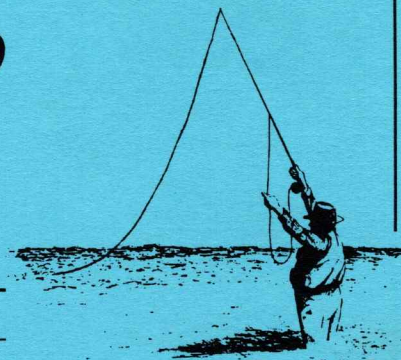




Chico Area Flyfishers' Short Casts

NOVEMBER 1996

P.O. Box 3583 • Chico, California 95927



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff Richelieu, CAF President

Well I am sad to say that October is over and with it some very fine fishing. November is still a good time to catch fish of course, but for me October is the best. We certainly had an excellent speaker for the October meeting. Tom Peppas gave a technical presentation on how to fish with nymphs effectively. He noted that reading the water and presenting the fly were the most important aspects of nymphing. Nymphing can be very effective in pocket water and along the edges of fast runs. The key is to get the fly down to the bottom quickly and be able to detect the strikes which can be very subtle.

I've done a fair amount of nymph fishing and would emphasize keeping your hooks very sharp. You should always keep a hook sharpener with you and check your hooks after every fish landed and especially after every strike that you fail to hook a fish. I've also noticed that a well placed cast can provoke a strike within seconds of landing in the water. It is important that you have a tight line and are immediately ready to set the hook as soon as your fly hits the water. I've caught many fish upstream from me within seconds of my fly hitting the water. You should have the line pressed tightly to the handle with your pointer finger at all times when fishing. This is not intended to help you feel the strikes because you need to see the strikes before you feel them. The purpose of keeping a tight line at all times is so that you can apply instant pressure when setting the hook.

If you missed Tom at our last meeting, you will be able to hear him at the Annual Dinner/Auction, February 28th. Tom has graciously agreed to speak at the dinner this year which promises to be an exceptional time.

Don't forget to come to the December 11th Anchovy Feed at 6:00 PM at ??? (to be announced). Bob Smith will be awarding the *Golden Zipper Award* and we will be voting for next year's officers. As always, the club will be buying the food and sodas.

*See You on the Water,
Jeff Richelieu*

GENERAL MEETING

November 13 - 7:30 PM Butte County Library

By Val Bowlby, CAF Board

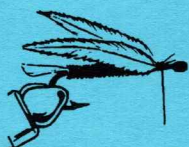
Owners Bob Jacoby and Bob Kruse of Bobs' Fly Shack in Yuba City will share with us their knowledge and enjoyment of the Yuba River. They will be concentrating on the river between the mouth and the narrows, with emphasis on access points, different runs, and what the fish are taking. Again, it is suggested that you bring your notebook and pencil ready to

take good notes. It was interesting when talking to Bob Jacoby. He has been up here in the North Valley for a long time, fishing in all the wonderful places the Sierras offer. Bob started fishing the Yuba about six years ago and is making a whole new career of it. He also told me that he loves to go up to Oregon and fish the Williamson River at least once a year. Both Bobs are professional educators, and are involved in school administration in the Yuba City area. They just opened their Fly Shack about a year ago, and are starting to launch guide services. Come early for a good seat and some great fly fishing education ! ! ! !

Bobs' Fly Shack is at 488 West Onstott Road, Yuba City. It is on Highway 99 between Franklin and Bridge Streets. Phone 671-9628.



Feather River Youth Fishout - November 2nd.
(see youth section inside).



FLY TYING


Nov 14th - 7:30 PM

By Pat Corbett / Jerry Stevenson

Streamers

To the semiskilled tier and angler, streamers usually remain a mystery and challenge to hopefully someday master. I fish streamers a lot because they are top producers. I will be tying the steelhead and deceiver (for stripers) patterns. We will also review other streamer patterns as well.

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**it's steelhead
time . . .**

the hottest river is
the **FEATHER.**

the occasional "Bird Bites" after fleeing shad fry that are pursued by striper from below. I will inform the membership on the current fishing conditions and we'll decide whether to go at the November General Meeting, Fishing, camping and launch info below:

Chuck's Bait (510) 684-0668

Russo's (510) 684-2024

LOCAL WATERS

Local information provided by *Fish First* of Berkeley.

