

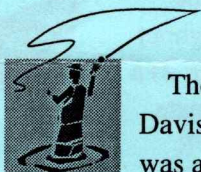
CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



short casts
june 2000

THE LINE

Redge Hawkey, CAF President



The Lake Davis fish-out was a success and I believe that everybody was able to catch trout. I hope everyone will be having a great summer and be able to fish places that they have dreamed about. I didn't get to see everyone, but the ones I did see were having success. Burnt orange wooly buggers and sheep creek flies were working.

Come out to the June meeting and you will receive an interactive CD ROM that covers the Bighorn River and Bighorn Lake. This features Hatches equipment and printable maps of the area. It also features a fly-tying section. Ken Callan has donated these to the club. There are 45 to 50 CD ROMs and will be given first-come-first-serve type arrangement. See you on Tuesday, June 13th.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING DATE IS CHANGED TO TUESDAY !!

The June 2000 meeting will be held on **TUESDAY** (not the normal 2nd Wednesday of the month), June 13, 2000. It will feature Bob Madgic, author of *Pursuing Wild Trout: A Journey in Wilderness Values*, and *A Guide to California's Freshwater Fishes*. Bob's presentation will be on California's Native Trout, Fishing Opportunities in the Central and eastern Sierra Nevada, and the New Zealand Flyfishing Technique. The meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000** at 7:30 PM, at the Butte County Library.



Hooked on Fishing was held June 3rd and was a success thanks to the club members that participated. We sponsored the event with a contribution of \$700.00.

To the CAF members who helped in this annual event, thank you for your time and support.

FLY TYING

May 15th, 7:30 PM, Chico Fly Shop

CAF FISHOUT - JUNE

FALL RIVER / MODOC

Contact: Jeff Richelieu or Mark Adams at 893-1600 (daytime).

OPENING WEEKEND - Eric See

Although I haven't fished the opener there very much, it seemed to fish about normal for Hat Creek. Decent dry

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GENERAL MEETING(s)

Eric See, CAF

May 2000 CAF Meeting
The May meeting featured Jason Kindopp, a fishery biologist with the California Department of Water Resources, who discussed Feather River steelhead and salmon biology. Some of the highlights from their preliminary data:

Steelhead

1) There definitely is a naturally reproducing population of steelhead (SH) in the Feather River (FR); 2) side (secondary) channels contain the highest density of juvenile SH rearing within the Low Flow Channel, as an example one 300 yard side channel near the hatchery accounts for about 1/3 of all wild juvenile SH rearing in the Low Flow Channel; 3) very few SH rear in the High Flow Channel for any length of time, in addition the risk from predation is much higher in the High Flow; 4) there appears to be two separate runs of SH in the FR, one in winter and one in the spring/summer; 5)

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Opener / Hat Creek - con't

fly action on Saturday evening, lots of caddis coming off early in the evening, then the fish seemed to switch to rusty spinners. I caught more fish on Sunday, but only because I joined the powerhouse #2 riffle crowd. I caught at least a 1/2 dozen in the fast water up above, and then went down to the line of anglers in the run below. Typical quirky kind of Hat Creek fishing, the anglers above and below me caught nothing in the 2 hours that I was there, the person across the run from me lost two, I landed six, and the guy directly across and below me landed at least 20 fish. And that was just in the two hours that I was there. I couldn't believe it! I eventually got sick of the crowd, and the almost hypnotic rhythm of shortline indicator nymphing (and the 4 other indicators being fished within 10 yards of me) and moved below to the slick water in search of rising fish. I only managed to land one more fish before it got too dark. Most of the fish were 10-13 inches long, but I did get a couple of 14 inchers. And two browns! Dry fly action was much slower on Sunday due to the wind that came up in the early evening. I fished Pit #3 on Sunday morning and slayed the fish. In less than three hours I landed about 1/2 dozen fish, and either lost or broke off another 6 more. Biggest was 14, though I did get freight trained by one, he grabbed the fly and blasted off downriver never looking back, snapping my 4x tippet.



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Lab studies indicate that FR steelhead prefer temperatures in the range of 62 -66 degrees F.

Chinook Salmon

1) most of the juvenile chinook salmon (CS) migrate out of the FR in the late winter and spring, though a small number of juvenile CS remain in the river throughout the summer; 2) a rough estimate of annual FR salmon production is 20-25 million fish; 3) most of the salmon spawning in the FR occurs in the upper portion of the Low Flow section 4) egg survival is reduced as CS move upstream due to egg superimposition, which occurs where you have overcrowding of CS that dig up each others redds before the fish hatch out; 5) the number of spawning CS exceeds the amount of available habitat in the Low Flow Channel.

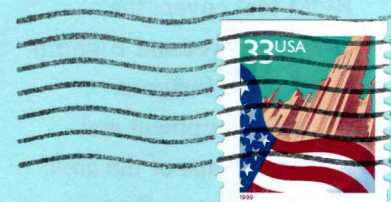


JUNE Calendar of Events

- June 13 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library
- June 15 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
Chico Fly Shop
- June 26 YOUTH MTG
ROGER BEVERS
343-6442
- July NO GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library



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