



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

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**CAF December 2023 NewsLetter** [www.chicoareaflyfishers.org](http://www.chicoareaflyfishers.org)

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**Next General Meeting Pizza Party: Dec. 13th Round Table Pizza 2201 Pillsbury Rd, Chico, CA 5:30**

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## **President's Line December 2023**

Hello everyone!

I wish everyone an abundance of wonderfully Happy Holidays!

We, the CAF board and I, want to welcome Kyle Crowson who was just voted on at our last election; and Holly Swan for choosing to be appointed to our CAF Board as the Conservation Chair! THANK YOU, BOTH!!

Our board members are working hard at organizing our yearly CAF Fundraiser Dinner dated: Saturday, March 9th, 2024 @ 4pm. Location still at the Masonic Lodge.

Our annual Pizza Feed is Wednesday, December 13, 2023 (5:30pm) at Round Table Pizza (2201 Pillsbury Rd., Chico – Almond Orchard Plaza). I also want to encourage everyone to purchase tickets for the Classroom

Salmon Raffle. All proceeds go to funding aquaria setups (\$650 each) for K-12 teachers in Butte County. Tickets are \$20 each with the winner choosing either a full day trip for two with Joe Garza of JAG Flyfishing or a 1-day pass for two for private access to the Timbuctoo Bend of the Yuba River compliments of the Yuba Anglers. Joe will work with you for a trip to Lake Almanor (lunch included) or fishing on one of the local rivers (Lower Sac, Feather or Yuba Rivers – lunch not included). The second winner will get the prize the first winner doesn't choose! The winners will be drawn at the pizza feed Wednesday, December 13, 2023 (7pm drawing). Thank you for your support!!

If you are interested in putting together a fish out of your choice, please, just give me a call and we'll get it set up. We hope to reschedule the Lewiston fish out in March - April depending on the weather. Thank you for signing up!! We're working on more local fishing trips for the near future. They are dictated by the weather and water conditions.

Yes, the dorado trip for September is still on for 2024! My phone has been ringing with requests. If you went this year and wanted to go again, please let me know so I can confirm your reservations, ASAP. You may have "crossed the line" by going on that fishing trip of a lifetime; don't stop! It could end up being a life-changing experience!

Sincerely, Pat Sleeper  
President, CAF

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## **November Election Results**

Voting was conducted at the November 8, 2023 General Meeting at the Lakeside Pavilion in Chico. The results are as follows:

President: Pat Sleeper

Vice President: John Cowan

Secretary: David McKinney

Treasurer: John Cowan

### **Elected Board Members:**

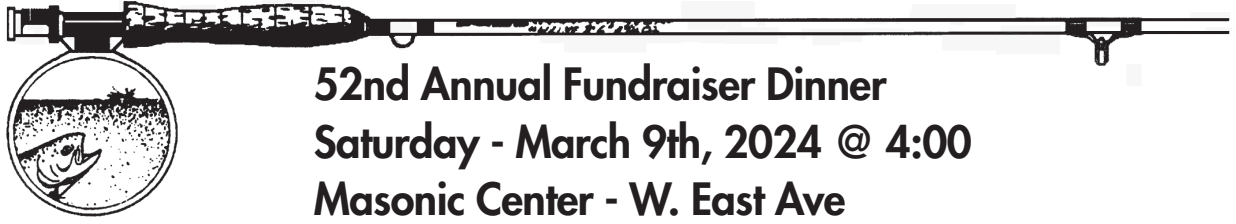
Kyle Crowson

Dana Miller

Mike Pickering

Eric See

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**52nd Annual Fundraiser Dinner**  
**Saturday - March 9th, 2024 @ 4:00**  
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\*Early bird dinner discount before Jan 31st  
 \*Early bird raffle drawing: \$250 ticket packet: value \$540.00

# Recap: November Guest Speaker: PJ Bock

By John Cowan

PJ, frequently found at Fish First! in Chico, gave his presentation on Euro-Nymphing. A few months earlier he gave this presentation for the Project Healing Waters veterans at the Chico Rod and Gun Club.

