



May 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 Brett Brady of [Bare Bones Guide Service](#). Brett will be sharing information on how he fishes for stripers and other species in Northern California.

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th 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 open. 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 May 15, 2pm, at Lyons Real Estate office (near Mel's Dinner in Auburn). Free pizza provided.
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting May 19
- Rooster Tails Board of Directors Meeting June 12
- Rooster Tails Monthly Breakfast Meeting June 16 - Captain Brian Potter of the Sea Prowler of Bodega Bay
- Wolf Pack outing to Pyramid Lake in October (watch for details)
- Rooster Tails Kokanee Tournament at Stampede June 15 (more info below)

May Speaker: Brett Brady Bare Bones Guide Service

Brett Brady was born and raised in Northern California and has spent most of his life fishing the local lakes and rivers, these same lakes and rivers he now guides on.

"Bones" holds licenses issued by the California Department of Fish & Game, Coast Guard License, CPR and First Aid Certificate issued by the Red Cross, U.S. Forest Service Beckworth Ranger District, Tahoe Ranger District, special use permit and State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Lake Oroville special use permit. These certificates and permits allow Brett the ability to guide from the valley rivers, like the Sacramento and Feather Rivers, to the foothill and mountain lakes chasing Salmon, Striped Bass, Sturgeon, Kokanee, Trout and land locked King Salmon.

Brett will share with the club where and how he is fishing these days. Please join us at this month's breakfast.

Will Fish Tackle Report by Craig Newton



5/8/2023

Spring is here to be followed very quickly by Summer weather. Rivers are running high and cold with reservoirs and lakes filling fast. Shasta is full after being at record low levels this time last year. Sierra snowpack will provide spring river and stream conditions well into the summer. High flows in the valley rivers will extend the striper spawning runs as water temperatures slowly creep up. The Delta has been producing for trollers over the last few weeks. San Francisco Bay has been producing limit style fishing for halibut on live bait. The weather has been cooperating making outings more appealing.

BULLARDS BAR: Kokanee fishing continues to be very productive at Bullards Bar. There are fish from 30' down to 70' that are taking dodger/hoochie, dodger/cut plug, and dodger/spinner combos. Average size is 11" with a few coming in over 12". If you are looking for an active fishing day that will result in a pile of one of the best eating freshwater species, give Bullards Bar a try.

COLLINS LAKE: Collins is full and fishing well as the spring planting program winds down. Plenty of cold water coming into the lake will extend the spring fishing for planted trout. Fish are cruising the shoreline and top 10-20' for trollers. Trolling flies, small plastic worms, grubs and Rapalas are preferred methods.

FOLSOM LAKE: Bass, bass, bass, are on tap at Folsom. A Folsom black bass grand slam, large mouth, spotted, and small mouth can be achieved this spring. Slow presentation drop shot and ned rigs are producing and the shift to reaction baits is happening. Cold water species continue to hit trolled presentations with quality hold over rainbows taking spoons and stick baits. A few kings have been landed but we haven't seen the quality we experienced the last two years, yet.

OROVILLE LAKE: Lake is coming up and the bass bite is mirroring Folsom. Lots of spotted bass are hitting several different presentations. It is a good time to experiment with different baits to see what works. Not much information on the Kings has surfaced yet. It is time to go give Oroville a try for the cold water species and see what happens.

DELTA: Striper fishing has been good to great for trollers as bass move up and down the system during the spring spawn. Fish are being caught that are ready to spawn and very green. Deep divers in 12' to 16' of water and Rat-L-Traps in the shallows are doing the trick. Try crawdad colors along rocky banks over the next few weeks as the bugs emerge and become a key striper target.

MID ELEVATION SIERRA LAKES: This is the time to explore the mid elevation lakes on the Sierra west slope. Think lakes from 3500-5000' elevation like Sly Creek, Scotts Flat, Rollins, Sugar Pine, Stumpy Meadows, Union Valley, Sly Park ... Some of the smaller, lesser know reservoirs in the mid elevation range can be outstanding for trout and small mouth bass this time of year. This year should be exceptional for these lakes as they get plenty of cold water throughout the summer.



Trout caught by the author at Stumpy Meadows on April 24



One of two Brown Trout caught also at Stumpy Meadows.



Members Only
Stampede Kokanee Fishing Tournament
Wednesday June 14th, 2023
Stampede Camping
Monday June 12th 2023 - Thursday June 15th
(Checkout Day)

The Rooster Tails Fishing club is planning this year's members only Stampede Kokanee fishing Tournament (June 14th) and group camping trip (June 12th-15th). The club has reserved the Prospector group campsite for club members at the Emigrant Group campground starting on Monday June 12th through Thursday June 15th, 2023 (checkout day). The Prospector group campsite has room for 15 vehicles and 50 guests and is the 1st group site on the right as you enter the campground, the site has water and bathrooms with no showers. Members can review information about the site at www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232859, Emigrant Group Campground, Prospector Group site. Members do not need to participate in the group camping to sign up for the tournament.

Members who would like to sign-up for one of the 15 vehicle sites within the Prospector group site can sign up at the May 19th Breakfast meeting or contact Shawn Conlan at 831-320-3671. The fee will be \$ 40 per vehicle for all three nights. Paid to Rooster Tails Fishing Club by check only. As of May 8th we have 10 signups for the group camping site.

