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**NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

### HEAD HOOKER'S MESSAGE

**PAUL WELLS**



Hi Guys

Well for the past month fishing has not existed for me but it has been an eventful month.

On October 18, I went in for back surgery. They put (2) 9" rods in my back to stabilize L1 thru L5 to sacrum. Surgery was approximately 6 hrs. and the surgery went well. I was told it would be 2 to 4 days recovery in the hospital. Complications arose due to anesthesia and pain medication that put my colon to sleep (ileus) and also, a blood and kidney issue. The above complications resulted in an extended hospital stay (10 days). It appears all has been resolved. I am feeling good and my recovery is going well. Recovery will take 4 months. So, you guys are stuck with me for another year!!

I am glad to report that the auction went well. Almost everything was sold. In previous years there was a fair amount of stuff that had to go to the dumpster. We made \$800. thanks to a lot of generous bidders.

We held the election of Officers at the last meeting and enough people stepped up that I feel very optimistic about the future of Jolly Hookers.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and the Christmas Dinner.

Keep your lines and your nets ready.

### ACTIVITIES REPORT

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER**

Our annual **Christmas Dinner and Raffle is on Friday, December 10**. Doors open at 5pm, raffle sales start at 5:15 pm and dinner served about 6:30 pm at the Elks Club. No host bar from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. There will not be a breakfast meeting.

Menu selections this year:

**Tri Tip or Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon. \$25 per person.**

Get your entrée selection and money in at the November 12th meeting or no later than Friday November 26th. Remember to bring \$25 per person in cash or check made out to "Jolly Hookers." You can also mail a check along with your selection to:

**Ben LaSala**

8813 Woodman Way Sacramento, CA. 95826

Phone: H 916 362-3631 C 914-9506

Looking forward to a great evening.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**BEN LASALA**

I have some **very good** financial news for our club. At our annual auction, which took place during our October 8, 2021, we took in **\$818**. Wow! I don't remember taking in anything close to that amount in recent memory. While our membership has taken a hit because of old age and Covid, it seems as though we

have a strong core group who would like to see us continue to be a viable club.

Thanks to all who donated items for our auction; we had some great items up for bid. Then we want to thank everyone who participated in the bidding process and actually coughed up money for those items. Leading our list of contributors was a new member, **Richard Sears**.

Richard spent \$200!

Again, I want to thank everyone who participated in our auction. **THANK YOU!**

	<b>Treasurer's Report By Ben LaSala November 2021</b>
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$2,168</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Breakfast	432
Non-eaters	8
Auction Proceeds	818
Hat Sales	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1258</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Breakfast	348
Raffle Prizes	60
Derby Pot	
Guest Breakfasts	24
Monthly Bank Fee	
Insurance	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,994</b>

## **FISHING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**BOB SCHMIDT**

Guys this month I don't have much to talk about in the way of fishing. I didn't get out fishing at all in October. I was preparing and working on my duck and geese decoys. I made a few trips up to my duck club near Colusa where I worked on the blind, decoy setup and getting the ATV and my hunting trailer up there for

the season. We weren't expecting to get any water this year and at the last moment they called us and told us they are going to flood all the fields at our club. It was a rush getting everything up there and ready for the October 23rd opener. On opening day we were a little bit rusty on our shooting and we didn't fill all 3 limits.

It is now Sunday Oct. 24 almost noon and time to come inside the trailer to warm up and dry out from hunting. I'm going to stay inside today and start working on my article. What a storm with driving rain and wind, a duck hunters dream. This storm was a little bit on the extreme side even for me. Only a true duck hunter would be out there hunting and be so miserable and enjoying it. Only a few of the blinds at the club on Sunday had hunters in them. There were only 2 of us in my blind today and we shot our 7-duck limit each by 10:00. It was a mixed bag of ducks, blue and green wing teal, shovelers, gadwalls, mallards, and pintails. In the wind it was hard to pick your shot and where to aim. There were plenty of misses but the ducks just kept on coming in all morning. The water level in the field raised 3" in the time we were out there hunting. Debbie told me not drive home today in the storm. There are too many problems on the roads and it's not safe to drive. She said it would be best for me to stay up there and hunt again on Monday. That's fine with me. I'm not going to argue with that.

