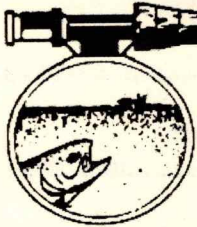


December 2002



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts



THE LINE

Eric See, CAF President

Funny how it works.

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December 11th General Meeting

The December General Meeting is our annual club sponsored PIZZA FEED. It will be located at the Round Table Pizza located in the Almond Orchard Shopping Center and begins at 6:00 PM. The Club will buy the pizza and drinks and everyone, including family members, is invited to attend. Don't miss this chance to socialize with the other members, swap a few tall tales about your fishing adventures this past year and plan some new trips for next year.

Any tickets purchased before the end of the year qualify for the early bird raffle! Also, dues are due by Jan 1, 2003

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FEBRUARY 28TH 2003

CHICO MASONIC FAMILY CENTER

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Please check the appropriate box

☐ \$50 – One Dinner & Family Membership

☐ \$25 – Each Additional Adult dinner

Name

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*Membership forms must be postmarked by 12/31/02 to be eligible for the Early - Bird drawing.

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- ☐ \$25 - Membership only
- ☐ Renewal - Existing Member
- ☐ New Membership

Make Checks payable to:
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Chico, CA
(530) 345-9983

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(530) 343-8300

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Getting The Word Out

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thanks
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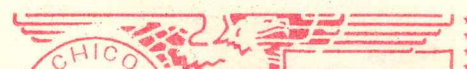
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