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NEWSLETTER

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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE NELSON



Hi guys,
Well, the month of May went well with us having Steve Swinford as guest speaker at our breakfast meeting. The following week, was a three day trip to Whiskeytown Lake for Kokanee. A week later, was our derby trip to New Melones Lake.

We had five boats at Whiskeytown Lake with two of the boats having motor problems. Also at the Whiskeytown event, John Franz fell from a curb and is still recovering from a hurt ego and a badly skinned up right arm. I forgot exactly what he told me but, he fell several feet away from either coming or going near an outhouse. Primarily, the only thing he remembered about the incident was the toilets had running water. Ben LaSala, being an old Army Medic, came to John's aid by giving him two aspirin and for John to see him in the morning. John is healing well now. The fishing at Whiskeytown was fair with each boat coming home with some Kokanee.

I can't say a whole lot about the fishing at New Melones, which was somewhat of a disappointment as far as the amount of fish caught. Possibly, with all the water level fluctuation we had last winter and late spring at Melones, could have contributed to a poor catch. This often necessitates trade-offs with the fishing and aquatic invertebrates. Normally, it's been a good productive lake to fish for most.

After weigh-in Ben and Charlene provided a hot lunch with hamburgers hotdogs, potato salad and drinks. Except for the fishing at Melones, everyone had a great time out on

the water. A "thank you," to Ben and Charlene for providing the hot meal.

At our upcoming June breakfast meeting, Fishing Chairman Bob Schmidt will be away so we will do our best without his presence. Think about where we may have our next NDO and Derby. Bob did mention Icehouse and Union Valley Reservoir. Rollins Lake would also be a good place to consider. Looking for lakes that will produce fish for us. Folsom Lake at Brown's Ravine is open with four ramp spaces to launch from at the marina boat dock. The water is high, and the debris has been cleared off the lake according to the manager at the marina.

This weeks fishing report from Sportsman's Warehouse states the Folsom trout fishing is very good. The trout are up in the higher water columns. Also stated, the Kokanee are hot at New Bullards Bar.

Side notes:

1. The yearly auction will be coming up in August or September. Keep in mind to donate some of your fishing gear that you no longer use, that could be used by others. It puts money into the club treasury.
2. Don't forget to get with John Kinslow our secretary, if you have a paragraph or two and some pictures of where you were and details of what you used, to put in our newspaper of your fishing trip. We would all greatly appreciate the articles. Send to...JOLLY.HOOKERS.FC@gmail.com
3. Please re-sign the boater and non-boater sign up sheets at the door table.
4. Please consider hosting lunch at our next derby especially if you've never done it before. Our cooking utensils make it easy to put together a simple hot meal

worthy of our praise, from fillet mignon to a simple mustard hotdog and beans.

5. As of today, June 1, there are no scheduled seminars for the month of June at Fishermans Warehouse.

6. Jim Gaoff of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, who performed boat inspections at West Marine, Sacramento, retired. As of now, they do not have a person from the Auxiliary to inspect boats. West Marine is hoping for someone to take his place.

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings everyone.

Where is everyone? There were a lot of missing fisherman at our outing at New Melones. A few of you had boat problems and others had personal things that came up and could not attend. **Rene** and I were the only ones that put boats on the water that day. **Rene** had **Brain Hough** and **John Berman** aboard his boat. **Rene** beat out **Brain** by 1/100ths of ounce to take first place with a rainbow trout. **Brain** cut off the adipose fin on his kokanee to tell his from the other fish in the boat. He swears that made the all the difference in him not taking first place.

Ben's boat is 10/9 for now so he and his wife **Charlene** drove down to New Melones to cook and serve lunch for us. That was very nice of them to do that. It was a great lunch and **Ben's** potato salad was awesome.

I took **Steve Paulick** out in my boat. We had our share of problems that plagued our day. First thing **Steve** forgot his wallet and had to go home and retrieve it and then met me at the lake. My first rod in the water went overboard and sank out of site. When letting the downrigger down it pulled my rod out of the **untighten** rod holder taking it to 40 feet. Luckily it was still attached to the downrigger release and I was able to pull it back in. Not without pulling all the line off the reel until it reached the knot at the spool. We had one other problem. We didn't catch any fish that day.

New Melones and many of the lakes in the area are experiencing the same problem with inflow and debris into the lake. New Melones is rising a few inches per day bringing in lots of grass (straw) from the shoreline along with logs and branches into the lake. In the main channel the clarity of the water from the grass was so poor that your fish finders will not work. Both **Rene** and I have 2 fish finders that run separately of each other. They show you the bottom on the screen but when it comes to telling the depth it's anywhere from 0 to 30 feet when you know you

are in over 100 feet of water. Both fish finders will also read differently. One will say 30 feet and other one will read 0 feet. This also makes it almost impossible to locate the fish at times. You still can see your downrigger weights on the screen under the debris. When the wind picked up around noon the other day, the waves and white caps made the logs and branches disappear. So be careful when cruising the lakes.

