

**VOL 25 ISSUE 5**

**NEWSLETTER**

**MAY 2021**

### **HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE**

**PAUL WELLS**



Hi Guys,  
I am glad to announce that things have changed drastically since our last meeting. I have been in contact with the Elk's Lodge and they have voted to take the Lodge off the market and stay where they are.

They are welcoming us back for our monthly meetings. Our first meeting will be the second Friday in May which is May 14th. Doors open at 7 am, breakfast starts at 8 am. We will be contacting the callers to make their calls so we will know how many will be attending.

We do have some business to conduct:

- When to start our derbies again?
- When to activate our liability insurance?
- When to collect dues?

It will be really good to get back to some facsimile of normal. Hopefully, we will have a good turnout. It sounds like a majority of the members have been vaccinated.

Till then, Keep your lines tight and your nets ready!

### **FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**BOB SCHMIDT**

Greetings everyone. I just got back from my annual fishing trip to Bridgeport Ca. for the Eastern Sierra Trout Opener. It's a trip I have been doing since the late seventies. Missed last year because everything was shut down due to the pandemic.

Every year is always an adventure and never the same. This was a wild one and surely one I'll remember for some time. This year there were 9 of us and 3 boats with my boat being the smallest in our group. The other 2 boats were a 21-foot and a 22-foot North Rivers. Bridgeport Reservoir lake levels were the lowest I've seen in years. The boat ramps were closed and we had to launch from the shore line into strong incoming winds with no dock and a rocky shoreline in the dark.

It was an adventurous day and just as adventurous for the larger boats because we were all beaten by the strong winds. The weather reports were calling for wind gust over 50 mph. I think they lied to us. They were just a little over 45 mph. Going with the wind the boat speed was almost 4 mph with the kicker motor at its lowest rpms. Going into the wind we were taking water over the bow and many times over the windshield.

Surprisingly it wasn't too cold with the change of rain or snow also mixed into the forecast. At times you could see a half-dozen dust busters along the shoreline turning into small waterspouts as they went across the water. There were threatening clouds in the mountains just a few miles away yet there were plenty of boats on

the lake. Fishing was still good with plenty of Browns from 2 to 5 lbs. There were a few lost fish that probably were over 6 lbs. A very large tagged rainbow bent the hooks and got away while trying to net it at the boat. A \$700.00 pot for the largest tagged rainbows is to be given away at the end of the season. That could have been a winner. In my boat we got all Browns and not one Rainbow with the largest at 5 lb. Only 1 Rainbow was netted all morning in our group.

Along on our trip this year was **Justin Wolff** of Angler West. He was there to do a video shoot for future video release on Bridgeport Reservoir trout opener. I will let you know when it will air on the Outdoor Channel or on YouTube.

The only other fishing news I have is in the delta. I was out again 2 more times in April and did ok with lots of 18 to 24 inchers with no big ones. Tight Lines Guide Service reported last week they are still getting limits. I have no other reports.

Nimbus Fish Hatchery Fish Ladder Tour

On May 25 at 10:00 a.m. I will be doing a walking tour (about 1 mile long) of the new fish ladder at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery for SIR Branch 150. Members of the Jolly Hookers are welcome to attend. We will meet in the Hatchery parking lot just before 10:00a.m.. I need to know ASAP how many are interested in coming. I might do it again in late June. RSVP at [huntbob@frontiernet.net](mailto:huntbob@frontiernet.net)  
 Good luck Fishing and Be Safe  
 Bob Schmidt

**TREASURER'S REPORT 4/30/2021**

**Ben LaSala**

**Starting Balance** **\$1,542**

**Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenses:** \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Banking Fee **\$16**