There are several different styles of Euro-Nymphing. PJ explained that using a longer rod with a longer leader set up coupled with fast sinking nymph patterns allows for one to target specific water runs to catch the residing trout. When I fished with PJ, he used a heavier point nymph with a lighter nymph about 18 inches above off a 4-5 inch tag line. These are tied on to 4-5 feet of lighter tippet which is tied on to a sighter line connected to the nymphing fly line.

The fly rodder keeps a tight line with the flies as they pass through the target zone in the moving water. The longer rod allows one to allow the line to pass with the moving water. At the end of the run, the line is lifted up and repeated at the head of the water run.

While PJ was demonstrating the cast to my on dry land at Deer Creek off the K-Line, a lizard darted out of a pile of rocks and latched on to one of the nymphs. Not exactly what we were going for, but obviously effective. We repeated this process in the water and landed fish!



PJ with his lizard hit!

## Fishing Report By Various Authors

If any of you have any good fishing experiences, text or email John Cowan (530.966.0076; [jcowan58@yahoo.com](mailto:jcowan58@yahoo.com)) or Pat Sleeper (530.228.9197; [psleeper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:psleeper@sbcglobal.net)). We had great feedback from last month's Fishing Reports and would love to keep that going with your help!



Lionel lands a skip jack.

## September 2023:

### La Ventana, Mexico by Lionel Valley

Lionel Valley joined the group fishing out of La Ventana on the Sea of Cortez in September 2023. Lionel caught his personal best dorado weighing over 38 lbs.!



Lionel with a nice dorado!

## November 3, 2023:

### Spey Casting Clinic by John Cowan

Jeff Armstrong, Mike Barth, and John Cowan all attended a Spey Casting Clinic held by Chris King through The Fly Shop in Redding. It was an all day clinic with lots of information and personal feedback on one's technique. It was held on a large gravel bar downstream from the Ball's Ferry boat launch.



Lionel and his nice rooster fish

## November 28, 2023:

### Steelhead Spey Fishing, Trinity River by John Cowan and Stan Thomas

John Cowan and Stan Thomas left Chico at 4:00am and caught up with guide Brian Clemens to Spey cast for steelhead on the Trinity River. We were on the river by 7:45am with a temperature of 24 degrees. All of the locations fished were absolutely beautiful. We only had two fish on the entire day. Within the first hour, John Cowan hooked up with a "Dude, it's a f\*\*\*in' toad!!" to quote Brian Clemens. John kept his reputation for not landing fish intact when it popped off the hook within five feet of landing it. Brian estimated it to be 8 to 10 lbs. Late in the day, John had a second on, but lost it without even seeing it.

Brian did a great job working with John and Stan in improving their Spey and two hand casting skills.



John Cowan with steelhead on.



Stan Thomas

## November 28, 2023:

### Eagle Lake by Tom Rosenow and Pete Wiik

Tom and Pete made the journey to Eagle Lake to land an Eagle Lake rainbow trout to continue Tom's pursuit of the California Heritage Trout Challenge. Unfortunately, the fish were not cooperative. Not even a hit the entire trip. They had the entire lake to themselves. Tom plans to go back up to Eagle Lake in a couple of weeks.



John Cowan (front), Guide Brian Clemens, and Stan Thomas.

## November 30, 2023: Lower Sacramento River

### by John Cowan

This was my first experience on the Lower Sac. I went with my friends, Matt Brown and Brian Boyer. We used Matt's drift boat with Matt and Brian taking turns on the oars. Given my international reputation as a newbie and one who usually doesn't catch fish, I was given the front of the boat the entire day! I'm not exactly sure where we launched, but we were on the fish from the first cast. Eventually, I landed one after several hits following my specific instructions on how to set the hook when I do get a hit.

I'm excited for what I learned with this experience and the fact that I have my first fish for the California Heritage Trout Challenge!



