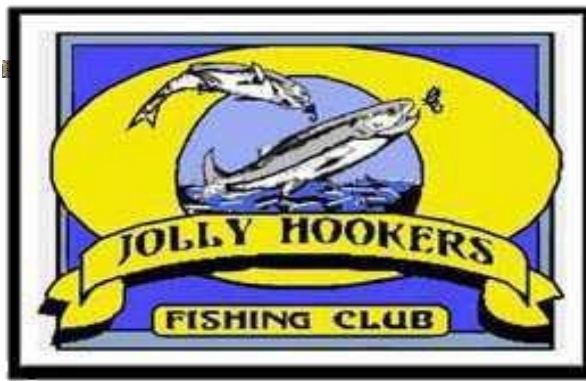




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NEWSLETTER

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HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

STEVE MILANOVICH



Howdy 🐼 fellow Hookers

Fall is right around the corner... Fish are ready to spawn in the lakes and rivers...

If you are still fishing and catching, practice catch and release keeping one for the bbq if you can..

For those of us whose boat aren't tagged, there are some lakes open to clean drained and dry boats ...

Another option is the Delta water... Striper derbies will be happening the next couple of months...

This month our fishing chairman is on vacation sooo I have an idea that will include tagged boats...

Last month was good fishing for many of us.. Icehouse was off the hook, Berryessa was another great day for us.. we will fill you in at the meeting... Be safe out there and keep your hooks sharp 🐼

FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOB SCHMIDT

Greetings Everyone

We had some great fishing at the two outings in August at Ice House. SMUD has done an outstanding job stocking the lake with nice fish this year. The fish

are nice looking, full of color, full square tails and fins all in perfect condition. The average size is between 2 & 3 pounds. Once in a while you might get one under 2 pounds.

I took Ben LaSala out in my boat (Aug 27) and treated him to a great morning of fishing. It didn't take long before we were catching fish. By 9:00 we had 8 fish in the box and then started releasing every fish we caught after that. We saved space in the box for an even bigger fish, if we were able to catch one. We already had 2 fish over 3 pounds.

We started out trolling fast using Speedy Shinnners and then slowed it down using spinners and Brad's Cutplugs with a blade. Color was not a factor for everything we used caught a fish. The fish were between 45 to 50 feet down. We had 3 double hookups and 1 triple hookup that morning.

There was a change of thunderstorms in the area so we changed the weigh-in to 12:30. Right after we changed the time the sky opened up and dumped a downpour of rain on only half the lake. It caught both Ben and I, Bob Bonner and Steve Eskildsen by surprise. Steve Milanovich and Gary Kawano were at the other end of lake by the dam and didn't get drop of rain.

With this downpour going on Ben and I scrambling to put the top up on the boat. Wouldn't you know it we got a double hook-up in the middle of all this? That was the third double hook-up of the day in the pouring down rain. We kept those 2 fish to complete our limits and headed in to dry out. I think Ben and I landed about 20 fish and kept 10 and lost another 3 or 4. It was a good morning of fishing.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

PAUL WELLS

Hi Guys and Gals,

The auction was a big success! I would like to thank everybody who donated items and those who emptied their wallets to make it a success. I think most people had a lot of fun doing it. I would, especially, like to thank John Frantz, who donated a lifetime of collecting fishing gear!

For this month, Fred Chapman is going to share some of his travel escapades covering Norway and Finland.

I, personally, was very excited to hear that he was willing to share with us his travels in Norway, having just been there a few months ago. I found Norway to be a very gorgeous and fascinating country.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

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

SECRETARY’S MESSAGE

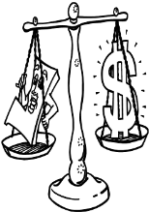
JOHN KINSLOW

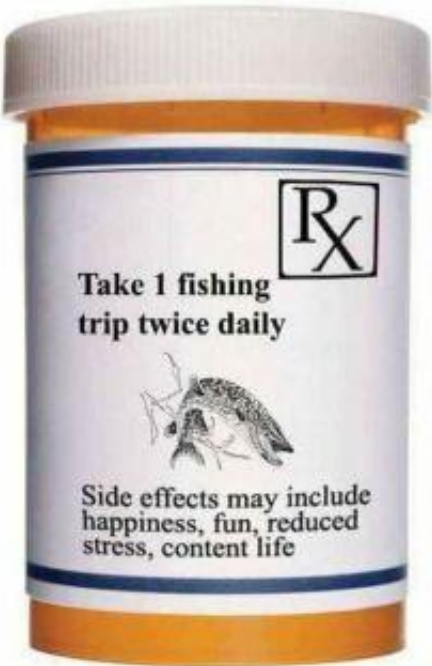
Input needed for **your** club newsletter (pictures, fish stories & such). **Your** Steering Committee is also interested in **your** thoughts and ideas that could benefit **your** club.

