



August 2023 Rooster Tails Newsletter

Message from the Board of Directors

Greetings Rooster Tails!

Hope this finds you well and that you have been out filling your fish boxes. Overall fishing has been pretty good this summer.

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We look forward to seeing you on the 18th at the Elks Lodge! Remember, doors to the Elk's Lodge open at 7am, Breakfast begins at 8 and our speaker begins at 9. Fishing reports, Monthly Raffle and fellowship continue after the speaker.

CLUB UPDATES

- 2023 Jackpot Contest is ongoing. You can sign up at the meeting. Remember, you have to have your application in two weeks before any submission.
- A For Sale table will be set up in the back for members to sell off unwanted fishing gear.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting - August 14, 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Dinner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting - August 18
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting - September 11
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting -September 15
- Wolf Pack outing to Pyramid Lake - October 3-5 (see below for details)

August Speaker: Chris Martin Bass Pro

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Will Fish Tackle Report

by Craig Newton



09/08/23

Summer is here and we are in a typical summer pattern with higher elevation lakes fishing well for cold water species and lower elevation lakes are fishing well for warm water fish. The ocean has been rough for the last month with only a few days with inshore rockfishing being targeted. Normally we would be talking about inland and ocean salmon fishing, but the closure has put an end to that. Blue Fin tuna are still offshore but the conditions have made it very difficult for sport fishers to get out and troll.

BULLARDS BAR: Kokanee fishing continues to be very productive at Bullards Bar. There are fish from 40' to 60' down that are taking dodger/hoochie, dodger/cut plug, and dodger/spinner combos. Average size is 12" - 13" with a few coming in over 14". Fish are schooled at the dam and up the Yuba river arm. Scattered schools are found throughout the main body of the lake too. Orange and pink still are the preferred colors.

FOLSOM LAKE: Cold water species are still being difficult as anglers work hard to land a few trout and kings here and there. Fish are being found around the dam, in the mouth of the south fork and up the north fork. The bass bite continues to be good with top water action taking off.

FRENCH MEADOWS/HELL HOLE: Access to both of these lakes is through Georgetown via Wentworth Springs and 11 Pines Rd. Keep an eye out for potholes and washboard sections in the road. The last 7 miles to Hell Hole or French Meadows from the French Meadows Road junction require patients as the potholes can come up on you quickly. Hell Hole has been producing Kokanee from 14.5-16". Kokanee can be found near the dam and up near the narrows this time of year. Pink and orange continue to bring bites. Don't be afraid to mix it up if the bite slows. Mackinaw and big browns are also available at Hell Hole. Camping is available at the Big Meadows campground for Hell Hole anglers. French Meadows has been producing beautiful rainbows and browns for anglers trolling Rapalas and Dodger/Worm combos. Crawdads are out so consider red/gold and crawdad color lures.

OROVILLE LAKE: Not much news from Oroville. Bass is the word for now. Kings have not shown up for those who have tried and we are not sure if the kings are going to make an appearance this year.

SIERRA LAKES: Union Valley has been producing Kokanee the last three weeks with fish up to 15" being landed from Camino Cove to the dam. Mackinaw continue to bite at Union as well. Mid elevation lakes like Scotts Flat, Sugar Pine, Stumpy Meadows, and Sly Park are fishing well when not over taken by recreational boaters. Spaulding has been producing browns early and late for trollers working the north side of the lake from the powerhouse to the creek. Loon Lake has been fishing well for Rainbows and Browns.

STAMPEDE RESERVOIR: Kokanee fishing had been on again off again over the past few weeks. There has been significant pressure on the kokanee and that may have something to do with the slow down. Try changing things up when the kokanee bite slows down. Spinners in different colors are turning the bite back on to get the last few fish of your limits. Fish are still found throughout the lake but there are concentrations of fish at the dam and at the entrance to Sage Hen. Big browns and Mackinaw are hanging around the boat ramp as they feed on the kokanee carcasses.

DELTA: Striper fishing has been better for trollers over the last few weeks. Deep divers in 12' to 16' of water and Rat-L-Traps in the shallows are doing the trick. West bank of the Sacramento has been producing limit fishing for those who hit the tides right.



More Member Fishing Reports



Mike Walker traveled in late July to visit family in Minnesota. He fished with his grandson, Dan in a small tributary of the Root River. Mike caught six brown trout in the 10" -14" range and all were released. He fished with half a night crawler and a split shot using a spinning rod. Dan is a fly fisherman and the bait out fished the flies. They fished about 4 hours from 8am til noon."

Susan Cole fished Eagle Lake in late July and while fewer fish were caught this year they were for the most part larger than in the past. Each day she was there she and her party boated one 3-4# trout. Numerous chubbs were caught as well.

The lake is up over last year by 3-4 feet. Windy conditions prevailed. Fish were caught five to twenty feet down at about 1.8-2.2 mpg. Small Bouyant spoons in red and silver and burgundy and red colors with the hot colors. Baby Simons worked as well and all offerings were straight out, not behind flashers.



Rooster Tails Rock/Ling Cod Trip September 27 Fishemeryville

The Rooster Tails Fishing Club will be fishing for ling and rock cod on the Pacific Pearl of Fishemeryville, Wednesday, September 27th. There will be space for 20 fishermen at \$165 each. Checks are preferred. For more information, contact Mike Walker, (530) 320-1750.



