



# NEWS



**FEBRUARY 2010**

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## 39 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

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### **PRESIDENT ~ ED MARR**

What a beautiful lake Diamond Valley is...sure wish they would let me run my old smoky motor on it. At least I have a good friend in Mike Lupo to fish with when we go there, he lets me catch all the fish too (all ONE of them). He also showed me all of his favorite fishing spots at the lake. Thank you Mike! Congratulations to the winners and I hope you spend my money wisely. February is the month we start fishing for points instead of money and I am ready... El Cap, here I come! We will be signing up for the El Cap tournament at the February meeting. We will also be signing up for the Chili Cook-off at the Brants' house. The Cook-off will be on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have never been to the Chili Cook-off I encourage you to go and to participate... it is a good time with good people and some very good Chili.



At the Council meeting, the call was put out for more participation in the Council Night Tournament Series. These events are the sole support or the Balboa Park Hall of Champions display so they really need our support. If you have not seen the display, you should check it out-it is pretty cool. We will discuss this more at the club meeting.

Our next board meeting will be at Keith's house on February 18. All club members are welcome to attend the board meetings. We have dinner at 6:30pm and the cost of dinner is \$5 per person. If you would like to attend the next board meeting, please RSVP to Keith.

See you at the next club meeting....

Later...

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### **VICE PRESIDENT ~ TERRY CHENOWTH**

We have our tournament schedule and rules all locked down, and no blood was spilled getting it done this year. Good job guys. So let's go fishing. I'm really looking forward to fishing with all of you. But the Bassmasters are more than just fishing tournaments. We have numerous events we do off the water that bring the members closer together. These events also raise a few bucks for the club so please attend as many as you, your family and friend can. They also are a lot of fun to.



Our first event of the year is the Chili Cook-Off. The cook-off will be February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Brant's house, 9695 Carta Lane El Cajon. The cost is \$5.00 per person. If you bring chili you enter free. Judging of the chili will begin at 4:30pm and dinner will be around 5pm. I have found a new chili recipe so once I spice it up a little I hope to win a prize this year. If you attend please bring a salad, corn bread or a dessert. Desserts will be raffled off after the meal. Bud usually has a fire pit going after the dinner to sit around and talk so also bring a chair.

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**VICE PRESIDENT ~ TERRY CHENOWTH (CONTINUED)**

In March we have our Bassmasters Bowling Tournament. It will be at Parkway Bowl. Tentative date is the 21<sup>st</sup>. I will let you know once it is firmed up.

At the February meeting we will have a speaker. Marshall Bubel recently took a trip to Lake Bacarrac in Mexico. He will tell us about the trip and also has a short video to show. If you have any topics or speakers that you want to hear please let me know.

The Forum section of our web site has been down for a while. Ed Byrd has been in contact with our internet provider and after a few hours on the phone has it working (sort of – *ed*). We will be asking for you input as to whether or not we should put the effort in to develop and maintain it and what it should include.

See you on the water...

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN ~ Keith "Sandbar" Cloward**

All the rain we have had lately is making the lakes almost new (at least to me). New spots, new structure...it's going to be a great year.



DVL Winners Josh Bullard and Buck Billock  
with Keith Cloward

Diamond Valley Lake was a little out of the box for our club due to emission restrictions. Some boats had three people in it so everyone who wanted to fish, could.. There were only 3 limits caught and only 7 of 11 teams weighed in fish. Jason and Buck started it off with a win with a limit of 15.62. Second went to Bud, Ed Byrd and Janice with 5 fish that went 13.52, and third place went to Frank Nugie, Josh and Patrick with 13.27. Big fish was caught by Dave Patrick 6.76 lbs. with Austin and Bill Shoemaker. Good job guys!



According to our approved tournament schedule, El Cap is the first point's tourney on Feb. 20. We will draw for partners at February's meeting. It is a launch and go, weight in at 3pm next to the floating ranger/rental station. Please mark your big fish before getting in line, make sure there is adequate water in the bag to support all of your fish and have your weigh in slip completely filled out- including your name. After you weigh your fish you will be given them back to release. Please walk out to dock and put them in the deeper water, not from shore. If you need to deflate the fish do be for you bring them to the scale, this will greatly reduce the stress on the fish. Weigh in should go real smooth with the crack team we have compiled. Results will be read at the top by gazebo.

