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LATE REPORT ON THE 16TH ANNUAL

Well, what can I say? I've been a little busy, haven't had time to write, and don't really care. If you were there, you remember how it was. If you weren't there, then why should I rid you of guilt by telling you what took place? OK, OK, I'll give you the highlights...

The fishin' wasn't the greatest....given the fact that for the first time since the annual BIG FISH award was started (by Steve "Skinny Legs" Lawing) no one was proud enough of their catch to claim the trophy!! 1989 will be BLANK on the trophy! Not because we didn't try, and not because we didn't deserve it, but because the fishin' sucked!

The weather was good...or bad... depending on which day you were talking about. Now take for an example the ONE DAY that BT showed up...the weather was great!! But the day that Jon didn't show up (OOOPS, bad example, Jon didn't show up at all!) Well anyway the weather was there!!

Well the hell with it! It was the last Mission for the 80's, and you know what they say....Once we get out of the 80's, the 90's are going to make the 60's look like the 50's!!

LOOKING FORWARD...WHAT TO EXPECT

I, for one, am tremendously concerned about the future of the Fishin Mission. I have been reading some of the writings of noted physicist Steven Hawking lately, and those writings have been cause for significant consternation of spirit (or is that consumption of spirits?)

If you believe in the BIG BANG Theory (and how could you not, given the mathematical theories which virtually ensure that the Big Bang was both the beginning of time and the creation of matter) you also have to be concerned about the BIG CRUNCH !

Yes, I know, up until now your primary concern has been the quantum mechanics principles which beg the question...Are Super Strings really the smallest particle of matter? But it is now time to focus outward along the space-time continuum, and begin to understand the the effect the BIG CRUNCH will have on future Fishin Missions.

Of course you realize that with the BIG BANG that time started, matter was created, and our infinite universe has been expanding ever since....as the outward acceleration of matter was at a velocity which exceeded the gravitational attraction of that same matter, based on it's density (You know...doesn't Newton, Einstein, and, $E=MC^2$ ring a bell?)

Big deal you say! What does this crap have to do with the size of Brown Trout in the Bridgeport Reservoir?? Will the expansion of the Universe guarantee that I'll catch fish?? Will it even guarantee that I can find my way back to camp after a night at the Bodie Union Mining Company??

Get real! Deal with the issues! Set your priorities! Don't you realize that if this relationship were to change today...and the density of matter started to exceed the outward velocity of that matter...that our purportedly infinite Universe would start to contract ?? Can you be so naive as to not realize this contraction would ultimately lead to infinite contraction and all matter would turn inward to the BIG CRUNCH and the end of time?? Is this a tough concept?? OK, simple test...pick up a rock and see if you can throw it so high into the air that it won't come down. Get it ??

Now, back to my concern. If this process of contraction were to start as you are reading this (and there is not yet enough evidence to prove that it won't) we may only have some ten thousand million years left !! See what I mean ?? This is bad news !!

Now, you can sit around worrying about the superficial issues - paying your bills, feeding your family, learning French, and working out - or you can deal with reality. We may not have a Ten Thousand Millionth Fishin' Mission !!! So.....ATTEND WHILE YOU CAN !!

CalTrout...Membership Has It's Priviledges!!

As some of you who read this rag on a regular basis know, we have reported in earlier editions about the efforts of CalTrout on behalf of serious Trout Fishers (Vol. 15 No.3) and now I'm going to give you an opportunity to feel good about spending your money.

The enrollment form for CalTrout membership is attached to this newsletter. The editor strongly urges each of you to make the commitment as at least a "Regular Member". Perhaps in the future, we can even make contributions on behalf of the FISHIN MISSION !! You will feel better knowing you've helped to preserve and protect California's wild trout waters !!

Besides, if you are sporting the CalTrout emblem, Rick Rockel may even let you buy him scoops at one of the local saloons. This in itself, is an opportunity one rarely has comin' from the 'burbs that most of us do !!

WELL, WHADDAYA SAY ?? ARE YOU GOING ??

Let me take just a moment to mention the litany of excuses this reporter has already received regarding attendance this year :

"I'm taking the family on a houseboat outing that week" - Nice try Tatwee, but do you really think these guys are going to buy this? I mean..there are 51 OTHER weeks in the year for a houseboat trip, aren't there? What about the "T" man ? High and dry , huh?

"I have a business conference in Chicago that week" - Real "original" Boone, but nobody cares anyway!!

"My thing is golf, so I'm doing a golf weekend with some buddies" - Weak excuse Moondoggie, but given the fact that you never did learn to bait your own hook, I think you've made the right decision. We'll tip the Yukon in your dishonor!!

"This would be a busy week for me, I'll try" - BT, rumor has it that you trashed your job at the Bank to become an entrepreneur, to have more control over your life, and to make zillion\$!! Get a grip...show up !! (By the way...could you bring me a #9 on wheat with swiss and peppers only?)

