



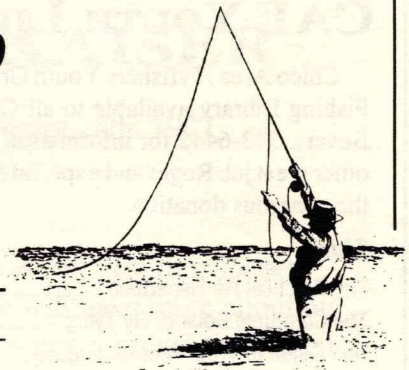
Chico Area Flyfishers'



Short Casts

DECEMBER 1996

P.O. Box 3583 • Chico, California 95927



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff Richelieu, CAF President

Where has the year gone? Looking back at the highlights of last year we started in February with a very successful dinner and auction, too many youth group activities to count, innovative fly tying sessions, good speakers at our general meetings, fun fishouts exploring new waters and familiar favorites, and a fun day on Big Chico Creek picking up trash.

I want to thank all of the people who made these events possible. I won't mention any names because that will just get me in trouble. But when you attend the different events, you should make an effort to seek out the people in charge and thank them for their efforts. The people who go to all of the effort in planning these events need to be recognized for their hard work. It takes many hours to plan each event, and no one is getting paid to organize these things.

I would like to personally thank the board members for making my job easier. The spirit of cooperation among the mem-

bers and the constant striving to do what's right for the club has greatly benefited the membership. I look forward to the activities next year and the upcoming dinner auction on February 28th.

Please get out there and collect donations for the din-



THANKS CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Jere and I want to thank each and everyone of you for the day of guided fly fishing with Tom Peppas.

We recently used that wonderful day up on the Pit River. Not only was the fishing great (ask Jere!), but the weather and companionship was awesome too.

Thanks, CAF and Tom Peppas! Jere and I will not soon forget the wonderful experience and enjoyment we had that day on the Pit River with Tom.

Jan / Jere Lang

Thanks Press!

Keith from Powell Rod Company presents Chris Todhunter with his 2 pc. Powell West Branch 9'0", 6-7 wt. rod he won in the '96 CAF Youth Special Dinner Raffle hosted by Press Powell.

(By waiting a few months, Chris was able to grow into a full sized rod).

ANCHOVY FEED / ELECTIONS

December 11 - 6:00 PM
Round Table Pizza
2201 Phillipsbury

CAF members will host their annual Anchovy Feed / Board Elections Wednesday night.

Members will be able to vote for the upcoming officer / board members.

Members / positions currently proposed:

President: Paul Hendricks

Vice President: Tom Wood, Redge Hawkley

Secretary: Tom Wood, Redge Hawkley

Treasurer: Doug Smith

General Board: Val Bowlby, John Ost, Lionel Valley, Roger Bevers

The above names are the current recommendations received to date. If you would like to propose another person(s), please attend this special gathering.

Your participation is important for the future of our club!

ner and auction. We are looking for items ranging from \$10.00 to \$500.00, and it DOES NOT HAVE TO BE FISHING RELATED. Contact Val Bowlby since she will be storing the items. Please remember it takes many individuals to have a successful auction.

