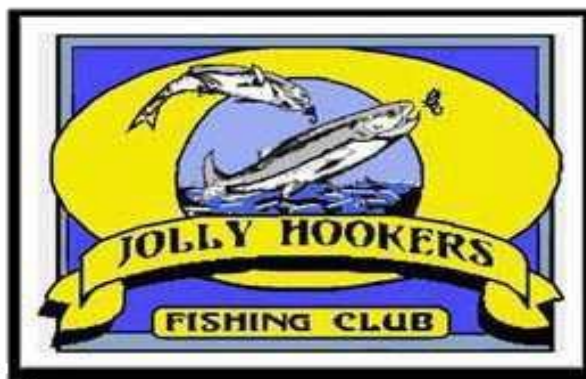




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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE



STEVE MILANOVICH

Greetings fellow Hookers

Did October go by faster than any of the other months? I knew it was winding down pretty fast as trick-or-treat is done.

My grandson's football game was a good one and the last one of the year..

Went fishing a couple of times. Once at B&W Marina, we put in there and fished, it was the first time for me in my boat. Not knowing where to go, we were in deep water, shallow water. It was a joke and did we have grass. I also had a propeller that wasn't working right and come to find out the intake manifold was going bad on my boat, so it was horrible but enjoyable at the, same time.

The following week we went out to Brandon Island and I had a great time. Gary and I followed a friend (Tom Padilla) in his boat. He knows the neighborhood and let us on a great time as we putted around in my broken boat.

When I took the boat back to the yard, I told the mechanic (Ron) what was shaken and he found time to take it in and order a new manifold. The old manifold was found to be cracked when removed.

Good thing we didn't push it to where we blew things up.

It was all fixed in a week and this coming week Ben LaSala 🇺🇸 and Gary Kawano are going to fish at the Port in my boat. Can't wait to get in it again.

Coming up real fast is going to be the December luncheon so, please everybody if you're planning on attending, get your money in so we can get a headcount. Hopefully our callers will remind all of us to pay in advance. I know Bill Ott would be very happy.

In the meantime, keep your hooks sharp and take your boat out for a ride. See you soon. 🍌 🇺🇸

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Howdy everyone we have less than 2 months left in this year. Where did the year go?

October brought in some new challenges for some of us when we fished the Mokelumne River for the first time. First, we juggled with what day to fish, from Tuesday to Monday then to Wednesday (10/14) due to rain. For all of us it was first time launching at B & W Resort into the Mokelumne River in the dark. For Ben and his wife Charlene they made a wrong turn getting off Highway 12 and ended up in someone's driveway. In the process of turning around, broke a taillight on the boat trailer. For me I was following my GPS when it instructed me to turn left and I ended up going the wrong way on a one lane road. It was unnerving seeing the painted street arrows pointing at me. Nothing I could do but follow it out. I turned left too soon. Steve and Gary had their own problems once on the river. They couldn't get their boat up to

speed and had only one speed “slow”. The propeller was gravitating and later when checked it was missing a bushing.

Once on the river I had no idea where to go so I headed towards the San Joaquin River. There I found myself stuck in a shallow weed bed that went on forever. Once I got out of the weed bed, I went back up the Mokelumne River to the North and South forks. Fished both forks for about 2 miles. What a mess. The bottom goes up and down faster than a yo-yo from 3 feet to 20 feet. Changing from deep divers to shallow runners and catching nothing but weeds and grass. Meanwhile Ben and Steve stayed close the highway 12 and the B&W Marina. Steve got a small striper under the highway 12 bridge. My main battery went dead after 6 hours of trolling? I had to use my backup battery system to get back to the marina. It was not our day and we decided to go to Brannan Island for the next fishing trip. A place we are very familiar with.

Brannan Island Boat Launch (10/21) we all went different ways that day. Rene’s boat and Dave’s boat went to the Northern end of the Mokelumne River for salmon. They could not get any salmon except for one they lost at the boat. Steve and Gary went to San Joaquin River after getting their propeller working once again. They had no luck getting any stripers there. I went to the West Bank on the Sacramento River and had a good day. Got 3 stripers first thing from 3 to 4 lbs. on the outgoing tide. Trolling fast using shallow running lures in 4 -7 feet of water. Later that morning on the incoming tide got the 2 biggest stripers at 7 and 7 ½ lbs. trolling slower. This time they were caught on deep running lures in 10 to 13 feet of water. I watched one boat catch and release 2 nice salmon (can’t keep salmon on the Sac River) on rattle traps, they also had 2 nice stripers.

The river was almost weed free and you could troll long distance up to maybe a mile. I take chances then fishing for stripers. Getting close to weed lines, trolling fast in shallow water and keeping the lures close to the bottom. I keep a close eye on the fish finder watching the water depth. Any changes in depth by 1 foot in either direction I respond immediately to get back to my desired depth. This takes some practice and concentration, watching your surroundings

closely, missing those snags and navigating the changes in a split seconds. This is all done while going fast in shallow water. Done wrong you can lose those \$16 lures, run the boat into the weed beds, and worst of all run your prop into the bottom. If you do it right, it’s rewarding when that reel clicker starts singing.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

Hi Guys and Gals,

I hope your Halloween was not too scary!

