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## PRESS RELEASE

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**YREKA-** The 2017 Siskiyou Central Credit Union Sportsmen's Expo was the place to be on March 24 & 25 if you like the great outdoors! A cold front made for some crisp spring weather but the awesome food and outdoor activities for the whole family gave everyone the chance to make a memory and leave a winner!

The NorCal Invitational Chainsaw Carving Championships crowned a "Quick Carve" and a "Main Carve" champion on Sunday. In the Quick Carve competition carver Jason Stoner, Fairfield, Pa sawed his way to a first place win which included a \$250.00 cash award and a new Echo Chain Saw from G&G Ace Hardware. Jacob Lucas, Bonney Lake, Washington was second and Mitch Hokanson, Redding California finished third. In the main competition Jacob Lucas, main carve champion from our inaugural year in 2014 carved an impressive mountain lion to add a second championship to his list of accomplishments. Lucas was awarded the \$1000.00 first prize monies and the coveted NORCAL Invitational engraved "Champion" knife. In second was Mark Culp from Lakeport, California. Mark is a many time world champion but has yet to win the championship in Yreka. Mark took home \$750 and a knife for carving "Kaw-Liga." Third this year was Jason Stoner from Fairfield Pennsylvania with a wooden rendition of Captain Morgan and annual contender Colby Herrington carved an IbeX goat to finish fourth. "The NORCAL Invitational has been a great addition to the Expo and it is hard to believe this was the 5<sup>th</sup> annual NORCAL Invitational and with the quality of carvers in attendance everyone had a chance to see the world's best," stated CEO Cliff Munson, "In 2019 we will be bigger and better!"

In the 2018 Wonderland Distributing Head and Horns competition, Denny Campbell of Hornbrook entered a Roosevelt elk that scored 315 1/8 to win the competition. Second went to Terra Crawford with a Columbia Black Tail that measured 137 6/8 and third was Nicole Harris with a Rocky Mountain Elk that measured 292 5/8. All three were awarded prizes supplied by Sears of Yreka. The Expo had several drawings for prizes including a print by Steele Roberts Ross, Clarity Medical Spa Gift Certificates, American Gourmet Cookware and Fun Factory gift certificates. The winners were Cole Axton, Tina Ames, Kristin Lea and Jeanne George.

For more information, contact the fair office at 842-2767 or [info@sisqfair.com](mailto:info@sisqfair.com). The 2018 Siskiyou Golden Fair "THE HEART OF SISKIYOU" will run August 8-12 in Yreka.

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