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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

PAUL WELLS



Hi guys,

Hopefully, everyone is doing well!

As you already know, we had to cancel our in-person breakfast meeting at the Elks Lodge. It's anybody's

guess as to when we will be able to start up again. My personal opinion is that it will probably be after we get the vaccine. So, in the meantime, we can go back to having **Zoom meetings**. We are going to have the next meeting on **Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9 am**.

I know some guys have been fishing so we can discuss what lakes are producing and which ones are not. Then we can decide where we would like to go as a group that is if the Governor doesn't shut everything down in the meantime. We also need to discuss what to do about our insurance.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully, 2021 will be a better year.

Hope you can join us for the Zoom meeting. Stay safe!

Paul



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving. It will be one I won't forget for a while. It's not for what we did but for what we didn't do. Staying at home and not seeing the family. I started Thanksgiving by going for a walk with Debbie around the neighborhood and then spent the afternoon putting the toilet back in its place in the bathroom. It's not just an ordinary toilet. The toilet once belonged in the house of CK McClatchy and is over 110 years old. CK McClatchy was the founder of the Sacramento Bee Newspaper and the High School by Land Park is named after him. I acquired it when I remodeled their house back in the late 70s. They were going to throw it out. I reinstalled it in my house and a week ago I removed it to put in new tile floor. The toilet has a wall hung water closet and a brass and ceramic handle alongside the bowl that you pull up to flush it. It still has the original wood toilet seat and brass fittings.



I also have an equally old toilet in the guest bathroom with a round water closet on the wall with a silver lever in the center of it that says “**Push**” to flush it.



What do toilets have to do with fishing? Well, the fishing has been the s***s.

Debbie and I did have a nice dinner by ourselves with a fire burning in the wood stove and we watched TV.

I went out with **Paul Wells salmon fishing on the river** and I got my first salmon for the season. 1 for 5 trips. The reports I got from other anglers is that they did half as good as last year. Not a very impressive season with the high hopes from the good ocean fishing earlier in the year.

I went out **Striper fishing in the Delta** the day before Thanksgiving with poor results. I picked up 2 small fish just over 18” in the Broad Slough area first thing in the morning and nothing after that. Everyone I talked to at the ramp did about the same. Just a few small ones.

Pyramid Lake: The Opener was moved back one month due to the Coronavirus to Nov.1. **I did not go this year.** I don’t know what they were thinking about, they raised their prices by over **110%**. Is this their way of picking up for lost revenue or is it a way to cut down on the number of fishermen coming to the lake during the pandemic. If it’s to cut back the number of fishermen coming to the area, it’s working. I know a lot of the fishermen in the Sacramento area and I will not be going there at this price. I usually go for 3 days of fishing and 2 nights camping in back of my truck. Last year I paid **\$116.00** for a 3 day fishing permit, second rod, and boat launch and 2 nights camping. This year for the same thing will cost you **\$254.00**. Camping went from \$15.00 a night to **\$32.00** a night to sleep in the back of the truck in the boat ramp parking lot. This does not include toilet paper. You always have to bring your own because the restrooms are always out. For a 1 day of fishing the permit is now **\$24**, Second Rod **\$24** and boat launch is **\$26** for total of **\$74**. **Last year \$35**. Over the age of 62 less 10% **\$66.60**. Of course you can save by having more people and splitting the boat launch fee and fish with 1 rod only. Don’t forget **the \$85 to \$100** in gas for a round trip from Sacramento. Let’s add in **\$40+** for boat fuel if you are planning to go across the lake. How about lodging unless you plan to drive up and back in one day. The cost sure adds up fast. I hope this is only a temporary thing.

If you do happen to go to Pyramid the best results lately have been trolling in the top 10 to 30 feet on

feeding fish and as the water cools. Jigging has also been good if you can find a bait ball and sit on it. Jigging sometimes produces some of the bigger fish and sometimes the most fish.

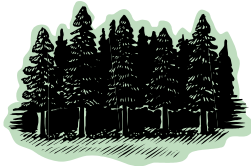
I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. Let's all hope that next year will be a much better than this last one. Maybe soon we all can get back together again.

Good Luck Fishing and Be Safe

Bob Schmidt



Obscure Christmas Tree Facts



- The use of evergreen trees to celebrate the winter season occurred before the birth of Christ.
- Nineteenth century Americans cut their trees in nearby forests.
- The first Christmas tree retail lot in the US was started in 1851 in New York.
- In 1900 large stores started to erect big illuminated Christmas trees.
- 36 million Christmas trees are produced each year.
- 35 million trees were sold in 2012.
- More than one million acres of land have been planted in Christmas trees. The industry employs over 100,000 people.
- More than 2,000 trees are planted per acre.
- Christmas trees take an average of 7-10 years to mature.





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