

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

February 2007



The Presidents Line

By

Roger Bevers

The two things everyone needs to know about February:

1. There **won't be a general meeting** this month. AND,
2. **Get your reservations** and donations for the **Annual Dinner** in to the board and officers by February 4th. The earlier we get a handle on the numbers coming the better we can plan the dinner. Reservations will remain available up to the dinner, BUT, seating is limited and the longer you wait the less likely you will get reservations.

We need fly tiers to donate flies for the dinner prizes. If you have a personal donation, call Dana (570-1184). Minks, sables, boats, fishing equipment, cars, CD's, tractors, farms, mountain property, time shares, or whatever you have to donate. Remember that it's all tax deductible! And, it is for a worthy cause.

If you missed the January general meeting, you missed a great opportunity to see and hear about some wonderful fishing adventures. January is the clubs yearly story sharing session and the trips that were taken and shown got my heart pumping and ready to go for the upcoming year. The only question remaining is how to decide which one to plan. If you did miss the meeting, call up one of your friends and get a run down on the details.

Our membership has had a recent growth spurt, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members to the club. I recently helped out a new member with casting instruction, and it is well worth your time and effort. I would encourage all the club members to lend a hand to the new members. You can help them with questions, lines, reels, rods, line control, flies to use in different situations, or knowing where to go. There really is nothing better to me than helping someone else with the basics that the experienced fly jockey has mastered.

General Meeting: No General Meeting for February. See you at the Yearly banquet on **Friday February 23rd at 6:00 pm.** Get your reservations early. [Form is on page 5.](#)

Past Casts

by

Roger Bevers

The year 1987 was a good year for the club. Mark Adams was our fearless leader and Marv. Turner was the V.P. The board members were: Ron Leger, Dick Murrill, Norm Neilsen and Jim Gaumer. The Secretary was Pat Murphy and Treasurer Ray Narbaitz. My God! With a board and officers like that and Ray as treasurer can you imagine the trips the club paid for? Seriously, the club was very active then taking fish-outs for shad on the Sacramento River, or bass fishing to unnamed spots throughout the valley. In order to get in on the fish-outs you had to call Jim Gaumer or Mark Adams to get the details of where, when and how to get on the list. It was quite evident that the members were concerned about the newsletters getting out the word where these secret ponds where. (Baldwin Ponds near Yuba City for our new members)

I find it quite interesting that the club had a scheduled fish-out to Deer Creek in July to fish for Squawfish? *(Continued on Pg 4)*

Volunteers are still needed for the annual Dinner & fund raiser. If you're interested in helping out for the dinner, or would like to donate a prize call Dana at 570-1184 and leave a message.



Secretaries Secrets

By
Lionel Valley,
Acting Secretary

On January 3, 2007, the Board met and covered a number of items including the following:

REMINDER: THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IS TO LET US SEND IT TO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. IT WILL BE SENT BY THE 5TH OF EACH MONTH SO PLEASE MAKE A NOTE TO CHECK FOR IT SO YOU CAN READ IT WELL BEFORE OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING. IF NOT RECEIVED, PLEASE CONTACT PERCY LEDBETTER @ Silvermagi@hotmail.com or 530-877-4848 IF WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT OUR TREASURER, DENNIS BOYD, @nomopilz@aol.com or 530-891-5760 TO GET YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS INCORPORATED INTO OUR MEMBER INFORMATION FOR YOU.

- Motion made and passed to send \$100 to Enloe Hospice in memory of our great member, Walt Mazen, Sr. who passed away recently.
- Our website was discussed at some length. The revised site has not been very useful or functional to date. It was agreed that Roger would discuss with Don Sleeper upon his return and consider getting a new Webmaster who could keep the site current and up to date regularly.
- It was agreed to forego the February regular meeting, which falls on Valentines Day.
- The Board discussed the need to consider doing more advertising of our Annual Dinner to attempt to insure that we would sell it out.

Two suggestions were made and agreed upon:

The President will send out an invitation to the other Clubs that we have been actively working with to invite their members to the Dinner. They would come as guests of the President and pay the \$25.00 Guest fee.

Ask every member to invite ONE other person to the dinner. That reminder will go out in the newsletter and via e-mail.

