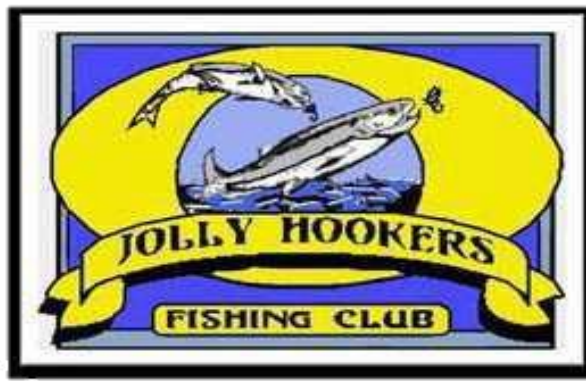




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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE MILANOVICH



Well, howdy fellow Jolly Hookers.

April was a real weird month. It was action packed, not just from catching fish and having crazy weather; but there was a disaster also to

report...

I give praise to the Lord that no one got hurt.. It all started with a dismal day on Lake Berryessa not catching anything! Ben LaSala and I went fishing together and maybe we were using the wrong stuff. We were at the right spots as we saw plenty of fish on the screen, but caught nothing.

It was quite disappointing, so we came back in at weigh in time. The only other Club boat on the Lake was Bob Schmidt and his partner Steve Eskildsen. Fortunately, they were there when disaster struck.

I backed the truck and trailer down the ramp as Ben was going to drive the boat onto the trailer. Ben, not being familiar with my boat, had difficulties trying to load the boat, so we traded positions. I drove the boat onto the trailer and Ben secured the boat to the trailer. Here is where something went sideways... my winch latch works just opposite of Ben's latch.

I don't know how to say this without laughing but when Ben got in the truck it somehow started going

backwards. Oh my gosh, what else could go wrong? It kept sliding down and down and down until the truck was completely submerged. I have pictures of it in the back of my boat, looking down at the top of my truck. It is so funny now.

I mentioned how important it was to have Steve and Bob there. They were so instrumental being there and being responsive to the task at hand... they both pulled Ben out of the truck through the window and got him safely on to the dock.

Markley Cove's center worker bees came down with a big Grade-All forklift to assist in pulling out my truck, trailer & boat. A young man in the crew took off his shirt and jump in the water and secured a strap from the forklift to my truck. After pulling the truck and trailer up we loaded the boat back on the trailer and the forklift towed us to the upper parking lot.

AAA loaded the truck on a flatbed and towed the boat to my house where we unloaded everything around about 6:30pm.

It pays to have that coverage that we talked about some years ago at the club, the premium coverage for your truck and boat.. well that's it for now guys in the meantime if you get bored sharpen some hooks and have them in the ready for catching fish next time



FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings everyone once again.

Another Eastern Sierra trout opener was a great success again this year. I have been taking the 4 hour drive to Bridgeport for the trout opener now for over 45+ years. In the early years we camped and fished on the Walker River and fished the smaller streams and lakes from shore with some good success. I don't know if it's the good fishing or the bunch of guys getting together for the weekend that I continue to go back. I started going there with my high school friend BIG Bob (6'- 5") . Big Bob and I would invite others to join us and over the years and the group would grow and again some years it be just the two us. Big Bob got cancer in 2006 so we hunted deer and ducks and fished whenever we could for the short time he had left. Big Bob passed away in 2008 at the age of 55. His son Marc Christophel, you might know him as Christophel Guide Serves in Truckee, has taken the place of Big Bob. In memory of Big Bob, we continue the tradition of fishing the opener in Bridgeport. It has started a new generation of friends. You might hear me refer to Marc and his brother Steve as my adopted sons. I haven't missed the Eastern Sierra Opener but only twice. Once for extremely bad weather, but we were there the following weekend. The other time was in 2022. I won a raffle prize that paid the entry fee to the Kokanee Power Shasta Lake Classic, a 2 day Derby. The guys went on to Bridgeport and I went to Shasta Lake instead. I took first place in the tournament.