For November, our speaker is Vicky Bagley from the Boy Scouts. She is in charge of their fishing program. Vicky is looking to recruit some help on teaching the Boy Scouts on how to fish. I thought it would be a good idea for the Jolly Hookers to step up and help them. Vicky is going to tell us about the program and what they need.

I hope to see you at the 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 fly 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 Ben LaSala October 2025
Starting Balance	\$5,247
Income	
Breakfast 30x\$15	450
Non-eaters 6x\$3	18
Member Donation	5
Christmas Luncheon 12x\$25	300
Hat Sales	
Subtotal	773
Expenses	
Breakfast 30x12	360
Guest Breakfasts	12
Elks Lodge Tip	28
Raffle Prizes (2 months)	78
Derby Pot (2months)	70
Website Renewal	96
Subtotal	644
Ending Balance	\$5,376

ASSISTANT HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

BILL OTT

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

2025 JOLLY HOOKER'S CHISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year's Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge on Friday, December 12th, 2025.

The cost will be \$25 per person.
Please pay in advance not later than November 15, 2025, to Ben LaSala.

Doors will open at 12:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm

Menu includes a choice of either:

Beef plate:

Tri-tip (cooked "medium")
Baked Potato

Chicken plate:

½ roasted chicken
Rice pilaf

Vegetarian plate:

Meatless Lasagna

A large green salad with choice of dressing and dinner rolls placed at each table.

Desert includes a generous slice of Cheesecake smothered with whipped cream with a choice of berry topping.

Coffee and water are included at no additional charge. Cocktails and wine will be available for purchase.

Raffle Prizes:

We will have some great raffle prizes this year. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for \$1.00 each starting at 12:00pm. Raffle will commence immediately after lunch.

We must vacate the building by 4:00 pm.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!



After 19 Outings	First	Second	Third	Forth	Points
Bob Schmidt	7		2	2	168.5
Rene Villanueva	3		3		96.6
Steve Milanovich	3	2			70.5
Walt Philipp	1		2	1	51.6
Brain Hough	2		1		44.3
Steve Nelson		1	3		41.7
Gary Kawano		2		1	35
Steve Paulick	1			1	25
Steve Eskildsen		1	1		25
Ben LaSala		1	1	1	24.9
Bill Herbert		1		1	24.2
Bob Bonner		2			22.5
Jeff Kinslow	1				20
Jose Martinez	1				19.5
Milo Tubbs		1			15
Paul Wells		1			15
Herculan Silva		1			15
Virgil Loken		2			15
John Kinslow		1			11.7
Mike DeVore					1*
* Being A All Around Nice Guy					

Jolly Hookers 2025 Standings

Results furnished by Bob Schmidt

Derby Sept. 23 ,2025 Delta		
Bob Schmidt	7 - 8 lbs	Striper

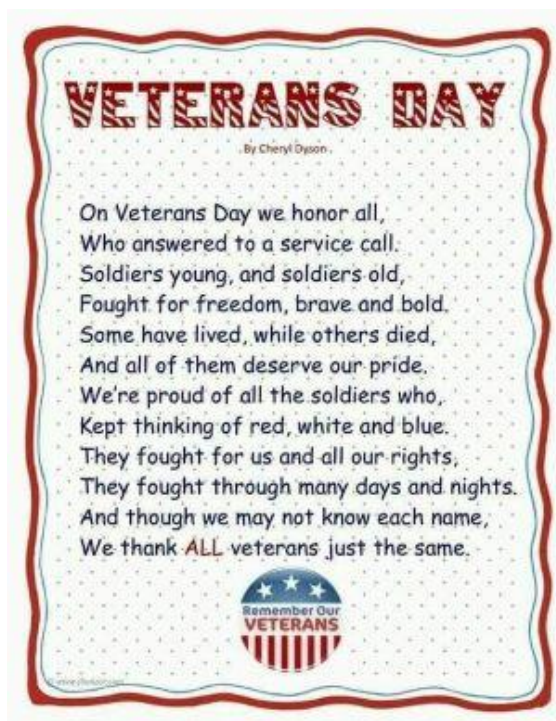
Mokelumne River Oct 15,2025		
Steve Milanovich	20"	Striper



Bob's Delta Striper

By Stephen Paulick

Here are a couple pictures of some fish I caught on my long-range fishing trip on the Red Rooster 3 out of San Diego. One fish is a 40lb. black sea bass, the other is a 63lb. yellow fin tuna.



I haven't done much fishing in the last couple months, but I did do a hike with my two daughters, Kayla and Deborah to the Tri-Point of California, Nevada and Oregon. Here we are standing at the Tri-Point.