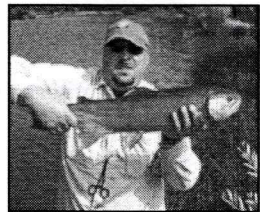


CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts

June 2009

NEW MEETING LOCATION: Boys & Girls Club 601 Wall St, Chico Multipurpose/Art room Thursdays June 11th, Fly tying instruction @ 6:30 General Meeting @ 7:30 No meetings for July and Aug. Refreshments available



The Presidents Line By Lincoln Gray

I hope that everyone is having a great spring fishing season. The fishing has been good to excellent so get out there and fish.

CAF has a bunch of events scheduled for the summer, so please check out the fish out page and the website for upcoming dates. [Http://chicoareaflyfishers.org](http://chicoareaflyfishers.org)

The Lake Almanor Hex fish out will be June 27th. Please RSVP me, Lincoln if you are going to be there. We will try to have a potluck prior to fishing.

Please do not forget that we have changed our meeting place. We are now meeting at the Boys and Girls Club on 6th and Wall Streets in downtown Chico. This is going to be a great long lasting relationship, we hope and I would like to thank Joe Garza for getting it set up.

One last thing before I sign off, the Crater Lake Fish Out was a blast. Thank You Don and Pat Sleeper for getting it arranged. There were twelve of us there and we landing a lot of fish!

Happy Fishing and Many Jumps!
Lincoln Gray



Secretary's Secrets By Pat Sleeper

Meeting Called to order at 5:46.
Meeting held at Don & Pat's and those present: Lincoln, Joe, Larry, Dennis, Eric, Don and Pat. Motion made to raise membership dues to \$35.00 per family, dinner \$35.00 and dinner for children same as adult. M/S/P Larry/Dennis.

Joe reported Youth Group fishout clinic: June 6th on the water at Deer Creek.

Motion to give Pingatori's money for the use of their pond to offset their expenses. M/S/P Don/Joe

Dennis, treasurer: reported on the budget. Budget was passed with the help of e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

General meeting with DFG reporting on Davis Lake and the lawsuit... Due to the reduced budget stocking of smaller fish can be expected.

"There will be NO MEETINGS OR NEWS LETTERS FOR JULY AND AUG. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER."

Hey DUDE! Your DUES may be DUE! TRUE!

CAF's Family Membership 2009 Dues of \$25.00 are now past due if you did NOT pay them in connection with attending our annual fundraising dinner on March 6. While the dinner was once again successful as our major fundraiser, a look at our Membership List shows that only HALF of our members have paid dues for 2009.

Most of the dinner proceeds go to support local and national organizations such as Hooked on Fishing, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout, Big Chico Creek Preserve, McCloud River Preserve of the Nature Conservancy, Chico Creek Nature Center, Federa-

tion of Fly Fishers, Casting for Recovery (Breast Cancer Survivors), the Casey Weinberg Event (flyfishing for Downe Syndrome kids), and the Press Powell Memorial Fellowship (funding biological research projects in Big Chico Creek by Biology students at CSUC). In 2008 we contributed more than \$7000.00 to these entities and others

In addition, our own projects such as the Lightning Bugs (Flyfishing and fly tying for Chico Area Youth), CAF Fish-outs (mostly-monthly trips to Northern California fishing spots for our members and guests), monthly CAF meetings with experts presenting information on flyfishing and current techniques & equipment, raffles of flyfishing items, bull sessions and camaraderie, and our monthly Newsletter, are supported and financed by CAF.

All of which means WE NEED YOU TO PAY YOUR DUES! As additional incentives, I'll let you know that the Board has placed on its agenda the discussion of a dues increase, AND that your newsletter privilege and membership will expire in June unless your dues are current..

