

# Chico Area Flyfishers

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**21st**  
**Anniversary**

## BERT'S Vest Pocket

*Bert Robinson, President*

Rain! Rain! Rain! You have got to love that rain!!! For the first time in seven years our streams and rivers are looking

great this time of year. There are a lot of smiling fish at the promise of abundant water here in the North State.

Tie those flies. Fishing season comes soon enough. If you tie just six flies each night, you will have plenty of flies for the upcoming season. Each year I wish I had tied more flies in the "off season". The longer I flyfish there is less and less of an off-season, and less time to tie flies.

CAF members have taught me to fish for more than just "trout". As I have learned to fish for warm water fish and steelhead, my fishing year has increased to all 12 months of the year. It is getting harder to find time to tie flies.

In this portion of my column in the newsletter, I would like to extend a special thanks to club members who have given that "extra" to the club:

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## ANNUAL DINNER/ AUCTION

March 31st, 1993

Member tickets are now available for the Chico Area Flyfishers' 21st Annual Dinner/Auction.

This years event will be held at the California Park Pavilion, 2500 Park Drive, Chico, CA. The no-host bar opens up at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner following at 7:00 p.m.

Our dinner will be smoked BBQ pork & chicken, beans, salad & dessert.

Donations are \$20 per plate and \$20 for each additional plate.

Contact Don Schumacher, Dinner Chair, for ticket information. 916/342-6183.



Lee Dickey, CAF Fishout Chair (left), lines-up at the McCloud River Nature Conservancy with the successful bidders from last year's auction, who spent a grand and glorious weekend on one of America's prime flyfishing waters.

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## FEATHER RIVER - January Fishout

*The Shadow, CAF*

Well the advertisement was accurate. A few club members enjoyed great fishing on New Year's Day. Several steelhead were caught first thing in the morning. The rain and coffee-colored water provided perfect conditions for catching steelhead. The Feather River is on the mend. In the next few years the fishing should return to

what it was 7-10 years ago. In years past some members were known to get there around 4 a.m. to stakeout the best spot to fish. This year only a handful of fishermen were in the entire low-flow section all day.

Two weeks later on that glorious January one Saturday tucked in among those six weeks of continuous rain storms, Bert Robinson took Pietro Volpato, Don Schumacher, and John Sutthoff for a guided tour along the length of the Feather River

from Oroville to almost the East Biggs cutoff. Flies were wetted over the eight hours for steelhead with no luck (Do suckers count?), but a lot of notes were taken of the points of access and of several "hot spots" Bert was willing to share.

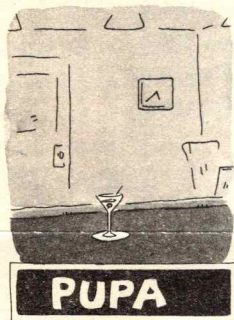
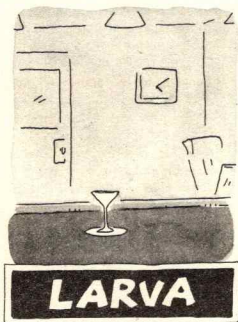
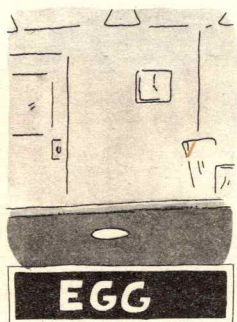
Lurking in the brush along the river and secretly monitoring our tour were Jim Gaumer and Ray Narbaitz, who had pledged Bert upon the pain of death not to reveal the "trade secrets" they had shared with Bert over the years.

# CRAW & CREEL

John Sutthoff, Editor



*Crawl & Creel is devoted to unsolicited material from CAF members and others which focuses on articles, cartoons, issues, etc., about flyfishing which either tend to stick in your throat or which are worth sharing and tucking away.*



## FLYTYING — Dry Midges

Tom Peppas, Flytying Chair

For the February 17 flytying meeting, we will learn to tie three simple dry midge patterns. During these very cold weeks, one of the main insects that trout key in on is the midge. Although they exist throughout the year, the midge is more visible to the trout during the cold winter months because of the lack of larger sized bug activity. I fish these imitations in sizes 16-22, but feel most confident with an ample supply in 18 and 20.

