



VOL 25 ISSUE 9

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

PAUL WELLS



Hi Guys

It looks like our choices of places to fish are getting pretty slim. Anything in the National Forest is out at least for now. The reports coming out of Berryessa are mediocre at the very best. It looks like the Sacramento River and the

Delta are our best choices for now. I've heard that some have been having success on Stripers. **Tim Lipscomb** & I are going to give it a try Wednesday morning.

We will be holding our Annual Auction at the October meeting so gather up your fishing gear and decide what you no longer need and bring it to the Auction.

In November, we will be holding an election of Officers for 2022. Anyone who is willing to throw their name in the hat for any position is encouraged to do so. Also, if anybody would like to nominate someone, ideally, discuss it with them first so there are no surprises and to ensure they are willing to accept the position.

The Christmas Dinner will be held in the evening on Friday, December 10th. No meeting on that Friday. More details to follow.

See you at the breakfast meeting.

Paul

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

JOHN KINSLOW


Thanks to Paul Wells we have a guest speaker for our September meeting! **Clyde Wands** will be our guest speaker. Clyde is a member of the California Striped Bass Association and known in the Delta as "The shallow water striper trolling expert." As our lakes are becoming more unfishable, you won't want to miss Clyde's tips as the Delta maybe the only fishable area we're left with.

A big thank you to **Cal Kellogg** from Fish-Hunt-Shoot Productions for making the trip down from Foresthill and being our guest speaker for July's meeting. Cal provided us with some great information and I hope you have taken some time to watch some of his video's on "YouTube" and visited his online tackle store. Thanks again Cal.

Want to also thank **Bill Templin** of Upper American River Foundation for being our August guest speaker. Bill gave us some great information on conservation and fishing the American River Watershed with a great slide presentation. Thanks again, Bill.

If you have any pull or contact with someone you believe would be a good guest speaker for the club please don't hesitate to contact me. Guest speakers don't always have to be about fishing, we can always use information on boating safety/maintenance and such.

John

	Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala September 2021
Starting Balance	\$1,970
Income	
Breakfast	528
Non-eaters	24
Hat Sales	30
Subtotal	582
Expenses	
Breakfast	462
Raffle Prizes	0
Derby Pot	0
Guest Breakfasts	14
Monthly Bank Fee	16
Insurance	0
Subtotal	492
Ending Balance	\$2,060

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings everyone! It's been nonstop and an emotional roller coaster for our family since my mother-in-law took a fall in July. My wife's parents are doing fine now after being placed into an assisted living care facility. After many days of hard work and legal paper work their house was listed yesterday for sale. The last 40 days were just a blur in time and we are now starting to get back to some normal activities. Later today Debbie and I will be out to play a round of golf. A time to slow down and enjoy a day together.

I don't know about you but I have not heard of any good fishing reports lately. All the mountain lakes are closed due to the shutdown of the Natural Forest and due to the fires and smoke. The SMUD Crystal Basin area lakes were heavily stocked with fish just before the Highway 50 closure. They should really be good when area reopens. A few lakes are still open in the valley foothills. They are Camanche, Pardee, Berryessa, New Melones, and a few others. Folsom Lake boat ramp is still open (no docks) at Granite Bay and will be closing when the lake drops a few more feet. Fishing around the dam only and the in-river channels.

Berryessa is doing ok on nice size kokanee 16"-17" and trout mostly just outside Markley Cove and dam area. You have to use the lower boat ramp at Markley Cove.

I made it to New Melones on Tuesday 8/24 and was surprised at how much the lake has dropped since July 8. There are islands everywhere and you now have to launch from the third ramp. There are still 2 docks in place and close parking. It won't be long before the dirt ramp will be in use. The island at Glory Hole area is now tied to South shore line and there is no passage to the 49er bridge on the South side of the island. You must now go around the North side of the island in the river channel. Fishing was not that great and it came with a cost \$\$\$. I worked hard for 2 -17" fat kokanee and 2 nice rainbows 3lbs+, lots of Bass to 4 Lbs. and also a few small kokanee (dinks). The use of GPS is a must to know where the river channel is located around the 49er bridge and beyond. Get outside the channel and you'll get snagged on trees. The river channel has its own challenges, the bottom comes very fast and trees 30 to 40 feet above the bottom come out of nowhere. When going under the 49er bridge using my down scan I was able to see the old bridge and foundation of buildings at 120 feet. Fishing was the best at 70 to 80 feet down using Speedy Shiners at 2 to 3 mph even for the kokanee. Most the fish were taken ½ mile to 1 mile below the second bridge. It comes with a cost. I lost 5 Speedy Shiners and 1 downrigger ball snagged in the trees.

