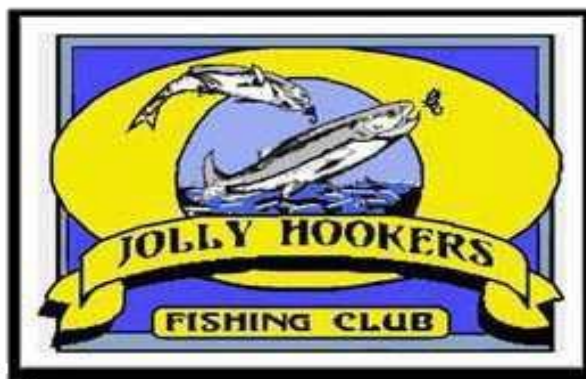




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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE MILANOVICH



Hello fellow Jolly Hookers,

I hope you had a great time the first half of 2025 so get strapped into the boat and let's see what we can do for the second half.

Kawano and I missed our outing at Icehouse and I understand it was a good time and Fish were caught; but while you were out there, we went with guide Brian Thomas at New Melones Reservoir... all the boats there had to be tagged and were in line around 7 AM, but the ramp didn't open up until 8 AM. After the Ranger checked all boats for the tags.. within 10 minutes we were in the water and off to the fishing hole. Caught some nice Kokanee 15 to 17 inches... the cool thing was we caught our fish in two hours...🐼

When we got back from Angels camp, we went to Union Valley Reservoir ... all is well, but the fish did not cooperate. We caught one small mackinaw.

At this month's meeting, we will be talking about advertising for new Members. Steve Nelson started looking into this, passed it on to me and has kept on me to pursue it!

Before I sign off, I want to say how cool it was to see Milo Tubbs and Chuck out at Union Valley... also we saw Ralph Schuhriemen and his wife at lunch last month, he is looking good.🐼👂 if your hooks keep sticking in your fingers, they're sharp enough👊

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings to everyone.

This is the tale of 3 Lakes.

Little sister sets high in the Sierra's at 6410' and is a beautiful little lake of 1,100 acres. It is nestled in a valley of granite and rocks. When boating across it you'll pass over many school bus size boulders that appear out of nowhere just below the surface in this pristine crystal clear water. There is a manmade tunnel at the end of this lake that allows water to flow from Spider Lake on the other side of the mountain to it. This tunnel at one time was the place to go to catch big browns. This lake is a good lake to fish because it is not too deep and the fish don't have many places to disappear too. Trolling it with downriggers is fun because of its big boulders. Due to its added ½ hr. + and its 15 mile winding steep climb from an already long drive to BIG Brother not many fisherman go the extra distance. As of July 3,000 pounds of fish have been planted this spring. Annually 7,000 pounds of trout of an average size 1.78 Lbs. are planted.

Big Brother: This is the place where everyone seems to want to go. This is a big lake of 2,800 acres and a shoreline of trees that sits at 4,800'. There is lots of camping along its shoreline and ample space for boating. There is a variety of different types of fish to go for, rainbows, browns, kokanee, bass and some very large Macks. Despite it's large fish plant this spring of 5,000 pounds so far and 10,000 lb. of trout yearly. Why is it so hard to catch just one? This is a mysterious lake to fish. You hear about how well it

fished yesterday but today and for the next week you can't buy a fish. The fish totally disappear and go on vacation in the depths of the lake or somewhere only to come out when you are not there. I never count this lake out. I have been there many times on that one day when the fish come out from their hiding places.

Little Brother: Not too big and not too small sometimes just right. This is the shortest distance lake to drive to of the three. It's only 700 acres and is in between its sibling lakes at 5,500 ft. elevation. This lake putts out "**cookie cutter**" rainbows. It surprisingly how many fish are caught and yet still produce more. Even with its smaller fish plant of 3,000 Lb. this season already and 8,000 lb. annually, it still produces a lot of fish every day. I have had extremely good days on this lake and never gone without getting my limit. The fish in this lake have nowhere to hide and an average fish finder will find them. Unfortunately, I can't breakaway from the cookie cutter size fish and land one those 4 to 5 pound holdovers. Do they even exist in this lake anymore?