I am in the process of getting a variance. We should get one, and I do have local lake approval for all of our local lakes. The variance comes from DFG and this guy hasn't returned four of my calls. I might have to call Terry Foreman and sic him on this guy.

**CHILI COOK OFF INFORMATION: SEE OUR WEBPAGE NEWS SECTION**

**TREASURER ~ FRANK NEUGEBAUER**

Hello Everyone. I am happy to report that I have assumed all the responsibilities as Treasurer as of this time.. My thanks to Marshall Bubel and all others that covered for me while I was out of town in January.

The previous board ended the 2009 fiscal year with a balance of \$1,959.22 that was rolled forward into 2010. I am going to open a savings account and that money will be set aside for the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet next year. The money will be put in a savings account to earn a little interest.

The 2010 fiscal year has started and there are currently 10 members that owe for their insurance, Federation affiliation, and January dues. I will be calling all those that are past due. Also, regarding the 2010 budget, the club generates its income through the monthly dues as well as a number of other fun events throughout the year. Your participation in those events not only raises money for the San Diego Bassmasters but provides an opportunity to get to know your fellow Bassmasters outside of the fishing tournament environment. I encourage everyone to attend as many of these events as they can.

Finally, I hope all those that fished the fun tournament at Diamond Valley had as much fun as I did. I was able to fish with two great guys, Patrick and Josh, and we were able to catch a few fish. Congratulations to Jason and Buck on taking the top spot. But that was for fun. The clock starts running at El Cap in February.

See you on the water!

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**MEMBERSHIP ~ MIKE LUPO**

First and foremost I would like to congratulate and commend all of you gentlemen and ladies on another month survived in what has been difficult fishing. As you all know we are the premiere fishing club, dare I say #1 in all of San Diego, so it goes without saying our club is at maximum capacity concerning members; which brings me to a heart filled shout out to our boy Jeff Manning. For those of you not aware Jeff will no longer be fishing with us due to responsibilities of life and the never-ending quest of pursuing the "American Dream" by expanding his business. For this reason and this reason only we remove our hook from you Jeff and set you free my friend. Just a friendly heads up to swim hard and fast or our hooks will find you once more, and when they do your bait! All jokes aside, Jeff's dedication and presence will be missed. Good luck friend, and don't forget to drop us a line.



That being said, I would like to bring to everyone's attention to Josh Rhodes. Our next applicant has moved from our level one position of plastic worm, to the next level crank bait, and making a strong swim for the level 3 position of swim bait; in wading through our long standing tradition of being approved to take over our dear friend Jeff's spot. Good luck to him and we can't wait to have new blood to harass!

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't make a serious concern known among our dignified members by asking for help for our Tournament Chairman, Keith Cloward. I feel you should all be aware that I have sent out petitions for Keith to become a member of the prestigious GPS, find the lake where your fishing, your supposed to be the first, not the last guy there club! Poor Keith missed his mark last week by 45 miles due to unfortunate discombobulating! We can only hope that the sickness is not catchy or have a tendency to spread itself to the lake, or this club is in for some rough fishing. I would ask you all write a letter of recommendation for our dear friends application approval, and put .25 cents into the poor fisherman's pocket, so that we might help him to fight this terrible affliction with a GPS of his very own! Our hearts and prayers are with you friend, keep on keepen' on!

**San Diego Bassmasters  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2010**



**President Smiling Ed Marr** welcomed the Club with 17 smacks of the gavel and an inspiring message: "It's a new year - we're all in first place!" Randy Kreiser motioned to accept the minutes from last month's meeting; Jim Davis seconded. The minutes were then approved via voice vote. Ed encouraged everyone to volunteer at the various Club events throughout the year. He also asked if the group is interested in Guest Speakers. The hand vote was yes. In new business, Doris Cook reported that effective March you don't have to display your fishing license.

**Membership Director Mike Lupo** introduced guests Wendy Baird, Jen Rosner, & prospective member Josh Rhodes. Mike reported the Club is full, with 50 active members, and Josh is on the waiting list.

**Marshall Bubel filled in as Treasurer** for Frank Nuegebauer who was in Philadelphia for his father's funeral. Our sympathies go out to Frank and his family. Marshall emphasized how very important it is that every member pay up annual insurance, which is required to fish Club tournaments.