This year was another good year. The weather was a little more cooperative. It didn't snow all night and all morning on the lake like it did last year. We put our boats into Bridgeport Reservoir at 6 AM on a clear, windless and cold morning around 30 degrees. It took no time we were all catching fish. The lake is filled to capacity spreading fish everywhere and plenty of food. It was tough at times getting hookups because there was no particular thing they liked. Bridgeport Reservoir is a shallow lake averaging around 17 to 20 feet. The deepest areas are around 30 feet in the river channel to 40 plus feet by the dam at 100% capacity. The fish are on the surface and they like the shallow

water. We trolled and got most of our fish in the 6 to 17 foot range. This year the lake being full, nearly 40 % of the lake is not accessible by boat. Its way too shallow for boats because most of the area is under 3 feet. The fish are there feeding on the daily hatch. On the lower years that part of the lake is dry.

On Saturday the 4 of us landed 36 Rainbows 3 Browns from 2 to 4 pounds. The biggest Rainbow taken on Saturday was almost 8 pounds taken by someone on shore. Saturday night it rained and snowed and by morning it was clear with some wind making it much colder.

On Sunday we only fished for 3 hours because we needed to head home. We still got our fish and let most of them back into the lake. This year the lake level being high the fish were harder to catch but the quality and size was exceptional. Already making hotel reservations for next year.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

Hi Guys and Gals,

Our April speaker, Big Nate was sick last month and unable to give his presentation. I will reschedule him.

Our speaker for May is Jerry Lampkin of TNG Fishing Guide Service. Jerry has been fishing Folsom with a high degree of success as of late. Some of our members have been fishing at Folsom on our Derby days. Jerry's recent experiences at Folsom should be of great interest to them.



NO not Folsom!

I am unsure if I will be able to attend the meeting Friday as I am currently in the hospital with a heart valve problem.

Until I see you again, "Keep your lines tight and your nets ready!"

SECRETARY’S MESSAGE

JOHN KINSLOW

Old Business:

April 10th Monthly Meeting:

After much discussion a motion was made and passed by the members present “to table until a later undetermined date the review & updating of the Club By Laws.”

Bill Herbert presented to the Club a request for a donation of \$250 for the Cub Scout Pack 179 of Elk Grove. Donation would be used for purchasing Fishing Rods/Reel combo units for teaching Cub Scouts casting. Motion was made to approve the donation and passed by the members present.

Motion was made to accept Steve Nelson as Membership Chairperson on the Club Steering Committee. The members present approved the motion.

Motion was made to delay a vote on naming Joanne Davis as Club Treasurer until after Joanne becomes a member of the Club. The members present approved the motion.

April 21st Steering Committee

After much discussion the Committee has made the decision to suspend advertising the Jolly Hookers Fishing Club in the newspaper. The Ad has brought a few new members to the Club, but continuation cost per potential member does not add up.

New position added to the Club Steering Committee. Dan Fisher has volunteered to stay on the Steering Committee and head up special tasks that need attention within the Club. One of these special task

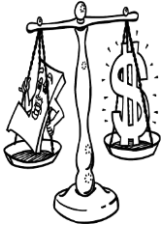
is the annual Christmas Luncheon. Dan will also assist in other areas of the Steering Committee.

Fisherman’s Warehouse will continue to honor the discount they offered a few years back to those Club members that were originally assigned a FW # and card.

As the days continue to fly by, we continue to see more of our Club Members, Spouses, Family Members & Friends dealing with different Health & Life issues. Let us not forget to keep them in our prayers & give them a call if you have the opportunity. I am sure they would appreciate hearing from you!