Remember — contact your local fly shops before you fish for the latest information.

***Fish First* had not published a current fishing report to date. Give me a call and I will fax a copy over when I receive one. Denny 342-1104.**

BOARD ELECTIONS / DINNER

Elections

Historically, Board and Officer elections are held in December at the annual Anchovy feed. There are a number of positions available. The members of the Board set club policy, where money is donated and conservation projects undertaken. This is your chance to put in your ideas. The time involved is small and as an officer you decide the club's future course. Those interested should contact any board member.

Volunteers needed!

February 28th is the date for the annual banquet. The format will be similar to last years, with a catered dinner at the Masonic Hall. Dinner will be followed by a speaker, whose name will be finalized soon. Again, club members are being asked to volunteer. Committees will be forming soon. A successful banquet takes more than several people to organize. Also, each club member is being asked to solicit two businesses for auction and raffle items. The businesses do not need to be fishing related. If a business does not wish to donate an item, we will accept cash donations to be used for purchasing other items. Contact a board member for details.

FISHOUT

Delta Stripers - Nov 15 - 17

By *Pat Corbett, Fishmaster*

As of this writing, reports from mid October, stated Russo's Marine is reporting catches of 4-5 pound schoolie's on a regular basis with semi windy conditions. There are also

KEEPERS-OF-THE-STREAM

Pat Corbett, Trout Bum

I'm proud to announce that 17 members signed up to help establish and keep Keepers-Of-the-Stream group alive. This was our first every sign up for the our who want to see, feel, and do more for the their, environment, and one another. Catch me at a Gen. Meeting to sign-up. Of the members who signed, two answered yes to the question "Can You Lead This Group?" One, Jim Clarkson was a pro rod builder for Powell's. He now owns Raptor Manufacturing which custom builds a hexographic graphite bamboo rod imitation for a Texas firm. Raptor also will build rods on an individual basis. John Ost is the other leader so far.

Remember to reach out to new and old members showing positive alternatives enlisting more new and creative talent to accomplish good things while becoming a strong and very respected part in the clue. We should be known for our accomplishments. Thank you for your support.

P.S. Tom Peppas grabbed the last CAF Catch-and-Release hat. Time to reorder . . . see Doug Smith at General Meeting or call.

ACHOVY FEED 7:30 PM

December 11, 1996
Round Table on
Phillsbury.



**Board Elections
&
Mystery raffle**

Dinner Update . . .

This year we expect to have a wonderful follow-up to last year's dinner / auction. It was our first function at the Masonic Family Center and we have scheduled this year's 25th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser there again.

We are planning to expand our efforts with many more raffle valued packages (\$50.00 / pack) . . . fishing gear, outdoor apparel & equipment, dinners / lunches, trips, the list keeps growing.

Early Bird Raffle

Yes, again we are going to offer a Powell Rod for those early bird participants. We just have to finalize our choices, but believe me, I don't think anyone would turn it down.

Tickets will be available after December 1st . . . CAF general meetings, CAF board members, Powell's or fill out the enclosed form and mail it to:

CAF - Early Bird

P. O. Box 3583

Chico, CA 95927

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE is December 31, 1996. All dates will be verified w/envelope postmark.

Last year we had 232 fly fishing enthusiasts, supporters and other club members attend the event.

Tough number to beat.

Dinner Program

Tom Peppas

CAF YOUTH ACTIVITIES

By Roger Bevers, Youth Director

Well here we are at the start of another month and I have a youth fishout to report.

We fished the lower section of the Feather River on November 2nd, and we had plenty of casting practice with no results . . . unless a former president would confess to SNAGGING SALMON as a form of proper fly fishing . . . but of course, it was a learning experience for Michael and Christopher.

The former president (whom I will not name), had a few hits but Salmon were everywhere.

We had the combination father/son teams: Leger, Hawkley, Robinson, and Todhunter. Bob Smith showed up to display the do's and don'ts of proper wading techniques in beaver habitat . . . we later found Bob with his waders drying on the truck after repairs.

