

June 2003



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

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THE LINE

Eric See, CAF President

Many CAF members have wondered what the club does with the funds that we raise, so I have prepared a summary of where the money goes. I will spend the bulk of this column briefly describing these organizations and how much we donate to them. These descriptions are based upon my knowledge of these organizations, and some serious plagiarism from their respective websites and publications. I doubt they will mind.

The CAF board donates to a variety of conservation organizations, some on an annual basis, others on a one-time or periodic basis. However, it should be noted that the board evaluates all of the recipients each year, regardless whether they are "regulars" or not.

CALTROUT - \$1000

The list of their accomplishments over the years is way too long to include here. Visit their website at <http://www.caltrout.org/> for more information

MCCLOUD RIVER PRESERVE - \$2000

The McCloud River Preserve is a component of The Nature Conservancy that was established in 1973 to protect the river from logging and fish poaching and to ensure that its wild nature would be preserved. The Preserve allows daily no-fee access to the river, with a few restrictions on how many people can be on the water at any one time, CAF has developed a special relationship with the Preserve over the years, by not just donating funds, but also time and labor in working on various projects at the Preserve.

CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER - \$500

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HOOKED ON FISHING NOT ON DRUGS - \$500

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FEDERATION OF FLYFISHERS - \$200

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Christmas Island

Jack MacFarlane will talk on fishing the Christmas Islands. Here is Jack's Bio
"I've been an outdoor photographer for about 17 years, shooting stock photography for many magazines, calendar and greeting card companies, books and newspapers. My stock files cover western United States including Alaska, along with a few areas in the southeastern United States.
I've been fly fishing for about 45 years, fishing northern California and some of the western states (Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Alaska)"

My program will be on bone fishing on Christmas Island. I will start with a single slide projector and go through a short program where I will discuss fly fishing for bone fish followed by a 6 minute two projector multi image slide show (with music) showing my over all photo views of the trip.

Jack Macfarlane

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Calendar of Events

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF FLYFISHERS - \$250

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) is affiliated with the Federation of Flyfishers national organization, but focuses its efforts on fishery issues in Northern California. It represents over 30 clubs and many non-affiliated individual members across California.

Visit their website at <http://www.nccfff.org/> for more information.

TROUT UNLIMITED - \$250

Visit their website at <http://www.tu.org/index.asp> for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE TRINITY RIVER- \$100

ANGLERS AGAINST ARTIFICIAL WHITEWATER FLOWS - \$1000?

This organization is so new that we don't even have the specific info (or correct name) to present to you at this time. This new group, led by Bob Baiocchi, is in the process of forming, and intends to make sure that whitewater boating "conservationists" do not turn our rivers into waterslide parks where the flows are fluctuated radically for the purposes of better whitewater boating. This issue erupted on the North Fork of the Feather River and has progressed to other watersheds, such as the Pit River. Because this organization is so new, the CAF board will re-search this further before any funds are allocated.

BIG CHICO CREEK ECOLOGICAL RESERVE - \$250?

The BCCER is 4500 acres of land immediately upstream of Bidwell Park, the CAF board has not made a final decision on this donation yet, it will be discussed at the next board meeting.

It's The Wet Fly That Fishes...

The Frank Misso Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

A golf tournament to benefit the family of the Paradise man who was killed while fishing in Colorado last month will be held June 21 at Tuscan Ridge Golf Course (on the Skyway between Chico and Paradise).

The Frank Misso Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will get under way with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The \$75 entry fee includes green fees, cart, barbecue lunch, long-drive and closest-to-the-pin competitions.

Hole sponsorships and donations of items for a raffle and silent auction are also accepted. To obtain an entry form or more information, call John Johnson at 876-9111.

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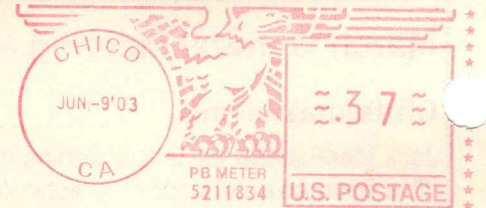
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