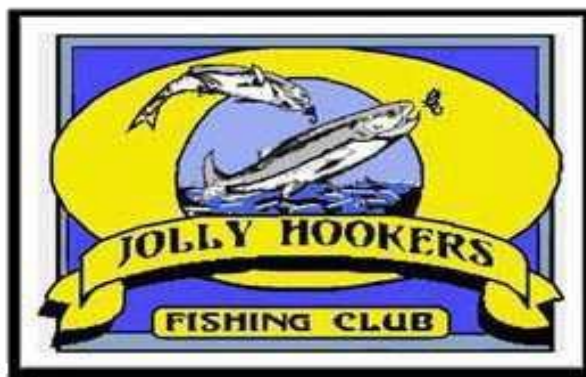




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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE MILANOVICH



Greetings fellow Hookers,

Man, April sure rolled up on us really quick, didn't it?

At our last meeting Brett Brady of Bare Bones did a great job, giving us all the

ins and outs and how to roll shad and herring plus bait holders and where to get them. Support Sacramento Pro Tackle and get your power minnows.

Last month for our derbies, we went to Folsom Lake for our first outing. I fished with Gary Kawano. We caught two beautiful 12 inchers ..We released them but they were good looking fish but there were other big fish caught. Of course, our own Bob Schmidt caught the whopper. I don't know for sure ..I'll let him do the story because there were lotta nice fish caught there. Then the following week we went to the Delta. It was a great day on the water, of course I didn't catch any fish but most everybody else did and we had great weather, no wind, etc.

The outboard club had a striper derby on Saturday the 22nd and I wasn't going to go. I told Gary we're not going, but Robert Gibbs called me the morning of and invited me so I said OK and went out there with him. I'll be darn if I didn't catch a fish and got on the board for the first time ever and had a tie for 10th place. Pretty cool for not even wanting to go and thank you Robert for inviting me .

This month finds us a bit shorthanded with the phone callers needing to call me with the numbers so I can call the Elks Lodge ..Bill Ott, is on vacation and so is Paul Wells.

I hope we have a speaker if we do it it'll be a mystery guest to me as Paul told me and I forgot lol...

What do you guys think about fishing at Amador Lake this coming Derby? Just throwing it out there ..

Keep praying for Ralph Schuhriemen, Walter Van Hoy, John France, Sammy Osuna and Earl Kennedy and our other Club Members and Families with health issues.

Well, that's it for now. Looking forward to our April meeting and in the meantime, Keep your hooks sharp, Ciao

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings to everyone.

I don't how this happened but I'm sure glad it did. We couldn't have picked the 2 most perfect days of weather to hold our outings in March. Somehow, we missed all the storm, rainy and windy days of the month.

Folsom was a little on the cool side in the morning until sun came up and warmed us up. There was just a light breeze that put a little ripple on the lake. Again this time almost all boats got some trout or salmon. The Delta on March 26 was the best in many ways. First it was an absolutely perfect morning launching the boat just before first light. The moon was just a

small sliver in the sky over Three Mile Slough as we headed to the West Bank on the Sacramento River. I remembered looking over my shoulder and seeing dozens of nesting egrets in the trees on the shores of Brandon Island and the white wake that boat was putting out behind us. The water was like a mirror, the reflection of the Highway 160 bridge looked as if the bridge was setting on top of the water. The closer I approached the bridge the more the bridge seemed to rise, allowing us to pass under it. It was one of those rare occasions that you have both low and high tides at best time of the day. Having a low tide at sunrise and having high tide at just after noon. The weather was also just right, not too cold and just a little bit warm at the weight-in. There was **NO Wind**. How many times can we say it wasn't windy in the delta.

There was a good fish bite in the morning for me on the low tide. Unfortunately, John Kinslow who was fishing with me got a big 0 to my 5 Stripers. I even let him use my rods and the same lure that I was using. **{John: What can I say! Actually, I went along to improve my netting skills...who better to go with to practice?}**

All good things have to come to an end though. With the incoming tide and the passage of a large ship on the river that turned up the mud and debris making it not a productive place to fish. We took the shortcut through Sherman Lake to the Antioch Bridge and got to the San Joaquin River in time for the high tide. Unfortunately, the Stripers were not there, and the surface was covered with tule debris making it hard to fish. We were back at Brandon Island at 2:00 for the weight-in. There were a lot of nice stripers taken that morning by the Jolly Hookers.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PAUL WELLS



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

DAN FISHER

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Your \$30 membership dues for 2025 are now due.

PLEASE NOTE:

In order to proceed with printing a new 2025 Club Roster, we need to have your Membership dues paid by our May meeting on Friday May 9th.

For those who have not paid their 2025 dues, please remember we have made some changes to make things less confusing when checking in at our meetings.

Ben, will continue to check members in and accept payments for breakfast, hats & shirts. Payments for anything other than dues.

Dan Fisher, oversees collecting membership dues. If



possible' Dan would appreciate exact change or check made out to Jolly Hookers Fishing Club.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

JOHN KINSLOW

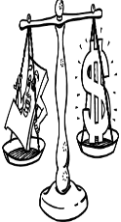
Your Input needed for **your** club newsletter (pictures, fish stories & such). **Your** Steering Committee is also interested in **your** thoughts and ideas that could benefit **your** club.

MOGA Make Outings Great Again! Let's step up! and get back to our luncheons after our main outing! With two or three hosting the luncheon, it makes the effort to host the luncheon much easier. Let's see what we can do!

As time continues to pass by
we are seeing more of our
Club Members, Spouses,
Family Members & Friends
dealing with different
Health & Life issues. Let's not
forget to keep them in our
prayers....

