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AS THIS ISSUE GOES TO PRESS, THE ALLIED FORCES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY KICKED SOME BUTT IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND MANY OF OUR FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN HAVE ALREADY RETURNED FROM THE FRONT LINES!!! REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE POLITICS OF THIS WAR.....IT WAS OVER QUICKLY AND ALLIED CASUALTIES WERE LOW!!! WE SHOULD ALL BE READY TO GIVE THEM A HERO'S WELCOME HOME!!

17TH ANNUAL - SHORT ON ATTENDANCE!!!

Well, well, well, doesn't it seem like just yesterday that we were all up high in the Sierra's...droppin' that light-test line into the cool clear waters? Blue skies were overhead, and nothin' but a little bit of patience was between us and the big one? Our minds were clear of all the fog put on us by the other fifty-one weeks of the year, and we were only focussing on good times, with good friends, in anticipation of the "tug"!!

Oh...I'm sorry...I guess an apology seems in order! Since the Fishin' Mission had been held "the first full week of June" for SIXTEEN previous years - it was assumed that everyone knew the dates. Obviously not! It seems that most of the usual attendees must have gotten their schedules confused...yeah! That's the ticket!! They got their schedules confused and showed up some other time!! Honest mistake!!

No one would consciously commit to attend and then just NOT SHOW UP!! Would they?? It had to be a mistake in scheduling!! In any case, attendance "fell off the chart" last year, with total attendees at 14!! Not only was the total attendance at 14....but we had a "Group Dinner" on MONDAY night....which consisted of four stinkin' (and I mean stinkin') people....."Red", "Wild Bill", "Mayor of Minden", and "Walkbucks"!!!

Disgusting example of commitment for men, who are now for the most part, well into their 40's!! You don't want anyone to think you're weak knee'd slack jawed little twinkies...right?

The 18th Annual will be your one and only opportunity to redeem yourself!! Before we talk about this year however, we should talk about the last year from the perspective of those who did attend.

17TH ANNUAL - GOOD WEATHER AND GOOD FISHIN'

Those of you who didn't attend missed a good one! If you can't remember names because you haven't been part of the action for awhile...you can refer to the updated mailing list which is attached.

Refer to the next page for "the rest of the story".....

First of all...the weather. It was GREAT!! We had only one little drizzle on Wednesday, but other than that, it was warm, sunny, clear, and OUTSTANDING the entire week!! From one who has attended all seventeen of these things....it was the BEST WEATHER EVER!!

The fishin' was good too! The Browns in the Reservoir are still growing, so we left them alone. But there were plenty of 'bows to be found. The typical winds did not prevail. But it didn't matter, since most of the action on the Reservoir that week was off-shore on the other side of the lake. The weather was good enough to open the Virginia's and Trumbull for some good fishin'. With "Red" on the scene, you can bet we have some serious footage of that action. Lot's of 1-2 pounders were taken, from the Reservoir, the Twins, the Virginia's, and even Robinson Creek, but try as we may....the "lunkers" avoided us!

As far as the "Derby" goes:

Winner - "Smilin'" Jim with a 2 lb 15 oz 'bow. The closest contender was Jim "Mars" Marston with a 2 lb 8 oz 'bow of his own (except for the "lunker" that "Rocko" had on until "O.B." tried to help land it...oops!)

"Smilin'" Jim grabbed the \$70 cash prize (small group, but EVERYONE paid) but he elected to "roll over" the Rod/Reel Prize to this year. It was graciously donated by Rick Rockel of Ken's Sporting Goods. Jim didn't feel that with our limited attendance, that we patronized Ken's to the level worthy of the prize. Thanks again to Ken's for their ongoing support of the Fishin' Mission.

Thanks to "Smilin'" Jim for not getting greedy, especially since he had already won the rod/reel which Ken's donated back on the 15th Annual!

QUOTES ALWAYS MAKE THE DAY!!

