



## July 2023 Rooster Tails Newsletter

### Message from the Board of Directors

Greetings Rooster Tails!

As we stumble into warmer weather, fishing conditions continue to improve. Hopefully you have dusted the cobwebs off your gear and are ready to hit the waters, if you haven't already.

This month's speakers will be **Randy Bergquist** of [RDB Tackle](#). His presentation will cover building spinners and spoons and other tackle for trout, kokanee and salmon.

We look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 July 17, 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Dinner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting July 21
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting August 14
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting August 18
- Wolf Pack outing to Pyramid Lake in October (watch for details)

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This month's speakers will be Randy Bergquist of RDB Tackle. Randy began fishing with Granpa in 1960 in Minnesota. Upon moving to Northern California in 1963 Randy took to the waters chasing trout and salmon. Randy was on the Board of Directors of Kokanee Power for 18 years and is now a Life Time Member of the organization. He began building his own tackle about 30 years ago and started his tackle business RDBTackle.com about 15 years ago. His presentation will cover building spinners and spoons and other tackle for trout, kokanee and salmon.

# Will Fish Tackle Report

## by Craig Newton

7/13/2023



We are experiencing the second heat wave of the Summer and the lakes and rivers are finally entering summer patterns. Rivers are running at normal flows and reservoirs and lakes are full. Lake surface temperatures are rising and fish are going deeper. Many of the upper elevation lakes are now open with good access. Some of the campgrounds are still in clean up mode so call before you go.

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**BULLARDS BAR:** Kokanee fishing continues to be very productive at Bullards Bar. There are fish from 30' down to 50' that are taking dodger/hoochie, dodger/cut plug, and dodger/spinner combos. Average size is 12" with a few coming in over 13". There are schools of fish deeper that tend to be bigger if you can get them to bite.

**FOLSOM LAKE:** Cold water species are being finicky this summer as anglers struggle to land any. Near limits up to 4 pounds have been reported in the last week. Fish are half way up the north fork. Trout are even more rare than the kings right now. Bass are hitting most presentations from the bank down to 20'.

Make sure to get there early and mid week to avoid the recreational boat traffic.

**FRENCH MEADOWS/HELL HOLE:** Access to both of these lakes is through Georgetown via Wentworth Springs and 11 Pines Rd. Take your time and keep pushing that pedal on the right and you'll get there. The last 7 miles to Hell Hole or French Meadows from the French Meadows Road junction require patience as the potholes can come up on you quickly. French Meadows has been producing beautiful rainbows and browns for anglers trolling Rapalas and Dodger/Worm combos. Hell Hole provided a limit of Kokanee from 14.5-15.5" in less than 2 hours. Kokanee were found in 80-120' of water with the downrigger at 40-50'. Pink, orange and silver apex did the job. Mackinaw and big browns are on tap at Hell Hole as well. Camping is available at the Big Meadows campground for Hell Hole anglers.

**OROVILLE LAKE:** Bass is the word at Oroville. Kings have not shown up for those who have tried. Not sure if the kings are going to make an appearance this year.

**SIERRA LAKES:** Mid elevation lakes like Scotts Flat, Sugar Pine, Stumpy Meadows, and Sly Park are fishing well when not over taken by recreational boaters. Spaulding opened 6/30/23 and Jackson Meadows is open now. Loon Lake opened the last week in June and has been fishing well for Rainbows and Browns. Union Valley has been producing Mackinaw and Rainbows, jury is still out on the Kokanee this year.



**STAMPEDE RESERVOIR:** Kokanee fishing had been very good over the past several weeks but has slowed down recently. 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 finish the last few fish of your limits. Some trout are starting to be caught as well.

**DELTA:** Striper fishing has been ok for trollers as the bass move down the system after the spring spawn. Deep divers in 12 to 16' of water and Rat-L-Traps in the shallows are doing the trick. Crawdad colors along rocky banks are a key striper target this time of year.



## Members Only

# Stampede Kokanne Fishing Tournament Report

by Shawn Conlan

The Rooster Tails Fishing Club Stampede fishing tournament was held on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday morning a thick layer of fog covered the lake, however the lake was calm. Fish were being caught in most areas of the lake including around the islands, near the dam and at the confluence on the west side, which produced the larger fish.

Hot lures were GVF gold digger spinner in orange, Arctic Fox Flies in pink and orange and pink hoochies with a small spinner in front. all tipped with corn and trolled behind a small dodger. Most fish were between 35-50' deep.

Twenty five members signed up for the tournament with 13 members weighing in. Bruce Hanson and Shawn Conlan started the weigh in just before 1pm and stopped at 2pm.

Tournament winners were as follows :

**First Place** - Russ Smith and Mike Steer tied with 4 lbs 8 oz each - \$200 each

**Second Place** - Tom Hamada 3 lbs 14 oz - \$ 150

**Third Place** - Trudy Liske and Mike Penaleton tied with 3 lbs 12 oz each - \$ 100 each

**Forth Place** Randy Burgquist 3 lbs 10 oz \$ 50

Runner ups were Yvette Meador, Jonn Melrose, Eric Liske and Andy Cravenho.

Eight members camped at the Emigrant group camp site from Monday June 12th thru Thursday June 15th . The group camp site was a little too far from the lake for members to keep their boats in the lake. The number of members camping balanced perfectly with the size of the Prospector camp site. It rained on and off both Monday and Tuesday night. A good time was had by all.



