

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



Short Casts

June 2007

Presidents Line by Roger Bevers

Have you been watching the presidential debates? I find it truly amazing that every candidate is focusing on everything but fish! You never hear any of them mention fish. It's as if the global warming phenomenon does not exist! What does that have to do with fish you say? Well, I'm glad you asked. If you take a look at the history of our weather for the last 10 years, or for that matter just think back at what you have experienced, you will find that the weather has been all over the charts. We aren't experiencing the usual weather patterns that we had when we were kids. You know; variable weather in the spring and fall, cold winters, and hot summers. The weather has gone wacko! This summer the lack of water in the form of snow or rain will make the streams very fishable extremely early with the water crystal clear in the vast majority of our small streams. Why in May many of us were fishing streams that we normally wait to fish in June or July. Since the streams are very clear, you will need to go to extra long leaders in the 15'-20' range (including tippet) but you will find that the usual August patterns are fishing well already. The ants are especially great everywhere. The hoppers and crickets are fishing well and so are the tiny patterns that float well. *(Continued on Page 2, Col 1)*

2 X 2 CLUB by

Herm Sterner

Originally Published, June 6, 1994

In pursuit of shad on the Sacramento River our club, the Chico Area Flyfishers, has come up with a more sporting method of catching shad on a fly. This is the 2X2 Club. To become a member of this elite group, your catch must meet the following conditions:

The first 2 stands for 2 lb. test tippet and the second 2 means a fish of 2 lbs. or more. Getting 2 lb. tippet means using old material (6 X .005) or 7X (.004) tippet material. Today one might have to use 8X (.003); the world of material changes, do the fish? Depending on who makes the material and the age of the monofilament, it will probably break around the 2 lb. breaking strength. You can get special 2 lb. tournament grade mono but you will have to special order it.

The hard part is tying the tippet with knots at least 15" apart where you attach the fly and loop to leader. I found using a bimini twist was the only knot holding up to the strain. This is a 100% knot, if it is tied properly. In making the tippet, we follow the same rules as the I.G.F.A. for tournament fishing.

In fishing for shad I used a small #6 or #8 hook shad fly short leader 2 ft. with tippet approximately 4 ft. You can use a *(See 2X2: Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)*

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Do try one of Ray Narbaitz's patterns he was tying at the May general meeting. If you didn't quite get the details, just email Percy who video taped the process. The Wacko weather will not change but continue into the 2007 winter with temperatures as much as 20 degrees below the normal winter conditions. So, what does this have to do with global warming? Everything! I for one will be getting my fishing trips in early this fall and winter and heading out to subtropical locations for some warm weather saltwater excursions. It definitely pays to know about the weather changes and plan ahead accordingly. Let me see, do I want to go fishing for bonefish, permit or tarpon? Oh the decisions! Hey! Someone has to do it!
I was thinking the other day that it is nice to see more of our members out enjoying the fish outs and club activities. But, there is still one club activity that I feel we need to reinstitute. The conservation efforts of CAF have been many over the years and in the last few years we have been neglecting our own needs. This stream neglect will arise and bite us in the back-sides sometime in the future if we don't take the care and maintenance of our local waters seriously. I would like to get your input on the clubs eco needs and what projects we need to develop in the next two months. In my travels around the local streams, I have noticed many of the regulatory signs torn down, or defaced so badly that they are unreadable. Access points should be marked clearly and a program developed for club members to help out the local streams. So! What do you think? Email me your thoughts and concerns and if you too feel the need for some tender
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care for the local streams, you may want to volunteer to chair the conservation committee and there are still some other committee positions available, so please lend a helping hand.

