

February 2003



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts



THE LINE
Eric See, CAF President

WISH I had a fishing story for you, but alas, I haven't been fishing much lately. The end of January always finds me more ducking than fishing, but duck season is over and it's time to start fishing again. And what a better place to do that than striper fishing on the O'Neill Forebay on February 15th. This is one of the fly club's February fishouts, and it will be a dandy. Roger Bevers, the fishout chair, will be booking a guide (or guides) to lead the club on this adventure with instruction and know-how. Don't miss out! Call Roger to sign-up (343-6442), if you do not have a boat, no problem, we'll make arrangements with those who do. I'm very excited about this as I've never flyfished for striped bass before and can use all the help I can get. Booking guides on some of the fishouts is something that we will be doing a lot more this season, definitely a nice benefit of being a club member.

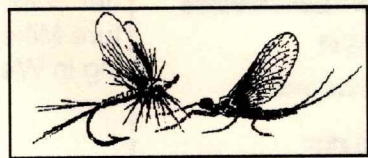
Speaking of being a club member, have you purchased your Annual Dinner ticket yet? It includes your annual membership dues, and gets you into the best Banquet/Fund-Raiser in Northern California. The speaker this year will be Bill Sunderland, who has authored several books on California flyfishing, including the subjects of stillwaters, the Sierra, and our blue ribbon trout streams. We will have an outstanding array of prizes in our raffles and auctions, including at least a dozen fly rods (some custom 3-

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Feb – NO General Meeting

Annual Dinner Speaker
The guest speaker will be Bill Sunderland. Bill has authored several excellent books including Flyfishing California Stillwaters and California BlueRibbon Trout Streams. His presentation will focus on stillwater fishing and will be loaded with excellent photographs from many waters in the north state. Bill will follow up the dinner with a book signing at Chico Fly Shop the following day.

Cost for the dinner is \$50.00 for the first ticket and \$25.00 for each additional ticket. The cost of the first ticket includes an annual family membership in Chico Area Flyfishers. Youth tickets are available for \$15.00. Tickets can be purchased at most local fishing outlets including Chico Fly Shop, Fish First, Fishermans Cove, Longs Drug, and The Sportman's Den or by calling Bob Smith at 342-5908.



31ST ANNUAL DINNER / FUNDRAISER
FEBRUARY 28TH 2003
CHICO MASONIC FAMILY CENTER

Cut, detach and mail in with your check

31st Annual Dinner / Fundraiser Family Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- Please check the appropriate box
- \$50 – One Dinner & Family Membership
 - \$25 – Each Additional Adult dinner
 - \$15 – Each Additional Youth dinner (under 16)

LOCAL GUIDES

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

Fish First
Chico, CA
(530) 343-8300

Merganser Outfitters
Chico, CA
(530) 345-4071

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Calendar of Events

Fish-Out Feb 1st & Feb 15th

Fly Tying - Feb 20th 7:00pm
Chico Fly Shop

No General Meeting
this month

NEWSLETTER

pmh@stormnet.com

CAF WEBPAGE

www.stormnet.com/caf

FISHING REPORTS

www.fishfirst.com

Change of address?
Not receiving newsletter?
Call Paul Hendricks
895-0882

FISH-OUTS – Visit the CAF Website
for the schedule for the entire year.

Getting The Word Out

Occasionally we receive information that would be of an interest to club members I would very much like to have an e-mail list so that our membership could be contacted when necessary. Just so you know, I will not give the list to anyone other than a board member of the club. So, if you want to be included, e-mail me at: pmh@stormnet.com
thanks
Paul Hendricks

FLY TYING –
Feb 20 – 7 00 pm

This month the folks at the Chico Fly shop will be tying the Blue winged Olive & Midge

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piece Performance Ply rods, Press' new line), a pontoon boat, guided trips, an exclusive 2-night stay in The Nature Conservancy cabin on the bank of the McCloud River, fish and wildlife art, and all kinds of other flyfishing and outdoor gear. Mark your calendars, February 28, 2003!

In keeping with CAF tradition, the January monthly meeting featured club members bringing in slides of their fishing exploits. These included the High Sierra, the tributaries of Lake Oroville, and Modoc County. Ed Bruno dusted off a set of Modoc slides from a few years back, if you have never fished or seen pictures of this area, you are missing out. Ed is a wealth of information on fishing this vast area of stillwaters and big fish, I have heard a lot about the Modoc fishouts but have not yet had the pleasure of participating. That very well may change this year, too many big fish in those slides of Ed's.

Big Chico and Butte Creek will close on February 15th, so be sure to hit these streams while you can. I had one of my best fishing days ever on Big Chico last February. The steelhead should definitely be in, so be ready for a jolt!

There will be no February monthly meeting due to the Annual Dinner at the end of the month, however the March meeting program will feature Mike Kaul, a Wyoming fishing guide, to give a presentation on Flyfishing in Western Wyoming.

Remember: It's the wet fly that fishes.

FISHOUT SCHEDULE

February 1st - Lake Oroville Boats and float tubes

February 15th - O'Neill Forebay – Santa Nella – stripers

March 1st – Frank's Tract – more stripers

March 15th – Davis Lake

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