



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

January 2006



THE LINE By Roger Bevers, CAF President

I hope you guys and gals know what you have done. My wife is already complaining that I'm spending too much time on club business. All of the past presidents will definitely have a good idea about where this came from and is going. "It just seems to me that the club could do without so much of your time, said Gloria!" "Well, dear, there are certain tasks that have to be done each month and just beginning this job takes time to get things set-up and running. Besides, weren't you the one who said to me, 'It will be good for you to hold that office.?' " Yes, I know she was really thinking to herself, " If he's in office working for the club, I will have most of the year to myself." " I'll be able to finally do the things I want to do!" "Perhaps even take a cruise on my own." You have to know by this time that she is absolutely right. I have been spending buckets of time working on club business, but you as club members will be the beneficiaries for the future. I have been working on setting up binders for the club officers and board members. The point of the binders is simple. As a past board member and past officer of the club, I noticed that there needed to be some consistency from year to year of the procedures and records of the club. Also, as the club's Historian, it has been next to impossible to gather records for the club's ancestry of members and events. Therefore, as mentioned in the October newsletter, I am starting to implement some of the changes that I promised you I would tell you about.

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General Meeting:

January 11th, 2006 7:30 pm: Butte County Library (Main)

January 9th - E.C Powell General meeting, Lincrest School MP room, 7:30 p.m.
Jack Dennis is scheduled for their program for this meeting



SECRETARIES SECRETS By Lionel Valley

On December 21, 2005, your Board met and covered a number of items including the following:

- Our new President handed out binders for each Board Member and each Officer, which are to be used for making each position as effective and efficient as possible. They will be passed on as new officers are elected to provide some continuity for the respective positions. Generally applauded as a great idea.

- Our annual Anchovy Feed this month was considered to be a good success. Some 33 people attended the event.

- The Annual Dinner Organization/Responsibility List was distributed with respective assignments for the upcoming event on February 24, 2006.

- With respect to donations, it was emphasized that we really need to have everyone helping out in this area. It was agreed that Lionel would e-mail his list of donors to Roger, et al. so everyone could be aware of those donors and avoid duplication of solicitations.

- Eric discussed some conservation issues. In particular, there are some significant changes coming on the Feather River including the building of two weirs, which will segregate the spring run salmon from the fall salmon.

- Eric also advised that one of our 2005 auction bidders needed an alternative to the Oasis Springs Certificate as a result of some changes that they made to the certificates. It was agreed that he should work with the high bidder to select a suitable guided trip in our area and get it resolved at our expense without delay.

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The club binders are the first of changes that will occur. Each binder will have the essential information for the club necessary for club members convenience. You will be able to call any of the officers or board members to get your questions answered. If the officer or board member doesn't know the answer off the top of their head, he or she can check the binder and let you know the answer to your question. I feel this is a step in the right direction in that every board member or officer should have all the information he or she needs to make the decisions necessary to make CAF an efficient and pleasurable club for everyone. Another reason for the binders is to conserve on time at meetings. It is my personal goal this year to make the board meeting as short, pleasant and efficient. I will be giving you more on the club changes in future articles.

The second time consuming task I've undertaken is the development of a club calendar for 2006. It will have all of the clubs meetings, fundraising events, fishouts, outreach activities, women's' events, and much more. If you know of an event or activity you would like to see the club get involved in, just let me know what it is, and we can put it on the boards agenda for you to present. WE need Ideas. As an example- One thing I have been kicking around as an outreach event is an invitational fishing weekend for people with cancer or serious illnesses. During that weekend club members would help the "guests" learn to fly fish, boat, take nature walks or whatever. This kind of relief from patients normal activities can be a wonderful blessing to them. I feel that the club needs more and better public relations with the community, and special programs with community members involved with the fly club members will do much to support our efforts. So, send me your ideas, or contact another officer or board member. All of us are here to represent you.

Our Next General meeting will be at the Library at 7:30 P.M. on January 11th. January is our traditional member sharing night. So, please bring your photos, stories of past or future fishing trips, sideshow shows, power point presentations, or any other fishing experiences you would like to share.

