



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Short Casts

October 2009

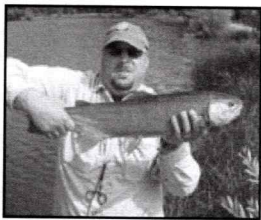
NEW MEETING LOCATION: Boys & Girls Club 601 Wall Street, Chico Multipurpose/Art room Thursdays Oct. 8th, Fly tying instruction @ 6:30 General Meeting @ 7:30 Refreshments available



Secretary's Secrets By Pat Sleeper

There was no Board meeting for Aug. But, I'd like to see you for the General meeting Thursday Oct 8th @ 6:30 at the Boys & Girls Club...Fly tying for the first hour and our speaker for the next hour or so. Come share your stories during the first part of the meeting! We'd love to hear them. Also it's election time. Come volunteer, nominate, support or vote for your candidate.

Pat Sleeper



The Presidents Line By Lincoln Gray

It is the beginning of fall; wait a minute; where did summer go? The fall season brings cooler temperatures, but it definitely heats up the fishing. The areas' streams, rivers and lakes all should start fishing very well with these cooler temperatures.

Speaking of fishing well, the Lower Sacramento River is fishing well, and also is Davis Lake. Also, Eagle Lake, Almanor, Feather and Yuba should start going. If we get some rain, the Trinity and Klamath should start.

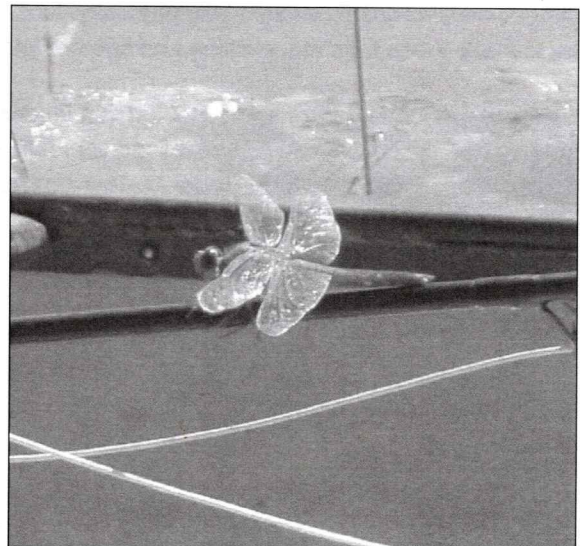
So, get out there and get fishing. I know Don has some great fish-outs planned and I would suggest you take full advantage of the opportunities this fall.

On a different note, we have an upcoming election this month and I only have 2 candidates and I think we need three. So if you or anyone you know wants to be on the CAF board, please let me know.

Like always, if you have any questions or concerns, please drop me a line.

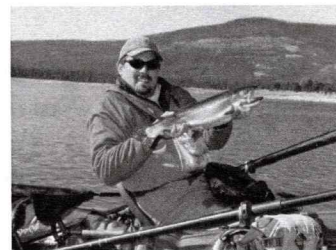
October Speaker

This month we have John Gantner presenting "Bugology 101". If your looking to boost your entomology knowledge, this is one you won't want to miss. John is not an Entomologist. However he comes to us with a long list of references, including over 50 published articles in many of the magazines we all read. John will be tying prior to the meeting as well. I always look forward to watching people, who know more about bugs than I do, tie flies. I always find, I'm forgetting something. Usually it's something basic, but important to the fish. I would like to encourage everyone to come out to our meeting on October 8th at 6:30 pm at the boys and girls club. Bring a friend or your children. I think this will be a great tool for all.