TREASURER'S REPORT

BEN LASALA

	Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala March 2025
Starting Balance	\$5,354
Income	
Breakfast 29@15	435
Non-eaters 5@3	15
Member Donation	5
Annual Membership Dues	180
Hat Sales	
Subtotal	635
Expenses	
Breakfast 31@12	372
Servers Tip	40
Raffle Prizes	50
Derby Pot	50
Guest Breakfasts 5@12	60
Insurance - Members General Liability	1032*
Sunshine Club - Cards	8
Subtotal	1612
Ending Balance	\$4,377
* Coverage will be in effect from 3/7/2025 through 3/7/2026	

Fishing with Bob Schmidt
 With his approval
 Folsom Lake
 March 18th, 2025

I was very fortunate to be invited to fish with Bob Schmidt on this day. The day started very early. It was still dark outside. We met at Dick's Sporting Goods in Folsom, before we drove to Brown's Ravine. The toll keeper met us at the gate and informed us that there would be no charge to launch this day.

The dock at the main ramp was five or six feet out of the water, so we proceeded to the Hobie ramp which was only slightly better. When we launched there, **it was still dark**. I mention this to give you an idea of how committed Bob is to fishing. He does it, because he enjoys it. After getting the boat off the trailer, we pulled it up to the ramp by it's bow line and climbed in from the bow of the boat. Bob was kind enough to provide me with a little flash light that attached to the bill of my cap. It was very useful in being able to get our fishing gear ready to go.

We headed for the dam, where we started fishing with speedy shiners on down riggers about five feet down. Bob dialed in the trolling speed on his kicker motor to around 2.8 MPH. He also deployed his bow mounted electric motor so he could steer the boat remotely.

Our attention was then focused on his fish finders. He has two, one is for navigation, and the other has a split screen that scans for "fish" marks. I just now thought, I should have taken some photos to attach as examples. But I did not. So, I will have to try to explain what I saw on the fish finder. There were a lot of gray type marks showing up on the screen at the bottom. Bob said these were trees. Then occasionally, there would be a colored arch that would show up by itself above the clutter. Bob said that marked a fish.

After trying this approach for a couple of hours, Bob said that it was time to switch tactics. Bob set up one of his rods with a bright, I think it was a small, silver and yellow Brad's cut plug. He put some scent into the chamber and sent it down to about 80' where we had marked some fish. He set his other rod up in order to "roll" salted anchovies on an "Anchovy Classic" bait holder. These can be fished with or

without a sling blade or a flasher. He decided not to use a large dodger or “Pro-troll”.

I was still trying to make the change when one of his rods “went off”. Bob stands up the in the boat while he is fishing, so he had no problem grabbing his rod. The fight was on. After a relatively short battle, the fish was brought to the surface. Bob then had to maneuver the fighting fish around the boat in order to avoid getting tangled with some of the other lines still in the water. I tried to help by grabbing the net, but the fish was still very feisty, and all I did was almost knock it off the hook. Finally, Bob was able to net the fish **head first, “not tail first”**. He likes to say that you net the fish from the head first because it does not have a reverse. When I started to think about this, I found it impossible to visualize a fish going backwards. The fish ended up being a four-pound, six-ounce salmon. It was the heaviest fish caught on this day.

I wanted to try a “Kone Zone” in line spinner/flasher, and a “Brad’s cut plug”, but my hands were frozen. **I could not do anything!** After some time, my hands thawed out, and I was able to set up the cut plug. On the other line, I set up a salted anchovy behind a spinning “Kone Zone”. It looked good. I thought that I had it set up right, but I ended up twisting the heck out of my leader. It was a mess; I had failed to put a swivel between the rolling anchovy and the flasher. Unfortunately, we did not catch anything the rest of the day.

In conclusion, I want to thank Bob for the opportunity to fish with him, and to see how he “does it” first hand. Bob has been our “Fisherman of the Year” for many, many years. Our club stopped buying new “Fisherman of the Year” jackets for him many years ago. Now, we just have the year he won the trophy embroidered onto the jacket. The oldest year that I saw on his jacket was 2016, and it looks as though he is headed for another one this year. Congratulations Bob! We are all fortunate to have you as a member of our club.

PS...Bob caught the largest striped bass at our March derby this last Tuesday the 25th. He caught it while using a shallow diver trolling along the “west bank”.

By: Ben LaSala

Jolly Hookers 2025 Standings					
After 5 Outings	First	Second	Third	Forth	Points
Bob Schmidt	4				79.5
Rene Villanueva	1		2		46.6
Bill Herbert		1		1	24.2
Steve Nelson		1	1		19.9
Steve Milanovich		1			15
Walt Philipp			1	1	15
Paul Wells		1			15
Herculan Silva		1			15
Gary Kawano				1	5

NDO Folsom March 18		
Bob Schmidt	4-6 7/8	Salmon
Steve Nelson	1-10 7/8	Trout
Rene Villanueva	1-8	Trout

Derby Dela March 25		
Bob Schmidt	7-10 7/8	Striper
Herculan Silva	6-0 3/8	Striper
Rene Villanueva	4-14 3/4	Striper
Bill Herbert	3-8 1/4	Striper

Provided by Bob Schmidt

2025 Steering Committee

Head Hooker

Steve Milanovich

Asst. Head Hooker

Bill Ott

Treasurer

Ben LaSala

Secretary

John Kinslow

Activities Chairmen

Paul Wells

Fishing Chairman

Bob Schmidt

NDO Chairman

Gary Kawano

Membership

Dan Fisher



Folsom Lake 3/18/2025



Bob's 4#+ King - Folsom 3/18/2025



Bob's 7#+ Striper – Delta 3/25/2025



Herculan's 6# Striper – Delta 3/25/2025