See You on the Water,

Jeff Richelieu

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE

December 31, 1996

Early Bird Raffle:
4 pc, 4/5 wt. Powell pack rod



CAF YOUTH LIBRARY

Chico Area Flyfishers Youth Group now has an organized Fly Fishing Library available to all CAF members. Contact Roger Bevers, 343-6442 for information and checkout procedure. Another great job Roger and a special thanks again to Denton Hill for the generous donation.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Book</u>
The Practical Fly Fisherman	McClane A.J.
The Complete Book of Fly Tying	Leiser, Eric
Noll Guide to Trout Flies	Noll, H.J
A Simple Course in FLY TYING	Harvey, George W.
The Fly-Tyer's Almanac	Boyle, Robert and Dave Whitlock
Salt Water Flies	Meyer, Deke
Trout Fishing	Brooks, Joe
Rodcrafters Journal Nov/Dec 1987	Rodcrafters
Rodcrafters Journal Sept/Oct 1988	Rodcrafters
Fiberglass Rod Making	Clemens, Dale P.
Custom Rod Thread Art	Clemens, Dale P.
Custom Rod Thread Art	Clemens, Dale P.
Advanced Custom Rod Building	Clemens, Dale P.
Decorative Rod Wrapping Step by Step	Flex Coat Corporation
Diamonds, Flags, Boxes, Fish	Flex Coat Corporation
Decorative Rod Wrapping Step By Step	Flex Coat Corporation
Maze, Thunderbird, Cross, Tuna	Flex Coat Corporation
Fly Fishing for BASS and PANFISH	Flex Coat Corporation
How to Build Custom-Made Handcrafted Fishing Rods	Emery, John B.
Through The Fish's Eye	Sosin, Mark and John Clark
The Well-Tempered Angler	Gingrich, Arnold
Fishing Secrets of the Experts	Evanoff, Vlad
To Cast a Fly	Scientific Anglers
Fishermen's Digest 6th Ed.	McNally, Tom
American Food And Game Fishes	Jordan, D.S. & B.W. Evermann
The Magic Wheel	Profumo, David & Graham Swift
Fishing with Lee Wulff	Wulff, Lee
Fishing From Boats	Rosko, Mill
Fishermen's Bible 1st Ed.	McNally, Tom
The Fisherman's World	Waterman, Charles F.
Fishermen's Bible 2nd Ed	McNally, Tom
The Treasury of Angling	Koller, Larry
Fishing the Flats	Sosin, Mark and Lefty Kreh
Modern Saltwater Sport Fishing	Woolner, Frank
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Fly Fishing in Salt Water	Kreh, Lefty
Salt Water Fly Fishing	Sand, George X.
The Salt-Water Fisherman's Bible	Bauer, Erwin A.
Line Down! Big Game Fish	Samson, Jack
Pacific Marine Fishes Book 2	Burgess, W. & H. R. Axelrod
Salt Water Game Fishing	Brooks, Joe
Pacific Marine Fishes Book #1	Yasuda, Fujio & Yoshio Hiyama
Field Guide to Saltwater Fishes of North America	McClane, A.J.
Marine Game Fishes of the World	La Monte, Francesca
How to Fish the Pacific Coast	Cannon, Raymond
Salt Water Fishing on the Pacific Coast	Davis, J. Charles 2nd.
Sportfishing for Sharks	Mundus, Frank & Bill Wisner
Billfish, Marlin: Broadbill: Sailfish	Mather, Charles O.



LOCAL WATERS

Local information provided by *Fish First* of Berkeley.

Remember — contact your local fly shops before you fish for the latest information.

Sacramento River: (lower) River muddy. Should clear up a couple of days after rains. Fishing sporadic. Salmon are spawning, but only trout are hanging around to eat the glo-bugs. Fish a caddis pupa with a small glo-bug. Trout average 15 - 20".

Feather River: Fishing is good for steelhead from 16 - 24". Indicator nymph with a caddis pupa and a small glo-bug dropper. Steelies are also beginning to eat salmon fry. Best action is from first light to 10 am and again from 3 PM to dark.

Eel River: Blown out.

Mad River: Blown out.

Yuba River: Off color, watch the rains. Fishing fair. Use a caddis pupa, stonefly nymph, or BWO nymph with glo-bug dropper. Trout / steelies munching on eggs.

Trinity River: Fishing is fair. Steelies in the system. Stay above Douglas City during rains. Stonefly nymph and a glo-bug dropper. Swinging dark steelie patterns and a few BWO's. Fish are 3 - 6 lbs and HOT!

LAKES: Davis, Baum, Eagle, Lewiston . . . Streamers.



FLY TYING

NO TYING FOR DECEMBER
Class info will be in the January newsletter

OTHER DINNERS - INFO

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL
FEDERATION OF FLYFISHERS
FLY FISHING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
for Lani Waller

March 1, 1997 - San Francisco
Call Irmke Schoebel (415) 661-7638 for info

GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS
ANNUAL DINNER

February 8, 1997 - Roseville
Call Rob Ferroggiaro (916) 791-6391

25TH DINNER / FUND-RAISER

The 25th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser will be held Friday, February 28th, 1997
at the Masonic Family Center on East Avenue.

