

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

dec 2003



## THE LINE

Dana Miller, CAF President

I first got involved with the Chico Area Flyfishers in the late 1980's, by just going to the annual dinner. After I won a 3wt Powell fly rod, I took the hook and haven't let go yet! I even have an old "Chico Flyer" (newsletter) and many of the names of the officers and directors I recognize but no longer see them at our regular meetings or the annual dinner. Some have moved and some have passed away, but most are still in town and still flailing away on local waters. My hope is to get more of the old timers, as well as newbie's back involved in not only our annual dinner but our monthly meetings as well. This past year we had meetings on huge rainbows in Russia, Salmon and Steelhead in Alaska, Trout in Wyoming, Trout in the Marble Mountains and even Mountain Lions in our own backyard! I don't expect to go to Russia any time soon, if ever, but it was sure fun seeing slides of huge Rainbows caught on dry flies!

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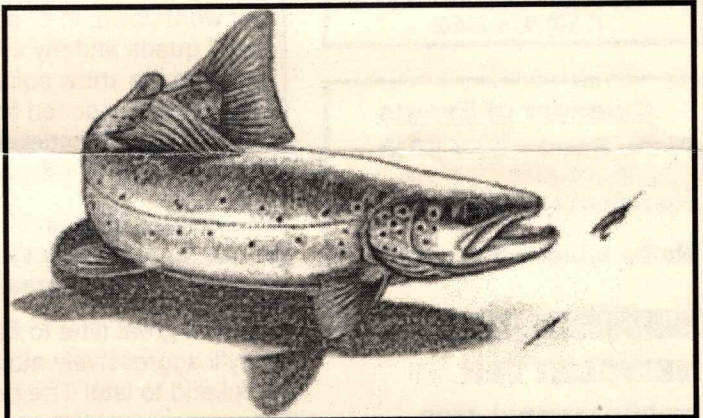
I'm a car dealer, so you know I can tell a fish story with the best of them. Subtract 10% from the overall length and 25% from the amount. I'm an avid duck hunter and monitor 28 Wood Duck boxes in the spring. I specialize in fishing high mountain lakes and small streams. Most of my fishing is catch and release, but I do love a Rainbow Trout dinner from time to time! I'm very vocal about where I go. For an example we usually go backpacking in Yosemite every year and have un-believable fishing for McCloud River Steelhead that were planted in the late 1800's. Some fish

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## December 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 2004



## 32ND ANNUAL DINNER / FUNDRAISER

**FEBRUARY 27TH 2004**

**CHICO MASONIC FAMILY CENTER**

Cut, detach and mail in with your check

### 32nd Annual Dinner / Fundraiser Family Membership Form

Please check the appropriate box

\$50 – One Dinner & Family Membership

\$25 – Each Additional Adult dinner

Name \_\_\_\_\_

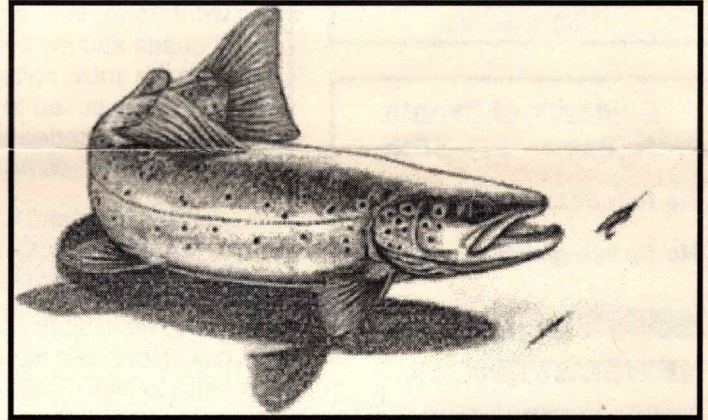
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date\* \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Membership forms must be postmarked by 12/31/03 to be eligible for the Early - Bird drawing.

Please fill out and mail to:

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P. O. Box 3583

- \$50 - One Dinner & Family Membership
- \$25 - Each Additional Adult dinner
- \$15 - Each Additional Youth dinner (under 16)
- \$25 - Membership only
- Renewal - Existing Member
- New Membership

Make Checks payable to:  
Chico Area Flyfishers

## LOCAL GUIDES

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

Fish First  
Chico, CA  
(530) 343-8300

Merganser Outfitters  
Chico, CA  
(530) 345-4071

Orland Outfitters  
Orland, CA  
(530) 865-8545

Oasis Springs Lodge  
Paynes Creek, CA  
(530) 642-4150

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



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### Calendar of Events

**Pizza Feed - Dec 10th**

**No fish out this month**

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### NEWSLETTER

[pmh@stormnet.com](mailto:pmh@stormnet.com)

### CAF WEBPAGE

[www.stormnet.com/caf](http://www.stormnet.com/caf)

### FISHING REPORTS

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## Getting The Word Out

Occasionally we receive information that would be of an interest to club members I would very much like to have an e-mail list so that our membership could be contacted when necessary. Just so you know, I will not give the list to anyone other than a board member of the club. So, if you want to be included, e-mail me at:  
[pmh@stormnet.com](mailto:pmh@stormnet.com)  
thanks  
Paul Hendricks

## BOARD MEMBERS

### President:

Dana Miller.....345-3266

### Vice President:

John Bryan.....345-9983

### Secretary:

Mark Adams .....345-5042

### Treasurer:

Dennis Boyd.....891-5760

### Board Members:

Ron Leger.....343-5191

Steve Bohmeyer.....345-1721

Val Bowlby.....891-0706

Lionel Valley.....343-7364

### Past President

Eric See.....343-1398

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to 20 inches! Yosemite is a pretty big place so I'll usually pin it down to "Northern Yosemite" and you can take it from there. I have a local spot where we fish once a year, and catch Browns and Rainbows from 8" to 15" and we've never seen another person or footprint in the last 10 years and it's only an hour away! Where you ask? Just east of Chico.

My last fishing adventure was truly an adventure! Five of us went to the high lakes on October 31<sup>st</sup> for the weekend. If you remember that particular weekend, that was our first storm of the year! Steve Vanella (CAF member) and a friend of ours from Walnut Creek left Chico before I could; even so, they arrived at the "T" just as the sun went down, in 5" of snow and snowing hard! I was 2 hours behind them! We had 3 quads and my son and his friend had 3 wheelers. The ride in was not bad because the snow softened the rocks and all we had to do was follow their tracks. They were supposed to camp at Long Lake but it was snowing so hard they missed the turn off and ended up at Grassy Lake. Great place if you like Bullheads and frogs! We moved camp the next morning.

Fishing was poor and we only caught a few fish. (Remember the 25%) We planned to fish on Sunday but when I got up it was 20 degrees and when we left for home at noon, it was 25 degrees and snowing.

Fall is a great time to fish high mountain lakes as the fish know winter is coming and they'll aggressively attack just about anything you throw at them, but we were one weekend to late! The previous weekend it was probably 75degrees.

Lastly I'd like to thanks Eric See for the great job he did as President this last year. Being a working Biologist, Eric kept us all posted with the latest DFG regulations that affected us in our area. He can compose a letter with all the biological facts and scientific jargon that most of us laypeople wouldn't dream of doing!

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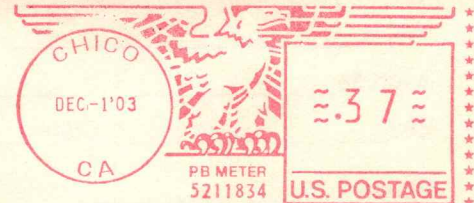
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