-Lincoln advised that he is working on the DVD for Dinner Donors.

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Announcements:

Volunteers are needed to help with the **annual dinner prior** to the dinner and **during** the dinner evening. You can help with the decorations committee, the set-up before the dinner, the take-down **after** the dinner or with prize distribution.

36th Annual Dinner – February 23rd. 6:00 P.M. at the Masonic Family Center on East Ave. Get your Reservations Early!

Club Chairmen Wanted! The club has openings for the following committees.

Social Chairman- will help with greetings at the door for general meetings, and plan the refreshments for general meetings and other club functions.

***NOTE!** The chairman is responsible to **organize** the committee activities. **NOT** do them all the time. Hopefully the refreshments and greeter tasks would be rotated to club members.*

Conservation Chairman- Organize the clubs conservation program.

Outreach Chairman- Plan community based activities.

Fundraiser Chairman- Develop a year long fund raising plan for the club.

Projects Chairman- Plan implementation of board approved club projects, and work with the outreach chairman.

Historian- Keep the club records on computers of newsletters, activities, and events such as the annual dinner.

Youth Chairman- Plan the activities for the clubs youth.

A Newsletter Proof reader is needed. Please call Roger if you would like to help out once a month with this task.

Fly Tying Chairman- Plan and implement club evening fly tying sessions once a month.

Fish-out: February 9-11th on Frank's Tract of the Delta. Stripers are the game and boats are needed! Please call Roger for reservations if you are going. (343-6442) You will need an 8-9 Wt. rod with full sinking lines and sink tips. Small chartreuse and white Clousers are the best. Chartreuse and black also work well. You might want to bring along a floating line with some noisemaking top water flies for the evenings. Be prepared to buy a map. It is a must on the water to find your way around. They have them there at the marina.

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.

Fundraising Chairperson
Projects Chairperson
Youth Chairperson
Newsletter proofreader
Historian
Outreach
Fundraiser
Fly tying

Conservation Notes

Big Chico Creek Fishing Regulations Final Decision by Eric See

Well it is now a final decision, the California Fish and Game Commission has approved CAF's fishing regulations proposal to change the fishing season on Big Chico Creek. The new regulation involves the section of Big Chico Creek from Bear Hole upstream to the upper boundary of the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve. The new season is: November 1 through April 30.

Since new regulations don't take effect until March 1st, the current fishing season will apply until then. This means this stream section will be closed from February 16 - 28, 2007, but will re-open on March 1 and stay that way until April 30.

Start tying those stimulators, Big Chico is known for huge springtime stonefly hatches; see you on the stream...

THIS SPACE COULD BE USED TO SELL THAT EQUIPMENT THAT YOU NO LONGER USE. CONTACT DENNIS BOYD FOR MORE INFORMATION. OR YOU COULD SHOW OFF THOSE PICTURES FROM YOUR LAST FISHING TRIP. IF WE START GETTING ENOUGH PICTURES AND STORIES WE CAN START RUNNING A REGULAR "BRAGGIN' RIGHTS" PAGE. SEND YOUR PICTURES AND STORIES TO PERCY LEDBETTER AT <SILVERMAGI@HOTMAIL.COM>.

Balm Lake Fishout By Don Sleeper

We couldn't have picked a better weekend for the fishout at Baum Lake. When we started fishing Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 AM it had warmed up to 27 degrees, just right. Seven club members showed up from Chico, Larry Willis, Bob Smith, Roger Bevers, Terry Mich, Karen Horn, Pat and Don Sleeper. By the time we quit the temp was up to 48 degrees and everyone caught scores of fish, my wife I know landed 40 fish from 12 to 19 inches in combination from browns to rainbows. I targeted all brown trout in the upper part of Baum, fishing green #14 wiggle tails. I caught and released 26 brown trout from 12 to 16 inches. The rest of the folks used very small midges on the rainbows, all beautiful Eagle Lake stock. Besides the browns and rainbows Roger Bevers and Larry Willis each caught a large brook trout over two pounds and they were beautiful! Since Baum Lake is a planted put and take lake for trout, some of us will have trout for dinner Sunday. The sun was out, a little wind during the day and the fish were biting, it couldn't have been better.

