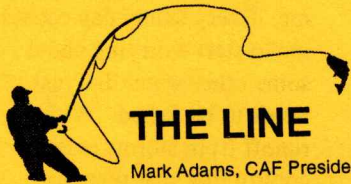




CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts
march 2001



THE LINE

Mark Adams, CAF President

Man, I hope you didn't miss the Annual Dinner. Everything about it was great, from the food by Spiteri's Deli to the slide show and talk by Dave Simmons. I can't wait to get out on the Sacramento River and go after some of those fish Dave has been catching. As usual, the auction and raffle were a huge success and a bunch of money was raised to support fishing related causes. My thanks to everyone that helped put this dinner together. The raffle in particular has to be one of the best around. Also, congratulations to the winners of the three awards, Marv Turner for the Sabertooth Award, Wayne Syn for the Hall of Fame Award, and of course Redge Hawkley for the Walt Kobler Memorial Golden Zipper Award.

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conference room at 500 Main Street. You can park in the Jack's Restaurant parking lot. The date and time remain the same as usual, Wednesday March 14th at 7:30 p.m. The program looks to be very good with Curtis Knight the Northeast Manager for Cal Trout as the speaker. Prior to coming to Cal trout he managed the McCloud River Preserve for the Nature Conservancy.

Also on the calendar is the monthly fly tying session. Randy McKean will be the host Chico Fly Shop (Press Powell's shop) on Thursday March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Randy will be focusing on flies for the upcoming fishout to Pyramid Lake. This already looks to be a great trip with at least eight people signed up to go. Check out the article by Jack Coats giving the lowdown on the where, when and what for this trip. Give

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PYRAMID LAKE FISHOUT

March 30, 31 and April 1, No foolin'

The fishout to Pyramid Lake this year will be the last weekend in March. Pyramid Lake turns over between December and February and the fishing should be great this last weekend in March.

Pyramid Lake is a half-hour drive northeast of Reno, Nevada in the Paiute Indian Reservation. Fishing permits need to be purchased in Reno before heading into the reservation. A fishing permit is \$6 per day and there is no need for a Nevada State Fishing Licence.

Pyramid Lake is not like Tahoe. It is shallower, warmer, and substantially more alkaline than Tahoe, lower in elevation, and not so easily accessible. But these differences are what make the lake so inviting. As well as being the home of the legendary Lahontan cutthroat trout.

The world's record cutthroat, a 41 pounder was caught here, so be prepared. But in the 1940s the cutthroats were gone due to over fishing. Restocking began in the early 1950s, and today five to ten pounders are not uncommon at Pyramid.

What you need to know:

Fishing from a float tube, boat, pram are all OK, but the real ticket is a ladder. Yes a ladder!

Surface Elevation: 3,817 feet above mean sea level
Average Winter Water Temperature: 43 degrees

Fish Species: Lahontan cutthroat trout, Cui-ui, Sacramento perch, Tui-chub, Tahoe sucker.

Water Source: Pyramid Lake is a natural body of water fed by the Truckee River, which flows from Lake Tahoe, through the Truckee Meadows, and into Pyramid Lake. There is no outlet, but evaporation amounts to almost four feet per year.

Housing: Truckee River Lodge
501 W. 1st St., Reno - 775-786-8888
toll-free reservations: 800-635-8950

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Jeff Richillieu, CAF

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I have been to Baum numerous times, and never witnessed a hatch like this. The midges and callibaitis were not going unnoticed. Tails and fins broke the surface film everywhere.

The weather was overcast with no wind and manageable temps. Mark and I landed more "bows than we have ever caught on Baum and Bruno landed more than both of us combined.

It was a truly memorable fish out. Wish you could have been there. Hope to see you at Pyramid at the end of March. It promises to be filled with big Lahontans.

Tight Lines,
Jeff Richelieu

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July 14	Upper Sac	Wade Overson
August ???	TBA	
September 22	Klamath/Trinity (Steelhead)	Jim Guamer
October	Davis Lake	Redge Hawkley
November	TBA	
December 12	No Fish out & Annual Pizza Feed	

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Chico, CA
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Fish First
Chico, CA
(530) 343-8300

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(530) 343-4071

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one of us a call if you are interested in going after some of those giant Lahonton Cutthroat Trout.

Speaking of fishouts, the schedule for the year is almost complete. And we have a very impressive lineup of fishing trips scheduled for the club. **MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!** Following the March 31st trip to Pyramid we will head for the annual opening day fishout at Hat Creek on the weekend of April 28th with Paul "Carp" Hendricks as our leader. The May 19th fishout is a return of an old favorite with Jim "Retirement is Great" Gaumer hosting us at Baldwin Ponds. This is a real treat that may not happen again.

June will find us being led once again by Jeff "Squawfish" Richelieu to the fertile waters of Modoc County on the weekend of June 16th. Actually Jeff and I will probably be up in that neck of the woods for most of the week preceding this fishout in

an attempt to search out the best fishing opportunities for our fellow club members. (I know, I know, you're concerned about our well-being but it is the least we can do for the club.) The weekend of July 14th finds Wade "Bread Boy" Overson leading us to the Upper Sacramento River. Wade knows this water very well and virtually guarantees fish for everyone. (I think that's what he said, or maybe he guaranteed bread for everyone, I'm not sure. He was a little grumpy after being shut out in the raffle this year.)

The August fishout is still undecided (any volunteers for a leader?) but September will find us returning to an old classic with Jim "How Did I Have Time to Work" Gaumer taking us to the Klamath River in search of the 1/2-pound steelhead on the weekend of the 22nd. This is followed by Redge "Golden Zipper" Hawkley exhibiting his mastery of Davis Lake. The date for this trip as well as the November fishout

location and date are still to be decided. You will be the first to know as soon as we complete the calendar. There is simply no excuse to miss all of these great fishing trips. You **MUST** put them on your calendar and start planning to attend.

The weather right now is starting to look very spring-like and is really getting to me. Every sunny day causes me to start worrying about some other water that just needs to be fished. With the runoff from storms under control this year there are quite a few places to check out, including the Feather River (yup, the steelhead are still there), the Yuba River, the Sacramento River, the Trinity River and a bunch of reservoirs including McCumber and Baum. If the weather stays relatively calm expect things to bust out in the next month. The Sac could be spectacular this year. I look forward to seeing you on the water and at the meetings.

Pyramid Lake - con't

100% non-smoking hotel, covered parking, kitchenettes, laundromat, and other stuff. Near the Truckee River park. Short walk from downtown.

TRIBAL PERMIT FEES:

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We will be leaving Friday morning March 30th and heading directly to the Reno Fly Shop to stock up. Call Dawit Zeleke at: 826-0639 or Jack Coots at 343-9478 for questions and/or travel arrangements.

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And don't forget your ladder!

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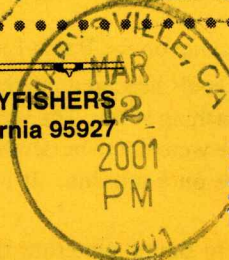
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Pyramid Lake
Jack Coots

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