

August 2001

Sunday, August 5th, 2001...

As reported to Jon by the Club's newest member, James Sexton, he "fished the ponds in the big range and caught so many fish he stopped counting. Most of the fish were small but he had a great time. He even hooked a small bass and had a large bass hit it repeatedly, trying to eat that little one. Flies were hot, and so were frogs. The big lake has been slow lately, with the bite turning on for only short periods during the day."

Tuesday, August 14th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."On August 14th, I caught 12 fish. The top five went 14# 7 oz with the largest going 3# 11 oz. I caught 2 on a Zara Spook with the rest on Senkos. The fish are still biting during the heat of the day but they need some coaxing."

Friday, August 31st, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."Went fishing August 31 late afternoon and evening until 10:00. Wanted to capitalize on the full moon. The catching was not as good as I had anticipated. I caught 15 with the best five going 13# 8oz. The big fish went 2# 14 oz."

September 2001

Friday, September 14th, 2001...

From John and Angie Kuhn of Oroville, CA..."My wife, Angie, and I were guests of Steve Tosh on September first and second. We didnt get on the water until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, but in spite of the heat the fishing was great. By 6:00 p.m. we caught around 75 with the biggest around 5 lbs. Most were in the 3 lb range. On Sunday we got on the water at first just prior to sunrise. The topwater bite was good at first but stoped as soon as the sun got on the water a bit. We fished until noon but only caught around 20 with the biggest around 3lbs. We fished lake Oroville the following Monday and there was no comparison."

From Dave Kochis..."Went fishing on September 7, 13, and 20. The fish are still biting but they are roaming. You have to watch for them and chase them. They're still jumping all over the Senko. Have caught 18, 13 and 16 respectively. Be patient!"

Friday, September 21st, 2001...

Member Steve Tosh reports catching 20 bass over 4 lbs. on the night of the 21st and 22nd. Steve reports that the fish are in the weed beds, he was using minnow type lures as the bass are feeding on large numbers of bait fish.

Thursday, September 27th, 2001...

From member Dave Kochis..."Went fishing on September 27th. The fish are roaming the deeper water busting shad. The action is fast but infrequent. Be patient. Caught 16 with the top five going 16# 11 oz. The largest fish went 5 1/2 pounds."

Saturday, September 29th, 2001...

From member Scott George of Chowchilla, CA..."Went saturday afternoon.....caught 11 fish from about 2pm till 6pm.All the fish came from the deeper center of the lake on fat free shad crankbaits and worm/darter head combos.Biggest fish was 2 1/2-3 lbs. Fish are fat and spunky but not too agressive.....lotsa empty casts!Weeds are everywhere.....even in the center,but like my son says....."where theres grass,there's bass!"

October 2001

Thursday, October 25th, 2001...

From member Dave Kochis..."Went fishing October 23 for the first time in a month. The average water temperature has dropped 8 degrees since then. The fish were scattered with very little surface action seen. I caught on top water but had several nudges. The first two hours I enjoyed calm conditions but then the wind began to howl. I left at noon. I caught 6 fish with the largest going only 2 pounds. There was no pattern that I could see. I caught 3 on Senkos and cranked 3 on 3 different crankbaits. I'm hoping the fish will wake up for the fall bite."

November 2001

Wednesday November 7th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."November 7 was an incredible fishing and catching day at Kelsey. The weather was absolutely beautiful: warm and calm. The wildlife were in full activity especially the 6 regal swans that have adopted Kelsey as their home. And the fishing was unbelievable. I got into a wide open rip bite landing 39 three pounders (+/- 1/2 pound) in 2 hours. I was kind of glad when it was over

as my wrist and shoulder were getting mighty sore. But what a nice alimnet to have. Fall at Kelsey can be spectacular!"

Wednesday, November 14th, 2001...

From Dave Kochis..."November 14 was another beautiful day at Kelsey. Cranked up 22 including several 4 pounders in the morning."

Dave Kochis writes in..."Went fishing November 20 and cranked 29 fish, the average of which was greater than 3 1/2 pounds. The top five fish went for 19# 3oz with the largest going 4# 8 oz. The fish are in the deep weeds and you have to rip a crank through the weeds to trigger the fish.

This year in 31 trips, I caught 800 keeper size bass for an average catch per trip of 26 fish. The average weight went about 3 pounds. I caught many fives, some sixes and maybe one seven. I caught nothing over 8 pounds. Kelsey is an awesome lake regardless of time of year!!! I am really looking forward to next year."

December 2001

Thursday, 12/27/01

Isaac Villareal reports that he caught eight fish using a jig and a very slow presentation. "You had to work for the fish," said Isaac.