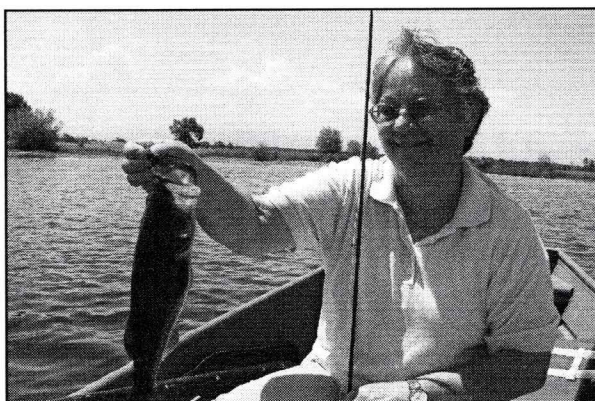
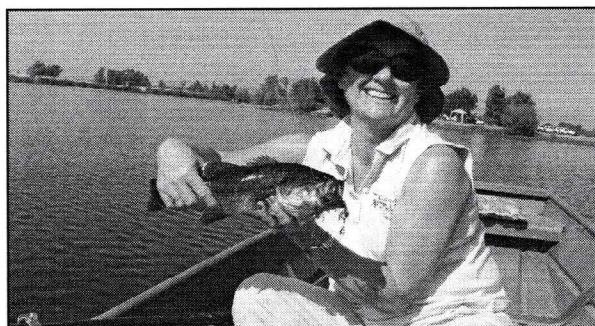
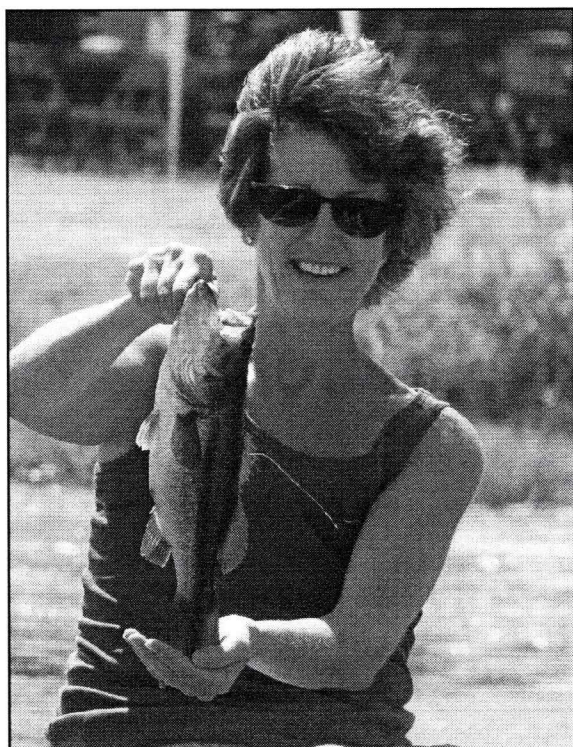
So PLEASE, the next time you're paying bills, send a check for \$25.00 to CAF, P. O. Box 3583, Chico 95927. It will renew your Newsletter subscription (include e-mail address please) and help enable us to keep supporting flyfishing activities and education for the Chico Area, its kids, Northern California and the nation.

Dennis Boyd, Treasurer

Casting for Recovery

CAF members helping at the Casting for Recovery benefit: There were two hundred ladies signed up for the Casting for Recovery event at Rolling Hills Casino and Clear Creek Hunting and Fishing Club. The event was split up into two separate dates. May 2nd 2009 was the fly tying, knot tying, casting instruction, luncheon, raffle and so forth. May 30th was the hands on out at the lake

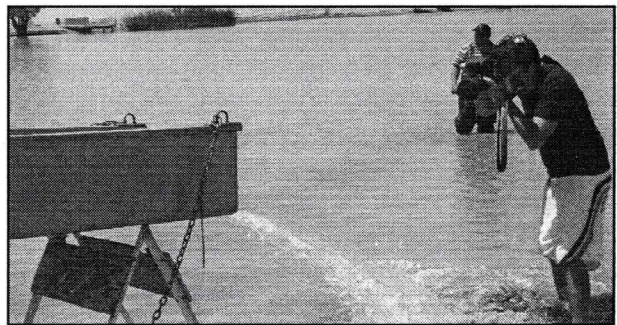
where CAF members Dave Raven, Jack Fennel, Don and Pat Sleeper as well as the Trenity Shasta Club of Redding helped guide the ladies out on the lake for catching large mouth bass, bluegill and stripers. Here are some of the ladies with their catches. Thank you Brad Henman for your continued support of the second annual Casting for Recovery benefit!