John Cowan's first trout out of the Sac River.

# Fly of the Month: November 2023

## Fly of the Month for June 2013

### The Red Headed Step-Child

By Ray Narbaitz

I was first introduced to the Step-Child by Lance Gray on the Feather River a few years ago. While I was struck by how pretty a fly it was, I was more impressed by the fact that we took a couple of Feather River Steelhead with it. After that, for reasons that defy logic, I decided that it was primarily a Blood Midge pattern. I should have known better, since that's not a fly one sees on the Feather. Still, that's how I fished it for some time. And, I must tell you, it fished rather well. Among other places, it caught fish at Lake McCumber, Siskiyou Lake, Manzanita, Iron Canyon Reservoir, Little Grass Valley Reservoir, and, to this date, landed the biggest fish I have ever pulled out of Lake Almanor, a beautiful, 27-inch Rainbow.

I was brought back to reality by reading an article on the fly in the California Fly Fisher. The Step-Child is from the highly creative mind of Hogan Brown. He pointed out that he designed it to be a Mayfly Nymph imitation. He said it is a little like a Pheasant Tail, but different enough to look like a change from the large number of PT's the fish had probably seen go by. He originally designed it to fish on the Trinity River. I know most people use large flies on the Trinity, but in late winter, there is a small Mayfly hatch that comes off if it isn't too cold. I have taken several fish at that time using a Micro-Mayfly Nymph. The fact that Hogan says it is a Mayfly to fish on the Trinity (or anyplace else), is more than good enough for me.

Hook...TMC3769 or any standard Nymph Hook, 14 to 18

Thread...8/0 Brown

Bead...Red Glass Bead

Tail...Pheasant Tail Fibers

Rib...Small Red Wire

Abdomen...Tying thread

Shellback...Medium Mirage Flash or similar product

Thorax...Peacock Herl

Legs...Red Krystal Flash

1. De-barb hook, place the bead on the hook, and secure hook in the vise.



2. Start thread, and tie in P.T. fibers for the tail. Make the tail no longer than the hook shank.
3. Tie in the ribbing wire, tie it the full length of the shank in order to keep the body even.
4. Wrap a slightly tapered thread body up to about the 2/3 point on the hook.
5. Spiral wrap the ribbing wire up the abdomen, tie it off, and break off the excess.
6. Tie in the Shellback, making sure it is right on top of the hook (I use silver Holographic Tinsel). Tie it back to the Abdomen.
7. Tie in a couple of strands of Peacock Herl at the Abdomen, and wrap them up to the bead. Tie them off and cut off the excess.
8. Take two strands of the Krystal Flash, and tie them down on the side of the fly. Pull the excess over, and use your thread to tie them down the same way on the other side. The legs should look just like the legs on a P.T.
9. Pull the Shellback over the Thorax, and tie it down right behind the bead. Trim off the excess.
10. Whip finish right behind the bead, and apply a little head cement.
11. Cut the legs off so they are about half the length of the fly.

Notes: In the version that Lance showed me, the Abdomen is tied with Pheasant Tail fibers. It is also a good looking fly, but I like the thin profile of the thread body...I know it is supposed to be a Mayfly Nymph, and I will fish it like one. However, in sizes 16 and 18, it's still a darned good Blood Midge imitation. I doubt that Hogan will have any objections to my fishing it like one.

## December Garage Sale

If anyone has any fly fishing gear they want to sell, let **John Cowan (530.966.0076; jcowan58@yahoo.com)** know. Provide as much info as you can about the gear to be sold, a picture(s), contact info, and a fair asking price. If an item is sold, please let John know so that the item is taken off the list for the next newsletter issue.

