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ONE FOR THE MEMORIES

BY: WES HAMASAKI

Located just ten miles north of the city of Redding, Shasta Lake is one of the premier fishing destinations in Northern California for any angler looking to wet a line. Shasta Lake has something for every angler whether it's Spotted Bass, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, landlocked King (Chinook) Salmon, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, or even Sturgeon. Formed by the Sacramento, Pit, and McCloud Rivers and several smaller tributaries, Shasta Lake, at full pool, has 365 miles of shoreline, a capacity of 4,552,000 acre feet of water, and a surface area of 30,000 acres. To set things into perspective, Shasta Lake is California's largest reservoir and third largest body of water behind Lake Tahoe and the Salton Sea.

On May 4th and 5th, this majestic lake served as the backdrop for Kokanee Power's annual Shasta Lake Classic. 155 adult anglers and 5 juniors came to compete in this event, and these anglers came from five different states. Termed by many participants as the "Granddaddy of Trout Derbies on the West Coast," it is one of the biggest derbies both in participation and prize money that Kokanee Power has every year, and everyone always looks forward to it.

With the event spanning across two days, the door is open for many different scenarios and possibilities which test an angler's strategy, patience, and confidence to the fullest. For example, fishing can be good one day and slow the next, and that is exactly how the derby played out for most. Saturday, fishing was good with many anglers bringing in impressive weights. Some King Salmon and Rainbow Trout brought in tipped the scales at over 3 pounds and some Brown Trout came in at over 6 pounds. However, on Sunday, with a low pressure system moving in caused by an approaching thunderhead, fishing slowed considerably and lots of movement took place on the leaderboard. Some anglers were fortunate enough to find some quality fish that allowed them to remain in contention while others succumbed to the tough fishing conditions provided by Mother Nature. Because of this, some teams jumped up as many as 45 positions while others fell off the leaderboard. To top off the fishing conditions affected by the weather, the fish themselves were difficult to pattern over the two days. Some of the biggest King Salmon were caught 20 to 30 feet, Brown Trout at 20 feet, and Rainbow Trout from the surface to 30 feet. However, on the opposite end of the spectrum, others caught King Salmon at 150 feet, Brown Trout at 100 feet, and Rainbow Trout at 170 feet. Yes, that isn't a typo, Rainbow Trout at 170 feet!

Congratulations to the top 25 teams and the top 5 junior anglers who placed in the derby. This is definitely a derby that all will remember for years to come! Thank you to everyone who participated in the derby and showed their support for the fishery.

The derby results have been posted on the Kokanee Power webpage. Direct link to the results is below:

<http://kokaneepower.org/derbiesdet.php?code=20130504>

See everyone at the next event!

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SPORTING CLAY SHOOT STARTS OFF WITH A BANG!

BY: AL MILLAN

How do you get a bunch of kokanee anglers to get up early in the morning and meet up within sight of a lake with no boats, fishing gear, or shoe peg corn? Tell them they get to shoot stuff in the air and get awards for it, that's how!

Sporting clays was the game and Camanche Hills Game Preserve was the place for Kokanee Power's Inaugural Sporting Clays Shoot event. Larry and Joyce Skinner were our hosts for this warm Sunday morning as our shooters arrived at the club house. From expert veteran marksmen to first time clay shooters, they all attended this day to show their support for the Phil Johnson Memorial Scholarship Endowment, which is commemorated after our group's founder and avid clay shooter.

After a brief 8 AM orientation, our shooters converged on the sporting clay range with joy and excitement similar to that of a 4 year old running toward a toy store. The weather was gorgeous in the morning with just a slight breeze and blue skies making perfect conditions for blasting those bright orange saucers out of the sky. As the morning progressed, the winds came uninvited and our shooters soon faced challenging targets even an expert marksman would whine about. Fortunately for our shooters, a mouth-watering BBQ gave them something to look forward to after the last shell is fired.

As noon soon arrived, so did our squads one by one into the clubhouse with scorecards in hand. Laughter and conversation soon filled the room as lunch was served by the Camanche Hills staff. And, what better way to top off a BBQ lunch than peach cobbler, ice cream, and plaques of achievement.

Our gratitude must be expressed to Larry Abernathy and the Dave Tree Company for their full sponsorship of this inaugural event. We couldn't have done it without you guys! Many special thanks to Larry and Joyce Skinner and the staff at Camanche Hills for being our gracious and generous hosts. And, of course, thank you to all our shooters who attended our first ever sporting clay event. We look forward to seeing you all at the next one!

Below (and on the following page) are the results:

A Class

Name	Rank	Score
Larry Azevedo	1st	89
Al Millan	2nd	74
Don Derobertis	3rd	74
Danny Layne	4th	73
Gary Coe	5th	71



From left to right: Gary Coe, Larry Azevedo, Al Millan, Don Derobertis, Danny Layne

B Class

Name	Rank	Score
Ken McDonald	1st	70
Andrew Knorr	2nd	70
Jamie Richardson	3rd	66
Mike Golondrina	4th	63
Pat McDermott	5th	61



From left to right: Gary Coe, Ken McDonald, Mike Golondrina, Andrew Knorr, Jamie Richardson

C Class

Name	Rank	Score
Donna Gravett	1st	59
Jack Schultz	2nd	56
Jason McDonald	3rd	56
Colton Vines	4th	53
Brad Rawlins	5th	52



From left to right: Donna Gravett, Jack Schultz, Jason McDonald, Colton Vines, Gary Coe

D Class

Name	Rank	Score
Taylor Anderson	1st	48
Glen Maier	2nd	39
Terry Bier	3rd	38
Alan Finocchio	4th	34
Dominic McDonald	5th	30



From left to right: Glen Maier, Terry Bier, Alan Finocchi, Taylor Anderson, Gary Coe

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

June 1st: Don Pedro Phil Johnson Memorial Team Kokanee Derby

Sign up online through <http://kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20130601.html>

June 15th: Lake Almanor Team Trout and Salmon Derby

Sign up online through <http://kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20130615.html>

July 13th & 14th: New Melones 2-day Kokanee Team Tournament

Sign up online through <http://kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20130713.html>

August 3rd: Stampede Reservoir Team Kokanee Derby

Sign up online through <http://kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20130803.html>

August 17th: Lake Pardee Team Kokanee Derby

Sign up online through <http://kokaneepower.org/derbies/online/20130817.html>

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