

# Chico Area Flyfishers

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## Annual Dinner/Fund-Raiser/Auction - March 31st

Don Schumacher, Dinner Chair

➤ In addition to a vast array of high quality fly rods, reels, U-Boats, Porta Boats, artwork and fishing and flytying equipment in general, we have acquired for the auction and raffle a selection of guided fishing trips that you have always dreamed of taking. Chances of winning a guided trip

on the Dechutes with a new graphite fly rod are better than ever. A really special item this year is two week's stay at a summer cabin adjacent to the Deschutes and Sun Rivers in Oregon. The cabin sleeps eight.

Tickets are limited to only 200 and will go on sale to the general public March 1st. Don't

miss out - buy your tickets now. Contact Don Schumacher at (916) 895-3890.

➤ Sam Kemp is chairing our Patrons Solicitation Committee. Last year this committee raised \$1200 from donations by local Chico businesses supporting our fund-raising activities. The goal this year is \$2000. The committee needs help. Ask your fishing buddies and business friends to become Patrons by donating \$25 to \$100 in support of our worthy activities. Contact Sam Kemp (916) 895-1555, for further information.

➤ The call is out to all of you flytyers. Tie up a dozen or more of your favorite patterns for the raffle. Call Don Schumacher or Al Coulon for information. Deliver flies to Don Schumacher's office located at 660 Manzanita Court, Suite 7, Chico.

**21st**  
**Anniversary**



### Chico Area Flyfishers

#### 21st ANNUAL DINNER / FUND-RAISER

<b>WHERE:</b>	California Park Pavilion, 2500 California Park Drive, Chico, California
<b>WHEN:</b>	Wednesday, March 31st, 1993 6:00 p.m. No-Host Bar — 7:00 p.m. Dinner
<b>DINNER:</b>	Smoked BBQ Pork & Chicken
<b>DONATION:</b>	\$40.00 — Includes one dinner and one family membership. \$20.00 — Each additional dinner.

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## BERT'S Vest Pocket - A Key To Flytying

Bert Robinson, President

Do you tie flies? Only 60% of the club members do.

It is a great way to save money. I have learned to incorporate four characteristics into each fly I tie. As those who know me will testify, I am not a great fly tier. But I am able to supply my fly box with inexpensive effective flies. OK, I will get right to the four characteristics:

**First**, a fly must be easy to tie. If a fly is difficult to tie you will see it in very few fly fishermen's box.

**Second**, tie it sparse. If you listen to the experts they will tell you that sparsely tied flies will catch more fish. Flies that are extremely full are only to please the fishermen.

**Third**, you have to have confidence in the fly. For example a local fly that many club members have confidence in is the Bird's nest. I could mention other flies but you know how protective some fishermen are about their secret fly.

**Fourth**, tie the fly in a variety of sizes. If you buy your flies you are not going to buy a wide range of sizes. You will just buy the two or three sizes you feel you need on a particular water.

### What are Your Favorite Flies?

I would like to publish a list of the 20 most popular flies used by our club members. Take some time to write down a short list of the flies that you just can't fish without and send it to the P.O.

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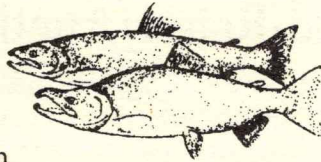
# GENERAL MEETING - March 10

## Steelhead/Salmon

Al Coulon, Program Chair

The program at our Wednesday, March 10 meeting will be long-time stream-watcher and legislative advocate CAF's Chuck DeJournette from Red Bluff who will talk with the membership about "what's happening to our steelhead and salmon in the inland waters."

The program by one of California's premier flyfishers and volunteer guide to the Sacramento River is a continuation of the closing theme presented last month by CAF member Jim Gaumer. In that time Jim offered some personal insights on the cause and effect of depletion of the historic steelhead and salmon runs along coastal waters, such as gill netting, sea otters, predatory ducks, sea lions, etc.



DeJournette will focus more on man-made hazards to steelhead and salmon migration and habitat, particularly on on-shore, inland waters.

The March 10 meeting will be at 7:30 at the Loma Vista school just opposite the playing fields of Pleasant Valley high school in Chico.

## FLYTYING

### — Emerging Midge Pattern

Tom Peppas, Flytying Chair

The subject of last month's flytying class was the adult midge. As we proceed into the middle of midging season, we will continue our pursuit of the perfect midge pattern by learning to tie an emerging midge.

