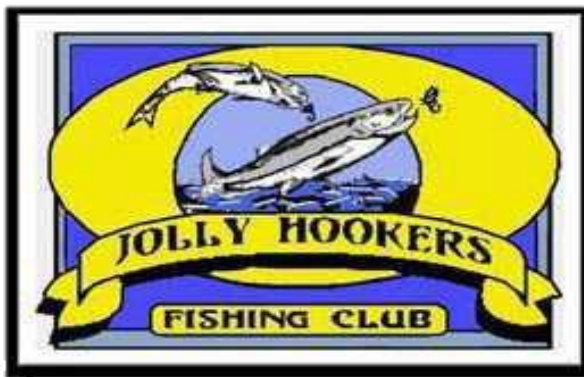




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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE MILANOVICH



Greeting fellow Hookers,

I come to you today from Tri-state Fair in Amarillo, Texas.

Things are really spread out here and we walk forever. Wish we had one

of those little carts..lol. We missed the rodeo by one day, today was team roping and they have some pretty good prize money...

Don't know anything about fishing other than what I read on the Facebook. It seems like Bib Naite is still knocking them dead at Berryessa.. my boat's in the shop getting the wiring put in for the new Downrigger's and it seems like I'm gonna miss the Washington Outboard Striper Derby which was yesterday. I don't have a clue what happened but it's all good.

Wish all of you safe travels if you are and fishing. I did get a little update that Armando was catching Salmon up on the Sacramento River, congratulations Armando.

Well, in the meantime, keep your hook sharp. We're going to use them sometime in the near future. I bid you a farewell. And we'll see you soon when I return. Adios

ASSISTANT HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

BILL OTT

First and foremost, I want to reiterate that if you want to nominate a member to be an officer of Jolly Hookers for calendar year 2027, your nomination must be submitted to a member of the Steering Committee by the end of October. Elections of officers for 2027 will be held by a show of hands on November 13th during the breakfast meeting.

Secondly, both Stive Milanovich and I will be out of town on October 9th, therefore Dan Fisher will conduct the breakfast meeting on that date.

Those that did not attend the Rec4Vets salmon fishing "derby" missed a successful outing on the Sacramento River this past September 25th. Nevertheless, Jolly Hookers was well represented, albeit they ran out of available vets to fish. Our own Armando Garcia had to fish alone and I was bumped from Dave Thorne's boat, so I chose to hang around the Marina to assist with setting up the dining area for the lunch that followed. Our Treasurer Joanne, made her infamous potato salad to feed 75 anglers and it was mentioned several times. I want to acknowledge the Sacramento Marina at Miller Park for their contribution of allowing the entire marina to be used for this event at no cost to the Rec4Vets organization. Lastly, it should be mentioned that Darren Butler, President of Rec4Vets is an incredible volunteer who endeavors to ensure that veterans within our communities can have another day on the water with a rod in hand.

Fishing report for that event: Although I didn't get an exact count, I believe there were 20 salmon caught from 7am to 12pm. One boat had 6 fish netted and in the boat (the largest weighed 30lbs. 6oz.) All fish looked quite fresh and haven't turned, making it a bit difficult to determine male from female (bucks or hens) at first glance. I noticed most boats were primarily using spinners, some with one blade others with 2 blades, most blades were chartreuse or silver, with pearl, pink or blue beads. A few captains reported they had to adjust the size of their cannon ball weights from 2oz to 6oz depending on set-back distance, depth and the speed they were trolling, all were using splitters. I didn't hear of anyone jigging. YES, there were an abundant number of sea lions reported as well.

