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THE KOKANEE KRONICLE
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NEW MELONES RECAP!

BY: WES HAMASAKI

Only July 19th and 20th, New Melones Reservoir and the city of Angels Camp were the backdrop for Kokanee Power's fourth event of the 2014 season. Typically, leading up to an event, the common questions anglers think about are which locations to fish, their color presentations, and which scents to marinate their corn in. However, this year, Mother Nature decided to throw this year's anglers a curveball – the water level!

Three weeks prior to the event, the water level registered at 31 percent capacity, which translated to about 733,330 acre feet of water. Outflows were around 1,700 CFS while inflows were only about 370 CFS. Thus, the water levels continued to drop. By the first day of the tourney, the water was down to 27 percent capacity, about 658,939 acre feet. Due to the low water, the Tuttle town ramp was closed leaving Glory Hole the only launch ramp for the lake. This definitely had anglers on edge a little more than usual. However, a little extra preparation has never hurt, and that's exactly what all the anglers did. They launched early to allow themselves enough time in the morning to get launched and their gear setup. Coming back to the ramp, they also allowed themselves extra time for loading due to the increase in congestion with the weekend boaters. Everything went as smooth as can be expected given the situation.

Out on the water, fishing was tough for some while others were able to catch limits. The main body was heavily targeted at the spillway, Rose Island (or maybe now should be termed Rose Mountain), the dam and the main channel. One hot spot that produced some of the larger fish for the weekend (over 14 inches) was the lower river arm from Glory Hole Point up to Carson Creek around structure. While not huge, the fish are in great shape with plump bellies and plenty of fight. Many anglers found consistent action between 60 and 90 feet using Radical Glow tubes, Apexes, and mini-hoochies. Some brave anglers went down as far as 110 feet for the Kokanee hanging amongst some of the lake's underwater timber. After the results were tallied, the team of James Brittain and Mike Kiely walked away with 1st with a total weight of 76.25 ounces.



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It was a great, fun-filled event. There was great participation and camaraderie among fellow anglers over the two days. The derby results have been posted on our website. The link can be found [here](#). Photos, courtesy of Dave Weaver, have been posted on the website as well in the Photo Gallery. Congratulations to the all the teams and juniors that placed!

Special thank you goes out to Melanie at Glory Hole Sports and to the city of Angels Camp for their help and support!

UP NEXT: STAMPEDE!

BY: WES HAMASAKI

It's truly amazing at how fast 2014 is flying by. It just seems like yesterday that we were attending the fundraising banquet and anticipating the upcoming derby season. Now, it's nearly the end of July, and we're on the home stretch with only three derbies left for the year. The next derby is at Stampede Reservoir on August 2nd.

For many, the annual trek to Stampede is like coming home. Back in the '80s, there weren't as many lakes that had Kokanee available compared to today. Stampede was one of the popular lakes along with Lake Tahoe. Many anglers were introduced to Kokanee and perfected their skills and techniques on Stampede. Personally, I am one of those anglers. I remember fishing as a kid in the early 80's using Fenwick glass rods, Abu Garcia 6500 reels spooled with leadcore, Luhr Jensen Needlefish, and Mack's Wedding Rings. A couple years later, we added two manual Cannon downriggers, which I thought was the best thing since sliced bread. It's definitely been a journey looking back, and I'm sure many of you can relate.

Just like any other impoundment in California, Stampede's water level has suffered due to the drought. Currently, the lake is at 27 percent capacity, which translates to roughly 61,200 acre feet of water. While the lake level is low, the lake is still fishable and there haven't been any issues with launching. Reports from people fishing have been great. Limits of beautiful, healthy Kokanee that are full of spunk and attitude are the rule.

This is going to be a fun event, 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!

PARDEE IS APPROACHING

BY: WES HAMASAKI

Nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Amador and Calaveras Counties, the man-made impoundment known as Pardee Reservoir can be found. Just outside the town of Ione, Pardee is a hidden gem. The facilities are well kept and clean. Amenities are also available when away from home such as a café, showers to clean up after a day of fishing, and even washers and dryers if you need to do laundry. The lake itself is pristine and clear with visibility down to 30 feet not uncommon. It is also fishermen friendly. Since swimming in the water is prohibited since it is a drinking water lake, water skiers and wakeboarders elect to go to other lakes, which results in minimal boat traffic even during weekends and holidays.

Pardee serves as the backdrop for the sixth event of the Kokanee Power 2014 derby season. While the majority of the California lakes have been plagued with low water levels, Pardee has been one of the brighter spots. It is currently at 83 percent capacity, which translates to 173,940 acre feet of water. Fishing reports have been phenomenal from the lake with limits being the rule up to 13 inches. Some anglers are fishing the buoy line at the south end of the lake while others are electing to run up the river. The most consistent lures have been Apexes, micro hoochies, and spinners in all the normal colors.

Hope to see you all there! It will be an awesome event with great fishing and lunch awaiting anglers as they come off the water. 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 trout.

You can find the derby form [here](#) or by registering online at this [link](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kevin Smith at (650) 533-0482.

Tight lines!

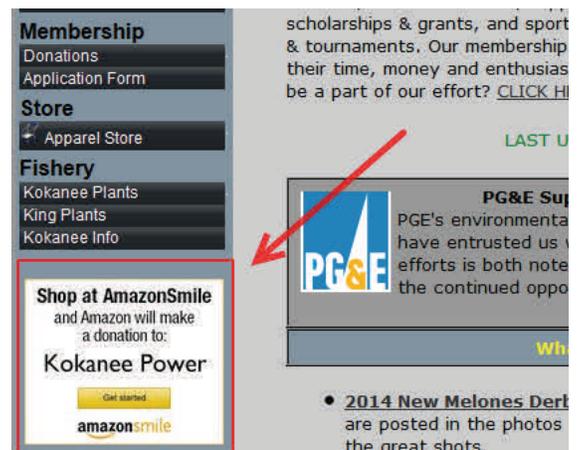
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BY: KEVIN SMITH

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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

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