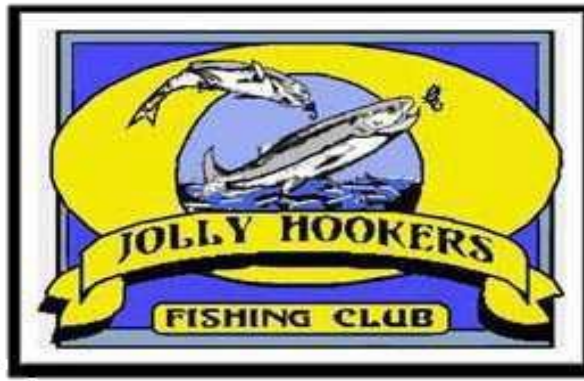




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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE MILANOVICH



Greetings fellow Hookers from Lake Amador on this beautiful May 1, I keep saying that over and over as time sure does fly.

I haven't quite survived the taxes yet, but I can still get a breakfast at the

Hooker's meeting!

Our first outing was at Collins Lake and we had a great day. I think we had eight boats attend. That was marvelous! We almost ran out of sodas.

Gary and I were fishing together and we both got a couple nice bumps and some nice trout; but they weren't in the 2 or 3 pounds size, so I released them.

We went and tied up in the shade little later on in the morning and was fishing in the shade having a good old time, not catching anything. It's funny, we thought we were in 18 feet of water; but we were actually in 10 feet of water. I agreed with Gary to stay another 10 minutes and then Wham! his rod tip headed South. Gary brought in a nice Lightning Trout, the 1st one we both had ever seen.

Our second outing brought Gary and I up here to Lake Amador. We had a good time up here also. We caught some nice fish, actually I think I only caught one; but Gary caught four and they were nice.

I gave one fish to my son. He says "oh man" it was delicious. They cooked it and they made it nice and good. I said did you have enough fish because of being only 1 fish. He replied "gosh, yeah we were full". I said well how much did you eat? He says "well we ate only half of one side". They baked it and just ate half of one side, Oh that's funny!

Everything is still up in the air as far as what lakes we're going to go to, as I think most everybody's got the same information now on the Mussel issues. I'll wait and see where the restrictions go.

We can just keep going go out to the Delta if you want or the lakes like Amador that allow you come in and their staff performs a quick visual inspection for dryness.

We are having a good day here as I write this article. Gary has a nice Rainbow in the box.

On another note. Our condolences to the Earl Kennedy Family. Unofficially we were told at the last meeting that someone heard he had passed away. I called Glen Gerber his fishing buddy of many years. Glen called Earl's Son who confirmed that Earl had passed away. Again our condolences to the Earl Kennedy Family, A Good Old Jolly Hooker!

That's it for now. If we get some nice fish, I'll post some pictures.

Keep your hooks sharp ...ciao for now ...

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings to everyone.

After 43 years I have only missed 4 Eastern Sierra Trout Openers. Two of those times I fished elsewhere the other 2 times due to weather conditions. The trout opener is always the 4th or last Saturday of April. I have always gone to Bridgeport CA. on Highway 395 a 1 ½ hr. drive South of Topaz Lake.

It started out with my best friend from high school and we couldn't afford much so we camped out and fished the East & West Walker Rivers that flow in and around the town of Bridgeport. Over the years we were able to buy a 12' aluminum boat and fished the 3 lakes in the area and our group of 2 started to grow.

At onetime the group became over 15 fishermen and up to 7 boats. In 2008 my best friend **BIG Bob** passed away. To keep up the tradition his son Marc took over now inviting his friends and whole new group of fishermen. Over the years there are many other fishermen that have the same tradition as ours. We have become to know them and we all seem to meet and tell our story's at "Rhinos Bar & Grill". The Bridgeport area has some of the best trout fishing in the state with many fish over 6 to 8 pounds that are taken on opening day.

