

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

## short casts

## January 2007



### The Presidents Line By Roger Bevers

I hope that everyone had a very Happy New Year, and that you are now beginning to

prepare for the upcoming new season. FISHING SEASON! If you took my advice from the December newsletter and planned a fishing trip somewhere in every month of the winter, then your gear should be in good shape. You may need to tweak some of the new stuff that you got for Christmas, but that usually isn't a problem unless you're lucky enough to have gotten a whole new outfit to adventure into a new area of fly fishing. I have to say that my Tarpon adventure into Cancun and Isla Blanca, Mexico was a real winner and you will get to see a small portion of that one at the January 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting to be held at our new location at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church** on Hooker Oak Ave (see map on page # 8). The January meeting is our annual members trip sharing night. So bring some pictures and talk about your adventures this year, or bring a CD or DVD to show. If you decide to share with the membership, please let Lincoln Gray (contact information on next to last page of this newsletter) know so that he can plan some time for you. You are also welcome to just stand up and talk about your adventures. We all enjoy hearing about fish! When you get to the church, you can park in the front parking lot or the rear lot. **Then look for the main office sign** and go in that door and straight down the hallway to the fellowship room on the left. Please remember that we are not the only group using the church, so ease on by the other rooms as politely as possible.

Our club has had a big turnover in committee chairmen to end 2006, so we need to fill all of the positions we filled last year. Please Volunteer (cont. on page 4)

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### Travel Line

by  
Roger Bevers

Looking for a new challenge or perhaps an adventure away from home for a few days? Then I've got just the ticket for you. Located in the Carson Range west of Carson City, Nevada is a small reservoir called Hobart Reservoir. The Nevada Department of Wildlife plants rainbows, and Cutthroat spawners up to 5 pounds. Bookies are also available in this little lake and they are all easily taken on dry flies. Hobart can be fished from shore, but float tubes or pontoons make it easier to fish. You can access Hobart by driving four miles on Ash Creek Canyon Road from Carson City. Park in the parking lot. Then hike about a mile to the lake. Hey! I didn't say everything was going to be easy. As far as accommodations at the lake go, IDK. This does give you the opportunity to sleep in warmth in a hotel in Carson City. The fringe benefits are obvious if you like gambling and eating. Besides, you're not all that far from Reno with the Reno Fly shop, Sportsman's Warehouse, and the new Orvis Fly Shop which is on the south end of Reno.

**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

On December 6, 2006, 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.**

-Tom Simmons was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill the one vacant position. A motion was made and passed to waive the requirement for a second election to fill the vacant Board position.

-Don Sleeper, Fishout Chairperson advised that the 2007 calendar would be finalized within a couple of weeks. He will get it into the January newsletter.

-Dennis reviewed the proposed budget for our 2006-2007 fiscal year. After some discussion and a revision of the Auction and Raffle Annual Dinner Income numbers, the income portion was finalized. After increasing the Speaker Budget amount and the Charitable Donations Budget, the Expense numbers were finalized.

-Eric See reported that the Klamath River FERC License Renewal was underway.

Eric agreed to write a letter on behalf of CAF concerning our interests and concerns.

-Eric See also confirmed that the Fish and Game Commissions revision of the fishing regulations for Big Chico Creek, which were approved as requested by CAF, would go into effect on April 30th of 2007. It is believed that the new season will be from November 1st to April 30th, commencing in 2007.

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### Pasts Casts

By  
Roger Bevers

December 1989: President Randy McKean admits he has only been in the club for four years. As the new club president he decided to change the clubs name from Chico Fly Fishing club to Chico Area Fly fishers. Randy succeeded Marv Turner as president and began his year with a lot of questions. Questions like: Would the members like to be more flexible in locations/time for fish-outs in order to avert bad weather? How about fishing some new locations never tried before by the club or at least overlooked in recent years? Do you want multiple raffle prizes or one or two very nice ones for the general meetings? He also stated that he thought we need a fall seminar to compliment our spring seminar (Spring Warm-up). What a great idea! Do you think we should initiate his idea this year? What would you like to have included in a fall seminar? Back then members were also considering having a fall fly-fishing flea market. A great way to trade off the gear not being used anymore and who knows you might find a bargain on something you wanted. Randy also wanted to know who in the club was interested in travel, where they wanted to go and what

experiences they had on the trips.

