



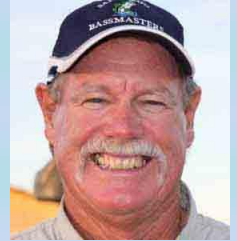
# NEWS

FEBRUARY 2012

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## President ~ Greg Gardner

For all of you that missed our January meeting it was a good one. It was a little frenzied at times – all Board members are getting used to our new jobs. We will do better next time. But I enjoyed it very much. It was exciting to me. Your enthusiasm to get this New Year started was very inspiring for me. Your new Board is working very hard for you.



I would like to thank Matt Barksdale for bringing drinks and snacks – Matt will do that for each meeting this year and it will be funded by our new “snacks” collection can. So, drop some money in it at each meeting and it will continue. Also, thank you to Jason Wilson and his Grandpa, Ken Wall, for doing the raffle. It went very well.

The next night after our meeting was the “San Diego Council of Bass Clubs” meeting. I will be doing that each month. The “Bass Council” is an organization that was formed by and for the Bass Clubs of San Diego County. It is a liaison between our fishing community and the City government; they are the voice for the clubs when the needs arise. The Council has done many good things for us since its inception.

The Council also puts on 2 major tournaments for us each year: The Council’s “Tournament of Champions” and the San Diego “Top Six Tournament.” At the meeting the Council expressed the need to raise dues. A motion was made, seconded, and voted on to raise the club dues from \$5.00/member to \$10.00/member from each club. I want all in our club to know the Bass Council so I have asked Jim Putney to give us a little history about what the “Council” had done for us in past years at our February meeting.

As a club we need to support the Council as they support us. They don’t rule us; they are there to represent us and each club. With all of us working together we have a strong “fishing community.”

We held our January Board meeting at the Gardner’s on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. I want you to know that your Board is working hard for you. We put some of our special functions on the calendar. Bunco will be on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Brant’s. We will do our Picnic on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Location to be determined. Frank Neugebauer will chair this one, and he will need some help. Say, “Yes” when he asks. The Banquet will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Sycuan. And our Family Tournament will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Lake Murray. We also added 2 fun tournaments, but we already have a problem with the first one, so we will have to look at it again. All in all it was a good meeting. You would be proud of them. They will give you details as we get close to those events.

The Bass Council “Tournament of Champions” will be held on the weekend of 3/31 and 4/1 at Lake Hodges. Our club is responsible for putting this one on, and Terry Chenoweth will chair this event. He will need all of us to work to get the job done. Josh Rhodes will be our hero to fish this year. Wish him luck and be prepared to say “yes” when Terry asks for help.

That’s all for now. See you at the meeting.

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## VICE PRESIDENT ~ ADAM EAST

Hello all, what a good time we had at the fun tournament. Congratulations to Jason and Chuck. It was also great to see Josh Buller on the water I was very impressed at the club for their outstanding support of Josh, Vivian, and Lucas. You truly showed that we are more than a club we are a family.



I have the banquet set for Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sycuan Resort Golf Course. A place we are all familiar with and have had our banquet there in recent years.

Looking forward to the first tournament of the year!

***TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN ~ Josh Rhodes***

Well we just finished up with our Otay fun tournament! It sure was a wet and cold one!! I just wanted to thank all who came out and supported our club! we had 11 teams and one man solo.



The team of Jason Wilson and Chuck Braaten took 1st with 5 fish weighing 10.36 lbs they took home \$150.00 plus an additional \$60.00 for big fish! They did a great job considering their troll motor went out at 9 in the morning! , second went to "the ringers" Greg Gardner and Adam East 5 fish weighing 10.01 lbs and \$100.00, and third place came to the one and only Josh Buller with 2 fish that weighed 3.47 lbs for \$50.00! Great job guys! We also made \$120.00 for the club.

I guess I shouldn't have chucked the swimbait all day long I fished with Barkie and had a great day anyways thanks Matt! I would also like to thank my weigh in team Jason Wilson did a great job handling the fish and Matt stepped up to write down the weights, Thanks guys! My weigh in team for the year will be Jason Wilson and Juan Collins.

