

NORTH LAKE TAHOE CHAMBER MIXER and STEINBECK AT TAHOE: HATCHING HIS FIRST NOVEL

With Scott Lankford, Author "Tahoe Beneath the Surface"

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Time: North Lake Tahoe Chamber Mixer 5 - 7 p.m. Appetizers and No-Host Bar.
Program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 donation requested.

Location: UC Davis Tahoe City Field Station (also known as the Historic Fish Hatchery),
2400 Lake Forest Road, Tahoe City, California

John Steinbeck dropped out of Stanford to write his first novel, *Cup of Gold* – a swashbuckling Caribbean pirate romance which he completed at Tahoe's Cascade Lake just prior to taking a job at the State Fish Hatchery in Tahoe City. There he met and wooed his first wife, terrorized visiting females, bragged of his sexual exploits, shot holes in the ceiling with a revolver, and got himself fired (never to return to Tahoe for the remainder of his long career).

Yet Tahoe is just as much "Steinbeck Country" as Salinas or Monterey – because this was the place Steinbeck first struggled to learn and master the lonely craft of writing.

With Steinbeck's once-tarnished literary reputation once again on the rise as a "Green" eco-aware author, his Tahoe years (including his informal biology lessons here at the Fish Hatchery) loom even larger in significance today.



John Steinbeck wrote his first novel while working at Lake Tahoe