Every year someone manages to throw-out (or is that throw-up?) a quip or quote that seems to survive for years to come. After seventeen of these Fishin' Missions, you can imagine that we have quite a collection. To his credit "Lewd" has volunteered for several years now to put together a compilation of one-liners from the Missions gone by, and publish them for all to enjoy! Here's a few from the 17th that made the list:

- * Talking about his Alaskan fishing expedition and the 300 lb Halibut they were landing, "Red" said, "that's like splattin' me with a steamroller!"sorry "Red", I'll take the Halibut!
- * Mark "Hands of a Man" Runley, winning cards in a less than gracious fashion, had the gall to repeat (some 200 times through the night) "I'll see you at four card low!"
...oooooh, hurt me Mark!

* Lewd", that same evening, while playing cards, and as usual, thinking that he's winning BIG says, "I've read your book Rommel", every stinking time he wins a hand...."Lewd", leave this one out of YOUR book!!

SCOUTING REPORT - THE LATEST SCOOP ON THE LOCAL PROVIDER'S

Keep in mind (Yeah, I know it's alot to ask of some of those little pea-brains out there!) that ALL the establishments in the area are terrific, and they have always been very supportive of the Fishin' Mission. The information below is provided based on the informal survey by "Walkbucks" and "Mayor of Minden" and is designed to supplement your existing knowledge base (here I go again on that pea-brain thing!) regarding the Bridgeport establishments:

Ken's Sporting Goods - Still the best!! For support and for everything you forgot to pack!! The Ice Chest is still calling...and some of Ken's finest gear is available just about 24 hours a day! (OK, so you have to go find Rick at one of the Pubs in order to get that 24 hour service).

Sportsmen's Inn - Still hanging tough, although the steak sandwich seemed to fall off this last year. Still the choice for the B-Ball Playoffs due to the large screen TV.

Bodie Union Mining Company (BUMCO) - Two Thumbs Up!! This was the real contender last year, and they have already committed to being the "purveyor of choice" for this year!! Warm, friendly, great kaze's, and good food from "Chef Otto" (everything from Ortega Burgers to Halibut) make this the place to be.

The owners, Bill and Lynn Reid, even promised to give us space on their wall for a "Fishin' Mission Plaque" (we'll see if they remember...wait, they're on the mailing list so of course they'll remember!) and after a long day with our bellies up to the bar...they were even talking about a banner outside welcoming the 18th Annual!! The bartenders are terrific!! Kathie Reid, when home from school at Fresno State, drops a fair pour, and is one of the local experts on Country Music. Jim Reid, who also pours well when not bustin' the local livestock, always has a tall tale to tell.

See y'all at BUMCO!

Bridgeport Inn - Nice restaurant with a new expanded bar. Food has always been good, and from personal experience...the Mudslide is what all good hangovers are made from!

TITS AND TATS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Turn the page for some interesting tidbits.....

'Shoes Bring Cash to Top Seeded Team - Well those of us who were there felt the pain! "Lewd" and "Mayor of Minden" teamed up to kick butt and take names! They went undefeated, takin' on all who dared, regardless of the wagering. Unofficial estimates (mostly from the pocket of this reporter) indicate well over \$100 changed hands! Perhaps a team from the Next Generation (see Page 5 for information) will sponsor a team to "get in their face" this year! If Duke can kick UNLV off after their 30 point whippin' last year, perhaps someone can kick "Lewd" and "Mayor of Minden" off too!

"Red" Jumps at Matrimony! - Well, can you believe it? The BIG GUY finally takes a tumble! (9.1 on the Richter!) On 12/29/89, "Red" tied the knot on something other than a #6! He married Vicki after 17 years together (or was she 17 years old?) and swears....ready for this?....NOTHIN' WILL CHANGE!! Right "Red", whatever you say. Congrats anyway!!

Go Forth and Multiply!! - Well, "Mayor of Minden" and "Hands of a Man" have taken the challenge again....and with serious help from Carrie and Wendy (respectively) have brought forth Amanda Christine and Ceina Rae (respectively). Congratulations! You two can stop proving you are not "Girly Men" anytime!