Our first points tournament will be scheduled for February 25th at "the Quagga lake" aka El Capitan, it will be launch and go with a 5 fish 15 inch limit. We do not have a variance another club from Riverside already snaked it from us. Weigh in will be on the dirt next to the dock at 3pm. We will be using the same 8 bag system as we did last year. Please have your big fish marked and plenty of water to support your fish, any bass close to or over 5lbs will need to be brought up in a separate bag. Remember this is a DFG rule and it needs to be followed! It is ok to bring your big fish up in your own personal weigh in bag. We want to keep our fish as healthy as possible.

Once weighed make sure to take them back to the dock and release them off of the dock. If you catch them deep and they need to be fished make sure we take care of them before throwing them back. If you don't know how I will go over it with you at the meeting. I have plenty of needles and it is a very simple task that will keep your fish swimming and happy all day! Fishing should be great though the lake just seems to get better and better! Look out for some big stringers as those big females will be stuffing themselves prepping for spawn! We will draw partners at the meeting make sure if you aren't going to make the meeting to call me beforehand so I can put you on the list. I'll see ya' on the water!

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***YOU'RE STILL IN FIRST PLACE!***

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***MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN ~ Ryan Test***

The 2012 season is here and the first tournament is weeks away. I am proud to report we are 51 active members strong and I am looking forward to a very fun, exciting and competitive season.

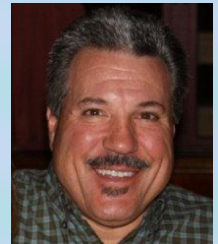


Welcome to our newest member, Chuck Braaten. I know Chuck will be a great addition, and officially my partner for the next money tournament since he has been in the winning boat for the last two.

As I write this I am in communications with B.A.S.S. Federation Nation to update the roster and make sure we are all current on our B.A.S.S. memberships. So this is your final reminder to update your membership now or you will not be able to fish at El Cap. I will know in a day or two who still needs to renew their dues and you will be getting a reminder email or call from me. Please save me the time of reminding you and just get it done. I went online and it took me 2 minutes. [www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com) There is a \$5.00 affiliation fee for each of us, so please bring \$5 to the February general meeting to give to Joe. See you at the meeting and on the water.

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**TREASURER ~ JOE DESALVO**



The Otay Lakes Tournament was rainy & cool and enjoyed the day on the Lake with Zoe. We raised \$140 dollars at Otay Fun Tournament with thanks to Josh Rhodes.

The Chili Cook-off was great with a good turnout. We raised \$150 from Dessert raffle with thanks Ken Wall for running raffle and to all who brought the 15 plus desserts. Also thanks to Adam East and Cheryl Byrd for great management of event and special decorating.

Treasury Report as of January 30, 2012			
Big Fish Fund	2012 Membership Dues & Fees	Fund Raising	Expense's
\$480	\$5,886.35	\$370.00	\$1,493.04
Winner TBD Once Fish Caught	Thanks to all who paid in advance	-Meeting Raffle -Otay Lakes -Chili Cook-Off	- S. D. C. B. C. Membership Fees - San Diego Lake Fees - Arizona Lake Fees - Banquet Facility Down payment - Chili Cook-off
<b>2012 Balance based on Income and Expenses to date is \$4763.31</b>			
(Excludes Big Fish Fund of \$480 and Balance of \$338.58 paid forward by 2011 Board)			

For those who missed the January meeting, please bring \$85.00 become current in February.