Hooked On Fishing

CAF members helping at the Hooked on fishing event: Here are pictures of our members saining the lake to display the different species of fish living in Horseshoe Lake in fish tanks. Eric See, Don Sleeper, Dave & Ray. There were blue gill, crappie, cat fish from last year as well as smaller ones, large mouth bass, and carp. Thank you Joe and Christopher for working the fly tying table as usual...it's always a hit! We went over to the lake the next day after the event and helped pick up fishing line, wrappers and other such debris. Neil was telling me how he had caught his first fish there and how the whole event of Hooked on fishing had started...what a wonderful story; and, event! Neil told us the lake is dedicated to helping children; that's why children from the age of 14 and under can fish and take 5 fish each; but, adults can fish and NOT TAKE any fish. I walked over to the dock to find this sign and finally found it. I think that's wonderful; but, there NEEDS to be more signs to tell the public as I saw so many families taking fish that didn't even have a child with them. I also saw the DFG come around and have them empty their ice chests of Cat fish and then they continued to fish??? The thrill though was to see and hear so many children catching fish and the screeches and screams from them seeing these monster cat fish.

And the wonderfully precious smiles on their faces...It makes it all worth the work! Good Job to the entire crew who worked so very hard to put the Hooked on Fishing event on!!! THE CHILDREN LOVED IT!