At the present time I am trying to get together a Video and Book Library for the youth members to checkout. As soon as I get everything categorized I will get a list out. The youth have preference, but I want the boys to know that giving something back is important too, therefore the library will also be open for general club members. It is my wish that we continue to add to this new library, so if any of you or your friends have books you wish to donate, please get them to me. Give me a call, 343-6442 or drop them off at my house, 1053 E. 7th St. (one block from the Chico Unified School District). We will accept books from nonmembers also.



Roger and his guiding patience
Feather River - Nov

Our next youth meeting will be Saturday, November 30, 1:00 PM at my house. The topic of the meeting will be planning the youth calendar for 1997. The planning should include youth meetings, fly tying, rod building, fishouts and fund-raising activities. I am in hopes of the youth members

to consider taking on a special project for the new year on some stream as a way of supporting the club and developing a conservation conscious membership. If any of the other club members are interested in these activities, you have an open invitation to attend the meeting. Please bring along ideas and contribute them to the youth group meeting. Donations; books, videos, fly tying materials, rod building materials, or yourself, since time is the one thing that all youth members need. We always appreciate your help.

Before I close, I would like to personally say "Thank you" to Bob Smith for his generous support of the youth group this year. Bob has attended many of the youth functions and provided help at youth activities. His support has not only been just his presence, but his boat, planning and overall assistance with the group activities. Bob, we salute you and wish you many years of tight lines and wonderful friendships.

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25th Annual Dinner / Fund-Raiser Early Bird* / Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Please fill out, clip and mail.

*Early Bird date will also be verified by envelope postmark - deadline 12/31/96.

Please check the appropriate box

- One dinner & family membership \$50.00
- Each additional dinner \$25.00
- Existing member
- New member
- Membership only \$25.00

Make check payable to:

Chico Area Flyfishers
P.O. Box 3583]
Chico, CA 95927

Fly Tying

(Continued)

P.C.'s Badger w/silver

Hook: 8-10 streamer

Barred wood duck, silver tensil, pearl or silver crystal chennile, badger saddle hackles.

Deceiver

Hook: Mustad 3407 2/0 - 4/0

Body: Mylar tube and white, blue and red bucktail

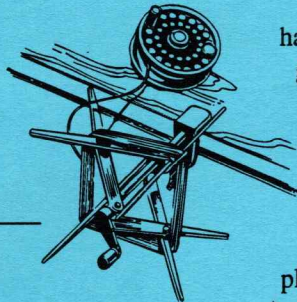
Tail: White saddles (saltwater cape)

Wing: Blue or peacock flashabou

Eyes: Doll, decal or painted

If you are short on materials, we will have extra supplies available. Come join us and get to know our great fly tying group in the Blue Barn at Music Express Bed & Breakfast Inn, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico. Three blocks east from Hwy 99 on Hwy 32.

Info Pat, 877-5448 or Jerry, 898-9376.



CONSERVATION NOTES

John Ost, CAF Chair Conservation

Invitation for Public Comment

The Cantara Trustee Council has prepared a draft expenditure plan for the funds it will administer as part of the settlement of public agency claims related to natural resource drainage resulting from the 1991 Cantara Loop chemical spill on the upper Sacramento River.

The draft expenditure plan outlines general priorities for the Council's restoration program, including annual expenditure projections for approximately \$ 14 million in settlement funds.

Under the terms of the settlement Memorandum of Agreement, funds may be spent for the following purposes:

Resource protection; restoration; rehabilitation; enhancement; acquisition; study and/or research; and program and administrative support for these activities.

The public is invited to comment on the draft plan. Comments will be received for a 30-day period ending November 1st, 1996. A final plan will be available in early 1997.

To receive a copy of the draft expenditure plan, please contact Ms. Barbara Pierce at 2440 Athens Avenue, California 96001, or you may call (916) 225-2269 or fax (916) 225-2267.

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Rods, reels, lines, accessories and occasionally, quality outdoor gear... RAPTOR Manufacturing, Jim Clarkson, (916) 894-1230.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- NOV 13 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
BUTTE CO. LIBRARY
- NOV 14 FLY TYING 7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448
- NOV 15-17 CLUB FISHOUT
Stripers
Pat Corbett, 877-5448
- NOV 30 CAF YOUTH MTG
FLY TYING
Roger Bevers, 343-6442
- DEC 11 ANCHOVY FEED/BOARD
ELECTIONS



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**PLAN TO ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1997**