



CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS

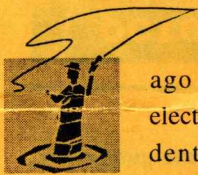


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October 2000

THE LINE

Redge Hawkley, CAF President



Two years ago I was elected as President of the Chico Area Fly Fishers. It has been fun and interesting. At the next general meeting on October 11, 2000 you will have the privilege of electing a new president, a new board member and new officers. I encourage you to come and vote.

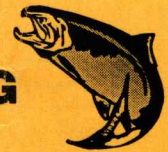
The next meeting will be very instructive on how to fly fish stillwater fisheries. The knowledge gained from the program will help when you go on the upcoming fishouts

planned for Davis Lake and Eagle Lake.

I fished Davis Lake with John Demel, Jack Bogle, Tom Wood and Kelly Childs on September 23. We caught over 23 fish among us. Most fish were 16 to 18 inches long and built like footballs. I caught one that was 22 inches long and probably weighed 4 to 5 pounds. Plan to go on the Davis Lake Fishout. There will be room for everyone. Come to the general meeting for more information.

Redge

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING



The September 2000 CAF meeting featured Gayland Taylor, Lieutenant Game Warden with the California Department of Fish and Game. Gayland

provided an update on the fishing law enforcement issues in the local area, of which can be summed up with one word: salmon. The game wardens were writing so many tickets to Feather River salmon

motored to Lieutenant and will no longer be spending very much time on the front line, as he will be supervising four game wardens. He reflected on his experiences as a game warden in Butte County over the past 25 years, and said that things have definitely changed. He said that when he first came up here, this area was like the wild west as far as poachers go. Violators were everywhere, poaching was something that people would brag about frequently, having no remorse whatsoever. Fines were quite low back then, and many poachers considered the periodic citations and subsequent fines as the cost of doing business. Gayland recalled one time when he went out fishing undercover on the Feather River. He waded out into a line of salmon fishermen, intending to pinch whoever poached a

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anglers that they ran out of ticket books and had to send a courier down to Sacramento for more. He said that they are now taking photos of the poachers, and keeping a library of them for evidence if needed. Gayland has recently been pro-

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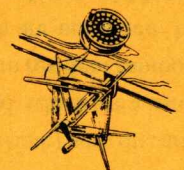
Eric See, CAF

The October Meeting will feature Denny Rickerts, stillwater flyfishing guru. Denny has produced several books and videos on the subject, and is renowned as one of the best stillwater anglers in the West. His presentation will be on several of the best lakes in the Western U.S., and he will talk a lot about technique. According to Denny, for virtually all of his fishing across the west, he only uses 1/2 dozen different fly patterns, a few different lines, and the rest is all technique. He will also be giving a flytying demonstration of his special flies and tying techniques during the hour before the meeting. This is the biggest speaker that we have had since the Annual Dinner last February, so don't miss out!

The meeting will be held at the Butte County Library in Chico at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2000. The flytying will begin at 6:30 and continue until 7:30.

NEW FLY TYING CHAIR

Randy McKean (872-2015) is going to be the new fly tying chairman. There will be a meeting October 19 at the Chico Fly Shop at 7:30 p.m. There will be a raffle. Tying instructions will feature patterns that will be effective on Davis Lake. Hope to see you there.



LOCAL GUIDES

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

Fish First
Chico, CA
(530) 343-8300

Dick Murrell
Oroville, CA
(530) 532-4223

Merganser Outfitters
Chico, CA
(530) 343-4071

Orland Outfitters
Orland, CA
(530) 865-8545

Oasis Springs Lodge
Paynes Creek, CA
(800) 642-4150

Big Bluff Ranch
Red Bluff, CA
(530) 529-2291

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salmon from the line. After 20 minutes, he had witnessed so many violations that he couldn't take it anymore and blurted out to all within earshot, "you're all under arrest!" He then proceeded to write all of them citations. Gayland said that an evolution has taken place however, poaching is not something that people brag about anymore. The fines have increased, and most importantly of all, the judges have become tougher when it comes to Fish and Game laws. Gayland identified judges as a crucial link in the chain; Fish and Game law enforcement is only as tough as the judges sitting on the bench.

Gayland also discussed some jurisdictional issues, and said that Game Wardens have some of the broadest powers of

all peace officers, since they not only have jurisdiction across the State, but across the Nation as well being Federally deputized.

He talked a lot about restoration activities in the Butte Creek Watershed, and said that 5,000 spring run Chinook salmon returned this year. He attributed this impressive number to projects related to the Endangered Species Act, even before the spring run were actually listed as a threatened species, fish ladders and screens had become much more common under the threat of the listing. He identified the most important factor for spring run recovery: water in the stream. He said that steelhead are also increasing in Butte Creek, and increased flows will help them

as well. He went on to discuss the problems in our local streams (Deer, Mill, Antelope, Big Chico, Butte) with discerning steelhead, which are a listed species, from resident rainbow trout, which are not listed. He fears that the National Marine Fisheries Service will close these streams to all fishing, even for resident rainbow trout. (THIS IS SOMETHING THE CLUB SHOULD BE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY - MY COMMENT)

Gayland concluded with some good news. He said that the State Legislature wants to double the warden force immediately, and has provided the necessary funding. DFG is currently hiring and training wardens as fast as it can, so the future is looking brighter for Fish and Game law enforcement across California. The Chico Area Flyfishers wishes Gayland all the best with his new assignment!



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Fish First of Chico
www.fishfirst.com



OCT FISHOUT

Davis Lake and Eagle Lake.

Contact: Jeff Richelieu or Mark Adams at 893-1600 (day-time).

OCTOBER Calendar of Events

- oct 11 **GENERAL MEETING**
7:30 pm
Butte Co. Library
- oct 19 **FLY TYING**
CHICO FLY SHOP - INFO
345-9983
- FISHOUT**
Davis Lake / Eagle Lake
Jeff / Mark, 893-1600
- YOUTH MTG**
ROGER BEVERS
343-6442
- nov 8 **GENERAL MEETING**
7:30 pm
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