



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts - Feb 2004



THE LINE

Dana Miller, CAF President

Duck season is finally over, and it's time to start tying flies and think about fishing! Thank-you to all those members who thought "FOG", it worked, I had my best season ever!

Just a few fishing reports; A friend of mine fished the Trinity River for 3 days around Martin Luther King day and did very well. Average size was 4 to 5 lbs and the largest was 29 inches and about 10 lbs and even larger ones got away. Isn't that the usual story, "the big one that got away". He was using egg patterns. And that brings up the question, is using a "egg pattern" and several split shot and then flopping it out and bouncing it along the bottom really flyfishing? There's not really a hatch going on, because the eggs are laid and not hatched, when they do hatch they become a baby fish, and when that happens you can match the hatch with a minnow imitation. The presentation is rarely very delicate.

"Kersploosh". While I'm on a roll, how about indicators, aren't they really just glorified bobbers? Being a devout fly fisherman I would never use the above tactics.....Unless it catches fish!

The Yuba River is producing fish, 12 to 20 inches. The Skwalla Stone Fly is starting to come off and the fish seem to prefer that bug. Drifting is a good way to go on the Yuba, because you can

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Annual Dinner Speaker:

BC Wild Salmon and Steelhead on the Fly

A Presentation by:

Dustin Kovacovich, Head Guide Nicholas Dean Lodge

Dustin lives to fly fish and teach others his passion. He has fished many of British Columbia's premier rivers, lakes and ocean destinations for salmon, steelhead, trout and char.

Dustin has exceptional skills in guiding steelhead, and salmon fly fishermen on the Skeena River System. The Skeena System has the finest wild salmon and steelhead fishing in the North America.

He designs custom sink tip systems and uniquely simple and effective flies.

Dustin's presentation will be on Steelhead and

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32ND ANNUAL DINNER / FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 27TH 2004

CHICO MASONIC FAMILY CENTER

Cut, detach and mail in with your check

32nd Annual Dinner / Fundraiser Family Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date* _____

Please check the appropriate box

\$50 - One Dinner & Family Membership

\$25 - Each Additional Adult dinner

\$15 - Each Additional Youth dinner
(under 16)

\$25 - Membership only

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Calendar of Events

Annual Dinner - Feb 27

No fish out this month

No fly tying this month

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cover a lot of water in a small amount of time. Butte Creek closes February 15th, and if you're thinking of trying McCumber Reservoir, forget it, it's frozen over! As usual, check with your favorite Fly Shop for current conditions.

Have you purchased your Annual Dinner ticket yet? It includes your membership dues and entrance into a great Fly Fishing Banquet and fundraiser for the Chico Area Flyfishers. Our Speaker will be Dustin Kovacvich. He be speaking on Steelhead and Salmon fly-fishing on the Skeena River system. The Skeena system has the finest wild Salmon and Steelhead fishing in North America. His presentation will include choosing the right water to fish, gear, methods of presentation and a review of all five species of salmon and Steelhead in the area.

We'll have our usual array of outstanding raffle and auction prizes, many custom flyrods, a pontoon boat, guided trips, fish and wildlife art, as well as all other kinds of flyfishing and outdoor gear. Also, don't forget, the exclusive 2 night stay at the "Mystery Cabin" on the banks of a pristine Trout river in northern California.

Get your tickets early, (we sold out the last 2 years) from any Board member and from Fish First, Sierra Mountain & Stream and The Chico Flyshop.

Remember Big Chico Creek and Butte Creek close February 15th, so you have a little time to try it.

No monthly meeting this month due to our Annual Dinner at the end of the month, but we are working on a special speaker for our March monthly meeting.

Keep a Tight Line!

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Salmon Fly Fishing in British Columbia's Skeena Region. It will encompass techniques for catching all five species of Pacific Salmon and Steelhead on the fly. This will include: A review of all five species of Salmon and Steelhead, Choosing the right water to fish, Fly Fishing Gear and Equipment, Methods of Presentation and a Question and Answer Session.

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