Video's Available on Request - The custom video for both the 15th and 16th Annual are available on request. "Red", our man on the spot, continues to provide the highest quality entertainment for recording the events each year!

New Attendee is Setting New Boundaries - When "Red" first introduced this reporter to his Dad, I thought, oh god what is the world coming to? Well, after a few days with this guy, "Wild Bill" Price is part of the new/old generation! He can outfish you blindfolded with one arm tied behind his back!! Welcome to "Wild Bill"! This year will bring many new attendees (see Page 5 for more information) from the Next Generation, so watch out!

CalTrout Still Needs YOU as a Member!! - I've mentioned this organization in several previous newsletters, and it's time for you to "do the deed" and join up!! The application is on the last page of the newsletter, along with the response card for the 18th Annual Gift Item. Complete the form and send it in!!! With the CalTrout Emblem proudly displayed on your garb (it's part of the enrollment package) someone might even mistake you for a fisherman!! Wouldn't that be UNIQUE!! Sign Up Now!!

18TH ANNUAL - PROMISES TO BE THE BEST!!!

Well, it's been a wonderful trip down memory lane, but lets talk about this year for awhile!! For those of you with a lack of understanding, even with repetition, let us announce the date for the 18TH ANNUAL:

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST UNTIL SUNDAY JUNE 9TH - OR ANYTIME IN BETWEEN!!!!!!!

Now write it down, memorize it, commit to it, and be willing to subject yourself to whatever pain that might be required in order to attend! For those of you who didn't seem to want to take a stand last year, by setting your priorities early....this is the chance for REDEMPTION!!!

Twin's to Receive Over 1 Ton on 5/31/91!! - ARTICLE BY "C.R."

Perfect timing for the 18th Annual you quickly note. However...Good Luck getting this "poundage" to grasp onto Rapala's when all available hands will be gripping BEERS! Hands, what hands you ask? Well, this 1 Ton is not your typical stocking truck full of 'bows...rather, it represents the weight of 10+ petite individuals from G-Dora! That's right, just when you thought Bush and the boys were impressive in their invasion....."C.R.", "O.B." and the NEW GENERATION are movin' to take over site 44-D since there are few remaining original Fishin' Mission "campers" to reckon with. This group which averages 265 lb's and participates on the now infamous softball team "80401" (ZipCode for Golden, Colorado - and the Coors Brewery!) plans on makin' their presence known this year! As the younger (but certainly not smaller) brother of two "Fishin' Mission Faithfuls", I've heard about this Mission for over half of my life, not only the deep-rooted traditions, but the recent dissappointments. It appears that the NEW GENERATION will have to pick up the tab on tradition, since in the last five years I've seen the old-guys crumble, get soft, and basically wimp!! The NEW GENERATION boys from G-Dora are asking that the hotels and trailers be flushed out this year and that we bring it all back to where it started! What happened to Chili Night, the Casino Tent, and Horseshoe Derby's? Returnee's "C.R.", "O.B.", "Dago", "Mars", "Rocko", "Rudy", "Wiggy", "Wolfie" and Jeff, hope to be joined by Joe, "Tree-Man", "Dr. Throw", "Smitty", "BEV", "6 Pack Mac", "Greener", "Ibby", "Pete", and possible others to ensure standing room only around 44-D!!

Editor's Note: It appears the youngsters have "thrown down the gauntlet" and are riskin' it all to obtain fame and fortune with this group....are you up to the challenge?????

MORE NOTES ON THE UPCOMIN' MISSION!!

In response to the challenge put forth by "C.R." above, I offer the following information. It's important to note that these decisions were made PRIOR to the receipt of the above challenge.

1. Sub-Committees were formed after last years Mission as follows:
 - *Casino Tent/Trophy - "Mayor of Minden"
 - *Video - "Red" (includes ability to show video in camp)
 - *Banner - "Walkbucks"
 - *B-Ball Net - "Lewd"
 - *'Shoes - "Walkbucks"
2. If you'd like (and can handle the NEW GENERATION'S ribbin') you can call Hank and Roys Rentals (619-932-7740) and have them drop a trailer on 44-D [actually we go from 42-D to 45-D]
3. We are planning a "Group Dinner" at BUMCO on Sunday Night (since many people depart after awards on Monday at noon) and we plan on givin' someone a "Wild Yahoo". More to follow on this, since the folks at BUMCO are reading this at the same time you are.

