

January 2024 Rooster Tails Newsletter

Message from the Board of Directors

Happy New Year Rooster Tails!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that you are looking forward to another year of sharing our experiences on the waters around us.

This month's speaker is **Chris Ditter of Sierra Fin Addicts Guide Service**. Chris will be speaking on his techniques for fishing Lake Tahoe. See below for more details.

Remember Steelhead and Sturgeon report cards are due by the end of January. You can file your report cards by mail or by reporting your harvest [online](#). You can also download the 2024 electronic Fishing Regulations Booklet [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th at the Elks Lodge! With your support the club will continue to provide opportunities to share fishing experiences and knowledge. Feel free to speak with any board member with your comments and or suggestions for future events. 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

- 2024 Jackpot Contest opens January 1. All those participating will need to be a member in good standing, have a liability form on file, and have paid the Jackpot entry fee.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting - January 15, 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Diner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- [International Sportsman Exhibition](#) - Sacramento January 18-21
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting - January 19 - Auburn Elks Lodge

JANUARY SPEAKER — CHRIS DITTER, GUIDE & OWNER SIERRA FIN ADDICTS GUIDE SERVICE

Captain Chris is a 3rd generation fisherman and has been fishing all over Northern California since his dad could get him to hold a fishing rod. He specializes in catching Lake trout (also known as Mackinaw), rainbows, brown trout, largemouth bass, striped bass, chinook salmon, and sturgeon. Chris has been featured in multiple magazines and has been a guest on one of the most listened to sportsman's radio show in California. He prides himself in providing a safe, action-packed, and memorable charter every trip out. He has a United States Coast Guard License, licensed through California and Nevada Fish and Wildlife, and is first-aid and CPR certified. Captain Chris has consistently received 5 star reviews and he absolutely loves sharing his passion out on the water and it shows.



Chris will be sharing his techniques on fishing Lake Tahoe with us at our first meeting of 2024 on the 19th. Check out his website here at [Sierra Fin Addicts Guide Service](#). See you on the 19th !

KOKANEEMART.COM FISHING REPORT

by Craig Newton



01/10/24

Craig is taking the month of January off. We look forward to his return in February.



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MEMBER FISHING REPORTS

Randy Bergquist fished Pyramid Lake on January 1 with Corey Kellar and caught his biggest Lohontan Cutthroat Trout. The fish weighed in at 17.8#! Now that's a good way to start the year!



Though Ron Retzlaff has been off the water recovering from pneumonia, his Delta cohorts have been out in the Port catching some fish trolling. Ron suggested bait fishing might be better in the Rio Vista area. Ron sent this photo of his buddy Biff's 9# striper.

Jerry Lampkin, Craig Newton and Jim Palmus made it to the American River on opening day, Jan. 1, in hopes of starting their year off with a Steelhead or two. Alas, that was not to be but there was a beautiful day on the water and conditions did bode well for upcoming attempts. A few fish were caught but most enjoyed a pleasant boat ride.



UNDERSTANDING FISHING LURE COLOR SELECTIONS

When choosing a lure color this is perhaps the most important point to remember: Most gamefish detect their prey by seeing the contrast of the forage against various colored backgrounds. The level or type of contrast depends upon many factors: time of day; type of bottom/ surroundings; clarity of the water; whether it is cloudy or sunny day light penetration; and perhaps even the time of year and angle of light entering the water. There are still other variables that could affect lure colors.

However, keep the following in mind the next time you reach into your tackle box to choose a lure. Try to consider what the colors in your lure will look like at the depth you are fishing, and choose appropriately. For example, since red is the first and blue is the last color absorbed, it makes more sense to use a blue lure when fishing deep. If you are trying to match a particular bait, the color of your lure should match the color of the bait for the depth you are fishing. In other words, try to match the underwater color rather than the color of the bait in air.

Many fish feed by looking up toward the surface of the water. In doing so, however, they have difficulty distinguishing specific colors, and the contrast of the prey against the surface becomes more important. When

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a feeding fish is looking up, a dark silhouette, even against a dark night sky, provides the maximum contrast and is attractive to predators.

