

NCCFFI Hall of Fame Event Announcement

NCCFFI is partnering with The Fly Shop and bringing back the Hall of Fame Event in 2024 (set for Saturday, November 9th at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall in Lafayette CA). The Hall of Fame award is given periodically to recognize and honor outstanding people who have contributed to excellence in the sport of Fly Fishing.



The **2024 recipient** will be **Mike Mercer**, one of the world's leading designers with original flies including Mercer's Missing Link, the Psycho Prince Nymph, the Poxyback Microstone Stonefly Nymph and the Tungsten Swing Caddis Fly (and many others). Mike grew up fly fishing, has worked at The Fly Shop since 1978, and been a regular contributor with articles appearing in Fly Fisherman magazines and many other publications over the years. Mike's book, ***Creative Fly Tying***, has become a "must have" for trout fly fishers. In addition, Mike has been a guide on many of Northern California's famous trout waters (including Hat Creek & Fall River), along with traveling & fly fishing internationally in Chile, Argentina, Kamchatka, New Zealand as well as many tropical saltwater locations (helping customers to plan their own fly fishing adventures).

At the Hall of Fame Event, there will be a reception & dinner, with speeches & the award for Mike Mercer, plus silent auction & live auction. The live auction items offered at the Hall of Fame Event will be amazing...including:

PATAGONIAN BASECAMP LODGE - PATAGONIA BASECAMP / THE FLY SHOP



A one week trip to Patagonia Basecamp Lodge in Chile (March 16th through 23rd, 2025), the same week Mike Mercer will be at the camp. This is an amazing lodge, one of The Fly Shop's signature destinations with excellent fishing, food & accommodations. The value for this truly one of a kind fly fishing experience is \$8,495.

LAGO STROBEL LODGE ARGENTINA - LAGO STROBEL LODGE / THE FLY SHOP



A one week trip to Lago Strobel Lodge in Argentina, located on Jurassic Lake. Those fishing the lake will have access to a dozen large, protected coves (along 15 miles of shoreline), where they can fish for monster trout from shore, wading the lake edge. In addition, guests can opt to fish the Barrancoso River with floating lines, fishing either streamers or dry flies. The food & accommodations at this venue are outstanding and the value is \$4,500.

BARANOF WILDERNESS LODGE - ALASKA!

BARANOF / THE FLY SHOP



A five night/five & one half day trip to Baranof Wilderness Lodge in Alaska with hosts Mike & Sally Trotter, located on Warm Springs Bay on the east side of Baranof Island. Guest will stay in private cabins on the property and can choose to fish either in local streams loaded with Chum & Pink Salmon, Dolly Vardens, or hike to local lakes to fish for cutthroat trout, or fish on ocean-going boats for five species of salmon or halibut. The accommodations & food at this venue are wonderful and the value is \$7,950. <https://www.theflyshop.com/travel/alaska/baranof.html>

ANTELOPE CREEK LODGE

ANTELOPE CREEK RANCH / THE FLY SHOP



A three night/3 day trip to Antelope Creek Ranch is the Michalak's prize private water located on the northeast side of Mount Shasta that welcomes guests from mid-May through October. Guests at the ranch have access to terrific trout fishing on the nearly two miles of private meadow stream as well as the two trophy trout lakes. Available lodging includes one or two bedroom suites that include fully appointed kitchen, patio & barbecue. The accommodations & private fishing access for two anglers is valued at \$2,412.

CLEAR CREEK RANCH



A three day/2 night stay for two anglers at Clear Creek Ranch (on Clear Creek – one hour from Redding). This ranch has been behind locked gates since the gold rush and has been part of The Fly Shop’s private waters since the 1990’s (it’s exclusive!). This includes staying in the owner’s cabin with a loft with two beds and bathroom, propane stove & refrigerator with a barbecue on the deck, and allows exclusive access to 2 miles on Clear Creek, valued at \$1,890

BATTLE CREEK CANYON RANCH



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days of fishing at Battle Creek Canyon Ranch – downstream from Mount Lassen, six miles of water opened in 1999, full of native rainbow trout & some steelhead in the fall. There are no overnight accommodations included but it is located 45 minutes from Red Bluff or Redding...valued at \$600.

There will also be several high value silent auction items including three Fly Shop guided trips on the Lower Sacramento River (for 2 anglers, valued at \$625 each), a Fly Shop TFS Signature H2O Indicator Outfit (9’6” 6 weight, valued at \$445), a Sage Foundation 590/4 outfit (9’0” 4 weight, valued at \$495), a Skwala Carbon Wading Jacket (valued at \$449) and numerous additional items. More details will be forthcoming on the auction & silent auction items as we get closer to the Hall of Fame event.

The NCCFFI & The Fly Shop are planning to accommodate about 200 people for the catered Hall of Fame Dinner on November 9th. The cost of the Dinner Event will be \$150 per person and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. You can purchase tickets by scanning the QR Code below (which will take you right to the NCCFFI

Event website) to get your tickets for the 2024 Hall of Fame. We look forward to you joining us at this event to honor Mike Mercer and connect with many of your fly fishing friends.



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**2024 HALL OF FAME
AWARD MIKE MERCER**

As we get closer to the event more details will be released in future communications. **Save the November 9th date** as this is an event you won't want to miss!