

# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



MARCH 1999

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CAF President

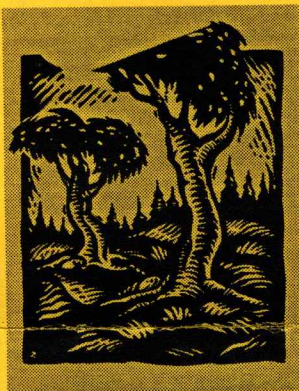
The days are beginning to show an increase of daylight hours and hopefully more time to do fishing after work. I enjoy fishing ponds that neighbors of mine have on their property. The 5-minute walk to the ponds doesn't bite into the time my line is on or in the water. This short walk makes it easier to get some of my fly fishing skills lined up, it also relaxes me after a difficult day at work and the total travel and fishing time of less than two hours helps keep my wife happy. I hope you can find a place close by to fish also.



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## GENERAL MEETING

March 10, 1999 - Butte County Library - 7:30 PM

Lionel Valley, CAF Vice-President

Mr. Ralph Wood, C&R Guide Service will be presenting his expertise on fishing the upper section of the North Fork of the Yuba River. A very unique and interesting area which is not far from our doorstep.

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## FLY TYING

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## MARCH FISHOUT

MARCH 20, 1999

Jeff "The Fly" Richelieu

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The featured speaker DaWit Zeleke, Agricultural & Restoration Program Manager addressed the following aspects:

- 10 years ago, we had about 2% of the river bank forests left in the upper Sac Valley. The U.S. Forest Service was mandated to buy some 18,000 acres between Colusa and Red Bluff to allow for reforestation.

- The Sacramento River project of the Nature Conservancy is involved with the USFS in that they often times buy orchards adjacent to the River and release them back to the orchardist until it is reforested. The orchardist is often the same one to reforest the land for the project as they can do it for about \$5,000 per acre versus about \$50,000 per acre to have it done by an outside contractor.

- 85% of the property adjacent to these areas are privately owned.
- The project has acquired about 9,000 acres to date, with some five years to go before the mandate is completed.
- Most of the property is off limits to the general public at the present time with discussions taking place as to how it can be made accessible and still comply with the overall wildlife privacy restrictions.

As an ongoing local program, we will have periodic updated information that will be supplied to CAF for publishing in our monthly newsletter. An excellent program by one of our members.

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Attention: The lake requires about a mile hike in on an old road with a fairly steep grade. You will need a float tube and a backpack if you

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## 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  
(530) 529-2291

## CAF WEB

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## NEWSLETTER

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## FISHING RPTS

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## DINNER MEETING

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2635 The Esplanade  
7:00 PM

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# FISHING MY SPIRIT

*In loving memory of my son  
Jared Matthew Bevers*

*I love to fish  
It brings me close  
To mountain streams  
I love the most*

*I fish the lakes  
Most every day  
I love the waves  
That make me sway*

*And when I cast my line in them  
It fills my hear with love for him*

*God loves you all  
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*To tell your friends  
Each passing day  
Of wonders you can show them*

*Just wonder to a pond,  
A lake, a stream of your dream  
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*Just fill your heart  
With field of love  
They flow into your soul of love*

*The streams that flow into my heart  
Are touched by friends that love imparts*

*God truly blessed us with this earth  
The stars, the heavens  
The children of our birth*

*I love to fish  
It says to me  
I want to fish eternity*

*I'd trade that love  
For just one day  
The joy of hearing my son say:*

*I love to fish  
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By Roger Bevers

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Little Grass Valley Res.  
Jeff Richelieu
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Speaker: Dick Murrill  
Bert Robinson
- apr 3 **YOUTH FISHOUT**  
One mile pond  
Bert Robinson
- apr 14 **GENERAL MEETING**

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