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#6 or #8 shooting head line hi-density #4 or even a sink tip line depending on water conditions. I prefer a # 5 rod with a soft tip about 9 ft. long.
I took my first fish on 2 lb. test tippet in the evening on the Feather River. I found if I stood in a certain spot in the riffle I would pick up a fish on every third or fourth cast. The first fish I lost immediately on pick up; the fish has to hook itself. No setting the hook. Second fish took me into backing but I left too much slack in the line and he threw the barbless hook, but I still had the fly on. The third fish on must have been a heavy hen and the strain from the fish broke it off. Fourth fish on was a feisty fish, a male with acrobatics and long runs, but after ten minutes I managed to get him close to the shore. In trying to net him I missed and he spooked and the tippet parted. Fifth fish short run and break off. Getting frustrated! Sixth fish, easy pick up, one small jump and thought I lost it, but he stayed on and took a long run downstream into my backing. The reel ran smoothly and I slowly worked the fish back. I had also walked as far as I could downstream. Getting him close to shore I let him get used to the area before trying the net. With one hand holding the rod high, I worked fish as close as possible and scooped up the shad with the net. I worked fast, took the hook out, placed the fish on the tape measure on the net
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Hooked on Fishing Volunteers Needed!

The 2007 Chico Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs event has been scheduled for June 2nd at Horseshoe Lake in Chico's

Upper Park. CAF is a major participant in this event, donating money, organizing and presenting the live fish aquarium display, fly tying, fish cleaning, and providing fishing coaches. This is a wonderful event that is designed to introduce kids (and sometimes their parents) to the world of fishing and the outdoors. The lake is stocked full of catfish so the prospects for success are very high!

Lots of CAF volunteers are needed so please consider helping out this year, if not all day then how about a couple of hours in the morning? Those interested can contact Eric See at 899-1918.

So plan on bringing your kids out to enjoy a couple of hours at the lake, there's a lot more than just fishing going on, and the kids love it. If you don't have any kids, no problem: bring your neighbor's kids! Your grandkids! Your neighbor's grandkids! Or rent a bus and bring them all. HOFNOD provides fishing gear if you don't have any.

Dues Reminder message; if you have not paid your 2007 dues, you need to mail in \$25 to:

**Chico Area Flyfishers
PO Box 3583
Chico, CA 95927**

If your dues are not received by July 1, 2007, your name will be removed from the newsletter mailing list.

(2X2: Continued from Page 2, Col. 2) and he registered between 17" to 18" from the fork of the tail to the nose. The width was about 5", which makes about a 10" girth. I released the fish and pumped his gills and he swam off. No fish kill. Oh, I managed to get a quick photo too.

The formula for fish weight is: length X girth squared divided by 800 = weight.

18 X 100 divided by 800 = 1800 divided by 800 = 2.25 lb fish.

I now had my entry into the 2 X 2 club With a photo of the fish, measurement, fly and tippet.

Join the 2 X 2 Club!

Or how about the 20 X 20 Club! A 20 inch fish on a #20 hook dry fly only?



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 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
June 23,	Lake Almanor Hex Hatch	Lincoln Gray
July 14,	To be announced	Terry Mich
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
June 15-17	Yuba River-Shad	Larry Ingram (530) 673-4965
July 8-14	Campout at Hereford Ranch	Ed Weatherly (530) 755-0684
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

Below is a letter from Dougald Scott, <doscott@cruzio.com> to The Northern California Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers that was then forwarded to all member clubs. It is reprinted here for your information.

Hello Everyone,

Here are two messages from a good friend of mine who sits on the Board of the Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy that I thought would be of interest to everyone:

4/7/07

Thanks for the information. As you know, I am involved as a board member of the Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy and BCWC has been a supporter of this restoration effort for many years. Our most recent board meeting was yesterday and the update on the dam removal phase was positive, but not without some potential problems. The plan is to start work on the north fork dams first and to delay work on the south fork until a potential lawsuit from the folks that own Oasis Springs can be resolved.

