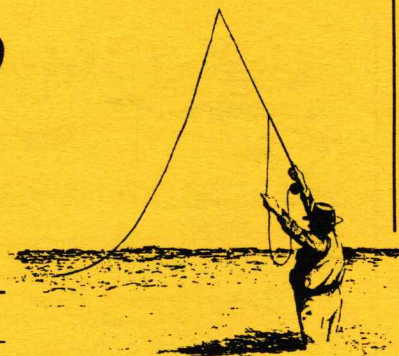




Chico Area Flyfishers' Short Casts

JANUARY 1997

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REMEMBERING CHUCK . . .

New CAF President

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

As I sit here the week before Christmas, having been given my first official duty as President of CAF to write this article, I sit back and think about the many people I have gone fishing with, and I fondly remember Chuck. (Sorry Chuck. I tried to think of any alias, but your name just fits the best.)

Chuck was the type of guy that could buy a spool of leader material and, before he got home, it would be all tangled up in the bottom of the bag. I always carried an extra set of cloths (for two trips, two sets) in Chuck's size in the back of my car because, without fail, I could count on Chuck to fall in the water - normally at the start of the fishing trip. When planning a trip with Chuck, you could depend on the weather. It would always be miserable, even in the middle of July.

I remember one time we were fishing on a no-name creek. I was catching fish fairly regularly, and Chuck was fishing there next to me, but hadn't caught a fish all day. He finally swallowed his pride and asked me what he was doing wrong. I looked over at his setup and said "Well, Chuck, you could put a fly on the end of your line. I've always found that works pretty good for catching fish."

I still remember the time that Chuck called me up with a hot tip about a good bass pond on some farmer's property over on the west side. I may not have mentioned that Chuck had the uncanny ability to be able to get lost even in downtown Orland. Anyway, Chuck and I took off out into the hills where we find this dirt road with a big "Trespassers Will Be Shot" sign. Chuck

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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

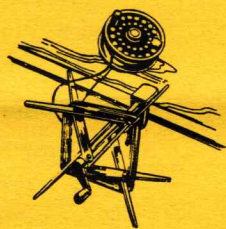
7:30 PM - Butte County Library

By Tom Wood, CAF Vice President

Plan on attending this month's meeting to hear and see what fly fishing is all about south of the border.

We are pleased to announce that Jeff Solis, owner of the San Diego Fly Shop, will be giving a presentation on slat water fly fishing in Cabo San Lucas. Jeff spent six years as a guide on Colorado's Frying Pan River until the pull of salt water fishing became too great. This pull resulted in his relocation to San Diego, where he now guides mostly salt water fly fishing.

This presentation should be interesting and a nice diversion from our Chico waterways.



Donations of fly fishing / outdoor equipment and volunteers needed for this year's fund-raiser.

ANCHOVY FEED / ELECTIONS

CAF members' hosted their annual Anchovy Feed / Board Elections in December. Members elected new club officers and board members:

President: Paul Hendricks
Vice President: Tom Wood
Secretary: Redge Hawkey
Treasurer: Doug Smith
General Board: Val Bowlby, John Ost, Lionel Valley, Roger Bevers

The pizza was good and family members had an opportunity to discuss the largest fish caught and of course the appropriate unit of measure.

CAF DINNER MEETING

January 9, 1997

La Hacienda
Restaurant

2635 The Esplanade
7:00 PM

Volunteers are needed
to assist the committee





FLY TYING

January 16th - 7:30 PM

By Pat Corbett, Fly Tying Chair

C.D.C. Para Dun & C.D.C. Emerging Dun

(Patterns of Shane Stalcup)

These two flies are the hottest looking, most realistic patterns I've seen in a long time.

The use of 'cul de canard' (duck's oil gland preening feathers) was started over 100 years ago in Europe, but not until the early 1990's was it introduced to the States by Rene Harrop.

How to prepare, tie & fish a pattern tied with C.D.C. will be covered and is crucial to a fly that performs or one that sinks.