New adventures and story's never seen to stop. This year we awoke at 4:30 AM with 7 to 8 inches of snow on the ground. The second time we had snow. My buddy Dave and I launched my boat into Bridgeport Reservoir at 5:50 AM in a total white out. It was snowing so hard visibility was about 30 ft. at best. Using just my GPS for navigation somehow never got a course and where directed by the wind and ended up being beached in the middle of the South end of the lake. Not able to see in any direction and not being able to free the boat I jumped into the lake and pulled the boat to deeper water. The outside temp was 27* and water temp was 47*. Once moving the again the GPS gave me direction back to the boat ramp. Now that my pants, socks and shoes were wet from the knees down it was best to head back to the hotel. I took a long warm shower and change into dry cloths.

We were back on the lake by 10:00 and it was still snowing but you can now see some shoreline once in a while. There were the usual 40+ boats on the lake despite the weather conditions. As always we got a nice limit of trout keeping only the ones over 2 ½ pounds with some big one around 4 pounds. Sunday was a clear day and fishing was harder but we took what we wanted before heading home. As always we stop for lunch at the "Mountain View BBQ" in Walker on Highway 395. It's a last chance to talk and see each other until next year for some of us. They have great smoked brisket burger. After departing we were met again with rain and snow going over Echo Summit.

When cleaning the boat after the trip I pulled off one the wheels because it had a very, very slow leak. I was surprised to find 2 dents in on the inside of the rim and a 10" worn spot exposing the tire cords. Luckily I didn't have a blowout. A word to wise. You should remove your trailer wheels and inspect them periodically for wear and damage and rotation. Much like your car. Just looking at them on the trailer is not good enough. Check the rims on the inside for dents, check the hubs with the wheels off for tightness and bearing movement and grease leakage. I should have done this earlier. I was very lucky this time.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

Hi Everyone,

Sorry I missed the last meeting but I was on the vacation of my life, 5 week trip to Norway, Ireland and France Alps. From what I understand, the meeting went well with Ernie Marian, Mixed Bag Sports. He had a lot of good information and gave an interesting presentation.

The speaker at our next meeting will be Jim Horton from Reel Custom Boat works and Theresa Reclusado is bringing her boat to show the accessories that Jim sells. According to Theresa and Jim, she has almost everything Jim sells installed on her boat.

I would like to include some photos from my trip but I need some time to get them ready. I am still recovering from the 25 hours it took us to get home. I will put some photos in the next newsletter.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting. Until then,
"Keep your lines tight and your nets ready!"

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

Club Members...If you would like to update your picture or are a New Member in our upcoming 2025 Roster, I need your help!

Please attach a new selfie picture of yourself (not your pet, better half, fish, boat or old "Wanted" Posters.....) **Current YOU!** Via text to 916-494-8569 or attached to an email and send to jolly.hookers.fc@gmail.com.