I talked to **Rene** and he took 8th place at the Kokanee Power Derby at Pardee. He is now in 7th place overall with one derby left at Shaver Lake on September 11th.

I have been stopping and checking for Salmon 2 to 3 days a week when I cross over the Hazel Av. Bridge on my bike ride to Beal's Point. I have not seen any fish so far. The birds are also there and they are also waiting and watching for the arrival of the salmon and steelhead. Reports on the river from Sacramento to Freeport have been slow with only a few boats out there. The Verona area is doing much better. My next fishing trip will be either the Sac River at Verona or in the Delta for stripers.

Life is like your favorite golf ball or lure. Enjoy it while you can. For someday you are going to lose it. Good Luck Fishing and be Safe

Bob

FISHING REPORTS

BEN AND VIRGIL'S FISHING TRIP

Ben and Virgil planned to go fishing out of **Brannan Island** on Tuesday, 24 August. While raising the motor on the Alumaweld boat, Ben discovered that the motor battery was dead. It died just months after the

warranty had ended. Ben suggested trying to get a replacement battery at Home Depot because they open at 6 AM. On the turn-in to Home Depot the right trailer tire blew out on a high sharp curb. Now we had two problems, a flat tire and a dead battery. Ben then called AAA to have them replace the blown-out tire. Luckily, we had a spare on the trailer. After some time, AAA informed Ben that he did not have coverage on his trailer. They could add the coverage for \$15, but it would take 48 hours for it to take effect. They dispatched a tow truck to change the tire, but it would be an out-of-pocket cost of over \$100. While waiting for the tow truck, which AAA said would be 30 minutes, Ben found out that Home Depot **did not** carry an appropriately sized battery. (great)

Forty-five minutes later, a white work truck parked directly behind our boat trailer. A middle-aged Asian man in regular work clothes got out and acknowledged us. He got out some tools including a jack and a battery powered socket wrench. He got down on the ground, and attempted to get the jack under the trailer axle. After several unsuccessful attempts to jack up the trailer, which seemed like it took forever, he asked if Ben had a car jack. Ben moved some stuff around and got his car jack. With that, the guy crawled back under the trailer, and was able to jack it up high enough to remove the flat and replace it with the spare. About that time, a yellow Capitol tow truck arrived. Ben did a double take. Who was it that just took half an hour crawling around on the nasty parking lot pavement changing our tire? It finally dawned on us that he was a Good Samaritan. Ben tried to give him \$40 which he would not accept. Virgil talked to him, and found out that his father was an US Air Force MP stationed in Vietnam, and his mother was Vietnamese. Virgil finally got him to accept \$20. It was an amazing experience!

We then proceeded to the Auto Zone, just down the street to replace the battery. Too bad we did not do that in the first place. But the day was not over yet.

We launched at Brannan Island around 11:00, while the forecast called for some wind, it was much stronger than anticipated. We started out on three-mile slough headed toward the West bank. The plan was to troll rattle traps in shallow water. Almost immediately, a strong gust of wind hit us. We got too shallow, and the next thing you know, we were in the rocks. Our prop was damaged, but Ben was not ready to call it quits just yet. We **slowly** worked our way over to the West bank

heading for the Rio Vista bridge, but we ran out of time and headed back toward Brannan Island on the east side of the river where there was a lot of shallow water and weeds. We kept catching weeds, but then Virgil caught weeds along with what turned out to be two black bass on one large red rattle trap. We had to take a picture (see attached). We caught 4 fish; all were released.



VIRGIL WITH DOUBLE HOOKUP ON ONE LURE

On the way back in we were approached by a Sheriff's boat. He came within 15 feet of us, but then it turned and left. Ben was sweating it as he had no fishing license; he had left it in his backpack in the vehicle after he had moved stuff around to get the jack.

It was one of those trips that you would just as soon forget about. At the same time we did learn a few things that may help us in the future.

**Jolly Hooker Fishing Club
Gene Pearson
3536 Rolph Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 957**

2021 Steering Committee

<u>Head Hooker</u>	Paul Wells
<u>Asst. Head Hooker</u>	John Bergman
<u>Treasurer</u>	Ben LaSala
<u>Secretary</u>	Gene Pearson
<u>Activities Chairmen</u>	Rene Villanueva/John Kinslow
<u>Fishing Chairman</u>	Bob Schmidt
<u>NDO Chairman</u>	Walt Summers