Vice-President By Joe Garza

Ladies and Gentleman, elections are just around the corner. I would like to encourage everyone to come out to our next meeting to cast a vote for club officers and board members. We are in great need of volunteers this year. We need members to become more active. We are a member driven club. The more people that get involved, the more benefits our club has to offer. Not just to our members, but to our community as well. Currently we have 6 - 8 chair positions available : Social, Conservation*, Outreach*, Projects, Fundraising, Historian, Fly-tying*, Librarian. The chairs marked with the red asterisk are the high priority chairs that need to be filled as soon as possible. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let any board member know. Or contact me directly. We also have a few board positions open as well. Please, if you have some time you could dedicate to the club every month, we could really use your help. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on the second Thursday of each month @ The Boys and Girls Club. Thanks Joe Garza



Lightening Bugs By Joe Garza

Fall is certainly in the air. The last few evenings have been a lot cooler, leaves are turning and the sun is setting earlier. I haven't really set anything up for the youth lately, because I'm a little discouraged. We have had little or no response to the last couple of Lightning Bugs fishouts. I do not feel I can justify the cost of the youth program, to the Board, if no one is coming out for events. We need youth to have a youth program. I may be able to do 1 more fishout before the weather turns, or I can start up some fly tying classes. I will be teaching fly tying privately to some youth soon. I might be able to teach a group if we have enough youth turn out. Right now the future of the youth program is in your hands. Please contact me if you are still interested in being involved in the youth program. Thanks, Joe Garza



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>
Nov 7, 8	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