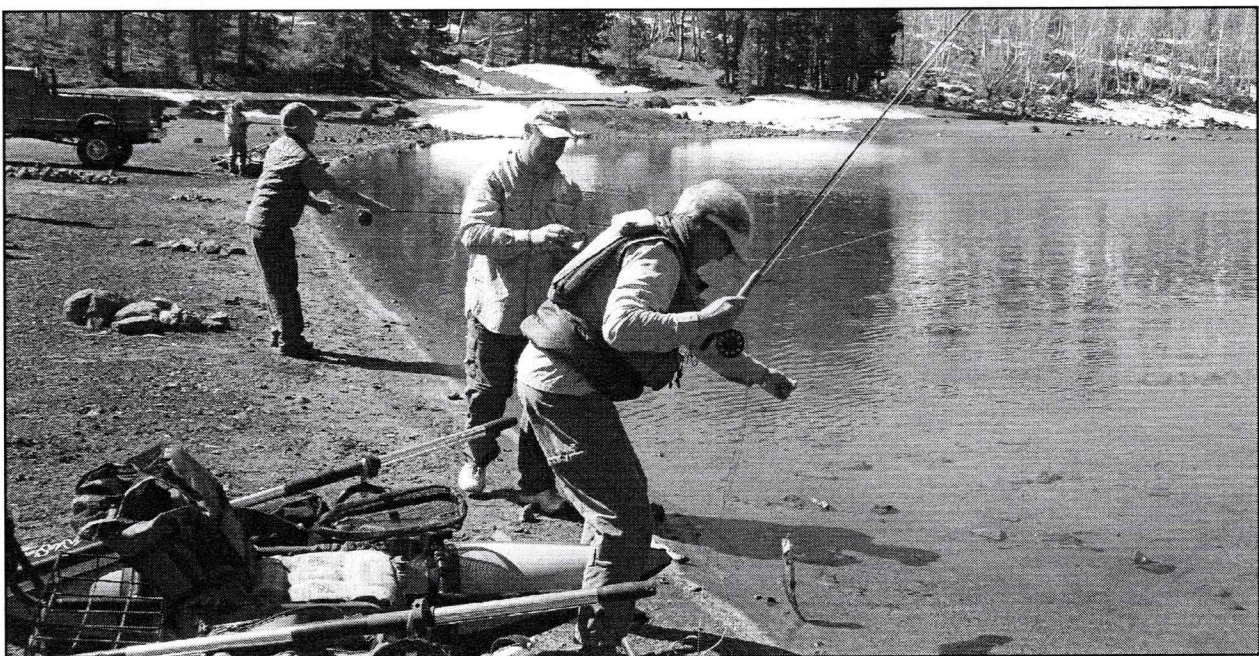
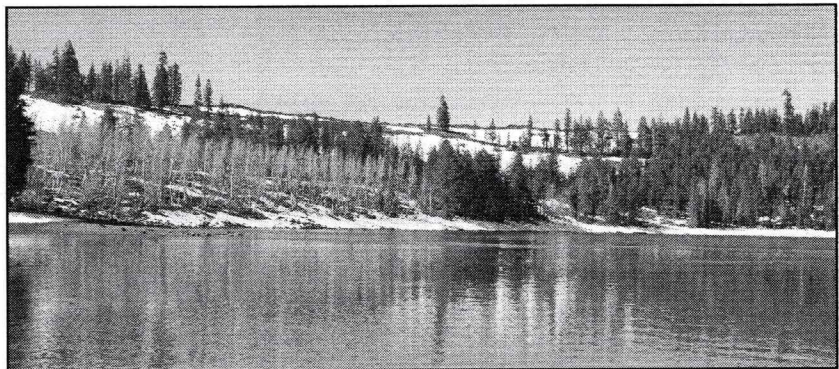
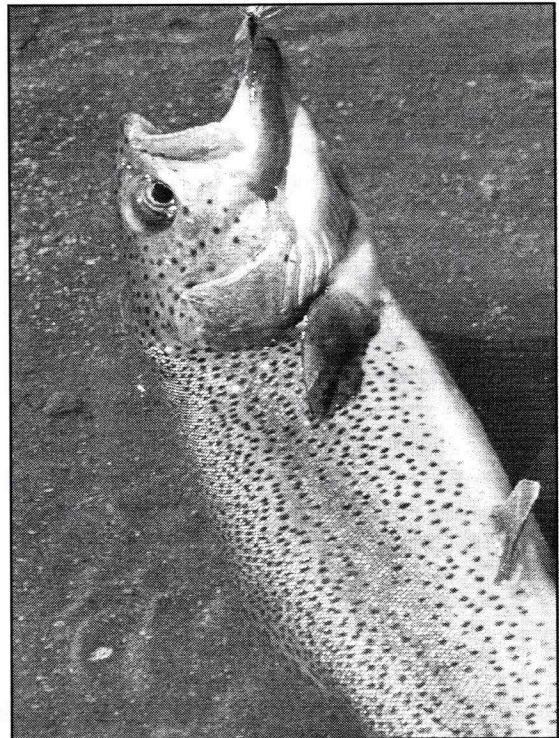


Fishout Update – Crater Lake, CA May 16, 2009

We had the most fantastic fishout at Crater Lake (California). Crater Lake is a small jewel off Highway 44 in Plumas County. We had snow, so much I stuck the Dodge, but we had four trucks to pull me out. Yes, we the Chico Area Fly Fishers were the first vehicles into the lake on May 16th. We caught all holdovers from last year. Most of us caught close to 100 fish each, mostly on dries (beetles, black ants, and Parachute Adams).

Twelve of us met at the Copper Kettle in Chester for breakfast then headed out, it takes about 45 minutes from Chester. We all had float tubes or pontoon boats and the fishing was terrific. For the first ten minutes we didn't even use our pontoon boats. The fish were coming into shore by schools of 50 to 100 fish. We would just casted to the middle of the school and "fish on!" John Hamiter caught the biggest, his rainbow was 18 inches and Pat caught the first beauty. The pictures are below. Most of the fish ranged between 10 and 14 inches and these fish on a four weight rod were fun.

Those fishing were Karen Horne, Terry Mich, Ron Ledger, Bob Smith, Roger Bevers, Bob Adams, Ron Lewis, Lincoln Gray, John and Claire Hamiter, Don and Pat Sleeper. We all had a fantastic time! Hope to see you on our next fishout!



Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2009

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfisher's 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 willingness to become involved. From selecting promising locations and time, to helping those members new to the sport, we try to make these trips fun, exciting and successful.

We are also looking for additional **fishout** leaders. If you have one of those favorite spots that you don't mind sharing with others and would like to lead your fellow CAF members for a day of fishing fun, and fellowship please contact Lincoln Gray or Don Sleeper.

This schedule may change depending on the fish bite.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
June 27	Lake Almanor Hex Hatch	Lincoln Gray
July	Philbrook Reservoir Above Paradise	Open
August	Open	
Sept 26, 27	Lewiston Lake or Modoc Area	Don Sleeper
Oct 17, 18	Eagle Lake	Don Sleeper
Nov	Big Chico Creek	Eric See

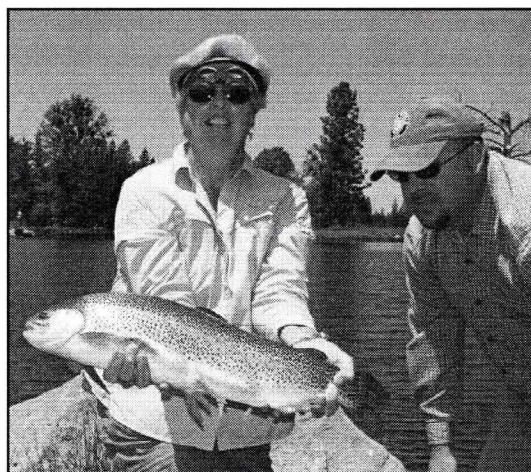
Other ideas: Floating Indicator Clinic, Float Tube Clinic, Fly Casting Clinic, Yuba River, Fort Bragg area Surf Fly fishing

Upcoming Speaker

Our June 14th speaker will be: Lincoln Gray who will speak on Stillwater Presentations "The Hunt For Trophy Trout".

Lincoln offers schools and guided trips to all anglers who wish to gain

Knowledge and experience in stillwater fly fishing. During the Stillwater schools all technical aspects of stillwater fly fishing is Provided to the student in a professional and instructional manner. Instruction includes: Equipment, Stillwater Strategies & Tactics, Lake Profiling and Stillwater Presentations.



Pyramid Lake Fishout Report – April 16-21, 2009

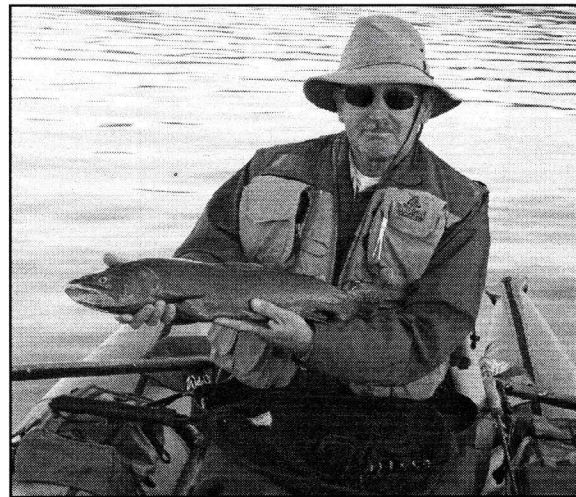
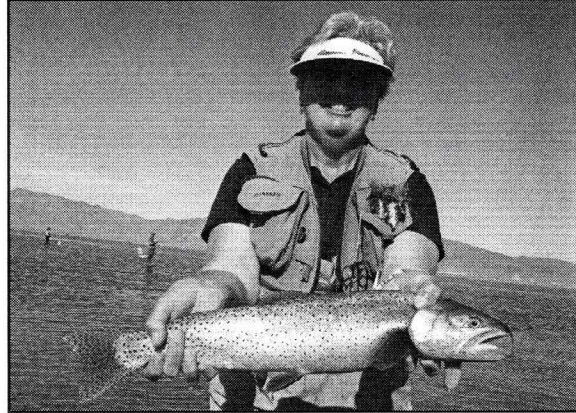
By Don Sleeper

The fishout at Pyramid was great fun! We had the best weather after the perfect storm which was the day we arrived. We arrived on April 16th, with snow all around the hills. The next six days it was glorious with the lake smooth as glass. Fishing was hit and miss, my worse day was zero fish and my best day was ten. All of us landed big trout; all the fish averaged 20 plus inches. Karen Horne, Terry Mich, Larry Willis, Pat and Don Sleeper showed up for the event.