Oasis Springs operates a pay-to-fish lodge on the south fork which will be effected by the restoration of more natural flows through their property. By the way, Oasis Springs is only 1.5 air miles from my home (but about 20 road miles unless you have gate keys to allow travel through the canyon). They currently enjoy a very high flow through about 1/2 mile of their property that is really the combined flow from both the south fork and the north fork via a ditch. These two flows are combined for the 1/2 mile in the south fork stream bed and then mostly diverted back into a larger ditch that feeds a power house. The flow through the 1/2 mile is more than 80 cfs, but below the diversion, only 3 cfs is allowed to continue down the stream bed. The restoration plan calls for eliminating the cross watershed flow into the south fork and the installation of a fish ladder at the existing diversion site. About 50 cfs would still flow through Oasis Springs to the diversion dam and 30 cfs will be allowed to remain in the stream below the diversion instead of the current 3 cfs. The big change for Oasis Springs is that they will no longer be able to screen the 1/2 mile creek section and they will no longer be able to stock and contain large trout in their "private" creek. The fact that the reestablishment of trout supporting flows in miles of creek below the ranch that their guests would have fairly easy access to apparently is not seen by them as good as having a private trophy trout offering. If they do sue, the facts of the suit should be circulated throughout the fishing community. I doubt many true fishermen would agree with their view, which seems to disregard the value of restoring more natural water flows and allowing steelhead and salmon to once again be able to access their native spawning grounds. Their web site (<http://www.oasisflyfishing.com/>) paints a somewhat distorted picture of the "river". They tell you that the stream is natural, but the irony is that the restoration project is intended to return it to a more natural state and they apparently want to stop it!

4/20/07

I have just received word that the company that owns and operates Oasis Springs Ranch, Outfitter Properties, has filed a law suit to block the Battle Creek project. I do not have any more details and have not seen the actual suit, but I thought you should know that they have taken this action. In simple terms it seems that a resort that caters to flyfishermen is trying to stop a project that is trying to restore natural habitat to a once great stream. Their reason also seems clear; they want to protect their artificial trophy trout "stream" even it means stopping a major restoration effort.

Dougald

An Emergency BOD meeting requested by Eric See Director at Large and was called by President Roger Bevers at the end of the Monthly General Membership Meeting to have a vote on two important items that had come up, that could not wait for the next BOD meeting.

Item 1. A plant survey that is needed as part of the environmental impact assessment for reconstructing the fish ladder in Upper Park. It entails where they would be installing a temporary crane and staging area for materials and equipment. It is time sensitive, as they need to do the surveys
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**Chico Area Flyfishers
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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	Conservation Chairperson
Projects Chairperson	Elections Chairperson
Historian Chairperson	Membership Chairperson

Feather River Fishout – April 28th

By
Lionel Valley

We had a great showing of CAF members for our fishout on the North Fork of the Feather River along Hwy 70. The North Fork shares the canyon bottom with Highway 70, the route of the Feather River Scenic Byway, the Western Pacific Railroad, and a PG&E Hydro-Electric complex. We all met at the Shady Rest stop below the first tunnel along Hwy 70 around 7:45. We had 12 members show up, including Don Sleeper, Ryan Miller, Joe Garza, Chris Hubbard, Dennis Boyd, Dawit Zeleke, Larry Willis, Doug Stigge, and his guest, as well as Talia & Mishu.

We all went our separate ways on a beautiful sunny day with some definite coolness in the morning.- to our special secret spots- with a plan to come back to the rest stop at 12:30 to share our catches. Areas we all fished were Indian Jim's camp ground, the stretch below Beldon, Grizzly Creek and the area above the Cresta Powerhouse.

After lunch, some of us attempted to fish below the Cresta Powerhouse with little success in finding any good access. The fishing was so-so. Most of us caught fish and lost the bigger ones. The fish ranged between 10 and 16 inches, all the trout were in great shape. Mayfly, black and gold stones and prince nymphs seemed to work the best. We all worked our nymphs slowly, deep and with strike indicators using floating fly-lines.

The river was full of aquatic insects: we saw several species of mayflies, caddis flies and stone flies. There were others, of course, as well as
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terrestrials (ants & grasshoppers). The river was alive. The water was very low and cold with a lot of large boulders to maneuver around...careful don't fall...oh no, don't drop your camera! Dennis went for a swim in his waders and Don dropped a digital camera in the river (it still works). A few trout were rising from time to time that kept things even more exciting. Hope to see you there next time.

