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WELL...IS IT YES OR IS IT NO ???

As George Watkins of Conoco Limited would say, "Analysis allows you to say maybe, but life does not!!". There is no reason to postpone your decision any longer—NOW is the time to decide. Whether you rely on Tarot cards, use a Mantra, or draw a Mandala according to the Sanskrit—you cannot postpone your destiny. You must remember that life centered around a clear purpose is totally integrated. There can be only one purpose or conflict results. Few areas of decision-making are more challenging than that of achieving balance between your personal and professional life. Categorize your thoughts, lock your irrelevant thoughts away and live in the eternal now. Visualization may help...possibly externally guided hallucination...and as a last resort, lean on the Sufism personification of Essence in order to live out your own life purpose. If you free your mind to rely on your practical intuition, and acknowledge your Essence's decisions immediately...you will sense calm. Now...right now...in the presence of this moment..ask yourself: "Should I go on the 15TH ANNUAL FISHIN MISSION in June of 1988?" Use any means you find useful to stop the mind chatter and answer.....Yes or No ???

Now...be pleased with your decision. You didn't waste time making it. It wasn't right or wrong by some outside standard. It was just what you, the real you, decided to do.

If you decide to fish...that's fine. If you decide to cut bait...then that's also fine. But if you decide to do nothing...you're not going to have fish for dinner!!!

FUTURE OF BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR MAY BE IN OUR HANDS!!

Most of you who keep up with international current events know that our annual retreat to one of the most outstanding fisheries in the Eastern Sierra has been jeopardized by a handful of farmers in Nevada. If you're not up on current events you're probably struggling to find the correlation between our Fishin Mission and the farmers in Nevada. Well, the fact of the matter is, that the water in the lake is owned by the West Walker Irrigation District, which pumps it down the East Walker across the Nevada border to be used by some farmers for irrigation. Apparently, the Reservoir was originally built to contain the floodwaters of the East Walker River, and in times of drought (such as this past summer) these farmers have the legal right to take every last drop of water out of the reservoir. Issue at hand...Who's right?? The constant threat of sacrificing the whole eco-system seems absurd...but the water district claims they own the water and can't be bothered with the lunker browns we have been waiting to catch. As the editor of this fine publication, I sent Brian Henderson, Cub Reporter, up to the Bridgeport Reservoir in October of 1987 and his report starts on Page 2....

When I was requested by the editor to report on the current condition of Bridgeport Reservoir I had no idea there were water problems in the Sierras. By water problems I mean "lack of" in the surrounding lakes and streams, and in particular, Bridgeport Lake itself. Last year's relatively mild winter forced the farmers and ranchers of Nevada to be extra dependent on the contents of the East Walker River, and of course, Bridgeport Lake. The difference in the water level from when we were on the Mission was incredible. What water that was left was congregated at the Dam end and was 30-40 feet down from normal. Falling Rock Marina was bone dry. One could have walked across the lake by side stepping a few puddles. Rick Rockel of Ken's Sporting Goods indicated that the preponderance of fish (including many monsters) were still there, but of course, confined to the downsized lake. However, the tap was still turned on to the East Walker when I left, and the survival potential of the fish was diminishing with the water. Rick was pursuing the option of an injunction through a CalTrout attorney against the removal of any more water. Like myself, I encourage all "Fishin Missionaires" to cross their respective fingers and toes for his success.

B. Hendy
Cub Reporter

**** RESERVOIR UPDATE ****

A phone call placed to Rick Rockel on January 7th revealed some excellent news!! According to Rick, although the water level did get dangerously low, they did not loose any fish!!! With the recent wet weather, "the Reservoir is filling up and the snow pack is approaching above average levels." Although the long term situation with the water district is still one of negotiation, Rick seemed optimistic that an agreement will be reached that will satisfy both the Nevada farmers and the California anglers. In simple terms...You can't use this as an excuse for not attending the 15TH ANNUAL FISHIN MISSION!!!!!!

MORE HORSESHOE HORSESHIT!!

As you may recall, in the last newsletter an award was given to "Lewd" and "Hands of a Man" for the hottest horseshoes. It has since been pointed out to this reporter (by two gentlemen I always want on my side) that, even though they won several games, they fell in defeat to "The Bouncer" and "C.R." in what proved to be the most exciting match in recent Mission history!! I must say (for fear of my life) that these guys are GREAT!! They play a tough match, score big, and are the only team I've ever seen in action that can toss shoes "from the wrist". I'm proud to know them and hope you will all take the time to congratulate them on their victory!!

NEW FISHIN MISSIONETTES-THE LEGACY CONTINUES!!

While most of us were tucked away since the last Fishin Mission, spending long hours in a dream state, thinking about the 15th Annual, others have been bringing new life to the world and creating the next generation of Fishin Missionaries. Congratulations to "Beef" Wellington and his wife Chris, who had a girl...Kacie... on 9/13/87 and to "Hands of a Man" Runley and his wife Wendy, who had a boy...Joshua Clifford...on 1/29/88!!!

QUOTE...UNQUOTE

* According to "White Dog" Henderson, " the Fishin Mission Attendee list isn't that valuable..except as a Christmas Card list!"

* According to "B.T." and the entire GHS class of 1967," Jon Runley is the least changed since high school!" What an honor!

* According to rumor, "Al is the new poster child for Just Say No!!"

* According to "Country Joe" Sanders, " it's just another sack of coffee on the mule!" What on earth does that mean??

* According to "Walkbucks"," the people listed to attend the Fishin Mission could also be used for employment referrals to find new jobs!!" Now why would he think of that??

WANTED-DESIGNATED DRIVERS!!!

Either we are all getting old or we are finally getting smart, but several potential attendees of the 15TH ANNUAL have already requested "designated drivers" to be used when appropriate. This reporter suggests that there may be an entrepreneur out there who will seize the opportunity...and some handsome fees-to provide this service. It will keep the streets of Bridgeport safe, and prevent you from becoming a cell-mate with Sean Penn.

SPECIAL ONE TIME OFFER!!!

Watch your mail...because in the near future you will be receiving a once in a lifetime offer!!!! No you hacks...it's not from Publisher's Clearing House...it's from the Fishin Mission Commission!!! In honor of 15 years of commitment and contribution, the Commission has been granted special authority to release a commemorative item recognizing the 15th Annual Fishin Mission Extravaganza!!! You won't want to miss this offer...its an opportunity to show your support...so save your coin and be prepared!! The mail order coupon will arrive on your doorstep soon!!

DO YOU NEED ANOTHER REMINDER ??????????

The officiallly sanctioned dates for the 15th Annual Fishin Mission Extravaganza are:

FRIDAY JUNE 3rd to SUNDAY JUNE 12th !!!