

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



SEPTEMBER 1999

short casts

THE CAST

Redge Hawkey,
CAF President



July 5th was a memorable day in my own personal fishing career. I finally caught a fish on the Hex hatch on Lake Almanor. My son, Gavin who is 15 and never has fished this hatch, caught the first fish, a 15 inch Smallmouth Bass on a Hex Nymph. I was happy for him, but frustrated. I hooked one on a nymph, but it came unbuttoned. It was looking like I would be skunked once more. I changed to a Quiggle Cripple Hex pattern in size 8 and ended up casting to the right and then casting to the left of rising fish among the hundreds of hex hatches.

Baby ducks sampled my fly but shook their heads at the taste. Finally, I casted to

the right of a swirl and my fly landed next to a fluttering Hex. I thought, what chance does my fly have of catching a fish among all the naturals? Then it happened, a fish swallowed the fly and a 5 to 7 minute brawl started and ended with a 18 inch Smallmouth coming to the net. The fish appeared to weigh between 3-1/2 to 4 pounds and dwarfed Gavin's 15 incher.

Thanks goes to Jim Gaumer for the fly pattern and showing us that Fly Tying class can be valuable.

In September we'll have Nominations of Officers. Please come or you may be nominated.

FISHOUT REPORT

THE FALL SEASON

Jeff "The Fly" Richelieu

Our elusive anglers will discuss the upcoming fall program and fishing opportunities. They will also answer

any questions on their previous fishing outings and favorite watering holes.



SEPT. GENERAL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 8 - Butte County
Library - 7:30 PM**

Lionel Valley, CAF Vice-President

Our meeting program will be presented by Vieg Brendon, on the topic of the Butte Creek Watershed and the petitions in process to help and enhance this valuable resource.

Obviously with the fires

we have experienced, various state and local agencies will need help in restoring the habitat and deferring the winter erosion problems.

We would like to discuss as a club the possibilities of our assistance in this very critical program.

EAGLE LAKE RAFFLE

**2 Anglers / 1 Day with J. Fair
DRAWING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Everyone in the fly fishing industry knows of J. Fair. His years (his is in his 70's) of experience for the elusive trophy trout is well documented. He also has a couple of videos out and has a reputation for his fly tying materials. What a resource . . . well, the club has a trip available with J. Fair on Eagle Lake, this fall.

Tickets may be purchased at our monthly meetings and the drawing will be held at the September meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

If you wish to contact J. Fair, you may reach him at (530) 825-3401 or visit the web at:
www.eagleflyfishing.com



LOCAL GUIDES

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

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Oroville, CA
(530) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters
Chico, CA
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Orland, CA
(530) 865-8545

Oasis Springs Lodge
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(800) 642-4150

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Red Bluff, CA
(530) 529-2291

CAF YOUTH PROGRAMS / FISHOUTS

Bert Robinson, CAF Youth Chair

September

30 YG Meeting, Tom Peppas

October

2 Fishout, Trinity River

28 YG Meeting, Roger Bevers

November

6 Fishout, Stripers/ Franks Tract
No meeting

December

4 Fishout, Feather River Steelhead
No meeting



CAF WEB

<http://www.stormnet.com/caf>

NEWSLETTER

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FISHING RPTS

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Calendar of Events

sept 8 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

sept 16 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
CHICO FLY SHOP
345-9983

sept 30 CAF YOUTH MEETING
7:30 PM - Tom Peppas
7 Day Adventist
Church, Hooker Oak
Bert Robinson, 895-3875

oct 2 CAF YOUTH FISHOUT
Trinity River



**NEXT GENERAL
MEETING - Oct 13**

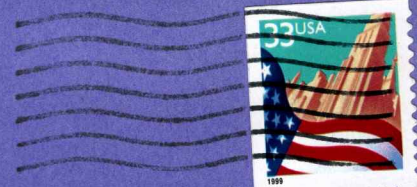
FALL SEASON IS HERE

Fall is truly a special time of the fly fishing season. Summer crowds have departed and the lakes and rivers are again quiet. It is a time when knowledgeable anglers get really focused for some of the best fishing of the year. By late fall, weather conditions usually weed out all but the most serious anglers. However, the rewards for hanging in there during chilly mornings and rainy afternoons are usually made of lasting memories.

Like the autumn weather, lakes and streams are also quietly undergoing changes in preparation for the winter season. The observant angler will recognize these subtle changes and alter their fishing tactics accordingly. Two very important trout foods in the fall are water boatmen in still waters and Trico mayflies in the productive streams. These insects are common to many lakes and river systems and a review of their life cycles and selected fishing strategies will come in handy while on the water in the days of autumn.



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