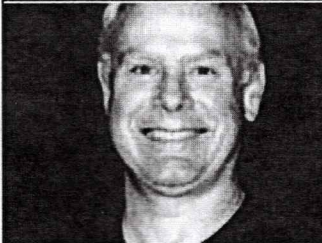


# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

## short casts

## November 2006



The Presidents Line  
By  
Roger Bevers

November is a grand time of the year to get in your last fairly warm fishing for the year.

However, if you're going up to the high country, as the club will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> warmth is a relative term. It becomes even more relative in November. Trying to stay warm in the cold weather can be a daylong pursuit. However, as a person with chronic back problems and muscle spasms I can tell you that there is one little trick that helps me get through the really cold fishing trips. I usually take along a few of the Therma Care heat wraps. I can tell you that I use them and that if you're fishing from a boat all day and tend to get backaches from inactivity, then you might want to give them a try. One wrap will last for 24 hours even though the package says only 8 hours. One wrap can make the difference between misery and comfort. Combine the heat wrap with a good layering system of clothing and you have a winner.

Speaking of winners, I know that there is a lot of talent in our club for on the water skills. Recently we have had several new members join so that they could absorb some of that talent. So, here's my request. Please go out of your way to introduce yourself to the new members or visitors you see at club functions. I can tell you from personal experience that it will make a huge difference to the new members. That being said, I want to personally thank everyone who helped me when I joined the club. I have been involved with many clubs and the Chico Area Fly Fishers is Number One in my book!

Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>. will be the CAF Board of Directors meeting. The meetings are open to members, you just can't vote at the meetings. (Continued on Page 4)

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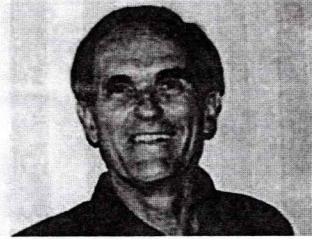
November's General Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8.

### TIE, LEARN, SHOP

If you come early, at about 6:30, you are invited to bring your fly tying gear (be sure to include a light) and get some flies tied up for your future use. There will also be some experienced tiers there to demonstrate some of the simplest flies, as well as some of the more complicated flies. Winter is the perfect time to tie as the nights are longer and there is so seldom anything good on TV! So tie flies!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Christmas is -a-comin, so I have asked our fly shops to set up their own tables showing us the latest and greatest of fly fishing equipment for the season. The idea is that we fly fishers can then "register" our "wishes" with our fly shops, so that those who love us the very most, and want to buy us some really awesome fly fishing gear for Christmas can go into any of our fly shops and the staff will know EXACTLY what we would most dearly love to have!!!!!!!!!!!! This will be a great way to support the fly shops who are all so good to all of us. Each shop will be given a few minutes to highlight their table of goods. Then our members will have an opportunity to just visit with the fly shop staff, tie more flies, or fill out an extensive "wish list". Mulled Cider and gingerbread will be served. Feel free to bring a friend.

**Volunteers needed for the annual dinner/fund raiser. Contact Dana Miller at 345-3266 if you can help.**



Secretaries Secrets  
By  
Lionel Valley

On October 4, 2006, the Board met and covered

a number of items including the following:

REMINDER: THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IS TO LET US SEND IT TO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. IT WILL BE SENT BY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH SO PLEASE MAKE A NOTE TO CHECK FOR IT SO YOU CAN READ IT WELL BEFORE OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING. IF NOT RECEIVED, PLEASE CONTACT PERCY LEDBETTER @ [Silvermagi@hotmail.com](mailto:Silvermagi@hotmail.com) or 530-877-4848 IF WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT OUR TREASURER, DENNIS BOYD, @[nomopilz@aol.com](mailto:nomopilz@aol.com) or 530-891-5760 TO GET YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS INCORPORATED INTO OUR MEMBER INFORMATION FOR YOU.

- Mission Statement Proposals were discussed further and the following was voted upon and approved: Chico Area Flyfishers is dedicated to promoting awareness and participation in the art of fly fishing and promoting the conservation, preservation and enhancement of our fishery resources.

-Roger reviewed his recommendation for a new laptop computer for the Club further as the model he had considered had been upgraded and increased in price. M/S/P to purchase a Dell XPS M1210 computer at the higher price.

-Eric See reviewed the Big Chico Creek Regulation Proposal further. He has been able to confirm that the Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game did accept our proposal. Regulatory changes will be considered by the Fish & Game Commission at their next meeting in Redding. It will be very helpful to have representation at that meeting.