The Eagle Lake fish-out for this month was held at Spaulding. Randy and Al Coulon headed out early on Saturday morning only to find that Sam Kemp and Don Schumacher had already beaten them to their favorite spot on the south end of the airstrip. So the four of them got together and in true team fashion agreed to leap frog their way south through the tules. It turned out that none of them had much success. A little further down, Randy and Al scooted around a canoe only to find out later that it was Jim Gaumer and Dick Murrill. Jim by that time had lost two fish but retained a nice 20-inch rainbow on a stringer. After the days fishing ended the groups split up. Sam and Don went on to lake Almanor. Jim and Dick went home and Al and Randy fished Eagle on Sunday with zilch for the day. Guess they should have gone to Almanor! Boy, can you imagine a December fish out with 45-degree water temps, calm surface conditions and clear sunny skies? Wow, only six members in attendance?

# 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

Conservation chairman Tom Peppas wrote a letter to DFG regional manager Paul Jensen commending them for the large gravel dumps into the feather river between the Highway 70 bridge and the hatchery in an effort to improve the habitat and spawning beds for the fish. Tom had been observing the river for a period of time and had noticed a marked improvement in fish spawning. In January 1985 this section of river was opened to fishing. According to Tom in the first three days of fishing, over one hundred steelhead were taken out of this section of river. As Tom put it, "due to the hoards of fishermen in the river salmon beds were wiped out, hundreds of steelhead were plucked from the river, and thousands of two week old salmon were crushed underfoot." Tom continued, "we feel this is a tragic situation which was somehow overlooked by the department in an effort to improve angler success. It was brought to my attention that the reason for opening this section of river was to weed out stripers and browns which were eating salmon and steelhead fry". Tom went on to say that the damage had already been done but that the CAF would urge an emergency closure to this section of the river until March 1<sup>st</sup> for next year. The effect to the river is taking the human factor off the river at a critical spawning time for both the salmon and steelhead. Isn't an active conservation program helpful to all of us?

## Announcements:

**Board of Directors meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at 1053 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Chico. (Corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore)**

**General meeting Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at the new location. The Seventh Day Adventist Church on Hooker Oak Ave. Fly Tying at 6:30 p.m. and general meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**Annual Dinner Reservations are being taken for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Event to be held at the Masonic Family Center on East Ave. starting at 5:30 p.m. For the social hour and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$25/person, and \$15 for children under 16yrs old. Don't forget your 2007 dues. They are \$25 for a family membership. Dues not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> will result in you losing your membership and loss of the newsletter.**

**Please keep your email info updated with the club. Current email information allows us to better communicate with you and keep you abreast of club activities. You also get your newsletter a week earlier than by snail mail.**

**Don Sleeper will be our Fishout chairman for 2007. The schedule is printed in this newsletter and will be in each newsletter. Final arrangements and/or last minute changes may be made for each event. We will publish the details in the newsletters if possible and send emails to those who have electronic contact info if there are last minute changes.**

**Dinner Donors- If you wish to make a donation to the dinner prize committee, give any of the board members or officers a call (see contact info on the next to last page of this newsletter. We will arrange the details with you. You can donate anything you wish. Cars, Houses, Boats, Rods, Reels, Money, Property, Computers, etc. If you donate children, we are required by law to enroll them in the youth program only. We can NOT take care of them or be responsible for them in any way, Sorry!**

**Advertising:** In order to offset our publishing costs for the newsletter, the board has decided to sell advertising space. If you or anyone you know wishes to take out an advertisement, please contact our club secretary to arrange the advertisement and payments. All ads must be in NLT the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to run in the following month.

(Presidents line: Cont. from page 1) your skills and time to make our club even more successful in 2007. We need new **Newsletter Editor, Youth Leader, Conservation, Historian, Fly Tying, Outreach, and Fundraiser Chairpersons.**

The newsletter editor is our most urgent need, with youth leader a close second.