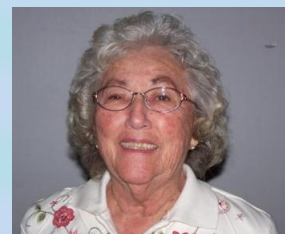
- First months dues ..... = \$25.00
- San Diego Council of Bass Clubs.... = \$5.00
- Insurance Fee ..... = \$30.00
- February months dues..... = \$25.00

**Bring Cash or Check = \$85.00 US dollars**

Please note that your insurance must be paid to fish any tournament

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **GENERAL MEETING**                      **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**      **7:00 PM at Oakdale Heights of La Mesa  
5740 Lake Murray Blvd.**
- **VALENTINE'S DAY**                      **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**      **DON'T FORGET!!**
- **BOARD MEETING**                      **FEBRUARY 23<sup>TH</sup>**                      **6:30 At the DeSalvo's**
- **TOURNMENT**                              **SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**                      **El Capitan**

**FISH TALES ~ DORIS COOK****UPDATE ON DARRYL!**

Darryl recently underwent a PET scan which showed his esophageal cancer had metastasized in the form of a mass in the lower lobe of his right lung as well as numerous enlarged metabolic lymph nodes. He and his family have decided to forego any further treatment and will treat the symptoms and focus on the quality of life under the care of San Diego Hospice. Darryl along with family and friends went duck hunting in Imperial Valley and got eight ducks including a teal, gadwall, and mallard. They are going again this upcoming weekend as it is the last weekend of the season.

February will find the Crippens in their motorhome headed for Tombstone, Az. and then on to San Antonio, Texas to visit Lynn and Gail Brown. They plan to end up at Lake Havasu and spend most of March there where Darryl hopes to participate in our tournament on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Darryl's care page has been reactivated to allow everyone to keep updated on what's happening. You can access it by going to CarePages and searching for DarrylsTheBestFisherman. You'll have to create a membership, but it's easy. Have a wonderful trip and we'll see you in Havasu!

**JEFF MANNING LOSES FATHER**

Our condolences go out to Jeff Manning and his family. Jeff's father passed away on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the age of 80. He died due to a heart attack. He had had a quadruple bypass 16 years ago,

**DAVE MACK'S MOTHER SPENDS TIME IN HOSPITAL**

Dave's mother, Lorraine, recently had to be rushed to emergency due to difficulty in breathing. She ended spending about a week in the hospital. However, this didn't keep her from attending the Chile Cookoff the day after getting back home.

**GARDNER VISITS BUCK KNIVES!**

Greg and Dean Hussey, his friend and former co-worker at Buck Knives made a trip to Las Vegas to The SHOT SHOW, with over 2500 exhibits on the latest in guns, knives and everything to do with hunting. They visited the Buck Knives' exhibit in the Convention Center and were able to visit with Chuck Buck, Sr. and about 20 guys from the upper echelon of the factory, now located in Post Falls, Idaho. Greg stated the last two years had been very good for the company with a new CFO, who was very conscious of the money coming in and going out. Many of their overseas operations have been brought back to our country. Greg had 36 continuous years with Buck Knives and Dean was with them for 40 years although there was a break in his service. They did not choose to leave San Diego and relocate in Idaho; therefore, they retired.

**NOTES FROM THE FUN TOURNAMENT!**

Zoé and Greg had a \$5.00 bet on who would catch the first fish on their Alabama rigs. She won by catching one on it in the Fun tournament. They each got new rods for Christmas and had another \$5.00 bet on who would catch the first fish on the new rod, which Greg won. Sounds like a wash to me!!! After the tournament, Greg said everyone should have the proper dress for the weather and to ask Jim Putney if you need advice as he almost froze to death. The boat is still drying out and the bilge pump wouldn't turn off until disconnected from the battery. Sounds like a real fun time!

**WAY TO GO!**

Dave and Regina Seaberg fished the National Bass West tournament at Lake Havasu on January 21<sup>st</sup> and finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place out of 32 boats. Regina caught four of the five fish in their 12.42 pound limit. Congratulations – good job!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!**

Members becoming another year older this month are: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – John Schwartz; Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Bud Brant; Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Jason Wilson and Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Manning. Celebrating anniversaries this month are: Mike and Wendy Baird – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and Steve and Donna Swaggerty Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your special days!

