

CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'



OCTOBER 1998

short casts



THE LINE

Lionel Valley, CAF President

*FALL has arrived and
the fishing should be
getting good !!!*

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Mark you calendars

for our Annual Club

Dinner, February

26th.

Volunteers are al-

ways needed as well

as donations for our

auction / raffle.

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7:30 PM
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FLY TYING

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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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OCTOBER FISHOUT

East Walker River

Jeff "The Fly" Richelieu



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If you haven't been to Bridgeport on Hwy 395 south of Carson City, you should put it on your list of places to visit in California. This is truly one of the most beautiful parts of the state and when you factor in the fishing it is a must for flyfisherman. It's only a 5 hour drive from Chico with fantastic scenery along the way.

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- He contends that Eagle Lake Rainbows are the most beautiful rainbows in the World—and they are generally not particular! ! !
- Sight fishing is outstanding at the North end of the lake - VERY DIFFICULT. BUT WORTH IT.
- These fish love ledges.
- Eagle Lake Rainbows love 3 dimensional flies.
- 90% of all fish are caught on 3 flies.

A program to for the November Eagle Lake Club fishout, contact Jeff "The Fly" Richelieu at NorthStar Engineering, 893-1600 for details.

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We were still optimistic and went fishing anyway. We managed to catch some nice browns and bows on a nymph and indicator rig, but not the 20" + trophies that were being taken two days earlier with the higher flows. The nice folks at Ken's Sporting Goods put us onto the

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The Fly says . . . "The wind makes for good fishing and the cold builds character, so be brave and give it a try."

Tight Lines,
Jeff



LOCAL GUIDES

Powell Fly Shop
Chico, CA
(530) 345-9983

Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(530) 532-4223

Merganzer's Outfitters
Chico, CA
(530) 343-4071

Orland Outfitters
Orland, CA
(530) 865-8545

Oasis Springs Lodge
Paynes Creek, CA
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LOCAL WATERS

OASIS SPRINGS LODGE —

You still have time to make reservations for the "Golden Season" on Battle Creek at Oasis Springs Lodge and catch some of the best fly fishing of the year.

Water conditions have never been better. In fact, they are the best for fall fishing that they've been in three years.

Fall brings the large fall caddis hatch, and German brown trout into play. Evening dry fly fishing will improve steadily from now to the end of the season in mid November.

Now is the time when our always good rainbow fishery takes on that golden hue as the big old browns go on the prowl, and you'll sprinkle your catch of rainbows in the 12 to 20-inch range with occasional browns that go that size and large.

You are still going to get a lot of trout using nymphs. Olive wooly buggers always seem to work. But bring along some elk hair caddis in sizes from 8 to 12, because you're going to see those big caddis flies flitting over the water from mid afternoon to dark and that means our big trout will be hitting the imitations too.

A 4-5 weight rod 8 feet long, 12 foot, 4 to 5X tapered leader is your basic rod, line and leader set up. If you're not a purist, a yarn strike indicator will help you see some of the delicate takes when you're nymphing.

The fishing is steady and the setting is beautiful, with the fall colors setting in and day time temperatures comfortable.

We are filling up fast, so you need to get your reservation in now for the best of the fall fishing season.

A GREAT PLACE

You don't have to be an expert to fly fish on Battle Creek. In fact you don't have to fish at all. You can watch your favorite angler flail away at the water, and probably catch fish, while you sip a cool drink, relax and read a book. We also have a beautiful swimming pool, and a lighted clay surface tennis court, as well as many miles of great hiking trails. Our lodge is spacious and comfortable, suite with fireplace. We have everything for a perfect getaway.

PROMOTION PACKAGE

Includes: 3 meals, lodging, & fishing fee

Any 3 days or more: \$205.00 per day. Option to bring a Non-Fishing Guest: \$39.00 or Fishing Guest \$89.00 per day.

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* Based on double occupancy, not good with other offers
Applicable taxes is not included

RESERVATIONS CALL

800-642-4150 or 510-653-7630

or

WEB SITE

<http://www.oasisflyfishing.com>

Fly Tying (Continued)

• CHAIRMAN WANTED - WILL CONSIDER ANY APPLICANTS. Please do some soul searching and call me to let me know that you can help with this important aspect of CAF.



• MUSIC

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CONVERSATION NOTES

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Recent letters from the CSPA to two agencies . . .

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