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**NEWSLETTER**

**MAY 2023**

**HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE**

**STEVE**

**NELSON**



Hi guys,  
Well, here it is, we spent the month of April at Lake Camanche for both the NDO and Derby. Camanche has been sort of hit and miss as far as the fishing goes but, the best lake from the others we considered. Those of us that went, still had a great time on the water. Bob Schmidt brought two nice trout just over 2 pounds to the weigh-in and I was able to bring in two just under 2 pounds. I lost another nice fish on the line reeling it up to the boat.

Outing Day April 25th, turned out to be one of the nicest days to be out there fishing as far as the weather was concerned with a cool to warm morning and a bright sunny afternoon of about 84°. If you hadn't caught fish for the day, when you got back in, our Chief Cook John Bergman had a surprising, delightful hot chicken lunch for everyone. Our hats off to John for a superb job in cooking and providing all the necessities that made for a great meal. With this picture of John cooking in his "People for Ethical Treatment of Animals" (PETA) apron, makes you think "You don't want to mess with the COOK." I must admit though, what he did to that chicken was very ethical treatment and delicious.



We still haven't had a good total and several short of a 25 person minimum for a deep-sea trip out of Berkeley on the Pacific Dream. Again with a guarantee minimum of 25 people the cost is \$150 each instead of the normal cost of \$225 per person. The captain offers this during the week Monday through Thursday. Will continue another month to leave a sign up sheet at the table with Ben LaSala Treasure.

Just a reminder once again to sign the non-boater list. Those without a boat need to get out on a boat fishing.

We are all looking forward to anyone sending a paragraph or two about their recent fishing experience to place in our monthly newspaper. Just send your picture or pictures along with a paragraph or two, to John Kinslow at [Jolly.hookers.fc@gmail.com](mailto:Jolly.hookers.fc@gmail.com) . You won't want to miss our next May meeting.

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

**BOB SCHMIDT**

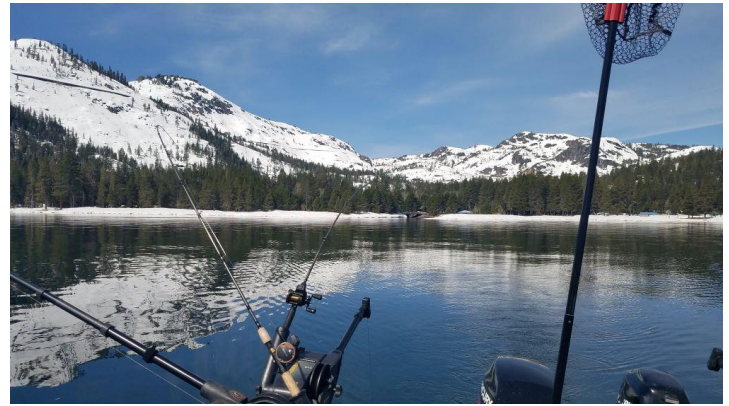
Greetings everyone.

We had 2 outings in April both at Camanche and both were not very productive. The water temp was in the 60s and fish were between 20 and 30 feet. The fish were mostly off Little Hat Island to the Dam in the channel. We all agreed we are done with Camanche for this season.

Thanks to **Steve Nelson** and **John Bergman** we had a nice lunch after a morning of fishing. **Steve** caught 2 trout and took second place and I caught 4 fish, biggest 3 lb. for first place. At the first outing I was the only one who caught any fish (4).

Where would you like to go this month? Fishing in the Delta has been good and we haven't been there in sometime. Other places to think about is Collins Lake and Rollins Lake above Colfax. Rollins is a nice lake, nice boat ramp and a place the club has not gone to before. Another lake to think about is Jenkins. We also need to have someone to do the lunch.

My fishing trip to Bridgeport had to be canceled. It was for the opening of the Eastern Serra Trout Season on April 29. Bridgeport Reservoir and Twin Lakes were still frozen over. They have drained Bridgeport Res. down to the point where you couldn't launch anyway. They were planning for flooding in the area due to a large snow melt on the Eastern side of Yosemite. What happens then there is a large snow melt and runoff goes into a frozen lake? Other lakes that still frozen over in our area are Ice House, Loon Lake, and Stampede. Instead of the group going to Bridgeport a few of us went Donner Lake instead. It was a beautiful morning and fishing was also slow. But the nice scenery was worth it.



## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

**JOHN KINSLOW**

Let's continue to remember our Club Members and Spouses that are dealing with different health issues.

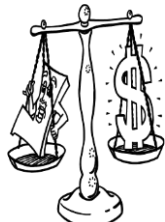
## ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**PAUL WELLS**

Our guest speaker for May is Steve Swinford. He will be speaking on fishing shad and striper bass fishing on the American river. Where the shad are moving, so are the stripers.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**BEN LASALA**

	<b>Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala April 2023</b>
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$4,732</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Breakfast	
Non-eaters	
Member Donation	\$210.00
Membership Dues	
Hat Sales	\$20.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Breakfast	
Derby Pot	-\$50.00
Guest Breakfasts	
Bank Deposit Tickets	-\$18.00
Door Prizes	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>-\$68.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,894.00</b>