-Lincoln Gray agreed to submit an advertising proposal for our Newsletter after some discussion about being able to cover some the  
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## Youth Program

**Membership-** Membership in the youth program comes free with your family membership. It is advisable for one parent to attend activities along with the child.

**Activities -** The youth group holds its own meetings once a month, and includes youth business, fly tying, rod building, casting instruction and separate fish outs from the adult club outings. The children are encouraged to attend the adult fish outs scheduled on the clubs calendar, as well as the general club meetings and social events. **(Note:** Although parents are an integral part of the youth program it should be noted that teaching your own child to cast or learn fly tying as a primary teacher is not recommended. The same goes for trying to teach your wife, or husband.)

**Goals :**

- The main goal is to get the children outdoors and fishing in a family setting.
- To teach the children skills that will make the enjoyment of the outdoors pleasurable.
- To provide the children time, materials, and instruction that will improve their fly tying skills.
- To provide a peer support group for improving their interest in fishing.
- To learn safety methods while being around water.
- To build confidence in their own decisions and abilities through rod building.
- To form positive lifetime social skills and contacts.
- To develop discipline and muscular control through casting instruction.

The club needs someone to be the leader for this program. If you have the time, this program can be really rewarding.

General Meeting Times:  
6:30 Fly tying demonstrations  
7:30 Meeting and Program

Mark your calendar:

- November 8th            General Meeting @ Chico Library
- December 13th        Anchovy Feed (a pizza party at Round Table Pizza)
- January 10th            General Meeting @ Seventh Day Adventist Church on Hooker Oak Ave. (watch the newsletter for map and directions)
- Show and Tell night for members. Bring pictures and stories of your fly fishing adventures from 2006.
- Any format is welcome.
- February CAF Dinner and Auction night (Date and time to be announced)

# CAF NEEDS YOU!

We still need more volunteers. to fill the positions listed below. The success of the club depends on member involvement. Please volunteer your time. In the absence of volunteers the board will have to drop these positions. Dropping them means that the club loses out and so do the members. You can volunteer by calling Roger 343-6442.

**Conservation Chairperson  
Fundraising chairperson  
Projects chairperson.**

## **Conservation Chairperson:**

CAF needs someone to step up and chair the conservation committee. The board and officers are developing the conservation program presently and I hope to have it finished before summer ends. The responsibilities for this office are being developed and duties will include being a member of the BOD.

## **Fundraiser Chairperson:**

The CAF board and officers are presently looking at way to increase our money-making capacity. We have several ideas for this and will consider any members ideas you wish to submit. When we have fundraiser activities adopted, besides the annual dinner, we will need someone to put the plans to work. Again, some simple organizational skills and participation are all that is needed.

## **Projects Chairperson:**

The Projects Chairperson will handle the organization of club selected projects. This will entail working with the Outreach chairperson, Fundraiser chairperson, Outreach Chairperson, Youth Leader, and Conservation chairperson to coordinate club projects, as well as carrying out projects the board approves.

If you would like to help out, call Roger Bevers.

November's General Meeting will begin with fly-tying at 6:30. At 7:30 the general membership meeting will begin with some club business, followed by an educational program of interest to all fly fishermen and women. Refreshments will be served, and guests and visitors are always welcome.

## **TRAVEL LINES:**

by  
Roger Bevers

Have you ever wanted to go to Livingston Montana to try your luck with those hefty trout you hear about in the magazines? Well this month I have a winner for you. A very nice way to go is to stay in a Bed and Breakfast (B&B). Our feature this month is the Mission Creek Ranch B&B in Livingston, Montana. The ranch has been there since 1869 and provides plenty of activities for the entire family. Including fishing with the Yellowstone Trout Scout Outfitters who provide the fly-fishing packages for the guests. You will be fishing from McKenzie drift boats on the Yellowstone River, or wading the Depuy's, Armstrong, and Nelsons spring creeks for endless opportunities to land that special day afloat. Or if you just want that getaway on your own you can fish right on the ranch by yourself. Fishing the Yellowstone River, Mission Creek or Mission Spring Creek. Sounds good, doesn't it? The rooms run about \$125/day, but they have several sizes of rooms and some for large families. You can go online to determine what is right for you. \$125/day for a room and fishing access on the ranch is darn good, especially if you're splitting it with a buddy. If you desire a float trip through Yellowstone Trout Scout Outfitters, they charge from \$325-\$450/day depending on the water you wish to fish. The package through the B&B is a little cheaper.

