

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



NOVEMBER 1999

short casts

THE CAST

Redge Hawkey, CAF President

• The club will have to put up with me for one more year as the President. *Eric See will be the Vice President; Lenn Goldmann will be Secretary; John Ost will be Treasurer; Board of Directors will be Paul Hendricks, Dewit Zeleke, Lionel Valley and Dana Miller.* Officers and board members were elected the October meeting.

• Please reserve Friday, February 25, 2000, for the club's annual fund raising dinner.

October 23rd found me closing down our family cabin in Warner Valley, out-



side of Chester. I was able to fish Warner Creek and its tributary Hot Springs Creek, which is mostly in Lassen National Park. I caught fish up to 13 inches long, although most were below 10 inches. It's fun to catch dinks occasionally. The wild rainbow trout are very colorful this time of year and are probably the most beautiful rainbows I have seen. Warner Creek is still recovering from the January 1st deluge a couple of years ago.

GENERAL MEETING

Lionel Valley, CAF Vice-President

NOVEMBER MEETING

Dave Lentz, Associate Fishery Biologist working for the California Department of Fish & Game's Wild Trout Project will present a program entitled *Heritage Trout--Fishing for California's Great Diversity of Native Trout.*

He will be covering information about the diversity of trout originally found in the golden state, their current status, and place to fish for these remarkable trout.

Don't miss this one . .

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FLY TYING



Remember that the Thursday November 18, 1999 at 7:30 there will be Fly Tying at the Chico Fly Shop with Jim Gaumer. Jim will be presenting the secrets of his tying/fishing experiences.

FISHOUT REPORT

"And Then There Were 2"

Jeff "Wollybugger" Richelieu

It was a beautiful October Friday when 6 determined anglers headed into the heart of Modoc County seeking the elusive Eagle Lake Rainbow.

They fished one mudhole known by some as Bailey Reservoir with very little success due to the recent lowering of the lake. Still optimistic on Saturday, they headed out to a mountain lake north of Alturas and started catching some small rainbows. Not the biggies they sought, but they were happy to feel the tug of a fish. They saw coyotes, antelope, mule deer, and bald eagles, but were still looking for the big bows that the Modoc veterans insisted were there.

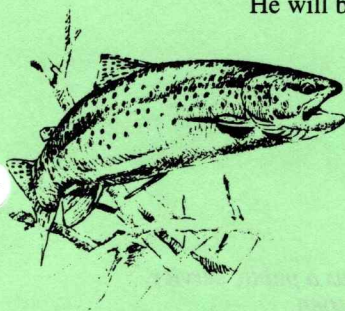
Sunday the six headed off to fish a corral. This is not as disparate as it sounds because the corral did have water in it. The six became 5 due to a raging fire in the valley, but

the 5 were still hopeful when they arrived at the lake. 3 small fish were caught quickly, but soon the bite faded, and the 5 became 3.

Sunday afternoon the 3 headed off to fish Buckhorn in another County. Modoc was in the rearview mirror as our brave 3 faced a new body of water. This water was cold and visibility low as our brave 3 could not even get a strike. The 3 left in disgust with egos badly bruised. After

fixing a flat in the dark one of the 3 lost the faith, and the 6 were now down to 2.

Monday morning our fearless 2 faced Lake Davis in Plumas County. Yes I am referring to your fishmasters Mark and Jeff. Their optimism at an all timelaw with only a faint spark of hope giving them the strength to climb into the tube



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Calendar of Events

nov 10 GENERAL MEETING
7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

nov 18 FLY TYING
7:30 PM
CHICO FLY SHOP
345-9983

dec 4 CAF YOUTH FISHOUT
Steelhead
Feather River



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**NEXT GENERAL
MEETING - Dec 8**

Fishout *(Continued)*

one more time. It was 10:30 as they kicked out through the weeds. The day was warm and calm, the lake was dead flat (like Mark's tire). When the first cast hit the water it was followed by a quick grab and then the fish got off in the weeds.

What's this? The spark of optimism glowed slightly brighter. The 3rd cast produced a nice fat Eagle Lake Rainbow. 15 minutes later 3 fish had been landed by one of the faithful.

Suddenly, the second one began hooking up. Hooting and hollering soon followed as the 2 began hooking up for doubles. A stranger showed up and fished for a couple of hours and caught nothing. He soon left in disgust after watching our heroes catch fish after fish. With their egos soaring to new heights could these 2 be stopped? No. They went on to land 15 each. The average fish was 17" and they battled fiercely. Finally,



they found what they were seeking and vowed to return next fall with their group of 6. They felt bad for the other four, but rejoiced in their fortitude, and basked in their reward.

Mark and I have been back to Davis since our Octoberfest, and it was not a fluke. Hope you can join us for our November fishout On the 13th. We will be leaving the Chico Park and Ride at Hwy 99 and Hwy 32 at 6 am. If this is too early, join us on the lake at the Cow Creek access. We will be fishing at the mouth of the creek. You can call the Grizzly Creek Store for weather info. and lodging

if you wish to camp or stay in a cabin by the lake. Their number is 832-0270 and they are very helpful. For fishing gear you will need a type II full sink line or an intermediate line (the best) and some 3x with an ample supply of #6 woolly buggers with olive or burnt orange tails. Call Mark of Jeff at work at 893-1600 if you have any more questions.

If the weather looks really bad which hardly ever happens on fishouts, we may fish for steelies on the Feather, so keep in touch. Hope to see you the Lake if not before.

*Tight Lines,
Jeff*

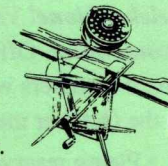
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OCTOBER MEETING

This special meeting was held at the Chico Museum and was very enjoyable and interesting.

A staff member of the museum gave us an overview of the Streams & Dreams exhibit which will be on display until 2/20/00. This exhibit tour gave us an opportunity to appreciate the vast amount of interesting information that was presented including may *old / new* fly rods, gear, pictures and paintings. Quite impressive for the North State fishers.

If at all possible, stop by and tour the exhibit.



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