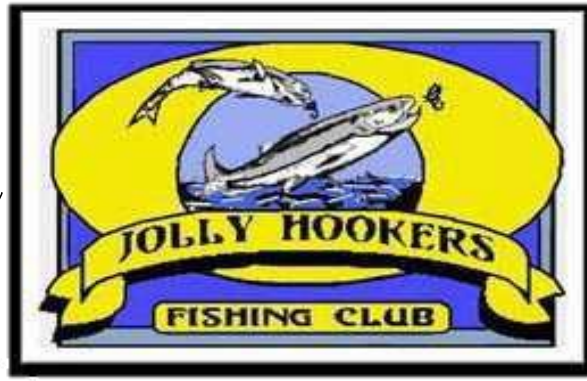


Happy Easter



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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE NELSON



Hello guys,
Well, here we are at the beginning of April with a good outlook on water levels for our lakes and reservoirs. After three years of drought, it looks like we're going to be able to fill our fishing

grounds with plenty of water. Presently, almost all of our reservoirs are at or beyond their historical averages. Some reservoirs are having to let out a significant amount of water to maintain space for the upcoming above-average snowmelt. According to the National Weather Service more snow is expected for this April. The snowpack provides 30% of California's freshwater and plays a critical role in replenishment of reservoir levels according to the UC Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Laboratory.

Don't forget to sign the Boater and Non-Boater sheets at the door at the next meeting. If you are a boater and would like to take someone out the next time you go out, it would be a great way to meet and get acquainted with someone new. If you're a Non-Boater and you sign up, those with a boat would be able to look at the list and select someone to take with them. Unfortunately, we are unable to make copies of the sign-up sheet at the Elks club. Give me a call at 916 635-3020 and I will send you a copy of the Non-Boater sheet by email. I will have copies from our prior meeting of Non-Boater sign up's available at the door.

We're all about fishing, so let's get everyone out there on the water that we can.

Also, if you've taken a fishing trip lately, take some pictures and let us know about your trip. It's always good to see pictures and let others know about your trip and what was useful in getting your catch. You can just simply email a paragraph or two with some pictures to John Kinslow. John's email is JOLLY.HOOKERS.FC@GMAIL.COM

Unfortunately, we only had a total of 8 people sign up for the deep-sea fishing trip out of Berkeley on the boat "Pacific Dream". Again, I will leave a sign-up sheet at the door. We need a total commitment of 25 people.

As a side-note, don't forget the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at the West Marine Store for boat inspections every second Friday of the month starting in April. The inspection is free. It will continue throughout the summer. They will be there from 9 AM to 1 PM. West Marine is located at 9500 Micron Avenue, over by Capital Christian Church along Hw50 in Sacramento. Because this is a volunteer service by the Auxiliary, you can call ahead to West Marine at 916-366-3300 to check on any changes in scheduling. If you're in need of equipment dealing with your boat inspection, West Marine is there to provide boating accessories, parts, related apparel and fishing supplies. Unfortunately, there are no discount's.

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

We wanted rain and we got it. I'm glad we didn't schedule anything for March. Our normal 2 Tuesdays that we fish were blown out with rain and wind and also the following Tuesday. Looking ahead to April, I'm

hoping the weather will change to spring like conditions so we can get out and do some fishing. My best reports right now is still Camanche and Lake Amador. Both are still doing weekly big fish plants with some supper big fish in the mix.

Fish are being caught at both lakes and when the water clears some, it will only get better. I'm not ruling out other lakes. I just haven't heard any reports on them.

Also, the Striper Fishing in the Delta should be starting soon after water flows get back to somewhat normal. That might take another month and I hope it flushes out all the grass and water hyacinth in the system.

I haven't fished since our last outing in February and can't wait to get back on the water. Any suggestions as where to go fishing will be helpful.

