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# THE KOKANEE KRONICLE

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## IT'S A STAMPEDE!

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Located at nearly 6,000 feet above sea level and just 30 minutes outside of Truckee, CA in the Tahoe National Forest resides Stampede Reservoir. While Stampede tends to go unnoticed and typically overshadowed by other popular kokanee fisheries such as New Melones and Berryessa year after year, the kokanee fishing at Stampede is a hidden gem. Despite the fish being small over the last few years, they can be considered some of the best quality and the hardest fighting kokanee in the state. Stampede is also an important body of water because it plays a vital role in the sustenance of our state's kokanee fishery. It is one of two locations, the other being Lake Tahoe, where kokanee eggs are harvested, and these eggs supply all the kokanee for the plants for the entire state of California.



On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stampede was the setting for Kokanee Power's seventh derby of the year. Fishing reports prior to the derby indicated lots of fish but small. However, there were a few fish caught that were measured out at 16 inches, which made anticipation higher than normal as the derby approached.

As anglers dropped in their lines on derby day, the morning was brisk with crisp, clean mountain air and a sunrise that could take one's breath away. Anglers were spread out all across the lake with common areas such as the dam, the island, and Jay's Cove. Lots of fish were caught anywhere from 30 to 80 feet using all the typical kokanee gear. However, the more productive lures were the micro hoochies and Apexes in a variety of colors. The better quality fish were found hugging closer to the bottom in areas such as the flats near Jay's Cove and the Sage Hen Arm. Dredging the bottom to entice them to strike was the order of the day.

Thank you all the participants who came out to show their support for the fishery, and congratulations to everyone who placed in the derby.

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

<http://kokaneepower.org/derbiesdet.php?code=20130803>

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# A PARTY AT PARDEE

BY: WES HAMASAKI

Pardee Reservoir is a man-made lake nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Amador and Calaveras Counties. It was named after George Pardee, the 21<sup>st</sup> governor of California, whose tenure was from 1903 to 1907. Fed by the Mokelumne River, Pardee has a capacity of 210,000 acre-feet and can have a surface area of 2,134 acres.

While not very large nor as popular as many of California's other lakes and reservoirs, Pardee is a hidden treasure and fishermen friendly. The water is shared by only fellow fishermen. Pleasure boaters are not allowed given the strict rules that there cannot be any body contact with the water since it is a primary source of water for the San Francisco's East Bay Region. While known as the home of the state record Smallmouth Bass, Pardee is also well known for its trout and kokanee fishing.



On August 17<sup>th</sup>, Pardee was the backdrop for Kokanee Power's final derby of the 2013 season. Prior reports leading up to the derby indicated lots of fish up the river but small, which is fairly typical for Pardee the last two years. Nearly 100 participants signed up, and as start time approached, everyone made a beeline for the river. In typical Pardee fashion, the morning bite was slow early and developed mid-morning into the early afternoon. The majority of the fish were caught from Twin Coves to just above Deer Island with offerings such as micro hoochies and Apexes anywhere from 90 to 120 feet. The typical kokanee weighed in during the event was around 7 or 8 ounces. However, miraculously, the top five teams managed to set themselves apart from the field by catching quality kokanee with at least a 10 ounce average. Big fish honors for the derby went to junior angler Angelo Devincenzi with an impressive 14.8 ounce kokanee, which allowed him to grab 1<sup>st</sup> place in the junior division.



As always, the Pardee derby results can be found on the Kokanee Power website or by clicking the link below:

<http://kokanee.org/derbiesdet.php?code=20130817>

Thank you to all the participants who came to show their support, and congratulations to all that placed in the derby and walked away with some wonderful raffle prizes!

# POSTPONED: INAUGURAL KOKANEE POWER PICNIC

BY: WES HAMASAKI

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In last month's [Kokanee Kronicle](#), there was an article promoting the inaugural Kokanee Power picnic. There have also been flyers available at each of the derbies as well. However, since that article was published, it has been decided that the picnic will be postponed. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of the Directors including the picnic chairperson Steve Quintal at (209) 481-2123.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Stay tuned! The Directors are working on establishing the 2014 calendar.

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