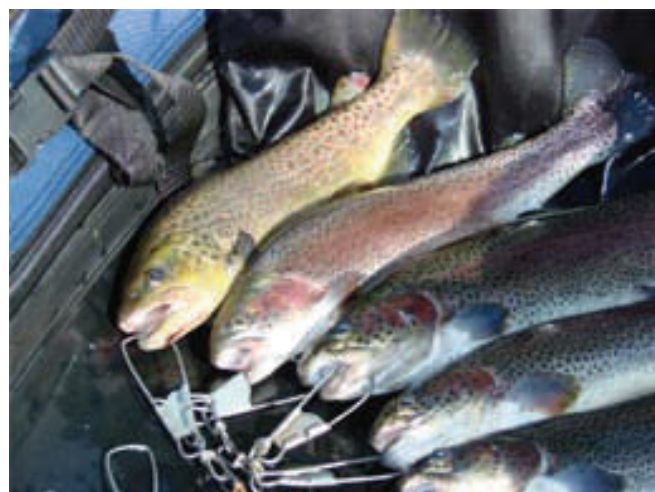


Terry Mich, and Karen Horn (Standing) and Pat Sleeper in pontoon boat at the Balm Lake launch. More Pictures on Page 4.

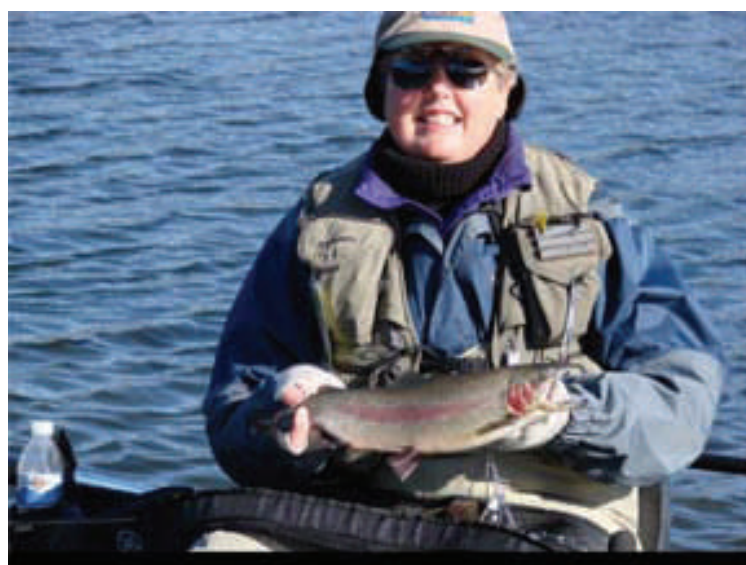
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Roger Bevers with catch at the Balm Lake Fishout



Somebody has a nice stringer. Must have been some bait fisherman who was passing by...



Pat Sleeper (left) displays another nice catch from the Balm Lake Fishout.

At Right, Lionel Valley displays a 30+ lb. King Salmon that he caught on his fly rod on the Feather River Sept. 28, 2006. He said, "This was one of the best fighters that I encountered this year". She was caught on a black woolybugger. And, contrary to popular belief, fresh salmon are in the Feather River at the end of September .

Lionel said, "She was so feisty, that after keeping her in the water for a few hours, I just had to let her go as she just would not give up. What a Fish!!! "



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Like I said they were an active club then and we continue that tradition.

The club was very active in conservation in 1987 because Rex Thompson was the chairperson. This was the year that the club worked with Butte County Board of Supervisors to get a section of land along Lindo Channel at Cohasset Rd. and Mangrove Ave. named Mercer Grove. Gene Mercer was a past member of the club who was very dedicated to conservation.

The other project for the year was to work with the Sacramento River Preservation Trust to petition California Fish and Game to list the winter-run Chinook salmon as an endangered species. A similar request had also been received by from the National Marine Fisheries Society for consideration under federal law to list chinook salmon as an endangered species.

YOU CAN NOW PLACE ADS IN THIS NEWSLETTER TO SELL OFF THAT EQUIPMENT YOU ARE NO LONGER USING AND THEN USE THE MONEY TO BUY NEW GOODIES. CONTACT DENNIS BOYD FOR DETAILS.

