



NEWS

APRIL 2008#

37 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ *BUD BRANT*

March was a busy month. We had bowling, the Tournament of Champions, and the river tournament. Thanks to Lee and Irene Chapman for organizing the bowling event once again. Greg Gardner was our TOC representative and ended up in tenth place over all and had big fish one day. Greg always has a way of making the San Diego Bassmaster's proud. And finally, with thirty-eight fishermen we had good turnout at the river. Although the fishing was not as good as last year's tournament, most of us still had a couple good days of fishing. Congratulations to the top three for a job well done.

In April, we have our second San Vicente tournament on April 12th and the family tournament on April 26th at Lake Murray. If you plan on fishing in the family tournament or coming to the picnic afterwards, be sure to let John Schwartz know that you will be attending so he has an accurate head count for food.

In order to accommodate the Alamo tournament schedule, we will be having two general meetings in April. The first meeting is on Tuesday, April 1st (no fooling), and the second meeting will be on Tuesday April 29th. I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meetings and tournaments.

See ya on the water,
Bud



TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ *GREG GARDNER*

Exciting times on the Colorado River! The San Diego Bassmasters came to town at Fisher's Landing and the place will never be the same. It took 24.57 lbs to win and that is good fishin' any place. 38 Bassmasters caught 264 bass that weighed a total of 501.66 lbs. We had 11 double-limits, 2 fish over 6 lbs., and 4 over 5 lbs. You did good, Bassmasters.

And I am really proud of our weigh-in team. Terry, Larry and Chris, you guys are doing great! And thank you to Darryl Crippen for his assistance as well. Thank you all. On Friday we weighed 36 bags of fish in 30 minutes! That is excellent. On Saturday it was a little tougher, we had the other club waiting and breathing down our backs, but we still pulled it off and gotter done. And thanks to all you Bassmasters for being patient. You were great! And a big "Thank You" to Gina Seaberg for being our photographer.



1st place was "taken" by Ed Byrd. He did an outstanding job – 10 fish that weighed 24.57 lbs. Has he got that River figured out or what? Good job, Ed. 2nd place went to Dave "Ed ruined my 60th birthday" Mack. He weighed in only 8 fish, but one was big fish on Friday – 6.32 lbs. And he also had one on Saturday that weighed 5.61 lbs. That's good fishing! 3rd place went to Ed Marr. Ed brought in 10 fish for 21.71 lbs. He had one on Saturday that weighed 5.84 lbs. That is a good job Ed! Darryl Crippen had big fish on Saturday that went 6.03 lbs. Darryl fished with Dave Mack. Think about that. They had 3 of the big fish of the tournament. They had something going on.

We had 2 prospective members who participated in the tournament: Mike Lupo and Austin Bland. Mike placed 26th, which was a darn good job with our crowd, but he did not earn tournament points. So all those placing below 26th will move up one in points. Austin placed 37th. I hope to see you both at our next event.

Our next tournament will be on April 12th at San Vicente. We will do our weigh-in in the same location as last time. "Start" will be launch and go. "Weigh in" 3:00. 12" mouth closed, swing the tail. We will draw for partners at the April 1st meeting and I will collect big fish money.

I had a really run time at the River, I hope you all did too. The San Diego Bassmasters are a real class act!

See you at the meeting,
Greg



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS ~ DORIS COOK

TREASURER NOTES ~ KEN LOUIS

March was a busy month for many of our members who participated in the bowling event, the T.O.C.; extra pre-fishing trips to the river and the river tournament itself. Congrats to the top three and the tournament committee who did a speedy job in getting those fish weighed on both days.

Currently we have \$4693.38 in our bank account. Thank you to most everyone for staying current on your dues. Please remember, once you hit the third month of owing dues, you are no longer eligible to participate in club fishing until paid up.

As well as paying your monthly dues, bring along that checkbook so you can purchase your raffle tickets. We'll be showcasing some great items for the drawings each month.

At the end of March, these members have outstanding dues so please **add this** to your April dues and pay up at the meeting.

Adam East	50.00	Juan Collins	25.00
Inder Lopez	50.00	Janice Eisner	20.00
Greg Deerman	25.00	Marshall Martin	25.00
Cesar Diosdado	25.00		

Until the next meeting, tight lines and good fishing to all!