These Lahontan Cutthroat trout fish where in close, it was their spawning time. We fished from ladders and pontoons, both equally successful. Pat did well one day from the ladder throwing white streamers, while I used red chironomids under an indicator and caught nine in 3 hours one morning. Shooting head fly lines

were the main line to use from the ladders. White streamers, foam beetles, nymphs and chironomids all worked at different times for this trophy trout.

We all camped on the beach at Pelican Point which made fishing very easy and had pot luck dinners ever night. I hope to see you all at our next pyramid fishout next year in April.



Can you Help Christopher Travel to Montana:

A once in a life time trip...Christopher Hubbard, was the only one selected from California. Chris, an outstanding youth club member, has won a Big Horn River Youth Adventure trip to Fort Smith, Montana on June 23 - 29, for a week of guided trips and fly tying. All lodging, meals, supplies, etc. are taken care of by the Federation of Fly Fishers, all he has to do is get himself to Montana. Chris has been inspirational at Boys & Girls Club events, Hooked on Fishing events, Casting For Recovery events and donating his time to many other fund raising events for the club and community. Chris is a go getter!

I am asking for support to make this once in a life time trip possible for him. Chris needs help with gas expenses or bus ticket money. If you can help please send your donation to Chris Hubbard at the following address. Thank you!

Sierra Stream & Mountain
847 W. 5th
P.O. Box 7693
Chico, CA 95927

Fly of the Month, June 2009

By Ray Narbaitz

The X-Caddis

I am sure that most of us have been on the water when there was a good Caddis Hatch coming off, but not too many fish seemed to be rising to them. The primary reason this usually happens is that Caddis emerge very quickly and spend little time on the surface of the water before they are flying away. Fish prefer bugs that are going to sit there and drift along for a bit, because it takes less energy to get them. That is why Craig Mathews, who has come up with so many great flies for both fresh and salt water, designed the X-Caddis. It is meant to imitate a Caddis that is either stuck in it's shuck for a bit, or is completely stuck, and isn't going to ever fly off. Fish learn quickly that these bugs are an easier target, and will often key on them.

Hook...TMC 100 or Daiichi 1100 14 to 18

Thread...8/0, 70 denier, color to match body

Shuck (tail)...Amber Z-lon

Body...Antron or Super Fine, color to match naturals

Wing...Natural Deer or Elk Hair

1. Debarb hook, and place it in the vice.
2. Wind thread to back, and tie in the tail (shuck), about shaft length.
3. Dub body, almost all the way to the eye of the hook.
4. Stack the hair for the wing to even up the tips, and tie them in exactly as you would an Elk Hair Caddis.
5. Before you clip off the butt ends of the hair, take a number of wraps between the hair and the hook eye to help anchor the hair.
6. Cut off the butt end of the hair, leaving a short stub over the eye like the Elk Hair.
7. Whip finish and cut thread.
8. Put head cement on the whip finish, and on the thread wraps holding down the wing. Cement the wraps all the way around the fly.

Notes...This is a really easy fly to tie. If you want to fancy it up a bit, tie in a couple of small diameter rubber legs on each side of the fly where the wing is tied in. Fish it dead drift, just like you would a normal dry fly. If you aren't getting any action, twitch the fly a little to give it some motion. At the end of your drift, skate it across the current for a bit.





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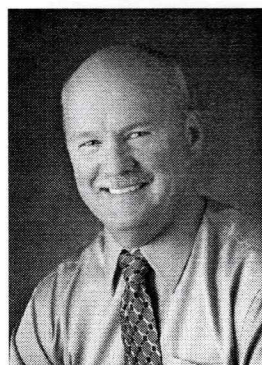
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