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NEWSLETTER

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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

PAUL WELLS



Hi Guys,

Well, after 3 years of planning and having to cancel the first two trips because of Covid, Wanda & I finally left for our trip on June 14th. First stop being Buckboard Marina, Flaming Gorge, where we stayed

until the 27th, at which time, we put our boat in storage. The fishing, as I am sure everyone has heard, was less than desirable.

From there, we went to the Grand Tetons and spent 4 days enjoying the scenery. From the Grand Tetons, we went to Yellowstone where we stayed for 6 days. During that time, we stayed very busy as there is a lot to see in that beautiful park. Originally, while we were at Buckboard, we became concerned that we might not be able to go to Yellowstone as it was closed due to flooding. Fortunately, the Southern loop opened a couple of days before we arrived. While we were busy checking out the Southern Loop, the Northern loop opened. The main loops were open but most of the side roads were closed including the North Entrances.

Yellowstone lake is a huge gorgeous lake. It is the largest lake above 7,000 ft. in the United States. The native fish to the area are Cutthroat and the White fish. For these 2 species, it is strictly catch and release. For all other species, it is illegal to return them back to the water alive especially Lake Trout.

The Federal Government is spending 6 million dollars in an effort to eradicate Lake Trout from Yellowstone Lake.

While in Yellowstone, we witnessed 2 wolves chasing 5 buffalo cows with calves. The Buffalo were quite abundant in the park and on the road.

After Yellowstone, we went to Glacier National Park. On our way there, we encountered a hail storm that was bad enough to force everyone on the highway to stop. Some of the hail was large enough that I was afraid it was going to break my windshield.

Glacier is a beautiful park but we were disappointed that the Going to the Sun road was closed for snow except for a very small section so we were unable to see many of the park attractions.

After 4 days, we left Glacier and went to Calgary Canada where we attended the Calgary Stampede Rodeo for 4 days. From there, we went to Banff National Park, with day trip to Lake Louise and Lake Moraine, Alberta, Canada.

On the fourth morning at Banff, we were suppose to leave to go to Jasper Canadian National Park. However, that morning Wanda had a sore throat, cough and was feeling a little under the weather so she decided to take a Covid test which turned out to be positive. So I thought, we would be better off in the US so we cut our trip short and headed for the Border being careful to avoid contact with anyone.

The next day, Wanda went to Urgent Care in Helena, Montana and received a prescription. I started having similar symptoms so the following day I went to

Urgent Care with the same result. We spent the next two days in the Big Lots parking lot in Helena, isolating in our camper and avoiding all contact with others. After we left Helena, we went back to Flaming Gorge Marina to pick up our boat from storage and headed home avoiding contact with others. Having the camper made it easier for us to avoid contact with other people.

We arrived home Friday July 29th, after driving 4600 miles. It was an interesting adventure. We saw a lot of beautiful scenery and a lot of interesting things!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

"Till then keep your lines tight and your net ready!".



GRAND TETONS



LAKE MORAINE



YELLOWSTONE FOUNTAIN PAINT POT

ASSTISTANT HEAD HOOKER'S REPORT

STEVE NELSON

Hi guys, sorry if you were unable to make our July 8 Hookers Breakfast meeting with Brett Brady from Barebones Fishing Guide Service. He gave a great presentation on Kokanee fishing along with other valuable information. He was extremely knowledgeable in sharing his tips, putting more fish in the boat. Thank you Bret in being generous to come in and speak, not to mention bringing in fishing gear to sell at a great price and give away items free. Bret mentioned that he would give a special rate for members of our club. He can handle up to five as a group or a minimum of two fishermen. He will put you on the fish and educate you with any questions you may have. Just ask him where the fish are biting and he will take you there.

Bob Schmidt spoke about catching and landing his 9 lbs. 2 oz. king from Folsom Reservoir on the June NDO. He gave some good pointers on how he brings the fish in with one person in the boat.

Looking forward to our next meeting in August, we will have Head Hooker Paul back from his vacation. I'm sure he will have much to tell us about the events of his trip.

Also want to add, that we will be having Steven Adeosun from Carmichael Healthcare Services speaking on CPR at our August breakfast. I asked him

if he could emphasize situations on the water being out and away from general services.

Will see everyone at the next meeting in August.

Please remember to call in your breakfast group call list leader the week before our breakfast to get an accurate count. It would be a great help to them.

