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**THE KOKANEE KRONICLE**  
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# DON PEDRO RECAP

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The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Phil Johnson Team Kokanee Derby was held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Lake Don Pedro. While the lake was only around 40 percent capacity, participation did not suffer with over 100 participants. There was still plenty of water to challenge anglers who tried to put together a winning pattern.

While many of the anglers were on good numbers of fish, one team set themselves apart from the rest, and that team was Team HiTechKoke. The team of Kevin, Karla, Rachel, and Jenna Smith had an epic day. They were using micro hoochies and Radical Glow tubes between 35 and 80 feet with their most consistent depths being between 40 and 50 feet. Out of the three fish that they weighed in, two were the top two biggest fish of the derby and the third was in the top five. The big fished tipped the scales at 15.50 ounces and propelled them to the top of the leader board with a total of 41.30 ounces, which was nearly 7 ounces ahead of second place.

A full recap of the derby results can be found below:

TEAM KOKANEE DIVISION		Weight (3 Fish)	Big Fish	Big Fish Length
		(Ounces)	(Ounces)	(Inches)
1	Kevin, Karla, Rachel and Jenna Smith	41.30	15.50	14.49
2	Ken and Tina McDonald, Rick Silva	34.85	12.40	12.24
3	Jack Schultz, Carol Zapian- Voris, Alan Traynor	33.70	12.85	12.60
4	Francisco Olide	33.25	12.10	12.72
5	Kyle Wise and Sean McArdle	33.10	10.95	12.32
6	Robby Mannon and Corey Baker	32.60	11.50	13.15
7	Doug Philpott and Greg Yost	32.50	11.75	13.11
8	Terry and Rodney Brown	32.45	11.25	12.28
9	Ron Lemos and Fred McAlister	32.35	11.55	12.40
10	Mark Koontz, Jacob and Pops	32.25	11.00	12.40
11	Dale Gibbons and Jason Tidwell	31.45	10.85	12.09
12	Gary Coe and John Lico	31.40	10.65	11.54
13	Jin Travis and Steve Peckham	31.30	11.85	12.40
14	Doug Mayfield and Kevin Lango	31.30	10.85	12.13
15	Brent Honnoll and Michelle Robins	31.20	11.50	12.13
<b>JUNIOR DIVISION - 1 Fish Weigh-In (Ounces)</b>				
1	Cody Lango	11.85		
2	Wyatt Larsson	10.90		
3	Bobby Corbett	10.80		
<b>BIG TROUT SIDEPOUT (Ounces)</b>				
1	Kevin, Karla, Rachel and Jenna Smith	22.25		
2	Mark Stack and Brian Nuxoll	18.75		
3	Ron Lemos and Fred McAlister	16.30		
<b>BIG SALMON SIDEPOUT (Ounces)</b>				
1	Ryan Jones and Brian Stuffer	51.70		
2	Gary and Jacob Wilson	41.50		
3	Bill Back, Randy Bergquist, Vicki Noonan	39.65		
<b>BLIND BOGEY SIDEPOUT (Ounces)</b>				
1	Larry & Linda Abernathy	25.40		
2	John Miinnis	26.45		
3	Eric and Tanner Travis	26.75		

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!

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# PARDEE RECAP

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On June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Lake Pardee was the backdrop for Kokanee Power's fourth event of the 2015 season. As home to one of Northern California's hottest Kokanee bites and the most popular Kokanee fishing lake this year, finding Kokanee to fill the cooler with limits was not going to be an issue. The challenge would be finding the right fish.

In typical Pardee fashion, there were a lot of active Kokanee up the river arm starting at the Rockwall and all the typical spots as you continue up river. However, there was also another option for anglers during the event, and that was fishing the south end of the lake by the dam. With these options, anglers were spread out across these areas and were not disappointed. Pardee lived up to the hype and rewarded anglers with great action. The best action came on micro hoochies that were either plain or with a spinner blade in front of it, Apexes, and small Radical Glow tubes fished between 40 and 90 feet deep.

Competition was stiff with only 0.8 ounces separating the top four teams after the totals were tallied. However, Team HiTechKoke made up of Kevin, Karla, Rachel, and Jenna Smith were able to put a pattern together that allowed them to emerge victorious by 0.5 ounces over the well-known team of Nate and Cynthia Lenard who took second. This was back-to-back wins for them. The remaining top five teams included Mike Kielty and Jim Brittain who took third, 2014 defending Pardee winners Jack and Gina Naves took fourth, and the team of Steve and Danny Quintal and Randy Riggs took fifth. In the Junior Division, Angelo "Curly" Devincenzi took top honors for his first ever win with Natey Lenard providing stiff competition and coming in second place.