Item	Price	Contact
Echo OHS 6wt Rod w/ Echo ION 6-7 wt Reel w/ Rio 305gr Trout Spey line (2 combos). Ready for the Yuba River or other small river.	\$500 ea	Mark Antaramian (916) 705-1207
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# Big Chico Creek Iron Canyon Design Process

By Holly Swan

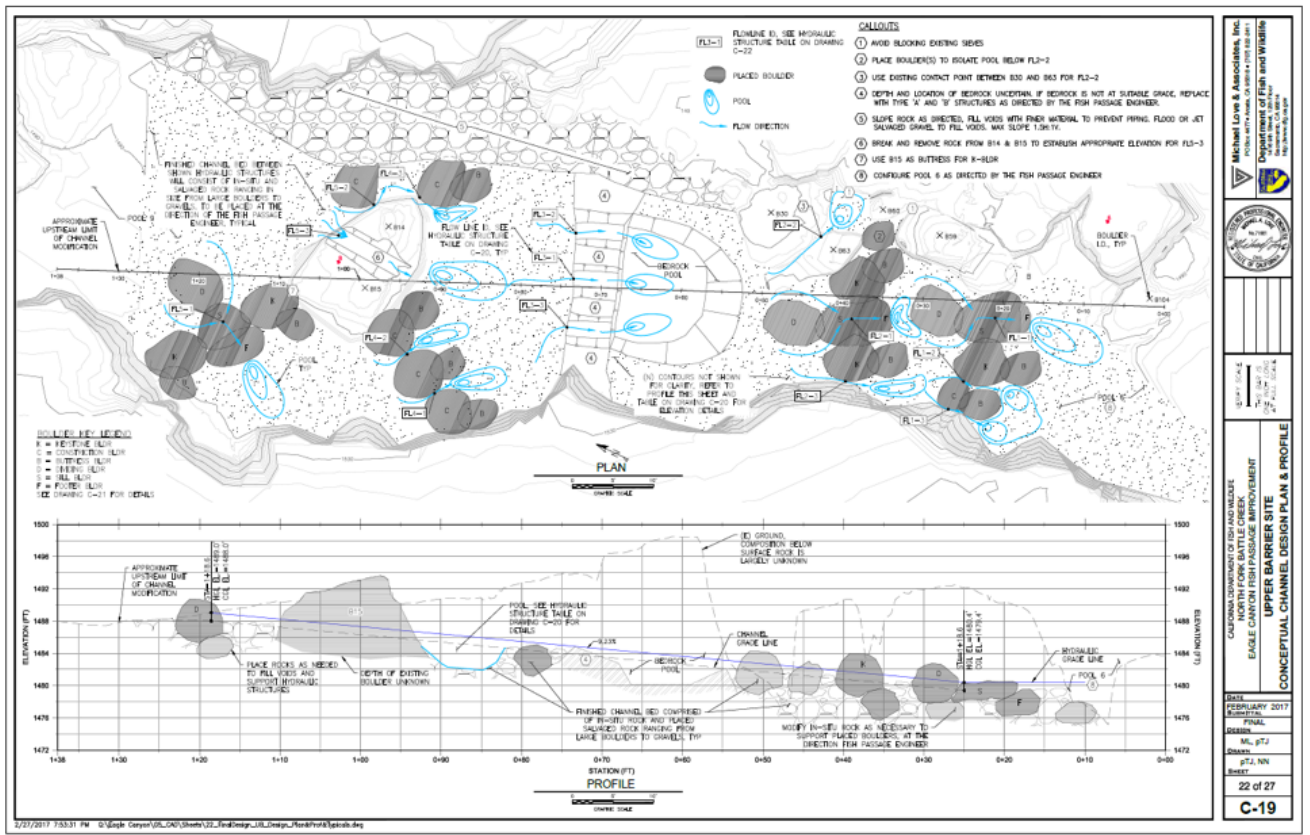
What does the design process look like for the Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project?

The purpose of the Big Chico Creek Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project is to modify a fish passage barrier in the form of large boulders and high vertical drop to allow two federally listed salmonid species (spring-run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout) and other native fish species access to optimal habitat upstream. Project objectives are to increase water depth at low flow fish passage flows; reduce channel velocity, vertical drops, and overall slope of the channel; increase existing pools or create new pools; and create variable swim paths. This will be accomplished by removing and modifying the current existing instream configuration of boulders. In addition, 17 dilapidated concrete and rebar fish ladder weirs that were constructed in 1956 will be removed from the stream channel. The anticipated modifications will create a natural fishway that will allow for successful fish passage at a range of flow regimes. But how is that done?

