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Trout Derby 1998

With the firing of the flare at 6 a.m. Saturday morning the Third Annual Cachuma Lake Foundation Trout Derby began for the 750 entrants who vied for the many prizes being awarded. But, for the members of the Trout Derby Committee and other volunteers this was just the culmination of many months of hard work planning, publicizing, mailings, registering, answering phone calls, soliciting prizes and more.

At noon on Friday registration of the hopeful fishermen began and continued to midnight that night and began again at 5 a.m. the following morning and again Sunday morning.

Down at the marina early Saturday morning volunteers were weighing and measuring the trout as they came in.

Docents manned the Nature Center for three days, led Nature Walks, and provided a Children's Activity Morning and generally were kept busy helping out.

The net proceeds from the Trout Derby totaled \$6250

Saturday, June 20th
Come join us for a Walk.
Meet at the Nature Center
at 8:00am

Prize Winners

- \$3,000 to the entrant who catches the trout with the highest tag number. Steve Osborne of Lompoc
- \$2000 to the entrant who catches the longest trout (tagged or untagged). Richard Armstrong of Los Olivos
- \$100 to the first woman entrant that catches a tagged trout. No woman caught a tagged trout- only 5 tagged fish were caught.
- \$ 25 per trout for the five largest trout caught by children under thirteen years. Coleton Shard of Santa Barbara, Zack Palladino of Santa Barbara, Eva Pagaling of Santa Ynez, and Hani Shamout. Each also won fishing equipment.
- \$25 to the entrant with the shortest trout. Ruben Valdez
- \$100 to the entrant who catches the heaviest stringer of 5 trout. John Norris
- \$25 to the oldest entrant to catch a trout. George Larsen of Huntington Beach

Dozens of other prizes were drawn from a barrel that contained the name of each person registered for the Derby. They included a wide variety of prizes such as fishing trips, overnight stays at local hotels mugs from our own gift shop, and yearly passes to County Parks. These were all donated by local businesses and individuals.

Thanks Trout Derby Prize Donors!

The many wonderful prizes that were awarded at the Derby were made possible by many local businesses and individuals. Without their support the Trout Derby could not succeed.

Board members, docents, volunteers, Foundation members and interested friends are urged to patronize the businesses listed below and let them know of our gratitude for their support.

Adams Mobile Home Service	Jesse's Shoe Repair	Rodcrafting, Etc.
Anonymous	Jiffy Lube (PCJL Inc.)	Rosemary Arnold
Beach Burnz	Jim.Stephannie &Chris Phelps	Royal Scaninavian Inn.
Beachside Bar & and Restaurant	John Bullock	Santa Barbara Bank& Trust
Brian and Iona Lincoln	Judy & John Johnson	Santa Barbara County Park Dept.
Cachuma Boat Rentals	Larnigias, Inc.	Santa Barbara Zoological Foundation
Cachuma Lake Store	Long's Drug Store	SeaLanding
Caribbean Coffee Co.	Long'sDrugStore(Buellton	Starbuck's Coffee
Carol Smagala	Lucky Stores, Inc.	The Gas Co.
Carrow's Restaurant	Lynda Williams	The Red Barn, Inc.
Charley Jack	Mariann's Italian Villa Restaurant	The Seahawk at Sealanding
Cody's Restaurant	Marie Callendar's Restaurant	The Stardust at Sealanding
Cold Springs Tavern	Mother Hubbard's Restaurant	The Upham Hotel
Danny's Custom Styling	Mountain Air Sports	Tommie Miller
Don & Betty Wimpress	Neal Taylor	United Voluntary Services Shop
Don Rich Co.	Neil Kennedy	Valley Hardware
Farmer Boy Restaurant	Orchard Supply Hardware	Victoria's Restaurant
Fortissima Farms	Outback Steakhouse	Von's Market
Frances Rose	Pasadena Playhouse	Wells Fargo BankWestern Hoegee
Garvin Theatre	PCPA Theatrefest	Western Outdoor News
General Tire & Auto Ctr.	Peggy & Leskie Pieper	YBC
George & Zelda Hughes	Peri and Alvarado	Zaca Mesa Winery
Goleta Spors Center	Photo Heck	
Good Earth Restaurant	Rancho San Marcos Golf Course	
Harrison Hardware	Rio Vista Chevrolet-Geo,	
Hook, Line, & Sinker		
IHOP		
Jalama Beach Store		
Jedlicka's		

