

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS



OCTOBER 1997

short casts

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Paul Hendricks, CAF President

As I sit here, contemplating my fast approaching 50th birthday, I can't help but feel that it is time to share some of the lessons I have learned during 35 years of fly fishing. The older members will chuckle (because they have most likely done the same things), but hopefully the younger members will take heed and try not to follow in my footsteps.

1) When taking a man named Chuck from Orland fishing, pack an extra set of cloths (see January Newsletter for details).

2) This is a recipe for disaster: Take one 110 pound Black Lab puppy and add to a 3'x8' John Boat. Place this mixture onto the surface of an ice cold De Sabla Lake. Enjoy.

3) Never be in such a hurry when you are going fishing that you:
a) Forget to turn the car off and b) put the keys in your pocket. (I can tell you that the replacement cost for the wing-window on a '76 Chevy Van is \$42.)

4) If the guides ask if you care for a wading staff, say "Yes, please." Take his advice and don't pretend to be so macho.

5) When fly fishing in a float tube, and you hear a very quiet "hsssssss" sound, don't ignore it, even if the fish are biting.

6) If you are fishing and seem to be getting lots of hits, but no hooking, check your point. Back casts into a rocky bank, it can

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CAF FISHOUT - October Rainbows

Mark (when is that anniversary) Adams, CAF

OK, lets get the bad news over with right away. The September fishout for steelhead on the Feather River wasn't too spectacular. In fact, it was pretty much a wind blown bust. With high winds and multitudes of salmon fisherman on the river, I don't think anyone caught a fish, let alone a steelhead. (Rumor has it that Roger "Maverick" Bevers hooked into a steelie, but only Roger was in the water at the time of the alleged hook up and of course, it was a long-arm release).

I hold Jeff personally responsible because of his boast about us not getting skunked so far this year.

This puts a serious strain on our fishing relationship and I'll now be forced to play nothing but Country music on the next trip.

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

October 8th, 7:30 PM

New Zealand

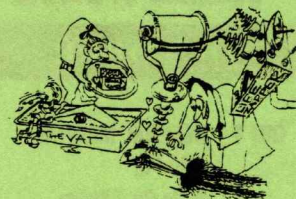
This month we will hear about the land under the "land down under" - New Zealand. Rob and Jana Bowler have been traveling to New Zealand since 1978 where they spend an average of 90 to 120 days per season. They spend the rest of their time in southern Oregon. Not a bad combination.

Rob and Jana will present their slides and discuss their theories on why the trout are so large in New Zealand and of course the method for stalking and sight fishing. They have a book entitled, "Fly Fishing New Zealand's South Island," so if you have the book and would like it signed by the authors, now would be an ideal time. This should be an excellent meeting, so please try to attend and bring a friend. Non members are always welcome at the meetings.

FLY TYING

October 16th, 7:30 PM

Pat Corbett, Fly Tying Chair



Steelhead Streamers: *Green-eyed pond smelt and the modified spruce.*

These two flies were introduced to me by Stuart Koster, the best steelhead and river angler and flyfisher I have ever fished with, and I have known many.

Materials

Hook: TMC 300/4XL/#6

Body: Foam / mylar tubing (med)
Red floss / peacock chenille

Tails: Gray marabou / peacock sword

Throat: Badger hackles

Eyes: Green fabric pt.

Don't worry if your short on materials or tying skills. Come join our great fly tying group and learn to tie and fish these and other flies this summer at the Music Express Bed & Breakfast, 1091 El Monte Ave., Chico.

**OCTOBER
General
Meeting:
Fly Fishing
New Zealand**

**Oct 8th
7:30 PM
Butte Co.
Library**

LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop

Chico, CA
(916) 345-9983

Dick Murrell

Oroville, CA
(916) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters

Chico, CA
(916) 343-4071

Trinity Fly Shop

Lewiston, CA
(916) 623-6757

Gerry Gray Guide

Trinity Center, CA
(916) 266-3297

Big Bluff Ranch

Red Bluff, CA
(916) 529-2291

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

OCT 8 GENERAL MEETING

7:30 PM
Butte Co. Library

OCT 16 FLY TYING

7:30 PM
Music Express Bed
& Breakfast
1091 El Monte Ave
Pat Corbett, 877-5448

OCT 25 CAF FISHOUT

SACRAMENTO RIVER
Jeff Richelieu, 893-1600

NOV 3 YOUTH MEETING

6:30 PM
1053 E. 7th St.
Roger Bevers, 343-6442

Things to remember (Continued)

easily take the point off your hook. To bad it took me over an hour-and-a-half fishing on the Yuba River to learn this one.

7) *When going to Alaska for Steelhead fishing, and the trip organizer says bring lots of glow bug patterns, don't bother tying over 1,000 glow bugs and other similar patterns. Bring just black and purple egg-sucking leaches, because that's what they will be hitting on.*

8) *If you are fishing the McCloud using the Pat Corbett methodology of 3 ounces of lead split shot, please be sure and duck on all casts.*

9) *Always pack an extra pair of polarized sunglasses.*

10) *When fishing with a boat, always double-check the drain plugs. . . prior to unloading the boat off the trailer.*

11) *Learn the actual name of a couple of flies, so when someone asks you what you are fishing with, you don't have to answer "the brown fuzzy thing" and feel like a fool.*

12) *After a hard day of fishing, before you drive off, try to remember to remove your fly rod from the top of the camper shell.*

13) *If, by chance, your wife or significant other shows an interest in fly fishing, take the following steps: a) If you truly love her, have someone else teach her, and b) get a second job, because it is hard enough to support this hobby on one person's salary.*

14) *Koi will not take a Quigly Cripple, even if presented on 8x tippet.*

15) *If you see a Retriever downstream swimming into the river, check and see if you still have your license attached somewhere to your body.*

16) *Always bring all of your reels and spare spools, because a reel loaded with a 6 weight line does not work very well with an 8-weight rod.*

17) *When using superglue while fly tying, BE VERY CAREFUL! And always have a can of acetone handy.*

18) *Last, but not least, don't set your Levi's too close to the camp fire to dry out.*



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Fishout (Continued)

Well, now for the good news. The October fishout will be held on the Sacramento River in the area of Anderson. (Hello Mr. Wilson). This stretch of river truly has blue ribbon trout fishing, especially this time of year. Nymphing with Birds Nests, Golden Stones, Woolly Buggers, etc., is always a good bet. Also, with all the salmon in the river, it might be worth dragging a glow bug around. If we're lucky, we'll get into a caddis hatch for some really exceptional dry fly action. These fish are big and strong and it is not unusual to get taken into your backing, especially if the water is fast. A 5-6 wt. rod with floating line is the best rig for this water. The wading conditions aren't really too bad, however felt soles and a wading staff are recommended.

Access along this stretch of river is limited so we will be using boats. This will restrict the number of fisherman that can attend so it is important to sign up as soon as possible. It is an absolute must that you make contact with either Jeff or I before this trip so that we can confirm space aboard the boats. If you don't, we can't guarantee that you will be able to go even if you're at the boat ramp.

The fishout is scheduled for **Saturday, October 25**. We will announce the place and time to meet. Plan on a full day, so pack a lunch and something to drink. Also, bring along a treat for the boat owner and don't forget to chip in with some gas money. To sign up for this fishout, call Jeff or Mark at work at **893-1600**.

Now for the really important part. Anyone, and I mean anyone, with a boat that is willing to help out with this trip should give us a call. I would like to see both drift boats and jet boats made available. Your generosity will dictate the success of this trip.