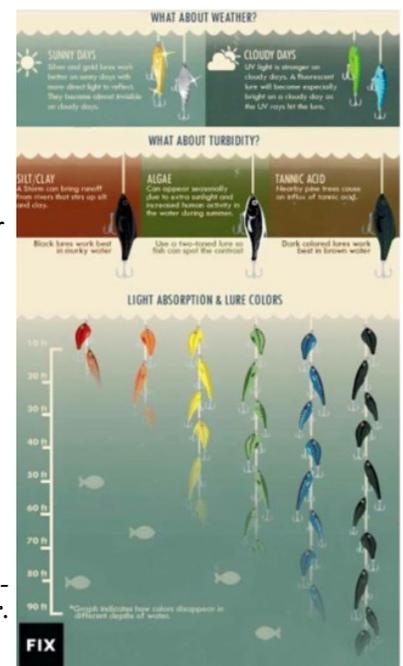
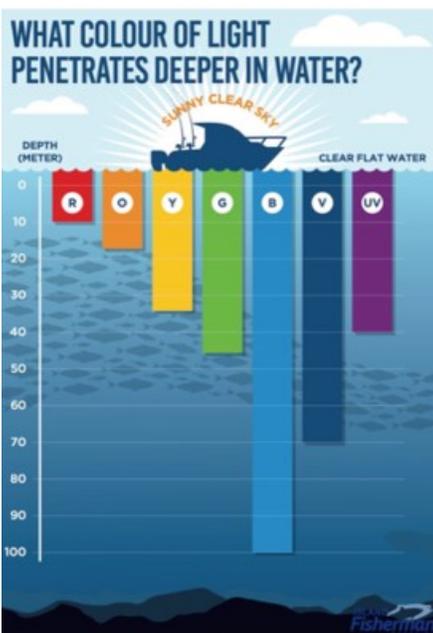
Selecting a lure based on contrast, rather than on specific colors, is often the key to enticing a fish to strike. Black is the least transparent color and gives the best silhouette at night or cloudy days. Black is probably the most visible color under most conditions. Increase the contrast of the lure if the water is dark or dirty; decrease the contrast if it is clear. A good profile is important when vision conditions are low (nighttime or dirty water). Black and red lures offer good profiles.

Some colors, such as chartreuse, always seem to work better than other colors. Yellow/white and chartreuse/white are also good pairings. Red/white, which provide good contrast under many conditions, is a popular combination for many anglers. Fluorescent colors, especially in chartreuse, are very popular for both fresh and saltwater fishing. Under the right conditions, fluorescent colors, which are not naturally found in nature, can be very visible under water and seen for considerable distances. A fluorescent color is one that will be bright when exposed to light having a shorter wavelength. For example, fluorescent yellow appears as bright yellow when exposed to ultra-violet, blue, or green light. Alternatively, fluorescent yellow does not appear yellow when struck by red light that has a longer wavelength. Because of this unique characteristic of fluorescent colors, they do not have as dramatic a change of color when they are fished deeper. The fluorescence of fluorescent colors is mainly due to ultraviolet (UV) light, a color that is invisible to us.

Humans cannot see UV light, but we can see how it brings out the fluorescence in certain colors. Ultraviolet light is dominant on cloudy or gray days, and when UV light hits something having fluorescent material, its color becomes especially visible and vibrant. On bright sunlit days, the fluorescent effect is considerably less, and of course if there is no light, there will be no fluorescence. Research shows that fluorescent colors are visible and distinct for longer distances than regular colors, and that a lure with fluorescent materials often attracts fish. To be more precise, a fluorescent color having a slightly longer wavelength than the color of the water has better long-distance visibility. For example, in greenish waters, the brightest colors would be fluorescent green or chartreuse. As good as fluorescent colors may be, they will usually not work if the fish are actively feeding on a specific bait, since it is highly improbable that the fluorescent color will resemble any color in that bait. As you can see, light and color can get complicated.

But let's not forget what we are trying to do: have our lures imitate food. Fish are not very clever, and they attack prey as an instinctive behavior motivated (or so we think) by one or more stimuli. These stimuli include movement, shape, sound, contrast, smell, color, presentation, and other things unknown to us. Successful lure selection should include some of these stimuli. This is a complicated venture, of which color can sometimes be an important aspect, but only if the fish can see the color.

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PYRAMID LAKE

Submitted by John Warren

Although there are times we cannot reach [Pyramid Lake](#) from the Auburn area, it has become a favorite fishing hole for many in our club. Here is information on the lake and its finny denizens.

Pyramid Lake is the biggest remnant of ancient Lake Lahontan, the inland sea that once covered much of western Nevada. It is approximately 27 miles long and 11 miles wide, with a perimeter of 71 miles, covering 112,000 acres entirely enclosed within the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation.

The Lake is fed by the Truckee River, which is mostly the outflow from Lake Tahoe. The Truckee River enters Pyramid Lake at its southern end. Pyramid Lake is an endorheic (having no outlet) lake. Water leaves the lake only by evaporation or sub-surface.

Major fish species include the Cui-ui lakesucker, the Tui chub and Lahontan cutthroat trout (the world record cutthroat trout was caught in Pyramid Lake). Both Tui chub and Lahontan cutthroat are freshwater spawners.

