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**NEWSLETTER**

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**HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE**

**STEVE NELSON**



Hello, just a comment on a very good New Year's dinner and raffle. Again thank you for all of those who participated in making our New Year's dinner a success. An important event during our gathering was set aside for all of the past head hookers to take up

their commutative hiking sticks in celebration of their contribution through the years of service to our fishing club. I was also impressed in thus showing the importance and the longevity of past years of those making our club possible today. I heard several people stating how nice it was to have our Christmas party during the daytime hours rather than at night. When it comes time we will certainly take a vote on that one.

So that everyone in our club has the experience of going out fishing we have a special club special once a month going out on the Pacific Dream out of Berkeley, Ca., with Captain Chris Smith or Jonathan Smith rock fishing outside the Golden Gate. The stipulation is that we have a minimum of 25 people fishing on his boat either a Monday or a Tuesday of the week. He will give our club a special rate of \$150 per person rather than \$225 per person. The boat would be only our group. The 25 person quota would include family members and friends. Interest in the trip, sign up and on how the money would be collected, will be brought up for discussion at our next meeting. However, due to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary coming in for our California Boaters Class, we will have little time other than seeing how many would be interested in ocean fishing trips.

We're looking forward to some great guest speakers coming in with informative presentations. One of our Speakers would like to have an on the shore/water seminar with different lure presentations and techniques on the American River clay banks. Our presenter states there's a lot of good fishing on the American with easy access without the use of a boat. We're all about fishing just and for some not always from a boat. This would take place for instance the week following his presentation at our monthly breakfast meeting. The time and day of course would be left up to him.

I will do my best this year to have everyone given the opportunity to be out fishing on the water. I believe working together, we can do just that.

Don't forget to check with Ben La Sala our treasure, to pick up a few business cards for our club to share with others we meet during the week.

Just another note to let those that have a Golden Bear Pass for the calendar year 2022 is continued on into the year 2023. Went to renew my pass and they said if you're holding a 2022 pass it's also good for 2023.

**FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**BOB SCHMIDT**

Greetings Everyone. First I would like to thank of those that had a hand in putting together a fine Christmas Luncheon. Well done

**February 10 Boating Safety Class**

The class is still on and I have 20 signed up for now. Most of whom were at the Christmas Luncheon. I have not heard from anyone that was not at the luncheon. I still have room for about 5 or more. I need to hear from you soon if you are planning on taking the class. Everyone so far that is

taking the class is also having the lunch that makes it easy. For now it's still at \$16 for breakfast and \$10 for lunch. I'm still working on lowering the price by a few dollars if I can. The class is still \$30 each and I was able to save you \$5 from original cost.

On the day of February 10 we are going to have to be well organized to get everything done. I will collect the money from you for the class and for the lunch. Ben will collect for the breakfast. We need to be ready to start as early as possible. We need to start the class **by 8:30** to be out of the lodge building at a good time. Read up before you come if you can "ABCs of California Boating". **There will be 6-7 instructors each doing a different part of the course. You will have to pass a 60 question multiple choice quiz.**

7:00 Doors Open Sign-in and pay and socialize.

### 7:45 Breakfast

8:10 Club Meeting

### 8:30 the Boating Safety Class needs to begin. Please bring Cash \$40 Class & Lunch

**Kokanee Power** It's that time of year for dues and pay for the **Banquet Dinner on March 11**. There might be a chance that **Gary Cole** will be there to give away some things and rods for those who pay for their membership. We are also trying to fill 1 or 2 tables at the banquet. **Gary Cole** may also take the boater Safety Class with us. If he can't make it someone in the club will collect for him and do the giveaway. Bring some extra **\$\$\$ for Kokanee Power \$50 Membership \$100 Dinner Banquet**

### PLEASE PAY BY CHECK "KOKANEE POWER"

#### Fishing News

The Outing we had at Camanche in January was just perfect. Most of the boats got limits of nice big trout and the weather was perfect. The BIG Trout Goes to **Sammy Osuna** at 9.4 Lbs. Rainbow a new club record. The old club record was 9.15 Lbs. by **Alex Alexander** on 3/17/15 at Camanche. The second Big Trout was a "Brown Trout" at 7.4 Lbs. caught by me.