The Design Process in Depth: A survey has been conducted for the project reach to support design and document existing channel slopes, boulder configuration, channel width, jump heights, pool depths, bed material, and flow characteristics (i.e., velocity and depth). The survey included low altitude aerial photography from a UAV and/or from the canyon rim to generate a point cloud and high resolution georectified aerial image, ground-based simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) of selected areas to map overhangs and sieves between boulders not captured through aerial photogrammetry, single beam sonar for bathymetry of large areas below the water surface, and a total station survey of the channel thalweg, hydraulic controls, and to provide a unique ID for large individual boulders.

In addition to the pre-construction survey of the project reach, a reference reach that fish are known to pass, albeit with difficulty, was identified and surveyed. The reference survey was less robust than the project reach survey but sufficient enough to determine the channel slope, channel width, jump heights, pool depths, bed material, and flow characteristics. The resulting metrics from the reference reach will be used during the design process following a stream simulation design approach where conditions within the design reach are intended to provide similar or better passage conditions when compared to the reference reach.

With this information, a boulder removal plan and conceptual channel design and profile plan will be drafted. These will show which boulders need to be removed from the channel and the anticipated replacement of boulders that will create the hydraulic structures needed for a natural fishway. Even with this conceptual design in hand, the fish passage engineer may make real time decisions on rock placement to create the hydrology needed to ensure fish passage is successful. Once project is completed, resulting channel slopes, channel width, jump heights, and flow characteristics will be determined from the as-built post-construction survey and compared to the design target values for these metrics.



Conceptual Channel Design Plan and Profile from Battle Creek Eagle Canyon Fish Passage Project.

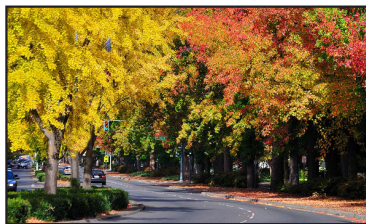
# CAF General Meeting "Speakers" 2023/2024

Our General Meetings take place on the second Wednesday during the months of October through May. The other months are for fishing and adventure! We would love to hear from you about your fishing experiences! Send your experience with pictures to John Cowan (jcowan58@yahoo.com; (530) 966-0076) to help build our newsletter. Also, if you have suggestions for who could share or a topic for sharing at the General Meeting, let John know!

Our General Meetings include a fly tying demonstration (6:30pm) followed by the featured speaker (7:30pm). We also have informal time for chatting with one another and a raffle at the end of the meeting. Lots of fun! If you haven't joined us before, I hope you will consider coming to a meeting soon! All of our meetings are at the Lakeside Pavilion at 2565 California Park Drive, Chico. Here are what we have planned for you so far:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Program</u>
December 13, 2023	Annual Pizza Feed	Classroom Salmon Raffle Winner announced. Election results. Chat it up with other members!
January 10, 2024	Ryan Williams, North Valley FF	Bass Fishing Winter and Spring <b>NOTE</b> this will be at the CARD Creekside facility (545 Vallombrosa, Chico)
February 13, 2023	Fly Fishing Film Tour	El Rey Theater Tix: <a href="https://flyfilmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/Chico-Ca-El-Rey-Theatre-83084?redir=1">https://flyfilmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/Chico-Ca-El-Rey-Theatre-83084?redir=1</a>
February 15, 2024	Cast Hope	Who we are and how you can help. Who Note: This is on Thursday, February 15, 2023
February 23-25, 2024	Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show	Alameda County Fairgrounds. Vendors, speakers, classes. Info & Tix: <a href="https://flyfishingshow.com/pleasanton-ca/">https://flyfishingshow.com/pleasanton-ca/</a>
March 9, 2024	52nd Annual Fundraising Dinner	Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions
April 10, 2024	Rob Anderson, Bucket List Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing the Amazon; Pyramid Lake
May 8, 2024	Lance Gray	Getting Ready for the Hex Hatch