## 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.

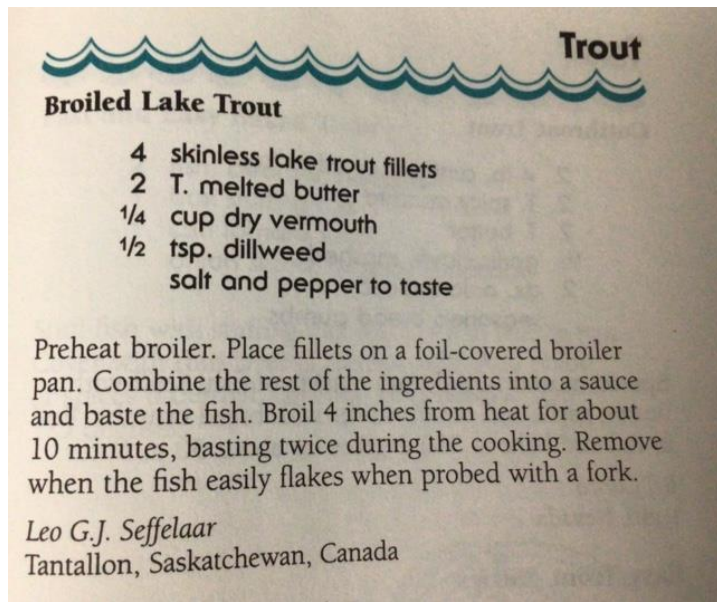
In the past, we have stayed at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Redding on Hilltop Dr. near Hwy 299. If you plan on going, we would suggest you make your own arrangements soon. Please let me know if you have any questions.



**Bill Kishi** Hooker Old Timer's shooting breeze about "Good Old Days"

## Steve Nelson

My wife tried this recipe last night with the skinless trout fillet that I caught at the last derby at Lake Comanche. Very flavorful and well worth the effort in making. My wife used Chardonnay Wine instead of Vermouth. Out of this world! I don't know why it's labeled lake trout. It's a Canadian recipe and you know how the Canadians are. Every trout that comes out of a lake is a Lake Trout. Ha You won't want to give your trout away after trying this.



## **Striped Bass Fishing April 2023 with Brett Brady**

By **Ben LaSala**

I was awakened by a phone call, which I could not answer, because I could not figure out which button to press on the phone. Shortly thereafter, there was a loud pounding on our front door. I jumped out of bed and put on a pair of underwear, before stumbling to open the front door as I was cursing to myself, "son of a bitch". **I had overslept!** I was supposed to have been up for at least half an hour or more. **Bob Bonner and Steve Paulick** were already there waiting for me. Steve said they had been trying to get me to answer them for some time! I thought to myself, "what a great way to start the day". At first, I thought that my alarm had not gone off. I later realized that it was on and ringing. I just could not hear it; my hearing has gotten that bad. Charlene was visiting her sister-in-law in Boise, so she was not there to wake me up.

Anyway, I proceeded to get my act together as quickly as possible, while asking if someone could call **Walter (Van Hoy)** to let him know that we were running late. We were supposed to meet **Brett Brady, Bare Bones Guide Service**, on the Feather River at Boyd's Pump in Yuba City around 5:45 AM. We were probably going to be late, and we were going to have to let him know as well.

After picking up Walter in West Sacramento, we were on our way. We actually made very good time, and we were not too late in getting there. After loading everything we needed into Brett's boat, off we went on a 20-minute, very cold, boat ride. Brett told us to be prepared and to dress appropriately. Even so, I waited too long to put on my gloves, which I could not get on. They were too tight. After a while, I had to go pee. That's when I found out that my hands would not function as they had gotten too cold. I could not button my pants back up. I don't think Charlene could have helped me out of this predicament. **Son-of-a-bitch!** It is so nice to get old.

One of Brett's fishing holes was near the mouth of the Bear River. Well, wouldn't you know it, we were greeted there by a sea lion or two. One of which was chomping on a large striper. Great, I think we were all wondering: **"What the hell are sea lions doing way up here?"** I thought Brett did the best he could under the circumstances, and we did manage to catch a few shakers. We tied a few places in this stretch of the river with little or no success. Besides the sea lions, the other problem we were having was that the water was still a little too cold to draw up a lot of fish.

The next place we tried was about a mile up the Bear River. Guess what? The sea lion, or one of the sea lions had followed us up there. At one point, we witnessed the fresh, floating carcass of a dead fish whose head had been chewed off??? Even so, we did manage to catch our first keeper there, and I think we managed a double up there. After a while, the action slowed, and Brett decided that it was time to move again.

After a 20 minute plus boat ride, we ended up near the mouth of the Yuba River. Right away, we started to catch fish. Time and again, I marveled at how Brett

was adroitly maneuvering his boat to drift down stream in order to put our boat in the best possible position for us to catch fish. You should keep in mind that this type of fishing, drifting live minnows, lends itself to getting snagged as you are bouncing off the bottom of the river. Inevitably, you get snagged on rocks or vegetation, and you get broken off. Some of your gear needs to be replaced. Again, I admired how Brett was able to handle this chore without a bit of hesitation or concern, while keeping the boat in the right place so the rest of us could continue to fish. It was part of his job, and he accepted it. I did not keep track of the number of fish we caught at this last spot, but it was definitely the best. It made our day. Bob Bonner caught the “big fish” of the day, which was a chunky 5 pounder. All of us were satisfied with our day of fishing with Brett, and we want to thank him for treating us to such enjoyable day. If you have not fished with Brett, **Bare Bones Guide Service**, I would highly recommend his service.

Before I close this out, on the drive home, Steve Paulick was giving Bob Bonner a couple of recipes on how to prepare different fish. They sounded pretty complicated...I wonder if he could put them into written form for the rest of us?

**IN MEMORY OF FRANKLIN CALL**



Memorial Services for Frank will be held at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, 8201 Greenback Lane. May 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM

**2023 Steering Committee**

<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>
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<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>

**FISHERMAN’S WAREHOUSE SEMINARS:**

Please contact store as May speakers are not confirmed as of this printing. 916-362-1200

**All Seminars Start At 6 PM Sharp!**

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