



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

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THE LINE

Dawit Zeleke, CAF President

Letter from the Outgoing President

The club is in great shape. We had one of our most successful dinners ever. Our memberships are up. We have the resources to support conservation groups and also host some wonderful trips and paid speakers. The young blood taking over the Chico Fly Shop continues to amaze us by their dedication to the club and the sport. The fly tying classes were a big hit this year.

The reason this club has survived is that the same people every year shepherd the officers through the motions. I would like to thank them: Mark Adams, Lionel Valley, Bob Smith, Dana Miller, Redge Hawley, Eric See, Roger Bevers and Denny Todhunter.

There is one guy this year who could have quit and gone fishing, and that is Paul Hendricks. He begs us for articles and announcements and puts out a newsletter every month. Every time we go to thank him he says, "Oh, it's nothing," but it has been a huge effort. That newsletter is what keeps us all connected.

Then there are the members who show up every year to help with the dinner, which is one of the most amazing experiences. Out of chaos appears this wonderful dinner where a couple hundred people show up and have a great time.

Last but not least, my sweetheart, Cori, who for two years has paid the club bills, balanced our checkbook, set up the credit card machine for the dinner, handled the cash and kept the books. One night from Mark's office I called her in desperation asking to be our treasurer. She accepted and has survived the club for two years.

General Meeting – Sept. 11 - 7:30 PM Butte County Library

Wade is still fishing for a speaker. As an alternate, just show up and we can all tell tall tails about our summer adventures.

Another thing we need to discuss is a conservation project for this year. The Feather River could definitely use a clean-up.

Elections are coming up and we need new blood. Time to decide if your just going to take from the club, or give something back.

Yuba River Clean-up Volunteers Needed

What : the 5th Annual Great Yuba Clean Up. As part of the California Coastal Commission's statewide clean up activities, the South Yuba River Citizen's League is once again coordinating volunteer efforts to get crews out to a number of sites throughout the Yuba River watershed.

When : Saturday, September 21st, 9 am until early afternoon.

Where : Parks Bar on the lower Yuba river. We'll be heading out up and down stream along both banks.

Afterwards, for those interested, there is a party in Grass Valley with some free food and refreshments. Others might want to skip that and head out to do some fishing (if you hadn't heard, fishing is really picking up lately).

Well, Cori and I are off to South Africa and Namibia; we will see you in a month. We discovered that part of the world last year and it is calling us back. Some of you may go to western rivers in the mountains and find peace. For us, it is a small rock outcropping overlooking the acacia plains of Africa.

- Dawit Zeleke

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Calendar of Events

**Gen. Mtg – Sept 11th – 7:30
Butte**

**Fly Tying – Sept 19
7 pm Chico Fly Shop**

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Chico Fly Shop**
Night at the Vise-

Join the Caddis Bonanza at the Chico Fly Shop with Joe Slusark, aquatic entomologist. With fall fast approaching we should all be thinking Caddis. If you haven't had the chance to listen to Joe, then you are truly missing out. This month learn about the variety of important caddis flies in our area. In addition we will be spinning some deadly new caddis patterns.

Remember to bring your vise, tools, and a notebook.

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FISHOUT SCHEDULE

None Planned—volunteer needed to organize

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