



# October 2022 Rooster Tails Newsletter

## Message from the Board of Directors

Fellow Rooster Tails:

Finally we are getting a break from the heat which means fishing should be improving. Hopefully you are getting out on the water and putting fish in your cooler.

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Our guest speaker for the October 21 monthly meeting will be **Mike Peckham** of **MJP River Adventures and Guide Service.**

Captain Michael J. Peckham has been exploring and fishing Pyramid Lake with family and friends for years. He has been experimenting with different lures and speeds to increase his catch ratio per trip. He will be sharing this information on how to catch Lahontan Cutthroat Trout on Pyramid Lake in Nevada at our October Rooster Tails Meeting.

Mike is not guiding on Pyramid Lake at this time, but he is still willing to share his knowledge with us. The Pyramid Lake season is from October 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Paiute Tribe hatcheries have been planting nearly a million fish into Pyramid Lake and the lower Truckee River every year. Pyramid Lake is famous for large Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, offering opportunities to fish from either a boat or fly fishing from the shore.

The 2022 fishing season opener at Pyramid Lake had mixed reports with lots of fishermen and boats. With warmer weather and a full moon, a lot of the larger fish were in 80 ft. of water or were sitting on the bottom.

In his presentation he will talk about the wind, weather and safety on Pyramid Lake. He will also be sharing his knowledge about different lures which have been successful at catching Lahontan Cutthroat Trout at Pyramid Lake for him.

Captain Peckham also runs trips for Salmon in the Klamath and Sacramento Rivers and Stripers in the Delta, but he loves to run up to Pyramid to catch those Lahontan Cutthroat trout with family and friends.

Captain Michael J. Peckham is bonded, insured, first-aid certified and is a US Coast Guard Licensed Captain. He runs a 21 ft. Rogue Jet boat, with the latest electronics and first class tackle for Salmon and Stripers. He also will be running his 16ft, Willie drift boat in January 2023 season for Steelhead on the American River.

Please feel free to contact Captain Mike for guiding or any information at:

Email: [michaeljpeckham@yahoo.com](mailto:michaeljpeckham@yahoo.com) or cell: 916-764-0485

Webpage: [MJPGUIDE.COM](http://MJPGUIDE.COM)

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As a reminder, the cost of the monthly breakfast has increased to \$19. As is the case most everywhere, the cost of doing business for the Elks Lodge has increased to the point where it must be passed on. Thank you for your continued support

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### **Jackpot Contest:**

The 2020 Jackpot Contest is coming to a close. See below for more details.

**November 21 Rockcod/Crab Combo Trip:** The club has chartered the Pacific Pearl out of Emeryville for November 21st. The boat leaves the dock at 6am. We have room for 20 people. 8 spots are already taken - \$200/person. Leave a message if you can go on the club email: [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org) and bring a check to our October meeting. Mike Walker will confirm your reservation.

Thank You and we look forward to seeing you Friday!

### **CLUB UPDATES**

- 20 Members have signed up for this year's contest which will be closing the end of November. See below for details.
- A For Sale table will be set up in the back for members to sell off unwanted fishing gear.
- Keep an eye out for details on our Annual Turkey Tournament this November.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting November 14.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting November 21.
- James Netzel of Tight Lines Guide Service will be the speaker in November.
- There will be no meeting in December. Enjoy the Holidays! See you January!
- The Board wishes to thank those who take the time to speak to the club!

## **Rooster Tails 2022 Jackpot Contest Update**

The Rooster Tails Jackpot Fishing Contest for 2022 will be coming to a close on November 30th 2022. Currently we have 20 members who have paid the \$20 entry fee for a \$400 prize pool. If you have signed up for the contest and have a fish you would like to enter you can email your entry to [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org). A copy of the entry form and rules can be obtained on the club's website [www.roostertailsfishingclub.org](http://www.roostertailsfishingclub.org) or by emailing it to the above email address. Also, you can mail your entry's, along with photos', to RTFC PO Box 7441, Auburn, Ca 95604. If you have additional questions about the contest, you can contact Dave Stallions, the new Jackpot contest chairman at (530)320-1790.

This year's fish species are Kokanee, Landlocked Salmon, River/Ocean King Salmon, Striped Bass, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead, Lake Trout (Mackinaw), Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, Catfish, Shad, Ling Cod and Halibut.

