

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

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june

## ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS!!! JUNE MEETING AT HORSESHOE LAKE AT 7:00 PM



### THE LINE

Mark Adams, CAF President

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### June Fishout – Modoc June 15 –17

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If you like to drive for hours on desolate highways in order to get to rough dusty 4 x 4 roads that lead to muddy, wind whipped lakes surrounded by sage brush, lava rocks, water snakes, and mountain lions, then Modoc is for you. The weather in Modoc is always predictable, it will either be really windy, hot, and dry, or it will be really windy, cold, and wet. Ed Bruno has a saying for the Modoc fish out, "No Whiners".

The only whining we allow is your reel under the strain of a hot 20" Eagle Lake rainbow. There is a reason we endure the harsh conditions and go back to this place every year. You will have to attend the fishout to figure out the attraction to this area of California I like to call "God's Country".



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If you go, bring every line you own, and every fly as well. If you don't have a cameo intermediate line or a type II sinking line go get one. 6 wts work well, and will be tested by the wind and the fish. The flies in the "must have" category would be woolly buggers all sizes and colors. If you want to land the big ones, I would not fish with anything smaller than 3x.

The central gathering area will be the Mill Creek campground located east of Likely on 395 near Clear lake in the Warner Mountains.

Any questions call Jeff at 893-2941.



## LOCAL GUIDES

*Chico Fly Shop*  
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### Calendar of Events

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**June 21 FLY TYING**  
**CHICO FLY SHOP**

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**Aug - No Meeting**

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## FLY TYING

Make a note that Randy McKean will host the monthly fly tying session on Thursday the 21st at Chico Fly Shop. Randy will be focusing on flies for the Hex hatch, nymphs, cripples and dries.

### Getting The Word Out

On Monday June 4th the Fish and Wildlife service had a public meeting to hear input from the public concerning access to the Sacramento River over land owned by USFWS. I would very much like to have an e-mail list so that our membership could be contacted when necessary. Just so you know, I will not give the list to anyone other than a board member of the club. So, if you want to be included, e-mail me at: pmh@stormnet.com  
thanks  
Paul Hendricks

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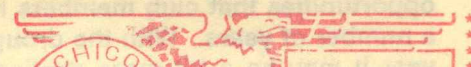
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