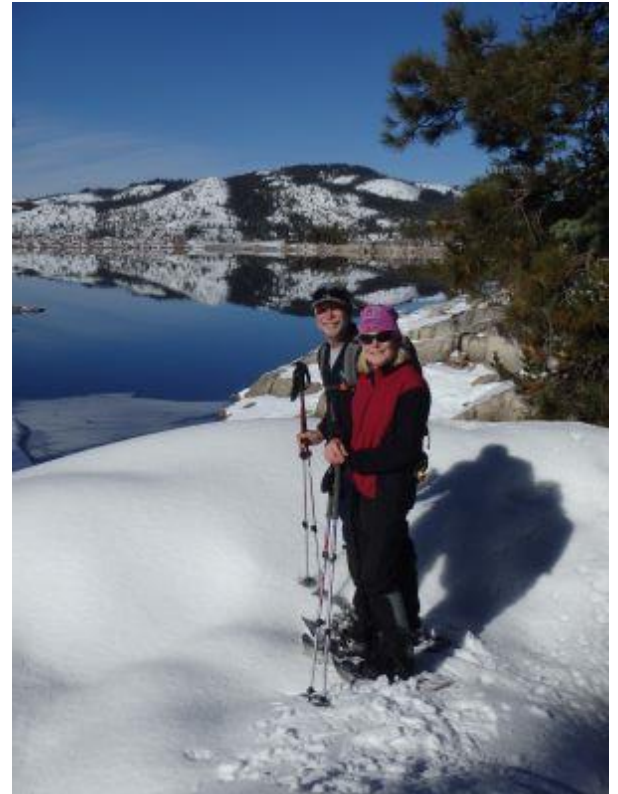
Buy now you might know what lakes I'm talking about. All 3 lakes all tied together in many ways. They are all connected to each other by either by a stream or by a large pipeline. They all were constructed to supply electrical power to Sacramento (SMUD) and serve the area with numerous recreational possibilities. Even during the winter months they are accessible for snowshoeing and other winter activities. They keep the roads plowed of snow for maintenance purposes to gain access to the dams. That leaves the area open for winter recreation. I have snow camped, snowshoed and kayaked (if not frozen) all 3 of the lakes in middle of winter. Debbie and I have done several full moon late night hikes into Desolation Valley from the end of Little Sister. I can go on and on about these 3 lakes. I'm going stop now for I'm starting to get carried away once again.

For the past 7 1/2 years I have been writing a monthly article for Jolly Hooker's Newsletter. Each month I have no idea what I'm going to write about till I'm in my chair in front of the computer. I tell myself to keep it short." Sure" Once I get started I can't stop writing. The funny thing is "**I don't like writing**". I know it's the subject matter I'm writing about that

makes me want to do more and to share my experiences with you. I hope you have been enjoying my articles, I do have to admit I enjoy writing them.

Bob

Little Sister : **Loon Lake** *Big Brother*: **Union Valley** and of course *Little Brother* commonly known as **Ice House**.



Bob & Debbie Snowshoeing Loon Lake

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

Hi Guys and Gals,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable 4th of July!

I want to thank Renee' for his presentation last month on rolling bait. His presentation was informative and appreciated by the membership.

This month I thought I had Scott Artis, Executive Director of Golden State Salmon Association, as our speaker. I spoke to him a month and a half ago and he said it wouldn't be a problem. I have been trying to get a hold of him unsuccessfully for two weeks by phone and text. I was told by the office of Golden State Salmon that he is in the process of moving to Wyoming; but will still be working for them and will be going back and forth between the two locations. I apologize but I don't know where that leaves me standing.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

Until then, "Keep your lines tight and your nets ready!"

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

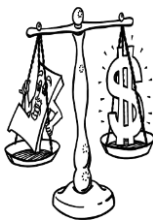
JOHN KINSLOW

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.

[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....& give them a call if you have the opportunity. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you!](#)

TREASURER'S REPORT

BEN LASALA

	Treasurer's Report By <i>Ben LaSala</i> <i>June 2025</i>
Starting Balance	\$4,493
Income	
Breakfast 22x\$15	330
Non-eaters 7x\$3	21
Membership Dues	90
Hat Sales	70
Subtotal	511
Expenses	
Breakfast 28x\$12	336
Elk's Lodge Tip	40
Raffle Prizes	74
Derby Pot	50
Guest Breakfasts 2x\$12	24
Insurance	
Subtotal	524
Ending Balance	\$4,480



Jolly Hookers 2025 Standings					
After 11 Outings	First	Second	Third	Forth	Points
Bob Schmidt	4		1	1	92.3
Rene Villanueva	2		3		76
Brain Hough	2		1		44.3
Steve Milanovich	1	1			34.5
Steve Nelson		1	2		31.7
Bill Herbert		1		1	24.2
Walt Philipp			2	1	21.6
Gary Kawano		1		1	20
Jeff Kinslow	1				20
Ben LaSala		1	1		19.9
Jose Martinez	1				19.5
Steve Eskildsen		1			15
Milo Tubbs		1			15
Paul Wells		1			15
Herculan Silva		1			15
John Kinslow		1			11.7
Bob Bonner		1			11.5
Steve Paulick				1	5