Currently we have 7 entries and the top fish currently are: **Rainbow Trout** - Bev Mierkey, 5-27-22, Lake Oroville, 23.5", 3.73 lbs; **Land Locked Salmon** - Chuck Mierkey, 5-27-22, Lake Oroville, 20", 3.0 lbs; **Brown Trout** - Chuck Mierkey, 4-30-22, Lake Shasta, 26", 5.76 lbs; **Catfish** - Trudy Liske, 5-10-22, Lake Camanche, 23", 5.9 lbs. Other member entries include Yvette Meador, 21.5" Rainbow from Collins Lake, Trudy Liske, 23" Rainbow from Collins Lake and Chuck Mierkey, 24" Brown Trout from Lake Shasta.

Winners will be announced after November 30th and prize money will be awarded at the January 2023 Breakfast Meeting.

## Will Fish Tackle Report by Craig Newton



10/13/2022

High average temperatures and no precipitation has made late summer conditions persist into fall. We are starting to see river conditions shifting into fall flows and temperatures. That said the river salmon runs have been late and sporadic, resulting in hit or miss fishing. I am hopeful that the cool nights will drop river temps enough to slow down the migrating salmon to allow a few more angling opportunities.

Striper fishing in the upper Sacramento and Feather Rivers will begin producing large resident stripers. The Delta has been good for the striper bite however the bigger fish have moved out of the Rio Vista area.

**ENGLEBRIGHT:** The trout trolling continues to produce in front of the marina. Up river will provide the best opportunity for browns.

**FOLSOM LAKE:** 5 MPH speed limit and resulting reduction in boat traffic makes Folsom a good weekend option. Those who have tried are catching more bass on the troll than trout or salmon. Use caution as trees are still claiming tackle and downrigger balls.

**FRENCH MEADOWS/HELL HOLE:** Mosquito fire clean up has the area around French Meadows and Hell Hole closed until next year.

**OROVILLE LAKE:** Bass fishermen are doing well on spots. No recent landlocked king action to add.

**DELTA:** Striped Bass fishing has been good with decent catch counts but the larger fish has moved off. Worth a try when wind allows. A few anglers were blown off the river this week.

**SACRAMENTO METRO:** Salmon are still making their way through the Metro area over the last few weeks but they are on a mission to reach cooler water. You have to be there when they shoot through to get a shot. Low warm water has fishing staying out later before they decide to make the run or to stay out at sea for another year. Some fish are taking plugs backrolled on anchor at Verona and below the American River. Trollers are doing better south of town from the yacht club to Freeport. Some fish are showing in the upper American River where a 32lb buck was landed above Sunrise this week.

**PYRAMID LAKE:** By all reports the lake continues to produce lots of fish and great quality. Many fish over 10 pounds and fish over 15 pounds are not uncommon. Trolling GVF Draggins and 4" Lyman Lures at 40 feet on the wire was the go-to for many successful anglers. Once bait and fish were located, jigging P-line lazer minnows and tube baits was lights out. If you are looking to experience one of the best fisheries in the country, Pyramid Lake is the place to go.



# Nor Cal Guide & Sportsman Association Annual Dinner



Club supporter & guide James Netzel has asked us to pass along this flyer regarding the [Nor Cal Guide and Sportsman's Association](https://ncgasa.org/product/2022-annual-dinner/) Annual Dinner. The association works tirelessly to advance common sense issues related to fishing and hunting in Northern California.

[Hickory Hank's BBQ](https://ncgasa.org/product/2022-annual-dinner/) will be catering the NCGASA's Annual Fundraising Dinner on Nov. 5th. Buy your tickets now to be entered into our Early Bird raffle drawing (Early Bird ends Oct. 15). We're giving away 100+ guns, 75+ guided fishing trips at this dinner.

Click [\[https://ncgasa.org/product/2022-annual-dinner/\]](https://ncgasa.org/product/2022-annual-dinner/) to purchase tickets. Help us save fisheries in the North State.

## Fishing Reports from Members

Dave Stallions reported he and friends fished Lake Englebright on the 6th of October and had an awesome day. They fished down about 30 to 35 feet at the upper end of lake using wedding rings and similar kokanee type bugs with nite crawler and a salmon egg about 50 feet behind down rigger. Green was the hot color and all fish were rainbow trout in the 12-14 inch range.

We would love to share more reports from members so if you are fishing please consider sending in a report to [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org)

That's all for now. We look forward to seeing on the 21st!

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