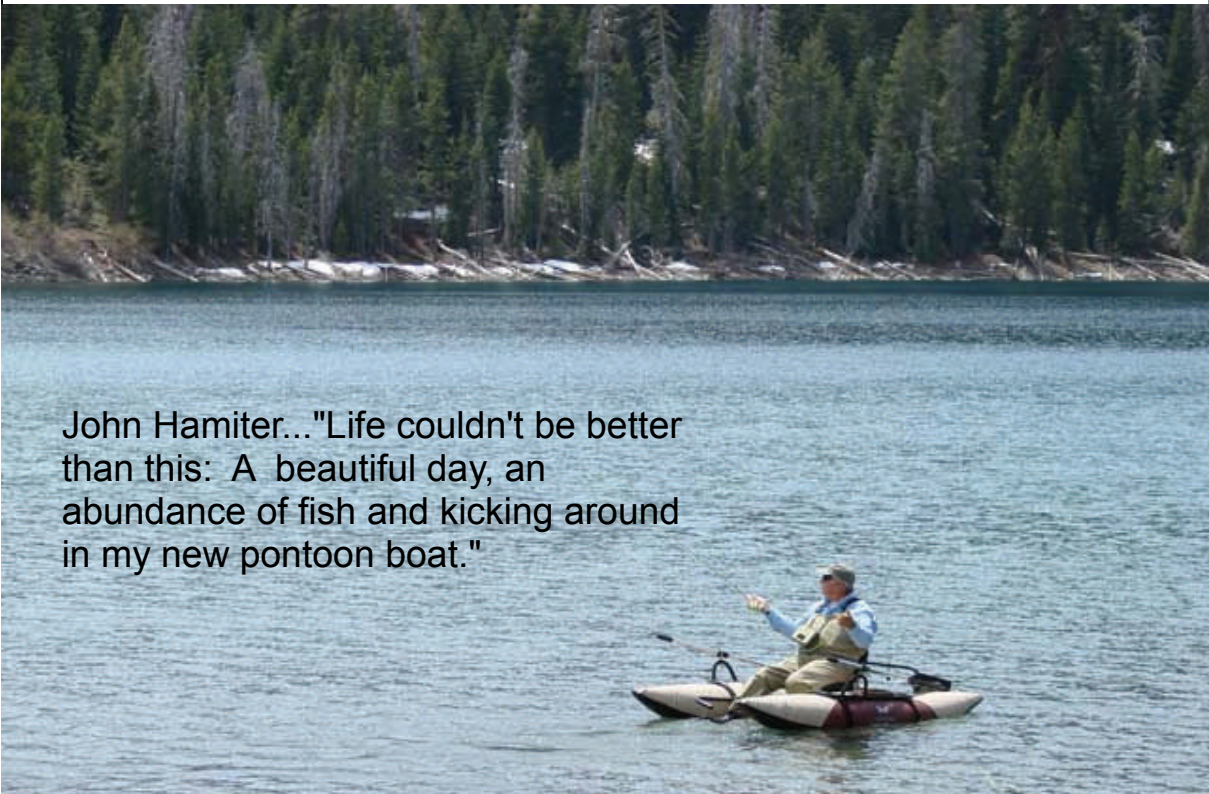
-Your friendly "sit in" Greeter. Lionel

Shasta Trinity FlyFishers Calendar of Events

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| June 3 | Horsetown-Clear Creek preserve
"bugs on the bottom a look at screen bottom ecology in Clear Creek close quotes by Dr. Morgan Hanford, Shasta College. Free event . Meet at Horsetown-Preserve at 10:00 a.m. |
| June 6 | Shasta Trinity Flyfishers Board of Directors meeting at Mattson and Isom CPA, 1255 East St, Redding. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. |
| June 13 | Shasta Trinity Flyfishers annual picnic and barbecue, Anderson River Park begins at 5:30 p.m. |
| June 16 | Clear Creek outing, Jerry Waybright outing leader |



Left: That's Christopher Garza Standing by the pontoon boat and John Hamiter in the background.