With that showing on one short day of fishing, one can anticipate a great year for salmon fishing on the Sacramento and American rivers this year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MENU:

Main Course: Roast Turkey (Whole turkeys roasted) or Tri-Tip
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Green Salad, Cheesecake (Whipped Cream, w/ Cherry or Blueberry Topping)
Coffee & Water

NOMINEE'S FOR 2027 STEERING COMMITTEE

Head Hooker:	Bill Ott
Asst. Head Hooker:	Ian Maker
Treasurer:	Joanne Davis
Secretary:	John Kinslow
Membership Chair:	Dave Thorne
Fishing Chair:	Bob Schmidt
Asst. Fishing Chair:	Bob Bonner
Special Task Chair:	Steve Eskildsen
Asst. Special Task Chair:	Mike Landeck

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

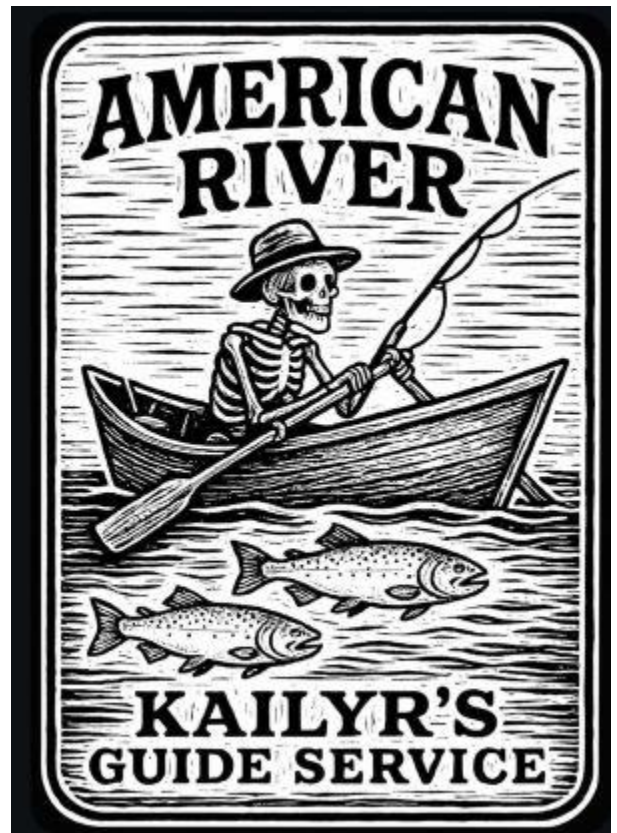
Happy Halloween!! The only thing scary this month has been my fishing.

Last month, we didn't have a speaker because we held our annual auction which went well. Our speaker for

this month is Kailyr's Guide Service. Kailyr guides a lot on the American River including float fishing trips. The rivers are becoming more active with Salmon than they have been in years.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting!

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



FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

We have a new winner for the month of September and he takes all the points. Armando Garcia wins both outings. One salmon each time out and the only fish caught on both outings. Jumping from 16 place to third place. Congratulation Armando.

I'm still doing my weekly bike rides over the American River at Hazel Av. I'm now starting to stop at mid span to look for salmon. This week (9/29) I was able to see a ½ dozen salmon under the bridge. The hatchery has not started running water down flume yet. The parking lot and visitor center still remains closed to the public due to budget cuts. That might change on

October 1. The river flows have looked the same for the last 2 months.

Strange thing this week looking for salmon off the Hazel Av. Bridge. In my many years of riding the bike trail seen many a Rattle Snake. But this is a first. Looking down at the river, I tough it was a big stick floating down river. Has it passes under me, it was the largest Rattle Snake I have ever seen. This snake had to be over 6 feet long and as big around as a baseball bat. It was swimming from the North side to the South side of the river. It almost kept up with the current crossing river and only drift down stream by maybe 15 yards. It made it to shore above the hatchery old fish ladder and the river gates. It was able swim in the fast current and able to avoid rocks and turbulent water where the old gates were placed. It was something to see.