DINNER SPEAKER

This year we are pleased to announce CAF will host our own Tom Peppas as our program speaker. Tom's presentation should be of interest and pleasure for all who attend. We will have more about his program in the January newsletter. Please get your tickets early, we expect a larger crowd than usual because of this year's special program. Attendance is limited to 250 reservations.

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE

Tickets will be available December 1st for this year's 25th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser. Please send in your ticket request/membership forms (before December 31st) to be eligible for the *Early Bird Raffle*. This year's raffle item is a 4-5 wt., 9 ft., 4-piece Powell pack rod. Tickets will also be available at the CAF General Meeting and Fly Tying or call Bob Smith, 342-5908 or Doug Smith, 894-3196.

MEMBERSHIP

Again, we are combining our membership drive with the dinner. Chico Area Flyfishers' sponsors and participates in many local fishing and conservation projects . . .

- Hooked on Fishing Not On Drugs
- Classroom salmon and steelhead rearing
- Local creek and river restoration projects

As well as . . .

- Monthly meetings & lectures
- Youth meetings & lectures
 - Fly tying
 - Fishouts
- Monthly club newsletter

Remember, without your membership and support, we could not exist.



25th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser Early Bird* / Membership Form

Please check the appropriate box

- One dinner & family membership \$50.00
- Each additional dinner \$25.00
- Existing member
- New member
- Membership only \$25.00

Make check payable to:

Chico Area Flyfishers
P.O. Box 3583]
Chico, CA 95927

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Please fill out, clip and mail.

*Early Bird date will also be verified by envelope
postmark - deadline 12/31/96.

CONSERVATION NOTES

John Ost, CAF Chair Conservation

Merger Grove looks better. Pat Corbett made a new sign and Dave Wyllie with his student Streaminder's group put up the sign. The new sign replaced the original sign destroyed by the mower. Joe Best, Helen and I removed the grapevines from the toyns, and coffeberries and a few of the oak saplings in an hour and a half on November 2nd. (Where were the volunteers?)

Gene Mercer was the Chico game warden during the 1940's and 1950's. He was the first person inducted into the Flyfishers Hall of Fame. The book *Sabertooth* by warden Terry Hodges is about Gene Mercer. It's available at Tower Books.

November 10th, I attended the Sacramento River Conference in Red Bluff that was put on by the Sacramento River Preservation Trust. Douglas Wheeler, Secretary for Resources, State of California, was the keynote speaker. He stressed the value of all parties to an issue getting in the same room and working to resolve a problem rather than using power to get their preferred solution. He, also, said that as California's population

growth continues, conflicts between the environment and people will continue. The closing speaker was William Kier. He has been assistant head of the California Department of Fish and Game and was the fisheries consultant to the State Senate for 15 years. He said, "people in the Sacramento Valley need to keep a sense of place." He supports the ESA and Clean Water Acts as tools to get everybody to the negotiating table. He opposed Prop 204 because he regards it as providing the infrastructure to ship another 34 million acre feet of water south of the Delta.



CLASSIFIED

- Powell Rod Company has extended a club discount of 10% on one purchase each month available to all CAF members. Cards have been prepared with your name (enclosed). Contact Powell Rod Company if you have any questions.
- Rods, reels, lines, accessories and occasionally, quality outdoor gear . . . RAPTOR Manufacturing, Jim Clarkson, (916) 894-1230.
- If you have any fly fishing books, or equipment to donate to the club, please give Jeff Richelieu a call, 893-1600.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- DEC 11 ANCHOVY FEED /
BOARD ELECTIONS
6:00 PM
ROUND TABLE PIZZA
(PHILLSBURY)
- JAN 8 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
BUTTE CO. LIBRARY
- JAN FLY TYING - TBA
7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448
- JAN CLUB FISHOUT - TBA
Pat Corbett, 877-5448
- JAN CAF YOUTH MTG
TBA
Roger Bevers, 343-6442



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**PLAN TO ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1997**