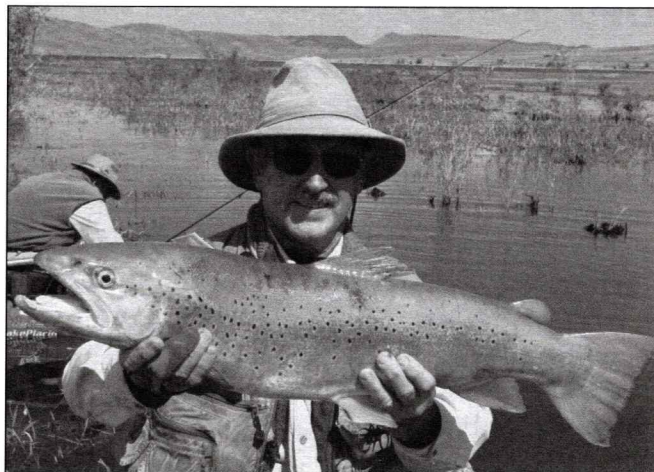
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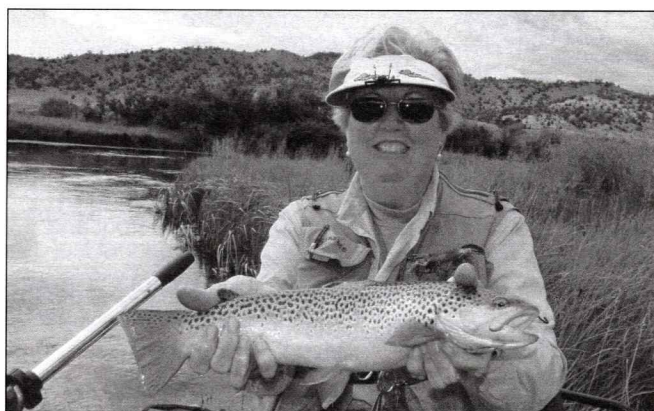
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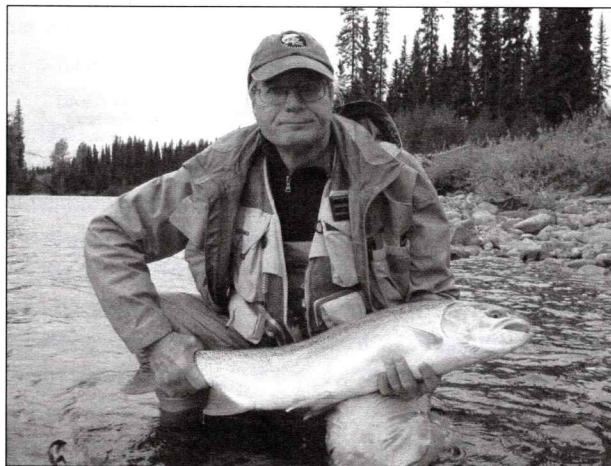
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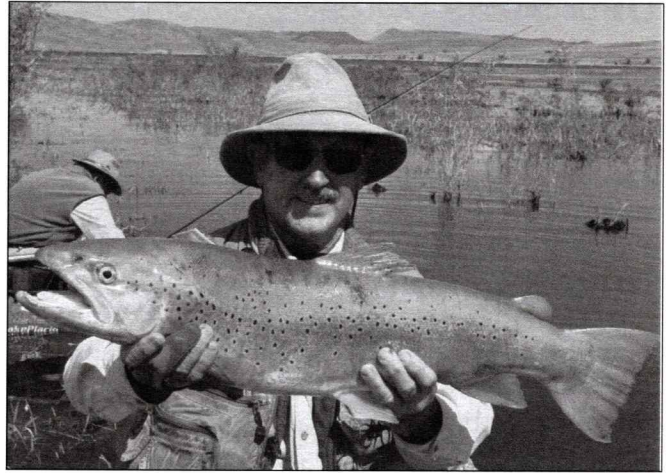
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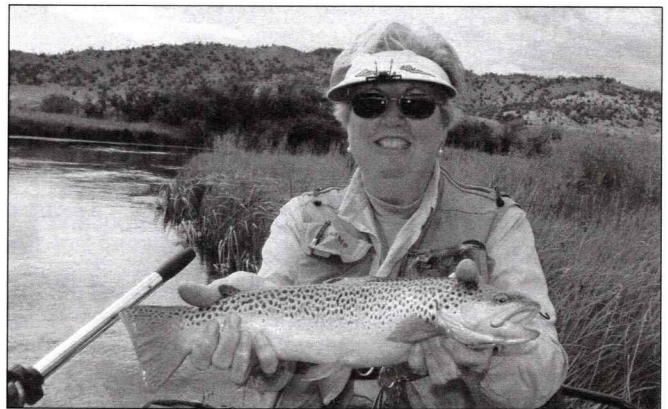
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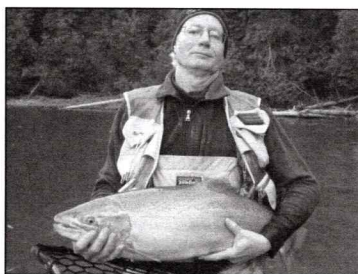
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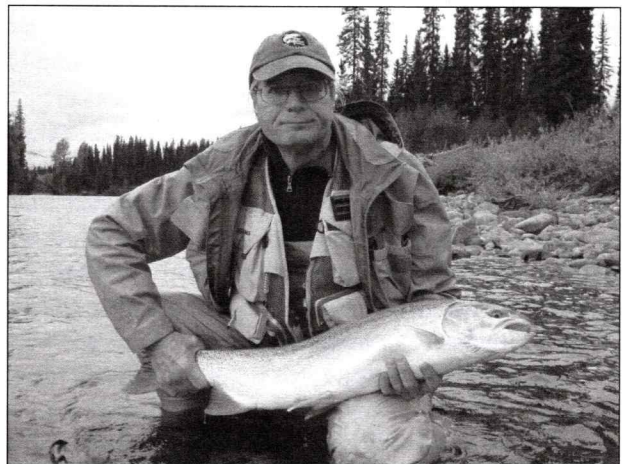
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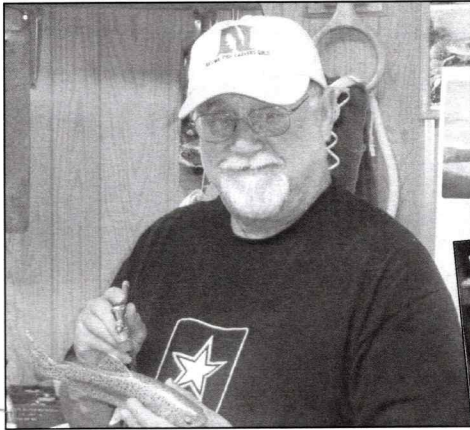
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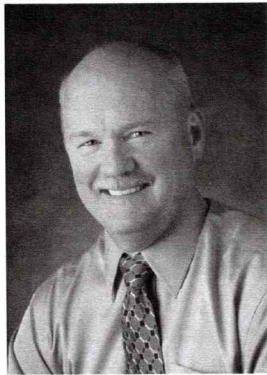
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