



# CHICO AREA FLYFISHERS'

**short casts**

**Oct 2003**



## **THE LINE**

**Eric See, CAF President**

Sometime a few weeks ago, I woke up and noticed a chill to the morning air, something I hadn't felt in a long while. This was my first indication that the summer was winding down, and my thoughts immediately turned to fishing. Turnout for the Klamath Fishout was light to say the least, September is a busy time for a lot of people. The fishing was pretty slow for Christiane and me, however we ran into some of those guys who had a great day or who have a friend who slayed them somewhere, I think the tackle shops pay these people to sprinkle rumors up and down the river, or perhaps it's the gas stations to get people to burn all kinds of fuel chasing phantom "pods" of fish. Anyway, that's all part of the game, sometimes you just have to go and see for yourself. WE never slayed them, however in between dozens of small fish a few silver rockets were found, there is nothing like that first run of a hooked steelhead! And what a river! If you haven't fish the Klamath/Trinity in the fall, you owe it to yourself to make the drive, it is worth it. A true steelhead river in every sense, broad riffles and rapids, long tailouts, leaves turning colors, ripe blackberries, black bears, crisp mornings, a long history of steelhead fishing tradition, and my favorite steelhead river feature: conifers. I love fishing for steelhead in the pine trees, anywhere else seem a little hokey to me.

Speaking of fishing in the pines, I fished the McCloud River last week with Christiane and it was excellent. Is there a prettier river in California? Lots and lots of 12-14 inch fish and several bigger, including a 19 1/2 inch rainbow that I hooked in a knee-deep riffle. And we never fished the deep pools, which is where the biggest fish lie. This was illustrated in digital photo detail by Bob Smith who caught a 22-inch brown last month with his deep pool/small fly technique. You'll have to ask him how he does this at the next meeting. Anyway, the Lake Shasta run of browns should be starting to show, so not only do you have the resident browns, but also the lake-run fish to contend with. And don't forget about the Upper Sac on the way up there, it is fishing well, and the lower Sac in Redding is red hot. Use small flies, WD-40 style. And the steelhead are starting to show on the Feather. And a guide told me at the Oroville Salmon Festival that the Yuba is dynamite right now. And there are salmon everywhere. And duck season opens in two weeks! This is the best time of year to live where we do, so take advantage!

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## **THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

**The speaker had to cancel at the last minute.**

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Regarding CAF business, we have sent two letters regarding the upcoming State Fishing Regulations proceedings, they are both on our Website. One letter was our proposal to re-open Big Chico Creek upstream of Bear Hole to a reasonable fishing season, we have proposed that it be open to catch and release/barbless hooks from October 15 to May 31. Several CAF members will be attending the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Fish and Game Commission Meeting in Redding to testify in support of this proposal, I will provide an update at the October Monthly Meeting. Our second letter was regarding the Department of Fish and Game proposals to change fishing regulations on the Feather River, which would essentially close salmon fishing until August 1 for the ENTIRE Feather River, they also propose to close the area upstream of Hwy 70 except for 2 months of each year, and they want to increase the limit on steelhead from 1 to 2 fish. How's that for batting a thousand on bad ideas? We will keep you informed.

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