**Zoé Gardner wrapped up 2009 business** by presenting a new Loomis drop shot rod to Josh Buller for 8<sup>th</sup> place last year, calling him "the baddest back seater in the land". She also reported that approximately \$1,400 rolled over from last year to this year.

**Vice President Terry Chenoweth** reviewed the Club's planned non-Tournament events for 2010. The only event with a date so far is the Chili Cookoff, which is tentatively set for February 6. Terry sought (and for the most part, got) volunteers to run and work the events, including:

Bowling: Lee Chapman / Jim Beyrouthey

Family Tournament: John Schwartz / Keith Cloward / Steve Swaggerty / Dave Mack

Top 6 Tournament: Harold Stevens, and everyone else in the Club should/will have some sort of a role

Picnic: Need someone to head it up. Dave Mack will help with Raffle and Toss; Harold and Randy will cook; Mike Lupo will gopher

Beach Party: Vickie Becker / Adam East

Fish Fry: Buck Billock / Harold Stevens

Bunco: Brandts

Pictures: Terry would like more pictures this year than Gina Seaberg can take. He'll set up an email account for us to send them in.

Boutique: Dave Patrick is doing the Bassmasters gear & clothes again this year.

Raffle: Josh Buller

Drinks at the meetings: Ryan Test

Fish Tales, and "Guess the Angler": Doris, who requested stories for Fish Tales and photos of young SD Bassmasters for "Guess the Angler"

Banquet: Terry / Cheryl Byrd. Gina will do the CD again this year.

**Tournament Director Keith Cloward** reported that about 30 members attended the Tournament Planning Meeting and voted on the proposed schedule. Keith asked if anyone had suggested changes to the Tournament Rules. No one had changes. He also noted that each "Boater" is required to submit proof of insurance to him. Jim Putney requested that our night tournaments, which are the night before the Bass Council Night Tournaments, be changed. A show of hands among members who planned to fish both

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**Minutes (Continued)**

Indicated that none had a problem with having our tournament the night before the Bass Council's. Even so, Jim got his wish for our August El Cap night event, which was changed from Aug 27 to Aug 20. The rest of the schedule proposed by the Tournament Committee was voted on and approved, with that one change.

**On Saturday January 16, we'll do a fun fish at Diamond Valley.** It will be a team tournament, launch & go, with a \$10 per person prize pool going to the first place team. 5 best fish per boat wins. Because there were more backseaters than boaters wishing to fish, some boats will have 3 people. Backseaters will pick up DVL fees, which are \$25 per boat for 2 people and a couple bucks more for 3 people in the boat. Keepers must be 15 inches. Gate swings at 6:45 am. Hemet resident Dave Patrick emphasized that DVL is a strict place: all motors must meet DVL standards, each boat must be inspected and get a MWD sticker, and boats must be completely dry. He said that if there is any moisture in the bilge, the drain hole, or the live well they won't let you on the lake. There is no smoking on the lake, and no speeding. Greg reported that in the last couple weeks he's caught fish in 50 feet on light, 10 lb line with 5/8 jigs or drop shot or Carolina rigged 6 inch worms on 6 lb line.

**Next Month's Meeting:** February 2, with Marshall Bubel speaking on his trip to Bacarrac, Mexico. Zoé and Doris to provide dessert.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Curt Nelson, Secretary

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***Fish Tales ~ Doris Cook*****VICKI DOWN, BUT NOT OUT!**

Vicki Becker had a few days in Sharp Memorial last week with a bout of diverticulitis. She was being treated to eliminate the infection in preparation for upcoming surgery. After a few days at home, she went back to Sharp on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for surgery to remove the part of her colon involved and to eliminate a tear. The colon will then be reattached and Vicki expects to be in the hospital for three or four days. The recovery is two to three weeks, so she is hoping to be able to fish the February 20<sup>th</sup> tournament at El Capitan. Our thoughts are with you Vicki and we wish you a very speedy recovery.

**MACK GOES FOR A RIDE!**

Dave Mack took an ambulance ride to the hospital recently when he experienced tightness in chest, pain in his left arm and numbness in his left hand. He was in a customer's parking lot and went into the lobby where 911 was called. After an overnight hospital stay and numerous tests such as stress tests, MRI's, etc. it was determined his problem was from an old neck injury where a nerve was being pinched. He may have this nerve opening area cleaned out at a later date. The chest pressure was caused by a problem with the ring of muscles around the esophagus, which makes swallowing difficult and causes the chest pressure. Dave said he needed a good check-up and was happy to know his heart was not the problem.

