

November 2002



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts



THE LINE

Eric See, CAF President

Boy do we have it good around here. Ground zero for year 'round hunting and fishing, a phrase I have often used to describe this wonderful area where we live. For several years now, I have challenged my fishing and hunting buddies, as well as several acquaintances along the way, to identify a better location in North America for year 'round fishing and hunting than Butte County. As much as they have tried, no one has been able to do it. Where else can you live, where within a 2 hour drive you can catch, steelhead, about ½ dozen species of trout, Chinook salmon, shad, striped bass, 4 species of black bass, crappie, catfish, as well as hunt ducks, geese, doves, pheasants, quail, turkeys, deer, and bear? And do many of these activities December - April? Every time someone comes up with a better place to do something, such as steelheading in British Columbia, salmon in Alaska, Montana trout fishing, I ask them how the fishing was in February? Sure those locations are hard to beat when they are at their peak, but I had one of my best fishing days of the year on Big Chico Creek on February 27th, with my shirt sleeves rolled up and sunscreen on my face. I doubt it got much above freezing in those other places. And that wasn't even close to California's peak. What about those Pit River 20 inchers on opening day? That largemouth erupting onto the surface of a small pond at dusk in June, chasing a noisily presented hair bug. In a Montana tackle shop this last July, I smiled and nodded as a couple of locals told me how bad the fishing was in California, and how they couldn't understand how I could take it. At the time I was gazing at the pictures on the wall of the store during the winter, you know, those gray pictures

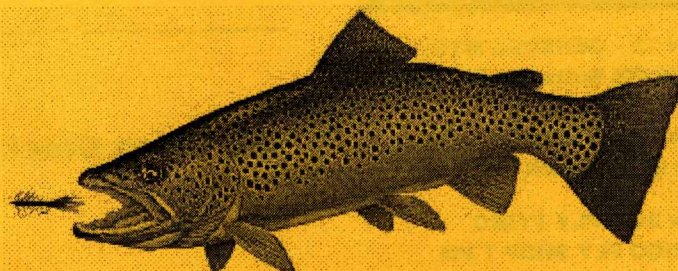
NOV GENERAL MEETING

The General club meeting will be on Wednesday Nov. 13th at the Chico Library starting at 7:30pm.

Stew Stewart, is our program for November. Stew will be showing slides and talking about the Caribou Wilderness and 1000 Lakes Wilderness. He will also be tying the Stewie Fly.

Bio

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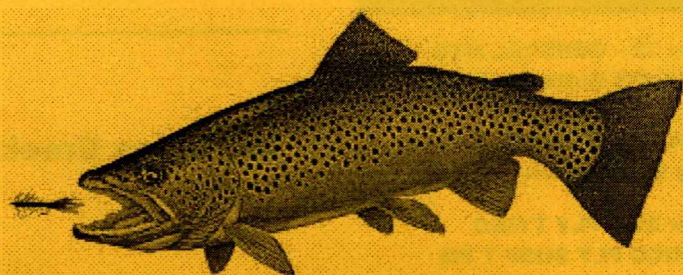
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Please note that the Jack Dennis tickets must be purchased or at least reserved in advance. There is limited space.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 13 - GENERAL MTG.
7:30 PM Butte Co. Library

Nov 15 - FISHOUT
Big Chico Creek

Nov 21 - FLY TYING
CHICO FLY SHOP 7 PM

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Everyone has been telling how good the local steelhead fishing is right now, maybe the best in years. I have been so wrapped up with work that I haven't been out lately. I have tomorrow free, but alas, I will be going duck hunting instead. It's opening day and I have a reservation at one of the local refuges. Hopefully we will limit out early, so we can shoot snipe (the birds, not the kind you catch in a gunnysack) in the afternoon. If we finish early enough, I may have time to get out steelhead fishing in the evening, so that's the plan. Better make sure the shotgun's readily accessible though, in case any quail run across the road on the way to the river. Boy do we have it good around here...

Getting The Word Out

Occasionally we receive information that would be of an interest to club members. I would very much like to have an e-mail list so that our membership could be contacted when necessary. Just so you know, I will not give the list to anyone other than a board member of the club. So, if you want to be included, e-mail me at: pmh@stormnet.com

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Chico Fly Shop - FlyTying

Nov. 21 - 7:00 pm

Callibaetis Nemoridae *capnia*
Will be the featured subject.

FISHOUT SCHEDULE

Big Chico Creek - Nov 15th - Sign up with Eric See

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