At our next meeting you'll have to plan where to go. I will not be at the meeting and the first outing. So pick a good place to go. I hope to join you at our second outing on June 20th.

Good Fishing and be Safe

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

JOHN KINSLOW

Let's continue to remember our Club Members and Spouses that are dealing with different health issues.

2023 Club Rosters are at the printers and will be available for pick up at our June meeting. Please review your information for correctness and see me if there needs to be any corrections made.

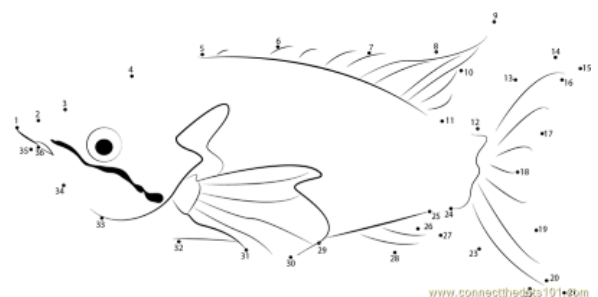
ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

I would like to thank Steve Swinford for being the speaker at our last meeting. Steve gave us a lot of information pertaining to fishing the American River and other smaller waterways.

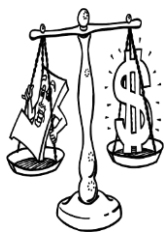
For this month, Denis Peirce is our scheduled (unconfirmed) speaker. Denis is the owner of Artic Fox Trolling Flies and J Fair Flies. He is a very avid fisherman especially with flies and has a host of information. I am very much looking forward to his presentation.

See you at the June meeting.



TREASURER'S REPORT

BEN LASALA

|  | | Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala May 2023 | |
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| Starting Balance | | | \$4,894 |
| Income | | | |
| Breakfast | | 384 | |
| Non-eaters | | 12 | |
| Member Dues | | 40 | |
| Hat Sales | | 20 | |
| Subtotal | | 456 | |
| Expenses | | | |
| Breakfast | | 288 | |
| Raffle Prizes | OOPS!! I forgot | 0 | |
| Derby Pot | | 35 | |
| Guest Breakfasts | | 24 | |
| Refund Membership Dues | | 10 | |
| Tip - could be more | | 20 | |
| Insurance | | 0 | |
| Subtotal | | -377 | |
| Ending Balance | | | \$4,973 |

Whiskeytown, May 2023

By Ben LaSala

This year we scheduled, what has turned in to our annual trip to fish for Kokanee at Whiskeytown, toward the middle of May. There were five boatloads of Jolly Hookers that made the trip. John and Jeff Kinslow, John Frantz and Sam Osuna, Ben LaSala and Steve Paulick, Robert and Walter VanHoy, and Wanda and Paul Wells. The weather turned out super, not too hot and not too cold, and the wind even cooperated.

You might ask, "Well, how about the fishing?" Yes, that is the question. Personally, Steve and I did not do that great, in my opinion. We caught very few fish the first couple of

days, and I don't think we caught anything over 16 inches. The fish that we did catch looked fat and healthy. While Wanda drove the boat, Paul was able to boat a few kokes, but from what I understand, it was not red-hot fishing for them either. I think we all had, pretty much, the same experience including John and Jeff Kinslow as well as John and Sam, and Walter and his son, Robert. The kokanee had not schooled up; and they were very scattered.

I am not sure if this trip was ill fated from the beginning, but as I sit here writing this, I am starting to think so. If you remember, to begin with Ron Madsen, who was heading up this trip, had to go into the emergency room where he ended up with a 4-way by-pass.

"Quadruple bypass surgery means that four of the arteries feeding your heart are blocked. All four of them will need vessels grafted onto them in order to restore blood flow to the heart."

During the procedure, your own heart is stopped so that surgeons can do their work. A machine continues to deliver oxygen to the blood and pump it through the body until the surgery is over and recovery begins." Taken from [VeryWell Health website.](#)

We all breathed a sigh of relief when we found out that he survived. Ron even attended our last breakfast, and he looks pretty good.

Getting back to our trip... we got back from our second day of fishing, only to find out that John Frantz had stepped off the curb, and had fallen while going out to his boat. In the process, he injured his lower leg, and upper arm. His lost a large patch of skin from his upper arm, and it was bleeding. John ended up going into emergency, where he was treated, bandaged and released. He had to go back in for a check-up today. He was advised that everything is looking much better.

We are not done yet, Jeff and John Kinslow got to the lake and launched their boat, only to find out that it was not running right. It would only do about 6 mph.

