



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts - June 2004



THE LINE

Dana Miller, CAF President

Summer is just around the corner. Many of our local waters are in fine shape right now, and at the upper elevations the snow is melting and we'll have access to many lakes and streams. As flyfishers we are really blessed to be in Chico. We have Big Chico, Butte, Deer Creek and the west branch of the Feather River for trout fishing within in 45 minutes. Salmon, Steelhead and Shad are only 15 minutes away. Black bass, Crappie and Bluegill are in numerous ponds, lakes and backwaters of the Sacramento River. So many opportunities.....So little time!

As I write this the Damsels are just starting to make their journey towards shore at Davis Lake. It's still early and the weather hasn't been cooperating, but as the temps go higher the fishing will get hotter also. I start out with Blood midge imitations and will switch over the instance I see Damsel activity. It quite an experience to be wading in knee deep water and have 100's of these critters crawling up your legs. Then have a 20" trout within a rods length, not paying any attention to you, because he's sucking in Damsels as fast as he can! Note to self....Make time next week to go to Davis Lake.

I'm planning to fish the Yuba River for Shad by the time you get this newsletter. Fishing the Yuba is a lot different than fishing the Sac for Shad. The ultra clear water makes for spotting Shad very easy. I've had schools swim right up to me and then go around me, front and back! Its funny to have the person downstream of you say "Here comes another bunch". As for the catching, it's about the same as the Sac, but they're either in the Yuba or not, and if you don't see them, they're not there! I'll give you a report at our June 9th meeting.

The "Hex" hatch will be here before you know it. Lake Almanor, Walker Lake and Butt Lake are the places to be in the evenings. Fishing a super large dry fly is fun especially when you're getting fish, but don't forget the nymphs. Fish the nymphs early when you first get there, then switch over when the bite gets to the surface. I carry a "dry rod" and a "wet rod", so it's easy to switch over. CAF is planning a "Fish-out" for the Hex hatch, so make sure we have

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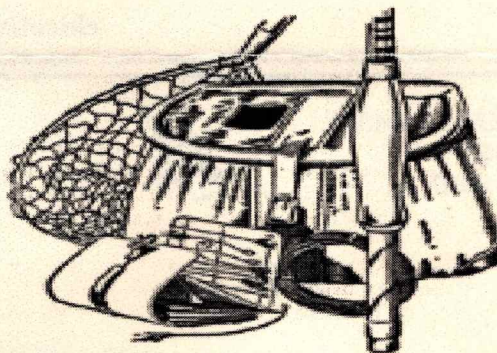
June General Meeting: CHICO FLY SHOP June 9 – 7:30 pm

A Presentation by:
Chris King

Our guest speaker will be Chris King from Redding. He will be representing Sac River Outfitters (www.sacriverroutfitters.com). They specialize in guiding the Lower Sac, Trinity, Upper Sac, and Mccloud rivers for trout and steelhead. The meeting will be June 9th at the Chico Fly Shop

Newsletter Editor Needed

- After 4 years of doing the newsletter I feel it's
- time for some one else to have the opportunity
- to serve the Club. I can provide support to get
- the new person started. Time commitment is
- approximately one to two hours a month



HOOKED ON FISHING CANCELLED!

Due to various reason this event will not occur this year. Plans are in the works to bring it back next spring

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your E-Mail address so we can tell you when and where.

Speaking of "Fishouts". For the newer members and the members who haven't participated in one....Try it....You'll like it. It's CAF's intention to make "Fishouts" fun as well as instructional (for those who need it). We will try to have flies available; I know I have way too many flies! There are so many members with so much knowledge, we'll show you the place, the flies, and the techniques to catch fish, and all you need is the rod and reel! Once you have all the basic information you're equipped to return and fish when ever you want. That's what happened to me. My first fishout was Davis Lake, and now I love Davis. I fish it many times a year and I catch my share of fish too!

This will be our last newsletter until September. We're looking for a newsletter editor, if your interested let me know. Also CAF is open to new ideas for projects, cabins or properties to lease or rent. We're always looking for a good speaker, new places to have a fish-out. Have a great summer, fish hard and fish often!!

Calendar of Events

General Mtg. – Chico Fly Shop – 7:30 pm June 9th

Lake Almanor Fish-out – TBD – Notice will be sent via e-mail

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