Local Schools and Cachuma: Long-Standing Companionship

You know Cachuma Lake as a place to come camping, fishing, boating, picnicking, taking a naturalist-guided lake cruise, or having a lakeside lunch at the marina grill. What you may not know is that Cachuma Lake doubles as an outdoor classroom during the week. Last year over 4000 kids came to cruise the lake and walk the woodlands, taking in the wonders of the small and the marvels of the large. The aim of the Park Naturalists is to groom young people to be smart about the environment by using delight as the first hook. Instilling in kids the value of conservation and stewardship of our earth begins with appreciation, or otherwise said, by wowing them. We want to awe them into acting out sound choices in their daily lives that affect the balance of eco-systems. The illustrations can be quite simple and direct: When kids see a hunting osprey drop from the sky and plunge into the lake after a fish, they can understand graphically how dangerous a discarded plastic soda ring can be.

Among the Naturalists' goals: 1) to urge young people toward a lifetime of nature discovery; 2) to show kids how people, past and present, have respected and taken care of the environment; 3) to show each child how she or he fits in the picture; and 4) to show kids how important their actions are in determining the future health of the natural world.

Park Naturalists and Nature Center Docents are directly involved with the kids from beginning to end. Typically, we start the visit with a boat outing on the lake, where kids catch nature in action. After lunch, they visit the Nature Center where an informal talk and hands-on exhibits establish the basics of environmental literacy. Finally, a Nature Walk takes them right in to the outdoors. We cover a range of topics in conveying the overall message, from the

history and traditional lifeways of the Chumash people, to awareness of area animals and plants, including endangered species and their interdependence and adaptations in the oak woodland and aquatic environments.

If you'd like to find out more details of the Naturalists' programs, visit the Naturalists' Office in the Nature Center.

Liz Mason

Ellen Lubic Resigns from CLF Board

Ellen Lubic will be leaving the Board of Directors after two very active and productive years. Luckily, she will not be lost to the Nature Center. She has already started her training as a Docent and is anxious to start working, especially with the school children

Bon Voyage Charlie

Our fearless former leader, Charlie Jack, and his wife Rosemarie have taken off in their fifth wheeler to visit relatives and explore. They will be back for a visit in September and then??? Have a great time you two! Charlie needs a vacation after the gruelling amount of work he has put in at the Nature Center.

Bird Walk

On Saturday, June 27th the Santa Ynez Valley Circle of La Purisma Audubon Chapter will be having a bird walk on a local ranch.

The public is welcome.

Meet at the Park and Ride at 246 & 154 at 8:00 am

for further information call Donna Shorts at 688-3739

Feederwatch 1998

Twenty-three species were recorded in the Nature Center feeder area during the 1997-98 Feederwatch season--November through March. The most sighted bird was the Housefinch with 43 recorded sightings on count days. Mourning Doves were second with 33 sightings. Dark-eyed Juncos were recorded 32 times during the count periods.

Species which were counted all months of Feederwatch were White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Redwinged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, and Anna's Hummingbird.

Intense rainstorms, remodelling of the Nature Center and road closures reduced the number of count days. Undoubtedly, all numbers would be higher and consistent sightings of many species would have been recorded. Hopefully, this data will serve as a baseline for future participation by Docents and staff members in Cornell Universities Feederwatch bird census.

Sightings per species by month:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mourning Dove		11	8	14		33
American Crow	1					1
White-Breasted Nuthatch	1					1
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	1					1
European Starling	2		2			4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2					2
White crowned Sparrow	11	11	3	2	2	29
Dark-eyed Junco	5	10	7	7	3	32
Red-winged Blackbird	1	8	5	5	5	24
Brown-headed Cowbird		1	8	10	8	27
House Finch	10	12		11	10	43
Purple Finch		1				1
American Goldfinch					1	1
House Sparrow		1	1	3		5
Anna's Hummingbird	1	1	1	2	1	6
Band-tailed Pigeon	10	2		1		13
Acorn Woodpecker	1		1			2
Scrub Jay	1	1	3			5
Oak Titmouse	1	1				2
Western Bluebird	1					1
Lawrence's Goldfinch	1				1	2
Brewer's Blackbird			6	4	4	14

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