For February I think we should go back to Camanche on the 14th. Pardee reopens on Feb.16th and we can fish it on the Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Maybe if we have a good sign-up for Pardee we can have a lunch once again.

Good Luck Fishing Be Safe


#### Boaters Safety Class and Lunch

Ones signed up so far

Paul Wells	Dan Wells
Bob Bonner	San Osuna
Rene Villanueve	Tom West
Walter VanHoy	Richard Sears
Steve Paulick	Steve Eskildsen
Alex Hoeffler	Steve Nelson
Ben LaSala	Bob Schmidt
John Kinslow	Jeff Kinslow
Ron Madsen	Steve Milanovich
Gary Kawano	Walt Philipp
Bill Ott	

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**BEN LASALA**

	<b>Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala Jan 2023</b>
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$4,565</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Christmas Lunches	1,620
Raffle Ticket Sales	2,095
Hat Sales	20
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,735</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Christmas Lunches	1,566
Lunch Refunds for Walter and Bill Kishi	81
Raffle Prizes	875
Set-uo/Clean-up fee	200
Bartender Charge	80
Linens	35
Lunch Tip	175
Christmas Baskets	450
Bret Brady Guided Trip	200
Insurance	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,662</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>4,638</b>

## **OPEN LETTER TO CLUB MEMBERS**

**BEN LASALA**

The Jolly Hookers Fishing Club

Hey guys, I hope that you and your families are all doing well. That being said, in reality, we all know that that is *not* going to be the case. It is one of the reasons I thought that I needed to try to say something to all of you.

What makes a “club”? Google defines a social club this way: “Generally, social clubs are membership organizations primarily supported by dues, fees, charges or other funds paid by their members. The central purpose of social clubs is to provide benefits to members, including access to social and recreational facilities....”

In our case, what comes to mind is our common interest in the activity of fishing. Are we providing those “benefits”? Many members of our steering committee are questioning the future viability of our club. Some of us are choosing to remain as part of the committee for more than one term. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but I think it would help if we had more participation. In general, our club membership is getting older and smaller in numbers.

Do you remember the Striped Bass Association? Well, the Sacramento chapter is a thing of the past along with the Wheels and Reels, our sister club.

Ralph Schuhriemen used to help us organize trips to Shasta and Whiskeytown for trout and kokanee. Attached is an example, “Shasta Lake 2018”. THANK YOU RALPH! Later in the year, he would do the same for ocean salmon and rock cod. Ralph is now 95 years old. He recently told me that last year was a very difficult year for him. We cannot expect him to continue to assist us the way he has in the past. Who is going to “take over” for him? Franklin Call used to set up some trips out of Berkley, fishing in the bay for halibut and striper. His health also suffered greatly last year.

There were groups of us that used to take trips to places like Lake Almanor and Pyramid Lake in Nevada. Now it all seems like that was a thing of the past. What happened to us, old age, Covid, or the lack of water? I don’t know, but I am hoping that we can reverse this trend. To change anything, I will need your help! I am willing to offer advice and to help in any way I can, but I want to get your input on how to proceed. If any of you are interested, please let me know soon. It looks like we are going to have enough water this year to go about anywhere we want.

Before I wrap this up, I want to give you a couple of examples of some of the things we can do to get things going. Suggest a trip to a certain lake during a specific date

or dates. Let’s say Pyramid Lake in May. What are the requirements for fishing this lake? In this case, the lake is controlled by the Piute Indian Tribe, and a fishing permit is required. A three-day permit costs \$62, and can be purchased on line through a web site “Pyramid Lake us/permits or the Ranger Station in Sutcliff, NV.

<https://pyramidlakefisheries.org/departments/aquaticinvasives.html>

Whoever signs up to go can fish from a private boat, hire and go with an approved guide, or fish from shore. You don’t have to fly fish from shore, and it can be very productive. Steve Paulick and I did it a few years ago and we caught some nice fish.

Suggest a place to stay like the Nugget in Sparks or Crosby’s Lodge. Back in 2017, a group of six (6) of us stayed at Crosby’s Lodge Sutcliff Inn #7. It has a kitchen, 2 bathrooms, and a shower for \$260/night. It is currently available for the entire month of May. There is also a house available, through Crosby Lodge, that will accommodate 8 for \$406 per night. The Nugget in Sparks has rooms available with 2 queen beds for \$115 per night.

