

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



MAY 1997

## short casts

**Hooked On Fishing**

**May 31st**

*Volunteers are needed!*



## THE OPENER

*Well* I guess it was only a matter of time before all stars were in alignment, or perhaps it was a result of the Hale-Bopp Comet, that this last weekends opening weekend of Trout Season was a complete success compared to past years. The weather was perfect and the fish were cooperative. Almost everyone I met was successful in their pursuit of the native trout found in the Hat Creek area. I say almost because it appears that one of our club members did get skunked. Normally when the CAF plans a fishout you can usually count on one of three things happening, either one, the weather is lousy, two; we should of been there last weekend, or three; the streams are all blown out. This weekend was an exception. Stream conditions were perfect. The nymph fishing was great. Fish up to the three lb range being caught.

As many of you know, it has always been a club tradition to go to the Hat Creek area for the opening weekend and to BJ's Restaurant on Saturday night. This tradition was not able to be accomplished with the decision by the management of BJ's Restaurant to no longer serve dinner, and as a result, the club is in search of a new dinner restaurant in the Burney area. Since Bob Smith was able to visit every restaurant in Burney while looking for the rest of us club members, I think I will recommend that he be put in charge of this committee.

One of the things that was a little disheartening was to see this weekend was the lack of new members at this annual event.

**WWW - This months Internet site is located at <http://twww.oldtownmall.comtalpabet.htm>**

This site contains flyfishing links from Abel Reels to Wyoming Flyfishing. Whatever you may be looking for in the way of flyfishing information there's most likely link from this site to the destination you are seeking. If you are looking for guides, locations, equipment, clothing, apparel, fly tying supplies or whatever, this site should be your first stop.

## GENERAL MEETING

**MAY 14 - 7:30 PM - Butte County Library**

Tom Wood, CAF Vice President

*In* January we were taken south of the border, so in May were going North of the border, specifically to Alaska. We will be hosting former board member Grant Sims. When Grant left Chico, he moved way up North to explore the waters of our 49th state.

While in Alaska, besides flyfishing for all its gamefish, Grant was the editor of *Alaska* magazine. He is contributing editor to *Outdoor Life*, and regular contributor to *Outside*, *Esquire*, *Sports Afield*, and *National Wildlife*, among others. His book, *Leaving Alaska* was published 18 months ago by Grove-Atlantic, and his first of four books under contract for Nick Lyons Books is titled *An Angler's Alaska*.

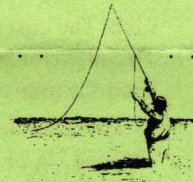
Plan to attend this one hour presentation, which will include a slide show and question and answer period.

## CAF MAY FISHOUT

Mark (Popper) Adams, CAF

*The* May fishout is a hot one! It is at the private ponds owned by Baldwin Construction Company in Marysville and is brought to you courtesy of Jim Gaumer, President of that fine company. These ponds are truly a fisherman's dream come true. First of all, since they are private, the fishing pressure is very limited. This makes for lots of fish, including some lunkers. Secondly, they are fed a constant supply of cold clear water through the gravels of the Yuba Gold Fields. This provides a quality environment for the fish to thrive. You can expect to catch bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, green sunfish, etc. As an added bonus, you may see wild turkeys, beaver, muskrat, etc.

The fishout is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th. We will gather at the old Ernst parking lot near Cal-Skate and leave at 3:00 PM, sharp! Don't be late! Its follow the leader down to the gate which is locked, so everyone needs to



be on time. Carpooling is encouraged. Float tubes are usual order of business, however canoes and small cartop boats are just fine. The mosquitoes can be busy and sunscreen is a must, especially if it is warm and the wind is blowing. We usually stop in Oroville for a fastfood bite to eat on our return trip and reach home about 10:30 PM. You are welcome to keep any fish you catch with the exception of the bass which should be returned to the water, healthy and happy.