John Hamiter..."Life couldn't be better than this: A beautiful day, an abundance of fish and kicking around in my new pontoon boat."



Left: Clair Hamiter, Pat Sleeper & Joe Garza discussing the wonderful barbecued hot dogs they had just eaten.



A BIG fish deserves a BIG picture

Pat and Don Sleeper fished the lower Sacramento River from the Sundial Bridge in Redding to the RV park along Hwy 5 on May 16th. This was another of those outstanding days with guide, Chuck Volckhausen (530-926-4346). Pat Sleeper caught the largest rainbow that most guides and fly fishers have every seen landed on the Lower Sac. In fact, our guide had never seen a Rainbow trout of this size landed on the lower Sacramento. The fish was 27 inches and weighted close to 8 pounds. It took a tan fox poopah on a 5 wt rod and 4lb tippet. Pat fought it for over 15 minutes; and, it took her down to the backing twice before she could land it. It just goes to show you what an outstanding fishery we have at our fingertips here in Northern CA.

Past Casts
By
Roger Bevers

The whole world knows how great a person and valuable an asset Ray Narbaitz is to our club! Well, this month's Past Casts takes us back to March 1987 when Ray wrote a Chico Flyer article on the ins and outs of fishing. His title was- "What Bad Weather?... or, There's Nothing Like A Snow Storm To Bring Out The Hatch"

By Ray Narbaitz

With stream fishing in the local area at pretty much of a standstill this time of year; it's sometimes a good idea to turn your attention to low or mid-level elevation lakes. Because my wife had given me a float tube for Christmas, that's just what I wanted to do. I couldn't think of a better person to show me the ropes on my first experience than Pat Murphy. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

Our targets were Grace and McComber lakes. McComber is just a few miles above Shingletown. It's a fairly good sized lake, and most people like to fish it around the dam area. We made two discoveries, One... no matter what you wear, tubing in 38 degree water is cold. Two... a very slowly worked #8 or 10 leech will put you into fish.

Just a mile from Shingletown, on Wilson Hill Road, are Grace and Nora Lakes. Two, little jewels owned by PG&E. When we got there, the sky was very overcast, but the fish were working on the surface. We found that a small, #16 or #18 midge, worked on the surface would take both rainbows and browns. The next day, when the sun was shining, we had to go to ZugBugs or A.P.Nymphs, fished deep to get action.
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Whatever we dished, they wanted it to be moved either in or on the water, not to be just sitting.

However, that's not the whole story.

After fishing for a while, the cloud cover got darker. Before long, we were in the middle of a driving hail storm. The fish kept hitting. Finally the hail stopped, but only because we were in the middle of a blinding snow storm. The harder it snowed, the more frenzied the fish became. Somehow, casting a #18 midge on a 15', 7X leader, into a driving snow storm is seldom described in most classic books on trout fishing. However, the harder it snowed, the better the action. At its peak, when you were literally striking at movement where you thought your fly might be, is when Pat took the fish of the day. A fat 17" brown. Finally, the snow stopped, the sun came out and the fish absolutely stopped feeding. Somewhere the Gods must have decided that if we are crazy enough to fish in that weather, they are kind enough to accommodate us.

P.S. You are allowed float tubes on Nora Lake, but not Grace.

Doesn't this self written article by Ray really wreck his character? For those of you who are skeptics, this is the March 1987 Vol.15 No.3 edition of the club's newsletter. If you have one to read, If you have or know of someone who has back issues of the club newsletter up to about 2005, PLEASE encourage them to donate them to the club's history archives.

Mark Adams was the club's president in 1987, Marv Turner was the V.P., Pat Murphy was Secretary and Ray Narbaitz was the treasurer.

