

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



## Short Casts

August 2007



### Presidents' Line By Roger Bevers

I will be adding names to the ballot up to August 25<sup>th</sup> in order to get the ballot into the newsletter for September.

**Elections will be held at the September 12<sup>th</sup> general meeting** and the new officers will take over after the meeting.

As I am writing this article it hit me that I have only two months left as the club president. It has been very rewarding to see the development of the club, but I have to tell you the same thing that I said the very first month I took office. Thank You for giving me a great group of officers and Board Members. Nearly everything that has been accomplished has been due to this team. It is through the dedicated efforts of this team that the club runs so efficiently.

I would encourage the general membership to get involved in the clubs committees. It has been my experience that you get more out of the club than you actually put into it. I hope that all of you have approved of the direction the club has gone over the last two years. I know we have made a lot of changes and I am (sure that we will continue to evolve in the future.

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### Secretaries Secrets By Pat Sleeper

**No Board of Directors meeting due to the 4th of July Holiday.**

*(Presidents Line, Continued from Left)* If anyone has a suggestion for the club, please contact an officer or board member to help out the club. It is your club and we can best serve you by including your suggestions and ideas for change for consideration.

The club has a new library cabinet at the church for our use. Gary Kretz will be supplying it for our August general meeting. I hope that everyone makes use of the books, tapes and CD's in the future. Remember that it will be based on the honor system. You will be on your honor to sign for what you check-out of the library. What is checked out and not returned affects everyone in the club and limits your fellow club member's enjoyment. So please be considerate of other club members. Our club has a great history for sharing and I am sure that it will remain that way.

I would love to be able to tell you about one of my recent fishing trips, but this year hasn't been good to me for the *(Continued on Page 2 Column 2)*

Travel Line:  
By  
Roger Bevers

Every month when I get my fly fishing magazines, which are a good source of information for your future trips, I run across a new idea that is appealing and novel. In past articles I have taken you to some of the major resorts and lodges available to you in you search for new adventures and experiences. The quest is usually about the experiences we all have when we visit a new stream, lake or area of the globe.

But, most of us cannot afford the really high priced major resorts and lodges therefore, this month we will try a completely new and novel approach. It has come to my attention that a whole new resource has sprung up, especially in the eastern half of our nation, for fly fishing enthusiasts to explore. That new travel road is the networking of fly fishing guides and Bed and Breakfast businesses. The possibilities are just now emerging here on the west coast.

I for one have always wanted to travel to the east coast for the fall striper fishing. But several of the networking B & B's are in locations that serve well for trout fishing. I am still a novice at the new partnerships, but I can give you one web site that is a very good start if you have the adventure in you to try this different novel service partnership. Just log on to

**<[www.bandbflyfish.com/schools/html](http://www.bandbflyfish.com/schools/html)>**. From here you can check out where the accommodations are, the schools and services available, hosted events, instructors, contact information, and a host of other details. The school has one and two day programs for \$175 and \$300 respectively, and that includes waders, boots, rods, reels, and other gear that you don't have to drag with you. The B&B's  
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summer. There just hasn't been any, due to family commitments, business = obligations and of course club responsibilities. So! I pray that you have been doing well out there and I look forward to the December share meeting so I can hear about your good fortune.

Past Casts  
By  
Roger Bevers

This month we are all going to hop into the fish wagon and take the express line back in time to the Dick Murrill era circa 1984. The club has a rich history of guest speakers throughout the years, but for the February meeting the club outdid itself and booked Jerry Balasek as the guest speaker. At that time Jerry was the Keeper of the stream for the Yellow Creek Project. ( Hey! There's a unique idea. We should develop a conservation program with a club member designated as the keeper of the stream to keep the club Informed on the latest on each stream.) Jerry updated the club on the then famous Yellow Creek fishery and the progress of the fencing and campground development. The then new regulations for Yellow Creek were very helpful for the fish and fisherpersons alike, however in the ensuing years Mother Nature did a lot of damage to the area and the changing ecosystem brought about big changes in the fish population. If you haven't visited Yellow Creek in recent years, it is worth the trip to see the changes and get an idea of how important it is to continually monitor and evaluate the yearly changes in the streams.

The fly tying meeting for the month  
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### Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2007

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfishers 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 your 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 Roger Bevers or Don Sleeper.

Date	Location	Fishout Leader
August 18,	Davis Lake	Open
Sept 15,	Frenchmans Lake	Open
Oct 27, 28	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---

### E.C. Powell Fly Fishers fishout schedule for 2007

Date	Location	Fish Master
August 4	North Fork Yuba River	
August 25-26	McCoy Flat Reservoir	Walt Zukas (530) 674-0491
Sept 22-25	Klamath River-Summer steelhead	Bob Long (916) 362-5593
October 6-13	Eagle Lake	Don Voigt (530) 674-1260
November 3	Feather River-steelhead	
December 2-8	Trinity River-steelhead	Larry Ingram (530) 673-4965

**Chico Area Flyfishers  
2007 Committee Chairpersons**

Past President – Dana Miller –	345-3266	<a href="mailto:danamallard@exicte.com">danamallard@exicte.com</a>
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Cell	570-0978	

**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 at 343-6442.

<b>Fundraising Chairperson</b>	<b>Conservation Chairperson</b>
<b>Projects Chairperson</b>	<b>Elections Chairperson</b>
<b>Historian Chairperson</b>	<b>Membership Chairperson</b>

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vary in their rates but give breaks for multiple persons. For Example the Armstrong Farms B&B has rooms available for \$65-\$100 single occupancy, but the rate drops to \$75-\$125/ day for double occupancy. So sharing a room would drop the rate to \$37.50 - \$62.50 each per day.  
Check out the services anyway and more important keep an eye on the net for upcoming future alternatives for different experiences in your fishing adventures. This new type of partnership would definitely prove valuable in the north eastern fall weather and save you many a night of freezing cold.  
Contact Information:  
If you don't have web access you can contact Nancy Murphy, a cofounder, at her voice mail: 1-610-360-8926, or Tony Gehman (cofounder) voice mail: 1-610-678-1899  
Nancy Murphy's email: [nancy@bandbflyfish.com](mailto:nancy@bandbflyfish.com).  
Tony Gehman's email: [tony@bandbflyfish.com](mailto:tony@bandbflyfish.com).