These will be very simple patterns to tie as the steps are very basic, yet there is a certain degree of difficulty due to the small size of the bugs. Along with a little but of patience, the following materials will be used: peacock herl, small grizzly hackle, your choice of small dry fly hooks #16-22 (I like Tiemco 100), black or spider web (clear) tying thread. I sometimes even like to use red thread. Materials will be available to those in need so at least bring yourself!



The February meeting will be at Jere and Jan Lang's residence, 1535 Durham-Dayton Hwy, Durham (343-1644) at 7:30 p.m.. As always, there will also be a few closely guarded tips on how to fish these little devils, but please don't tell all of your friends so that there will always be a few unsuspecting fish left for those of us "in the know"!

# CONSERVATION News

John Ost, Conservation Chair

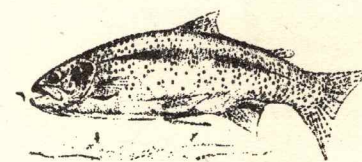
From Chuck DeJournette:

1. At a public meeting in Redding about the tank car toxic spill on the Sac River, an attorney said that restoration should be limited to habitat capacity. In a downward spiraling habitat, this would progressively limit the liability of a defendant.
2. As surface and groundwater plans are updated by the counties, the beneficial uses of water in the protection of environmental factors need to be included.

Why Wild Fish Matter:

The Summer '92 issue of TROUT presents Dr. Ray White's argument for wild fish.

"A wild fish is a free-living fish, hatched and reared in a stream, lake or sea from an egg spawned and deposited there by its mother. A native fish is one originating in and characterizing a given locality or region. . . . Wild native fish are highly developed as individuals, as social groups, as populations, and as communities of species and races.



General differences observed between wild and hatchery raised salmonids are as follows:

Category	Wild	Hatchery
Young-to-adult-survival	high	low
foraging behavior	efficient	inefficient
social behavior		
aggression	low	high
density	low	high
migratory behavior	disperse	congregate
habitat preference	efficient	inefficient
antipredator behavior		
orientation	near bottom	surface
large moving objects	flee	approach
morphology	more variable	less variable

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### — CAF NEWSLETTER —

The Official deadline for Newsletter ads is the 30th of each month for the upcoming issue. For example: ads due for the MARCH issue are due by FEBRUARY 30th. Ads will be received and published on a first come basis.

**Size:** All ads will be published in a modular format (horizontal business card size) 3.5" wide x 2" high.

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## Mark Your Calendars

### February 10 Meeting

Al Coulon, Program Chair

In an attempt to stay close to home, our February meeting will be devoted to several short presentation by CAF members who have personal knowledge and well-deserved reputation for knowing both the Feather and Yuba Rivers and their tributaries. Among those members in the spotlight will be Dick Murrill, Tom Peppas, Sam Kemp, and elusive Jim Gaumers if he can be cornered.

These are waters right at our back door, which can be productive and accessible with little effort.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 10 at the Loma Vista School in Chico, just opposite the Pleasant Valley high school playing field.

### CAF Youth Club Signups Feb. 10

Youth Activities Program Chair Roger Bevers will hold the first meeting of a newly formed CAF Youth Club on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. prior to the CAF General Meeting at Loma Vista School in Chico.

Boys and girls, accompanied by their parents, are invited to share their ideas of what they want to learn and do as fishers during the year. The purpose of the meeting, according to Bevers, is to determine the age level of the youth who are interested and who it is who wish to participate in fishing activities. A calendar of events will then be setup for the year to come.

With the youth and parents present, Bevers wishes to have the youth and parents work together to set the kinds of events and meeting they wish to have, as well and when and where the meetings will be occur.

"I need your support as parents," Bevers said, "if we are to make these meetings and outings the best experience for your children" Parents are urged to be at Loma Vista school early so



that this first meeting can start on time. Bevers noted that "there's a big job to done in a short time."

"I want to come out with a printed calendar of meetings and events in February for the entire year," Bevers stressed, "and have it ready for distribution in March." In the meantime, meetings for the youth club will be highlighted in the CAF newsletter.

Roger Bevers can be reached at 343-6442.