I will be heading back to Bridgeport for the Eastern Sierra Trout Opener at the end of April. I missed last year for one of the very few time in the past 45 years. My group went back and had a good time. I went and fished the Kokanee Power Derby at Shasta Lake instead where I took first place. I called Bridgeport and they are still digging out from all the snow this year and more is on its way.

With all the snow and rain this year all the lakes are above their historical averages. Shasta Lake went over its historical average last week and is now at 81% of capacity. Big jump up from last year's peak of only 35% of capacity. The only lake legging behind is New Melones at 92% of historical average and 57 % of total capacity and rising fast. With the snow pack at 257% in the Sierra's I bet it will be at its capacity by this summer.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

JOHN KINSLOW

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

I have heard that Ron Madsen and Criste Silverio are home from their medical vacations and are recovering! I also hear Allan Smith is doing better and plans on being back soon.

Pulling The Trigger Very Soon!

Club Roster Book's. I have held up getting our 2023 books printed; but can't hold up much longer! If you wish to continue as a Jolly Hooker member and have your good looking picture in the Club Roster please pay your dues and help decide on our monthly club outing locations.

NEW BUSINESS

By vote of the attending members at the March meeting, the club has elected to forgo annual membership dues for our elder senior fishermen, 90 years young and older. I could be wrong (let me know); but I believe we currently have 3 members that qualify. Ralph Schuhriemen, Walter Van Hoy and Virgil Loken. Wow, over 270 years of history and stories...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

NOTE: If you happen to need any Birthday candles, I believe Ben has a case full, due to the Rancho Cordova Fire Dept. having him replace them all with just 1 due to potential fire hazard.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

A Big Thanks to Brett Brady, Bare Bones Guide Service for being our March Guest Speaker! Like a Postman, the rain, wind and snow didn't stop Brett.....



April's Guest Speaker is Gary Coe of Kokanee Power.

WHISKEYTOWN OUTTING UPDATE

BEN LASALA

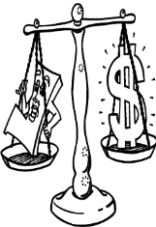
As you all know Ron Madsen is recovering from his four-way bypass surgery, and we wish him a speedy and full recovery. While he wanted to coordinate what has become our annual trip to Whiskeytown, we can understand his difficulties in bringing that about this year. A couple of us are going to step in, and try to move things along. John Frantz, Paul Wells and I have decided on some dates, which will be May 16-18. In the past, we have stayed at the Best Western



Plus Hotel in Redding on Hilltop Dr. near Hwy 299. If you plan on going, we would suggest you make your own arrangements soon. Please let me know if you have any questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BEN LASALA

	Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala March 2023
Starting Balance	\$4,980
Income	
Breakfast	496
Non-eaters	
Member Donation	4
Hat Sales	20
Membership Dues 2023	1080
Subtotal	\$6,580
Expenses	
Breakfast	\$372
Members Insurance	\$1,032
Officer's Insurance**	USLI \$298
Derby Pot	\$35
Guest Breakfasts	\$36
Door Prizes FW***	\$44
Birthdays' Cake + Plates	\$31
Subtotal	\$1,848
Ending Balance	\$4,732
** 1ST Installment of 3	
*** Fisherman's Whse	

1. We have 43 guys that have paid their 2023 membership dues as of this date.

2. I feel that our club's finances are doing well. We can easily support this year's activities without having to do any other major fund-raising activities.

3. Charlene's and my annual trip to Clear Lake, bass fishing with live jumbo minnows, turned out to be a bust. **Too much muddy water!** The locals were telling us to come back in a month. We might even catch some giant crappie then.

FISHERMAN'S WAREHOUSE SEMINARS:

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| 4/6 | Halibut Trolling | Capt. Jay Lopes |
| 4/13 | No Seminar | Checkout the Western Bass
Shootout at the Chase
Convention Center |
| 4/20 | Electronics | Vince Harris |

All Seminars Start At 6 PM Sharp!

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

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