

## 2008 SPECIAL AWARD

The Oakland Casting Club will sponsor a special award at this year's National tournament in San Francisco. The prizes for this additional competition will total no less than \$1000. The yet-to-be-named special award is a team award. Scores achieved by team members during their regular competition rounds are used to rank the teams. Casters' scores are compared to scores of casters in the same division. Hence, casters in all eligible divisions can make valuable contributions towards a team's total score. The rules for this special award are almost identical to those used in 2006:

- 1) Exactly four (4) team members must be named before the start of the first event that is part of this team award. No caster may be on more than one team. All casters of a team shall belong to the same club. Teams must be registered with a person dedicated to the team award management.
- 2) Team members can be any combination of women, senior women, men, senior men, and intermediates. There are no minimum requirements for any of the divisions.
- 3) The scores from the following six events will be considered for this special team award: Trout Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz. Accuracy, 5/8 oz. Accuracy, Angler's Fly Distance, and 1/4 oz. Distance.
- 4) Each caster's score is divided by a reference score (see below) and expressed as a percentage. The percentages of all casters in a team and for all six events are added. The team with the largest sum wins the special team award. The reference scores are the winner's scores in each of the divisions and events at the previous national tournament. Women's scores are compared to scores of women, senior men's scores are compared to scores of Senior Men, etc. If certain events in certain divisions have not been cast at the previous national tournaments, the most recent prior tournament will be used or the results of the most similar division will be used – at the discretion of the team award manager and as announced before the tournament
- 5) The winning team receives \$750, the second place receives \$200, and third place receives \$50. These numbers may increase as additional sponsors become available.

The Oakland Casting Club invites other sponsors to add to the prize money – possibly in exchange for the naming rights of this award.