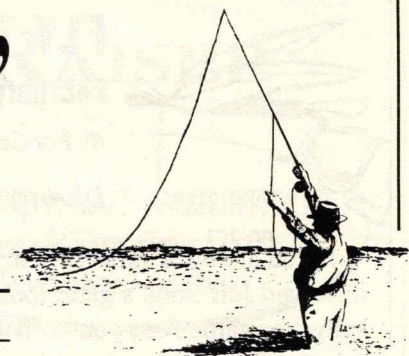




Chico Area Flyfishers' Short Casts

FEBRUARY 1997

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LISTS . . .

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

January and February are great months for the fly fisherman to start planning the upcoming season. One of the things I always do is develop a list in preparation of all those important preseason things that need to be accomplished.

At the top of my list is to organize my fly tying area, so I can start tying a few flies up for the annual dinner. For those of you who have not seen my fly tying area, my wife refers it to the "fins and feathers from hell" area of the house. It is true that things do look a little disorganized, but, being the type of person I am, I know exactly where each and every thing is. Once my wife actually cleaned up my fly tying area for me. Talk about a disaster! I am still finding things I didn't know I had in places I didn't know existed.

The next thing on my list is to dump everything out of my fly vest, see exactly what I have, replace those items, get rid of the items I haven't used, and (heaven forbid) maybe even wash the vest itself.

Third on the list is to check all my reels and remove the fly lines, give them a thorough washing, and precheck all of the transitions between backing and line and leader tip.

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

25TH ANNUAL DINNER / FUND-RAISER

February 28th, 6:00 PM

Masonic Family Center - 1110 W. East Avenue

TOM PEPPAS

"STEELHEAD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA"

Rods, reels and fishing equipment with other outdoor items, guided trips, youth bike, and more!

Tickets are limited to 250 reservations (info inside)

FEBRUARY 12

General Meeting

7:30 PM

Butte County Library

*By Tom Wood,
CAF Vice President*

This is our annual meeting when you, the members, are the featured attractions. Being the featured attraction does not mean having to have a good joke or the best song. All it takes is for you to be willing to share some of your memories from the past 1996 fishing year. During this time of flood control damage, everyone has a bade case of cabin fever. Help those of us by bringing your

slides and/or photos to the next meeting. Your photos will remind all of us that winter eventually ends, and fishing days are ahead. A slide projector will be provided. Bring one side, or bring a whole carousel. You are the attraction.

Once again, if you have a name of a person who you think would be interesting as a speaker, or know of someone who would be willing to be a speaker, let me know. I am Tom Wood and can be reached at 895-8590.

— Remember . . . although it has a slightly intoxicating aroma, do not drink, your dry-fly floatant as an alcohol substitute.

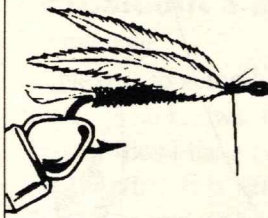
Thank you!

Our dinner / fundraiser is the foundation of our success and ability to contribute to local programs and develop our friendship/skills with other fly fishers.

Your contributions and support are again needed for this annual event.



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FLY TYING

February 13th - 7:30 PM

By Pat Corbett, Fly Tying Chair

Diving (foam) wiggle flies

If you attended January's super general meeting and observed Jeff Solis's great looking flies of choice for big saltwater game fish, you probably noticed a few flat fish looking flies with a foam snout or lip and over-body. Western fly fishing (June '96) also views this fly as a top producer of big fish devoting a 7 page article.

All fish like it including salmon, steelhead, trout, grayling, bass, striper and toothed pike tied on hooks ranging from 6/0 to 10. We will tie a swimming lizard for bass and the wiggle bug.

Materials

Hook: 2/0 stinger-bass

- Foam & leather will be provided
- Marabou & crystal chenille (burnt or brown/orange)
- Brown or black saddle hackle
- Doll eyes

Focus on tying on materials w/the pinch technique.

Come join us and get to know our great fly tying group in the Blue Barn at Music Express Bed & Breakfast Inn, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico. Three blocks east from Hwy 99 on Hwy 32.

BEGINNING / INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING

I have been working on my "Shortcuts and a Positive Approach to a Fly Tyers Manual." My goals are:

1. Familiarize and guide tyers thru the maze of expensive and unproductive equipment, materials and patterns. Teaching only the essentials and most productive choices.
2. Concentrating on tying techniques and their usefulness in tying parts of a fly. We will devote part of each tying session to one technique until everyone has mastered it and the overall applications.
3. Tie productive flies for a variety of fish and invite the class to fish them on nearby waters with me throughout the year.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the 1997 tying sessions, please give me a call, 877-5448.

YOUTH FISHOUT

February 8th - 1:00 PM

Lindo Channel - Intersection of Ceres / Manzanita

Come join our first fishout for the year. We will fish the Lindo Channel for a quick fishin' fix. Bring a lightweight rod and fishing materials for small, quick strikes.

We will move up or down the channel working nymphs and whatever to entice the bite.

(No live bait Bert).

You will be wading and bank hopping so dress accordingly.

If you have any questions, please give Roger Bevers a call, 343-6442.

Donations are due by 2/18

If you have any unwanted fishing equipment or flies, please give Val Bowlby a call at 891-0706. We will recognize your donation if you wish in our program.

All donations / flies can also be brought to any CAF meetings.

Thank you!



LOCAL WATERS

Local information provided by Fish First of Berkeley.

