



**Rooster Tails Fishing Club**  
of Northern California, Inc.

## November 2022 Rooster Tails Newsletter

### Message from the Board of Directors

Fellow Rooster Tails:

We hope this finds you well and adjusting to the colder weather. As we move into the holiday season the Board of Directors wishes you and your families the best of the holiday season. May it be safe and joyous for you and yours.

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Our speaker for the November 18 Breakfast meeting will be **James Netzel of Tight Lines Guide Service**. James has been fishing lakes and rivers in Northern California since he was big enough to hold a rod. James specializes in King Salmon, Stripers, Kokanee, Trout, Land Locked King Salmon, and Mackinaw Trout on the Sacramento River, Folsom Lake, Oroville Lake, Stampede Reservoir, Donner Lake, Lake Tahoe, and the Sacramento Delta. He will be sharing tips on fishing Stripers in the Delta this coming Friday.

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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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Our January 20th Speaker will be **James Stone, Executive Board President of the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association**. James will share the latest information on the groups work advocating for our Northern California hunting and fishing opportunities. You can find more information at the website, [NCGASA.ORG](http://NCGASA.ORG)

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**Jackpot Contest:** The 2020 Jackpot Contest is coming to a close. If you have entries be sure to get them in by November 30th. See below for more details.

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Thank You and we look forward to seeing you Friday!

## CLUB UPDATES

- 20 Members have signed up for this year's Jackpot 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.
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting November 14.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting November 18.
- There will be no meeting in December.** Enjoy the Holidays! See you in January!
- James Stone of Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association will speak at the January 20th Breakfast Meeting.
- The Board wishes to thank those who take the time to speak and support our club!

## November 21 Rock Fish/Crab Combo Trip



The Rooster Tails Club has chartered the Pacific Pearl boat out of Fishemeryville for Monday November 21, 2022. It will be a Rockcod/crab combo trip and accommodates 20 people at \$200 each. **Two spots have opened up.** Text or email Mike Walker if you are interested in going on this trip (530-320-1750 or [mwalker@GoLyon.com](mailto:mwalker@GoLyon.com)).

## Rooster Tails 2022 Jackpot Contest Update

The Rooster Tails Jackpot Fishing Contest for 2022 will 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.

A screenshot of the Rooster Tails Fishing Club website. The header shows the club's logo and name. Below it, a table lists the winners of the 2022 Annual Jackpot Contest. The table has columns for species, weight, length, and winner. The winners are: Kokanee (12.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Landlocked Salmon (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), River/Ocean King Salmon (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Striped Bass (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Rainbow Trout (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Brown Trout (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Steelhead (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Lake Trout (Mackinaw) (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Large Mouth Bass (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Crappie (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Catfish (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Shad (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), Ling Cod (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions), and Halibut (10.5 lbs, 18 in, Dave Stallions).

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.

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



**11/11/2022**

With a few winter like storms conditions have changed for the better for the rivers. Increased flows and fresh water making its way down the system have brought a new push of salmon and early arrival steelhead upstream.

The late fall run salmon has begun and fish are coming through in small pushes resulting in hit or miss fishing. The hope was that cooling water temperatures would turn the bite on and it has to some degree. Striper fishing in the upper Sacramento and Feather Rivers has started to produce large resident stripers. The Delta striper bite has been fair when the biters are located.

**COLLINS LAKE:** Winter trout stocking has begun and the fishing has improved accordingly. Run off from recent storms has colored the water making trolling difficult. Bait fishing during the winter months when the water is stained has been the best approach.

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

**FOLSOM LAKE:** The 5 MPH speed limit is still in place and recent rains have brought color to the water. The bass bite continues to be the bright spot for Folsom. Anticipate the trout fishing to improve as we move into the winter months.

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

**DELTA:** Striped Bass fishing has been fair with decent catch counts when you find the school that wants to bite. Lots of fish in the system but many are reluctant to commit to trollers. Bait fishing will be the best bet for a while.

**SACRAMENTO METRO:** Late fall Salmon have been making their way through the Metro area over the last few weeks with some success for those who run into a school. Fish are holding on the way up as the water temps have come down into the 50s. Some fish are taking plugs backtrolled on anchor at Verona and below the American River. Trollers are doing better south of town from the yacht club to Freeport. With the upper American River closing on October 31st the only option is to fish below Ancil Hoffman Park. Some fish are taking backtrolled plugs below River Bend Park. The dredger hole has produced a few fish for those willing to fish in the dark.

**PYRAMID LAKE:** Fishing continues to be slow as the lake turns over. Count on much improved opportunities as things settle into a winter pattern in the next week or two. Please error on the side of caution when you visit the lake. Three boats sank at the ramp attempting to take out after conditions changed. If conditions are questionable keep the boat on the trailer and live to fish another day.



## 2022 - 2023 Recreational Crab Season

### Dungeness Crab

(taken from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website.)

Note: Currently, [crab traps may not be set or fished in ocean waters](#) due to an elevated risk of marine life entanglement. The use of hoop nets and crab snares is permitted (see this updated [summary of regulations for hoop net use north of Point Arguello](#), and [additional information](#) including Frequently Asked Questions about crab traps and hoop nets). Please visit the [Whale Safe Fisheries](#) web page for the latest information, or to sign up for updates.

The recreational fishery for [Dungeness crab](#) (*Metacarcinus magister*) is open from November 5, 2022 through July 30, 2023 in Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties. The daily bag limit is 10 crab, and the minimum size limit is 5 3/4 in chess. Recreational crabbing is not allowed from vessels licensed for commercial Dungeness crab fishing.

Review [crab measurement methods](#) (PDF) and [current California ocean sport fishing regulations](#) for more Dungeness crab fishing information.

Remember - Recreational take of Dungeness crab by other methods, including hoop nets and crab snares, is not affected by the temporary trap restriction and is allowed statewide beginning Nov. 5, 2022.

## Rooster Tails Website Updates

We continue to update the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club website](#) and hope you will visit soon. You can find membership lists, this newsletter, membership form, Jackpot Fishing Tournament Entry Form, and the Active Buddy List. We continue to work on making it a useful website for members.

The Active Buddy List, in the members only section, consists of club members who are interested in finding a new friend to fish with. You can see members choice of species, wether or not they have a boat or are willing to join you in your boat .

Check it out and add your name to the list. Sign up sheets will be at each Breakfast Meeting our you send us a note at [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org)

## Fishing Reports from Members

Jerry Lampkin reports success with Salmon on the American River this past week. Anchored just above Gristmill he used Brad's K14 Double Trouble and Rob's Dragon Glow lures. While the water is low the fish are hungry.

Mike Walker spent three days at Pyramid Lake with slow fishing results. Managed 12 fish in 3 days. This seems to be the standard report from the lake. Fish are being caught but you have to work for them. When the lake turns over things should pick up.

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 you on the 18th!