### February 18: Golden Trout Seminar

Ralph Cutter, author of the best seller: "Sierra Trout Guide" and a leading authority of Golden Trout, will be presenting an illustrated talk and seminar on the Golden Trout on Friday, February 18 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Enloe Conference Center on the Esplanade in Chico, just opposite Enloe Hospital. The event is CAF's first flyfishing seminar for '93.

Tickets at the door are \$4 for CAF members upon presentation of your 1993 membership card; \$6.50 for non-members.

Earlier in the day, Cutter will sign his new book, "Sierra Trout Guide," at Powell's Fly Shop.

From 6-7:30 p.m, Cutter will demonstrate flytying techniques, particularly for Golden Trout at the Enloe Conference Center.

Call any CAF boardmembers or the Powell Fly Shop for further information.

### February 27-28: Baum Lake Fishout

Lee Dickey, Fishout Chair

The reports are coming in that Baum Lake is fishing great. Three "buster" trout between 10-12 pounds were pulled out of the lake within the month. Weather permitting the club will be up there February 27-28 to enjoy some great winter trout fishing as it was last year.

If you choose to stay for the weekend there are two campgrounds available. The closest is the PG&E campground in Cassel. The best is MacArthur Burney Falls State Park with hot showers. Call Lee Dickey (891-3323) if you wish to team-up for motel accommodations.

The club will meet at the launch area of Baum Lake on Saturday morning to inform members on special techniques to use on the lake. If it rains that only means better fishing! For more information call Lee Dickey (891-3323) or Bob Smith (342-5908).

### San Mateo Flyfishing Show: March 10-14

Make plans now to get a car pool together so you won't miss this greatly expanded showplace of new equipment, guide services, and demonstrations of flycasting and flytying. Call CAF President Bert Robinson (895-3875) for further information.

### Wanted: CAF Members for Auction/Dinner Drive

Sam Kemp, is seeking CAF members to volunteer for this year's Auction/Dinner drive. Your continuing support is needed to solicit the fly fishing businesses and organizations. We need your help to make this year's annual Auction/Dinner a success. Contact Sam Kemp, 894-3495 for further information.

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## BERT'S Vest Pocket

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Milt Jensen has played a vital role within the club and its projects over the years. "Thank you Milt" for all your support and donations. If you fish Lake Almanor and the surrounding area, you need to know Milt Jensen. He will guide you on any of the lakes and streams in the area. Ask Milt about the Hex hatch on Almanor or Butt Lakes.

## CONSERVATION News

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An example of diversity in wild stocks versus uniformity in hatchery stocks is that each stock appears to be genetically programed to

follow a unique ocean migration route. When too many (hatchery) fish follow the same ocean route, they overgraze the food supply and grow poorly.

The wildlife profession found that game farms didn't work, got out of that business and concentrated on habitat work and regulating harvest. The wildlife agencies recognized and learned from their mistakes. The fishery agencies have learned little from their mistakes.

## HALL OF FAME

The board is now taking nominations for the CAF Hall of Fame. This year's inductee will be announced at the annual dinner. If you have the name of someone who should be inducted into the Hall of Fame please pass it on to one of the board

members. Several names have been mentioned. And just like it is with professional sports most of the names will eventually make it into the Hall of Fame, but we are looking for the most deserving for this year. Let a board member know who you think should be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

## WANTED

### Used Flyfishing Gear for New Member

A woman, who has just joined our club, wishes to buy a second-hand (used) complete flyfishing setup before our next fishout. If you have a spare outfit out in the garage or in the back of your truck that you're not using, give CAF Treasurer Jan Lang (343-1644) a call and she'll pass along your offer and other information.

## Calendar of Events

### February

- Feb 10 GENERAL MEETING  
Loma Vista  
Elementary School  
7:30 p.m.
- Feb 17 FLYTYING  
Jan & Jere Lang's.  
7:30 p.m.  
343-1644
- Feb 18 GOLDEN TROUT  
Seminar.  
7:30 p.m.
- Feb 21-28 FISHOUT  
Baum Lake
- Feb 24 BOARD MEETING  
1157 Palmetto,  
just off Neal Dow.  
7:30 p.m.
- Mar 10-14 SAN MATEO  
Flyfishing Show
- Mar 31 ANNUAL  
DINNER/AUCTION



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