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What We're Using



Cal Kellogg - hosted a Cal Kellogg School of Fishing adventure aboard the Pacific Dream for S.F. Bay halibut and stripers. For light tackle live bait drifting, Cal used a Cousins baitcaster rated for 8 to 17 pound line paired with an Abu Garcia Orin Inshore baitcaster with a 7.1:1 gear ratio. The reel was spooled with 30 lb Yo-Zuri braid. The trip produced 40 halibut to 32 lbs and a handful of stripers.



Paul Kneeland - fished the last days of the season at Pyramid Lake with John Brassfield of Trucksmart stores in the Fish Sniffer 21' Rogue Jet Coastal. They

caught Lahontan cutthroat trout to 12 pounds 8 oz., using a Okuma 9' light action Kokanee Black Rod with a Daiwa Lexa 100 line counter reel loaded with 8 lb test Yozuri Topknot Fluorocarbon line.. They trolled "Dill Pickle" Lyman lures and watermelon 5 1/2 inch Apex spoons on the surface and off the Canon Downriggers at 20 to 45 feet deep and 2.5 mph.



Dan Bacher - fished for rainbow trout at Lake Alpine in Alpine County. He used a Berkley Ugly Stick GX2 6' 6" medium action spinning rod, teamed up with a Shakespeare GX235 spinning reel filled with 6 lb. test P-Line CX Premium Fluorocarbon Coated Line. He fished with rainbow Berkley PowerBait, 1/8 oz. gold and black Panther Martins and 2/5 oz. gold/red stripe Little Cleos. Dan coated his baits and lures with Bloody Tuna scent Pro-Cure Super Gel.

GGSA 'Fish Like A Girl' Trip Produces Salmon Limits

On Friday, July 5, the second Golden Gate Salmon Association (GGSA) "Fish Like a Girl" all ladies salmon fishing trip aboard the Salty Lady departed from the Sausalito Harbor to fish outside of the Golden Gate.

"We traveled out to the W Buoy, a long run from the harbor," said Cat Kaiser, the GGSA Fundraising and Events Coordinator. "The weather was choppy, very typical of salmon fishing conditions. It was cloudy and foggy in the morning and then calmed down in the afternoon. Even though it was a far run, only a couple of the girls got sick – and they were not down for long."

By the end of the day, the 21 ladies and the three crew members aboard the boat had caught limits of quality Chinook salmon, a total of 48 fish.

"To say these ladies had fun catching full limits of big salmon on the trip would be an understatement," said Kaiser. "For some, it was about catching their first

salmon. For others, it was about doing what they love with 21 fellow fisherwomen. For all, it was a day of supporting, cheering, laughing and catching."

The fish averaged a solid 12 pounds each and lot of Chinooks in the 18-pound class were landed. Kaiser won the jackpot with a 25-pound king.

They landed the fish while trolling anchovies anywhere from 30 to 80 feet pulls deep.

"All of the girls become best friends at the end of day," said Kaiser. "The support and camaraderie among the women was unbelievable. They were hooting, hollering, laughing and cheering for each other for every fish that came over the rail. There were lots of hugs on this trip."

Salty Lady Captain Jared Davis ran the



Cat Kaiser, Fundraising and Events Coordinator for the Golden Gate Salmon Association (GGSA), proudly displays her 25-pound Chinook caught while trolling at the W Buoy aboard the Salty Lady on July 5.

Photo courtesy of CAT KAISER, GGSA.

boat and Tommy Watson and Jimmy McNair served as deckhands.

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18 inch Kokanee Caught at Whiskeytown Kokanee Power Derby

2019 is looking to be a banner year for kokanee at most

lakes across Northern California. Numbers of fish, and size of fish are way up from a few years ago when the drought impacted landlocked salmon populations.