## The Board of Directors Thanks Speakers and Members for Making Monthly Meetings Successful

So far this year we have had six meetings that we think have been successful. We wanted to take a moment to say thank you to those speakers who gave their time and expertise and to members and friends who came to the Elks Lodge on the third Friday of each month.

The Board is interested in your feedback on our meetings so far as well as suggestions for future speakers. Please speak with any Board member or send in your thoughts and suggestions to [info@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org) Below are some photos from these meetings. Thanks to everyone for their support.



James Stone  
NCGSA



Larry Abernathy  
Kokanee Power

## More Meeting Photos



**Jerry Lampkin**  
TNG Motorsports  
Guide Service



**Cal Kellogg**  
Fish Hunt Shoot  
Productions



**Brett Brady**  
Bare Bones Guide Service



**Brian Potter**  
Sea Prowler



# Rooster Tails Fish Club Local Lake Information

## Lake Clementine

by Shawn Conlan

Lake Clementine is part of the Auburn State Recreation Area. The lake is three and a half miles long and lies along the North Fork of the American River. Lower lake Clementine has a boat ramp and 25 parking spaces. The lake has Small and Large Mouth Bass, Bluegill and Rainbow Trout. I have had better luck for Rainbows at the East end of the lake just before the camping beaches in the early part of the year, before July. I think the Rainbows wash down the river and hang out in the lake for a while. The water is shallow on the east end of the lake and a trolling motor is needed to avoid the rocky bottom.



This lake is just a few miles from Auburn. The road leading to the Dam and the launch ramp is a long narrow paved road with one sharp turn near the dam that is too sharp for long rigs. Also, dogs are not allowed on the lake or at the boat in camping area. The maximum allowed vehicle length is 50'. A State Park fee is required to launch and park unless you have an annual State Park pass. Lake Clementine is a Beautiful little lake for a quick fishing or sight seeing trip.

Shawn

For more information click [here](#). The following information is from the State Parks web site.

### Upper Lake Clementine

Upper Lake Clementine is for Day Use only, motorized vessels are not permitted. Operating hours are 8:00am to 6:30pm. The parking lot is limited to 170 vehicles, parking is on a first come first serve basis, a \$10.00 parking fee per vehicle applies. Dogs, glass containers, and alcohol are not permitted. Seasonal barbeque restrictions may apply.

### Seasonal Access Calendar:

April 15 to September 30: Open seven days a week.

October 1 to October 14: Open weekends only.

October 15 to April 14: Closed for Winter season.

**Directions:** From Interstate-80 take the Foresthill exit. Continue on Foresthill Road 5.5 miles, turn left onto Upper Lake Clementine Road, take the dirt access road 2 miles down the canyon, high clearance vehicles are recommended.

### Lower Lake Clementine

As of May 1st, 2022 Wake Surfing is prohibited at Lake Clementine. This new regulation was enacted due to damage to the shoreline, other vessels and the marina facility caused by abnormally large wakes associated with wake surfing.

Lake Clementine was created when the North Fork Dam was completed in 1939 by the Army Corps of Engineers as a debris dam. The dam rises 155 feet above the foundation and has a crest elevation of 718 feet. The reservoir has a capacity of 14,700 acre-feet, and a surface area of 280 acres. The reservoir is approximately 3.5 miles long and has very narrow steep canyon walls.

This small lake features a boat launch ramp, marina and boat-in campsites. Day users are welcome, but the Day Use Beach is only accessible by boat, kayak or canoe. Lower Lake Clementine has limited boat trailer

parking, there are 25 trailer parking spots available on a first come first serve basis. The maximum length of vehicle and trailer is 50 feet. Lake Clementine's boat ramp and day use parking is open year round, weather permitting.

**Directions:** Lake Clementine is located off the Auburn-Foresthill Road, approximately two miles from Auburn. From I-80 in Auburn, exit at Foresthill, drive 2.5 miles on Foresthill Road, turn left onto Lake Clementine Road, and then follow Lake Clementine Road 2 miles down to the entrance station. Lake Clementine Road is narrow, and you may encounter vehicles towing boats on trailers, and bicyclists on the road. Please use caution and observe the 15 mph speed limit

### Boat-In Camping

Click [here](#) for a campground map.

## 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 the Rooster Tails Fishing Club's Annual Jackpot Contest Awards Ceremony. 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 ceremony. 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

Each year the Board of Directors plans and organizes events the club members enjoy. We continue to seek your input as we develop the calendar for 2023. You can see above some of the outings we have so far but we would like to hear from members regarding other events.

We will have sign up sheets in the back of the room to gather your ideas or you can send them to [in-fo@roostertailsfishingclub.org](mailto:info@roostertailsfishingclub.org). Or grab any of the directors at the breakfast meeting and let us know your thoughts.

We continue to work on the [Rooster Tails Fishing Club website](#) and hope you will visit soon. There you can find membership lists, archived club newsletters, a membership form, Jackpot Fishing Tournament Entry Form, and the **Active Buddy List**. We continue to work on making it a useful website for members. We encourage your [feedback](#).

The [Active Buddy List](#) is in the Members Only section of our Website. There you can let everyone know what type of fishing you prefer, whether or not you have a boat, do you prefer salt or fresh water fishing, etc.

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

*"There is a final moment of unyielding patience which, in Angling, so often makes the difference between fish and no fish."*

Sparse Grey Hackle