

# Chico Area Flyfishers

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## RON'S Fly Box

Ron Leger, CAF President

The Chico Area Fly Fishers have come a long way in the past 20 years. Club membership is at its highest point ever; our annual fundraiser is getting bigger and better each year pulling in more money to support CAF and our projects; the quality of our speakers is exceptional; our newsletter is of the highest quality, and the number and quality of the projects we are involved in has increased. In short, CAF is an active club that provides many benefits to our community, our fisheries, and our environment.

I'm proud to have played a small part in perpetuating the CAF as your president this past year. It has been a very pleasant experience. My job was an easy one thanks to the contributions of many members. I would like to list all of the individuals who

contributed this year but it would make the newsletter exceptionally long and I would surely leave someone out.

However, There are a few individuals that must be singled out:

Of course the V.P. Bert Robinson (also our incoming president) who can always be counted on for anything;

Don Schumacher who chaired (and will chair again next year) our dinner committee - what a job he did;

Bob Smith who delivered the refrigerators and aquariums plus whatever else needed to be done;

Jan Lang who kept such good records and kept me on the ball and whose house we used each month for fly tying; and of course, the board of directors who gave up

an extra day a month to meet and sample my wife's chocolate chip cookies.

Thanks also to guys like:

Rex Thompson who did such an outstanding job filling in on

literally a moments notice when our guest speaker had to cancel;

Tom Peppas who conducted fly tying (and will do so again next year);

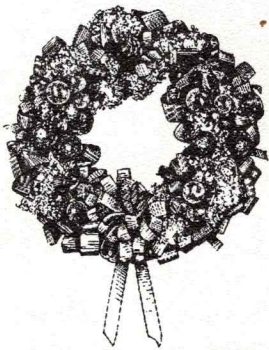
Jon Ost our conservation and environmental watchdog and activist;

Denny Todhunter and John Sutthoff who significantly improved the quality of our newsletter.

Special thanks to Randy McKean. Randy has been invaluable in helping us with our dinner raffle and auction and who is one hell of a resource. Lastly,

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**20th**  
Anniversary

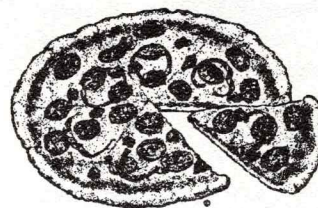
## GENERAL MEETING - Pizza Feed, December 9th

Bert Robinson, Vice President

Our general meeting this month, December 9, will be the traditional family anchovy pizza feed. Come join in the food, family and fun at Pizza Hut, 664 East First Ave. Pizza will be served starting at 6:00 P.M. The club will provide pizza, soft drinks and beer. If you have a video tape of some great fishing you enjoyed this past year, please bring it and share with everyone at the annual anchovy feed.

This meeting will be both our

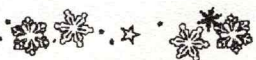
December meeting and our December fishout all wrapped into one. The only item of business



will be to vote for the 1993 club officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor if anyone would

like to throw their name or a friends name into the ring. Refer to the slate of officers in this newsletter to see who has already been nominated. The slate of nominated officers is impressive. The talent is obvious at first glance at the slate. Thanks to all who have allowed their names to be included on the slate.

Hope to see you and your family at Pizza Hut. This is a new location for us so please don't show up at any of the old locations.



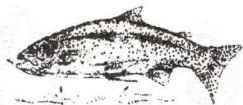
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## CRAW & CREEL



John Sutthoff, Editor

You really can't call yourself a flyfisher unless you have a "buddy" with whom to share your triumphs, disappointments, insights, and memories as you seek the wily trout along the stream or lakeside. It's only natural that at this time of year you begin to wrack your brain for those unique, special Christmas gifts just suited for this special friend. But as everyone knows, flyfishers indulge themselves with every whim, gadget, and invention which flyshops and catalogs can lay before them, so you end up giving a gift certificate or a bottle of his/her favorite streamside beverage.

Since we're into the printed word in this column, let me suggest a couple of favorite pieces of reading material which have given me some pleasurable hours as I await the next call from my fishing pal.



**Kathleen Meyer:** *How to S— in the Woods*. 10 Speed Press, Berkeley, CA. 1989 (\$5.95 paper). Written by an experienced river guide and climber, the book thoughtfully addresses the impact on rivers, streams, trails, and campsites, etc. of indiscriminate toilet habits by those in the out-of-doors. The chapter on why she chose the "S-word" (without my modest hyphens) for the title is worth the book alone.