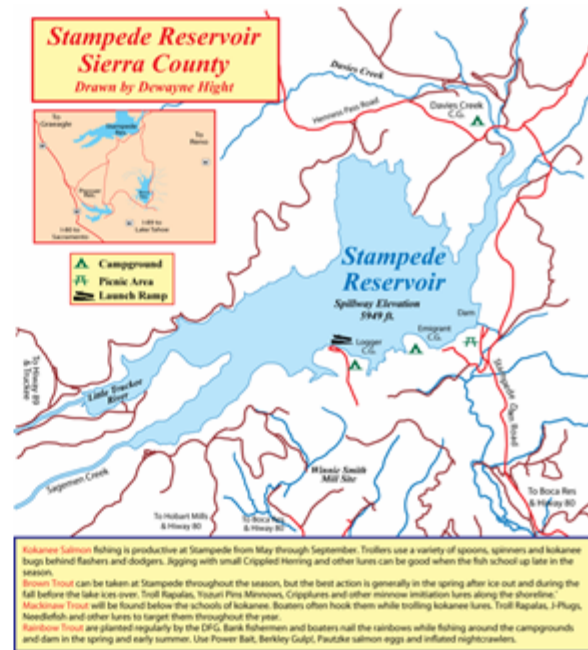
The Club will host a Kokanee Salmon Fishing Tournament on Wednesday June 14th, 2023. A separate tournament signup sheet will be available at the May 19th breakfast meeting. Sign-up fee will be \$ 20 for the tournament. With 100% of the tournament fees being awarded to the top four fishermen with the most weight. 40% first place, 30% second place, 20 % third place and 10% fourth place. Members who have signed up for the tournament can start fishing at first safe light on June 14th. The weigh in will start at 1 pm sharp at the launch ramp parking lot and end at 2 pm sharp. Members cannot fish with a guide for the tournament. As of May 8th, 23 members have signed up for the tournament.

Contact Shawn Conlan, club Treasurer to sign up or for more information 831-320-3671 or sconlan@aol.com or sign up at one of the breakfast meetings.

Map From Fishsniffer.com

Stampede Reservoir is located in the northeastern region of the Truckee Ranger District in the Tahoe National Forest. This reservoir is approximately 10 miles north of Truckee. Stampede Dam and Reservoir are situated on the Little Truckee River immediately below the mouth of Davies Creek and approximately 8 miles above the confluence of the Little Truckee and Truckee Rivers.

For more information about Stampede Reservoir [click here](#).



SF Club Bay Trip Report Mike Walker

On the Thursday morning of 4/27/23 - 18 Rooster Tails members boarded the Pacific Pearl charter boat out of Fish Emeryville that left the dock at 6am. They first traveled across the Bay to San Francisco to pick up live bait. There were over thirty boats waiting to take on scoops of anchovies. From there the boat went south under the Bay Bridge to the rock wall off of Alameda to start fishing.

It wasn't long before Halibut were being landed and going into the fish box. During the day the boat fished several different locations in the south Bay . Overall there were over 100 boats out fishing.

The morning bite was better (faster) than in the afternoon. There were less shaker halibut caught this year than last year. For the day the boat had 38 halibut (22" or larger), 2 striped bass, and one leopard shark. The boat returned to the harbor around 3:30pm. Clay and Alex were the two deck hands who helped set up the tackle, baited many hooks, netted fish, untangled crossed lines, and filleted the fish for those on board at the end of the day.

The weather was perfect, the fishing excellent, and enjoyed by all on the trip. The jackpot fish was caught by Bruce Hansen and Susan Coe caught the leopard shark. It is anticipated that there will be two more salt water club trips before the end of 2023.



Heading Out



Picking up the Anchovies



Mike's Striper



Susan's Shark



Anthony's Halibut



Box of Catch

Rooster Tails Fish Club Local Lake Information Spaulding Lake 2023 by Shawn Conlan

Lake Spaulding is a nearby lake with beautiful scenery and some challenging fishing. The lake has several rivers flowing into it making for a beautiful setting and is only about an hour away from Auburn.

Spaulding contains both Rainbow and Brown Trout. Also, Spaulding has been planted with landlocked King Salmon. In 2019 Spaulding was planted with 25000, then in 2022 it was planted with another 25,000. The lake sits at about 5000 feet elevation and is located just off Highway 80 between Auburn and Reno. To access the lake, take the highway 20 exit from highway 80 and then turn at the Spaulding Lake campground sign about 3 miles from highway 80.

Spaulding Lake is controlled by PG & E and does not open until Memorial Day (May 29th) this year, subject to weather and snow conditions. More information about the lake can be found at www.pge.com/recreation or by calling PG & E at 916-386-5164. The boat launch fee is \$ 10.

If you have information about a local lake you would like to share with the club please email it to info@roostertailsfishingclub.org for publication in the club newsletter.



Lake Spaulding Map



Nephew Danny
with 2015 stringer



Burt Jansen
June 9th 2018
Rainbow

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 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

Rooster Tails Monthly Quote

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

"Learning to catch fish is not difficult, but becoming reasonably expert at it does require time and study."

A.J. McClane

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