



## September 2023 Rooster Tails Newsletter

### Message from the Board of Directors

Greetings Rooster Tails!

Hopefully your summer has been pleasant and you have had opportunities to create fishing memories. Looks like we are moving into fall and with that more chances to put fish in the box.

This month's speaker will be **Cory Kellar**, of [Rocky Mountain Tackle](#) and [Hendrix Outdoors](#) and he will be speaking on strategies for taking the Lahontan Cutthroat trout at [Pyramid Lake](#). Cory will also touch on and present tackle for fishing the lakes in our area. See below for details.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge! Your support keeps the club going and we hope you enjoy our monthly breakfasts and opportunities to share fishing experiences. Feel free to speak with any board member with your comments, 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

- 2023 Jackpot Contest is ongoing. You can sign up at the meeting. Remember, you must 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 - September 11, 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Dinner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting - September 15
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting - October 16
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting -October 20
- Wolf Pack outing to Pyramid Lake - October 10 - 12 (**NOTE DATE CHANGE:** see below for details)

# September Speaker Cory Kellar Rocky Mountain Tackle/ Hendrix Outdoors

Cory Kellar grew up in central California and has fished all over the western US for striped bass, king salmon, trout and kokanee. He helped start [Rocky Mountain Tackle](#) and is a representative of [Hendrix Outdoors](#). He also designs colors for companies like [Lyman's Lures](#) and [Wordens](#) specifically for Lake Pyramid. Cory lives in Reno, 25 minutes from the Pelican Point launch on Pyramid Lake.

The legendary Dick Murphy, of Fishing with Father Murphy, taught Cory the ins and out of Pyramid and Cory has spent the past 10 years honing those skills. Mr. Kellar will present techniques and skills for catching trout at [Pyramid](#) and will display multiple lures for taking these fish. Companies like [Dry Creek Outfitters](#), [Lyman Lures](#), [Sierra Spoons](#) and [Yakima Baits](#) will be displayed. Cory will discuss using these and other gear in regional lakes for trout, king salmon and kokanee. Please join us for his presentation.



"WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE A TROUT WOULD CHOOSE FOR HIS LAST MEAL?"

# Will Fish Tackle Report

by Craig Newton



9/6/2023

As fall approaches and the evenings begin to cool down we would usually be talking about Salmon in the rivers and rockfish and crab in the ocean. Well, as we all know the salmon closure has put an end to that discussion, the near shore rockfish closure has put a road block up for those not willing to run 10-15 miles into the deep blue, and crab is still up in the air. Time to shift gears to fall freshwater species and the trophy trout in Pyramid Lake.

**BULLARDS BAR:** Kokanee fishing is wrapping up at Bullards Bar. The fish are turning quickly with more fish with color than not. It was a great year with the average size slightly bigger than last year. The hope is that that trend continues. If you want to give it one more shot, fish deep in the main body to get those late spawners that haven't moved up the river yet. Fish pink/purple and watermelon combos over deepwater 85-110' down on the downrigger.

**FOLSOM LAKE:** Landlocked Kings and rainbows are starting to play with anglers at Folsom. Fish are being found around the south side of the dam, in the mouth of the south fork, and up the north fork. There is a lot of bait and the fish are keyed in on pond smelt and shad. It's worth a look see for sure.

**FRENCH MEADOWS/HELL HOLE:** Access to both of these lakes is still through Georgetown via Wentworth Springs and 11 Pines Rd. There is a problem with the transformer at the French Meadows powerhouse (dumps into Hell Hole) so there is more water being drawn out of Hell Hole. Hell Hole is dropping 1.5' a day right now which can impact the Kokanee bite. French Meadows continues to produce beautiful rainbows and browns for anglers trolling Rapalas and Dodger/Worm combos. The lake will remain higher than usual until the power house is repaired.

**OROVILLE LAKE:** Oroville continues to be a no show this year. Hopefully the better water conditions this summer and fall will bode well for next year.