**BEN MASSEY REPORT!**

I ran into Linda Massey a couple weeks ago and she told me Ben was in the hospital with kidney problems over the Christmas holiday. He is now on dialysis three days a week for four hours per session. His repeated heart attacks took their toll on his kidneys. Ben, we are sorry to hear about your problems and hope everything goes well for you! (Continued page 6)

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**Fish Tales (Continued)**
**COOK IN FOR REPAIRS!**

Yours truly is scheduled to have surgery on February 9<sup>th</sup> to repair a hernia in the lower left abdominal area. It will be performed on an outpatient basis at Alvarado Hospital. There is a three-week recovery and it will be great to get rid of the problem and occasional pain in the side.

**NOTE FROM THE FISH TALES EDITOR!**

I'm really sorry if this sounds like a members' medical report, but guess it just shows we are all getting older. Maybe we should start a geriatric division of the San Diego Bassmasters.

**GREG MISSING HIS FISHING PARTNER!**

Zoé Gardner is working so many extra hours these days that Greg was forced to find a new fishing partner last Saturday. He took a guy from the business next door to Angler's Marine out to El Capitan and they caught 16 fish. Zoé is Human Resources Manager for Sharp Chula Vista Hospital and they are in the process of switching over to a computerized time card system. She has been working evenings until 10:00 or 11:00 P.M. and weekends to be available for questions posed by employees in meetings regarding the change. It will continue until the actual switch over on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Zoé we know you are having withdrawals from fishing, and Greg misses you.

**BRANDON SNOWED IN!**

Brandon Hoffman is literally up to his eyes in snow at NAU in Flagstaff as they have had over five feet of snow in the past week. The campus and all the businesses in Flagstaff were closed, as well as all the roads last Friday as the snowplows were not able to clear away the snow without getting stuck.

He was happy to be able to get out of the dorm today, but more snow is expected starting tomorrow Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!**

Member getting a year older this month are: John Schwartz on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bud Brant, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Jason Wilson on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Many happy return!

Should you have Fish Tale items to share, please contact Doris Cook at (619) 462-4708 or at [mscooker@cox.net](mailto:mscooker@cox.net). I need pictures for the young fisherman contest!!!!

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**SAN DIEGO BASSMASTER WEAR**
**SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:**

Large and XL: \$20  
XXL: \$22

**LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:**

Large and XL: \$25  
XXL: \$27  
XXXL: \$28

**JACKETS:**

XL: \$62  
XXL: \$65

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***FRIENDSHIP TEST***

To find out who's really your best friend, lock your dog and your spouse in your trunk for an hour. Then see which one still really glad to see you!

**El Cap Report (From SD Fish)****El Cap 1/23....1st of 2010** 1 Day ago

Was able to finally get out and do a little fishin, which believe me is long overdue, and isnt because i work all the time ...its because im not working and dreaming of fishing all the time!!! Goal for today was to get a 5 fish limit, which is probably shootin for the stars but gotta have a goal, right? Morning was pretty slow drop shottin and throwing the jig around deep. About 930 rolled around and we positioned ourselves off a pretty nice rock point throwin out in open water, guessin 25-40 ft, and finally started to get some bites throwin the watermelon baby brush hog. After a couple missed swings, finally get 2010 started with a 15 inch keeper. Bite died and headed just a little ways down to another rocky point and continued the same pattern with similar results landing two more fishing between 12-14 inches. All the while my partner is throwin the jig, tube and creature and getting bit, but with no hook ups. Stayed there till I had to leave at 1pm with the bass just teasing me!!! My buddy stayed and called me 2 hours later and said he went to the same rock point and landed a 4-5 lber on the jig out deep. If he sends me a pic, ill put it up later.

**Re:El Cap 1/23....1st of 2010** 8 Hours, 1 Minute ago

great report. good to see you pop the metaphorical cherry for the year. i went on sunday myself. water was 54 when i got there and 57 when i left at 1. couldnt find a shollow bite, but the ones out deep were on the chew fushow. got 10. all but 1 at the magic mark of 15 inches and over.

**A COUPLE OF PICTURES FROM DIAMOND VALLEY**

**REMEMBER: FEBRUARY  
14<sup>TH</sup> IS VALENTINE'S DAY!**