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The FMF is Launched!!

Breaking News!

On April 7th—The Western Outdoor News picked up our story on the Fishin' Mission Foundation—and you can read all about it!

www.wonews.com/Blog.aspx?id=531

You may have been tracking the recent changes in some litigation regarding stocking restrictions passed to allegedly save about twenty five amphibious species?

No? Then you'll want to turn to Page 4 for an update!

And how about the OPENER?

Didn't hear that any of our boys made it—but I'm sure they left some trout for us!

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FMF is Launched! 1

As with all of the past Fishin' Missions—the 35th Annual was a great success!

It is usually hard for your editor to pick the key event from the past year to feature on the front page. Last year it was the commitment from Rocko for a \$500 donation to get the Journal out before Thanksgiving! Rocko made good on his commitment as the Journal was printed on the eve of Thanksgiving!

This year the choice was obvious! The fact that this group of guys who have gathered each year for the last 35.....could actually decide to form their own foundation and to begin giving back to the Bridgeport Community was indeed the single biggest event of the year— perhaps ever!

So.....we launched the Fishin' Mission Foundation!

Since that initial meeting at



On behalf of the newly formed Fishin' Mission Foundation—with the cooperation of Roger Yost (Principal at Eastern Sierra Academy) the Commish was able to present \$1,000 checks to Kelsey Northington and Ivan Maguier on June 5, 2008—the first action taken by the new FMF.

Rhino's to elect officers and officially vote the funds to grant two scholarships (above) we filed to become a legitimate corporation, obtained our IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status—and launched our new web site!

We've made amazing progress that you all should be proud of! We've put forth

several initiatives along the way—and your votes counted! We will continue fund-raising—so that we can expand our activities in Bridgeport!

YOU SHOULD CONGRATULATE YOURSELVES ON A JOB WELL DONE!

The 35th - A Milestone Year!

The 35th Annual was a true milestone! This thing started when we were young punksand now some are actually filing for Social Security. [don't worry —no names will be mentioned]

Every year we are amazed at who attends....and 2008 was no different. The hype

started early.....as did the arrivals. This year.....Thursday seemed to be a favorite as Brian Berry, CarmBoy, T, LTR, CR, Greener, Rocko, Tambo, Sparky—who brought the newbie Jim "MayoNays"—Backwards Bob and Scratch—and even Walkbucks, Lewd and Bren-

dan (in their case it was because OD didn't answer the bell in Phoenix Thursday morning—so no Lone Pine Reunion) all showed up at Rhino's!

On Friday—the crowd grew—as Smilin' Jim, Sperm, BT, Quiet, 3D (lamb-free), and

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After Years of Fundraising for National Organizations—The Fishin’ Mission Turns it’s Focus to the Bridgeport Community!

As highlighted on the front page and in several other articles—2008 not only marked the 35th Annual—but also marked the creation of the Fishin’ Mission Foundation Inc.!

We have supported Kathie Reid on her bike rides for many years raising close to \$25,000 for various national organizations like Multiple Sclerosis and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!

Although these are still excellent causes and need support—we felt it

was time to focus our efforts on the Bridgeport Community –to give back to the community that has given so much to us over the past 35 years!

So we’ve created the FMF—and have already delivered scholarships and have more plans for 2009 and beyond!

If you haven’t—please visit the website! You’ll be hearing more as our 2009 Fundraising Campaign begins in May!

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www.fishin-mission-foundation.org



The new logo for the new website which will continue to expand and be a tool for fundraising!

The Rest of the Attendees on the 35th..

.....as well as HFTB, Hands, and then of course—Aidan, Mike, Brett, Rick, Timmy, and Schmitty—with Omar in tow.

Evil Eye and his buddy Eric, along with a sick Marko Porno, Bonfire, joined us. As did TommyBoy, and John and Johnny Kardashian with OD (finally) and several buddies—Mars and BEV, Dennis and Kevin, and Jules and Lucky!

We were missing some veterans like Oregonisn, Morgy, and Slomax and we had to find a way to live with that guilt—which took somewhere around 15 seconds—but we also had some new repeat attendees too!

Overall—we had a nice turnout again..... that added up to 43—and that’s VERY COOL!

Annual Derby—Always Monday Until 12:00PM !!!!

On the 34th—Brian Berry (Big D) had a legitimate catch in the freezer—a 3 lb 2 oz ‘bow —only to get the wind sucked out of his sail about an hour before the city hall bell rang NOON on Monday—by Crossfire (Dak) with a 3 lb 8 oz’er to CLOSE OUT the competition!

So on the 35th—Big D was possessed! After attending therapy sessions all year to cope with the guilt of losing—he came back with a vengeance. But he had competition—since the braggin’ rights on the derby are known world-

wide! Smilin’ Jim is always in the hunt and this year was no different. He was in early with a 3 pounder to set the bar.

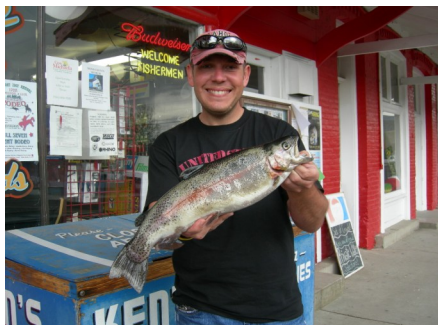
Backwards Bob was also in the hunt with a nice rainbow.....but he brings his trout up from Bishop and they thaw out on the way!