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, and West Shore. The Marina Campground has 44 spaces, each with full hook-up. Warrior Point and West Shore are “boondocking” locations but are flat. Permits for camping must be obtained from the Paiute Indian Ranger Station.

Fishing Rules

No Nevada fishing license needed. Purchase of a Tribal fishing and boating permits are required. A boat must have a current registration from its respective state. If fishing from shore or float tube, only a 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. 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.

Fishing Fees (2023)

Daily	Single Rod \$24	Second Rod \$24
3-Day	Single Rod \$62	Second Rod \$62
Boating	Daily \$26	3 Day \$66



ROOSTER TAILS CLUB BREAKFAST UPDATE

We've received a new six month's contract from the Elks Lodge for our breakfast meetings with an increase from \$19/person to \$21/person for breakfast. The Elks Lodge not only provides space for our meeting but also AV & sound systems and storage space for our equipment as well as unlimited coffee & tea. Costs for almost everything have gone up in the recent past.

The Rooster Tails Board has decided to cover the \$2.00 increase for the first three months of 2024 to make this adjustment easier on our members. Therefore the cost for breakfast at our meetings will remain \$19 for the next three months. The Board will review this again at the end of the three months.

2023 ROOSTER TAILS JACKPOT CONTEST WINNERS

Below is a list of the winners for the Rooster Tails Fishing Club 2023 Jackpot Fishing contest. Prize money and certificates will be awarded at the January 19th breakfast meeting. The Total Prize pool is \$520. Awards will be \$52 for each of the 9 winning entries, and one non-winning contestant will be drawn at the meeting for "The One That Got Away" prize of \$52.

Many thanks go out to Dave Stallions for his help keeping track of the Jackpot contest. Dave will be at the January breakfast meeting with the 2024 signup sheet. Entry fee is \$20 and a copy of the rules and entry form can be picked up at the meeting.

Rainbow Trout	Bill Betts	Almanor Lake	23"	06/13/2023
Kokanee	Tom Hamada	New Melones	19"	08/7/2023
Landlocked Salmon	Jerry Lampkin	Folsom Lake	18'	11/24/23
Brown Trout	Tom Hamada	Shasta	19.5"	05/06/2023
Lake Trout	David Liske	Hell Hole	21"	08/05/2023
Halibut	Mel Takahashi	SF Bay	36 "	05/13/2023
Striper	Tom Hamada	Rio Vista	32"	05/11/2023
Large Mouth Bass	Dave Stallions	Folsom Lake	15"	05/15/2023
Crappie	Yvette Meador	Collins Lake	15"	11/09/2023

**Thank You to all the members who participated in the 2023 contest and
congratulations to last years winners !**

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS MONDAY JANUARY 15th , 2 PM

Rooster Tails Board of Directors currently consists of 7 members including Mike Walker, Steve Burgess, Dave Stallions, Bruce Hansen, Gregor Roschitsch, John Warren and Shawn Conlan. The next Board meeting is on Monday January 15th, 2024 at 2pm at the Lyons Real Estate office, 1900 Grass Valley Highway, Suite 100. If you would like to join us as a guest at the meeting just drop in. The meetings normally take about an hour. We will have pizza at the meeting.

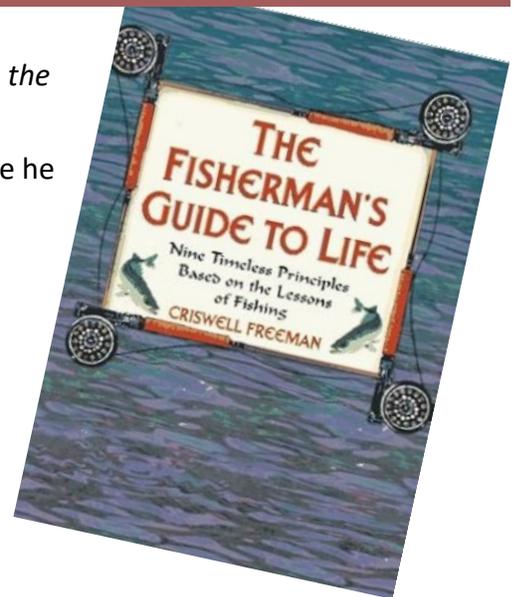
We also would be interested in hearing your feedback about our meetings, newsletter, and fishing reports. We strive to make this club as inclusive and responsive as we possibly can so, please let us know your thoughts by sending an email to info@roostertailsfishingclub.org

Rooster Tails Monthly Quote

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

"Nothing grows faster than a fish from the time he bites until the time he gets away."

Fisherman's saying



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