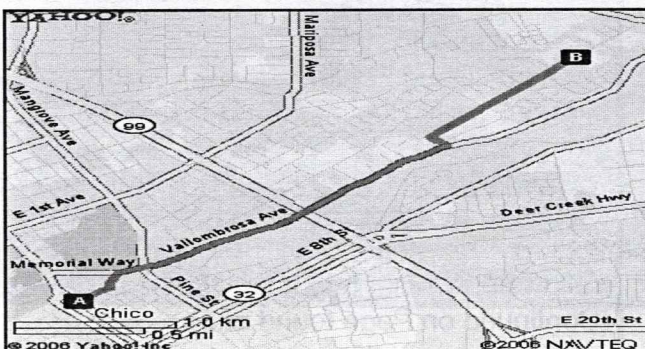
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Yellowstone Trout Scout outfitters can be  
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(Presidents' Line, Continued from page 1)  
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Our club is now in possession of a new digital notebook to compliment our digital projector. We will be using it starting at the November meeting. With the purchase of the notebook we now have the ability to put on better programs at the general meetings and we can also produce special programs to enhance our dinner programs. The next job for the board is to improve our elections and voting procedures. We will be tackling this task at the November board meeting. We recently completed the revamping of our dinnertime line, which will help maintain the flow of the yearly cycle for the dinner. It will probably take a year or two to work out any bugs in the procedure, but I am very excited about the possibilities the future holds for our organization.

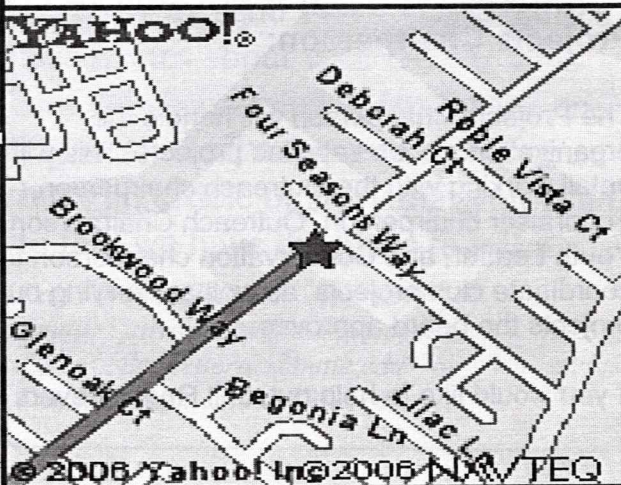
I recently sent a letter to the Department of Fish and Game on behalf of the club supporting the eradication of Northern Pike from Lake Davis. ( See Page 6 ) The public input period is now over and the committees in DFG will now hash out the input from both sides. Eric and I both have our names on a list of contacts to be informed of the findings of the department. We will let you know when we hear their decision. In the meantime, you can still make your position known to your representative. In fact, you can also let Arnold know that this issue is of importance to everyone in the state. For government email addresses online search for "California Government".



## Past Casts By Roger Bevers

The month is October. Lee Dickey was the club president. Ron Leger the V.P. John Glover the Secretary and Bob Smith The Treasurer. CAN YOU GUESS THE YEAR? October second was the conservation meeting at Lyons Restaurant. And the general meetings were held at Loma Vista School. The spring fundraiser committee meeting dinner was held at Don Schumacher's home and the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was slated to have guide Jorge Grazios talk on fishing Argentina's Patagonia rainbows. Sounds familiar doesn't it? The October 19-20 fishout was at Butt Lake. John Sutthoff was the newsletter editor and Rex Thompson was the fly tying chairman. Ron Leger had scheduled Annette Russ to talk at the November meeting. She was the first licensed female outfitter, and a "women only" instructor. Ryan Ollenberger was the guest fly tier at Rex's wooly bugger symposium. This was one of the "BE There" sessions, because Ryan and Rex can both tie a really mean bugger. Did you note that they fish them on both Eagle lake and Butt Lake? Shoot, they failed to mention that they're 'THE' go to fly for any lake. In fact fished in tandem with a nymph, they're especially hard to beat. Have you figured out the year yet? Well, think early 90's. Jon Ost was the conservation chairman and Ron was President in 1992.

Maps to the Seven Day Adventist Church at 1877 Hooker Oak Ave. We will begin meeting there in January 2007



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ever-rising costs to the Club took place.

-Motion made and passed to have Lincoln pursue Hal Jensen as our Annual Dinner Speaker of 2007 so long as he can keep his program to one hour or less.

-Dennis gave the Board and updated Treasurers Report.

-Comp tickets and the annual dinner checklist are continuing to be reviewed.

