

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



MAY 1998

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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 13
7:30 PM

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They have spotted bears, mountain lions, rattlesnakes, along with the ring-tailed cats on the Preserve. The largest brown trout recorded

weighed in at 15 lbs., 36 inches long !!!!!

They also provided some really interesting and helpful catch & release statistics, including the following:

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Hooked on Fishing May 30

CAF will again participate in this year's *Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs*. This annual youth event has attracted hundreds of first-time anglers. A special time for parents and kids.

We will discuss this event at our May meeting and ask for volunteers to represent CAF and assist in this event.

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Members and new members are invited to meet on Thursday evening, June 11, 1998 around 5:30 p.m. at Ord Bend boatramp / picnic area for a BBQ which would be followed by an evening of Shad Fishing from boats or shore in the surrounding area.

Please call Lionel at 894-2244 (wk), for sign ups or at our May meeting.

LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop
Chico, CA
(530) 345-9983

Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(530) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters
Chico, CA
(530) 343-4071

Orland Outfitters
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MAY 28 YOUTH MEETING

CAF YOUTH GROUP - Meeting / Fishout

Roger Vevers, CAF Youth Chair

Our May 30th Youth Group Meeting was a great presentation by Jim Gaumer. The topic for the meeting was bass fishing and of course directly related to the upcoming weekend fishout at Baldwin Ponds, (again thanks to Jim). Jim brought all the materials and proceeded to show the boys the best techniques for tying, including a very secret method he used to increase longevity of his flies, *water pup* and *pencil foam popper*. Maybe those of you in the club can convince a youth member to demonstrate that one at a regular general club tying session. The boys went right to work practicing the water pup and pencil foam poppers. I know that many boys tied up several for the weekend fishout.

We met at Baldwin ponds and the weather was just like it has been the last few weeks . . . sunny, cloudy, raining. The sprinkles began as we were getting dressed and Jim ducked in the car (sugar melts). The boys couldn't wait and kept right on preparing and gearing up. However, being the trooper Jim is, he gathered up the remaining boys and gave them a great demonstration on casting, stripping and working poppers. This is one you shouldn't have missed. Watch the boys, they were very attentive and reaped the harvest.

A very special thank you to the Jim Gaumer for your time and generosity to the boys. I heard many very happy boys talking about the fish they caught. Simon Demel had a particularly wide smile on his face for the big ones he caught.

It was also nice to start our new youth members out on a very successful fishout at Baldwin Ponds.

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The **May 28th Meeting** will host Dick Murrill doing a presentation for the boys on his favorite flies to fish. Gee, do you think this will be on bass?

The **Youth Fishout for June 5th - 7th** will be at Modoc. Bert Robinson has volunteered to host this special fishout in my absence. I will miss another Modoc, darn.

Oh well, I love the youth group, but family comes first. Besides, I am truly blessed to have such good friends and support for the youth members.

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That's all for now. Have a great opener and season for all of 1998.



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FLY TYING

Pat Corbett,
Fly Tying Chair



May 21st - 7:30 PM

We will re-tie some of Milt's stillwater flies and go over some beginner and more advanced tying techniques. So bring your tying kits or if you are short on materials, we will have extra.

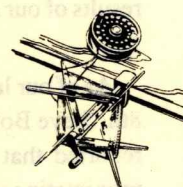
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See you at the Music Express Inn, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico.

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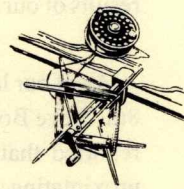


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