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Board Members were Ron Leger, Dick Murrill, Norm Neilsen, and Jim Gaumer. Conservation chairman – Rex Thompson. The club meetings were being held at Loma Vista School and the Annual Dinner/Fund Raiser was held at the Card Center. The March fish out was held at Manzanita lake with a two fish limit on single barbless hooks. No fish bigger than 10 inches. The suggested flies for Manzanita were: Elk Hair Caddis, size 14-18. Soft hackle emerger, size 14-16. Pheasant tail nymph, size 16. Zug bug, size 10-14. Hare's Ear Nymph, size 14-16. Callibaetis mayfly (dry) size 16. And, Leeches, size 6-10.

In the May 23, 2007 issue of Fly Fisher Magazine; Chico Area Fly Fisher Tom Peppas had an article in the May 23, 1987 issue of Fly Fisher Magazine written by Michael Fong and touting Tom's expertise and abilities as a guide. Michael Fong touts Chico area flyfisher Tom Pappas' expertise and abilities as a guide.

Ever wonder what the difference between fly fishermen and bait fishermen are? Money! According to the March 1987 CAF newsletter, fly fishermen outspend bait fishermen by 40-1 when they go a field. Is this still true? Your guess is as good as anyone's; but I wonder on what this study was based. Was it just lodging, food and gas, or did other factors get included? Boy, this sounds like something right up Ray's line of experience. Should the club commission him to pursue this further? Maybe Tom could be encouraged to drop his travel pursuits and develop a true cross comparison.

Feather River Steelhead Information – Your Help is Needed!

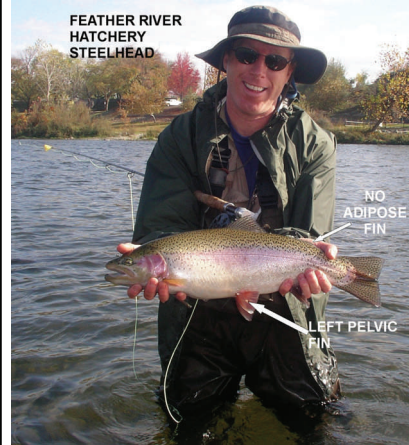
The California Department of Water Resources is interested in obtaining information regarding steelhead on the Feather River, particularly the ratio of *(Continued on Right)*

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wild steelhead to hatchery steelhead, as well as any steelhead that have migrated from the Thermalito Afterbay (back in January, 12,000 steelhead were stocked in the Thermalito Afterbay for the experimental purpose of providing a recreational fishery).

Here are the 3 categories of Feather River steelhead and how to identify them:

Hatchery Steelhead - All of the steelhead from the Feather River Hatchery are marked with an adipose fin clip. This is the small, fleshy fin on the fish's back



between the dorsal fin and the tail fin. This fin is cut off when the fish are juveniles at the hatchery. If you catch a steelhead without its

adipose fin, you know it's a hatchery fish (refer to the photos).

Wild Steelhead – A steelhead caught in the Feather River with an intact adipose fin is a wild fish, congratulations! (See *Photo on Page 13*)

Afterbay-Stocked Hatchery Steelhead – All of the steelhead stocked in the After bay have two fin clips: similar to the hatchery steelhead, their adipose fin was removed, but in addition, their left pelvic fin was removed as well (no photo available). Therefore, when you catch a steelhead on the Feather River, please check its fins. If it has an adipose fin please take great care in returning this fish to the water as fast as possible(*Cont. on Page 13.*)

**Michael "Gonzo" Gonzalez
Outreach Chairperson**



Michael "Gonzo" Gonzalez claims to have been fishing since he was old enough to hold a rod in his hands. Gonzo grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and has fished in Northern California all his life. In a fishing trip with his dad to Lake Merced in San Francisco,

he landed his first trout and has been hooked on trout fishing ever since. At age 9, he landed his first trout with a fly, fishing behind a torpedo float in the Sun Valley area.

