and has a reputation for his fly tying materials. What a resource . . . well, the club has a trip available with J. Fair on Eagle Lake, this fall.

Tickets may be purchased at our monthly meetings and the drawing will be held at the September meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

If you wish to contact J. Fair, you may reach him at (530) 825-3401 or visit the web at: [www.eagleflyfishing.com](http://www.eagleflyfishing.com)

## LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop  
Chico, CA  
(530) 345-9983

Dick Murrell  
Oroville, CA  
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Merganzer's Outfitters  
Chico, CA  
(530) 343-4071

Orland Outfitters  
Orland, CA  
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Oasis Springs Lodge  
Paynes Creek, CA  
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## FISHING RPTS

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[www.fishfirst.com](http://www.fishfirst.com)

## aug / sep

### Calendar of Events

- Jul 29 YOUTH MEETING  
Speaker: Milt Jensen  
Bert Robinson
- aug 7 YOUTH FISHOUT  
Manzanita / Echo Lakes
- sept 4 YOUTH FISHOUT  
Lake Syskiyou /  
Umpaqua
- sept 8 GENERAL MEETING  
7:30 PM  
Butte Co. Library
- sept 16 FLY TYING  
7:30 PM  
CHICO FLY SHOP



**NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING - SEPT 8th.**

## Modoc (Continued)

we were greeted with snow in camp at Mill Creek Falls.

This made the trek into Clear Lake a little cumbersome because the snow kept balling

up on the bottoms of our felt soles, but the fish were biting when we got there so it was worth it. The lakes were in

good shape due to the wet winters we have had recently. This fall should be excellent with lots of big healthy fish cruising the lakes. The weather improved except for one intense thunderstorm in the evening that gave some of our members a chance to hone their 4 wheeling skills.

Bob Smith and Dick Grover led the Morgans on an exciting 4 wheel drive expedition back to camp at night-fall. It seems they had to

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keep fishing in the rain even though the roads were already saturated and getting worse.

This is the kind of dedication to trout that Modoc demands, and usually rewards except in

the case of Bob, Dick and the Morgans. Their expedition nearly ended with an impromptu overnight camping trip in the wilderness, but the Modoc gods

were satisfied with their efforts, and let them return home. Needless to say they did not fish that lake again on

this trip, but they did make it over Patterson summit and had a good day at Sworinger and Lost Lake.

All in all it was an exceptional trip. The size of the fish on this trip were topped only by the Pyramid Lake cutthroats, and numbers wise, this was the best fishout of the year so far. Hope to see you on the next one which is still being planned.

*Editor's note . . . Of course the CAF adventurous guide teams have a few hot spots locked into their brains that they have reoccurring periods of amnesia as to the locations.*

## Review (Continued)

But when you do get lucky . . . wham. Fish averaged 18 - 23 inches. It was a wonderful time for family and good friends. Now I have the bragging rights until next year. Thanks for the bug Milt!

To be continued in June 2000.

I hope everyone is experiencing an exceptional year!



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