



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

short casts

November 2005

THE LINE

By Dana Miller, CAF President

After two years of writing the "President's Line", I'm passing the torch to the next president. As of this writing we don't know who that will be but I'm guessing it will be Roger Bevers, the current VP. So I'm leaving the club in good hands, and no I'm not "leaving" the club, just the presidency part.

I think the club is in great shape. We have an active Board of Directors as well as club officers that over the last couple of years have refined our objectives and our commitment to the sport of fly fishing. We have a spring Tune-up, that is now not only instructional but you can actually catch fish too! Our Monthly meetings have been great, although I still see most of the same faces, there's a sprinkling of new ones that, will become the new regulars.

Although I had hoped for "Hands on Project", it fell through. It seems we unknowingly unearthed a gold mine on the piece of property, and the owner found out about it and wanted more than a ton of money for it! We're still looking though.

We had numerous members work on the Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs event, which finally happened this year. Mark Adams can clean a catfish with his eyes closed, it make you wonder about his Catch & Release ethics. Eric See's fish tanks are always a hit with the kids and adults, but he seemed a little too proud of his 3 pound goldfish. He said he netted out of the lake, but was that a small prince nymph in the corner of its mouth? Anyone who wants to help out next year, give me a call.

Our annual dinner will be on February 24, 2006. The speaker will be Chip O'Brien, who is a guide out of Redding. (Cont. on Pg 2)

General Meeting:

November 9th, Library, 7:30

December 14th, Roundtable @ Almond Orchard 6:00

Fishout: Nov 5-6 @ Davis Lake

SECRETARIES SECRETS

By Lionel Valley

On October 12, 2005, your Board met and covered a number of items including the following:

-The annual dinner was discussed further. Chip O'Brien has been confirmed as the speaker. The Board had an opportunity to visit his website and suggest which program would be best – it was decided that NOR-CAL FISHING would be best for our audience

-The Board discussed the expiration of the Board of Director terms for Val Bowlby and Ron Leger.

-These candidates were nominated at the regular meeting on 10-12-05.

-Candidates for the various positions include:

-President	Roger Bevers
-Vice President	Val Bowlby
-Treasurer	Dennis Boyd
-Secretary	Lionel Valley
-Board of Directors	Lincoln Gray
-Board of Directors	Eric See
-Board of Directors(declined)	Terry Mich

-The officer job descriptions were discussed again

– all of the officers definitely agreed to have their respective job descriptions finished before our November Board meeting so they could be used for the new incoming officers.

Our speaker for our October General Meeting was Jim Roberts who covered the following concerning the Klamath River:

-Steelhead fishing is best from the last week of Oct to the first week of Dec.

-His preferred hook up is "steak and eggs" - #6 black woolybugger and a glo-bug.

-Learning how to read the water is most important to fish where the steelhead are most likely to be hanging out. (Continued on Page 2)

Presidents Line: (Continued from Pg 1)

He will have a slide show and talk on fishing northern California waters, the Sac, McCloud and Pit rivers to name a few. We will have reservation forms at our annual Anchovy Feed on December 14th at Round Table Pizza, Almond Orchard Plaza, by the North Valley Plaza Mall.

I have no fishing stories at this time. Although I did catch a 34lb Salmon in the Sac, but it wasn't on a fly. When I get Salmon on a fly in the Sac figured out, then I'll have a story!

Davis Lake is red hot right now, as is Frenchman Lake. Just make the time to go!

Lastly, Thanks to all for making CAF the club it is.....And remember..."One more cast, just one more cast!"

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-There are some 300,000 steelhead salmonoids released in the section below the Irongate Dam, along with some 600,000 king salmon, and 100,000 silver salmon smolt.

The Trinity River has sea run browns which are improving each year. The steelhead are bigger than in the Klamath and are best from about Nov. 30th to Jan 30th. He spends most of his time between Lewiston and Junction City.

THE LADIES HIT THE FEATHER...

After meeting at the Chico Park n Ride on Sunday morning, the 23rd. First it was introductions and nametags all around. Some were old buddies, others were totally new acquaintances.

The nine of us ladies and three fellows caravanned over to the south end of the Wildlife Refuge, where we fished a couple of the most accessible riffles in the high flow area. The evening before I had stapled some pink signs on the trees at the riffles we were going to use, just to give the other fishermen fair notice that a group of ladies would be there, and do you know, they all stayed away! When we arrived, we had the places to ourselves!

The day was absolutely glorious, but the steelhead were being rather elusive. To the best of my knowledge Terry Mich caught the only steelhead. The rest of us seemed to get into rocks, very big and ugly salmon, suckers, squawfish, pike, whatever! The real corker was when Terry got a hit, lost the fish, but when he checked his line, there was Pat Sleeper's entire set up from when she had been there 3 days prior!!!! Heather and Bink enjoyed themselves so much they stayed till the sun went down. Bink was to have brought brownies for all, but left them on her kitchen counter! Bummer! But thanks to Don and Pat Sleeper, we all had cookies anyway. Which brings us to: Thank you so much to Terry Mich and Don Sleeper for being there with help, pointers, patience, good humor and encouragement! Thanks too to Percy Ledbetter, our diligent videographer. I'm sure he got some very lovely footage. Wildlife seen included the usual Great Blue Heron, Egret, Belted Kingfisher, Red Tail Hawk, Buzzard, Phoebe, Kingbird, and Flicker.

The ladies list is now 51 long. Bink and Heather are going to plan something on Butte Creek in the winter, Pat is going to work with the Shasta Mayflies on a joint outing at the Sports Club in Corning for bass in the spring, and Kris Mehan and Monte Buckhold are going to look into doing a weekend at Almanor of Hex hatch fishing along with a nice Bar BQ the week-end before the 4th of July. If you have or know of any available cabins that we could use, please let us know.

Some of these ladies have fished Alaska, Canada, Mexico the Sierra Nevada for Golden Trout, etc. Others are just beginning, but are hooked for life!!!!

Val Bowlby and Pat Sleeper

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Fish First
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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 2** Board meeting
Nov. 5-6 Fishout @ Davis Lake: Contact Don Sleeper for details.
Nov. 9 General meeting
Dec. 7 Board meeting
Dec. 14 Anchovy Feed (pizza, soda, beer for all members, at Round Table at the Almond Orchard)
Jan. 4 Board meeting
Jan. 11 Member Trips and Pix and slide shows from 2005. This is the time to tell all the past year's fish stories. You will have a great audience. The slide projector as well as our new digital projector will be there for your use. Call Val (891-0706) to let her know what you are bringing and in what format! For you dinosaurs out there, bring your scrap books!!!!!! Show and Tell, Show and Tell! If you come to just listen, you may want to take notes. There is always much to learn from other member's experiences.....good spots, good guides, good nature etc.
Feb. 1 Board meeting
Feb. 24 CAF Club Banquette

BOARD MEMBERS

President:

Dana Miller.....345-3266

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Dennis Boyd.....891-5760

Annual Anchovy Feed

**Free Pizza & Beer
Or soda**

Round Table Pizza

Almond Orchard Plaza
Dec. 14th.
6pm or so....

November is Elections!

Vote on the 8th and then again on the
9th, come out and voice your preference
for the important election.

The Chico Area Flyfishers Election of
Officers is scheduled for the November
9th general meeting.

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