Remember — contact your local fly shops before you fish for the latest information.

Some Waters are clearing!

Baum Lake - cold, clear and weedy. Fishing is fair to good. Indicator nymph with small midge pupa or BWO nymphs on 7x tippet between the weed beds. Trout are rising from noon to 3:00 PM to a variety of BWO and midges. Recent stocking with 2-4 lb bows can make things exciting.

Eel River - south fork, clearing, moderate flow. Steelies are in the system, but are tough to find. The more areas you hit, the better your chances. Use 24" 225-325 grain sink tips with steelhead patterns. Tailouts and heads of pools.

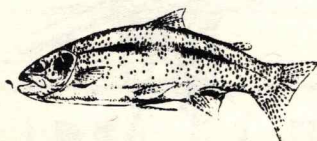
Mad River - River is slowly clearing, but there are tons of steelhead in the system. Use 24" 225-325 grain sink tips with steelhead patterns. Areas to fish are at the hatchery, Blue Lakes road, and hiking upstream of the hatchery.

Smith River - Steelies are in the system, and water conditions are next to perfect. Use 24" 225-325 grain sink tips with small to medium steelhead patterns. Glo-bugs are also a good idea.

25TH DINNER / FUND-RAISER

Raffle prizes, rods, reels, guided trips, prints, youth bike, & other outdoor items/equipment.

ONE DINNER & FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$50.00
Each additional dinner \$25.00
Youth dinners are \$15.00



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

DINNER SPEAKER

This year we are pleased to announce CAF will host our own Tom Peppas of the Clearwater House as our program speaker. Tom's presentation will be "Steelhead in British Columbia."

Attendance is limited to 250 reservations.

Tickets will also be available at Powell Rod Company, The Sportman's Den, CAF General Meetings and Fly Tying or call Bob Smith, 342-5908 or Doug Smith, 894-3196.

DINNER

- Smoked salmon appetizers
- Rotisserie chicken
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Red cabbage
- Smoked salmon pasta salad
- Tossed green salad
- Sliced fruit
- Sourdough roll w/butter
- No-host bar
- Coffee
- Kids refreshments free

MEMBERSHIP

Again, we are combining our membership drive with the dinner. Chico Area Flyfishers' sponsors and participates in many local fishing and conservation projects . . .

- Hooked on Fishing Not On Drugs
- Classroom salmon and steelhead rearing
- Local creek and river restoration projects

As well as . . .

- Monthly meetings & lectures
- Youth meetings & lectures
- Fly tying • Fishouts
- Monthly club newsletter

Remember, without your membership and support, we could not exist.

DINNER MEETING

February 18, 1997

La Hacienda Restaurant
2635 The Esplanade 7:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to assist the committee!



25th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser Membership Form

Please check the appropriate box

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

Make check payable to:

Chico Area Flyfishers
P.O. Box 3583]
Chico, CA 95927

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Please fill out, clip and mail.

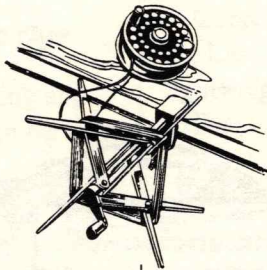
President's Message

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Next is to actually drag out my float tube and check it over. Who knows, I might even find that box of flies I have been looking for the last six months. It is very important to check the float tube and make sure the rubber is in good shape. This is important in keeping that incident I experienced up at Bucks Lake two years ago from happening again (who says a float tube can't get on plane when half filled with air?).

Fifth on my list is to check everything in my wader box - maybe even pull out the old waders and fill them with water to see if any leaks have developed. This is usually a pretty useless thing to do, but I feel that if I do it, at least when I do spring that leak on opening day, I know I did everything humanly possible to prevent it from occurring.

Sixth is to take the old pickup down to the shop and have my mechanic check everything over. My pickup is an integral part of my fly fishing equipment, in that it takes me to where I am going and, hopefully, brings me home again.



Once I have developed this list, I usually feel quite smug with myself. It feels as though I have actually accomplished something. But now it's time to put this list down next to the one I made last year. I didn't do anything with that one either. There is always the possibility I might actually do one of the items on this year's list, though, so I haven't given up hope.

Anyway, for all of you it has been a wet and wild January. Hopefully, things will settle down and we can start getting some fly fishing in, with everything organized and ready to go.

CLASSIFIED

- Powell Rod Company has extended a club discount of 10% on one purchase each month available to all CAF members. Contact Powell Rod Company if you have any questions.
- **Rods, Reels, Lines, Accessories:** New, used & consignment. RAPTOR Manufacturing, Jim Clarkson, tel 894-2062 / fax 894-1230.
- If you have any fly fishing books, or equipment to donate to the club, please give Jeff Richelieu a call, 893-1600.

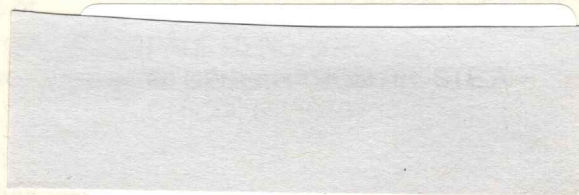
Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

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7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library
- FEB 13 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448
- FEB 18 '97 DINNER MTG
7:00 PM
La Hacienda Rest.
Denny, 342-1104
- FEB 28 '97 CAF DINNER
- MAR 3 CAF YOUTH MTG
6:30 PM
1053 E. 7th St.
Roger Bevers, 343-6442



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**PLAN TO ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1997**