A full recap of the derby results can be found below:

2015 Kokanee Power 2-Day Lake Pardee Tournament Results								
Place	TEAM KOKANEE DIVISION	Total Weight (2 days) (Ounces)	Weight Day 1 (3 Fish) (Ounces)	Weight Day 2 (3 Fish) (Ounces)	Big Fish Day 1 (Ounces)	Big Fish Day 2 (Ounces)	Big Fish Length Day 1 (Inches)	Big Fish Length Day 2 (Inches)
1	Kevin, Karla, Rachel and Jenna Smith	69.80	33.20	36.60	11.40	12.65	12.56	13.54
2	Nate and Cynthia Lenard	69.30	36.55	32.75	12.65	11.25	13.19	12.64
3	Mike Kielty and Jim Brittain	69.25	34.55	34.70	12.20	12.00	13.82	12.80
4	Jack and Gina Naves	69.00	34.10	34.90	12.45	12.05	13.03	12.83
5	Steve and Danny Quintal, Randy Riggs	66.35	33.65	32.70	12.50	11.30	12.99	12.91
6	Fred McAllister and Ron Lemos	66.30	33.30	33.00	11.45	11.25	13.11	12.40
7	Jim Travis and Steve Peckham	66.25	32.10	34.15	11.15	11.60	12.44	13.19
8	Landon Schadel and Leland Swonger	65.30	30.95	34.35	11.00	12.50	12.68	13.19
9	Robby Mannon and Corey Baker	64.70	35.00	29.70	11.85	10.25	12.80	12.32
10	Eric and Tanner Travis	64.30	26.30	38.00	9.80	13.65	11.93	13.58
11	Robby Dunham and Kim Murdoch	63.80	32.30	31.50	10.95	12.30	12.95	13.27
12	Rich Collins and RJ Sanchez	62.90	31.15	31.75	10.70	11.45	12.72	13.00
13	Rick and Justin Fried	62.35	32.35	30.00	11.55	10.65	12.56	12.20
14	Rand and Kaye Smith	62.00	30.70	31.30	14.00	10.90	13.86	13.03
15	Jack Schultz, Carol Voris and Alan Traynor	61.75	32.60	29.15	12.00	10.50	12.27	12.60

Place	JUNIOR DIVISION - 1 Fish Weigh-In	2-Day Total (Ounces)	Weight Day 1 (1 Fish) (Ounces)	Weight Day 2 (1 Fish) (Ounces)	Big Fish Length Day 1 (Inches)	Big Fish Length Day 2 (Inches)
1	Angelo Devincenzi	22.75	10.45	12.30	12.40	13.66
2	Natey Lenard	22.55	11.85	10.70	12.60	12.52
3	Nick Bronken	21.45	9.40	12.05	12.01	12.95
4	Grace Naves	21.35	10.55	10.80	12.44	12.20
5	Adam Naves	21.15	10.50	10.65	12.40	12.28

Place	BIG TROUT SIDE POT	2-Day Total (Ounces)	Weight Day 1 (1 Fish) (Ounces)	Weight Day 2 (1 Fish) (Ounces)
1	Mark Dameron and Bret Balla	71.20	40.45	36.75
2	Rich Collins and RJ Sanchez	37.45		37.45
3	Chuck and Bev Mierkey	37.10	37.10	

Place	BLIND BOGEY SIDE POT	2-Day Total (Ounces)
1	Chris Devincenzi	46.55
2	Chris and Mary Dunham	46.20
3	Willie and Nicole Arnold	47.25

Thank you to all the participants and congratulations to the top adult teams and junior anglers that placed!

# COMING UP: STAMPEDE!

BY: WES HAMASAKI

Low water. Fast action. Big fish. That is the name of the game for the fifth event of the 2015 Kokanee Power derby circuit, which will be held on July 18, 2015 at Stampede Reservoir. What started off as a sleeper bite that was kept quiet by a few locals has turned into one of the hottest Kokanee bites in Northern California. It is rivaling Pardee for action and quick limits and Berryessa for quality with fish consistently over 16 inches. Limits are the rule before lunch time. The fish are hard fighting, clean, and the biggest this lake has seen in a long time.

Stampede is currently at 17 percent of capacity. While this is an alarmingly low number, launching has not been an issue as guides and weekend anglers have been launching their large aluminum boats off the shore all season long. There have even been some large fiberglass boats that have launched as well without any issues.

This is going to be a fun event filled with big fish, so don't miss out! Payouts will be made down to the top 15 teams with 1st place paying a minimum of \$600 (based on 125 paid participants). We will also be having our junior division too! There are also side pots for bling bogey and big Mackinaw. You can find the derby form [here](#) or by registering online at this [link](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Minnis at (530) 587-2950 (home) or (530) 277-5114 (cell).

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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

**July 18th:** Stampede Reservoir Team Kokanee Derby

Sign up online through <http://www.kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20150718.html>

**August 1st:** Lake Almanor Team Trout and Salmon Derby

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