TREASURER’S REPORT

BEN LASALA

	Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala April 2026
Starting Balance	\$4,374
Income	
Breakfast 32x15	480
Member Donation	11
Membership Dues	60
Hat Sales	
Subtotal	551
Expenses	
Breakfast 33x12	396
Service Charge	17
Derby Pot	50
Guest Breakfasts 2x12	24
Subtotal	487
Ending Balance	\$4,438

Meet Joanne Davis (Bill Ott's Better Half)



Short Bio: In my younger days I studied Business, with a concentration on accounting, at Sac City College.

My love of numbers kept me in small jobs throughout my lifetime. When I relocated to Sacramento in 1999 I enrolled in Cosumnes River College and received another AA degree in Accounting

I retired from California Franchise Tax Board. While employed there, I audited returns as well as internal programs.

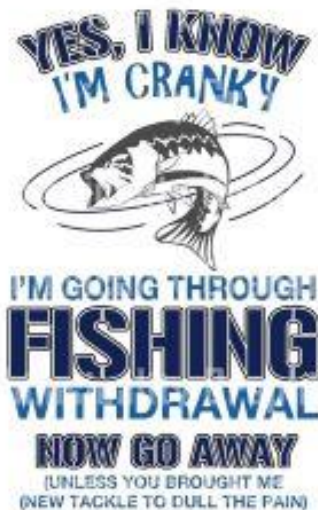
I would love to help the Jolly Hookers by taking care of the financial aspects of the club.

PS..I love to fish!

Jolly Hookers 2026 Standings					
After 5 Outings	First	Second	Third	Forth	Points
Rene Villanueva	2				39
Bob Schmidt	1	1			22.2
Walt Philipp	1				20
Dan Fisher		1			11.4
David Gaustad		1			15
Mick Mollica			1		10
Paul Wells			1		10
Steve Eskildsen		1			4.8
Armondo Garcia			1		3.8
Steve Nelson			1		3.8

Berryessa / Folsom March 24		
Bob Schmidt	2-10 Trout	Berryessa
Steve Eskildsen	1-8 Trout	Berryessa

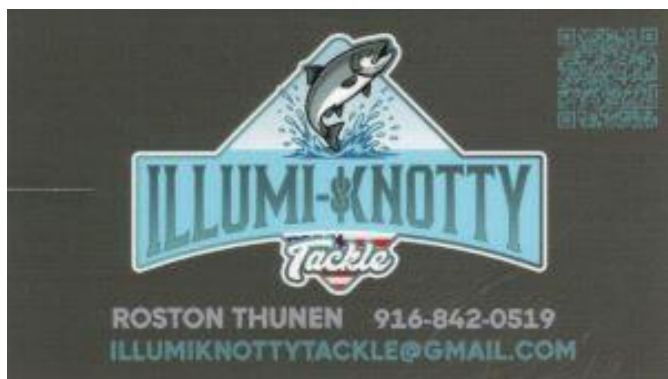
Standings & Results Furnished By Bob Schmidt





Bob Pieper (formerly of Auburn Outboard Marine) is heading up a new fishing tackle department at Mello Marine. Bob has a growing inventory of flashers, dodgers, and gear for Salmon, Trout, Kokanee and Bass.

Bob has offered our Club members a 10% discount on tackle if you mention Jolly Hookers.



I found Illumi-Knotty on Ebay and ordered some of his hand tied Kokanee tackle. Roston is actually in Browns Valley, within a few miles of Lake Collin's. I haven't had a chance to really put the tackle to the test; but they have me hooked! Illumi-Knotty's website is now up and running. www.illumiknottytackle.com. Roston has sent me some of his hand tied tackle for our May door raffle.

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Your Welcome! Cub Scout Pack 179

2026 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>Membership</u>	Steve Nelson
<u>Activities</u>	Paul Wells
<u>Fishing</u>	Bob Schmidt
<u>NDO</u>	Gary Kawano
<u>Special Task</u>	Dan Fisher
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<u>&Webmaster</u>	Mike Landeck



Bob Schmidt's 2026 Bridgeport Trip