**John Gierach:** *Sex, Death, & Flyfishing* (1990); *Trout Bum* (1986); *The View from Rat Lake* (1988), Fireside Books by Simon & Schuster (\$9.95-\$11.00 paper) For this Colorado writer, columnist and humorist, flyfishing is a way of life, and his increasing collection of short stories mark him as a premier flyfisher technically, a lover of nature, with a gift of seeing humorous, emotional, and spiritual appeal of the sport we all love. Wonderful bedside and in-camp reading. His *Flyfishing the High Country* is also highly acclaimed.

**California Flyfisher.** Published nine times a year (\$18). P.O. Box 40429. San Francisco, CA. 94110 (415/621-3117). Uniquely catering to Californians, this 10"x12" large newspaper format magazine, devoted solely to flyfishing, first hit the newsstands in October with feature articles focusing on flyfishing for perch on the coast, a 2-part series on flyfishing the

length and breadth of Highway 89, a guide to getting started on finding and fishing uncrowded mountain streams in the Sierras. It looks like the editors have us in their sights, and we can cancel our subscriptions to *Western Outdoors* and *Hunting and Fishings* short shrift in their bloated publications.

**Jon Krakauer.** *Eiger Dreams—Ventures among men and mountains*. (1990, paper) A Laurel Expedition Book, Dell Publishing Group. (\$5.99) I first read this collection of 13 gripping tales of high adventure in the mountainous out-of-doors in hardback. Now its in paperback and fits comfortably on your nightstand and jacket pocket. Krakauer, a gifted outdoor writer and climber, is devoted to the true spirit of human challenge, and chronicles extraordinary feats of outdoor skill and perseverance undertaken by men and women worldwide. Perfect for that adventuresome teen-ager or gals and guys like us who now thrill vicariously in the breath-taking experiences of others.

**Norman Mclean.** *A River Runs Through It*. University of Chicago Press. (1989 with wood engravings by Barry Moser) (\$22 approx.) This edition is a reprint from the 1976 original edition which included two other stories: "USFS 1919" and "Pimping and Logging." The

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## UNOFFICIAL FISHOUT:

### January 1, 1993

Buy your license the day before New Years and get up early to join a few hardy fishermen in the low flow section of the Feather River for some cold Steelhead fishing. PS. In the past few years not many club members have attended this event due to the low number of steelhead in the river. Call Bert Robinson for last-minute times and locales, 895-3875.

## GENERAL MEETING:

### January 13, 1993

We have a new meeting place starting in January!!! Come to the Butte County Library at the corner of Sheridan and East First Ave., Chico. This is a great room with fantastic accommodations. We will be starting off the year with a "Members slide show". Stay tuned for more information on the January meeting.



## DUES NOTICE:

Statements for the 1993 membership dues will be mailed December 1st. Pay your dues by the 31st of December and you will become a participant in the "Early Bird" raffle to be held at our Annual Dinner/

Auction, Wednesday March 31, 1992. The prize is a beautiful Powell graphite pack fishing rod. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$20. What a bargain!

## NOTE:

I recently loaned some CAF member two fly tying video tapes from the 1991 FFF Conclave. If you have one or both of the tapes would you please return them? I believe a board member may have borrowed them.

Ron Leger, CAF President

## FLYTYING — Happy Holidays

Tom Peppas, Flytying Chair



With our usual flytying class scheduled the third week of the month, we find ourselves this month within just a week of Christmas with all of the pressures of holiday shopping and entertaining upon each of us. Good judgement tells us to take a "raincheck" and come back in January with all of the enthusiasm and optimism or the New Year. O.K.? Merry Christmas.



## PRACTICAL TIPS For the Flyfisher

As a souvenir from the presentation at our October general meeting by Andy Burk of The Fly Shop in Redding, here is a set of common sense tips which may help you become a more successful angler:

1. Slow down and take your time when setting up your tackle. Check all of your leader knots and connections. A quick pull test on your knots might just help you land that trophy fish rather than breaking it off.

2. Observe the insects and other food forms that might be available to the fish in the area in which you are fishing. Don't forget to check out those streamside spider webs for an update on current hatches.

3. Learn to tie all of your streamside knots quickly and efficiently. The less time you spend tying knots the more time you can spend fishing.

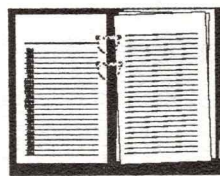
4. Talk to other anglers, especially the successful ones.

You can always learn from others and sometimes you might even get invited to share their fishing in a successful spot.

5. Don't hesitate to change flies and/or techniques quickly. Oftentimes it's our unwillingness to change flies that keeps us from maximizing our time astream. Try unconventional patterns in those ultra-tough situations—sometimes you'll get a big surprise.

6. Small flies are often an important key to success. That angler than fishes small flies with confidence will rarely fail. So many of the food sources that trout utilize are minute, it makes sense to use them.

