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NEWSLETTER

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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE



PAUL WELLS

Hi Guys,

It has been several weeks since I talked with most of you. I sincerely hope everybody and their families are doing well.

Things have been opening up lately but the

results of it don't seem to be doing well as far as us having our regular meetings. On the second Friday, when we normally have our meeting, at 8 am, I will attempt to hold a meeting on Zoom. Prior to the meeting, I will send members an email on how to access the Zoom meeting. Since this is my first attempt at doing an online meeting, please be patient. I hope you will be able to join us.

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Once again, I'm hoping that everyone is doing OK. So far, I have not heard of any problems within our club and that is very good news. It's always a pleasure when someone calls and we can talk fishing. This COVID 19 is again putting a damper on things, and the numbers of infections is now on the rise. With that in mind and the hot weather that happens in July we will not be doing any get-togethers this month. We tried something last month and we didn't have any success. With hot

weather, slowing fishing conditions at both lakes and the virus it just didn't work out. It was worth a try. At Folsom Lake we had 4 members show up. **Gene Pearson** and I didn't fish that day but drove there at noon to meet with anyone that did fish. Only one boat came in with **Larry Henle** and **Jim Smith** and they caught 5 fish that day. That got me thinking so I decided to go out the next day and fish Folsom. I picked the worst day possible. It was way too windy to go out fishing. A North wind at 10 to 15 MPH with gust to 25. The whole time I was out there I was thinking to myself what the hell am I doing out here. I wasn't alone I saw 4 other boats fishing. I did somehow manage to catch my limit on small rainbows and salmon and got seasick in the process. At the Berryessa outing I was the only one that made it. I didn't expect anyone but wanted to be there if someone did show. I know many of you were at Flaming Gorge and the reports for Berryessa have been poor and it was a very hot day. I fished the big island area for kokanee all morning and met with no success. I heard on the radio that 3 fish were caught. At 10:30 I headed back to the dam area and changed to Speedy Shiners where I fished along the North shore. Picked up 1 rainbow 3 ½ lb. and 1 salmon before heading in at noon.

I know many of you have been out there fishing and it would be nice to hear some reports from you. You can always write an article and send it to **Gene Pearson** to be put in the Newsletter. Send it about a week before the end of the month. It would be nice to know how the fishing was at Flaming Gorge this year.

I have a few reports but some of it is now 2 weeks old.

New Melones : 2 Browns were taken one 12 and other 17 lb. and large rainbows and kokanee 17" to 18" are being taken. They are there but you have to put some time in and work for them.

Ice House: SMUD is planting fish once again

Loon Lake: Some nice trout have been taken. That's good to hear and is a change from past years.

Caples Lake: Planted browns and nice size fish are taken along with some big Macks.

Stampede: Kokanee bite is on with small to medium size fish. The bigger ones go deep. I fished from shore at the end of Davies Arm and got a bunch of nice Small Mouth Bass on Roster Tails.

Eastern Sierra Lakes and Rivers: Have been open for 3 weeks now. Doing well with large fish. Plants of 4 & 5 pounders were added to most of the rivers and lakes.

Camanche: is doing well on trout at 30 to 40 feet.

Pardee: Small Kokanee all over the lake.

Berryessa: Not that good. One of these days it might turn on again.

My advice: Just pick a place and go. Don't wait for the reports. Like the old saying "You should have been here yesterday" Once in a while you might just be right.

Good Luck Fishing and Always be Safe
Bob

MISC. FISHING REPORTS

FOLSOM LAKE FISHING JUNE 9

GENE PEARSON

After they finally opened up boat launching at Folsom I took my boat to nearby Browns Ravine. Since my boat engine is shot I decided to just troll the river channel near Browns using my electric motor. Beautiful early morning with slight breeze and surface water 68.7 deg. F. Fished for 3 hours and landed 4 trout 13 – 20 inches, three on worms at 40 feet trolling 1 mph and one with a grub behind dodger on four colors of lead core. This was my easiest trout fishing at Folsom in several years.



It was great getting back on the water after the "lock down."

LAKE OROVILLE FISHING JUNE 10

MIKE DEVORE

John Frantz and I went to Oroville yesterday June 10 and caught 3 nice salmon. I caught my biggest lake fish ever, a 4 1/2 lb. salmon! Was so excited, thought I would share.