Sometime today I need to go back outside in the rain to pluck and clean ducks. No Fun.

It is now Tuesday and I need to finish my article and sent it on to Gene for the newsletter. I hunted Monday morning by myself and there are only a few ducks to be seen. With all the new water in the area and heavy winds on Sunday they seem to be taking it easy today.

It was an amazing morning to be out in the blind. It was a clear morning with light wind and the moon still shining in the West as the sun came up over the Sutter Buttes. The sights and sounds of thousands of different birds everywhere taking flight from their storm hidden hiding spots. Large flocks of Snow Geese were high in the sky calling out, arriving into the area making their migration South. I didn't need to fire a shot today. I just enjoyed moment. It was a beautiful morning that's all that counts. That's what duck hunting is all about.

On the way home Monday afternoon I was thinking about going out fishing on the Sac River before weeks end. That all changed when I looked down at the river when crossing over the I-5 bridge by the airport. The river was flowing much higher with lots of trees, logs and debris as far you can see floating downstream. I'm

going to give it a second thought on going out. Maybe I'll wait till next week.

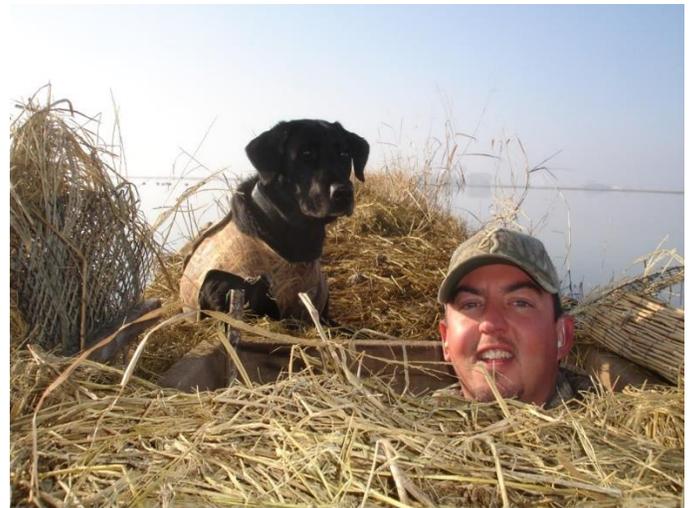
I was again at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery on Oct. 21 they started flowing water down the new flume. One of the overflow gates was open at the dam and the Hydro flow outlet was shut down? Maybe they are raising the river flow for the Salmon run. Not sure what they were doing yet. I anticipate around the first of November fish should be going up the new flume past the new viewing windows. There sure are a lot of Salmon in the basin right now. The reports I had heard (Oct 19<sup>th</sup>) fishing was picking up on the Sacramento River and it might be good fishing into November. It is a late run this year. I hope to get out there at least once this season. The Delta area is questionable. There is a lot of grass in the area and now floating logs and other debris. The guys at the duck club were telling me there is also a lot of grass in the Sac River in Colusa area. Now it's waiting game once again on what to do.

Good Luck Fishing and Be Safe  
Bob Schmidt

Following are some previous hunt pics I asked Bob to send me to give some perspective. Ed.



**BOB'S WIFE DEBBIE IN BLIND**



**3-MAN PIT BLIND WITHOUT CAMOUFLAGE**



**L TO R MARK CHRISTOPHEL, BOB SCHMIDT, STEVE CHRISTOPHEL. MARK IS A FISHING GUIDE OUT OF TRUCKEE**

**Jolly Hooker Fishing Club**  
**Gene Pearson**  
**3536 Rolph Way**  
**El Dorado Hills, CA 957**

## **2021 Steering Committee**

<b><u>Head Hooker</u></b>	<b>Paul Wells</b>
<b><u>Asst. Head Hooker</u></b>	<b>John Bergman</b>
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	<b>Ben LaSala</b>
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	<b>Gene Pearson</b>
<b><u>Activities Chairmen</u></b>	<b>Rene Villanueva/John Kinslow</b>
<b><u>Fishing Chairman</u></b>	<b>Bob Schmidt</b>
<b><u>NDO Chairman</u></b>	<b>Walt Summers</b>