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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

PAUL WELLS



Hi Gents,

Here we are another month has gone by and we still don't know what will happen or when we can resume. On a positive note, I have been in contact with most of the membership

and everyone is well!

The biggest problem I have heard of is that Pastor **Criste** is stuck in the Philippines and can't get back. However, he is well and in a safe place. Hopefully, he will be able to return soon. So, if everyone continues safe practices, hopefully all our members will stay safe!

As soon as some of the launching facilities are open at the lakes, we can get together in a safe, informal manner exercising physical distancing, but it will be longer before we can resume our meetings. We will communicate by newsletter & email during this period.

Some members have expressed an opinion that we should not have a Fisherman of the Year award because of the current situation. Since this is normally something that would require a vote of the membership at a meeting, which currently is not

possible, your opinions & comments are not only welcome but encouraged.

Looking forward to hearing from you.
Stay safe!!

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

I hope you are all doing Ok. I have not heard anything so far from the group on how everyone's is doing. So, no news is sometimes good news.

I hope some of you have gotten out and were able to do some fishing. I have been working around the old ranch. I have plenty to do during this stay at home time. I've been working from sunrise to sunset on projects. To take a break from my projects and to ease my mind I go out and mow the pasture. Back and forth and around and around I go. It takes about 4 hours to mow and it gives me plenty of time to think. This time of year it looks like a small one-hole golf course. Occasionally I'll hit a golf ball or two with the mower. It scares the crap out of me when I hit one. Debbie thinks the pasture is her own private driving range and she doesn't always find all the balls. Also, at this time of year if I want to make a little extra fishing money I will mow some my neighbor's fields down the road.

The month of April I was able go fishing 3 times. I fished Berryessa again before they closed the ramp at Markley Cove. It was still a slow day as before but I did get 1 King, 1 rainbow and 1 kokanee. To get away from the house Debbie and I took a drive to the Delta. We went to scout out the open boat ramps and to do some site seeing. It was a nice drive and I learned a lot about the area. We took a lunch and ate by the river. I fished San

Joaquin the next day on Thursday the 16th by myself. It had to be one the best days of striper fishing that I can remember. I hit the 10:00 high tide and caught and released 35 plus keeper stripers up to 10lb. With multiple double hookups. The number one lure was shallow running chartreuse Yo-Zuri in 7 to 10 feet of water next to the weeds. I went back again on Thursday the 23^{ed}. This time I hit the low tide at 11:00, same spot on the San Joaquin River. I didn't get as many as before, only 14 stripers this time. What I lacked in numbers I made up in size. The average size was about 10lb with 2 over 15 lb. This time it was the red & white shallow running Yo-Zuri. The chartreuse got only 1 fish.



The water has been clear and very little weed floating on top. When in the shallow water just watch out for the weed beds. At times I can troll for 20 min and never get any weed on my line. One boat with 2 fisherman I

landed over 60 stripers. I heard that other boats in the area had caught even more. Almost all of their fish were small and undersize. This might be one of the best seasons for stripers and unfortunately we are not able to fish it as a group. There are about 5 or 6 boat ramps open in the Delta right now. I have been launching at Sherman Island County Park. It's a 1 boat at a time launch and I have had no problems so far. I also heard that Bullard's Bar is open and doing good on Kokanee. A little personal side note: The Coronavirus has put a damper on a lot of things. The Eastern Sierra trout opener was one of them. It was canceled. Neither Snow, rain or the long-distance drive has kept my fishing buddy's and I from meeting in Bridgeport Ca. for the trout opener. This would have been my 50th year going there. It started out with my best friend **Bob Christophel** back in 1970. At that time we fished the Walker River. Eventually when one of us was able to afford a boat we then started fishing the 3 lakes in the area. **Bob** passed away in 2008 and his son **Marc** (Christophel's Guide Service) has taken his place. So, family and friends of **Bob** and a few other guests have made this a tradition and to honor him. **Paul Wells** was my guest last year and I know he enjoyed it. Hopefully we can keep this tradition going again next year. Good Luck Fishing and I hope to see all soon. Be Safe Bob

FISHING WITH RENE

Fishing was good for Kokanee at Pardee and Berryessa before the closure. Trout fishing just starting to come on. The river is good to fair for trolling in the delta using shallow diver or deep diver lures. In the Sacto area use bait on shore or boat. Shad are running thru the downtown area as we speak. So, get out and enjoy the outdoors if you can stay safe.

Fisherman's Warehouse

Fisherman's Warehouse is going to open May 5th and will be open Tue thru Sat . People can go to their website: fishermanswarehouse.com and it will be posted!



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