The January fishing situation seems pretty bleak, but we have many options available here in the valley away from the really cold weather in the mountains. Local lakes, such as Lake Oroville, Black Butte, Stony Gorge, Magalia Reservoir, and Paradise reservoir are all viable options for winter. And the valley streams such, as Butte Creek, Sacramento River, Feather River and Yuba River are also options. Where you fish really depends on what prey you wish to stalk. Just remember that in the winter the fish are generally more sluggish and your presentation need to be closer and slower. Weather makes it even more difficult to schedule trips, so be more spontaneous and just go on the spur of the moment. Your winter trips don't have to be all day trips. You probably won't want to be out as long anyway this time of year. We will be having a colder than normal winter followed by a warmer dry spring and summer. See how that perked up your spirits! The possibility of a long, good weather fishing season really gives you some hope.

Steelhead is my recommendation. The Trinity is your best bet with larger fish showing around Lewiston. The Feather is a close second with smaller fish the rule, but a much closer drive. Try using all four different techniques for steelhead. In shallow water dry flies. In shallow runs 3-5' Nymphs swung downstream, or under an indicator in the runs. Deep-water 8-15' depths try a dry line with lead core, shooting heads to get the line down. Intermediate lines with nymphs swung through the mid-depth runs, and holes.

**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.**



## Vice-Presidents Notes By Lincoln Gray

The January general meeting is our annual member **trip sharing night for members.** We

all share the trips with one another that we have taken the previous year. I ask all members to email me at [lincoln@tie-fast.com](mailto:lincoln@tie-fast.com) to sign up. Remember space is limited and please let me know in advance, what equipment you will require. The club has a new laptop, digital projector and slide equipment.

Don't forget the meeting place has changed and is at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1877 Hooker Oak Ave (see map on page # 8)** Since I am new at the VP thing, I would like to ask all club members for suggestions on speakers, club events, raffle items, etc. Please let me know so we can continue making the club a fun and informative environment. Do not forget the dinner this year it will be held on February 23, 2006.

Maps to the Seven Day Adventist Church at 1877 Hooker Oak Ave are located on page 8. We will begin meeting there in January 2007.

**That's this month.**

Rogers Fish (below) was taken December 4th, 2006 in Isla Blanca, Mexico, which is near Cancun. The fish is a 14-pound Baby Tarpon caught on a red and orange tarpon fly with a 9 foot 8 weight rod. The leader was 12-pound test mono-line. I fished the shallow water Mangrove flats where the average water depth was less than 18 inches in the depressions.



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



**36<sup>TH</sup> 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

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

Family Membership & One Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Each Additional Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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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>
Jan 20, 21	Baum Lake	Don Sleeper
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:

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Dennis Boyd.....891-5760  
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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 Secrets: Cont. From page2)*

-Dana advised that the Annual Dinner fliers are now out for distribution. The next Annual Dinner Committee meeting will be scheduled for Jan. 2007. Every member of our Club is encouraged to seriously consider attending these meetings to assist the Club with our only fundraiser each year.

I've now completed my tour of duty as Secretary, so I will be passing the binder, etc. over to our new Secretary, Pat Sleeper, after these Secrets are published. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Secretary.

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Don and Pat Sleeper displaying Klamath steelhead from their trip in November. "We had 'one of those days'; we hooked 30 adult steelhead

from 3 to 9 lbs". Pat landed 12 and Don landed 8 most of them went over 5 lbs. We

used rubber legged black stoneflies and egg patterns.