Because the wind is usually with us on this outing, it is advisable to fish with a 6wt rod. Floating lines for casting surface poppers, small for the bluegill and larger for the bass, is always productive. Sinking lines can be used to dredge the depths for a big bass or catfish. Use light colored poppers when the sun is shining and dark ones as it starts to go down. Remember, you can't cast too close to the bank.

Because this trip is so popular we are using it to raise a few dollars for the

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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

### MAY

**MAY 14 GENERAL MEETING**

7:30 PM  
Butte Co. Library

**MAY 22 FLY TYING**

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

**MAY 18 CAF FISHOUT**

Baldwin Ponds  
Mark Adams, 893-1600

**MAY 31 HOOKED ON FISHING**

Horseshoe Lake  
volunteers needed  
John Ostt, 343-2417

**JUN 2 CAF YOUTH MTG**

6:30 PM - FLY TYING  
1053 E. 7th St.  
Roger Bevers, 343-6442

## FLY TYING

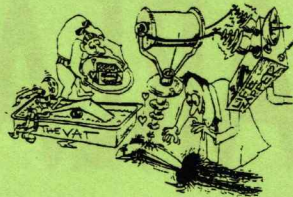
May 22th, 7:30 PM

Pat Corbett, Fly Tying Chair

### Hex Dry Fly

*The Hexagenia Limbata* or Giant Michigan Mayfly is the largest in the mayfly genus. These grass hopper size dries will start hatching in early June thru July right at dusk. I still tie a traditional and more insecty looking parachute pattern with an extend-a-body tied from long deer hair. The fly also incorporates a woodduck and whitepoly wing which enhances visibility and bright or shaded waters. The pattern sports a very durable woodduck tail that applies easily.

I tie my pattern in 12 min-



utes and have had several beginning tyers learn this fly and become intermediate tyers on this pattern.

#### Materials:

- **Hook:** *Tiemco Hopper #6*
- **Hex Body Hair** (*Powell's*)
- **Thread:** *Med mono or kevlar (blonde)*
- **Wood Duck**
- **Hackle:** *Lg/lt colored dry fly grade or minimal web.*

Come join our great fly tying group at the Music Express Bed & Breakfast, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico.

## CAF Fishouts *(Continued)*

club. The cost to attend this fishout is \$10.00 per adult. Kids under 16 can go for free. All of the money goes into the CAF coffers to be used for improving fishing in the North State.

The June fishout is the annual trip to Modoc County scheduled for June 20, 21 and 22. These are easy dates to remember as the 21st is the first day of summer and, OOPS, the 22nd is my anniversary. Because Jeff and I are so dedicated to CAF, we will be heading to Modoc a few days early to properly research the fishing opportunities. This dedication should assure you a chance at some quality fishing. Nothing is too good for our fellow club members.

The July fishout is tentatively scheduled for Lake Almanor and/or Davis Lake. Both of these lakes have excellent hatches early in the month plus there are many streams in the vicinity for the rock hoppers in the crowd. Give me a call at 893-1600 if you have any questions. See you at Baldwin!



### Chico Area Flyfishers

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## CONSERVATION NOTES

John Ost, CAF Chair Conservation

### "Every kid a fish"

*Hooked on Fishing* is Saturday, May 31st this year. As many volunteers as possible are wanted. Jan Lang will be coordinating the fly-tying table. I'll be coordinating the fish and invertebrates of Horseshoe Lake display. Call Jan at 343-1644 to help in organizing the flytying table or myself at 343-2417 if you'd like to help with the display. The display is setup on Friday and staffed on Saturday. Some have been asked to clean, skin and bag fish, the hardest job at the event. The goal this year is to have three teams of three each of cleaners and skimmers, so that no one will be doing that for more than 2 hours. Loyal Miner is one of those recruiting cleaners. The main event is helping kids catch fish lakeside. For this show up Saturday at 6:30 AM, the more guides there are the quicker the success. Ray Narbaitz will be M.C.

*Pickel Meadow* on the West Fork of the Walker River will begin work projects the 7th of June thru the 9th of August. Info Frank Emerson at 818-846-6597 or e-mail at AgTrout@aol.com or Al Lapp, DFG at 916-495-2570.

