

April 8, 2001...

From Scott George of Chowchilla - "Fished Kelsey on Sunday 4/8 - cool and breezy but managed to catch 28 from one little dink to my biggie at 4.5. I started with a purple jig/pig in the trees and caught fish right away-trying a blade but nothing. Basically fished my way around the lake using the jig, handpours on darter heads and a shallow running crankbait. This place never lets me down. As usual the honkers provided the music to the drama the bass played out! Thanks Jon...great website too!"

April 4, 2001...

Todd Mumma from Fresno reports - "Winds were strong but managed to boat 35-40 fish in the afternoon. Started fishing at 2:00 p.m. Mostly worm bite, some on reaction bait...large fish was 4.8 lbs; five fish limit 17.9 lbs...lots of 2-3 lbs."

April 5, 2001...

Dave Kochis says, "Went fishing on Thursday April 5 to see what impact the cold front was having on the fish. I ended up in picking a good weather day as it was both warm and windless. The water temp had dropped to 57 degrees in the AM and rose to 65 degrees in the afternoon. I caught 33 fish, the largest at 3 1/2 pounds. From 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM, the bite was good, I caught eight on a Super Spook. The rest on plastics. The majority of the fish were roaming off shore. They had pulled off the banks. From 10:00 AM until about 1:30 PM, the fish had lock jaw. I picked up maybe 2 or three without any pattern. When the water temp climbed into the low to mid 60's, the fishing picked up again. This time the fish were tight to the banks. They revealed themselves when they went after dragonflies that had moved in as the day warmed. Fire the bait to the swirl and often you'd come away with a fish. Bottom line, the fish catching was good but the "big boys and girls" were too cold to come out and play."

April 11, 2001...

Dave Kochis went fishing April 11 and said, "The weather was cold and rainy. The warmest water temperature seen was 57 degrees. Caught 27 fish, 3 over 4#. The largest went 5 1/2#. The fish were all off-shore either deep on points or hanging in a tree or stick-up. Got all on Senkos with the exception of one on a Super Spook. Caught a nice fish with a second hook and line already in its mouth. The hook was new so who ever broke off a "monster bass" in the trees southwest of the vineyard within the last week, that fish weighed 4# 3 oz."

April 12, 2001...

Bill Salles reports he caught 50 fish using grubs.

April 16, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."Caught 26 fish on April 16th with the largest going 4#. Was on the lake at 6:00AM and water temp was 57 degrees. Caught one on a Spook but the bite was off until the water warmed above 60 degrees (about 8:30 AM). Caught most on the Senko and Magnum Lizard. Once the coves warmed, the fish were tight to shore. Saw a lot of bass fry. Saw one huge female cruising into the channel area. Weatherwise, it was a great day on the lake."

April 17, 2001...

Member Mark Takenaga had a good day. He reports that "he got there early, before the wind, and caught lots of fish. Better quality than most days. Eight or so over 4# and a couple of these close to 6. Only 2 dinks (under 2# is a dink)."

April 20, 2001...

Member Bob Wong, from Modesto, decided to fish in the rain yesterday. While he was fishing in the late afternoon, it rained 1.10 inches, and kept it up right into the evening. To his surprise, he caught 70 fish during the heavy downpour, which was complete with thunder and lightning. Bob said, "They were biting like crazy with the rain. They were all nice looking healthy fish, it was the best day of fishing in my entire life."

April 23, 2001...

Mark Dunker writes in - "Fishing much slower than the last couple of weeks. Was sure that pace couldn't last. Managed 35-40 fish by 1:00PM. Fish have moved off the banks. Noticed a lot of fry in large balls around the trees and weeds. Not sure the spawn is over, but seems many have spawned. Senko's still seem to work best."

Ron Wilson of the Modesto Bee says, "I arrived after work with my mom, son and grandson it was a 4 generation fishing event. A few boats were leaving and one angler said he had only managed 8 fish. We launched and all the usual baits didn't seem to be working so I switched to Sinkos and the bite either suddenly turned on or that was what they were after. We had doubles and triples but no quads. Mom is in her late 80s so my son or grandson were always helping her so that she didn't have to take them off the hook."

Biggest one was close to six pounds caught on a Fishing Magician floating Sinko type bait. It isn't loaded with salt so it falls slower. Great evening my son Donald figured we caught well over 100 fish when we left at dark! Awesome Fishery Jon you have a great little lake!"

April 25, 2001...

Dave Kochis writes in..."Went fishing April 25. A little slow in the morning but red hot in the afternoon. Water temperature up to 75 degrees. Senko seems to remain the best bet. Caught 31 fish up to 6 pounds. The 6 pounder was spawned out. See lots of fry. Appears the major spawn is over. Fish in post-spawn. Love the 'dragon fly bite.' Looking forward to the 'frog bite.'"

April 26, 2001...

From the Ron Wilson gang..."It took us a little while to figure out what they wanted. All the usual stuff did not work. After a 1/2 hour with only one fish we switched to watermelon Sinkos and caught fish after fish. No big ones my grandson Derick had the biggest one that was close to 6 pounds... when we quit just before dark we must of boated close to 30 fish apiece. We had lots of double, a couple triples and the only reason we didn't have a four generation hookup was because either Donald or Derick was helping grandma with her fish!"

April 29, 2001...

Bill Salles reports he caught a 17 lb. catfish.

April 30, 2001...

Dave Kochis reports: "I caught 35 fish. The water temp varied from 62 to 74 degrees through the day. Many of the fish are post spawn and it was a blue bird day. The fish were slow in starting but the Senko continued to do it's magic. I did catch 2 first thing on a black and chrome Super Spook and a black Snag Proof frog."