



## **CIFFI - Project Kokanee Press Release -**

**April 18, 2009 – Collins Lake – The Third Annual CIFFI Collins Lake Family Fun Derby** was a great success – as perfect weather highlighted a great day on the water; as anglers saw a wide spectrum of success. Huge trout, recently released from the pens, showed up in creels across the board – with the largest trout tipping the scales at over seven pounds! In fact, this year's top 10 places are nearly double in weight over previous year's winners. 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.

Tri-tip and all the fixing's was provided by **Buckhorn Catering.** **The meal,** was topped off with green salad and mashed potatoes - 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 Weigh master **Larry Boswell** and his comrades busy tallying the fish. The big fish award went to Palma Probhat who bagged a beautiful trout that weighed in at just over 7.5 pounds - he took home \$230 for his efforts. The blind bogey award of \$280 went to Jim Howes – he was closest to the selected weight of 31.97 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. For more information on CIFFI, contact us on the web at <http://www.kokanee.org>.

The winners of the 3rd Annual CIFFI Collins Lake Family Fun Derby are:

Adult Trout Winners:

1. Palma Probhat - \$500 – 12.9 pounds
2. Bob Wartburg - \$300 – 12.5 pounds
3. Ed Jackson - \$200 – 9.2 pounds
4. Angela Gogliano - \$175 – 8.3 pounds
5. Vickie Noonan - \$150 – 6.84 pounds
6. Jon Hill - \$125 – 6.83 pounds
7. Robert Crawford - \$100 – 6.25 pounds
8. Jerry Sprague - \$75 – 5.6 pounds
9. Jeff Davis – \$50 – 5.3 pounds
10. Steve Tucker - \$25 – 5.1 pounds

Youth Trout Winners:

1. Dan Gomes – 4.0 pounds
2. Weston Clare – 2.5 pounds
3. Tommy Ross – 2.2 pounds
4. Nicole Arnold – 1.95 pounds
5. Nick Chun – 1.91 pounds

Big Fish:

1. Palma Probhat - \$230 - 7.61 pounds

Blind Bogey:

1. Jim Howes – \$280 - 1.96 pounds