### **Welcome to New Member**

**We have no new members to welcome this month. Please bring your friends and anyone interested in flyfishing to the next meeting. We want to share our passion and help improve the sport by making our voice heard by lawmakers and those who control fishing access. The more members we have the more likely our voice and suggestions will be listened to.**

*(Past Casts, Continued from page 2)*  
was lead by Milt Jensen and the topic for the month was tying nymphs. It wasn't specified what nymphs were to be tied. From reading the article I got the impression that Milt was going to tackle the techniques used in general on all nymphs.

The San Francisco Manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers fly fishing tackle and accessories show (a.k.a. the International Fly Fishing Trade show) will be held on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Moscone Center. The world's largest display of fly fishing tackle, accessories, books, clothing, fly fishing resorts, guides, and museum displays will be featured.

Fish out Reminder: The February 18th fish out will be for steelhead on the Feather River.

Dues Reminder: Be sure to bring your checkbook to the next meeting if your dues are not current. Don't take the chance of not receiving this informative newsletter. Action Alert: FFF Action Alert Network is seeking our help in preserving our fisheries. FFF needs individuals to commit themselves to writing 6-12 important letters each year to legislators, agencies or individuals. Write Dick Senn FFF Action Alert Chairman. Hedge Road, Menlo Park, Ca. 94025.

Jack Dennis: Famous fly tyer and fisherman Jack Dennis will speak to Shasta and Tehama Fly Fishing clubs on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Shasta club site. Chico members are also invited. See AI or Press at Powells for more information. Bring your Jack Dennis book for autographing.

Raffle: Last months raffle was a big hit. Committee members are busy rounding up items to raffle off at future meetings. If you have any ideas or items you would like to donate, see Andy (*Cont Pg 6*)

**EDITORS NOTE:**

**Calling all Youth Members  
And  
Parents!**

Our Youth Coordinators, Joe Garza and Ryan Miller have been putting in a lot of time and effort into developing the youth program. Yet there has been very little participation by the youth that signed up at the Annual Dinner and Raffle last February. Of the sixteen that were signed up only three have come out for any of the events that have been planned and put on for their benefit.

In the last edition of this newsletter we ran pictures and a short story about the Deer Creek Youth Fishout and Clinic. It looked to me as if they had a fantastic time. It would be a shame if this great resource for our young people has to be cancelled for a lack of participation.

Want Ads and classifieds wanted to help fill these blank spaces. Contact Dennis Boyd for specifics.

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Robinson or Jack Riddell.

Annual Dinner: Big News! Charles Brooks will be the featured speaker at our annual dinner. He will present a slide show on hyping for "big" trout. The date has been set for April 12<sup>th</sup> at the CARD center in Chico. No host cocktails will start at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00.

We are anticipating an outstanding program and raffle. The committee is working hard to provide some real quality items for the raffle- maybe the best ever!

There will also be an auction at the dinner this year.

We expect to have at least one of Jack Riddell's famous bird carvings and Tom Peppas' stained glass to auction off among other items. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS MONTHS MEETING !!!!!

## Local Guides

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

Fish First  
Chico, Ca  
(530)343-8300

Merganser Outfitters  
Chico, CA  
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## Announcements

**August 1st** Board of Directors Meeting  
5:30 P.M at. 1053 E. 7th St.

**August 8th**  
7:30 P.M. General Membership meeting  
6:30 P.M. Fly tying Demonstrations

**August 18th** Davis Lake Fish out No host.

**September 5** Board of Directors Meeting  
5:30 P.M at. 1053 E. 7th St.

**September 12**  
7:30 P.M. General Membership meeting  
6:30 P.M. Fly tying Demonstrations

**September 15** Frenchmans Lake Open

**October 27, 28** Eagle Lake Don Sleeper

**Nov TBA** Big Chico Creek Eric See

## Board Members—2007

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## General Meeting

August 8th, 6:30 P.M. Fly Tying Demonstrations,  
7:30 P.M. General Club Meeting At Seven Day Adventist Church, 1877 Hooker Oak  
Avenue. (see map on page14).

Our program speak this month is Chuck Volckhausen, who grew up in Colorado where he fished the Roaring Fork, Crystal, Frying Pan, Colorado and Gunnison rivers. Learning from his dad he quickly developed a passion for the river and tormenting fish. He moved to Mt. Shasta in 2002 to be near the McCloud river and within the year he was guiding at the Nature Conservancy, Bolliboka and the McCloud River Club. He now guides the Upper and Lower Sacramento, Klamath and Trinity rivers as well, operating the Mt. Shasta Anglers guide .

**Come on out and enjoy the camaraderie, fish stories  
and information from the local area. Refreshments will  
be served.**