What about food? We can either bring our own and cook or eat out. If we bring our own food let’s say for breakfast and lunch, who is going to be responsible to decide what to bring? Should we cook our own dinner or eat out? Do we caravan on the way up and stop for lunch? Where do we stop?

As you can see there is a lot of planning and research involved, but the trips can be a lot of fun. So, who wants to go to Pyramid Lake in May? Please let me know very soon. The sooner the better.

Who is going to be in charge of a trip to Shasta or Lake Almanor? How about Whiskeytown? Any other suggestions, like fall trips for Salmon or rock cod?

Ben LaSala

## **SECRETARY’S MESSAGE**

**JOHN KINSLOW**

**Let’s not forget our Club Members and Spouses that are dealing with different health issues.**

I would also like to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas/New Year Luncheon a very nice success! Ben LaSala, Paul Wells, Stephen Paulick who shopped for raffle items. Ben’s wife Charlene who put together the beautiful baskets. Ron Madsen for the super handcrafted birdhouse for the raffle and walking stick presented to Paul Wells.

Also want to thank Joanna (Sammy's, Sister In Law) for making the Yarn Christmas Hats for us, the Elks Lodge staff for our meals and last but not least Mike DeVore and his staff for the fine job of handling the raffle!

**FYI**

I received the follow response from Mr. Darold Perry at SMUD in regards to an email I sent SMUD.

“As to your question regarding fish stocking at Ice House in 2022, yes it was performed. However, SMUD reduced the normal allotment in 2022 due to the fact that the Ice House boat ramp (and thus motorboat access) was closed for the year while SMUD rebuilt the Ice House Campground area including the boat ramp facility (another requirement of the License). This is probably another topic your organization would be interested in, as SMUD is improving the amenities at all of our reservoirs. Nevertheless, a lesser poundage was stocked at Ice House in 2022 to satisfy bank fishermen, with the balance being redistributed to Union Valley and Loon Lake Reservoirs. We will resume full allotments at each of the three reservoirs in 2023.”

**FYI from Bill Ott**

Event:  
Coast Guard Vessel Safety Inspection  
Receive 2023 Safety Sticker  
Date: Saturday, February 11,  
Time: 8 am – noon  
**Reel Custom Boat Works**  
**Jim Horton, Owner**  
Address is 8090 Rio Blanco Rd.  
Stockton CA 95219 (off 8 Mile Rd west of I-5).  
Free Donuts, pancakes & Coffee.  
No tax on sales in the store.

**FISHERMAN'S WAREHOUSE SEMINARS:**

- 2/2 Top Lining for Trout w/ Alan Fong**
- 2/9 Striper's TBA**
- 2/16 Bass w/ Don Paganelli**
- 2/23 River Sturgeon w/ Rustic Rob Reimers**

All Seminars Start At 6 PM Sharp!

<b>2023 Steering Committee</b>	
<b><u>Head Hooker</u></b>	<b>Steve Nelson</b>
<b><u>Asst. Head Hooker</u></b>	<b>Dan Fisher</b>
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	<b>Ben LaSala</b>
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	<b>John Kinslow</b>
<b><u>Activities Chairmen</u></b>	<b>Paul Wells</b>
<b><u>Fishing Chairman</u></b>	<b>Bob Schmidt</b>
<b><u>NDO Chairman</u></b>	<b>Open</b>

**Jolly Hooker Fishing Club**  
**John Kinslow**  
**601 Fernleaf Dr.**  
**Folsom, CA 95630**



**PAST & CURRENT "HEAD HOOKER"**

**with Walking Sticks (Carved by Ron Madsen)**

**Paul Wells, Sammy Osuna, Ron Madsen, Ralph Schuhriemen  
Tom West, Ben LaSala, Steve Nelson (Current), John Ramsey**



**RAFFLE TABLE**



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**CAMANCHE LAKE 1/24/2023**

**Sammy Osuna 9.4lb Rainbow**

**Bob Schmidt 7.4lb German Brown**



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