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings everyone. It was a long but yet a short trip that Debbie and I took to Bigfork Montana. We just got home on the 29th after being gone for 21 days. We took the trailer and kayaks and stayed at Wayfares State Campground on the shores of Flathead Lake. Flathead Lake is the largest freshwater lake West of the Mississippi River. You can put Lake Tahoe and 4 Donner Lakes plus a few more lakes in the area of this lake. It is home to 15 types of fish. Mostly Lake trout, Pike, and White Fish. There is also 5 types of trout, Kokanee, Bass and Sturgeon plus other fish in the lake. The lake has 2 major rivers coming into it, the Flathead the size of the Sacramento River and the Swan River the size of the American River. The East and West shores are lined with multi-million dollar homes. The North and South shores have some wet lands areas that we kayaked in. The town of Bigfork Montana is just South of Kalispell and Glacier National Park and Whitefish Lake & Ski Resort. There are more than 30 lakes within 50 miles of Bigfork. Some of the other big lakes in the area are the Hungry Horse Lake at 34 miles long and the Swan Lake at 8 miles long. Glacier National Park also has 2 large lakes, Lake McDonald at 10.66 miles and St Mary's Lake at 6.13 miles.

Debbie and I Kayaked 8 miles on Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park. The water was like glass all morning and it felt like the kayak was hovering in the air as we paddled over the rocks below. The water was that clear. We kayaked 7 days and hiked a few other days in the area.

We also spent some days in Idaho on the return trip. We spent the day at "Craters of the Moon National Park". What a strange place that is. It's where the

earth cracked open and up came molten lava that spilled out for more than 50 miles. I took my fishing rod, but never took it out of the truck.

Our first outing for August is back at Folsom Lake on the 16th. We have not picked a place for the August 23 outing. We can do that at the next meeting.

I'll be at the Kokanee Power Derby at Berryessa on the Aug. 6. Got my fingers crossed for this one.

Rene Villanueva and Brian Houg took 3rd place overall at the New Melones Kokanee Power Derby on July 9th.

Lake Tahoe is 191 sq. miles or 12 x 21.27 miles in size and is 1,645 ft. deep and holds more than 4 times amount of water than Flathead Lake. Flathead Lake is 197 sq. miles or 15.5 x 27.3 miles in size and 164 feet deep on the average. Deepest spot is 376 feet. Pyramid Lake is just about in the middle compared to these 2 lakes. Donner Lake is 1.3 sq. miles or .6 miles x 2.7 miles long.

Good Luck Fishing and be Safe



COWBOY FISHERMAN



DEBBIE KAYAKING



HOVERING IN AIR

NDO CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WALT SUMMERS

August NDO = Folsom Lake, Tuesday Aug 16th

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

JOHN KINSLOW

Hello to all. Hoping you and your families are well and to those who are not, that your all better soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

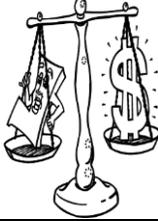
Annual Auction has been moved to our meeting on September 9th. Hopefully that's plenty of time to go through and gather up GOOD STUFF.....

As Steve mentioned, please call your breakfast group call person and let them know if you'll be having breakfast. THANKS

TREASURER'S REPORT

BEN LASALA

Jolly Hookers Finances – July 2022

	Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala July 2022
Starting Balance	\$3,639
Income	
Breakfast	368
Non-eaters	24
Member Donation	4
Hat Sales	
Subtotal	396
Expenses	
Breakfast	276
Raffle Prizes	30
Derby Pot	45
Guest Breakfasts	12
Newsletter Postage	12
Brett Brady Guided Trip	200
Insurance	228
Subtotal	803
Ending Balance	\$3,232

BULLARDS BAR WITH BARE BONES

BILL KISHI

We in the Jolly Hooker Club are fortunate to have had great speakers and presenters. If only we can remember and put to practice a portion of the things we have been exposed to of our great sport. Jim Lloyd and I had the opportunity to fish with last month's speaker and guide, Brett Brady of Bare Bones guide service. Here is a Pro! We met Brett at Bullards Bar at 7 am and by 10:30 am we had two limits of 25 keepers, releasing another 15 smaller fish.

Beautiful day with bald eagles swooping up the smaller released ones. It was thoroughly educational watching a fisherman use a fish finder to perfection, handle downriggers with no loss motion, use trolling flies with attention to hook position, colors and scents, and the use of line releases and bar weights.

Jim and I topped a perfect day with a stop at nearby Collins Lake for their Ice Cream. Hard to beat that...