The Butte Creek steelhead (bottom picture) don't run as large

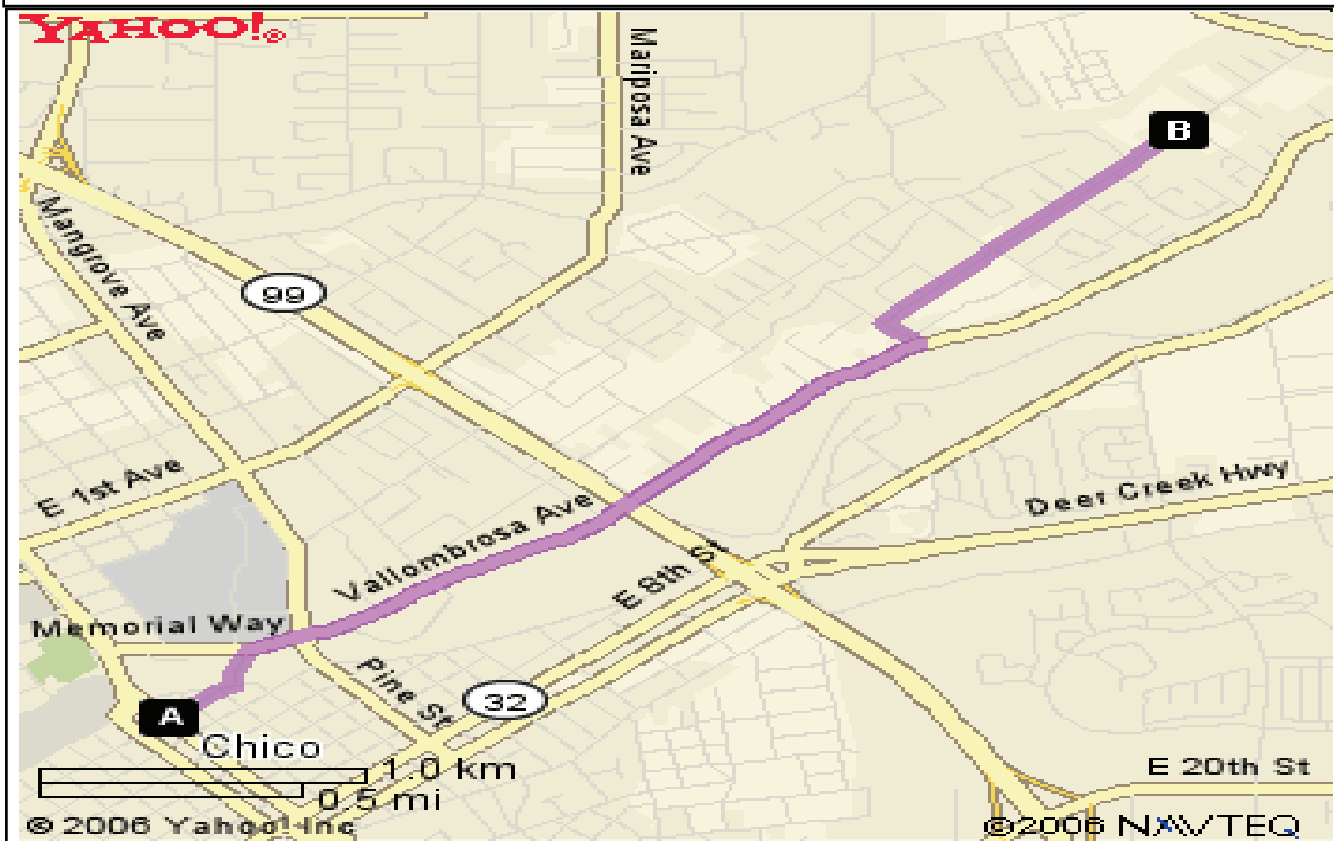
as the Klamath, these ran from 14 inches to 20 inches (3 pounds). The Butte creek fish were caught on small mayflies and rubber

legged golden stoneflies. Butte creek is open from November 15th until February 15th and is a great local fishery.





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



## LOCAL GUIDES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January 9th

### Change of General Meeting Location:

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 will be our first general meeting at our new location. We will meet at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 1877 Hooker Oak Ave . Please look for the map in this newsletter on page 8 and in the future newsletters.

The times will not change. Fly Tying will be at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

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# January General Meeting

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(Map Inside)**

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Show and Tell us about your fishing adventures in 2006. Also we are still be taking Reservations for our Annual Dinner. The reservation form is inside this newsletter.

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