

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



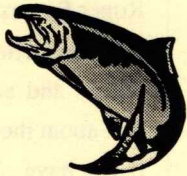
FEBRUARY 1999

short casts

## THE CAST

Redge Hawley,  
CAF President

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After more spectacular jumps and a spirited fight the Rainbow of about 17 inches was landed and released.

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## FEBRUARY FISHOUT

February 27, 1999

Jeff "The Fly" Richelli

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We've decided that every group needs a motto, so for '99 our fishout motto is "*Forget Y2K... Go Fishing*". Let's face it, this is the era of Gortex jackets polypropylene pants, capilene shirts, fleece socks, neoprene waders and low interest rates to finance it all, so cold and wet is not a problem. Jim Gaumer once demonstrated that if it is too hot or humid you can fish from a float tube without the benefit of clothing. The fish bight just fine on rainy days, and windy days are good to

practice casting, so there really are no excuses.

Our February fishout will be at Lake McCumber on the 27 this month which is the Saturday after the dinner/auction. This lake is located near Shingletown out of Redding at an elevation of about 4800'. It is surrounded by pines and frequented by bald eagles and Canadian geese. You will need a float tube or pram as bank fishing is difficult. Floating lines with an indicator and nymph can be effective here, but sinking lines (type II or intermediate) are a more exciting way to fish. Good flies are woolly buggers sizes #8 and #10 in darker colors. Last year I landed some nice browns in this lake up to 20", but there are also a lot of rainbows.

We will meet at 8:00 am at the NorthStar Engineering parking lot at 20 Declaration Drive in Philadelphia Square located off the Eaton Road off ramp in north Chico. Bring your own lunch, be prepared for all kinds of weather, and remember "*Forget Y2K... Go Fishing*". Any questions call Jeff at 893-2941 or Mark at 345-5042.



## IT'S DINNER TIME !

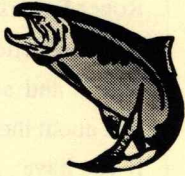
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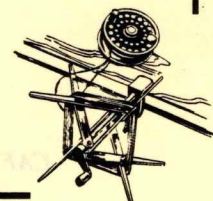
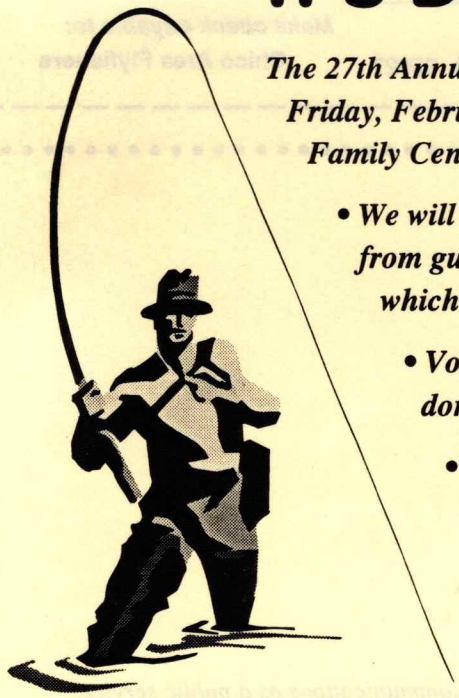
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- *Volunteers are always needed as well as donations for our auction / raffle.*
- *Please give me a call or email (re-email) any donation information:*

*tod2flyfsh@aol.com*

*Help support the fish!*



## GENERAL MEETING

**February 10, 1999**

Lionel Valley, CAF Vice-President

This month's meeting will host one of our newest members, DeWit Zeleke from the Nature Conservancy. His program will discuss the Conservancy's Sacramento River Project.

Butte County Library, 7:30 PM.

*We will always provide stories.*

## LOCAL GUIDES

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

**Dick Murrell**  
Oroville, CA  
(530) 532-4223

**Merganzer's Outfitters**  
Chico, CA  
(530) 343-4071

**Orland Outfitters**  
Orland, CA  
(530) 865-8545

**Oasis Springs Lodge**  
Paynes Creek, CA  
(800) 642-4150

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

## CAF WEB

<http://www.stormnet.com/caf>

## NEWSLETTER

[tod2flyfish@aol.com](mailto:tod2flyfish@aol.com)

## FISHING RPTS

**Fish First of Berkeley**  
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## DINNER MEETING

*February 1, 1998*  
*La Hacienda Restaurant*  
*2635 The Esplanade*  
*7:00 PM*

## CAF YOUTH GROUP - FISHOUT / MEETING SCHEDULE

Bert Robinson, CAF Youth Chair

### February

6 Fishout, Sac. River/ Grace Lake  
25 YG Meeting, Toby Uppinghouse

### March

6 Fishout, Lake McCumber  
25 YG Meeting, Dick Murrell

### April

3 Fishout, One Mile Pond  
29 YG Meeting, Jim Gaumer

### May

1 Fishout, Baldwin Ponds  
27 YG Meeting, Ed Bruno

### June

5 Fishout, Modoc/Clear Lake  
24 YG Meeting, Bob Smith

### July

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29 YG Meeting, Milt Jensen

### August

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26 YG Meeting, Jerry Stevenson

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30 YG Meeting, Tom Peppas

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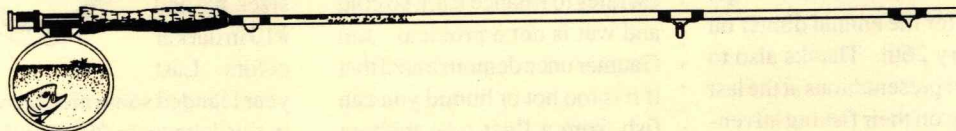
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate box**

- One dinner & family membership \$50.00
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- Youth dinner \$15.00
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## February Calendar of Events

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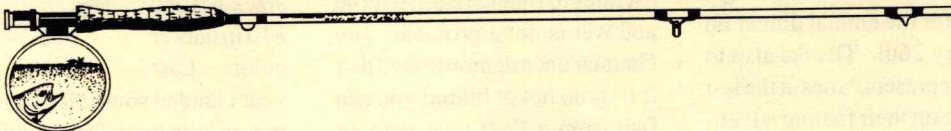
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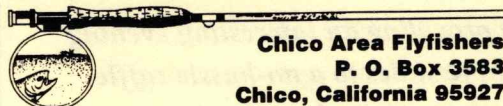
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Bert Robinson
- feb 10 **GENERAL MEETING**  
7:30 PM  
Butte Co. Library
- feb 18 **FLY TYING**  
7:30 PM  
CHICO FLY SHOP
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- feb 26 **ANNUAL DINNER**
- mar 10 **GENERAL MEETING**



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