

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



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January 2001

## 2001 DINNER UPDATE

We have a change in our dinner speaker, Lani called and had the opportunity to fish New Zealand . . . what would you do? CAF will feature, Dave Simmons. Dave, a well known fly fishing guide from our own local waters will present his program, "Steelheading . . . The Sacramento, Feather, & Yuba Rivers."

### TICKET SPECIALS

We will have our dinner ticket sales special. After you sell 5 tickets your five ticket sales will qualify you to receive five dinner raffle strips (five tickets per strip). For information, contact Bob Smith, 342-5908.

### FLY TYING

We need help in tying our annual dinner flies. Each year members donate flies for our raffle packs. Give Randy a call at 872-2015 for donations or questions.

## REMEMBERING PHIL

There is a place high on the east slope of the Warners. It's a crack, deep in the rock, through which runs a small creek. It makes a bottomless split in the ground where brook trout escaped from the stocked lakes



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## AWARD NOMINATIONS

At the annual dinner, the Chico Area Fly Club presents awards to members who have distinguished themselves. The four awards presented are the Hall of Fame, Saber Tooth, Youth Hall of Fame and the Golden Zipper Awards. To help us find deserving members to receive these awards please nominate an individual for each award and return the nominations to a member of the awards committee.

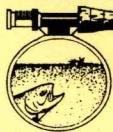
The Hall of Fame Award is presented to the member who has distinguished him or herself through significant accomplishments in promoting the sport of fly-fishing. Examples of past recipients are Walt Powell, Erlene Powell and Press Powell. Do I need to say more? Their names are known the world over for their rods and fly-fishing accomplishments. Gene Mercer is a legend in Northern California. Ray Narbaitz has emceed our dinner for the last 100 years — well almost.

His auctioning skills have helped raise thousands of dollars for the fish. Tom Peppas is a founding member of CAF and is a well known guide and speaker. Denton Hill holds more than a few fly-fishing records. This is the quality of the members in the Chico Area Fly-Fishing Club.

The Saber Tooth Award is presented to the member who has worked over the years to promote our sport through participation in club activities. The Saber Tooth was named after Gene Mercer, one of our Hall of Fame members. If you want to know more about his

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## ANNUAL DINNER— FEBRUARY 23RD, 2001



### 29th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser Family Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please check the appropriate box

- One dinner & family membership \$50.00
- Each additional dinner \$25.00
- Youth dinner \$15.00
- Membership only \$25.00
- Existing member
- New member

Make check payable to:

**CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS**

Please fill out, clip and mail to: Chico Area Flyfishers, P.O. Box 3583, Chico, CA 95927

## LOCAL GUIDES

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

*Fish First*  
Chico, CA  
(530) 343-8300

*Merganser 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

NEWSLETTER  
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CAF WEB  
<http://www.stormnet.com/caf>

FISHING RPTS  
Fish First of Chico  
[www.fishfirst.com](http://www.fishfirst.com)

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exploits read Terry Hodges' book *Sabertooth*. Recipients of the Sabertooth receive lifetime membership in the CAF. An outstanding example is Bob "Fish Tank" Smith.

*The Youth Hall of Fame* was a direct response to the many hours of dedication and interest that Denton Hill gave to the youth group, which was started in 1986. Denton donated time, tying experience and rod building skills to the classes at the meetings for the children. He has been an avid supporter of the youth group over the years and was the club's original youth group leader in 1973. Denton ran the youth group for several years. He was also the first recipient of the award in 1998. The 1999 recipient of the award was Roger Bevers. Future recipients of the award can be club members, for support of the youth group, or youth group members themselves who have contributed to their fellow youth member's involvement in youth activities.

*The Golden Zipper* is our oldest award. Tom Peppas in memory of Walt Konbler first suggested it. Traditionally, it has been presented to the person who "screws" up all that was left of his Levi's was the "zipper". Hence, the names, The Walt Konbler Memorial Trophy, better known as the Golden Zipper. The first recipient (who also received the Hall of Fame award in 1995), Dr. Charlie Beach set a standard that has been hard to surpass but several of "us" have tried. The award is presented to the lucky member by the previous year's recipient. He/She forms a team of three to search out the deserving individual. — *The committee will review all nominations and select the winners at the annual dinner on February 23, 2001. If you would please fill out on a separate piece of paper your nominations and mail your nominations to me (Ron Leger) at the address listed or phone if you have any questions. Ron Leger (343-5191), 9434 Dillon Ct. Durham, CA 95938.*

## REMEMBERING PHIL - con't

*above can winter safely and grow fat, long and dumb. Few stumble onto it and fewer remember how to get back. Those that do aren't talkin'.*

*My friend, Phil Price, believed in that place. He spent a little time looking for it over the years even though most of us thought it was wishful thinking. In the meantime his great humor and sense of adventure and enthusiasm brightened our days from Silver Creek and Fall River to the Klamath, not to mention every corner of the Modoc. It was Phil's urging that propelled us on our odyssey to the infamous "God Forsaken Hell Hole". If he was the captain of the wild goose chase, those of us who joined him always came away smiling. Give us a mosquito infested, wind blown, freezing cold, rain soaked, sage encrusted, muddy puddle in the middle of nowhere, and Phil could make it an adventure. The rainbows inhabiting such places lurked more in his heart than in the water. He had a way of making you believe in the face of all common sense.*

*I'll think of Phil whenever I put on the nasty hat with the duct taped rim. He passed away in Washington State on December 28. It's my understanding that his ashes will be returned to Modoc and spread on the ranch this summer.*



## January Calendar of Events

- jan 10 GENERAL MEETING  
Fisherman's Tales  
7:30 pm  
Butte Co. Library
- jan 18 FLY TYING  
CHICO FLY SHOP - INFO  
345-9983
- feb 14 GENERAL MEETING  
7:30 pm  
Butte Co. Library

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