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News Bulletin!

In the earlier FMJ we did announce that Dan "Omar" Noble and Brian "Big D" Berry are coordinating the gear for this year!

I'm told this will be a high quality black hoody sweat-shirt with canary yellow (not neon green) print in three different places on the sweatshirt.

The price is not final yet but it will be under \$25.00—and you will want one!

In a recent communication from "Omar" he said that he wants to make sure each and every one of you get what you want!

That means he needs an email from you (size up to XXXXL and quantity) no later than May 15th placing your order.

His email address: noble53@cox.net

He will be ordering based on these email orders—so if you don't send him an email—no guarantee you'll get one!

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

And.....Bin Laden is DEAD!

Opening Day 2011! TEASER INDEED!

Here's a part of JR's (Ken's) Opening Day Report:

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR
Bridgeport fished pretty well this weekend, almost all of the anglers we spoke with caught fish, not always limits, but lots of nice fish from 1.5 to 9 pounds. We had good reports on trolling, bait fishing from boats and shore as well as fly fishing. For flies it seemed that streamers were the best, mostly down near the dam. Trollers caught fish on dodgers and crawlers, needlefish, rapalas among other things and bait anglers did well with inflated crawlers, power bait and gulp eggs. The water over most of the lake was right around 50 degrees, and a bit warmer in the places where the depth was less than 10 feet.

EAST WALKER RIVER
The East is up to 425cfs today, it's still been fishing ok, not as good as it was last week it seems but folks are still catching fish. Small midge patterns are still the best



What appears to be the biggest catch of the Opening Day weekend—Octavio bags a 9 POUNDER on the Res! Shit that's a big fish!

ticket, not much for dries or streamers still. Zebra midges, san juans, flashback emergers, silver streaks, gt emergers and the like have been doing well. The only report we've had from the Rosachi since the flows were just that it was dirty, I'd expect it to clear up a bit as the flows stabilize, if they do.

TWIN LAKES
The Twins had some mixed

reports, with folks reporting anything from a little tough to excellent. It sounded like overall the fish were running in the 1/2 pound to 3 pound class and they were getting them on powerbait and crawler rigs, as well as casting lures from the shore. Most of the folks we talked to reported that the shore fishing was a little better than the boat fishing.

LET'S GO FISHIN'

More attendee updates!

Emails since FMJ continue to flow—both good news and bad news.

First the bad news:

We hear BT is now a no-show which is a bummer, Lewd is only 40%, Sperm is still 0%?

And now the good news:

We hear that POD has moved back on top in the NASCAR Fantasy League and has a offer on his TN house—so he's lookin' good for B-port!

Omar is bringing newbies—Russ Haneline, Lon Jordan, along with Tim Dean and his son Chase, in addition to

Doc and his son, and the Duran Duran Clan.

Greener will return early from China in order to ensure Rocko comes back!

Heard that Quiet Man has his reservation at Redwood for him, OD, and POD if he makes it!

Fishin' Mission Foundation (FMF) starts it's 2011 Fundraising Campaign in Style!

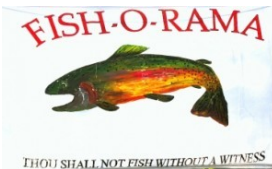
On Monday afternoon, June 6th, we will hold the FMF Annual Board Meeting—where we will present a summary of activities from this past year, review the FMF financials, and nominate and elect new officers for the coming year!

We try to keep FMF activities separated from the fun and comradery of the Fishin; Mission—but we are required by law [as a 501(C)(3)] to have this one annual board meeting!

Just before the Fishin' Mission—this year like many years in the past—we also kick-off our annual fundraising activities. Over the years we have relied on the Fishin' Mission attendees to help us out through their contributions to the Fishin' Mission Foundation. This year is no different!

Smilin' Jim has gotten us started with a very generous donation—and the FMF Board hopes that each of you will do what you can to help.

We are hoping the Fish-O-Rama boys will continue their fundraising activities this year too—at their annual Pig Roast! They have been supporting FMF over the past couple of years and that has been a great partnership!



And this year we are also hoping to get the Gills Bros Fishin' Club more involved! As they "fish for the stick" maybe they can also "pass the

hat" and make a club contribution this year? I bet so if Obee says so—

You know that the funds go to great local causes like scholarships and fish habitat projects—and if we can continue to build up the general fund we will be able to do additional things like when we purchased the Pitching Machine for the Little League!

You can make your donation NOW—on the FMF website via credit card to get it done! Of course we will as always accept contributions while on the Fishin' Mission too!



MORE OPENING DAY WEEKEND PICTURES.....



Our own Brian "Big D" Berry tuning up for the Mission in Colorado—on a Ken's Rapala!!



Early morning (cold) catch on the Res—Jerry Rago scores as Adam Cargill from WON watches!



Steve Yamani—6 lb 4 oz 'bow on the Res



Random Facebook posting of youngster at the Marina!