Stolen Flyfishing Equipment

Please be on the lookout for flyfishing equipment with the name Tom Kastner on it. In early January, Tom and Anna Kastner's home was burglarized and, among other things, all of Tom's flyfishing equipment was stolen.

Tom is a guide on the Feather River and his wife, Anna, is the manager of the Feather River Hatchery. Along with CAF, Tom donates his equipment and time for the kid's flycasting lessons at the Oroville Salmon Festival each year.

Tom owned thousands of dollars worth of fly rods and reels and most had his name on them, and it is possible some of this equipment might turn up in pawn shops or other local venues when used flyfishing equipment is sold. If you come across anything with this name on it, please notify Eric See (899-1918) or Anna Kastner at the Feather River Hatchery (538-2222).

Maps to the Seven Day Adventist Church at 1877 Hooker Oak Ave are located on page 8.



Vice-Presidents Notes By Lincoln Gray

Hal Janssen is a nationally known writer, artist, lecturer and video personality. He is practice your fly fishing for over 50 years and has finished extensively throughout the North and South America for nearly every species of fresh and salt water fish. How has been responsible for researching and developing much of the equipment used today by fly fisherman. The sharp eye for detail, how has designed many unique fresh and saltwater fly patterns. Over 70 Jensen fly patterns are now manufactured and distributed worldwide.

Hal's series of videotapes: "fly fishing secrets", produced in 1980, when the first collection of fly fishing videos ever produced. These tapes were responsible for the explosion of fly fishing video titles available today.

As a pioneer of salt water, steelhead, Stillwater and float tubing techniques, how has written numerous articles from leading five fishing magazines. He has also contributed to a host of books on the subject of fly fishing and fly tying. As a consultant, he has served many flyfishing manufacturers, including Sunset Line Company, Courtland Line Company, Umpqua Feather Merchants, and Rio Products International.

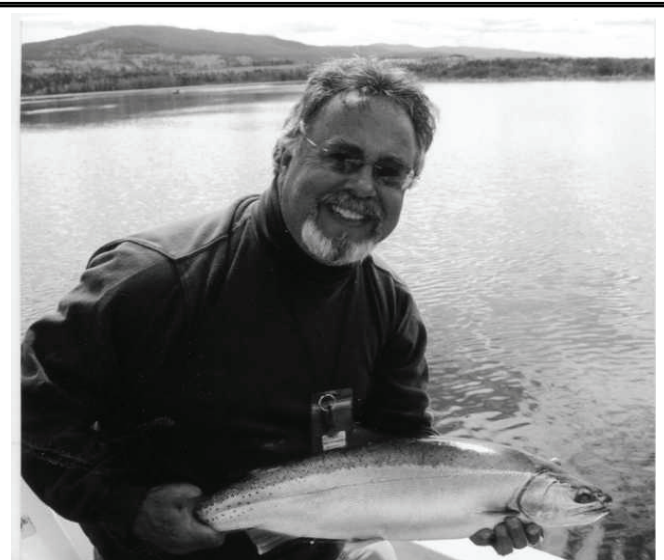
As an artist, how has illustrated all the fly drawings and paintings for the Anglers Calendar for more than 20 years as well as illustrating many magazine articles.

How has gained broad recognition as an instructor for its flyfishing seminars and flak clubs nationally. His seminars and demonstrations have entertained and enlightened thousands of fly fisherman as a member of the Coolers Outdoor Team and Ed Rice's International Sportsman's Exposition Pro Staff.

Hal organized and established the acclaimed Diabolo Valley Fly Club and is a fisheries consultant to Wilderness Unlimited and Cal trout.

Hal resides in Santa Rosa, California, where he is the owner and the Hal Janssen Co., which distributes flyfishing equipment fly shops worldwide.

Hal has held several state and world fly rod records, including 14 Field & Stream awards. He is a nationally recognized authority of stillwater flyfishing, and a member of the



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36TH ANNUAL DINNER / FUND RAISER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007 - 6:00PM
MASONIC FAMILY CENTER

Guest Speaker - Hal Janssen

Raffle prizes, rods, reels
 fly tying items, guided trips,
 outdoor prints, mountain bike
 & other outdoor
 prizes / equipment.



