



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

March 2005



THE LINE

Dana Miller, CAF President

By the time you receive this we have already had our 33d annual dinner. If you missed it, you missed a great time. Every year I say I'm going to win the pontoon boat, and maybe this year I will, or I did! Find out in the next newsletter! A lot of work goes into our annual dinner, and a few thanks are due these individuals and businesses. Eric See, (Co-Chairman), Dennis Boyd(Treasurer & Reservations), Val Bowlby(Decorations), Mark Adams(Program), Lionel Valley(Donations), Ron Leger and Don Sleeper (Auction items and Dream Table items), Paul Hendricks(Fly Donations) and finally Roger Bevers Bob Smith and Larry Willis(PR & Auction helpers). All of the businesses listed in the program have donated their products or services to CAF, please patronize them every chance you get.

Well, as of this date, the weather is getting better. I'm thinking of tying flies and hoping the ice melts faster on a few of my favorite lakes. A few of my favorite wet flies are the Prince nymph, Pheasant tail, Copper John and Wiggle-tails. Easy to tie and they catch fish too! Like all fly fishermen, who tie flies, I have more flies than I'll ever use! Often I'll take a razor blade to some old ones that are beat up or the color is just not right. I'll strip everything off the hook and start over. Kind of like recycling.

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March 9th General Meeting

As has been done in the past, just show up, wear knee high boots and be entertained by the stories from the membership.

SECRETARIE'S NOTES

By Lionel Valley

The Club's Board of Directors & Dinner Committee have been very busy getting the upcoming major event organized with meetings on 2-2-05, 2-10-05, and then again on 2-17-05 when most of the raffle/auction items were created from a vast array of merchandise. A number of us spend huge amounts of time getting some great donations which are then supplemented by purchases that often take place at good discounts so your Club can generate as much money as possible to support all of our donations and other programs.

Lots of help is needed to make this annual event a great success. You may be called to assist. If so, please try to help out. If you are not called, but could assist in some way, please contact Dana or Eric , 345-3266 or 899-1918, as the Event's Co-chairs and they would be delighted to get you to the correct group.

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March General Meeting

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CAF Traveler

by Roger Bevers

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Calendar of Events

Gen. Mtg. - March 9th
Butte County Library

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At the meeting on 2-10-05, a discussion took place concerning the need to organize and establish a workable means of keeping the Clubs historical information on file as well as the operating procedures. In the end, it was felt that a laptop computer would be of great assistance.

COULD ANYONE ASSIST BY BEING ABLE TO DONATE OR OFFER A LAPTOP COMPUTER AT A DISCOUNT TO CAF - IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT ROGER BEVERS-343-6442, OUR CLUB HISTORIAN. ANY DONATION OR DISCOUNT SHOULD BE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE ITEM.

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wonderful speakers for our monthly meetings. You can learn a lot by just attending, and you'll see slides of some huge fish! Best of all, it's free!

As of this writing a few of our members have been catching fish on the Feather River. If I keep talking about it sooner or later I know I'll get invited! Remember the most effective technique in fly fishing....."One more cast, just one more cast".

Dana

CAF History Search

by Roger Bevers

For the last 10 years I have been the clubs historian. It is my hope to periodically put in the newsletter an article about club history. This article however is to enlist your help. Trying to keep tract of the clubs history has become an ever increasing task and I need your help. Most of that history is in the newsletters of yesteryear and while I have a great many of them. At this time I am trying to gather newsletters to update our records. From 1997to 2005 the newsletters are missing, so if you have any of them either to loan me or to give to the club for a hard copy record I would appreciate it. Just bring them to me at a monthly club meeting or you can mail it to me at my home. 1053 E. 7th St. Chico 95928.

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FISHOUT SCHEDULE

The Chico Area Flyfishers' annual Spring Tune-up has been scheduled for April 16th at Clear Creek Sports Club (aka Coffee Cup Lake). The annual event is intended to get CAF members tuned-up and ready for the upcoming trout season. CAF will be providing seminars on knot tying and fly casting as well as a BBQ luncheon. This private lake is loaded with largemouth bass and the top water bite should be on fire.

Sign-ups will be at the April 13th meeting.

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