The salmon are on their way. On Lake Natoma the gulls are assembling in large numbers just above dam. This is a sure sign the salmon will be here soon. I see us fishing the river for salmon again this month. This time maybe below Sacramento. Added note: I just heard that on Tuesday 9/29 Bill Herbert got 2 salmon fishing with Rene and Brian Hough fishing around Garcia Bend. Both Rene and Brian also got 1 salmon each.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

JOHN KINSLOW

As the days continue to fly by, we continue to see more of our Current Club & Past 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

JOANNE DAVIS

	Treasurer's Report By Joanne Davis September 2026
Starting Balance	\$4,011
Income	
Breakfast 36@15	540
Dues	25
Auction	441
Member Donation	80
Subtotal	1086
Expenses	
Breakfast 37@12+tip 31	475
Insurance-Ben LaSala	223
Derby Pot	35
UPS Store-Fax IRS	13
Subtotal	746
Ending Balance	4351
Savings Acct Bal	3200
Cash Box	1151
TOTAL	4351

Thanks to all who donated items for the auction and a special thanks to the lucky high bidders who now have even more fishing equipment than they will probably ever use. Thanks also to Gary Kwano for his assistance during the auction.

Jolly Hookers 2026 Standings					
After 14 Outings	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Bob Schmidt	4	4	1		103.2
Rene Villanueva	3	1	1		75
Armondo Garcia	2		1		44.8
Bob Bonner	2		1		43.6
John Kinslow	1	1			29.4
Walt Philipp	1				20
Steve Eskildsen		2			19.8
David Gaustad		1			15
Bill Ott		1			15
Dan Fisher		1			11.2
Mick Mollica			1		10
Paul Wells			1		10
Ben LaSala			1		10
Steve Paulick	1				9
Mario Parker		1			7.2
Steve Milanovich				1	5
Gary Kawano			1		4.8

Results Kept & Summited By Bob Schmidt



Rec4Vet's (Facebook Posting)

We are still buzzing from our return to the Sacramento Marina—by far our most successful fishing event yet at this venue. We boated more fish today than in all of our previous events here COMBINED!

🌟 A massive thank you to our incredible volunteers for making this unforgettable day happen. You showed up, put fish in the boat, and most importantly, put smiles on everyone's faces.

We also want to send a special shout-out to the amazing people who made this day possible....

*Sacramento Marina – Thank you for inviting us back and being such phenomenal hosts this year!

*Nor Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association (NCGASA) – For the awesome "swag bags," your continuous support, and all the hard work you do behind the scenes to protect our seasons on the rivers and salt.

*Bill Ott of Jolly Hookers – For working the phones to round up our amazing volunteers, and to his wife for that legendary potato salad! 🥔🥗

*Rick Widoe & Bill Mackay – For the beautiful, custom Purple Heart cribbage boards and bottle openers. What a day on the water! We can't wait for the next one



Pictures By Bill Ott

Folsom Lake 9/22/2026 By Steve Eskildsen

I was fishing Folsom Lake and caught one King Salmon. I caught it in the North Fork just offshore from Granite Bay. I was down at 95 ft. at 2.6 mph using a Chartreuse w/ Black Polkadot Speedy Shiner. Just before putting the lure in the water, I dipped in a Power Bait product that was green, garlic scented and had a thick gooey texture. That was my secret sauce, don't tell anyone! Lol. I don't know the weight but it was 16 ¾ inches long – quite a nice fish.



Armando's 16.9 lb Salmon



One of Rene's Salmon

Sac. River 9/28/2026 By Rick Schrichfield

A friend and I went salmon fishing yesterday on the Sacramento River. We launched at Miller Park before sunrise and had three salmon in the boat by 9 AM. The larger two were around 19-22 pounds. We/me lost a fourth salmon at the boat shortly before 10 AM. We were anchored and primarily fished K15 killer fish wrapped with sardine. Chartreuse and chrome was the best color. These are the days we all remember and appreciate more each year.



**Grandson's take Grandpa (Bill Kishi) out fishing
For his Birthday.....**





2026 Steering Committee

<u>Head Hooker</u>	Steve Milanovich
<u>Asst. Head Hooker</u>	Bill Ott
<u>Treasurer</u>	Joanne Davis
<u>Secretary</u>	John Kinslow
<u>Membership</u>	
<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