Materials

Hook: TMC 101 size 16

Thread: 8/0 tan

(Lt. tan or dun) Goose Biot

(Lt. dun) C.D.C.

(Golden brown) Antron or Z-lon

(White) Poly yarn

Come join us and get to know our great flytying 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.

FLY TYING 1997

Dear Tiers,

My attention will be exclusively focused towards our flytying program in 1997 (how about you)? My involvement in fishouts and as a Board Member has ended.

Our flytying programs have reached a new learning plateau by instructing tiers with a step-by-step till you get it approach with personal instruction at your vice.

Instruction includes . . .

- Large visual aides (TV / drawing boards)
- Free recipe handouts each session
- Extra materials (if needed)

Focus for 1997

- Informative guest tiers
- Successful beginning tiers
- Networking to update proper use of materials, hot new patterns and techniques.

Attention Membership:

Flytying materials, spare vices, and hooks are needed and would be deeply appreciated. Duck Hunters — Wood Duck & C.D.C. duck butt feathers are needed.

Fly Donations for this year's dinner

Please bring me your fly donations at the tying sessions or general meetings. Your donations are important to both our programs and myself. They will not be overlooked.

Thanks,

Pat Corbett, 877-5448

DINNER UPDATE

The beginning of the new year means the dinner date is fast approaching. Volunteers are needed to assist in the planning and organizing of this year's event. We had the largest crowd ever in 1996 and hopefully new members will help to make this year's family event better.

Suggestions, donation items, cash donations and man hours are needed. If you know of a business or person(s) give me a call.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Give me a call, Denny 342-1104 (office) or 342-1217 (home).

OTHER DINNERS - INFO

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL
FEDERATION OF FLYFISHERS
FLY FISHING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
for Lani Waller**

March 1, 1997 - San Francisco

Call Irmke Schoebel (415) 661-7638 for info

**GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS
ANNUAL DINNER**

February 8, 1997 - Roseville

Call Rob Ferroggiaro (916) 791-6391

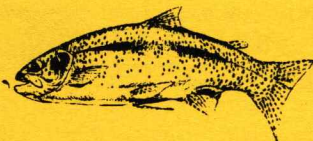
25TH DINNER / FUND-RAISER

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 as our program speaker. Tom's presentation should be of interest and pleasure for all who attend.

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

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2635 The Esplanade 7:00 PM

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25th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Please fill out, clip and mail.

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

President's Message

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looked at me and said "Don't worry. This is the spot and we have permission."

Needless to say, a couple of hours later, we were busy explaining to the Glenn County Sheriff's Department what we were doing on private property, and whoever heard of using flies to catch bass? Not that we actually caught any bass, of course, because we were in the wrong pond, which the Sheriff gleefully told us had a habit of going dry every summer anyway.

One other thing about fishing with Chuck was he insisted that we at least occasionally use his truck. Chuck's truck was sort of like Chuck; you could always count on something to happen, usually at the worst possible moment, and usually at the maximum distance away from civilization. It was strange how perfectly good tires would suddenly go flat; engines which had run like a top to the fishing hole would then refuse to start; and how keys which were able to lock the door were suddenly incapable of unlocking it.

Chuck has moved now, and we no longer get to go fishing as often as we used to, but I still think back to all the trips we had, and all the good times as well. A

smile comes to my face as I think of all the various creeks, lakes and ponds, and in some cases even just water puddles, that Chuck managed to fall in and come out of soaking wet.

Fly fishing is a sport that, by its nature, includes some adventure. Fly fishing with Chuck was always an adventure, teetering on becoming a disaster.



LOCAL WATERS

Local information provided by *Fish First* of Berkeley.

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

FIND HIGH GROUND AND STAY THERE!

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 and occasionally, quality outdoor gear . . . RAPTOR Manufacturing, Jim Clarkson, (916) 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

JANUARY

- JAN 8 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library
- JAN 9 97 DINNER MTG
7:00 PM
La Hacienda Rest.
Denny, 342-1104
- JAN 16 FLY TYING - TBA
7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448
- JAN 20 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**