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

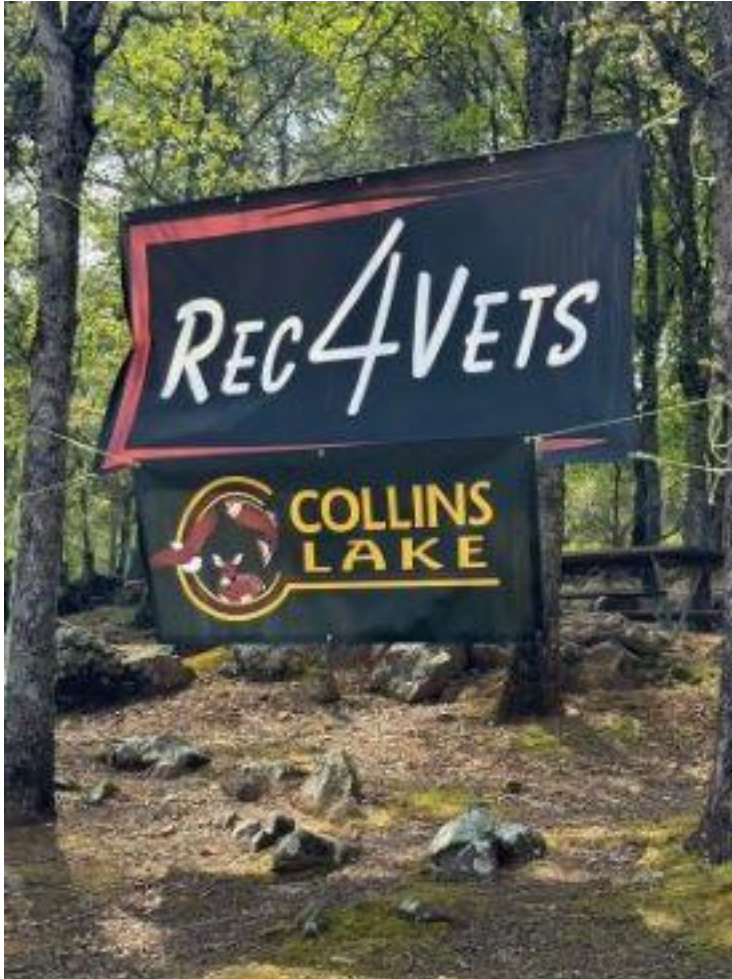
BEN LASALA

	Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala April 2025
Starting Balance	\$4,377
Income	
Breakfast 34x\$15	510
Non-eaters 3x\$3	9
Member Donation	5
Annual Membership Dues	90
Hat Sales	
Subtotal	614
Expenses	
Breakfast 34\$12	408
Guest Breakfasts 2x\$12	24
Elks Lodge Service Charge ???	17
Raffle Prizes	
Derby Pot	50
Subtotal	499
Ending Balance	\$4,492



By David Thorne

I supported Rec 4 Vets, to take veterans fishing. We had some cancellations, from captains and veterans, but it was still a great turnout. Darren and Volunteers did a great job. My Veteran was Jimmy, he is active duty from Beale AFB. It turned out were both from the same home town Porterville, Ca. He went to Porterville High School, but I didn't hold that against him. We had a great day fishing. We were one of the last boats on the water, but caught up with everyone very fast. We caught six trout and one large mouth bass in just four hours. The weather was 65 deg f and no winds. I recommend everyone to volunteer.





Roger Van Hoy



Great Oregon Fishing Trip
By: Rick Schrichfield

One of our best days. Roger Van Hoy and I fished the Willamette River this last Thursday and were very fortunate to land two spring chinook. The fish are approximately 15-16# We were fishing 360 flashers pulling Brad's super baits with tuna and krill oil. Roger caught his about 6:40 AM and mine was at about 11:20 AM. He also caught a very large (12#) steelhead up at Oregon City. Such a thrill to fight and land these fish. Roger can run anything on my boat and is pleasure to fish with. We will be fishing on the Columbia for the fall salmon run in August/September.



Rick Schrichfield

NDO Collins Lake April		
Jose Martinez	3-3 3/4	Trout
John Kinslow	2-9	Trout
Brian Hough	2-5 3/4	Trout

Derby Lake Amador April 22		
Jeff Kinslow	3-12	Trout
Gary Kawano	3-2 1/2	Trout
Ben LaSala	2-6 5/8	Trout
Steve Paulick	2-6 1/8	Trout

Provided by Bob Schmidt

Jolly Hookers 2025 Standings					
After 7 Outings	First	Second	Third	Forth	Points
Bob Schmidt	4				79.5
Rene Villanueva	1		2		46.6
Bill Herbert		1		1	24.2
Gary Kawano		1		1	20
Jeff Kinslow	1				20
Steve Nelson		1	1		19.9
Jose Martinez	1				19.5
Steve Milanovich		1			15
Walt Philipp			1	1	15
Paul Wells		1			15
Herculan Silva		1			15
John Kinslow		1			11.7
Brain Hough			1		7.8
Ben LaSala			1		10
Steve Paulick				1	5



Nothing stops Bob Schmidt from his annual trip to Bridgeport's opening day!



Bob Schmidt's Bridgeport fishing trip.



*Matthew Nelson's (Steve's Son) 6.9# Rainbow
Collins Lake 4/15/2025*



*Gary Kawano – Lake Amador
5/1/2025*



Lake Amador 4/22/2025



***Jeff Kinslow's 3lb12 oz Cutbow Trout
Lake Amador 4/22/2025***

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