The annual dinner is coming up on February 24th at the Masonic Center on East Ave. So, put it on your calendar and don't forget that we are using reservations this year, just like last year. Dana is the man with the answers for the dinner, and when you see him, be sure to thank him for his service as club president and for his great service organizing the dinner.

The next board meeting will be on December 21st at 5:30 p.m. at Barrett Financial Services (Lionel's' office) As club members you can attend these meetings to give your ideas and opinions, you just can't vote on motions. Sorry, it's part of the bylaws. Our January Board meeting will be on our usual meeting date. The first Wednesday of the month. (Wed. Jan.4th) at Lionel's' office.

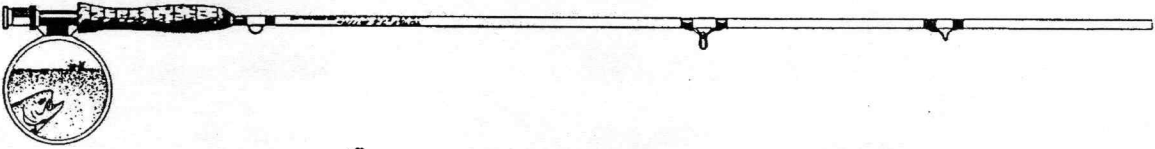
A quick question for you. The club has a membership list. We can't give out or publish that list, but we could come up with another method or different list to help club members connect with each other. Would you be interested in another method or list to connect with your fellow members? You can bring your reply to the next general meeting in writing (so I won't forget it), or just let me know by phone or email. Do you feel this is needed?

Thought for this month >The more you know the more you catch.<

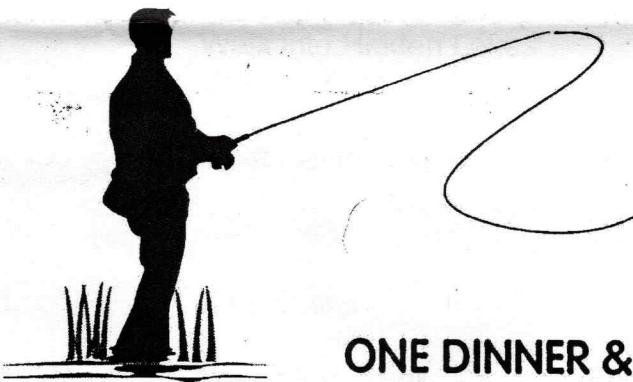
ROAD TRIP!

The EC Powell Flyfishers have arranged to have Jack Dennis talk at their January 9th meeting. We have been invited, so please pass the word. The meeting will be on Monday January 9th starting at 7:00 PM. More info on page 5.

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



35th Annual Dinner / Fund Raiser
Friday, February 24, 2006 - 6:00PM
Masonic Family Center



Raffle prizes, rods, reels,
fly tying items, guided trips,
outdoor prints, youth bike,
& other outdoor
prizes / equipment.

ONE DINNER & FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$50.00
Each additional dinner \$25.00
Youth dinners are \$15.00

----- **DINNER RESERVATION FORM** -----

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE / ZIP: _____
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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP & ONE DINNER \$ _____
EACH ADDITIONAL DINNER \$ _____
YOUTH DINNER \$ _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES

OF TICKETS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
VISA # _____
M/C # _____
Signature: _____
Exp. Date: _____

Mail to Chico Area Flyfishers
5 Walnut Circle, Chico, Ca. 95973

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FISH TALES ARE STORIES OF YOUR BIG CATCH...
BRAGGIN' RIGHTS ARE PICTURES OF THAT BIG CATCH.