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THE BELOW ITEM IS TIME DATED...SO READ AND ACT NOW...DEADLINE 4/20/91!!

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As y'all know...we "try" to have a commemorative gift item each year on the Mission. We've had T-Shirts, Belt Buckles, Sweat Shirts, Jackets, and Caps, and the likes.

The Fishin' Mission Commission thought that this year a nice Rugby Style Shirt with an Embroidered (rather than our typical silk screen) Fishin' Mission Logo would be a nice change. My only concern is that since we ain't in the yuppie "double-income-no-kids" (DINK'S) bracket some of you may think it's a little "spendy".

They're a high quality 100% cotton and we would have several colors (red, blue, green?) to choose from...and the estimate including the embroidered logo is \$28-\$35!!

Obviously, this reporter is not going to spot the coin for 40-50 of these babies...hopin' that y'all will kick up the bucks!!! Therefore, please complete the attached order form and mail it back to Fishin' Mission Headquarters by 4/20/91!!

If we don't get an adequate response (and \$\$\$) by the 4/20 deadline, then I'll return all checks...and we'll wimp out with the same old same old.....hope we can put this together.

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As this Newsletter was going to press, this reporter had lunch with Brady "I Got Priorities" Deitrick who, even after the blatant "J" that he and Tom "Speed Limit" Wright pulled last year at the last minute, had the strength and commitment (hey man...I put zero pressure on him!) to say...and I quote..."My Anniversary won't keep me from the Mission!"

All I can say Deits, is that since 80 guys are readin' this quote, if you don't show...it could get ugly!!!

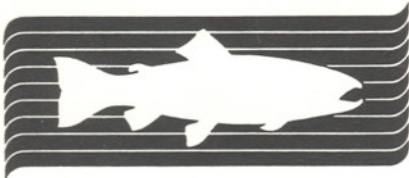
I also managed to have a phone call with "C.R.", since I was a little confused about the "poundage" (and their nicknames) that he's luggin' up to Twin Lakes/Bridgeport on 5/31!! Somewhere in the conversation, I managed to get a "kinda-sorta" commitment regarding "Tatwee" and "T", but hit the bricks when trying to confirm "Moondoggie"! It seems like the eldest of the Robert's Clan can't seem to get it together and decide that fishin' is the sport of choice!! Golf (especially the way he plays) is "Girly Man".....so...listen to me now, and hear me later!!!

EVERYBODY BETTER SHOW UP!!!!!! SO WE CAN PUMP YOU UP!!!

THIS IS THE MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR CALTROUT!! AFTER YOU HAVE TORN OFF THE SURVEY FORM FOR THE 18TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE GIFT AND MAILED A CHECK TO FISHIN' MISSION HEADQUARTERS, YOU CAN FILL OUT THIS CALTROUT FORM AND MAIL ANOTHER CHECK TO CALTROUT!!! GO AHEAD...YOU'LL FEEL GOOD ABOUT SPENDING ALL THIS MONEY...IT'S GOOD FOR THE RECESSION!!!

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Name: _____

All Monies received over and above the final cost of the shirts will be refunded on the Mission!!

Date: _____

___ Count me in!! I'm attending the 18th Annual and want the Rugby Shirt!! My check for \$35.00 is enclosed!!

___ Looks like I'm a "J" on the Mission, but I want a shirt anyway!! My check for \$35.00 is enclosed!!

Size: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ Color: ___ ___ ___ [Put X in the]
sm med lg xl xxl red blu grn [correct boxes]

___ You gotta be kiddin'!! I'll be at the Mission, but don't look my way for \$35.00!! Take off hoser!!

___ You gotta be kiddin' - I'm not even going to be there...why would I want to re-finance my house for a rugby shirt??