JOHN FRANTZ AND MIKE DEVORE

FLAMING GORGE - JUNE 2020

BEN LASALA

Steve Paulick and I just returned from our second trip to Flaming Gorge which straddles the Wyoming/Utah border. I can't believe it has been five years since our first trip, but it has been that long. I know we stayed at the upscale R-Hideout in Manila, Utah with Mike Devore, John Frantz, and Sam Osuna, Walter Van Hoy and his son Roger in 2015. This year we stayed at the more modest Vacation Inn in Manila, Utah. Walter was there with his son Robert, and Rick Schrichfield was there with his fishing partner Gary. Sorry to say I did not get Gary's last name. More about Gary later. Steve Veffredo and company were to arrive on the day we left.

Steve and I left from Folsom on Monday June 22nd around 6am. We drove to Wendover, Nevada and stayed at the Rainbow Lodge and Casino. The next day we continued on to the Vacation Inn – Manila. When we crossed the border from Nevada into Wyoming, we had to have our boat inspected for Aquatic Invasive...while we were told that we had to purchase the permit that went with the inspection, we kind of screwed up and forgot to do it that day. It later cost a couple of hours one morning to comply. The permit was \$30. Our Wyoming, nonresident five-day fishing license cost \$56. The Vacation Inn, where we stayed, has units with a small kitchenette and sofa sleeper and one bedroom. It runs around \$120 per day.

The next day, we got up around 4am to begin our venture. We left Manila and headed for the Buckboard Marina in Wyoming. It took us around 30 minutes to get there. After launching, we headed toward the confluence of the Black and Green River. While Steve and I regarded ourselves as novices, we had talked to Rick and Walter about what we should be using to try to catch fish. They told us to use mainly pink or green colored "kokanee lures" with a sling blade, from 10 down to 35 feet or so. I had some Paulina Peak micro hoochies that I was going to try, and Steve had his own gear similar to what I was using. He used scented, colored power bait type corn, some of the sent was of his own creation. I used canned shoe peg corn scented with tuna oil.

We started to catch fish right away, some rainbows and some kokanee. The kokanee were mostly around 3 pounds and were "jumpers". The first day we released all the rainbows we caught 5-6 and several kokanee.

We lost track of exactly how many kokanee, but we kept our limit which is three kokanee per angler.

On Thursday, we had a late start because we had to buy our Aquatic Invasive decal. As a result, we decided to fish in a different area of the reservoir which extends well over 60 miles. We caught fewer fish, but still managed to catch a limit.

Friday was a day that we will not soon forget. It was, by far, the best day of fishing that I can remember in recent history. We had many, many doubles. At one point I had to stop just to catch my breath. It was awesome! I had one fish on that went screaming from right to left. I thought wow! How cool. Remember, we are talking about fish that have size and girth. Anyway, Saturday was our last day to fish, and while it was ok, we knew it could never match the day before.

We left at 5am on Sunday, and drove straight through to Sacramento. I was home by about 9pm. We spent around \$1300 for food, gas, and lodging, not including fishing licenses.

The next day, Monday, I sent a text to Walter asking him how he did on Sunday. He said that when they got to the lake, it had started to rain. So they waited, hoping the rain would pass, but it did not. In fact, it got worse. The wind picked up, and there were reports of snow. They did not fish that day. I have to interject here, the wind at the gorge can be a terrible factor, if you go, you must be conscious of the weather forecast.

Rick and Gary make their own lures. I took a picture of the one that Gary was using. His grandson made it for him, and it was catching a lot of big fish. He used it in combination with a Crystal Basin Wild Thing green dodger.



My combo also caught a lot of big fish...



MY NEW FISHING PARTNER

SAM OSUNA

Just wanted to share with our fishing club that I found a new fishing partner who is here to make Fishing Great Again. Hope everyone is doing well.
Sam



STEVE PAULICK WITH A COUPLE OF OUR FISH

Rick, Steve, and Walter have been to Flaming Gorge many times. After our success on this last trip, I can see why they keep going back looking for that 5 pounder. By the way, the lake is also touted as a trophy Mackinaw fishery. You can keep up to 12 Macks per day, but only one may be over 28".

	Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala June 2020
Starting Balance	\$1,910
Income	
Breakfast	
Non-eaters	
Hat Sales	
Subtotal	0
Expenses	
Breakfast	
Raffle Prizes	
Derby Pot	
Guest Breakfasts	
Insurance	228
Subtotal	228
Ending Balance	\$1,682



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