



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

June 2005



## THE LINE

Dana Miller, CAF President

Summer is here! As I write this the temperatures are suppose to reach 92 degrees today. It's the middle of May and the Sacramento river is flooding and Lake Oroville is dumping water and will be full this year! The Feather river is blown out as is every other creek and stream in the county! It must be "Global Warming"! I think when the weather calms down we're going to be in for some great fishing! Speaking of great fishing...Most of you missed the Big Bluff Fish out, and it was a good one! My son had a smile on his face all afternoon on Saturday. He out fished me 15 to 3! He caught big Catfish and some real nice Bass on a #10 wooly bugger. If CAF does this fish out again next year, plan to go! My son and I will be there! I finally fished the Feather River a few weeks back. Fishing wasn't that good, but I did manage to hook and land one Steelhead. That proves that you don't have to be skilled to catch a fish. I rely strictly on luck when it comes to steelhead fishing on the Feather!

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## June 14th General Meeting

Butte County Library, 7:30 p.m.

### SECRETARIE'S NOTES

By Lionel Valley

Your Clubs Board met on May 4, 2005 and covered a number of items including the following:

-The final results for our Annual Dinner are coming in after all the bills are getting paid and recorded. In the absence of our Treasurer, Dana advised that we had Total Income of \$25,801, Expenses of \$10,200, for a Net Income of about \$15,600.00

-M/S/P - Roger Bevers to form a committee to update the bylaws & officer descriptions for the Club. Committee consists of Mark Adams, Larry Willis, Roger Bevers, and Lionel Valley.

Paul H. Fieberg, of Dana Point, Ca., has generously donated -A laptop computer to the Club through a contact by Eric See. A thank you letter has been sent out - greatly appreciated.

-Larry Willis will review our insurance coverage to confirm that the Board members have coverage to protect them from any personal liability. The insurance premium is \$1025.00 this year.

-Roger Bevers, our Club Historian has agreed to be the Conservation Chairperson for the Club - Thanks Roger.

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Tight Lines.  
Roger

## 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**  
Paynes Creek, CA  
(530) 642-4150

**Big Bluff Ranch**  
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### Calendar of Events

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tributed to new but also existing members at our general meetings as part of each persons membership. They are a \$9.95 value.

Our speaker at our May General Meeting was Lincoln Gray of Sierra Stream & Mountain.

As a guide for Lake Almanor, etc, he covered a number of interesting items, including the following:

- Still water fishing tactics
- Observe rocky points/deep to shallow water areas/weed beds/ and springs to identify the most likely holding areas for fish.
- Different types of lines, examples of which were circulated among the audience, including 2 color floating lines, clear camel lines, type 3 density compensated lines, and 1/2 size weight lines.
- Various retrieves and the respective optimum time to use them.
- Various fly patterns, many of which were circulated among the audience.

### BOARD MEMBERS

**President:**  
Dana Miller.....345-3266

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Roger Bevers .....343-6442

**Secretary:**  
Lionel Valley.....343-7364

**Treasurer:**  
Dennis Boyd.....891-5760

**Fish Master:**  
Don Sleeper.....345-1197

**Board Members:**  
Ron Leger.....343-5191  
Don Sleeper.....345-1197  
Val Bowlby.....891-0706  
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else that I missed!

This will be our last newsletter until the September issue. Don't forget the damsels at Davis Lake, it should be good, and Lake Almanor for the "Hex" hatch. We'll send out E-Mails about summer fish outs...A good reason to give us your correct e-mail address! Have a great summer!

### CALLING ALL LADIES !

Yes, we are discriminating, intentionally. We have listened, and are responding to several requests and hints that we do a ladies fishout / clinic. One is being planned as we speak. For now, we need to put together a good snail mail / e-mail list of ladies that should receive the flyers / notices. Guys and gals out there, please help us with these names for our list. It could be a spouse, a friend of a friend, a daughter or co-worker, etc.....Please get those names and contacts to: [vbowlby@digitalpath.net](mailto:vbowlby@digitalpath.net) or to [psleeper@digitalpath.net](mailto:psleeper@digitalpath.net).

The plan is to devote a full day to clinic activities, practice, games and fun, prizes, eating and drinking, laughing at ourselves of course, making some new friends, and catching fish, all within a short drive of the Chico area. If this day is successful, we will surely do it again. As all of us know, we become more and more competent by spending time on water, and with other people, because there is always so much to learn from those beside us. Pat and I are hopeful that the ladies who have spent the day with us will go away with increased confidence in choosing and setting up their own equipment, presentation of fly to fish, twitching, setting the hook, catching and properly releasing the fish. As the day is still in the planning stages, we have not yet got the exact date set, nor do we have our instructors solidified. So stay tuned, and remember to help us with our ladies list. Thanks a bunch,  
Val Bowlby and Pat Sleeper

### FISHOUT SCHEDULE

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