

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



JUNE 1999

short casts

THE CAST

Redge Hawley,
CAF President

Every year on Memorial Day I find myself at the beaver ponds. The fish are usually not larger than 9 to 10 inches and sometimes they are as small as 5 to 6 inches. They are Eastern Brook Trout and have been there for a long time. I started fishing these ponds when I was 16, which is about 33 years. I have only missed fishing them for 2 or 3 years out of that time. The trout like dry flies and it usu-



ally doesn't matter what kind you put on the end of your line. They like the fly to move after it has landed or they like to attack it quickly after the fly has landed. They prefer the deeper runs of the ponds and the edges of logs and weed beds. The fishing is a no brainer and is better if there are clouds blocking the

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MAY MEETING REVIEW

Lionel Valley, CAF Vice-President

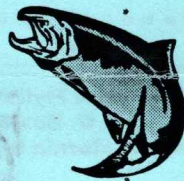
Mr. Ralph Wood, C&R Guide Service provided a great program on fishing the upper section of the North Fork of the Yuba River. He has been published in California Flyfisher & wrote three chapters in Seth Norman's book entitled Fly Fishing Northern California. He is based out of Grass Valley.

The North Fork of the Yuba River has Brooks, Browns, and Rainbows in it in different sections of the river. It is a spring fed river, with the temperature around 61 degrees or less.

Downieville is a good location to get accommodations located about halfway up the River. Wild Plum Campground is also a spot for camping.

The river has an Experimental Trout Management Area where anglers are limited to two trout over 10 inches, using single, barbless hooks. It actually tends to get fished more than many other areas on the river.

Ralph fishes below Downieville in the fall months of Sept - Nov while he tends to fish above Downieville in the spring months, with plenty of creek fishing throughout the area. Thanks Ralph.



JUNE GENERAL MEETING

June 9 - Butte County Library - 7:30 PM

Lionel Valley, CAF Vice-President

Our guest speaker for this month's meeting will be Bill Archuleta of Archuleta's Reel Works.

Bill's presentation will be on Alaska Fly Fishing for less than \$1,000 per week in the Tonga National Forest, located southeast of Kochikan.

Bill is making a California tour and would like lodging, any rooms available from our members? Please call Redge, we could use some help.

JUNE FISHOUT

THE MODOC REGION



This is the big weekend for the Modoc trip. Hopefully our fishing touring guides will enjoy a wonderful weekend with members and our youth members. It has proven to be an exciting trip and with the abundance of water, all lakes should fish well at sometime or another.

Jeff and Mark will provide a detailed article in the July newsletter. I am always envious, they must have a very understanding family.

JULY YOUTH FISHOUT

July 3, 1999 - Lake Almanor, Butt Lake

This time of year, especially with the higher water and cool temps should provide an exciting opportunity for our youth as well as club members for the "HEX HATCH."

Butt Lake should be timely for this hatch this year, but Almanor over the last two years has been the main ticket.

Milt Jensen has been very knowledgeable on these lakes and you might want to give him a call.

Chico Fly Shop is always a good source of information about the timing and bugs that they are hitting on.

If the bows aren't hitting you can always bang a small-mouth.

LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop
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Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(530) 532-4223

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Chico, CA
(530) 343-4071

Orland Outfitters
Orland, CA
(530) 865-8545

Oasis Springs Lodge
Paynes Creek, CA
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Big Bluff Ranch
Red Bluff, CA
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June

Calendar of Events

jun 9 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

jun 17 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
CHICO FLY SHOP

jun 24 YOUTH MEETING
Speaker: Bob Smith
Bert Robinson

jul 3 YOUTH FISHOUT
Almanor / Butt Lakes

NO GENERAL MEETINGS OR
FLY TYING DURING JULY &
AUGUST.

The Cast (Continued)

sun. I can usually catch about 10 to 12 trout in an hour. It is fun and generally produces no frustration other than lost flies due to a lot of Alder bushes in the area. It also lets me check my flaws in casting before I try for bigger fish in other areas. Cooper(3), Catherine(6), and Bleu(12) caught fish and had almost as good a time as Dad.

Please note that we are going to be selling raffle tickets for a guided trip to Eagle Lake with J. Fair. This will be for 2 anglers/1 day and should take place during October or November of 1999. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each. His guided trips run around \$250.00 per angler. The drawing will be held in September. Tickets can be purchased at the General Meetings.

**NO MEETINGS OR
TYING SESSIONS
DURING THE
MONTHS OF JULY
& AUGUST.
GONE FISHING!**

EAGLE LAKE RAFFLE

2 Anglers / 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



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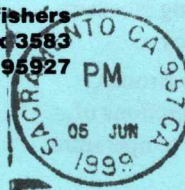
June 24, 1999 - Bob Smith

The June meeting will feature our own Bob Smith. Bob has a vast knowledge of all the area fishing locations (he has been retired forever).

He will also provide some interesting patterns for all to learn. Maybe you can coax him into a hex bug.



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