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## Chico Area Flyfisher's Fish-out Schedule 2023-24

Here are future outings that Chico Area Flyfishers provide to its membership. These club fishouts are designed to give fly fishers the best opportunity to catch fish and enjoy the outdoors. Our club has many accomplished anglers who are willing to share their skills with others and you are only limited by the willingness to become involved. From selecting promising locations and times, to helping those members new to the sport, we try to make these trips fun, exciting and successful. But, it's up to you to ask for help, if you desire to learn.

If you have one of those favorite spots that you don't mind sharing with others and would like to lead our fellow CAF members for a day of fishing and fellowship, contact any of the following fish masters: Elden Hinkle (ehinkle1221@yahoo.com; (530) 519-4680); Don Sleeper (dnsleeper@gmail.com; (530) 228-6197); Pat Sleeper (psleeper@sbcglobal.net; (530) 228-9197); Eric See (eric.see@water.ca.gov; (530) 899-1918); and Tom Rosenow (trozenow.chico@gmail.com; (530) 520-3053).

**\*NOTE: The fishout schedule may be subject to change depending on the fish bite and weather conditions.**

Date	Location	Fishout Leader
January 21, 2024	Yuba River – Timbuctoo Bend – Heritage Trout Challenge (10 spots)	John Cowan (530) 966-0076
January 12-17, 2024	Trophy Bass Lake Picachos, Mexico (3)	Pat Sleeper (530) 228-9197
April 27, 2024	Opening Day for Trout Season	
April 27-28, 2024	Hat Creek Campout	Eric See (530) 514-6617
June 30, 2024	Pyramid Lake Fishing Season Closes	

Upcoming: Rescheduled bass fishing at Pingatore's Lake, other fish outs coming up!

**\*Check the Chico Area Flyfishers website for the most up to date fishout information.**

### LOCAL GUIDES

Mark Antaramian	Mark Antaramian Guide Services	916.705.1207
PJ Bock	<a href="#">Bock Fly Fishing</a>	530.598.4087
Hogan Brown	<a href="#">hgbflyfishing.com</a>	530.514.2453
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Lincoln Gray	<a href="#">Lincoln Gray Fly Fishing Adventures</a> <a href="#">Sierra Stream Outdoors</a>	530.520.6895
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Sierra Stream Outdoors  
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# Pizza Feed & Classroom Salmon Raffle!

By John Cowan

Bring the family and join us for our annual Pizza Feed on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Round Table Pizza (2201 Pillsbury Rd., Chico in the Almond Orchard Plaza) at 5:30pm. Get the chance to meet other members, exchange phone numbers, plan trips and tell stories.

At 7pm, we will be having our drawing for the Classroom Salmon Raffle. Proceeds are to purchase the aquaria setups for local participating teachers. The cost is \$650 per classroom setup. It is a one-time cost. Once the setup is purchased, it will be used for several years going forward. There will be two winners. The first can choose between the guided trip compliments of Joe Garza of JAG Fly Fishing or the private access for two on the Timbuctoo Bend of the Yuba River. The second winner gets what the first winner doesn't choose! The cost is \$20 per ticket. Winners need not be present.

## Classroom Salmon Raffle \$20 per ticket

### Prizes:

**1. Guided Trip w/JAG Fly Fishing for 2.**  
Lake Almanor (Lunch included); or Yuba or Feather River (Lunch not included). Value: \$550

**2. Private Access to Timbuctoo Bend on Yuba River for 2.**  
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 Dave McKinney.....530-570-1342

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 Larry Willis.....530-520-8556

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 Kyle Crowson.....530.717.7339  
 Dana Miller.....530-570-1184  
 Mike Pickering.....530-521-0710  
 Eric See.....530-899-1918

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# Chico Area Flyfishers

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023

6:15 PM Called to order, Pat Sleeper, President

Attendance; Welcome to Holly Swan Conservation Chair

Also present: Pat Hallin, Lionel Valley, Dana Miller, Elden Hinkle, John Cowan, Eric See, Tom Rosenow, Stan Thomas, David McKinney.