Submit your pictures and stories for inclusion in
Fish Tales and Btraggin' Rights by emailing
them to:

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Chico Area Flyfisher's Fishout Schedule 2006

This is where you can locate future outings that Chico Area Flyfisher's provide to its Membership. These Club Fishouts are designed to give fly fishers the best opportunity to catch fish and enjoy the outdoors. Our Club has many accomplished anglers who are willing to share their skills with others and you are only limited by willingness to become involved. From selecting promising locations and time, to helping those members new to the sport, we try to make these trips fun, exciting and successful.

We are also looking for additional **fishout leaders**. If you have one of those favorite spots that you don't mind sharing with others and would like to lead your fellow CAF members for a day of fishing fun, and fellowship please contact Roger Bevers or Don Sleeper.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fishout Leader</u>
Feb 18, 19	Baum Lake	Don Sleeper
Mar 19,	Coffee Lake	Don Sleeper
April 29,	Feather River Trout Opener	Eric See
May 20, 21	Davis Lake	Don Sleeper
Jun 17,	Almanor	Lincoln Gray
July 15,	Caribou High Lakes Walk into Hidden Lakes Chester Area	Don Sleeper
August 19,	Gold Lakes Area	Open
Sept 16,	Davis Lake	Open
Oct, 21	Eagle Lake	Open
Nov, 19	Big Chico Creek	Eric See

Other ideas: Floating Indicator Clinic, Float Tube Clinic, Fly Casting Clinic, Yuba River, Fort Bragg area Surf Fly fishing---

Our sister club in Yuba City, E.C. Powell clubs has the following events planned for January:

January 9th - General meeting, Lincrest School MP room, 7:30 p.m. Jack Dennis is scheduled for their program for this meeting

January 15-21; Trinity River Fish Out

January 17th- Fly Tying, Lincrest School, MP room, 7:30 P.m.

Directions:

Take Hwy 99 to Yuba City. Continue thru town to Lincoln Road. Turn left (East) on Lincoln and then to the right on Phillips (second right). Continue South on Phillips for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to Lincrest School, on your left. Meetings start about 7:30 but many are there as early as 7:00 PM.

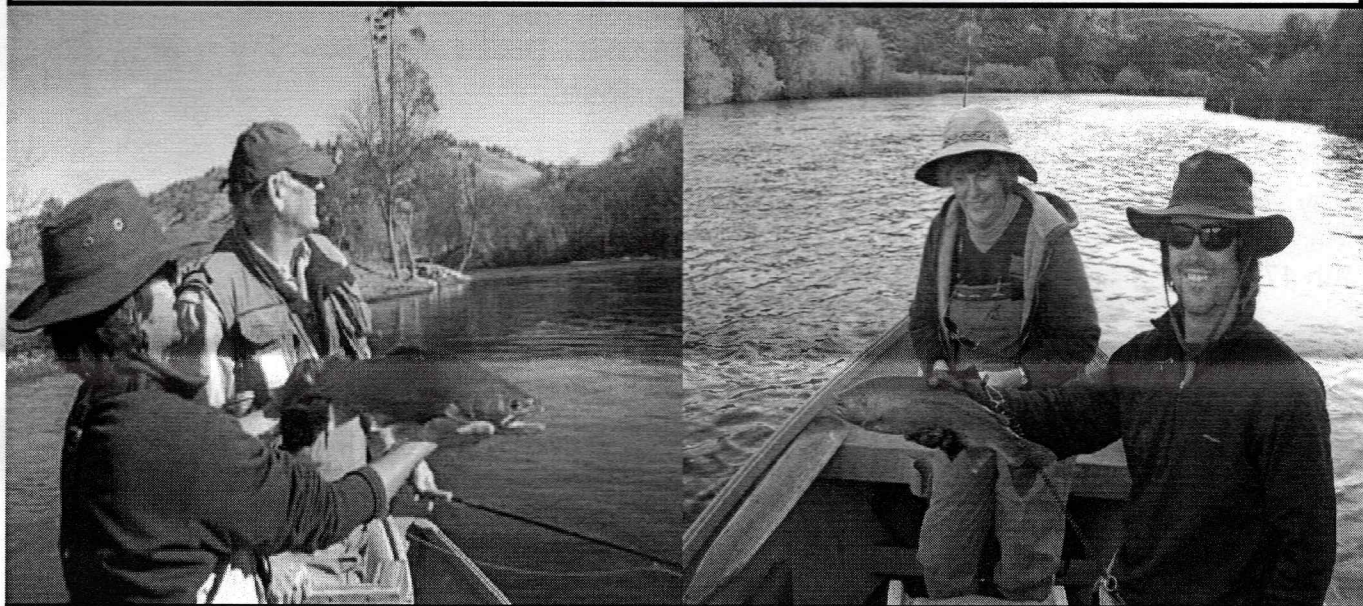
Fish Report from Upper Klamath River (east of Hwy 5)