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 <i>Ben LaSala</i> <i>August 2025</i>
Starting Balance	\$4,579
Income	
Breakfast 36X\$15	540
Non-eaters 6X\$3	18
Member Dues	30
Member Donations	85
Annual Auction Proceeds	679
Subtotal	1352
Expenses	
Member's Breakfast 36X\$12	432
Guests' Breakfast 2x\$12	24
Elks Lodge Tip	44
Derby Pot	50
Bank Fees for August	16
Subtotal	566
Ending Balance	\$5,365



Volunteers Needed:



Copy of email I received from:

Jackie Hadley @

American River Parkway Foundation

Hi John,

I hope this note finds you well! Earlier this summer, I reached out about fishing poles for our community programs. While we've now gathered enough poles for our group (16 total), I'd love to extend a different kind of request to your members.

As part of our Parkway CONNECT program, we'll be hosting a fishing day on October 11th from 9am-12pm (ish) along the American River. We expect 16 participants (or up to 32 if they pair up), and all they'll need is some guidance on casting and baiting. I'll provide the poles, bait, and other supplies—the only ask is for a few people with fishing experience to come out, share their knowledge, and enjoy the day with us.

If anyone in your group is interested in helping, please let me know—I'd be happy to share more of the details.

Thank you in advance!

Jackie



Jackie Hadley

Education Manager (she/her/hers)

American River Parkway Foundation

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Please contact Ms. Hadley if you are interested in volunteering to help make this event a success.



Flaming Gorge in July By: Rick Schrichfield

My good friend Sonny Wells and I went to Flaming Gorge in July. He had never been to Flaming Gorge.

We stayed in Manila Utah and fished in Wyoming each day. The weather, travel and lodging were all enjoyable. We found fish in all areas we fished including the confluence of the Green and Black Rivers, Breeze Hill, Low Canyon and Eagles Nest.all in Wyoming. We only kept a few of the larger kokanee and enjoyed them on the BBQ. The larger kokanee were 20-21 inches in length and between 3 and 4 pounds. One evening we took a drive up into Ashley National Forest. We enjoyed the Sheep Creek geological loop and saw a few big horn sheep right next to the truck. We had dinner at the Red Canyon Lodge and enjoyed the array of humming birds feeding next to our table. My partner said it was the fishing trip of his life. It was amazing even after going there for over a dozen years.

If you can handle the driving and being away from home I would encourage you to enjoy this amazing fishery. If you would like information about the travel, lodging, launching, fishing, etc. I would be happy to share my experience like many folks have done for me. I will be going in early July 2026 and can show you areas on the lake that have been productive. I do not mind sharing about what equipment, lures/dodger setups, corn scents, etc. You can fish in the same spots and share information on the water. There have been a number of fishing club members who have enjoyed this fishery over the years. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or an interest in going. There is a reason I keep going back. See attached addiction.



Icehouse Reservoir 8/26/2025





Virgil w/ King Salmon he caught while on an outing with Ben & Brett Brady in early August.

Derby Ice House Aug 26,2025		
Bob Schmidt	3-1 1/8	Trout
Gary Kauano	3-0 5/8	Trout
Steve Eskildsen	2-15 3/8	Trout
Ben Lasala	2-9 3/8	Trout

Ice House Aug 12,2025		
Steve Milanovich	2-12 1/2	Trout
Bob Bonner	2-11 1/2	Trout
Bob Schmidt	2-11 3/8	Trout

Jolly Hookers 2025 Standings					
After 15 Outings	First	Second	Third	Forth	Points
Bob Schmidt	6		2	2	148.5
Rene Villanueva	2		3		76
Steve Milanovich	1	2			52.5
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
Walt Philipp			2	1	21.6
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 Around Nice Guy					

Updated Standings furnished by Bob Schmidt

2025 Steering Committee

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Bill Ott

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NDO Chairman

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