



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

Jan 2003



## THE LINE

Eric See, CAF President

The Annual December pizza feed was well attended and a lot of fun. We consumed a total of 17 pizzas, and more than enough beer and soda to wash it all down. It's always fun to talk fishing and hunting, and I even had the opportunity to meet some new people. Well, they were new to me anyway, some have been in the club for a very long time, but just don't get out to the meetings very often. We have so many wonderful people in our club, it is a pleasure to be a part of it. By the way, did anyone lose a gold bracelet?

I forgot to mention the November fishout in last month's newsletter, so I will do that now. 20 or so of us fished Big Chico Creek on November 16<sup>th</sup>, and it was great! We made special arrangements with the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, and they allowed us to park at their headquarters. They graciously offered to drive us to the stream from there, the full red carpet treatment! We spread out over the 4.5 miles of creek that runs through the Reserve, and the trout fishing was good to very good, however only a few fish were reported over 15 inches long, most were from 9 - 11 inches. I know there are lots of bigger trout in this section of the stream, however the water was low and very clear, so most of the fishing was in the deeper holes, the riffles and pocket water was too shallow. I believe the bigger fish were hang-

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## Jan 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

As has been done in the past, just show up, wear knee high boots and be entertained by the stories from the membership.

## 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

**Orland Outfitters**  
Orland, CA  
(530) 865-8545

**Oasis Springs Lodge**  
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**Big Bluff Ranch**  
Red Bluff, CA  
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## Calendar of Events

Gen. Mtg. - Jan 8th

Fish-Out Jan 18th & Feb 1st

Fly Tying - Jan 16th  
7:00pm Chico Fly Shop

## NEWSLETTER

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## CAF WEBPAGE

[www.stormnet.com/caf](http://www.stormnet.com/caf)

## FISHING REPORTS

[www.fishfirst.com](http://www.fishfirst.com)

Change of address?  
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Call Paul Hendricks  
895-0882

## FISH-OUTS - By Roger Bevers

Bob and I would like to invite you to join us in as many fishouts as you can possibly make for 2003. We have put together a dynamite schedule and plan on providing the best possible experiences. Please keep in mind that the schedule is here so you can plan your calendar and join us when possible. We may have to change places or dates as the year progresses due to weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances, however we will make every attempt to maintain this schedule. All fishouts and changes will be posted on the clubs web site and at each general meeting the second Wednesday of each month. ALL FISHOUTS WILL HAVE SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE MEETINGS. Visit the CAF WEB SITE for the more info. This year we will have two local (N. Calif.) fishouts each month and 10 -11 Fantasy Fishouts that are several days and great distances. These trips will also incur added expenses due to their distance and amenities. The costs will vary with the locations and conveniences desired by the attendees.

## BOARD MEMBERS

### President:

**Eric See.....343-1398**

### Vice President:

**Dana Miller.....345-3266**

### Secretary:

**Mark Adams .....345-5042**

### Treasurer:

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**Dennis Boyd.....891-5760**

**Val Bowlby.....891-0706**

**Ed Bruno.....345-0737**

### Past President

**Dawit Zeleke.....897-6373**

FLY TYING -  
Jan 18 - 7 00 pm

This month the folks at the Chico Fly shop will be tying the Skwala Stonefly and a Salmon Fry Pattern

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ing in the deep, still water sections of the big holes, therefore, it was difficult to get at them with a fly rod. A couple of people figured them out and connected, but it was the smaller fish for most of us. I caught most of my fish on a #10 Stimulator, so I was very pleased. All trout caught were wild rainbows, it was too early for the steelhead. Don't know if you've seen Big Chico lately, but it is raging! This is exactly what we need to bring in the steelhead, be ready when it drops and clears a bit. And don't forget about Butte Creek, it also hosts some great trout and steelhead fishing. Be sure to try these two streams with that new Xmas fly rod before they close on February 15<sup>th</sup>, you can catch some nice rainbows and steelhead right here in our own backyard, you can't get any more local than these two streams.

Happy New Year and good fishing!

## FISHOUT SCHEDULE

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Feather River Canyon

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Lake Oroville Boats and float tubes

February 15<sup>th</sup> - O'Neill Forebay - Santa Nella - strippers

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