There are several people that I haven't heard from, so I will optimistically expect their attendance. But don't take anything for granted. Network, call your amigo's, make sure they are going. Jon, what about you and Mark? C.R....what about all your GHS Class of Whatever Buddies? And don't forget my best friend and body guard Pat O'Brien!! Lewd..don't forget Tony, the Silver Bullet, Lopes, and Pablo Cruz. We absolutely HAVE to have "Wailin'" Wayne and Wayne Sr.! Deits and Speed Limit Wright have already confirmed. Red...I know we're sad about Mighty Joe...but you really need to gather up Ernie, Carter, and the boys! White Dog..don't forget OD (you're in charge) Messina, Gale, and whomever else you can think of! Smilin' Jim...WE NEED YA! (and don't forget Seamens). DIPPIN'....where the hell have you been?? Y'all better show!! Country Joe, we'd love to have you back!! Fast Eddy, Bubba, Woody, surely you want more than a jacket from the 15th?

OK...here it is - Like Joe Montana after back surgery, show some TRUE GRIT! Our sun is mounting to it's zenith !! It is time to once again worship at your boyhood shrine !! This trip is the pantheon of dreams !!

SEE YOU THERE !! 17TH ANNUAL !! JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 10TH !!

“Dear CalTrout... We have to be sure we can keep doing this!!”

In his letter to us he said: “Keep working CalTrout! My son is sitting on my shoulders. I’m wading. I cast, then hand him the rod. He drifts the fly. We repeat the process. A big rainbow hits the tiny caddis and starts ripping out the line. The fish zooms around our riffle. I’m hollering to raise the rod tip, pick up the line, etc., etc. Too late. The fish zips out of the riffle, breaks off the fly and probably laughed all the way to Oroville. We *have to be sure we can keep doing this!*”

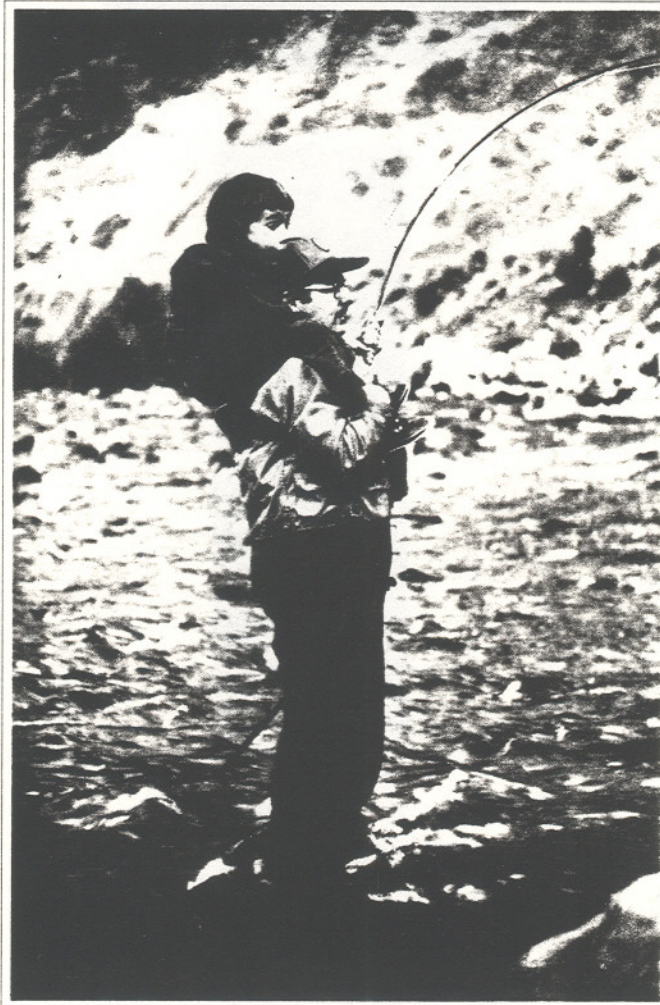
A generous check was enclosed. But we were particularly taken with his words because they reminded us so charmingly of who we are and what we do: trout fishers committed to protecting and restoring wild trout and steelhead and their habitat **and** to providing high quality angling experiences for all anglers to enjoy.

1990 is our twentieth year and we are justly proud of our achievements. Many of the state’s finest waters bear

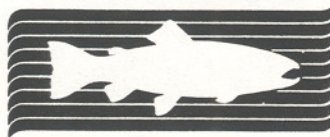
the distinguished mark of CalTrout. The list includes Hat Creek, Fall River, Manzanita Lake, Yellow Creek, the Truckee, the Owens and Crowley Lake, the East Carson, Rush Creek, the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus. In fact, nearly every quality wild trout fishery in the state.

Each year we do our best to add more waters to the list. And each year we succeed. But to sustain this effort and to insure quality angling for ourselves and for the generations to come takes money. On Hat Creek, Yellow Creek, Rush Creek, and Lake Lagunitas alone, CalTrout has wisely invested nearly \$200,000 of fishermen’s money in recent years.

We have to be sure we can keep doing this!! We need your help. Become a California Trout member today. It’s a great feeling to be able to fish California’s wild trout waters. It’s an even better feeling to know you’ve helped to preserve and protect them.



CALIFORNIA TROUT



KEEPER OF THE STREAMS

Yes, I believe in the goals and objectives of CalTrout and wish to be enrolled as a new member.

Enclosed please find \$ _____

Name of New Member _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please Indicate

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Contributor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00 Business Sponsor |
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