The beauty to this particular pattern from a tier's point of view is the fact that it is not a difficult pattern to tie. From an angler's point of view, it allows us an opportunity to fish a pattern in the film and yet it still fishes as an adult.



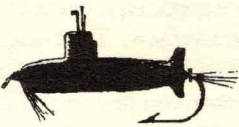
How? Come join us and find out!

The material needed will consist of small dry fly hooks, ranging in sizes 16-22. Also you will need fine black tying thread, light-colored thread or dubbing, fine copper wire, and peacock herl.

The Wednesday, March 17 meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Lang's residence, 1535 Durham-Dayton Highway, Durham (343-1644).

For a sneak preview of the April meeting, we will be tying a CDC caddis pattern; one that none of you have seen before.

### Wet Flies



Red October



Cement Overshoe



Titanic

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### Annual Dinner/Auction, March 31st

Just a small plug for the annual dinner/auction, March 31. Buy your tickets early and invite a friend who is interested in fishing. Our club has been able to support many fishing projects with the money raised at the dinner/auction. Let's keep the tradition going by enjoying another fine dinner and buying fishing art, equipment or guided trips.

### News from 10 Years Ago

From time to time we will put in some interesting items from our newsletter of 10 years ago. Do you remember when Poly Roseborough visited? "This month's regular meeting will be a joint meeting with the E. C. Powell Club to meet Poly Roseborough, world famous flytier." The flies of the month were the green drake and pale olive. The conservation issue was a proposal to fight the construction of a hydroelectric project on Butte Creek. Well, we lost that one!

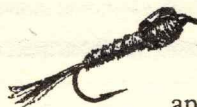
### Preseason Warm Up, April 17

Mark April 17 on your calendar. This year's preseason warm up will cover casting instruction, equipment selection, knot tying, reading the water, and fly tying. The seminar will be directed at people new to fly fishing. Instructors will be on hand to work with women, youth, and men interested in improving their skills. Past graduates have rated this a five-star event.

Each participant will get all of this for the unbelievable low price of \$10 which includes lunch. Space is limited to the first 30 to register and interest is high so you need to reserve your spot soon. Call Wayne Syn (865-4156) and have him reserve your spot before they are all taken.

### Can You Tie Flies?

The annual dinner/auction, March 31, is coming soon. The club needs at least 25 members to tie a dozen flies for the dinner. It is easy and it gives that added extra to the dinner. You know it is important if the board has already shamed Bert into tying his flies. Help out the club and show us your favorite fly. When your flies are finished you can give them to Al Coulon (342-5809) or Don Schumacher (895-3890).



### Ride Sharing to Sports Show

Ed Rice's International Sportsman Exposition held annually in San Mateo is coming March 10-14. This year they've added several thousand square feet to the flyfishing exhibition area—in fact, it's an entire building.

If you are interested in sharing a ride with someone all you need to do is call Lee Dickey (891-3323), and he will match up rides with riders. See you at the show.

### Membership

Congratulations to Mark Adams and Jan Lang for each of them sponsoring two new members. Their efforts earned them a \$15 gift certificate at Powell's Fly Shop. This certificate offer is good until March 31st - so look about and get your fishing buddies to join. There is a lot of value in a \$20 CAF Membership.



# PYRAMID LAKE - March Fishout

Lee Dickey, Outings Chair

For our March fishout we will take part in a Northern California Federation Flyfishers (NCFFF) fishout at Pyramid Lake in Nevada, Saturday, March 27.

The event is to be hosted by the Truckee River Flyfishers.

A seminar at the lakeside clubhouse in Sutcliffe at 7 a.m. will kickoff the day. The daily permit of \$7 is required to fish the lake and is purchased at the clubhouse.

For tackle is is recommended that you bring something close to a 6-weight rod with a shooting head. Woolly worms or woolly buggers in size 8 or 10 seem to be the ticket. Colors best suited for this lake are purple/purple, black with a red maribou tail, and white/white with a red maribou tail.



You'll need a milk crate to stand-on with a rope and flotation device attached so you can find the darn thing if you step off into the lake bottom.

The Truckee River Flyfishers Conservation Fund will follow the fishing Saturday evening at the Nugget Casino in Reno/Sparks. A ticket to the fund-raiser will cost \$30.