One Dinner & Family Membership \$50.00
 Each additional dinner \$25.00
 Youth dinners are \$15.00

----- **DINNER RESERVATION FORM** -----

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE/ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____
 E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BEFORE DEC. 15TH
 TO BE ENTERED IN THE EARLY BIRD RAFFLE

Family Membership & One Dinner \$ _____
 Each Additional Dinner \$ _____
 Youth Dinner(s) \$ _____

of tickets _____ Amount Enclosed _____
 Visa # _____
 M/C # _____
 Signature: _____
 Exp. Date: _____

Mail Reservation Forms to:
 CAF: 5 Walnut Circle, Chico, CA 95973

Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2007

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 Roger Bevers or Don Sleeper.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Feb	Delta Striper Fishing	Roger Bevers
Mar 18,	Coffee Lake	Don Sleeper
April 28,	Feather River or Trinity River – Trout Opener –	Eric See Mark Adams
May 19, 20	Lake Almanor Area	Don Sleeper
Jun 16,	Modoc Area Lakes	Open
July 14,	Crater Lake, California Chester Area	Don Sleeper
August 18,	Frenchman's Lake	Open
Sept 15,	Davis Lake	Open
Oct 20, 21	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

Attention All Members:

If you do not have an email address on file with the club, please send us your email address to:

*Percy Ledbetter.....877-4848
Email: <silvermagi@hotmail.com>
<ledbetterpe@butte.edu> or
Dennis Boyd.....891-5760
Email: <Nomopilz@aol.com>*

By doing so you will receive your newsletter up to a week sooner than by the USPS. You will also be able to view the pictures that we publish in color. By the way send Percy your pictures and stories about your fishing trips and we will publish them for the enjoyment of all our members. If you have an article or story that you want to tell, we have the place to tell it.

General Meeting Times:

6:30 Fly tying demonstrations

7:30 Meeting and Program

January 10th General Meeting @

Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1877

Hooker Oak Ave. Its Show and Tell night for members. Bring pictures and stories of your fly fishing adventures from 2006. Any format is welcome.

(February 23rd) CAF Dinner and Auction night @ Masonic Hall in Chico 1110 W East Avenue

(Secretaries Secret's: Continued from pg 2)

Roger has done some preliminary work on investigating the possible use of an online payment service.

He will now ask Dennis to review and recommend a good alternative to the Board, if it is feasible.

-The Prize co-ordination evening will be Feb. 15, 2007 since the event is earlier this year. Anyone that can help needs to call Dana or Roger.

-Submitted by the Acting Secretary, Lionel Valley, in Pat Sleeper's absence.

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Travel Lines

By

Roger Bevers

Let me take you on an excursion to the California coast for a little winter steelhead fishing. The California coast is within reach of many of you this time of year and the coastal rivers provide some fantastic action on a fly rod, if you know where and when to be there.

Recently I found a web site that takes out all the guessing of where and when by providing some valuable info for the coastal rivers and up to date run downs on the different rivers. The guide is the real key to unlocking the mystery of the coastal rivers.

You can gather all the information you wish at: www.wintersteelhead.com/. The Guides name is Brent Rinker and his contact info is on the web site. The web site relates lodging in each area, contact information, a steelhead review, and guide rates, for the Russian River, Navarro, Mattole and South Fork of the Eel River.