By Don Sleeper (This is a repeat, because we did not have room for the pictures last month)

Terry Mich, Karen Horne, Pat, and I fished with guides Jim Roberts and Chuck on the upper Klamath River November 16th. Fishing was terrific! We hooked 17 steelhead and 20+ small trout and salmon; the largest steelhead was about 7 pounds. That's a big fish for the Klamath. Terry caught the biggest, and the most, as always!

We put in at the fish hatchery below Iron Gate Dam with two drift boats and floated almost 8 miles. We used a little of every thing from small prince nymphs to large black rubber legged stoneflies. The larger fish seemed to like the big ugly stoneflies. Karen and Pat both had at least three rigs break offs with "big" fish!

Karen started out with her small four-weight rod and the guide quickly noted she was out gunned and switched her to his heavier rod. The trip down the river was beautiful, the weather was great until the sun went down and the temp dropped into the 30's; but by that time we were taking off our waders. For a great fishing trip on the upper Klamath River, I highly recommend Jim Roberts (530-245-0906) and his guides. Chuck was absolutely awesome! (See Pictures below)



Secretary's' Secrets, Continued from page 1)

Some discussion took place concerning the Clubs continued interest in selecting some means of remembering our great past friend, super supporter, and member – Press Powell. Various alternatives were discussed at some length. It was agreed that we need to pursue this to find a good alternative without delay.

Don't forget the January 11th, 7:00 pm General Meeting:

7:00 A lesson/mini-seminar on the proper cleaning and care of your fly lines, by Lincoln Gray.

7:30 Fish Stories. This is the meeting when we get to hear where everyone has been, and see everyone else's fish pictures. We are our own best program! Come ready to share. Any format is fine, we have a slide projector as well as a digital projector. You are even encouraged to bring a scrap book! This is a great opportunity to come and listen and take notes, too.....(get ideas for your 06 fishing trips) Coffee and water will be available beginning at 7:00.

LOCAL GUIDES

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

Fish First
Chico, CA
(530) 343-8300

Merganser Outfitters
Chico, CA
(530) 345-4071

Oasis Springs
Paynes Creek, CA
(530) 642-4150

Orland Outfitters Lodge
Orland, CA
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Calendar of Events

Jan. 4 Board meeting

Jan. 11 General Meeting: Member Trips and Pix and slide shows from 2005. This is the time to tell all the past year's fish stories. You will have a great audience. The slide projector as well as our new digital projector will be there for your use. Call Val (891-0706) to let her know what you are bringing and in what format! For you dinosaurs out there, bring your scrap books!!!!!! Show and Tell, Show and Tell! If you come to just listen, you may want to take notes. There is always much to learn from other member's experiences.....good spots, good guides, good nature etc.

Feb. 1 Board meeting

Feb. 24 CAF Club Banquet

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Roger Bevers.....343-6442

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Call Percy Ledbetter.....877-4848

or
Dennis Boyd.....891-5760

If you missed another strike by the early bird registration, don't forget to mail in your form for the 35th annual dinner and fundraiser. (see Pg 3) It's the best bargain around; dinner, your membership dues and prizes for a paltry sum.

January General Meeting

**Butte County Library
Chico Branch**

**January 10th: 7:00 pm
Seminar on Gear Care
Followed by Fish stories**

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