In addition to the drought, devastating wildfires affected hatcheries. Some people speculated that the fires might hurt the health of lakes as well. One lake in particular, Whiskeytown Lake near Redding, was slammed by the Carr Fire in 2018. Would muddy winter runoff kill off the kokanee population? Only time would tell, but early reports started coming in about anglers landing Whiskeytown kokanee in 2019.

With positive news in hand, Gary Coe and the Kokanee Power organization decided to move forward with the two-day Whiskeytown Lake derby June 8-9.

Although the turnout was lower than usual, a dedicated group of anglers hit the lake in search of limits of big kokanee.

Amazingly, Whiskeytown featured not only limits style fishing, but huge fish that recon back to the glory days of Berryessa or New Melones. There were ten fish over two pounds each, and one fish over 18 inches weighed in by the team of Doug Philpott and Greg Yost.

I arrived at the Red Lion Hotel in Redding on the Friday before the derby with my family. We checked in, got settled down, and headed to the Kokanee Power dinner and raffle. Kokanee Power always hosts a fun event with food, raffles, and prizes. After the dinner, we headed back to the room for bed.

The first day of fishing featured menacing northwest winds in the

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**WHAT'S
HOT
by
Jack Naves**



Adam Naves caught this big kokanee while fishing the Kokanee Power Derby at Whiskeytown Reservoir with his dad. Behind Adam you can see some of the devastation created by the huge forest fire that descended on Whiskeytown last summer.

Photo by JACK NAVES, Fish Sniffer Staff.

Fish Sniffer TIP OF THE WEEK

Some anglers use line as light as 4 pound test while others use line as heavy as 12 pound test when trolling for trout and kokanee. Line size is no longer an issue when it comes to spooking fish with the wide availability of fluorocarbon line that is basically invisible to fish. For general use, 8 or 10 pound test line is a good compromise between strength and fine diameter.



Kittle's Waterfowl Sale & State Duck Calling Championship Slated For August 24 & 25!

If you're a duck and goose hunter, the annual Kittle's Outdoor & Sport Company's waterfowl sale is the one event you can't afford to miss out on.

Why, you ask? The answer is simple, Kittle's is celebrating their 20 year anniversary and during the sale there will be storewide savings on everything you'll need when the season opens and the birds start streaming back into the Sacramento Valley!

On August 24 & 25 you save 20% on calls, clothing, decoys, guns and fishing gear along with special pricing on ammo.

There will be a 4 hours hot buy sale on Saturday that offers super savings on Greenhead Gear Full Body Speck Harvester Packs, Hevi Shot Waterfowl Loads, Sitka Gear Core Crew Zip Tees and Kent Fast Steel 2.0.

As if the annual waterfowl sale isn't exciting enough, the California State Duck Calling Championship will take place amidst the sale!

The 2018 California State Duck Calling Championship

The 2019 California State Duck Calling Competition is set for August 25 & 26

The City of Colusa and Kittle's Outdoor & Sport Co. once again have the honor of hosting this fantastic event. The State Cham-

pionship Event gives California Sportsman and Sportswoman the opportunity to test their calling skills in a competitive environment, and possibly qualify for the prestigious 83rd Annual World Championship in Stuttgart, Arkansas. The competition consists of numerous classes including but not limited to; Open Contest, Intermediate Contest, and Junior contests.

The calling contest will be held at Colusa's Veteran's Memorial Park right across from Kittle's.

For more information, check out the Kittle's ad in this edition of the Fish Sniffer!