**SIERRA LAKES:** It's time to switch gears from Kokanee to trout and mackinaw in the Sierra lakes. **Union Valley** has benefitted from PG&E's planting of Lassen rainbows that are great fighters and table fare. Mid-elevation lakes like **Scotts Flat**, **Sugar Pine**, **Stumpy Meadows**, and **Sly Park** are fishing better now that

the kids are back in school and some of the recreational boat traffic has settled down. **Loon Lake** has been fishing well for rainbows and browns if you are willing to stay close to the bottom. Small rapalas are the ticket there.

**STAMPEDE RESERVOIR:** Kokanee fishing had been better the past few weeks. This is one of the last lakes to get decent kokanee over the next few weeks. The recent rains brought fish into the Little Truckee arm as they stage up to spawn. There are fish being taken around the dam as well. If you want a few more fish for the smoker this is the place to go over the next week or so.

**DELTA:** Striper fishing has been so-so for trollers over the last few weeks. The big blue moon and associated tides made things a little tougher as grass fills the rivers. Play the tides and the weather for your best opportunity to get into more conducive conditions and more aggressive stripers.



# Wolfpack Outing Pyramid Lake

October 10 - 12

The Rooster Tails Fishing Club is considering a Wolfpack outing to Pyramid Lake, Nevada. The tentative date for this outing is October 10th through October 12th (weather dependent). 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> or at <http://plpt.nagfa.net/online/> (fishing permits only).

## **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 or from the tribal website. See above links. Costs for camping are \$32 per day and \$82 for a 3 day stay (costs are per Pyramid Lake web site as of September 9, 2023).

## **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 Boating 3 -day \$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).

# Rooster Tails Turkey Turney Collins Lake Thursday, November 9, 2023

## Rooster Tails Collins Lake Turkey Turney Thursday November 9th, 2023 No Entry Fee, Ten \$ 35 Gift Certificates as Prizes Pre-Registration Required

Rooster Tails Fishing Club Turkey Turney at Collins Lake is set for Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>. This no entry fee event has a long history as a club event. Members can fish for Trout and win gift certificates for a Thanksgiving Turkey. Members and their guests are invited to participate. Ten grocery store gift certificates will be given away at the event to anglers with the heaviest bag of Trout, **Pre-Registration is required.**

Contestants can begin fishing at the first safe light on the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup>. The weigh in will be above the main launch ramp in the parking lot and will start at 1pm and end at 2pm sharp. Each contestant can weigh in up to 5 trout during the weigh in period. Gift certificates for 10 turkeys will be awarded to the top 10 anglers by total weight.

The Event hosts are Yvette Meador, Bruce Hansen and Shawn Conlan. Members and their guests can sign up at the September or October breakfast meeting or contact Yvette at 530-305-7949.

Information about Collins lake can be found at [www.collinslake.com](http://www.collinslake.com). According to Jennifer at Collins Lake they will start planting trout in October and continue until Thanksgiving, depending on water temperatures and weather conditions.

Hope to see you on the lake November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Yvette, Bruce and Shawn



## 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. **WE CURRENTLY ONLY HAVE 6 OPEN SEATS LEFT!**

For more information, contact Mike Walker, (530) 320-1750.

TYPE OF ROCKFISH	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bocaccio	H	H	H	F	F	F	F	G	G	G
Copper Rockfish	H	H	H	H	F	F	F	G	G	G
Olive Rockfish	G	G	H	H	H	H	G	G	G	G
Starry Rockfish	H	H	H	F	F	F	F	G	G	G
Vermilion Rockfish	G	G	G	G	F	F	F	H	H	H



# CDFW COMPLETES RELEASE OF 23 MILLION FALL-RUN CHINOOK SALMON

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has completed the release of approximately 23 million fall-run Chinook salmon raised at its four Central Valley anadromous fish hatcheries, the Feather River Fish Hatchery, the Nimbus Fish Hatchery, the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery and the Merced River Hatchery.



