

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



JUNE 1998

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THE LINE

Lionel Valley, CAF President

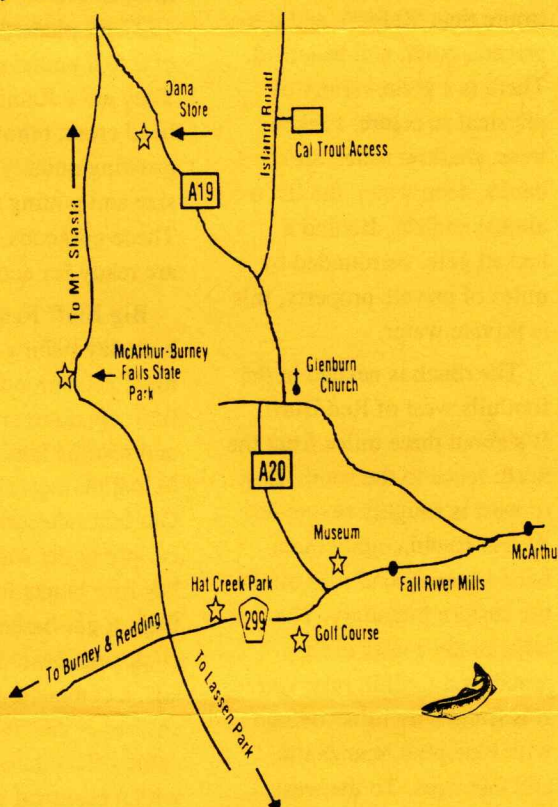
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Trout access take 299 past Burney and Johnson Park. Just before you get to Fall River Mills, turn left on Glenburn Road. Turn Right when you get to the end, then turn left at the church onto McArthur Road. The road will form a "Y". Go right at the "Y" onto Island Road. Turn right just after the bridge into the Cal Trout lot. Once you are on the river it should not be hard to find club members. We will have at least 8 of us in boats on the water (looking the part of an organized team of flyfishers).

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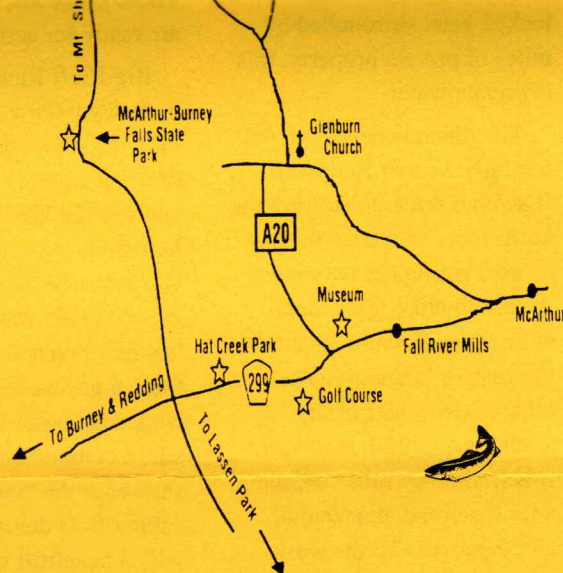
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The Board also approved the same donations as for the current budget for starters. We also agreed to consider donations for The Chico Creek Nature Center, because of their recent fires; The Blue

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A-E Chips / dips / veggie trays

F-L Salads / salad dressings

M-Z Desserts

Members with boats are encouraged to give Jerry Stevenson, 898-9376, a call if you have any openings. Also, a resident/member, Wayne Syn had tied some Shad flies at an earlier Youth Meeting, ask the kids . . .

Sign ups will be at our June General Meeting.

FLY TYING

Pat Corbett,
Fly Tying Chair



Jun 18th - 7:30 PM

Wrap Up

First half review and discussion. Tyers are provided recipe handouts for the evening plus step-by-step, one-on-one guidance to complete the flies.

See you at the Music Express Inn, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico.

LOCAL GUIDES

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

Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(530) 532-4223

Merganzer's 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
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LOCAL WATERS

Local Waters will host articles on local fishing waters and locations, public or private . . . please enjoy this review.

— BIG BLUFF RANCH —

If you're looking for something new, there's a great place to go that's just up the road from Chico. Big Bluff Ranch has a wonderful lake. It's big (25 acres), it's deep (more than 50 feet), and it's private, quiet, and beautiful. There is a great variety of physical structure: sunken trees, shallow water, steep banks, deep water, the list is almost endless. Behind a locked gate, surrounded by miles of private property, this is private water.

The ranch is nestled in the foothills west of Red Bluff. It's about three miles from the north fence to the south. East to west is roughly two miles. A year round county maintained gravel road runs along the eastern boundary. The lake, in the center of the ranch, is a foothill reservoir. It is framed by hills covered with blue pine, manzanita, and oak trees. To the west, you see the chaparral covered watershed which catches the water to fill the lake almost every winter. Beyond the chaparral is the Yolla Bolly Wilderness Area. In every other direction, there are miles of undeveloped foothill rangeland.

The lake was stocked in 1983 with Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, and Red Ear Sunfish. These fish have now lived (and survived!) their entire lives in this reservoir. The largest catfish now weigh

over 13 pounds, the largest bass was recorded at 9 pounds 6 ounces, and the record sunfish is almost two pounds.

But our big news for 1998 is trout. On the last day of 1997 we planted a truckload of 2 to 4 pound rainbow trout. They are a Rainbow-Steelhead cross, renowned for growing quickly to trophy size and putting up a fight! These gorgeous, healthy fish are ready for action.

Big Bluff Ranch offers both day fishing and overnight accommodations. We limit the number of anglers and rest the lake periodically to maintain quality fishing. Our lakeside screened cabin is right at the water's edge. It has four bunks for sleeping bags, a gas barbecue with a cook ring, basic kitchen utensils, a composting toilet and a shower at the "outhouse." The cabin offers deluxe camping with a beautiful view and complete isolation. Only one party of 4 to 6 people is booked at a time. We are open year around, but in the wet months a good rain can make the lake inaccessible for up to a week.

For more information visit our website:

www.bigbluff.com, or give us a call at **530-529-2291**.

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Barn (Music Express), because of their generosity in allowing the Club to hold our fly tying sessions at that location; Chico Rod and Gun club, Inc. because of their generosity in helping with our Spring Tune Up. Any member with other suggestions or ideas should be certain to discuss with any of us on the Board so we can consider before the budget is finalized later this year.

Our April program was outstanding thanks to Steve Beck who presented a great slide program on backpacking and flyfishing in **Yosemite National Park**. The Park has about 1,360 running miles of creeks and rivers, 40% of which have trout in them. It also has about 318 named lakes, 40% of which have trout in them. All trout in Yosemite are wild trout as planting ended in 1981. All rainbows are catch and release while browns are keepable. It is limited to flyfishing or artificial lures only.

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He gave us some great pointers on places such as **Cascade Creek** - lots of rainbows; **Porcupine Creek** - lots of brook trout; **Hoopinaw Valley** - lots of rattlesnakes and poison oak with an abundance of Golden Trout.

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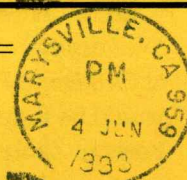
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