Kittle's is located at 888 Market St. in Colusa, Ca. If you have any question or for more details you can call (530) 458-4868 or visit the Kittle's

website-www.kittlesoutdoor



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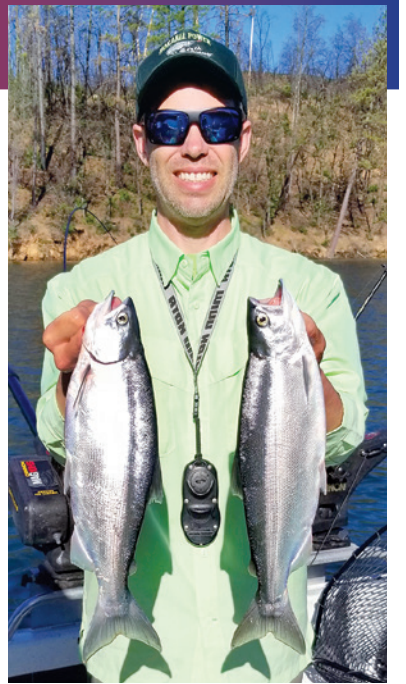
morning, and persistent periods of wind throughout the day. We had a tough time keeping the boat straight and the lines in the water. My wife Gina and kids kept busy putting corn on the hooks as I tried to keep the boat straight.

The good news was that the fishing was off the hook. I estimated that we landed in the neighborhood of 40-60 kokanee, and lost many as well. The bad news was that most of the fish were in the 8 to 13 inch range, much too small to factor into the derby.

We were able to shake most of the small fish off at the back of the boat. I also developed a technique where I unhooked fish and put them into my bucket. Once revived, I lowered the bucket over the side and let the lake water mix into the bucket until the fish swam away. Anything that didn't revive was kept for dinners of cornmeal crusted kokanee.

Although it wasn't great for our weight totals, the smaller fish kept the kids busy landing and netting fish all day. It was a fun family day of fishing, but our weight totals after day one were pathetic compared to the leading teams. We were over two pounds behind the leading team, and I knew we would have to change it up for day two.

The second morning was much nicer in terms of weather. We still had a



Fish Sniffer Field Editor Jack Naves shows off a pair of jumbo kokanee that he landed while fishing the Kokanee Power Derby at Whiskeytown Reservoir this summer.
Photo by JACK NAVES, Fish Sniffer Staff.

northwest breeze, but it wasn't to the point where it affected our ability to fish. While we had fished in the main lake on day one, I decided to fish the Whiskey Creek arm of the lake on day two. The decision paid off immediately, as my side planer got slammed just a few minutes after the start of fishing time at 5:30 am.

My rod doubled over and the orange side planer violently surged into the water. "Nice fish", I relayed to Gina, as the kokanee started peeling line off my reel. As Gina was unclipping the side planer, I heard my son Adam yelling "Daddy! Fish!" Adam's downrigger rod was bouncing, but I wanted to focus on getting my fish into the net first. His fish crossed under my fish to the opposite side of the boat, and Gina netted my fish a few moments later. I quickly flipped the large kokanee into the bucket and assed the situation regarding Adam's fish.

The second kokanee had swam around the back of the boat and wrapped the line across the two port side downrigger cables. In a twist of luck, the fish reversed course and moved into position behind the boat. It made a few runs and then thrashed on the surface. I immediately freaked out, thinking that the hook would come flying out at any second. Fortunately, I was able to slip the net under the fish a few moments later, and Adam had a hog in the box.

Adam's kokanee was the second heaviest fish weighed in for the derby, coming in at 2.28 pounds! After catching dozens of small fish on the first day, we mysteriously managed to catch only big fish on the second day. We headed to the weight station at one o'clock with 14 kokanee in the box, most of which were over 15 inches in length.

Although we didn't crack the top five places, we were able to come back far enough on Sunday to earn a check. Both kids got trophies and prizes for their fish, and overall it was a nice chance spend the weekend fishing and socializing with the other participants. It was great to see several different year classes of kokanee thriving once again at Whiskeytown Lake.

The Red Lion hotel in Redding is only about 25 minutes from the lake, and it provides great accommodations to the derby participants. The pool, restaurant, and bar all provide great places to relax and socialize with other contestants in the derby.

For those of you who haven't tried it, I suggest making a mini-vacation out of one of the Kokanee Power events. They have more derbies lined up this summer, and I recommend attending any of their future events if you can. Information is listed on their website at www.kokaneepower.org



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