



**April 19, 2008 – Collins Lake** – The Second Annual CIFFI Collins Lake Family Fun Derby was highlighted by creels of huge trout coming into the weigh station. 113 participants took part in the CIFFI derby season kick-off event. CIFFI wishes to thank the sponsors of the derby – Collins Lake Resort and Johnson Outdoors.

Collins Lake Resort provided great support for this event and CIFFI wishes to thank them for hosting our annual derby at Collins Lake. CIFFI and Collins Lake have partnered together by funding and supporting 6 CIFFI trout pens at the lake; by the size of trout bagged at the derby – it was evident that anglers benefit from the strong planting program that is in place.

BBQ sandwiches and beans were provided by Lampe's Catering. Topped off with green salad, pasta salad and cake, no one went home hungry. After the enjoyable meal, many had an opportunity to be a part of the prize raffle that totaled more than \$3000.

Fish of all sizes came in – keeping the weigh masters from Placerville Marine busy tallying the fish. The big fish award went to Don Nelson who bagged a beautiful trout that weighed in at just over 5 1/4 pounds - he took home \$255 for his efforts. The blind bogey award of \$215 went to Justin Frank – he was closest to the selected weight of 15.76 ounces.

CIFFI wishes to thank all of the participants who spent their Saturday on the water supporting CIFFI's fund raising efforts at Collins Lake.

Funds generated by CIFFI's derbies go directly to fund the improvement of fisheries and educational endeavors throughout California. Since 1992, CIFFI - Project Kokanee - has partnered with the California Department of Fish and Game to fund the continued planting of kokanee salmon, installation of rearing pens and support of fisheries in California's lakes. CIFFI is the largest conservation group in the state to fund this activity! For more information on CIFFI, contact us on the web at <http://www.kokanee.org>.

The winners of the 1st Annual CIFFI Collins Lake Family Fun Derby are:

**Adult Trout Winners:**

1. Don Nelson - \$500 – 6.85 pounds
2. Vanessa Klingenberg - \$300 – 6.05 pounds
3. Jesse Joseph - \$200 – 5.23 pounds
4. Wesley Carpenter - \$175 – 4.23 pounds
5. Jim Lawrence - \$150 – 3.98 pounds
6. Steve Huish - \$125 - 3.95 pounds
7. Randy Bergquist - \$100 – 3.63 pounds
8. Christina Robinson - \$75 – 3.61 pounds
9. Mark Strobeck - \$50 – 3.52 pounds
10. Richard North - \$25 – 3.41 pounds

**Youth Trout Winners:**

1. Jake Pontes – 5.1 pounds
2. Richard Plise, Jr. – 3.14 pounds
3. Everett Frank – 2.74 pounds
4. Joel Haenggi – 2.67 pounds
5. Nicole Arnold – 2.15 pounds

**Big Fish:**

1. Don Nelson – 5.34 pounds

**Blind Bogey:**

1. Justin Frank – 15.7 ounces