Sleeping accommodations can be found at the Nugget Hotel (702/356-3355) or at Carl Silver's Club (702/358-4771).

If you plan to attend the fishout, please contact Lee Dickey (891-3323).

This sounds like a real good time with an opportunity to catch huge Pyramid Lake rainbow trout.

For May, we are trying to setup a shad fishing weekend, May 7-8 with the Santa Cruz Flyfishing Club.

## — CAF NEWSLETTER —

The Official deadline for Newsletter ads is the 30th of each month for the upcoming issue. For example: ads due for the APRIL issue are due by MARCH 30th. Ads will be received and published on a first come basis.

**Size:** All ads will be published in a modular format (horizontal business card size) 3.5" wide x 2" high.

**Rates:** Ads will be sold in quarterly (three issue) package at \$30.00 per package. Rates are for camera ready copy. Payment must accompany ad. Ad design and layout available upon request. Please send ad and checks to:

### CAF NEWSLETTER

John Sutthoff, Editor  
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*Crawl & Creel is devoted to unsolicited material from CAF members and others which focuses on articles, cartoons, issues, etc., about flyfishing which either tend to stick in your throat or which are worth sharing and tucking away.*

## Flyfisherman

By Stewart Koster

No fish in my rivers this year.  
It is hard to be the steward of the streams when the fish don't come. Perhaps they will be late (other people think that and tell me so), but I suspect that our sins may be catching up with us at last.

I can throw a beautiful line,  
and the fly drifts,  
and drifts,  
and is dragged up to the surface at the end of the drift;  
the river is mute.

I have not yet managed to tie the fly  
that will resurrect the trout or salmon who were  
eaten by the pumps in Tracy,

netted by the fishermen on the high seas  
and sold in distant Oriental markets,  
caught and destroyed by the ghost nets,

and who died before they reached the ocean  
because there was so little water in the Delta  
where the salt and fresh mix that they  
could find not feed, and they had to be there for two months while  
their kidneys and skin  
adapted to the salt,

never born, because  
some bureaucrat kept the river temperature  
too high while the eggs were growing in the gravel,

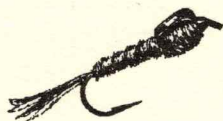
never born, because  
their parents could not make it past the dams,

never born, because  
the river banks were rip-rapped and  
there was no new, clean gravel for their parents  
to use,

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**BERT'S Vest Pocket**

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Box or give it to me at the meeting. This list changes slowly over the years. I can think of some of the most popular steelhead flies used by club members 12 years ago and I don't hear those names mentioned today.



**FISHIONARY**

**ACTION** - What you don't get after fishing all day with your new \$700 fly fishing outfit.  
**BACKING** - As in financial backing, which is what you need to begin fly fishing.  
**HOOK** - Sales pitch expression used in conjunction with the words "line" and "sinker" by high-priced fly fishing outfitters after selling a piece of graphite for \$500.

**CRAW & CREEL**

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never born, because though they survived everything above and below they were poisoned by heavy metals from Iron Mountain Mine, and dioxin from the washings of paper pulp at Anderson, so they hatched, mobile cancers, mutations,

never born, because a growing, heedless people sucked the water out of the streams at the mouths of the canyons, or out of the ground so the streams went dry, so that I now see Herefords and almond trees made of little fish,

never born, because they were diverted in canals at Anderson, at Red Bluff, and into rice paddies, so that there are salmon and trout harvested in the Fall, and dried, and shipped, as rice,

But if I were to tie such a fly, Now would be the time to use it. It is of surpassing importance to care and love and that is what it would mean to imagine and forge to forge and cast, such a fly, to make my rivers talk again.

*Calendar of Events*

**March**

- Mar 10 GENERAL MEETING  
Loma Vista Elementary School  
7:30 p.m.
- Mar 10-14 SAN MATEO  
Flyfishing Show
- Mar 17 FLYTYING  
Jan & Jere Lang's.  
7:30 p.m.  
343-1644
- Mar 24 BOARD MEETING  
1157 Palmetto,  
just off Neal Dow.  
7:30 p.m.
- Mar 27 FISHOUT  
Pyramid Lake
- Mar 31 ANNUAL  
DINNER/AUCTION
- Apr 7 GENERAL MEETING  
Loma Vista Elementary School  
7:30 p.m.
- Apr 17 Preseason Warm  
Up, Wayne Syn  
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