Wolfpack Outing Pyramid Lake

October 3-5

The Rooster Tails Fishing Club is considering a Wolfpack outing to Pyramid Lake, Nevada. This is not considered an "official" event, just those who want to go with others from the club. The tentative date for this outing is October 3rd through October 5th. This announcement outlines the available facilities, fees, and directions to Pyramid Lake. According to the Paiute Indian Tribe Secretary, if everyone purchases their own fishing license and overnight camping permit(s), this outing would not be considered an event and does not require the Paiute Tribes authorization. Licenses and permits can be obtained by going to the Pyramid Lake web site <http://pyramidlake.us>.

Location and Directions

Pyramid Lake is located approximately 35 miles northeast from Reno/Sparks area of Nevada in the town of Sutcliffe, Nevada. The approximate distance from Auburn, California is 170 miles. Routing from Auburn would be Interstate 80 to Pyramid Way (Exit 18/SR 449) in Reno/Sparks (just past the Nugget Casino Resort), north on Pyramid Way to Pyramid Lake. Please note that staying at and fishing on Pyramid Lake is under the jurisdiction of the Paiute Indian Reservation.

Lodging and Camping

Pyramid Lake Lodge accommodations consist of cabins, mobile homes, and travel trailers. Camping at Pyramid Lake consists of the Marina Campground, Warrior Point Park, West Shore and Pelican Point. The Marina Campground has 44 spaces, each with full hook-up. Cost for the Marina Campground is \$40 per day. Warrior Point and West Shore are "boondocking" locations but are flat. Permits for camping must be obtained from the Paiute Indian Ranger Station. Costs for camping are \$32 per day and \$82 for a 3 day stay (costs are subject to change).

Fishing Rules

No Nevada fishing license needed. Purchase of a Tribal fishing and boating permits are required. Any boat launched at Pyramid Lake must have a current registration from its respective state. If fishing from shore or float tube, only Tribal fishing permit required. Barbless hooks only. Applies to any hook in the water. You can have two singles, two doubles, or two treble hooks per lure. No bait. No worms, eggs, Power Bait, or like product allowed. No organic matter on hooks. There can only be two fish kept per day and only one fish may be 24" or longer. Of fish kept, two can be between 17- and 20-inches or one fish over 24-inches and one in the 17-to 20-inch slot. It is illegal to have more than four fish in possession without valid proof of having fished more than one day.

Fishing Fees (subject to change)

- Daily – single rod \$24 Second rod daily \$24
- 3-Day – single rod \$62 Second rod 3-day \$62
- Daily Boating \$26 3-Day Boating \$66

Miscellaneous

A gathering of RTFC members will be held in the evening(s) to exchange where to fish, which lures are working, what depths, etc. There may even be an exchange of best beverages and appetizers to go with Cutthroat Trout (along with best cooking recipes for Cutthroat Trout).

This Week in Placer County History

On Thursday night, July 13, 1905, 20,000 trout arrived in Auburn, courtesy of the State Board of Fish Commissioners.

The fish were the charge of a deputy who then turned them over to members of the Auburn Gun Club. The members of the club planted the trout in Auburn Ravine. Another 75,000 were later planted in the Yuba River at Cisco.

The California Board of Fish Commissioners was established in 1870 and oversaw the first hatching of brook trout eggs at the San Francisco hatchery in 1871. The commission was more interested in providing fish for food as opposed to recreation, so shad, carp, striped bass and catfish were also hatched and planted in California waters.

Before 1913, fishing licenses were not required in the state and people could keep as many fish as they could catch. In fact, those seeking fish for food often used nets to catch fish.

In 1909, the Board of Fish Commissioners became the Fish and Game Commission, which reflected the growing concern with conservation of game.

Today, fishing as a recreation is extremely popular in the state, especially in Placer County.

To learn the best places to fish in the area, check out the **Visit Placer** website: <https://www.visitplacer.com/things-to-do/outdoor-adventures/>

Photo: Lucky fishermen at Emigrant Gap, c. 1936



2023 Jackpot Contest Is Open

Rooster Tail Members-only in good standing with paid dues and a signed liability waiver form on file may enter the Club's Annual Jackpot Fishing Contest by paying an entry fee of \$20.00 to the Contest Chairman or Club Treasurer. The payment must be made 2 weeks in advance of your entry and any time between the starting and ending contest dates.

No fish-entry will be accepted without a two-week prior entry fee payment. The official contest competition is from January 1 through November 30 of each calendar year. After the January breakfast meeting, only fish caught within the official contest term qualify for the contest.

Contest cash prizes and recognition certificates will be awarded at a Rooster Tails Fishing Club's monthly meeting. Jackpot entrants that do not have a winning Jackpot Contest fish entry will have a chance to win a proportionate cash prize based on a random drawing 'for-one-that-got-away' at the meeting. Potential random contest winners must be present at the event to receive their prize.

Pick up an entry form at the breakfast meeting or download a copy from the Rooster Tails Fishing Club Website.

Rooster Tails BOD Needs Your Feedback

Rooster Tails Board of Directors currently consists of 8 members including Mike Walker, Yvette Meador, Steve Burgess, Dave Stallions, Bruce Hansen , Gregor Roschitsch, John Warren and Shawn Conlan. As we move through this year and prepare for the next we will need some new blood and new ideas to keep the club interesting and plan next years meetings and events. Also, some of us travel and it would help out to have some backup for the breakfast meetings.

The Board meets on the Monday before the breakfast meeting, 2pm at the Lyons Real Estate office, 1900 Grass Valley Highway, Suite 100. This months meeting is on Monday August 14th. If you would like to join us as a guest the meeting normally takes about an hour. We will have pizza at the meeting. hope to see you Monday

Rooster Tails Monthly Quote

From "The Fisherman's Guide to Life - Nine Timeless Principles Based on the Lessons of Fishing" by Criswell Freeman.

"A fish wouldn't get caught if it kept it's mouth shut."

Fisherman's Saying



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