

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



short casts

DECEMBER 1999

THE LINE

Redge Hawkley, CAF President

The November 13th Fishout at Davis Lake was well attended and was productive.



Thanks go to Fishout leaders, Mark and Jeff, who also out-fished the rest of us, except in one category. That category was the Northern Pike. Your president caught a Northern Pike first thing off with a Borger Snail pattern fly. It was the first pike reported in the Cow Creek area of Davis Lake. The Fish and Game Department took a real interest in the pike. I called them on November 15th and they sent out a game warden to pick up the pike that was being kept in my freezer. He came from Hamilton City to my home in Paradise. He said that 23 Northern Pike in one creek area and 3 from another creek area had been electroshocked at Lake Davis. Cow Creek had not produced any pike when they electroshocked the area. I am not sure what they are planning to do with Lake Davis.

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GENERAL MEETING Anchovy Feed

December 8th — 6:00 PM
Rico's Pizza

Mark you calendars for our Annual Club Anchovy Feed, December 8, 6:00 PM at Rico's Pizza off Mangrove.

We will discuss the fall fishing and our upcoming annual dinner. Sign up sheets will be passed out for volunteers.

NOVEMBER FISHOUT

—Davis Lake

Jeff "Should of danced all nite" Richelieu

The fishout on Lake Davis was nothing short of amazing. Beautiful weather, aspens in full fall splendor, lots of large trout, and a good turn out. The planets must have been aligned for fly fisherman because we had an awesome day. There were 12 anglers and about 50 fish were landed including a pike by our president Redge Hawkley. Jack Bogle caught the biggest fish estimated at 5 lbs. One of our crew landed 20 fish. I won't mention his name because that would seem like bragging.



*Our
28th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser
will be held Friday,
February 25th, 6:00
PM, at the Masonic
Family Center on
East Avenue.*



*Volunteers
are always needed as
well as donations for
our auction / raffle.*

The water was about 42 degrees and the wind remained calm throughout the day. An occasional breeze picked up and improved the bite, but unfortunately it didn't last long. The grabs were extremely subtle. All but one of my fish felt like my fly had snagged on a weed. When the water is this cold you need to fish your fly with a

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Tickets will also be available at Chico Fly Shop, CAF General Meetings and Fly Tying or call Bob Smith, 342-5908.

Membership

Again, we are combining our membership drive with the dinner.

Early Bird Drawing / Membership

Deadline December 31, 1999. Win \$100 in general raffle tickets.



28th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser
Family Membership Form

Please check the appropriate box

- One dinner & family membership \$50.00

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date* _____

*** MEMBERSHIP FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12/31/99 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EARLY-BIRD DRAWING.**

Please check the appropriate box

- One dinner & family membership \$50.00
- Each additional dinner \$25.00
- Youth dinner \$15.00
- Membership only \$25.00
- Existing member
- New member

Make check payable to:

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

Please fill out, clip and mail to: Chico Area Flyfishers, P.O. Box 3583, Chico, CA 95927

LOCAL GUIDES

Chico Fly Shop
Chico, CA
(530) 345-9983

Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(530) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters
Chico, CA
(530) 343-4071

Orland Outfitters
Orland, CA
(530) 865-8545

Oasis Springs Lodge
Paynes Creek, CA
(800) 642-4150

Big Bluff Ranch
Red Bluff, CA
(530) 529-2291

DINNER MEETING

December 1, 1999

After the CAF Board Meeting.

Volunteers are needed!

*Any raffle or donation items, please contact
Lionel Valley.*

CAF WEB

<http://www.stormnet.com/caf>

NEWSLETTER

tod2flyfsh@aol.com

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The Line *(Continued)*

The rainbows were football shaped and had been gorging themselves on snails. Jeff's secret was a clear intermediate full sink line with a 7-foot leader and a Bead Head Woolly Bugger fly tied with burnt orange J. Fair materials.

Remember the dinner on February 25, 2000. See you at the Anchovy Feed on December 8th at Rico's.

Redge Hawkley



FLY TYING

Jim Gaumer, Chair

**December 16th
7:30 PM
Chico Fly Shop**

Milt Jensen has graciously agreed to be the guest tier at our December session. He will demonstrate how to tie his trout fry pattern and his pond smelt pattern. I am sure he will also spin some interesting tales of his fishing adventures this past summer.

Join us for a special evening.



Eagle Lake *(Continued)*

very slow retrieve and set the hook on anything that feels suspicious. The best way to set the hook is with a quick fast strip of about 12". If you feel a fish at the end of the 12" strip, then raise your rod tip.

Other lake secrets are to keep your rod tip under the water while stripping. This helps you feel the subtle grabs of the fish and it imparts more lively action to your fly. The most important tip is to keep your line tight between your fly and your rod tip at all times. This includes the first 10 seconds that your fly hits the water. At least a third of my fish are hooked during the first 10 seconds of my cast. If your line is not tight at all times, a fish will grab your fly and spit it out just as fast, and you won't even know you had a take.

The single most important thing in hooking fish on a lake is feeling the strike. If you think all fish hit hard in lakes, you are missing the majority of the strikes. If you want to become a better lake fisherman, call Jay Fair 825-3401 and fish with him on Eagle Lake. The big ones are in the shallows now and Jay will show you how to hook 'em. Stay tuned for the everyone should put some high tech cold weather clothing on their Christmas list, and go fishing with us. The cold is manageable if you have the right gear. We will probably be fishing Lake McCumber for browns and the Trinity River for steelies.

My wife and I are expecting our first Jr. Fly Fisher in February, so I may not have as much time on the water next year.

*Tight Lines & Diapers,
Jeff*

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CONSERVACY OFFICE
500 MAIN ST
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NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
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jan 13 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

jan TBA - YOUTH MTG

feb 25 CAF ANNUAL DINNER /
FUND-RAISER



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