BILL KISHI & JIM LLOYD

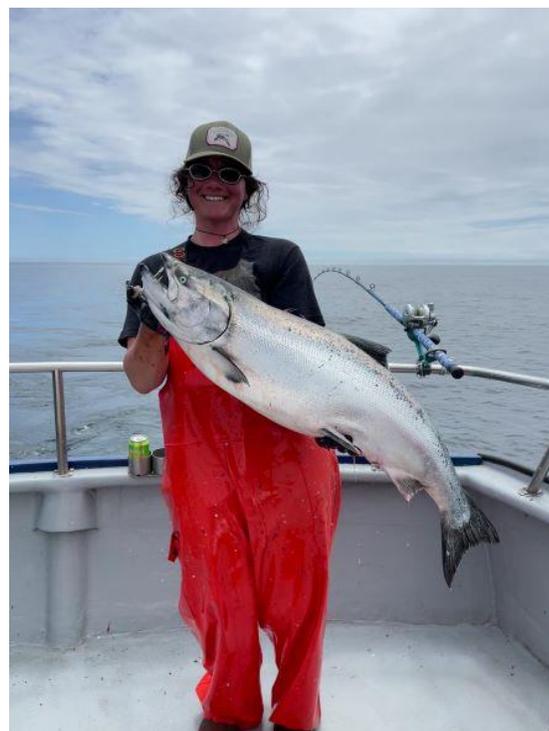


BILL KISHI

OCEAN SALMON TRIP

BILL KISHI

Fishing for the King Salmon out of Berkeley Marina and though the beautiful Golden Gate has been fantastic this year with limits caught most days. Fish sizes are generally 25 to 30 lbs with a rare 40 pounder. On our last trip Tiffinney bagged this winner shown in the attached picture. She is a deckhand on the Easy Rider – a great helper for old guys like some of us. On this last trip Don Scott and I left the Marina at 5 am and did not return until the boat ended up with 18 limits or 36 fish in the box. Salmon trips run \$220 per person. The season peaks about Labor Day and ends October 31st this year. You won't catch better tasting fish than Chinook Salmon off our coast. You can call the Marina or Capt. Scott at 916-804-3713 for daily updates or questions you might have.



TIFFENNEY

FLAMING GORGE

BEN LASALA

The first time I went to Flaming Gorge was in July 2015. There were many Jolly Hookers that used to go back then. As I remember, and I will try to list them in alphabetical order as follows: Mike Devore, John Frantz, Ron Madsen, Sam Osuna, Steve Paulick, Bob Schmidt, Rick Schrichfield, Walter Van Hoy and his son Roger, Steve Veffredo, and Rene Villanueva. I believe that Rick Schrichfield and Steve Veffredo have been going there every summer for many, many years.

You might ask why? The main reason is that it is an adventure, and you could just catch a lot of **big kokanee**. Of course, every year is different, but for the most part fishing there has been pretty consistent. I know Steve Veffredo has caught a few in the 4 pound plus range. While Rick keeps a low profile, I am sure he has also.

This year, Walter and I met a fellow at the bait shop in Lucerne. Walter recognized him as one of the fellows that goes every year. He said the fishing was down this year from catching 60 fish per day to only 30...**Okay!** Walter and I just looked at each other. We have never come close to having one of those kinds of days. The limit is now 4 per day in combination with rainbow trout...we usually do a lot of catch and release, trying hard not to touch the fish or take it out of the water. Rick has some special kokanee lures that he has modified to simplify releasing fish so they are uninjured. Steve Paulick and I kept any bleeding fish regardless of size.

This June, there were less Hookers that went. Walter and his son Roger, Rick Schrichfield, Paul and Wanda Wells, Steve Veffredo, Steve Paulick and myself. Because of the drought conditions in the Western United States, water was being released from Flaming Gorge to augment Lake Powell's hydro-electric energy production. While many feel that this affected the fishing this year, it does not explain why the fish we caught were smaller than those we caught in 2020. They were not pulling the line off the downrigger clip like they did the year before. They ones we were catching this year were in the 1-2 pound range, not the 3 pounds they were in 2020.

Thinking back on our trip, it is kind of funny that when we asked what color(s) were working best we were told "purple and pink" down 25 feet without hesitation. When we were in the bait shop the fellow that was only catching 30/day was looking at a deep pink hoochie. He said that was the ticket. Walter bought a few. The next day we heard that the hot colors were silver and white, blue was also mentioned. Brent Stewart, who owns R-Hideout where we stayed, advised us to fish the Utah part of the gorge going down 40' using bright orange lures.

After we had come home, we heard that Ritchie Hight, Paulina Peak Tackle, won the 2022 Utah Ducks Unlimited Derby, about the same time we were there, fishing shallow. His big fish weighed 5.02 pounds - 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". In the video below, it shows him using side planers.

Highlight the link below, then ctrl and left click to play the video.

<https://youtu.be/20yO13YSq7c>

Since our crew consisted of amateurs, we did not do nearly as well, but we do have some photos. Yes, Steve is holding a rainbow trout, and while we did not target them, the lake holds some very large rainbows, brown, and huge lake trout. The lake trout are feeding on the kokanee, so their limit is 12 fish per day. You can only keep one larger than 28 inches.

It is an 800-mile one way trip to the gorge, and as we get older it seems like we get more reluctant to make such a journey. A contributing factor is that many of us are facing health issues because of our advancing age. In the future, we will have to take things maybe not one day at a time, but at least a few months at a time. Next year seems a long way off.



FLAMING GORGE



STEVE PAULICK

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