

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



JUNE 1997

short casts

MEMBERSHIP

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

Any club is a dynamic entity. The membership can be expected to change as new members join and old ones retire. This isn't quite the case with our club. While we do occasionally see a member move on, there seems to be a lack of new ones to take their place. The Chico Area Fly Fishers has a reputation for doing good things; things we would not be able to do without a healthy and active membership. I would like to encourage each and every member of the club to try and contact one or more of their fishing friends and explain to them the benefits of joining our club.

I first became involved with Chico Area Fly Fishers because I was very impressed with the many conservation and youth-oriented activities which the club sponsors. This is still true today, if not more so. We have a much more active youth organization than we had when I joined back in the

80's, and our conservation efforts rival those of any of the other organizations in this area.

**New Member
BBO
in August**

Aside from this, being a member of CAF also provides an opportunity

to learn more about fishing in our area from some of our local guest speakers, as well as some worldwide fishing possibilities from some of the experts the club is able to bring to our general meetings. I will have to admit that the caliber of the speakers that we have has improved over the last year.

For the person new to fly fishing, we also have an excellent fly tying instruction program which is being led by Pat Corbett. Furthermore, the CAF is a great network for discussing with fellow members some of the fishing opportunities available here in the North State. And, perhaps most importantly, don't forget the camaraderie our club provides. What better way is there to make new friends with similar interests than by joining a club?

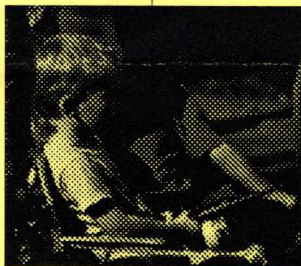
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Fishing



GENERAL MEETING

- Fly Tying with Andy Burke

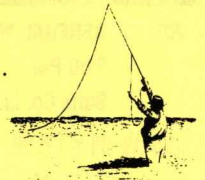
June 11 - 6:30 PM - Butte County Library

Tom Wood, CAF Vice President

The last meeting before the summer break will feature Andy Burke of the Redding Fly Shop. Andy's presentation, "Stalking the Shoreline" is his newest slide presentation in his series of stillwater fishing. Andy has articles published regularly in *California Flyfisher*, *American Angler*, and *Fly Tyer*. He is also an Umpqua Feather Merchants fly designer, whose unique patterns are also published. As an added bonus, Andy will be giving a one hour fly tying demonstration before our regular meeting. Treat yourself and support your club, by attending this very special presentation held at the Butte County Library. Fly tying begins at 6:30, and our regular meeting begins at 7:30. For more information, contact Tom Wood at 895-8590.

CAF JUNE FISHOUT

Jeff (The Fly) Richelieu, CAF



I'm on my way out the door to go fishing at Davis Lake, so this will be brief. The Baldwin Ponds fishout was a great success. Some people landed over 40 fish. The species included large mouth, bluegill, crappie, sunfish, and catfish. Most fish were caught on woolly buggers and poppers. There were 17 adults that went, so the club made \$170. This money will be used to pay for club speakers or donated to conservation groups. Thank you everyone that came and supported the club with their \$10.00 donation, and a special thanks to Jim Gummer for allowing the club access to these wonderful ponds.

The June fishout is at Modoc on the 20, 21, and 22. The fishing should be phenomenal this year. You will need a float tube and lots of woolly buggers and leeches in black and olive size 4 to 10.

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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

JUNE

JUN 11 GENERAL MEETING
6:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

JUN 19 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448

JUN 20 - 22 CAF FISHOUT
MODOC
Jeff Richelieu, 893-1600

NO JULY GENERAL MEETING
OR YOUTH MEETING

JUL 12 CAF YOUTH FISHOUT
WARNER VALLEY
Roger Bevers, 343-6442

JUL 26 - 27 CAF FISHOUT
PIT RIVER

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FLY TYING

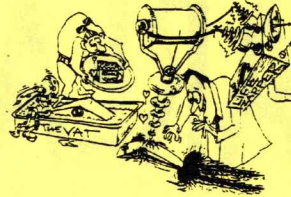
June 19th, 7:30 PM

Pat Corbett, Fly Tying Chair

'Damn Good' Damsel

Over the years, the traditional damsel nymph's body was poorly imitated by tying on a marabou tail for a little swimming action. The rest of the bug's body was tied around the hook shank. This did not even remotely imitate the lively swimming action of at least 1/2 of the nymph's body.

If you like the thought of landing nice fish during a damsel migration (like the big one on Davis Lake during most of the summer), when no one else



can, then you need to attend this session.

Materials:

- **Hook:** *Scud - TMC #12*
- **Ostrich:** *Olive, med brown, yellow*
- **Marabou:** *Olive, med brown, yellow*
- **Peacock** *Heart*

Come join our great fly tying group and learn to tie and fish these and other flies this summer at the Music Express Bed & Breakfast, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico.

Membership (Continued)

Hooked On Fishing

I would like to thank all those who volunteered and helped this annual worthwhile event. Our goal "every kid a fish" came true for may area youngsters and families. It was truly a successful community event for many kids not able to fish. Plan on attending and helping next year, the eyes and smiles are payment-in-kind.

Membership BBQ

I would like to remind everyone that there is a new member barbecue in August. I am not sure if the exact date has been selected yet, but keep your eyes open for the July newsletter. Be sure to attend the barbecue and, if possible, bring a potential new member with you. It is only through the strength of our membership that we are able to accomplish the many conservation activities that we undertake, and to introduce the joys of fly fishing to the younger people in our area.

Enjoy your summer, and tight lines to all!



Chico Area Flyfishers

P. O. Box 3583
Chico, California 95927

CAF Fishouts

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Recommended tippet size is 3x minimum. Full sinking lines with a slow to medium sink rate work the best, but sink tips are okay also. We will be camping at Mill Creek falls campground out of Likely. The weather is unpredictable, so be prepared. We also do allot of driving between lakes, so bring a dependable vehicle. If you've never been to Modoc, I highly recommend it. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. If you can't make the meeting or have questions call Mark or Jeff at 893-1600 during the day at NorthStar Engineering.

The July fishout will be on July 26 and 27 on the Pit River. Bring your felt shoes and wading staffs to this one because the wading is difficult. We will camp at the Burney Falls campground which is about 20 minutes from where we fish. More information will follow.

See You on the Water,
Jeff Richelieu

NEWSLETTER / MAILING LIST

If you have not received your newsletter and have paid your dues . . . please contact Denny 342-1103 (wk), or drop us a line, we have had problems with our membership list.

Can we blame the computer, new files, new programs ??

