

Outreach

CIFFI is about the fishery, but we are supporters of other non-profit groups and outreach efforts too. Every year, we allocate grant money to worthy organizations such as Fishin' & Grinnin', Kids Catch A Smile, Kids Day of Fishing, Youth Outdoor Sports Camp, Hooked on Fishing, Sportsmens Legacy Lincoln, to name a few. These groups receive CIFFI grants to enhance their outreach and it would not be possible without your help. We have provided a basic summary of CIFFI in action in 2013. CIFFI continues to participate in projects that we feel worthy. We always have a lot going on and you are invited to participate and share the fun. Keep up to date with CIFFI – now on Facebook – just go to www.ciffi.org.

Again - thanks and until next time - Tight lines....

Garry Erck, CIFFI President

Upcoming EVENTS

CIFFI Derbies:

Collins Lake Trout Derby - April 12

Lake Pardee Trout Derby - May 17

Lake Berryessa Kokanee Derby - June 7

CIFFI Membership Meetings 'Bash':

March 19 - Location TBD

May 21– Location Gone Fishin' Marine in Dixon

July 5 - PELT July 4th Event, Eagle Lake

August 20 - Location TBD

August 30– PELT Family Festival, Eagle Lake

December 17—Location TBD

CIFFI Events:

October 4-5 - Kokanee Festival

November 1 - Annual Dinner

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CIFFI 2014 UPDATE



Members – Like last year, CIFFI is reaching out to the membership, via mail, to provide a timely update to CIFFI happenings!

ISE If there is a “Mecca” for California anglers, the International Sportsmens Expo (ISE) is it. We see many of our regular members there, and chances are if you are a new member we met you there too! Our team of volunteers, led by Mark Kalinowski, Larry & Mary Goodell, did a bang-up job. Volunteers in the lure building booth in the ISE Youth Fair, headed up by Witt Finger, made lures with hundreds of kids. It makes you realize that “volunteers” is what makes CIFFI special, and we have the best! As usual, CIFFI and our Project Eagle Lake Trout (PELT) were major sponsors of the ISE Youth Fair. Hopefully you saw our CIFFI logo during the ISE commercials on TV.

Egg Take 2013 We may be missing some water right about now, but I can tell you that our egg-take volunteers did not miss a kokanee at the 2013 egg-take. They did a monster job back in October, led by Rick Kennedy, the team gathered 781,000 eggs on the first take, 917,000 on the second. It usually takes at least three takes to get the goal of 1,600,000 eggs – in 2013 it was done in two! Special thanks to all the volunteers who participated – with short notice to make it happen. This event is the hallmark of why CIFFI exists and we have been involved for over 20 years. Ever wonder how an egg-take happens? – this year’s event

was videoed by RODMOB – great production values and a great video – check it out on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj8ULuZyZIw>

If you’re interested in helping at the 2014 egg-take, or any other CIFFI event, head over to ciffi.org and get your name on the volunteer list. We have many opportunities every year – come on out – you won’t regret it!

CIFFI Trout Pens CIFFI continues to support trout pens at Lake Berryessa, Collins Lake and Englebright Lake. Berryessa is where we coordinate the net cleanup activities and trout plants. At the other two lakes, the local marina operators take the lead on pen work and fish plants. Stan Wong, volunteer and Berryessa Pen leader, and his crew partnered with California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and got the trout in the pens on January 19. Volunteers will work with Markley Cove who provide the manpower to perform the daily feeding tasks. If you’ve fished Berryessa in the past few years, you know how good the angling has become for all species of fish – but the trout action is solid because of your support of CIFFI and its pens. Head out there soon and take advantage of the fishery that YOU help create every year!

Membership Bashes We’ve been doing these “Bashes” for a couple of years now and we know a good thing when we see it. These are NOT your boring run-of-the-mill business meetings – CIFFI throws a BASH and you’re invited. We provide the food and you provide the fun. We have a great raffle, great people and a great time. Our “Bashes” are scheduled for March 19, May 21, August 20 and December 17; locations will vary. We post the events on our website, facebook page, email via Constant Contact and broadcast on radio – California Sportsmen KHTK 1140AM Saturdays 6-8 AM. Don’t miss out – go once and you’re hooked!

Volunteer! What would CIFFI be without its volunteers? Just an ordinary group that doesn’t get a whole lot done. BUT, that’s not CIFFI. We get it done – every year – and we do it because we have incredible people who volunteer. We can always use your help! Derbies, egg-takes and booth coverage at boat shows – could not be done without your help. Head over to ciffi.org and click on the “volunteer sign-up” form and fill in the info. This will put you on the call list for events as they pop up. We do clear the list every year, so please sign up again even if you’ve done it before.

Derbies 2014 has CIFFI throwing derbies at three lakes this year. April kicks off the derby season at Collins Lake, May rolls to Lake Pardee, and we wrap the season up in June at Lake Berryessa. Keep in mind – our trout derbies at Collins and Pardee are perfect for both boaters and shore anglers. Some of the biggest fish have been caught from shore – you don’t need a boat to be successful at a CIFFI derby! We pay deep and CIFFI offers anglers who don’t place in the money, a second chance at winning. Our derbies are catered by world-famous Buckhorn Grill, our raffles are generous and all of this goes right back into the fishery. Even if you don’t want to fish – just let us know, order a lunch and buy some raffle tickets, come on out and spend the day with us. Remember – these are FAMILY FUN DERBIES – thanks to Lowrance – KIDS FISH FREE! We want the youngsters to have fun and you can do it as a family. Kids get a free BBQ lunch, free derby shirt and every child wins a raffle prize, with a paid adult at the derby.

Dinner If you were unable to make our dinner back in November 2013 - you don’t want to miss the 2014 dinner. Put November 1 on your calendar now. It was a great night, we had the Sacramento Kings Dancers, a great Tri-Tip dinner and raffles and games galore—don’t miss it this year!