

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



SEPTEMBER 1997

## short casts

### FALL IS UPON US

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

**Well**, it's hard to believe that summer is almost over. It seems like it has flown by just as quickly as summers gone by. When I stepped outside the other morning, there was a definite chill in the air, one which sent me scrambling back inside to look for a sweatshirt. In the North State, fall is an exciting time of a year, and a time for flyfishers to start digging out some of the bigger flies for use on our area streams and lakes. Big Brown's will start their spawning run shortly, and a large woolly-bugger or muddler dug through some of the deeper holes in the Sac, McCloud or Pitt Rivers can result in some arm-wrenching strikes and probably a few broken lines.

It is also time to start pulling out some of the Steelhead patterns and head out to the Feather River. I have already heard reports that a few flyfishermen are not only catching Steelhead, but are also attempting to catch some of the many Salmon which are currently in the river. Your best bet for the Salmon are in the low flow areas, and Steelhead are found throughout the river. Mark your calendar for the Saturday, September

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### LYME DISEASE UPDATE

**Lyme Disease** is an infection caused by a bacterium which can be transmitted by the bite of certain species of ticks. The disease often starts as a skin rash and can progress to more serious stages involving joint, nerve, or heart tissue. Antibiotics are usually effective, especially if treatment starts early in the disease process. Lyme Disease has now been reported in at least 47 states in the U.S. as well as in many countries throughout the world.

#### **The Tick**

In the US, two closely related tick species have been identified as harboring and transmitting the disease causing the Borrelia bacterium to people and animals. Locally, the western black-legged tick, is found with this disease. Keep in mind that this species are smaller than the common American "dog tick," which does not transmit the Lyme Disease-causing spirochetes.

While spring and summer are the most active in California, the tick is active all year long. A warm winter or a dry spring may increase the number of ticks in many regions.

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### CAF FISHOUT - The Feather River

Jeff (The Fly) Richelieu, CAF



#### September Steelies

**The** September fishout will be held on the Feather River, Saturday the 27th. We will be fishing with nymphs (black, brown, and olive birds nest in sizes #10, #12, and #14) and glo-bugs under an indicator. A 5-6wt rod is ideal with a floating line and 8 lb. tippet. This should be an excellent year for steelhead based on the numbers of salmon that are already showing up on the Sac and Feather. These fish will be chrome bright and feisty with sizes from 1 to 8 lbs.. If you fish the Feather a lot (i.e. Jim Guamer and John Sherman), please come and help the less experienced. If you've never caught a steelhead on a flyrod, your in for a real treat. We will be fishing the high flow section of the river and we will be wading from shore. We will meet at the Blueberry Twist parking lot at 6:15 am and leave promptly at 6:30. We probably won't fish past noon unless the bite is really hot.

To sign up for this fishout, call Jeff or Mark at work at 893-1600.

See you on the water . . .

#### SEPTEMBER

**General Meeting:**

**Jim Guamer**

**Bass, Alaska and more!**

**Sept 10**

**7:30 PM**

**Butte Co.**

**Library**

### FLY TYING

June 18th, 7:30 PM

Pat Corbett, Fly Tying Chair

#### The "Long Haul" Big Bass Buster

*(Light alternative for a large, distance fly)*

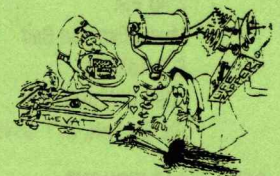
I hope all of you had a productive flyfishing summer and hopefully some good "Catch-and-Release" pictures to share with the club. I have had a very productive summer flyfishing for bass and yes, Susan and I have exciting pictures to show everyone. They include striper and bass angling in the Bay area.

I get "bit" by big bass for many reasons:

Rivers - I dead drift minnow imitations along steep rocky cliffs and points also stumps and other fishy structure or ambush points.

**Big Lakes** - Step shorelines are somewhat fished the same but I

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## 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

### SEPTEMBER

**SEP 10 GENERAL MEETING**

7:30 PM  
Butte Co. Library

**SEP 18 FLY TYING**

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

**SEP 27 CAF FISHOUT**

**FEATHER RIVER**  
Jeff Richelieu, 893-1600

**SEP 26-28 '97 NCCFFF CONCLAVE**

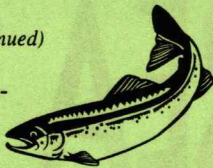
North Tahoe Conference  
Center,  
Harold Patterson,  
(415) 349-7922

**OCT 6 YOUTH MEETING**

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

## Fall Fishing (Continued)

27th fish out. Another location that some flyfishers might head too are the Sacramento River in the Redding area. The large Rainbows that inhabit this portion of the stream will be actively feeding on glow-bug patterns behind the spawning Salmon. Keep an eye on the Newsletter, as there is a fish out planned for this area sometime in October.



## Flytying (Continued)

keep the boat 40 to 60' from shore, casting slight weighted minnow initiations to the every edge, the every slowly work them out.

**Shallow Lakes** - That hold big bass is the exciting stage for the *floating fly alternative* and *big bass busting* the surface fly. To be successful in shallows, you must make long, splashless casts to the shoreline, sometimes under trees and structures with a large, light, arrow dynamic fly that's durable and floats.

### Materials

**Hook:** 3/0 wide gap stinger

**Body:** Fun foam tube (swimming pools)

**Skirt and Tail:** Saddle hackle / rubber legs

**Thread:** Kevlar

Don't worry if your short on materials or tying skills. Come join our great fly tying group and learn to tie and fish these and other flies this summer at the Music Express Bed & Breakfast, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico.



### Chico Area Flyfishers

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Chico, California 95927

## Lyme Disease (Continued)

The two ticks which are carriers are found in a variety of habitats, principally woodlands and brushy areas where they feed on a variety of wild animals such as birds, mice and deer. Domestic animals, cats, dogs, horses, and cows, can also carry ticks.

### Tick Removal

Remove the tick promptly; the sooner you remove it, the less chance of infection. Use either a tick-removing device or fine-point tweezers. Do not squeeze the tick's body; grasp it where its mouth parts enter the skin and tug gently and repeatedly, until it releases its hold. Above all, be patient - proper tick removal will take time.

Save the tick in a covered jar, bag and label with the date, location of the bite and area you required the tick. Wipe with antiseptic, or wash with soap and water. Call your local or State Board of Health if you want to have the tick identified.

### Symptoms

A slowly expanding red rash at the site of the bite, which usually appears within a week or month after the bite.

Sometimes the rash does not appear, but symptoms are fly-like, fatigue, headache, neck stiffness, jaw discomfort, pain or stiffness in muscles or joints, slight fever, swollen glands, or reddening of the eyes.

If untreated, Lyme Disease can progress to more serious stages. If in doubt, contact your doctor.

After outdoor adventures, examine yourself completely. With pets, contact your veterinarian for tick-control products (your pet can also contract the disease).



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