Newbie Timmie Selders was the most serious contender with his 5 lb 4 oz ‘bow and it looked like he was in the clubhouse just waiting for the NOON bells.....so he just waited!

Then—sure as there will be another Fishin’ Mission next year—Big D held to his word—and he needed a forklift to get his 5 lb 14 oz’er in the freezer!

Congratulations Brian—so what can you do to top that?

According to your quote—you are saying you will do something that has never been done! Nice to have goals but as is said “that’s pretty bold talk for a one-eyed fat-man!”



The contender from the 34th.....caught on the Twins and the first in the freezer.... But a loser to Dak at the close.

“Next year on the 36th I’m going back -to-back on the Fishin’ Derby AND I’m going to win the golf tournament too!”
-Big D



The winner on the 35th! A nice ‘bow landed by Brian Big D Berry—5 lb 14 oz’s of pure rainbow trout!

It was a year of transparency at the Rhino's 12th Annual "WIDE OPEN"

The 12th Annual Rhino's "Wide Open" started a little different. We had just created the Fishin' Mission Foundation the day before—so there was a little more focus on fund raising!

Sure—we had the usual smack talking at Rhino's as the teams were picked.....and our Commish of Golf—the famous Smilin' Jim of the Carns Clan took control as usual. After his apprentice Rocko had done such a good job on the 11th—with a healed back and good meds—it was time for Smilin' to take his tournament back!

We again met at Rhino's for breakfast, and then carpoled out to Hawthorne, and after leaving our best shots on the driving range—got ready to rumble!

The teams:

The Whine Makers - Bucks, Carm, JR, and Jason

The Locals - Bill, Dougie, and Gordo

Commish's Team - Smilin' Sparky, Sperm, and MayoNays.

4D's - 3D, OD, Hands, Bonfire.

After loading the ice chests we were ready to drink.....umm.....play golf!! And after 18 grueling holes—as

expected—with local course knowledge—it was **The Locals who won outright Holding Par at 68!!**

Other notables:

Longest Drive #4—*Smilin'*

Closest to Pin #3—*Bill*

Closest to Pin #8—*Smilin'*

After cocktails and awards, we headed for Rhino's for pizza—except OD who left for Montana and 3D who had fried chicken!

The real winner [again] was our fundraising efforts—this time for the FMF—as everyone donated their prize money winnings back to our MS campaign—and Bill Reid started a new gig while waiting for others to finish at 18—we held putting contests with the money being donated to the FMF!

We raised \$160 for the Fishin' Mission Foundation!



A post-tournament celebration photo including the GM for Walker Lake Golf Course.....after the 12th Annual Rhino's WIDE OPEN!

The "Chronicles of Fishin" for the 35th...

Well.....in my haste to get my house organized to put it on the market (kids are gone—time to down size) I've put my "clipboard" somewhere so that I would be sure to remember where—but can't.

At my age—recreating the daily events of the Fishin' Mission without the aid of my clipboard is impossible!

Therefore—for this one year—I've select a few pictures that tell the story—and posted them instead!

If you were there—you remember—and if you weren't—then you need counseling anyway!

I promise not to lose my clipboard ever again—and if I find it—I'll put out a short Journal with the Clipboard Chronology as usual!

Forgive me? If not—blow me?



Mini-Mission on the 35th was Tied to Local Party!

The 2008 Annual Mini-Mission date was easy to set—as a lot of us were invited to Bridgeport to share in the Anniversary Party for Bill and Lyn Reid (JR and Kathie's parents) on the weekend of August 22nd so we thought that would be a great weekend for the Mini-Mission!

CarmBoy, Bucks, MayoNays and Sparky made the trip! We had a FMF Board Meeting, partied with virtually all of Bridgeport at The Barn, and of course did some fishin'!!

The water levels were pretty dismal but we had some success up at the Virginia's and hiked out to the water at the Upper Twin. The weather was great and it was a relaxin' weekend for all!



Fish Stocking Will Continue....at least for now!

SACRAMENTO - An order was signed on November 21, 2008 by Sacramento Superior Court Judge Patrick Marlette that will allow the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to stock more waters than would have been allowed under his Nov. 6 tentative ruling. The order is a result of weeks of negotiation among DFG, and the Pacific Rivers Council and Center for Biological Diversity, along with their counsel Stanford Legal Clinic.

“DFG fought hard in the negotiations to save its fish stocking programs,” said DFG Director Donald Koch. **“We are pleased that the order allows us to continue stocking in a number of areas where the communities depend on fishing.”**

The order, with some exceptions, has a broad prohibition against DFG stocking “nonnative” fish in “any California fresh water body” where surveys have demonstrated the presence of 25 specified amphibian or fish species or where a survey for those species has not yet been done. The order does not address the stocking of native fish into native waters.

DFG has prepared a list of waters where stocking will cease based on these parameters. The Fishin' Mission waters are spared for now. The list is available on the DFG Web site:

<http://dfg.ca.gov/news/stocking/>

“Clipboard Picture Chronology” (con't)

I do remember CarmBoy making wine with a custom logo and selling back to us as a fund raiser! Big League!

And I remember the look on the faces of the recipients of the first scholarship awards from the FMF.

And I wonder if anyone can get into a brown like the one to the right this year?

