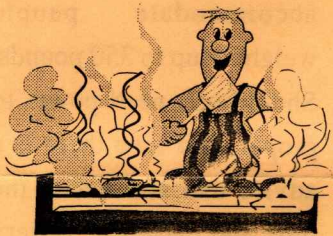


# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



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## CAF HOT AUGUST BBQ/ FISHOUT

CAF will host a BBQ / fishout at the Bedrock Park in Oroville on August 18th at 5:30 pm. Bring your rods, appetites and of course your summer stories. The fishing menu will consist of summer steelhead and of course an

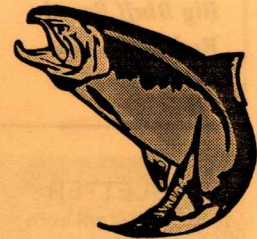
occasional salamon (release only). For further information, please contact Redge at 872-8061.

For fishing information contact our local fly fishing experts . . . Jeff or Mark at 893-1600.

## STILLWATER CRAFTS

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The float tube and its offspring add a whole new dimensions to the sport of angling. Stillwater fly fishing from a float tube, kick boat, or pontoon boat lets you bet into the water with the fish and become a silent stalker who has increased mobility and access to the areas where the fish are holding. This approach to fly fishing usually produces more fish and larger fish. And in contrast to boats, inflatable watercraft are relatively inexpensive and easy to both



store and transport. The experience of being suspended in the water and gliding along in a lake is fun all by itself. Hooking into a larger trout, then fighting the fish at eye level, is something else again. A hooked fish seems wilder when it jumps right in front of you as you bring it up to your tube. You'll be thrilled by the experience.

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Most lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing all year long, rather than being limited to the seasons of stream fishing. That gives a float tuber more angling opportunities throughout the year. Besides, stillwater fly fishing from a float tube is less arduous than stream fishing and far more interesting than bank fishing. In a float tube, you can cast, retrieve, rotate slightly and cast again, really covering the water. You

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - 9/13

The September General Meeting will be held on September 13th, 7:30 pm at the Butte Co. Library. We will review the upcoming fall schedules for our guest speakers, fly tying, and fishouts. Come and join us for an evening of fun, raffle prizes and fishing lore.



## CAF FISHOUTS

**Contact:** Jeff Richelieu or Mark Adams at 893-1600 (daytime).





## LOCAL GUIDES

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

*Fish First*  
Chico, CA  
(530) 343-8300

*Dick Murrell*  
Oroville, CA  
(530) 532-4223

*Merganser Outfitters*  
Chico, CA  
(530) 343-4071

*Orland Outfitters*  
Orland, CA  
(530) 865-8545

*Oasis Springs Lodge*  
Paynes Creek, CA  
(800) 642-4150

*Big Bluff Ranch*  
Red Bluff, CA  
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## STILLWATER CRAFTS - con't

also can cast towards the shore, avoiding trees and brush that often tangle the wading or bank fisher. There are countless spots where fish will never have seen a fly because neither wading or boating fishers can get to the—but, a float tuber can!

### Tubes

Float tubes have come a long way since the original round, truck-tube models. Fly fishers now have several choices, ranging from closed-front round or rectangular tubes to U-shaped or V-shaped open-front designs, kick boats, and pontoon boats with oars, plus various modifications of all of these. The basic rule for

choosing a tube is simple. Select a model that makes sense for where you most likely will be fishing. Will you be fishing lakes where access will be easy, or will you be packing in your gear to remote lakes in the high Sierra? Will you need to travel large distances across lakes, and will you ever float a stream in your new inflatable watercraft?

It will be very difficult to pack in a large pontoon boat several miles to your favorite high-mountain lake and it certainly is not necessary. On the other hand, it makes sense to use a pontoon boat with oars on a large lake where you will have to travel

from shore to shore. Generally, one of the many models of open-front tube designs probably will best suit the average stillwater fly fisher.

Always select a tube that will support your weight. There are several that will accommodate people weighing up to 350 pounds. Should you need power to propel your tube there is a device that attaches to the tube and carries a battery and small electric motor that can be operated from the main tube. These are excellent for anglers who may have a disability affecting use of their legs.

For further questions or to discuss your fishing needs, contact your local fly shop for their selection of tubes, boats or any additional fishing equipment you might need for fishing the stillwater lakes.

### MEMBERSHIP MAILING LIST

IF FOR SOME REASON . . . WHATEVER . . . YOU OR A FRIEND ARE NOT RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER, OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PLEASE CONTACT DENNY AT 530.342.1217.

## AUGUST Calendar of Events

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jul-aug FLY TYING  
CHICO FLY SHOP - INFO  
345-9983

jul-aug YOUTH MTG  
ROGER BEVERS  
343-6442

sep 13 GENERAL MEETING  
7:30 pm  
Butte Co. Library



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