



May 3,4, 5, 6, 7 RAIN OR SHINE

Hello fellow Biffsters. I hope this letter finds you all happy and healthy. What a great Mission 2017 was. There weren't allot of fish caught but it was the year of the big fish. This was by far the largest fish haul we have seen as a group on Scotts Flat. A 4lb Rainbow, are you kidding me! Way to go Roger. This was even caught with an original 1954 Zebco 33 on a Donald Duck rod with 4lb line using a crawler! Classic Biff Brother using classic gear! Now that's what I am talking about! What's next for California's oldest lake fishing tournament! A 10lb Bass or a 12lb Brown trout? You never know! Only one way to find out!

This is the Missions 33rd year. That is quite an accomplishment for any gathering. I thank all of you for keeping it alive since 1986! What fun we had last year catching big fish, playing Air Hockey and Ping Pong while scarfing on an ice cream with a RF chaser. It doesn't get any better than that.

What's new for this year? Fellow Biff Brother Austin Wilson turned Professional Bass Fisherman, congratulations bud! Since he has dominated the Bass category at the Mission the past few years he would like to give back to his Brothers. We will be raffling off guided bass *catching* tours. Learn from a pro how to read where the hot spots are and learn the best techniques on how to catch a bass. There will be a raffle on Thursday night for a Friday guided trip and another raffle Friday night for Saturday guided trip. What can we say, there is always something new and exciting on Biff's Fishin Mission! Don't forget your Biff Bucks!

You guys have been awesome with your donations to help fellow Biff Brothers!! It makes me proud to be part of this group. With your donations, we have helped out a few Biff Brothers through the year, but we also have been able to support 5 charitable organizations again. As Biff Brothers, we are compassionate to others financial strains. Give Steve or Biff a call if you're thinking you cannot go this year because times are tough. We will keep it discreet. We want all of you there.

Last year we had a tie with the best Newbe competition and that went to Carl Peterson and Randy Bisher. Thanks for showing other Newbe's how it is done. Thanks to all of our sponsors like Steve Gilmer and David Shelly for getting all the beer and a boatload of raffle prizes, Dilly Dilly!. That alone saves us over \$1400! Also, let's not forget our Webmaster Roger Kingston, cheers to you bud! Thanks Sterling for bringing the new Biff barge. That boat brings a new meaning to *faaast* food service. Heck the ice don't even have a chance to melt! How cool is that!!! We want to thank Jason Ensey "Biff 3" for all his help and also our cook and cleanup leads, John Wilson, Mike Jacobs, John Duke, Allen Sullivan and all of our helpers. You guys ROCK!!

We tip our hats to last years' winners: The fishing categories are **Largest Trout** – Roger" The Web Master" Kingston 3.9lbs, **Largest Bass** – Austin Wilson 4.76lbs, **Largest Catfish** – Justin Wall 2.9lbs,. The **Grand Slam Winner** went to Mike Stone. The tournament of champions: **Horseshoes** – Jason Ensey /Randy Bisher, **Darts** – Jason Ensey / Mason Chaney. **Chili Cook off** – Russ Young, **Skunked award** Jason Kepke, Congratulations to all!

Notice: The last few years many of you left before the awards and the raffle. ***This is a trend we do not like.*** A lot of work goes into this. We understand some of you have to travel a long way, but many do not. Stick around and congratulate the winners. Plus, it is good time to help tear down the camp. That doesn't suck either. If anyone can stay until Monday and help, we would appreciate it. Thanks!!!!

Help! We can use some pictures from last year. If you have any please text me or email me. Please dig into your phones and help keep the memories alive! Plus, for those who love to share music, make a short playlist on your phone or iPOD and we will play it. Keep the lists short, 30 min max. We can play more than one list through the weekend. Please keep in mind we have wide range of ages and tastes, so select respectfully!

We are in need of a few trucks to pull some of the smaller supply trailers up. If you have a vehicle, room in your truck or a trailer available, please contact us ASAP.

The catch and release system is working well. **Don't forget your scales.** Remember all of our Biff Brother businesses when you're getting your supplies, campers and trucks ready. Give a fellow Biffster a call and keep the money in the family. Their details are on the web page at www.biffsfishinmission.com. It's great to see many of you using the Mission Facebook page. Awesome way to keep people up to date on your latest adventures. Join the chat and share your lucky fortune. Remember the Biff's Fishin' Mission is not a public Facebook site and is kept private for our group only.

Notice: This year we also will **NOT** be renting the small fishing boats. They are still available for rent for \$100 per day. Call Scotts Flat and reserve one ahead of time.

We will keep the same schedule as last year and allow people to come up on Thursday afternoon after 3. If you're coming early to help set up, please remember the Mission main camp gets set up **before** your personal site. We will be having chili cook off again at 5 PM. The last one went well and people wanted it back. Bring your own pot for cooking. If you're going to enter, make a little extra to share in a Chili bar potluck. Friday morning the Mission will provide Bloody Mary's, bagels and muffins.

The parking has been much better, thank you for working as a team. I am sorry if the system has offended some, that wasn't the intent. We just need to make room for all. Thank you for keeping the private campfires to a minimum.

Suggestions for a good Mission:

- ✓ Any paved spots are for 2 tent trailers or 16' and bigger camping trailers or for motor homes.
- ✓ Pick up trucks with a camper shell; please try to park off pavement if possible.
- ✓ If you bring a monstrosity up, make sure you have at least 2 people in it, more if possible. No loners, and if you are, please park up top in the over flow area.
- ✓ All boat trailers and single cars need to be parked in the overflow area.
- ✓ Veterans, a reminder that it is your job to look out for the new guys. No hospital visits!
- ✓ Don't ever forget earplugs, remember, it's the Mission!
- ✓ Bring firewood. If everyone brought at least one small wheelbarrow of wood, we would have plenty for a fire that would make Leonard proud.
- ✓ Anchor your boats well. Weather can be unpredictable. Plenty of room and give some space.
- ✓ **Everyone must sign in prior to setting up camp, thank you!**

This year we will have all the same great things provided as in the past. Along with all the great fishing prizes we will hold the raffle again. So bring plenty of Biff bucks. **Heads Up: The Dart tournament will be on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.** Horseshoes will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Be there a half hour prior to the events. I highly encourage everyone to participate, even if you think you suck. It's a blind partner draw. Sign up and make a new friend.

This year's fees are the same as last years \$160. **THE FEES ARE DUE BY March 20th AT THE LATEST.** Remember, it's limited to 85 people and it's on a first come basis. Please get the money in as early as possible. If you have a problem with the deadline call Jeff or Steve ASAP and we can work something out.

FYI, the 2019, 34th Annual Mission dates are also set. May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Write them down, please!

The gate lock combo is 2018. Make sure you lock the gate when you enter or leave!!! Looking forward to seeing you. Thanks for all the help. **We'll keep the RF's on ice for you.**

YOURS TRULY

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