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NEXT STOP: NEW MELONES!

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Take a look at your favorite Northern California lakes, and ask yourself what do each have in common? With the exception of a few, the most obvious commonality is their low water levels. However, despite these low water levels, each lake is having a phenomenal year for fishing! Some lakes are kicking out amazing, high quality fish while others are producing high numbers and easy limits!

New Melones is the fourth stop on the Kokanee Power 2014 schedule. Currently, the water is at 31 percent of total capacity, which translates to 733,330 acre feet of water, and it continues to drop as the outflow is running at 1,781 CFS while inflow is only at 374 CFS. The Tuttle town ramp has been closed leaving Glory Hole as the only usable launching facility. However, despite the low water, the fishing has been unaffected! Keeping consistent with what has been occurring across Northern California lakes this year, New Melones Kokanee fishing has been on fire with limits being the rule. Decent fish have already been taken and measuring up to 14 inches. There have also been rumors of some slightly bigger as well.



As always, it's a two-day event, and it will be held on July 19th and 20th. Payouts will be made down to the top 15 teams with 1st place paying a minimum of \$1500 (based on 150 paid participants). We will also be having our junior division too! There are also side pots for blind bogey and big trout as New Melones has some gorgeous Rainbow Trout and the more elusive Brown Trout!

Special thanks to Melanie and Glory Hole Sports for allowing Kokanee Power to conduct check-ins on Friday evening and Saturday morning at their store.

If you are in need of hotel accommodations, feel free to contact *The Angels Inn* at (888) 753-0226. Be sure to let them know you're fishing the derby.

You can find the derby form [here](#) or by registering online at this [link](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Al Millan at (415) 279-7875 or Gary Coe at (916) 985-4943.

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RECORD WEIGHT AT ALMANOR!

BY: WES HAMASAKI

On June 14, 2014, Kokanee Power held its third event of the year at beautiful Lake Almanor. Nestled in beautiful Plumas County, this majestic body of water offers anglers the potential to catch high quality German Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, and King Salmon. It's definitely a lake that should be on every angler's list if they would like to catch their personal best in any of those three species!

Leading up to the event, fishing reports from the lake ranged from good to phenomenal. Pictures floating around of gorgeous four to six pound trout were being shared. This definitely sparked people's interest as a potential weight of 15 pounds for three fish may be needed to place in the event. An attendance record was set for this event!

As anglers converged on the water on the day of the derby, they are each faced with the same dilemma – which presentation will trigger strikes and put fish in the box? Some anglers opted for slow rolling night crawlers behind flashers just above the bottom and weed lines. Other anglers decided to up the RPMs on their kicker engines and troll fast with hard baits and spoons such as Speedy Shiners and lathered with their favorite scents between 15 and 45 feet.

While some anglers struggled to find the winning pattern for bigger fish, other anglers were able to get onto a bite and were rewarded for their efforts. One team in particular, Gary Coe and John Lico, had the winning pattern as they weighed 15.30 pounds for three fish. One of those three was a big Rainbow Trout that tipped the scales at 5.76 pounds, which also won the Big Trout side pot. Their total weight is a new record for this event!



Thank you all the participants who came out to show their support for the fishery, and congratulations to everyone who placed in the derby! The proceeds from this event help support the 50,000 trout that are raised annually in pens in association with the Almanor Fishing Association.

Special thank you to the Almanor Fishing Association for providing all participants with a delicious lunch!

As always, the derby results have been posted on the Kokanee Power webpage. A direct link to the results can be found below.

<http://www.kokaneepower.org/derbiesdet.php?code=20140614>

See you all at the next event!

DON PEDRO RECAP

BY: WES HAMASAKI

May 31st marked the 11th annual Phil Johnson Team Kokanee Derby at Lake Don Pedro hosted by Kokanee Power. Year after year, this is one of Kokanee Power's most popular events, and this year did not disappoint as anglers came from all parts of California in search of the lake's prized Kokanee, Rainbow Trout, and King Salmon.

Leading up to the event, the lake level was measured at 53 percent capacity, which translated to 1,084, 399 acre feet of water. This still left plenty of water for anglers to dissect come derby day and piece together the puzzle to catch the winning Kokanee as well as the biggest Rainbow Trout and King Salmon if they were in the side pots.

On the day of the derby, anglers were treated with exceptional weather and the fishing did not disappoint either. Anglers were spread out across the lake in many of the usual spots such as Middle Bay and the Grave Yard. Armed with their favorite scented corn recipes, Apexes, spinners, and micro hoochies, anglers were able to coax fish into biting and had no problem filling their ice chests.



The derby results from the derby have been posted on the Kokanee Power webpage. The direct link to the results can be found below.

<http://www.kokaneepower.org/derbiesdet.php?code=20140531>

Thank you to all the participants who came out to show their support and remember our founder and dear friend, Phil Johnson. Congratulations to everyone who placed in the derby!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Don't forget to mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

July 19th/20th: New Melones 2-Day Kokanee Team Tourney

Sign up online through <http://www.kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20140719.html>

August 2nd: Stampede Reservoir Team Kokanee Derby

Sign up online through <http://www.kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20140802.html>

August 16th: Lake Pardee Team Kokanee Derby

Sign up online through <http://www.kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20140816.html>

September 6th: Shaver Lake Team Kokanee Derby

Sign up online through <http://www.kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20140906.html>

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