Should have news you would like to share in Fish Tales e-mail it to [miscooker@cox.net](mailto:miscooker@cox.net) or phone 462-4708.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO EVERYONE!**

**SAN VICENTE DAM RAISE**

Cheryl and I recently went on a two hour tour at San Vicente. First there was an orientation that explained the reason for the work, how the raise is being done, and how it all fits in to the water system. After that, we went out to a point that overlooked the back of the dam. It was pretty interesting and well worth the time. There's no real hiking, so anyone can go on the tour. Also, there's a website with two webcams that show different live views of the work: <http://www.sdcwa.org/san-vicente-dam-raise>

If there's enough interest (about a dozen or so people) we can schedule a tour for our group.



**SAN DIEGO BASSMASTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

President Greg Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Oakdale Heights Adult Center in La Mesa. He welcomed us to the first meeting of 2012 and showed the club the new president's plaque and gavel. Members extended a Bassmaster welcome to all. Greg Gardner called on officers for reports as follows:

Membership Chairman – Ryan Test: Ryan acknowledged one visitor, Jennifer Brown. Ryan gave a report about Josh Buller's baby, who is improving. Josh is scheduled, tentatively, to return home on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Prayer was offered by Adam East for baby Lucas. Chuck Bratten was presented by Ryan as a prospective member up for approval this evening. Spencer Davidson has changed his membership to at large, opening up a membership slot for Chuck. Questions were asked from the membership. Chuck said he has a baby at home but would love to serve the club. He will try to attend the out of town tournaments, but has never fished out of town before. Josh Rhodes pre-fished with him and Greg Gardner pre-tournament fished with him. Both gave their hearty approval. Chuck Bratten was approved by the membership and will be the fiftieth member. (Hat will be forthcoming next month.)

Ryan reminded the club about renewing BASS memberships as needed.

Fun tournament sign-up was passed around.

Greg announced that Doris Cook was sending around a sheet to be filled out with names, birthdays, and anniversaries.

Greg announced volunteers for jobs: Jason Wilson will do the raffle, Jason Combs the club store, Frank Neugebauer the picnic, Ed Marr and Greg Gardner the family tournament, and Doris Cook the Fish Tales in the Newsletter. The club is sponsoring the Bass Council Tournament of Champions on March 17-18<sup>th</sup>, and will need help from club volunteers, with Terry Chenoweth heading it up and Josh Rhodes fishing as our champion representative.

Treasurer – Joe Desalvo: \$60 dollars is due now for Club Dues, Federation Dues, and Insurance.

\$338 was carried over in the treasury from last year.

Vice President - Adam East: The chili cook-off is on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, at Oakdale Heights Adult Center in La Mesa. We may need extra tables and power strips, and if so an email will go out. Judging starts at 4PM. Cheryl Byrd announced that if you don't bring a pot of chili, bring salad or cornbread, and, if you like, a dessert for the raffle. Cost is \$5.00 apiece, and if you bring chili you get yourself in free.

Banquet: Adam is looking at a couple places and it is still in the works.

Tournament Director - Josh Rhodes: Permits have been applied for already for the in-town tournaments and variances look like they will be approved. Out-of-town permits are waiting on paperwork, but are being worked on. There will be a blind draw for the fun tournament during the break. Fun Tournament is at Otay on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$40 a boat which includes \$10 to the club, \$5 for big fish, and \$25 toward prize payouts. Five fish per boat – a team effort.

Skip Wentworth requested and was welcomed back to the club from his leave of absence, making 51 active members.

Greg Gardner said he will go to the bass council meeting on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, and will pay club dues of \$255, plus \$200 for the Tournament of Champions. He will bring up removing the 15" limit at El Capitan and Hodges.

Greg called for business from the floor.

Jim Putney: Bill Van Wulven is going to start his kids' fishing program up soon and is looking for us to shop in his store to help support his efforts.

Scott Ashley thanked Bud and Donalea for their over-the-top hard work on the banquet.

Bud offered the DVD of pictures from the banquet books to the club for purchase, and Cheryl offered a calendar with club pictures for purchase by members. They will be available later.

It was suggested by Ed Marr that we all bring our books from the banquet to the chili cook-off so we can set them out for all to look at and see each other's books.

Break: Drawing by back-seaters for partners at the fun tournament. During break, meeting was adjourned at 7:53, pairings were read, and raffle was held.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Eisner

Secretary