**Updated Fisherperson of the Year
By Bob Schmidt**

CLUB MEMBER'S

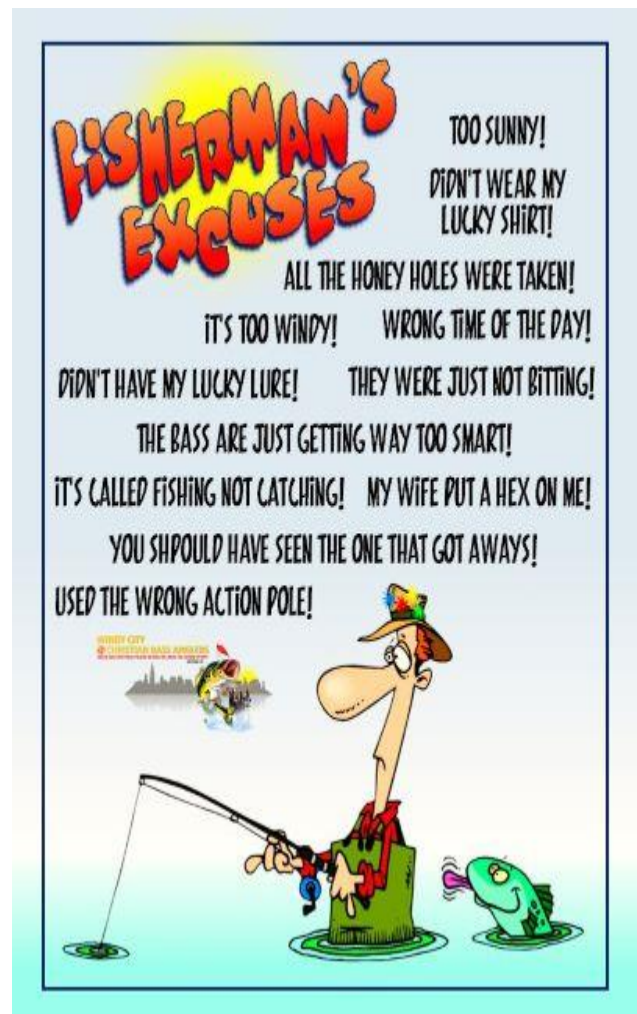
REGARDING OUR BREAKFAST ON MEETING MORNINGS

The club has assigned a club member to call each of you approximately a week prior to our meeting. This is a courtesy call to remind you of the meeting and to get a head count for the Elks Staff to prepare for a certain number having breakfast. This count needs to be furnished to the Elks Staff by the Monday afternoon prior to our meeting.

If you miss your callers call and you want to have breakfast, it is **YOUR** responsibility to call your caller back and get added to the breakfast count! Thank You.....

NDO Ice House June 17		
Brain Hough	2-12 3/8	Trout
Ben LaSala	2-5 3/8	Trout
Walt Phillip	2-0 1/4	Trout

Derby Union Valley June 24		
Brian Hough	2 - 0 1/8	Mac
Milo Tubbs	1-14 5/8	Trout
Rene Villanueva	1 - 4 3/4	Kok
No Forth Place		



Great Outings:

John Kinslow

Since our last meeting I have had three of my best outings for 2025.

Ice House NDO

Thanks to Bob Schmidt sharing the setup he had been using all morning catching fish, I was able to bring home a limit of some nice Trout to share with my neighbors. Thanks Bob

Union Valley Derby:

As this outing fell on Maureen's Birthday and our 58th Anniversary, I thought it would be a good idea to spend the day with "The Catch of My Life".

Ice House 6/26

After a long time telling a young teenager (Randy) at Church, I would take him fishing, it finally worked out that we were able to go.

Randy caught his first ever Trout within the first half hour of trolling. Randy then proceeded to out fish me 4 to 3 the rest of the day. Randy was a quick learner with the downrigger and trolling.

We had a great time.....



Secret Lake?

For the last couple of years, I have watched a somewhat local fisherman's YouTube channel. He fishes with a group of fellas and generally has good success fishing for Trout and Kokanee. His videos are a little comical; but he does show the gear he's using and depths.

Early last week he posted a video of him and his buddies catching limits of Kokanee within two hours. He called this lake, their secret fishing hole.

After reviewing his video and using Google Maps, I believed the Lake was Sly Creek Reservoir. Brother Jeff and I took the long drive to fish Sly Creek on the 3rd.

When we got to the Lake, we noticed the water level was maybe 8 to 10 feet lower than the video: but it was the same location. I believe the posted video was 2 to 3 weeks before being posted on YouTube.

Lots of campers for the 4th weekend; but only 3 other boats on the lake.

It took us a couple of hours to find the fish; but by noon we had limits of 13-14 inch Kokanee. Fish were hanging out near the Thermal Zone at 70ft. In the video the fish were at 51ft.

It was a long drive for 5 fish. Nice steep concrete ramp and fish cleaning station. Last, 4 mile of road is paved; but a bit rough.

Might be worth an overnight trip later in the year before spawning when the fish are a bit bigger.....

NOTES:

On my last trip to Ice House I noted the water temp was at 69 degrees +. Host at the boat ramp mentioned that the next plant scheduled for 7/9 might not happen if water temp gets much above 70 degrees.

Also, if your thinking of Loon Lake, call and make sure the road is open as I believe I saw of heard the road is being repaved.....



2025 Steering Committee

<u>Head Hooker</u>	Steve Milanovich
<u>Asst. Head Hooker</u>	Bill Ott
<u>Treasurer</u>	Ben LaSala
<u>Secretary</u>	John Kinslow
<u>Activities Chairmen</u>	Paul Wells
<u>Fishing Chairman</u>	Bob Schmidt
<u>NDO Chairman</u>	Gary Kawano
<u>Membership</u>	Dan Fisher
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<u>Webmaster</u>	Mike Landeck



Sly Creek Reservoir 7/3 2025

