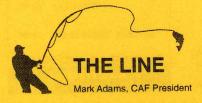


CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



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If you don't already have your ticket for this years Annual Dinner you are really blowing it. This is our primary fundraiser and the money we raise goes to im-

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IT'S DINNER TIME!

The 28th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser will be held Friday, February 23rd, 6:00 PM, at the Masonic Family Center on East Avenue.

• We will be providing an interesting evening from guides & slides to a no-hassle raffle which is always full of exciting prizes.



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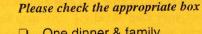
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to Modoc County in June. The regular monthly meetings will resume March14th, as usual.

With work being busy and the normal hustle and bustle of the holiday season I've been neglecting my fishing responsibilities. I haven't been fishing like I should and I haven't tied any flies in ages. I finally managed to get over to the Feather River a couple of times and I also managed to break away and go to the International Sports Show in Sacramento. Fishing the Feather and then hitting the show for the rest of the day really charged my fishing batteries. If you don't go to one of these shows you really should. It's a great chance to visit with some of the guides you hear about and some of the writers you read. You can get some good deals on gear and watch some excellent fly tiers in action. You can also visit with guides and lodges from all over the world and book that big trip you've been saving for, or daydream if you haven't been saving.

I finally managed to get my fly tying gear out and started the job of getting my fly boxes replenished. I haven't tied any flies for awhile and it was a little slow getting started, but now I'm really rolling. The old time favorites are well stocked and now I'm getting into new patterns and ideas. I can't hardly wait to hit the waters this spring and start trying them out. It's pretty darn satisfying to come up with your own variation of a pattern and then start getting into fish with it. Of course the icing on the cake comes when your fishing partner comes over, tail between his legs, looking to see what you are doing different. And you innocently show him that new pattern that you somehow forgot to tell him about beforehand.

The weather is definitely limiting the fishing opportunities but there are still some good options. In the next month I'll mostly be worrying about the Trinity River and, the Feather River. But I'll also be worrying about McCumber Reservoir, Baum Lake, and the Sacramento River. Oh yeah, and some warm days can cause a guy some serious worry over the possible bass bite on any local pond or slough. Maybe I'll see you on the water!

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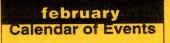
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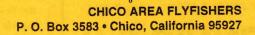
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february Calendar of Events

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BAUM LAKE - INFO
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