**Secretary:** Minutes approved as posted in the Newsletter Treasures Report: John. So far, no new progress on possibility of Changing Banks, and switching to SQUARE for CC transactions. Venmo soon. Annual Budget is now being prepared. In the future will be aiming for the annual budget to be done in April of each year.

1. Investment: Lionel Up and down with the recent market fluctuations. We are fine as our investments are more conservative in general and we are holding about steady.
2. Immediate Needs. Salmon in the Classroom. four New Teachers, all need equipment ASAP. Reimbursement for John Cowan and Pamela Wear for fronting the money for equipment purchase. This was M/S/P We will start a Raffle for Salmon in the Classroom. We have about 200 tickets, so far distributed to the Board members and officers, for a float trip.
3. Need more brochures and banners. CUSD Print Shop is first choice.
4. Will be starting preparation for Annual Fundraising Dinner. We are looking for volunteers.
5. General Meeting Expenses; For speakers is being worked out.
6. Future. Looking into Joining FFI, as our club insurance will be cheaper. We have to check on covering for serving Alcohol at the Dinner first before switching. Discount on gear for all club members, Possibility of several CAF members becoming Certified as casting instructors. More on this in the near future.

## VP Report. John

1. Website is updated with all current information.
2. All speakers and meetings are set for this year. Pizza Feed upcoming at Round Table on 12/13/23 5:30 Round Table Pizza. Other things on Calender of events 2024 are Flyfishing Tour at El Ray Theater. We will be looking into having a CAF membership table. Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show Feb 23-25.
3. Classes; Demand for both casting and fly-tying classes. Considering venues such as Horseshoe Lake. Will need additional casting instructors, this is being worked on. Arranging fly-tying classes coordinating with Fish First!

## Committees

1. Fishouts. Tom. Fishouts: Still trying to develop more local venues. Currently we have; Timbuctoo Bend, Yuba River. 1/14/2024 John C. (Note: Date had to be changed to Sunday, January 21, 2023); Jan 12-17 Lake Picachos Mexico, Pat S; April 27-28 at Hat Creek, Eric S; June 22, 2024 Hex Hatch, Pat H house at Lake Almanor; Sept 2024 La Ventana Mexico
2. Project Healing Waters. Stan. Because of a new gun law it is likely that the Rod and Gun club will be busy. Also the National Budget was cut this year. Trips for are members are already arranged, our club is fine for now. Looking for more classes, will start rod building.
3. Trophies and awards. No report
4. Annual Dinner. We will start organizing the meetings soon. We do always need volunteers.

## New Business.

Conservation will be looking in on a BLM proposal for "Wild and Scenic" status for Butte Creek Watershed. This is a bit complicated, so CAF will be look to see if we can write a letter supporting this proposal.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted: David McKinney CAF Secretary.

# Chico Area Flyfishers Membership/Renewal Form

Dear Fly Fisher,

Welcome new members and renewing members alike! Your membership dues enable Chico Area Flyfishers to continue to provide quality programs, outings, seminars, and to participate in conservation efforts.

Dues for the Family Membership are \$35 per year. Membership extends through the calendar year (January 1 through December 31). Please complete this application and return it along with your membership dues today to the following address:

**CAF**  
**2796 Beachcomber Cove**  
**Chico, CA 95973**

Your support is appreciated!

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the names of family members that may participate in club functions:

Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact John Cowan (jcowan58@yahoo.com; (530) 966-0065).  
 Make checks out to "CAF". **Memberships can also be completed online using PayPal: [chicoareaflyfishers.org](http://chicoareaflyfishers.org)**

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