On our last day there, Steve Paulick and I ended up fishing near the cold-water curtain where we caught and released a couple of limits of kokanee. Then it was time to go. As we headed in, our boat lost power and died. It would not turn over or start. "What the hell!" I ended up taking the trolling motor battery and switching it with our regular battery. (Steve Nelson thought we could carry a spare set of jumper cables in case something like this ever happens again.)

Fortunately, we were able to get the motor started. We kept our fingers crossed as we made our way back to the dock and got our boat back onto the trailer. It turns out that part of the voltage regulator's system burned-up.

In retrospect, the best part of this trip occurred on Wednesday night. We were all going to try to get together for dinner. Well, we did, just not in the manner we thought we would. We all ended up in John and Sam's room. Sam fixed me a Gin and tonic, which I had never had before. It was good, I liked it. We ended up ordering a couple of pizzas and sharing them. They hit the spot. That night, we all enjoyed each other's company.



We had a great time.

Whiskeytown, May 2023

By John Kinslow

Yes, as Ben mentioned Whiskeytown was not that great! The fish were scattered, and the fishing was very slow to go along with slow boat. Due to a faulty ignition module the outboard would only produce about 2000 rpm, equaling about 6 mph.

We did manage to come home with 2 nice, good tasting Kokes.

We were also entertained while fishing with a Mallard Hen following us around as it was being fed corn chips. We also had another very colorful visitor that was a long ways from shore, swimming across the lake.



I believe this is a Milk Snake (King Snake Family). No not a Coral Snake that has narrow yellow bands with red and black wider bands.

New Bullards Bar, June 2, 2023

By John Kinslow

With the ignition module replaced (other than pulling the flywheel and price of the module, not a bad job) my brother Jeff and I decided to try for Kokes at New Bullards Bar: which neither one of had ever fished. We figured we could always stop at Collins if Bullards was a dude.

We launched at Dark Day about 6:30 and got off the water about 4:30 after cleaning two limits of Kokes. Jeff had his limit actually a couple of hours before I got my limit. Jeff had a lot better success with keeping his fish on than I did. I believe he had 2 that didn't make it to the boat to my 9 or 10 mainly on my second rod with a clip on weight. Most of the time taking the weight off created some slack and bye bye Koke. Once I started using a Brad's Koke Plug with a stinger treble hook I had much better results.

The Kokes we caught ranged from 10 to 12 inch and were around the 30-35 ft. depth trolling at 1.2 – 1.4.



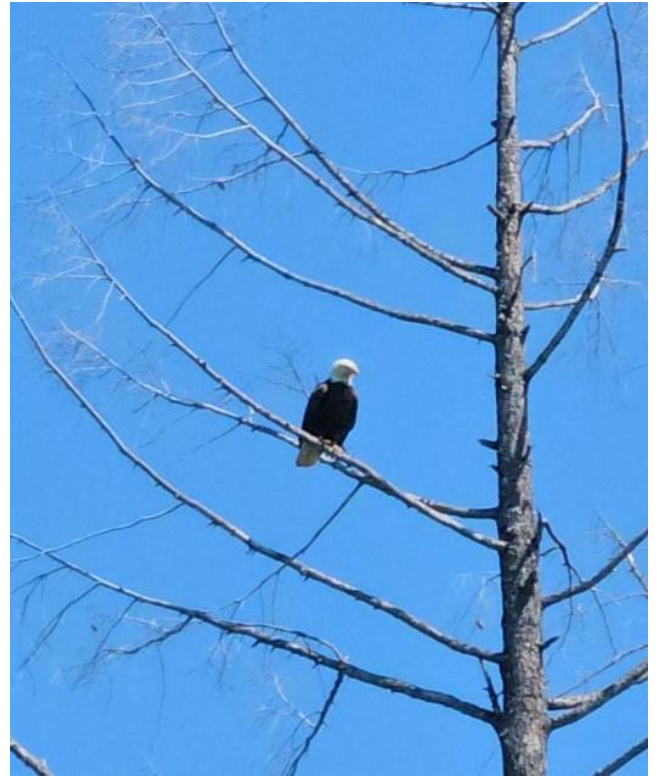
Jeff's Limit of Kokes



John's Limit of Kokes

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One of about 3 Bald Eagles we saw at New Bullards Bar.

If you go fishing at Bullards, pay attention to these eagles as they appear to be very hungry. We saw two different boats under attack from eagles trying to take fish out of the nets along side the boats! One eagle was very persistent, and the fishermen were fending off the eagle with their net.

FISHERMAN'S WAREHOUSE SEMINARS:

Please contact store as June's speakers are not confirmed as of this printing. 916-362-1200

All Seminars Start At 6 PM Sharp!