

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



NOVEMBER 1997

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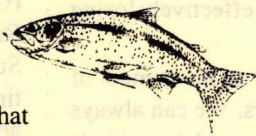
BIG FISH

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

Now is the time of year that the lakes and streams are cooling down, the days are getting shorter, and the big fish are putting on the feed bag in preparation for winter. Living in the North State, there are several excellent opportunities to connect with a Rainbow or German Brown in the 5-10 pound range. Or, if you want to travel a little bit further, the Stripers will be starting to school up in the San Joaquin Delta.

For a short day trip, there is potential fishing as close as Lake Oroville. Just cruise the Lake and look for the schooling shad minnows that are being chased by the larger fish. A brightly colored streamer fly can produce excellent results.

If you have a little more time, it is always worth a trip up to Eagle Lake for the large Rainbows that will be cruising the weed beds on the north end of the lake. Here a woolly worm or woolly bugger can produce



excellent results and shatter most fisherman's nerves.

Mentioned earlier, the San Joaquin Delta is the place for Striper in the month of November. They will be starting to school up in preparation for spawning. Grab your deceivers and other large flies and head down to the Delta. Catching Stripers in the 15-25 pound range is entirely possible this time of year.

Another overlooked item is the potential for hooking into a large Black or Small Mouth Bass this time of year. As Jim Gaumer and Dick Murrill showed us at the general meeting a couple of months ago, November can provide some excellent Bass fishing in the Oroville wilderness area, and in some of the numerous sloughs off of the Sacramento River.

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GENERAL MEETING November 12th, 7:30 PM

Paul Maslin, Biology Professor CSUC, will present his observations on local freshwaters. Paul has been recording his observations of local waters for over 2 decades. Some of the waters he plans to present information about are Teigert Ponds, Big Chico Creek and the Sacramento River and its other tributaries. His interest in freshwater centers around fish and aquatic insects.

CAF NOVEMBER FISHOUT - Eagle Lake

Jeff (The Fly) Richelieu, CAF

The November fishout will take place on the 22 and 23 at Eagle Lake. If the weather is inhospitable, we will try our luck on the Feather and hope the North wind doesn't blow 30 miles an hour like our September fishout. The hardy fishermen with the fortitude to brave the chilly water and colder air will find themselves trolling in their float tubes with medium sink rate lines attached to cinnamon or burnt orange leeches. As many of you know, the Eagle Lake trout range from 16" to 6 lbs and fight like a large cat in a small bag. We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting or call Mark or Jeff if you are interested at 893-1600.

October Fishout on the Sac

The fishout had the highest average of fish per angler that I have seen on a fishout with the exception of Modoc and Baldwin ponds. I think the average was about 1 trout per rod for 6 hours of fishing. We fished upstream from Woodson Bridge on the Sacramento River. John Glover broke off a nice trout or steelhead on his third cast, but it was downhill from there. Wayne Syn and Press Powell were gracious enough to donate their jet boats and their expertise on fishing the river. Thank you guys for taking us out for a great day on the river.



See You on the Water,
Jeff Richelieu

ANNUAL PIZZA FEED / ELECTIONS - Dec 13th

The Annual December Anchovy Feed will be held December 13th at 6:00 PM at Round Table Pizza on Pillsbury. All pizza and drinks will be provided by the club for the members. Come and join us and help elect a new board for the coming year.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted for Board Members, President and Vice-President at the November meetings. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

There are several Board of Director's positions opening. Without a Board, there is no Chico Area Fly Fishers', so now is the time for all members to think about becoming more active than they may have been in the past.

NOVEMBER

General
Meeting:

Fish
and
Aquatic
Insects

Nov. 12th
7:30 PM

LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop
Chico, CA
(916) 345-9983

Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(916) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters
Chico, 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

NOVEMBER

NOV 12 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

NOV 22/23 CAF FISHOUT
EAGLE LAKE
Jeff Richelieu, 893-1600

DEC 1 YOUTH MEETING
6:30 PM
1053 E. 7th St.
Roger Bevers, 343-6442

DEC 13 DECEMBER MEETING
ANNUAL PIZZA /
ELECTIONS 6:00 PM
ROUND TABLE PIZZA
- PILLSBURY

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Lionel Valley, Chairman-Investment Committee

At the request of the CAF Board of Directors, an investment committee was formed to review our finances and investment alternatives for CAF funds. The committee is comprised of Don Bowlby, Jeff Richelieu, Doug Smith, and myself as chairman.

The committee was formed because the Board was concerned with the average balance of some \$9,500.00 in our club's checking account and the interest gain of 1%. Our minimum balance was about \$6,000 and our maximum balance is about \$23,000. Even in today's world of low inflation of some 3% we are effectively losing purchasing power.

It appears reasonable and prudent to consider an investment of \$2,500 for 5 years and another \$2,500 for 3 years. We can always access any of these funds at any time, but that we need those kinds of time periods to attempt to maximize our return.

We searched and came to the conclusion to consider mutual funds with solid track records for at least 5 and 10 years. We voted to invest \$2,500 in Mutual Beacon which was formed in 1961 with a 10 year annualized return of 14.5% per year after expenses, for the period ending 3/31/97. The fund would be for the 5 year or longer investment dollar.

The other \$2,500 in MFS Total Return which was formed in 1970 with a 10 year annualized return of 10.2% per year after expenses for the period ending 3/31/97. This fund would be for the 3 year or longer investment dollars.

The two combined investments would yield your club an annualized return of 12.5% most likely, with a best case return of some 15.5% and a worst case return of some 9.1%. That means that we should be able to improve our cash flow from some \$250 to some \$4,300 for a 5 year period with the \$5,000 - an improvement of about \$4,000!

Please feel free to call me with questions or thoughts at 894-2244.

ANNUAL DINNER - Friday, February 27th

We would like to get a volunteer from the club to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for our Annual Dinner. Perhaps several of our members who operate commercial guide services might like to get together and co-host the Annual Dinner. Please contact Paul Hendricks at 345-5669 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.



Chico Area Flyfishers

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FLY TYING REPORT



Pat Corbett, Fly Tying Chair

I'd like to openly thank and commend these fly Tyers and also good friends: Bob Smith, Doug Smith, Jerry Stevenson, John Glover, Herm Sterner, Dick Grover, Win Spencer (Gridley), Redge Hawkley, Rich Hunter, Al Coulon, and Susan Berenato for their continued support and excellent attendance. I think all of them would agree that our sessions are creative, productive and worthwhile for an level of tyer. I'm jazzed that our class tyers have finally attained a level of skills to tie nice to exceptional flies.

Big Fish (Continued)

Whatever spot you pick this month, bring along the 4X and 5X tippets, and double check all of your knots and sharpen all of your hooks. Good luck to everyone.

Do You Have Email?

The CAF is in the process of compiling a list of Email addresses for all members. If you have Email access, please Email a short message to "pmh@stormnet.com" so that you may be added into our records.