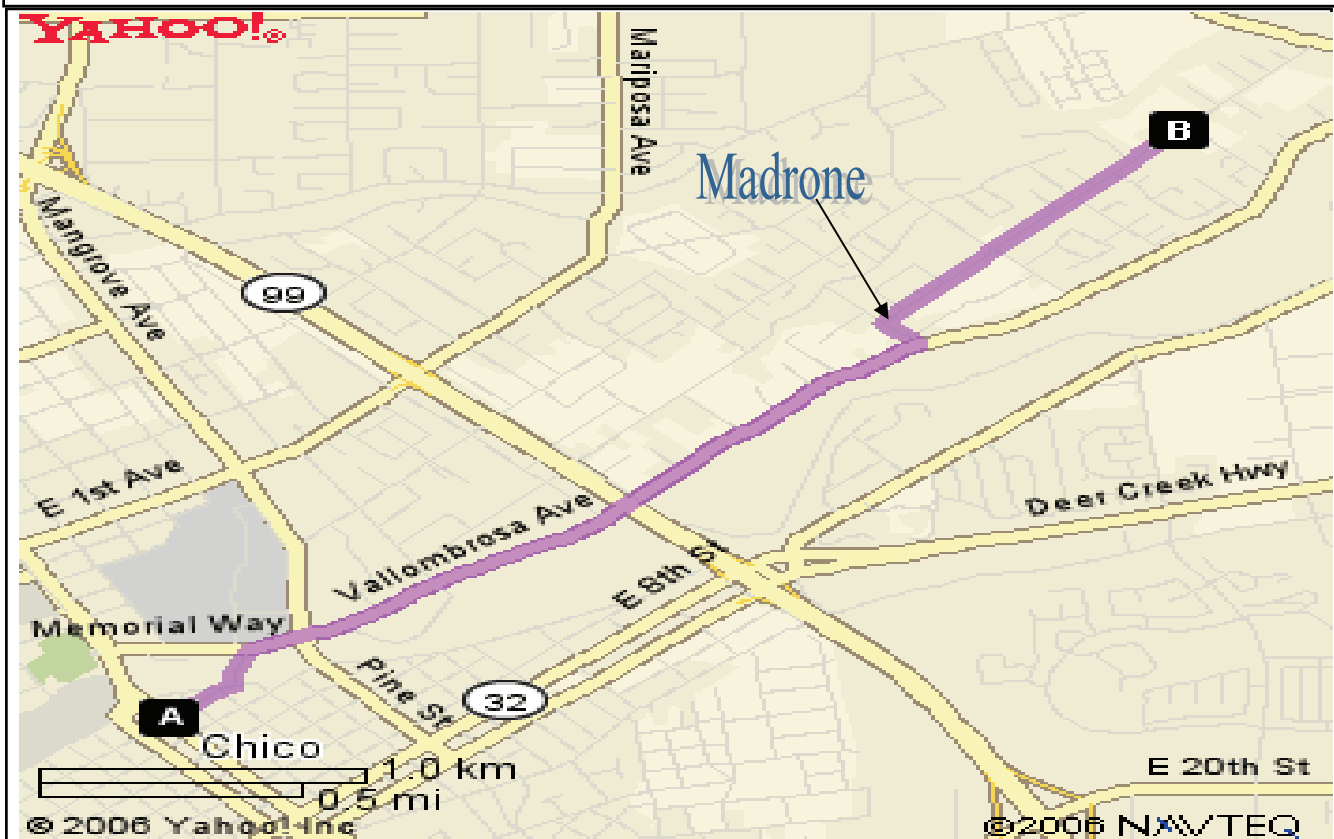
New adventures and new rivers are always a challenge, but having an experienced guide to show you the ropes helps cut down that lengthy learning curve on a new river. Besides, he has some great pictures of the steelhead catches.

If you're up to a longer trip, try a little winter steelhead fishing in Oregon. The Sandy River is one of Oregon's best steelhead rivers. Yes! There is a web site for you to get info on fishing the Sandy River. I think that it is best for you to go on-line and read about the Sandy for yourself. I'm sure there are things that I could tell you, but you might find that you're interested in some of the flies or locations that are different than I would like. The Web site is:

www.flyfishusa.com/about-our-waters/sandy-river/sandy-winter-steelhead/sandy-winter-steelhead.html. If you wish to talk to someone personally, call The Fly Fishing Shop in Welches, Oregon. 1 (800) 266-3971. They also guide for steelhead on the Clackamas, Deschutes, Klickitat, and John Day Rivers.



Maps to the Seven Day Adventist Church at 1877 Hooker Oak Ave. We will begin meeting there in January 2007.



LOCAL GUIDES

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

Fish First
Chico, CA
(530) 343-8300

Merganser Outfitters
Chico, CA
(530) 345-4071

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***No General Meeting This
Month. See you at the
Annual Dinner.***

***The March General Meeting
will return to the 7 day
Adventist Church at
1877 Hooker Oaks Ave.***

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February General Meeting

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