The 23 million salmon raised and released by CDFW in 2023 represents a 15 percent increase over the roughly 20 million fall-run Chinook salmon raised and released in 2022. This

year's production goals were increased as a coordinated effort among state and federal partnering agencies to help fall-run Chinook salmon overcome impacts from an extended drought that increased water temperatures and decreased water flow throughout the Central Valley during critical salmon spawning and rearing periods. Drought conditions coupled with Thiamine Deficiency Complex, a vitamin deficiency that impacts reproduction, have reduced in-river spawning success the past several years.

Beyond the hatchery production increase, CDFW carried out several new, innovative and experimental release strategies to take advantage of some of the best in-river flows and water conditions in years and to increase overall survival.

[\(continue reading the article here\)](#)

## Recent CDFW Security Breach

**Editors note:** While this may be old news to some, we felt it might be helpful to share it again.



## MARINE NEWS

### NOTICE: Recent CDFW System Security Breach

I am writing to inform you of a recent cybersecurity incident that involved recreational fishing license data. This notice provides information about the incident, what information may have been exposed, and what you can do to protect yourself.

#### WHAT HAPPENED

On March 30, 2023, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) was made aware of a cybersecurity breach within the network of a third-party vendor who uses fishing license information to conduct the Automated License Directory Online Survey (ALDOS) necessary to produce recreational ocean fishing catch and effort estimates.

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## WHAT INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED

The following fishing license information may have been included within the documents saved on the compromised network:

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- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Suffix
- Age In Years
- Gender
- Email Address
- Primary Phone Number
- Secondary (Evening) Phone Number
- Mobile Phone Number
- GO ID (Fishing/Angler License #)
- Information about the license, such as license type and sales date.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

Upon notification of the incident, CDFW ceased sharing any additional license data with the vendor. CDFW is considering a suite of options to better protect the license data from future incidents. We are also taking the additional step, out of an abundance of caution, to alert you to the fact that your personal information may have been viewed by an unauthorized person so that you can determine what further actions you would like to take to prevent any potential personal harm.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you have concerns about any potential harm, please consult the resources below; these websites have helpful information to protect you from potential identify theft, including how to receive a free copy of your credit report either through the Fair Credit Reporting Act or as a result of placing a fraud alert on your credit files:

[California Office of Attorney General](#)

[Social Security Office](#)

[Free Credit Report](#)

If you suspect you may be a victim of identity theft, you should place a fraud alert on your credit file. You can also place a security freeze on your account to help prevent unauthorized access to your credit reports. Fraud alerts and security freezes must be initiated at each of the three credit bureaus:

Equifax (800) 525-6285 [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

Experian (888) 397-3742 [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

TransUnion (800) 680-7289 [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

When you receive your credit reports, carefully look them over for the following:

- Accounts you did not open;
- Inquiries from creditors that you did not initiate;
- Personal information, such as your home address and Social Security number, that is not accurate.

If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report. If you do find suspicious activity on your credit reports, call your local police or sheriff's office and file a report of identity theft. Get a copy of the police report as you may need to give copies to creditors to clear up any issues.

We offer our sincerest apology that this unfortunate incident occurred. Please be assured that protecting and safeguarding your personal information is one of our highest priorities. Please send any questions or concerns regarding this matter to [ALDOS.Help@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:ALDOS.Help@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely, Craig Shuman  
Marine Regional Manager  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Ocean-related news and information

Learn more about CDFW's Marine Region online at [wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine](http://wildlife.ca.gov/regions/marine)

Read the CDFW Marine Management News blog at [cdfwmarine.wordpress.com](http://cdfwmarine.wordpress.com)

## 2023 Jackpot Contest Is Still 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



## Rooster Tails Monthly Quote

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

*"The contentment which fills the mind of the angler at the close of a days sport is one of the chiefest charms in his life"*

*Rev. William Cowper Prime*

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