**Total** **\$16**

**Ending Balance** **\$1,526**

**APRIL MEETING AT VETERANS PARK**

**Gene Pearson**

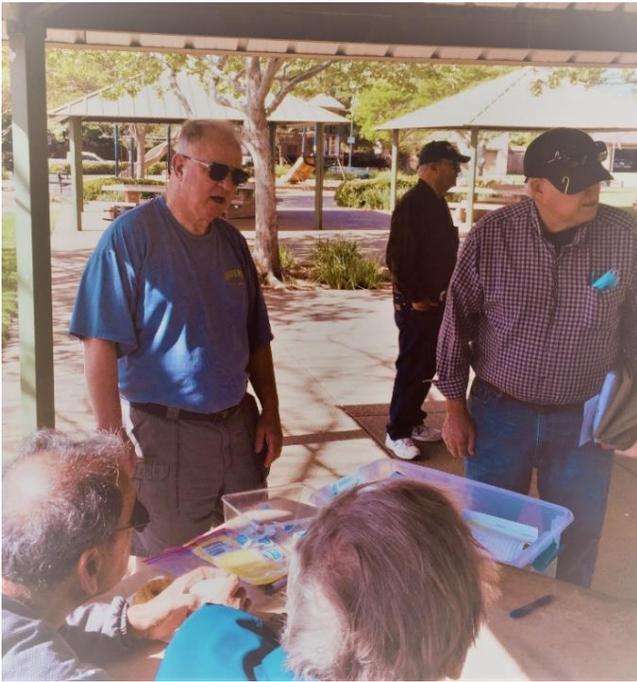
It was great to see everyone that attended our club meeting at Veterans Park in Rancho Cordova last month. Twenty-four Jolly Hookers and guests showed up including a guest of **John Kinslow** and **Gary Coe**, president of Kokanee Power. Wanda Wells had coffee and donuts available for the group. Several items were discussed but the main issue centered around where to hold meetings as we are opening back up. As noted by head hooker Paul that problem has solved itself and we are right back again at the Elks Lodge in Rancho Cordova.

When the pandemic started last year we had approximately 80 members and we haven't all been back together since. I'm sure a lot of you are like me and you have been missing our club fellowship and activities. So please mark your calendar to attend our start-up breakfast meeting Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Most of us have been vaccinated by now and social distancing will be available as necessary. It will be a great time to fellowship and catch up on the latest fishing reports and future club activities.

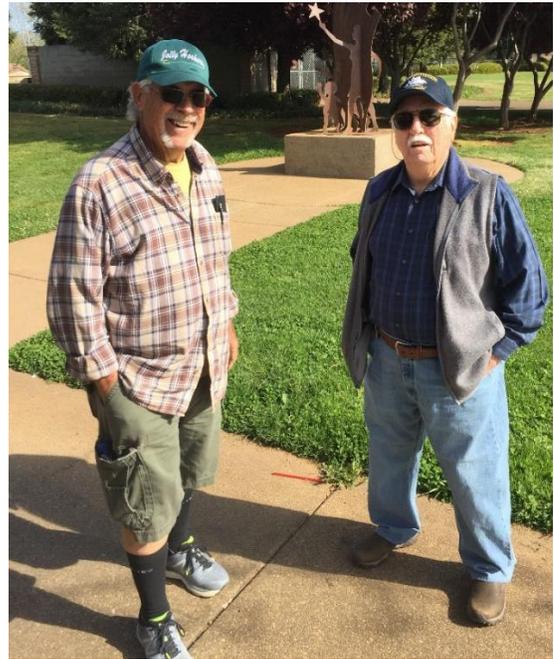
Here are a few pics from the April meeting:



I wonder how many years of fishing experience are shown in this handsome bunch of dedicated Jolly Hooker fishermen?



**Gary Coe** gave an update on Kokanee fishing and distributed T-shirts to Kokanee Power members.



Jolly Hookers **Steve Milanovich** and past head hooker **Ralph Schuhriemen**



**Don Scott** and **Wanda Wells** found a spot in the sun.

Finally found out why the fish were'nt biting..



**SEE YOU ALL AT THE JOLLY HOOKERS MEETING MAY 14<sup>th</sup>!**



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## **2020 Steering Committee**

<b><u>Head Hooker</u></b>	<b>Paul Wells</b>
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<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	<b>Ben LaSala</b>
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	<b>Gene Pearson</b>
<b><u>Activities Chairman</u></b>	<b>Rene Villanueva</b>
<b><u>Fishing Chairman</u></b>	<b>Bob Schmidt</b>
<b><u>NDO Chairman</u></b>	<b>Walt Summers</b>