

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



AUGUST 1997

short casts

MONTHLY ARTICLES

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

When I took over as president of the Fly Club, I was concerned about some of the many responsibilities I would have to assume: How I would handle the philosophical and personality conflicts that occur in any club, and what about working on the annual dinner; and running monthly meetings; and organizing committees; and, last but not least, writing a monthly article. Without a doubt, this last item is the most difficult part of being the president of the club, or at least it has been for myself.

Having written all these articles over the last several months, and knowing just how time consuming it can be, has got me to thinking that there must be a great market out there for generic, "fill-in-the-blank" type articles. Maybe I'll start a new company, called "Short Lies 'R Us". The following is just one example of what my new company would provide:

"Hello everyone, this is the month of (January, February, March, etc.), and so far everything has been going (just great, not too bad, pretty darn crappy). Hope everyone in the club is enjoying (fly fishing, horseback riding, sewing, underwater basket weaving, etc.), and

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CHICO CREEK CLEANUP

Jeff (The Fly) Richelieu, CAF

Please join us for the second annual cleanup of Big Chico Creek between Bear Hole and 1 mile in Bidwell Park. We will be wading the stream and picking up trash in the creek and along the banks within the high water mark. This is an excellent event for the whole family, so please give us a few hours of your time and feel good about yourself as we cleanup a local stream. Last year we hauled out many hefty bags full of trash. It's my philosophy that if people see a pristine creek with no trash around it they are less likely to leave their own garbage behind. I also feel that people who visit a clean creek will have a positive experience and they will have more respect and appreciation for the stream and want to protect it. Okay, so there is my philosophy for picking up trash. We will meet at 5 mile on the north side of the creek at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday August 23. We will probably clean until about 12:30 p.m., so if you can't make it at 8:30 hookup with us on the water. We'll be the one's with the garbage bags picking up trash. The club will provide the plastic garbage bags, but you should bring the following:

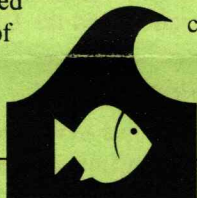
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NEW FISHING LOCATIONS with TOM WOOD

It is being publicly announced that Tom (Steady) Wood, our club Vice President is moving on to brighter fishing spots. No he is not dead, but if he does not keep an open-door-policy in Quincy for CAF members to fish . . . well you thought PG&E had problems in the canyon.

Tom has don an outstanding job with his duties and responsibilities associated with his appointment. He was responsible for the monthly meeting speakers and local paper announcements out for the club. A great club officer and member. Enjoy the fishing in Quincy.

Of course the next point of concern will be his annual contribution to the CAF newsletter on Quincy fishing locations and a club fishout date. What a guy, thanks Tom.



**Chico Creek
Cleanup -
Member BBO
August 23rd**

CAF FISHOUTS - The Pit & Feather Rivers

Jeff (The Fly) Richelieu, CAF

The Pit River fishout was a definite success for Bruce Summer, Mark Adams and myself. We were also the only people who went. We fished during the middle of the day and took 12 to 16 inch fish on nymphs fished under an indicator. It was a hot day and the fish were holding in the fastest water they could find. Mark and I each broke off a fish (we blamed the fast water, those of you that know the Pitt understand that it is hard to run the bank with a fish that wants to head downriver). At the risk of sounding immodest and probably jinxing us for the rest of the year, I should note that Mark and I have yet to be skunked on any body of water we have fished this year on the fishouts.



September Steelies ?

The September fishout will be held on the Feather River, Saturday the 27th. We will be fishing with nymphs (black, brown, and olive birds nest in sizes #10, #12, and #14) and glo-bugs under an indicator. A 5-6wt rod is ideal with a floating line and 8 lb. tippet. This should be an excellent year for steelhead based on the numbers of salmon that are already showing up on the Sac and

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LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop

Chico, CA
(916) 345-9983

Dick Murrell

Oroville, CA
(916) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters

Chico, CA
(916) 343-4071

Trinity Fly Shop

Lewiston, CA
(916) 623-6757

Gerry Gray Guide

Trinity Center, CA
(916) 266-3297

Big Bluff Ranch

Red Bluff, CA
(916) 529-2291

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

AUG 23 NEW MEMBER BBQ / CHICO CREEK CLEAN UP
Jeff Richelieu, 893-1600

SEP 1 YOUTH MEETING
6:30 PM
1053 E. 7th St.
Roger Bevers, 343-6442

SEP 10 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

SEP 17 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448

SEP 26-27 CAF FISHOUT FEATHER RIVER
Jeff Richelieu, 893-1600

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are able to spend as (little, much) time as they wish pursuing this endeavor."

As you can see, it would not be that difficult to come up with a dozen or so different articles which could then be marketed to organizations like ours throughout the Country. Taking into account that in Chico alone there are over 25 clubs and organizations, and there are perhaps 5,000 different communities in the State, and there are 50 States in the Union, that means there are as many as 6.25 million potential customers for an article writing service like this! Even if just half of these groups purchase my generic articles I could retire almost immediately, or at least pay someone to write my own column each month.

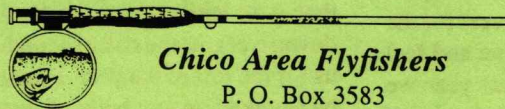
If any of you want to give me a hand in developing these generic articles, just drop me a line. Really. Any ideas at all will be appreciated. Preferably before the deadline for next month's CAF newsletter.

On Wednesday, August 20th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Matt Knodolf, professor of Fluidal Geography at UC Berkeley, will speak on how streams work. This lecture is sponsored by the Big Chico Creek Watershed Association, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Casting the World Wide Web

By the time you receive this newsletter, the CAF home page will be up, and may be accessed at <http://www.stormnet.com/caf>. Surf by and check out our home page.

If you are fishing somewhere in Montana, Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming or New Mexico, you may want to visit <http://www.webcom.com>. This web site contains information about 350 rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs in the Western United States, and many other interesting bits of information as well.



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Chico Creek Cleanup (Continued)

Sun screen, drinking water, hat, wading shoes, gloves, mask and snorkel for getting the trash at the bottom of the deeper holes, and swimming attire (no buff).

The Q



The barbecue will follow at 5 mile park at 6:00 p.m. The club will be providing sodas, chicken, plates, napkins and plastic utensils. The rest of the meal will be potluck, so the members should bring salads, bread, vegetables, fruits, desserts, chips and salsa, etc. and some good fish stories. Members are strongly encouraged to bring new members or anyone interested in joining the club to the barbecue. If you have any questions about the cleanup or the barbecue, please call me at 893-1600 (day) or 893-2941 (eve).

Tight Lines,
Jeff Richelieu

CAF Fishouts (Continued)

Feather. These fish will be chrome bright and feisty with sizes from 1 to 8 lbs.. If you fish the Feather a tot (i.e. Jim Guamer and John Sherman), please come and help the less experienced. If you've never caught a steelhead on a flyrod, your in for a real treat. We will be fishing the high flow section of the river and we will be wading from shore. We will meet at the Blueberry Twist parking lot at 6:15 am and leave promptly at 6:30. We probably won't fish past noon unless the bite is really hot.

To sign up for this fishout, call Jeff or Mark at work at 893-1600.

See you on the water,



Help Clean Up
Chico Creek!