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October 16, 2006

Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project  
Department of Fish and Game  
Attention: Ed Pert  
1812 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Chico Area Flyfishers Support for Northern Pike Eradication at Davis Lake

Dear Mr. Pert,

The Chico Area Flyfishers is an organization with over 100 members and has been actively involved in conservation and fishery issues since the 1970's. Davis Lake is a 2.5-hour drive from Chico and is a regular fishing destination for our members.

We strongly support your proposed action to eradicate northern pike from this reservoir and its tributaries by drawing it down and using rotenone. We are fully aware that this will result in the temporary extermination of the trout and many other fish, invertebrates, and amphibians, but believe this action to be necessary for the long-term benefit of the native and recreational fisheries of California.

We request that you re-establish the rainbow trout fishery as soon as practicable.

Sincerely,  
Roger Bevers, President

**Here's what it says in DFG's write-up:**

Section 5.75. Striped Bass

9. Lovell, Doug, 8/4/06, letter, and oral presentation at 8/4/06 Commission meeting.

A slot limit of 17 to 30 inches is proposed for striped bass. The proposed slot would probably keep abundance about the same but would provide larger fish in the population. More large-sized females would be available for spawning. Mr. Lovell claims that striped bass in the 17-18 inch range are more voracious predators than larger bass thus harvesting bass in this size range would reduce predation on other species.

Preventing anglers from harvesting and consuming striped bass over 30 inches would also benefit public health because these large bass carry high concentrations of toxins.

Department Response: Do Not Accept.

The striped bass fishery is culturally- and economically-important, but the supporting population and the fishery have declined and remain at substantial risk. The primary causes of the decline appear to be environmental rather than the sport fishery. The proposed 17-30 inch slot limit includes a component (maximum size limit) that is a legitimate striped bass conservation measure and a component (minimum size limit) that is a potential conservation measure for native fishes but is potentially harmful to striped bass conservation. Because the potential conservation benefits of the proposed regulation are likely small and very uncertain, the costs associated with implementing the proposed regulations are not warranted.

**Raffle items for the November  
General Meeting will be:**

**Raffle Prizes for the November meeting are all  
about fishing this time of year...**

**needed for making Jay Fair's wiggle tail which  
is so deadly on Eagle Lake:**

**Jay Fair's Nymph Sale in Fiery Brown**

**Jay Fair's Premium Marabou in fiery Rust**

**Jay Fair's Short Shuck in fiery Rust**

**Tiemco hooks, size 10**

**for your outings up to Lewiston to fish the  
Trinity River for Steelhead:**

**a fly box full of one dozen of the most popular  
flies for this water.**

**to replace all the ones you've lost trying to  
catch steelhead: one dozen salmon eggs in  
two colors.**

**Must be present to win!**

## Eagle Lake Fishout Report – October 21, 2006

The fishout at Eagle Lake was a great success. The group caught 21 fish most were 20 inches or better in three days of fishing. John Hamiter, Terry Mich, Roger Bever, Bob Smith, Dough Stiggi, Pat Sleeper and Don Sleeper all caught fish.

These trophy fish were in the shallows; we all fought the wind and the tules. The go-to fly was Terry Mich's green wiggle tail. All of us used floating lines and long leaders, which managed to tangled in the tules with the wind. The temperature in the morning was close to 32 degrees, but we dressed with layers and that worked great. Pat Sleeper caught the largest a 24 inch fish plus another over 20 inches on Friday morning using a bead head green wiggle tail. We stayed in the Eagle Lake campground at the north end of the lake, which made fishing an easy reach within a mile of two different locations we fished.

The true story was the challenge of keeping your line out of the tules and tassels. It had the uncanny ability of jumping out and grabbing your line on every cast or it just seemed that way, or the challenge of making it through the maze of tules, like maneuvering a pontoon or float tube through a corn maze, and not getting lost. My wife will tell you she met more people in the tules; one would tell her no one is catching them out in the deeper water where the boats are. The next would tell her how wonderful the wind was as only on windy days does one catch fish. Another told her to watch for the clear water. The fun thing is they were all correct and she did very well. (See picture below)



Pat Sleeper displaying one of her fine catches from the Eagle Lake Fishout. How is it that she always seems to outfish everyone else? Just got that "Golden Touch" I guess.

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By doing so you will receive your newsletter up to a week sooner than by the USPS. You will also be able to view the pictures that we publish in color.

By the way send Percy your pictures and stories about your fishing trips and we will publish them for the enjoyment of all our members. If you have an article or story that you want to tell, we have the place to tell it.

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Nov, 19 Big Chico Creek Eric See

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