**Monthly Fishout at Crater Lake
By Don Sleeper**

The Crater Lake fishout was great. We all caught fish. Some of us caught a few and some of us caught 20 or more. The fish were not selecting just one fly. We caught them on Wiggle Tails, Seal Buggers, beetles, Copper Johns and Parachute Adams. I'd hoped for bigger fish. When I last fished Crater Lake in late October 06 with ice 2 feet out, all around the edges of the lake, and we caught fish from 12 to 18 inches; and, there were plenty of them. This last Saturday we didn't find the bigger fish and I know they were still there. Our largest fish was 14 inches and I tried every trick in the fly box.

There was still snow on the west side of the lake, the aspen trees were just starting to get color and it was beautiful. The water was it's usual crystal clear, clear enough one could see 20 ft or more and see the fish swimming around under you...even chasing your fly...fun! The temperature was around 65 with a little wind chill. The wind was a problem at times, but we all had pontoon boats which made going the length of the lake much easier.

John and Claire Hamiter, Joe and Christopher Garza, Pat and Don Sleeper were the members that showed up for a campfire hotdog feed. Hope you all can make the next fishout at Lake Almanor on June 23rd

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Welcome to New Member

**Bob J. Cate,
of
Kelseyville, CA**

**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.
ALSO, 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>.**



**Don Sleeper
Board of Directors
Fish Master**

Don has been fishing the water of Northern California for over 50 years. As the Club

Fish Master, he helps arrange our outings. His great passion and enthusiasm for fly fishing has inspired him to promote fly fishing to both the novice and the experienced angler. Don has fished a great variety of waters and species – from steelhead on the Klamath/Trinity to many exotic locations in the world. Stillwater fishing with a pontoon or float tube targeting trout or bass is still his favorite method of fly fishing.

Travel Line by Roger Bever

I don't know about you, but I'm getting to the point of wanting to travel to Montana again to get my fix of famous rivers, beautiful scenery and wonderful trout! Speaking of Montana, there is a great lodge just 13 miles north of Dillon called the Five Rivers Lodge. From this lodge you have a choice of fishing the Beaverhead, Big Hole, Ruby, Madison and the Jefferson Rivers. All of them are on my list of famous rivers to fish and by staying at the 5 Rivers Lodge for a week a person can fulfill all of his/her desires to fish these wonderful destinations. Can you imagine the pain of having to choose which one to fish each morning? Especially after having a gourmet breakfast prepared by the lodges chef. 5 Rivers has many well qualified guides whose fees are included as a package deal in conjunction with your room and board. A 3 day 4 night package is \$1,995 and a 4 day 5 night package is \$2,525. They have longer stay packages which you can check out for yourself on line at: www.fiveriverslodge.com. Or if you have questions you can't find on the web page you can ask your questions directly at: info@fiveriverslodge.com.

The lodge has singular angler packages. They also have networking partners in Chile. If you wish to talk on the phone, the number is: 800-378-5006.

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If its adipose fin has been cut off, remember to check its underside to see if the left pelvic fin is cut off. Please keep track of your results and email this information to Eric See at

esee@water.ca.gov . Honest size information would be helpful as well.

Less than 5% of the steelhead that enter the Feather River Hatchery are wild fish but this doesn't seem to be the case with fish caught in the river, especially during the springtime. Please send your results so we can learn more about these fish as well as the migration of the Afterbay-stocked steelhead. Be sure to check the fishing regulations for the area you are fishing, and remember: the downtown Oroville stretch (upstream of Hwy 70 to the Table Mtn. Bicycle Bridge) is barbless and it closes on July 15th.

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when the plants are flowering/fruitletting and must be complete by the end of May. This is an important component in getting the fish ladder project completed. The cost estimate is \$657.50 Eric See made a motion for approval on a request for funding from Jeff Mott of Big Chico Reserve. Motion: M/S/P.

Item 2.

