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Guerneville, CA— May 1 - 4, 2009, Handball Heaven convened it's annual retreat, Spring FFling 2, at the Russian River Resort in Guerneville, CA. Despite the persistent rain throughout the weekend, 60 veteran fisters splashed their way through the compound at all hours, making this another successful weekend for the organization.

As is their custom, on Friday night, door prizes were given away and a brand new portable sling and other goodies were raffled off. At the end of the evening, \$725.00 had been raised for the Sonoma County AIDS Emergency Fund. Many thanks to all the sponsors and contributors to the evenings "fistivities": The Russian River Resort, Mr. S Leather, Slam Dunk Lubricant, Off Ramp Leather, House of Arana, Tony Barre, Titan Media, Spunk Video, Red Eagle Films. A special thanks goes out to Chaps II, our home bar, and the Stop AIDS Project.

Once the last raffle prize was handed out, the guys headed off for their rooms or the "tower" where the primary play space was set up.

Men of all body types, age ranges and experience levels showed up for Spring FFling. Twinks, bears, cubs, muscle guys, average joes, chubs and chasers all showed up. Men in their 20's to those in their 60's; guys with a couple years' fisting experience to guys with a couple *decades* experience round out the roll call of who was there. There was also a nice ethnic mix of men. "I think we dispensed with some old stereotypes of fisters, "It's not just a bunch of fat old white guys," says Larry Shockey, the organizer of the event.

"I think people feel good when they realize they can go out, have a good time without drinking and drugging themselves senseless and make a positive difference in other people's lives in the process. That's the real plus about being here—aside from all the fun. We want people to be able to *connect* with each other on different levels apart from just sex."

To that end, organizers declared Spring FFling 2 a safer sex, drug free event, with the help of San Francisco's Stop AIDS Project and the SF Department of Public Health which supplied condoms and literature including the SM Safely Manual as well as other handouts on safer sex practices and STD and HIV and HCV prevention.

"The weekend was characterized by men with good manners, trust, consideration and respect of others, excellent attitude, and a desire to have good connected pig play." said Shockey.

An additional fundraiser, which had been planned for the weekend, a swimsuit auction, which was also to have benefitted the AEF, was rained out and postponed to Memorial Day Weekend. On Saturday, May 23, 2009, HandballHeaven.com produced its first-ever swimsuit auction.

To the delight of 250 cheering, swimsuit-clad men (and a few women) six sexy volunteer models strutted their stuff around the Triple R's pool in swimsuits designed and donated for the event by acclaimed active wear designer **Andrew Christian**. All proceeds from the auction were donated to the auction's beneficiary, the Sonoma County AIDS Emergency Fund, which provides emergency cash to people with AIDS for use in paying bills and covering other life-supporting emergency needs. As there are no overhead costs, every penny raised at the event went directly to client services.

At the end of the day, \$705.00 was raised through the auction, resulting in a total of \$1,425.00 raised during the month of May for the AEF.

Handball Heaven.com also produces monthly men's fisting parties on the third Saturday of every month in San Francisco. The parties are private and by invitation only. For an invitation, visit www.HellHoleSF.com and submit the invitation request form. For more information about Spring FFling and about Handball Heaven, visit www.HandballHeaven.com.