7. Remember that flyfishing is fun, and we're doing it out of enjoyment. So take time to look at all the wonderful sights around the places that you fish. I take a small sketchbook and notepad with me to record the different things I see as I fish.



## Mark Your Calendars . . .

March 31, 1993

### 21st Annual Dinner & Fundraiser

It's not too early to mark your calendar and to make your plans to attend CAF's 21st Annual Dinner & Fundraiser, March 31, 1993 at California Park Pavilion. Although still on the drawing board, this year's

past, CAF members will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets under our "Early Bird" program and become eligible to participate in our special raffle just for Early Birds—and the raffle prize is one of Powell's 4-piece pack rods. To get your "Early Bird" ticket, have your checkbook in hand on December 1 when ticket sales commence. We close the Early Bird sale on December 31.

Volunteers are needed for the Patron Fund solicitation. Call Don Schumacher at 895-3890 (day) or 342-6183 (evenings).

event is fast working out to be our most successful fundraiser in 20 years as we already have leads on our greatest array of raffle and auction items yet.

We are limited to 200 tickets so you'd be smart to buy your tickets early. As in the

## The Top 10

Least popular L.L. Bean catalog items  
—Just in time for your Christmas list

10. The Al Sharpton compass medallion
9. The used Ace Bandage hammock
8. NASA Hubble binoculars
7. Fake bear vomit for laughs on camping trips
6. Freeze-dried gristle
5. The catheter-equipped waders
4. The Ted Kennedy suits (pants not included)
3. L.L. Bean portable suicide machine-in-backpack
2. Good down condoms
1. The super-slippery ax

(Via Golden West Women Flyfishers from the S.F. Chronicle)

### — CAF NEWSLETTER —

The Official deadline for Newsletter ads is the 30th of each month for the upcoming issue. For example: ads due for the JANUARY issue are due by DECEMBER 30th. Ads will be received and published on a first come basis.

**Size:** All ads will be published in a modular format (horizontal business card size) 3.5" wide x 2" high.

**Rates:** Ads will be sold in quarterly (three issue) package at \$30.00 per package. Rates are for camera ready copy. Payment must accompany ad. Ad design and layout available upon request. Please send ad and checks to:

#### CAF NEWSLETTER

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For all of those fishing trips, and stories, which she so patiently endures, doesn't she deserve a special gift this Christmas. Now is the time to design a custom ring that will remind her of your love and thoughtfulness for years to come.

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**Nominations for 1993 CAF Officers**

We're presenting the slate of officers to you at this time for your consideration, and urge you to come to the December party and vote if you have any interest left in elections after November 3.

**Board Members  
(to be voted on)**

**President**

Bert Robinson

**Vice President**

Al Colon

**Secretary**

John Glover

**Treasurer**

Jan Lang

**Three-Year Board**

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**Two-Year Board**

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**One-Year Board**

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(appointed)**

**Fishouts**

Lee Dickey

**Annual Auction/Dinner**

Don Schumacher

**Publicity**

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**Conservation**

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**Fly Tying**

Tom Peppas

**Program**

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**RON'S Fly Box**

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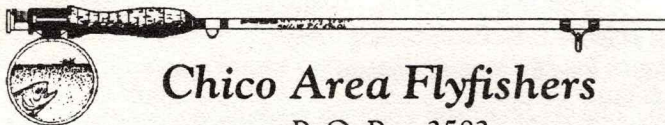
thanks to Press Powell, Walton Powell, Dave Simmons, Alan Clements and the guys at Powell Fly Shop and Rod Company for their support. They have always been ready willing and able to help us in any way. Need an outstanding speaker? A Great guide? Give Powell's a call. (Did I say I was going to keep this list short?)

What a terrific slate of officers we have for 1993. Things can only get better! Fishouts, the one area that I felt did not go well this year will be remedied with Past President Lee Dickey taking over as fishout chair. Under his capable leadership I'm sure we will be more successful in coordinating fishouts.

So long CAFers - Ron's "Gone Fishing."

**CRAW & CREEL** (Cont. from page 3)

paperback edition contains all three stories. My guess Mclean's classic tale of two brothers and their father spread along the Big Blackfoot and Wolf Creek in Montana (now gloriously portrayed in film) will be the first flyfishing book to hit the N.Y. Times best seller list this Christmas. Do yourself a favor, give this beautiful book to yourself.



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*Calendar of Events*

**December**

- Dec No Board Meeting
- Dec No Flytying
- Dec 9 CAF Family Pizza Nite & Board Election. Pizza Hut, 664 E. First Ave. 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 1 FISHOUT Feather River. Call Bert Robinson.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS ! !  
ROGER BEAVERS  
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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from  
your CAF Officers, Board, and Activity Chairs**