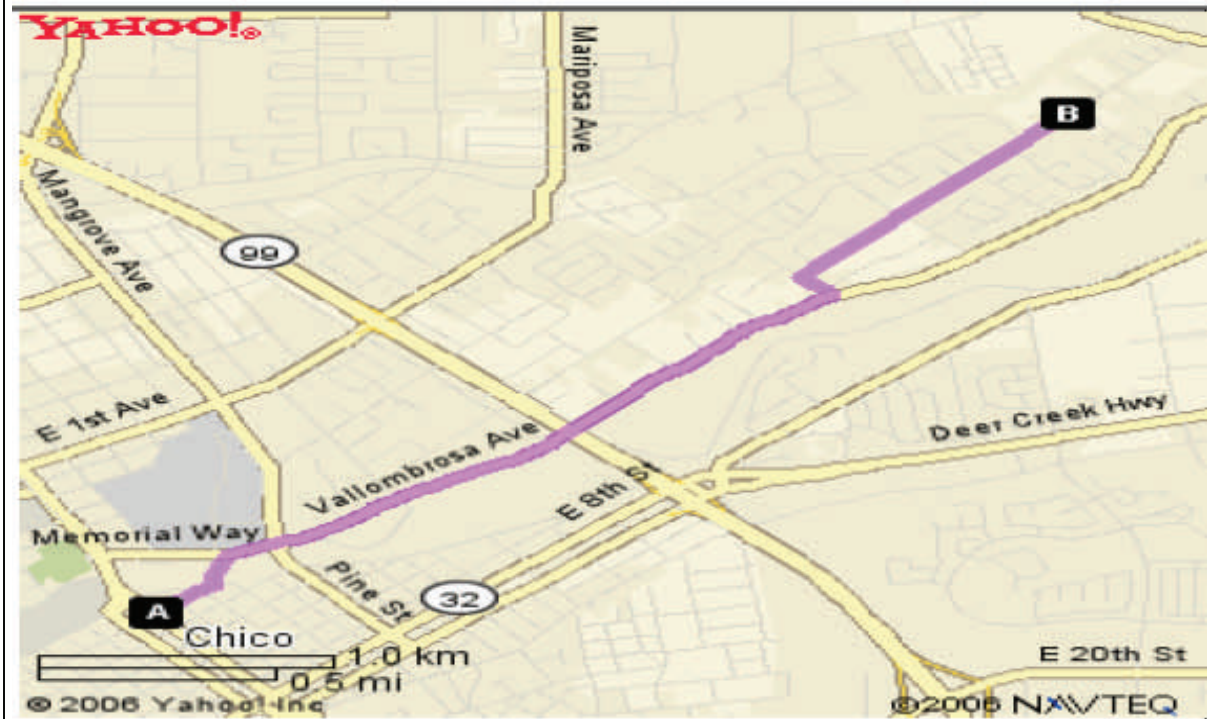
The Hooked on Fishing Event is coming up on June 2nd and the HOFNOD committee needs \$\$\$. Around 17K! This is on the regular CAF donation list and It would help the HOFNOD committee to get this \$\$\$ to them ASAP – prior to our next regularly scheduled BOD meeting. So I recommend that we fund this activity as well, at the \$1500 level - this is what we did last year and it puts us in the Gold Donor category. Eric See made a motion for approval for the club treasurer to disperse the funds ASAP.

motion M/S/P

Meeting Adjourned



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



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Announcements

General Membership Meeting are held at the Seven Day Adventist church, 1877 Hooker Oak Avenue (See map Pg 14) June 6th 5:30 P.M. Board Meeting at 1053 E. 7th St.

General Membership meeting June 13th 7:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. Fly Tying Demonstrations,

June 23rd Lake Almanor fishout lead by Lincoln Gray

July - NO Board Meeting due to the 4th of July Holiday.

General Membership meeting July 11th 7:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. Fly Tying Demonstrations

July 14th – fish out lead by Terry Mich location to be announced

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

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

August 18th Davis Lake Fish out No host.

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General Meeting

June 13th 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.

The Program for the evening will be presented by the California Department of Fish and Game on the proposed Eradication of Northern Pike from Davis Lake.

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

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