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### **FLY FISHING TEAM USA TO HOLD FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 19, 2006 Fly Fishing Team USA will be holding its first National Fly Fishing Championships and Conservation Symposium, in Boulder, Colorado, June 1,2,4, and 4, 2006. Fly Fishing Team USA Board Members are invited to attend this landmark event. Come to observe the event, meet past and present Team members as we move to the next level in this Olympic style competition.

Fly Fishing Team USA Chairman Walter Ungermann will be attending the 5th Youth WFFC, July 23 – 30, 2006 in Coimbra, Portugal. He would like to find one or more Fly Fishing Team USA Board Members or other Fly Fishing Team USA team members that would like to observe and assist the Youth Team. Please contact Walter if you would be interested.

Below is a review of this years Trial and the upcoming National Finals:

The first Trial was held in Fresno, CA in Oct., 2005. With the help of the Fly Fishers for Conservation in Fresno, the Trial was a success with 22 competitors fishing 2 sections on the King's River and 2 sections on Huntington Lake.

Our second Trial was held in the Salt Lake City, Utah area March 31, April 1 & 2, 2006. The Trial was organized by Lance Egan and Ryan Barnes with a total of 31 competitors. Fishing was 1 session each on the Provo and Weber Rivers as well as 2 sessions on Deer Creek Reservoir.

The third Trial was held in Newaygo, Michigan May 5,6,7, 2005. This Trial is being organized by the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of TU. This Trial had 18 competitors and the fishing was all 4 sessions on the Muskegon River below Croton Dam.

Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, a lake was not available for this Trial.

June 1, 2, 3, & 4, 2006 we will be holding the first National Fly Fishing Championships and Conservation Symposium in Boulder, Colorado. The format will be as close to a World Fly Fishing Championships as possible, with 2 - 5 member teams made up from each of the three Trials as well as 3 - 5 member teams from the 2005 Fly Fishing Team USA members. More information about the upcoming Trials and the National Fly Fishing Finals please go to [www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.com](http://www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.com) or

[www.flyfishingteamusa.com](http://www.flyfishingteamusa.com) . These websites can give you all of the details that are available about this upcoming event.

Fly Fishing Team USA will select the 15 members for the 2006 Team after the June 1 - 4, Finals in Colorado.

Six members of this group will be selected to compete in the World Fly Fishing Championships in Coimbra, Portugal, Sept. 9 - 17, 2006.

Fly Fishing Team USA is continuing to improve and develop more anglers who are able to excel at all of the disciplines necessary to succeed in these International Competitions.

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