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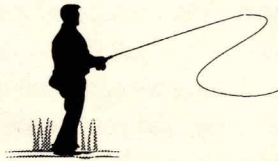
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dana miller

I wish I had a fishing story for you but I don't, I keep thinking I'm going to go fishing but I don't. Between owning a Duck club with 2 other partners and working, raising 200+ pheasants and trying to keep my family life as smooth as possible . . . Fishing seems like a far off dream that gets farther and farther away! You got to have priorities, and mine seem to be: Family, Work, Duck

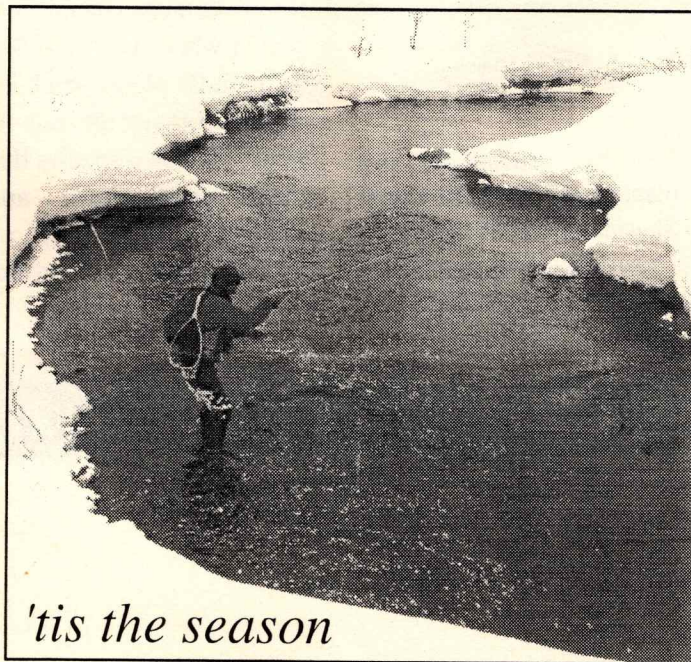
Club, Pheasants and Fishing. Now my wife says work and family are the last of my priorities, and sometimes it might appear that way, especially if it's raining or foggy outside. Well, when you think about it, who wants to buy a car in the rain?

From a sportsman's standpoint, we are truly blessed to live and work in Chico. Hunting and fishing abounds in our area, and the living conditions are still pretty good.

Traffic and the shear growth of our city, although it seems pretty bad at times, when you compare it to the Sacramento Area, we have got it made! Where else would you go to have what we have here?

I remember the first time I went to Lake Almanor to fish the "Hex" hatch. There were 4 other float-tubers as far as I could see! This last summer, I counted 32 float tubes and 11 boats and I'm sure I may have missed some too! I used to Salmon fish

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'tis the season

For all the flyfishers and CAF membership . . . we would like to extend our warmest greeting during this special time of the year. Happy Holidays to all!

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November 10 Speaker Info

Steve Beck, publisher of "TROUT FISHING THE JOHN MUIER TRAIL AND YOSEMITE TROUT FISHING GUIDE."

Steve provided a very entertaining slide show program for the Club which included the following information:

- In Yosemite National Park, about 90% of the visitors do not walk more than 1/4 mile from their vehicles, so just a little hike can get you well away from the majority of the crowds.
- In Lassen National Park, Manzanita Lake is the best fishing lake.
- In Kings Canyon National Park, there are only 20

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the Sacramento river in my little 12' Valco, but now you have to compete with guides with huge jet boats (I wish I had one!) and maybe 6 to 10 of them in your favorite hole! Fishing has become an "in" thing to do, as well as a money thing also. With closings of public waters to save a bug that may or may not be endangered, a plant that only grows next to this particular stream, or a bird that only nests in the trees above this stream, fishing may well turn out like hunting. If you don't own property or belong to a club, your opportunities will be limited. Perhaps in the future we'll see fishing ref-

uges, I think the future is already here!

As CAF president this year, one of my goals was to

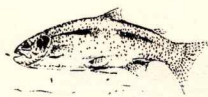
**From the Seven
basic laws of
fly-fishing:
The single,
most effective
technique in
fly-fishing is**

**"One more cast,
just one more
cast".**

collect every members e-mail address and as of right now we're at 60%. I know many of our members don't have computers, and that's probably a good thing, but

many of you do and we don't know it. Getting the word out about a special speaker, fish-out or club function are the only reasons we need them. Another goal of mine was to have a CAF project, something we could put our name on, and get our hands dirty doing it. Well one may be in the works, so we'll wait and see. Lastly I had hoped to improve the attendance at our monthly meetings, while that hasn't happened, I've seen quite a few new faces, which is good! For the most part we have had great programs, with a lot of news and information being exchanged!

The next time you go fishing, be careful not to step on that bug that you see everywhere, it may be endangered. Watch where you step, because those plants you been walking on for the last 30 years, may be a species that can't handle traffic, and above all keep talking to a minimum, as not to disturb the birds.



12 inches. And all that, in a place which has the General Sherman Sequoia Redwood - some 100 feet in circumference and some 2500 years old.

Speaker Info

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miles of pavement with 16 trails entering the park in just one area.

- In Sequoia National Park, Beautiful Golden Trout abound with more than 50 streams having fish over

CAF FLYFISHERS

Come to **CAF's General Meeting on January 12th** at the **Butte County Library at 7:30 pm** to learn more, and possibly win tickets to the festival by just showing up!

THE CAF NEWSLETTER NEEDS HELP

The club needs assistance in the newsletter production and coordination. If you have a couple of hours each month to donate to the production of our monthly communication newsletter, please call Dana Miller, 342-6463.



We have changed publishers for our club newsletter. Please give Dana Miller or Lionel Valley a call with any articles, information or questions.

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