FAMILY TOURNAMENT ~ JOHN SCHWARTZ

Well it's time for our FAMILY TOURNAMENT. It will be held on LAKE MURRAY on APRIL 26 '08. . 5 fish<-bass-> limits will be weighed and a new boat awarded. We will also award prizes for "other" species. It will be a launch and go format. Tournament ends at 1 pm and food will be served. If you would like to bring a "special " dish, please do, it's not required. Keith Cloward will be the MC this year. Please bring items for the children <boys and girls>, this is a member donation prize pool. I will pass a sign up sheet at the April meeting,

Any questions, please call
John Schwartz

MEMBERSHIP ~ JOHN SCHWARTZ

Hello fellow Bassmasters
Hope all is well, much business going on in membership. Congratulations to STU KENSON, SCOTT ASHLEY AND FRANK NEUGEBAUER for there selection into the club. Two new members will be voted on in April. MICHAEL LUPO is a boater <06 champion 210> and a general contractor. He is looking to improve his fishing skills. AUSTIN BLAND <non boater> is our second candidate. Austin is married and a production concrete foreman for the highway system. Both have been prefished and tournament prefished <river> and passed with flying colors. Be sure to introduce yourself to AUSTIN and MIKE at the meeting. CURT NELSON <non boater> is a new prospective member and was prefished by Ed Marr.

MEMBERSHIP is 40 active, 3 family, 2 lifetime.
I will have updated roosters at the next meeting; any changes just let me know.

The San Diego Council of Bass Clubs held their two-day Tournament of Champions, hosted by East County Bassmasters, at San Vicente on March 15th & 16th. Top fishermen for each of the eighteen organized clubs vied for the championship for 2008.

Tom Leedom, representing The Bass Company weighed in the event's heaviest five fish stringer of 21.04 pounds for a two-day total weight of 29.90. He also received big fish honors with a 7.36-pounder. Jesse Hinkley of Double Limit Bass Club, last year's champion, finished second with a total of 22.89, followed by Michael McLernon of North County Bass Club for a total of 22.56. The eighteen fishermen caught 137 fish weighing 265.81 pounds for the two-days. Our Greg Gardner had the big fish of 3.89 for day one and weighed in a total of eight fish at 13.87 to finish 11th.

Hall of Fame

Prior to the awards ceremony, Jim Putney had Carol and Bill vanWulven of Barnacle Bill's Bait and Tackle, come up on the stage for a special, emotional presentation. Jim and Dave Seaberg reviewed some of the outstanding contributions Bill had made to the bass fishing community, and then surprised Bill with the announcement that he had been voted into the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs Fishing Hall of Fame. There was an anonymous vote from the eighteen clubs that Bill was very deserving of this honor. Bill was presented with a framed print out of the information outlined some of his accomplishments. There will be a formal induction into the Hall of Fame at a later date to be announced.



FISH TALES ~ DORIS COOK

PUTNEY ON CRASH COURSE AGAIN!

Jim and Brandon went into the "No Wake" zone on plane and thought they had cleared the buoy just outside the entrance to Martinez when they heard a noise kinda like a chain saw and slowed down. Jim asked Brandon "was that the buoy" to which he replied, "Well, it used to be"! Zoé said in the dim light of morning, Jim probably thought it was a fire hydrant. Only "Putt Putt"!



THERE GOES THE ROD! The same day, Jim started a cast. Got hung up on something and the butt of his rod flew out of his hand as the line broke and his rod and reel went over-board. Luckily it was in shallow water and they were able to retrieve it. We could write a book on Putneys bloopers.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH JIM! About 1:00pm on Saturday, the trolling motor and crank batteries on Jim's boat went dead. Thanks to Larry Ward who jumped them, They were able to get to the weigh-in. Ken Louis came to the rescue at home and put the battery system back together again after Jim had undone it.

KREISER TAKES A PLUNGE! Swag told me on the second day of the tournament at the river, He and Randy pulled up on a spot. Randy got bit, set the hook as Swag got the net and moved to the other side of the boat, throwing Randy of balance and landing him in the bottom of the boat. Swag asked if he was ok and Randy said he didn't think so. Swag then asked is the fish still on and sure enough there was a keeper on Randy's hook, Which made him feel better.

ANOTHER ONE GETS AWAY! I heard several stories of big ones that got away. Brandon was heart broken after he hooked a 10 pound plus and fought it through three jumps and a long run to have it turn its head. Look at him and spit the bait. He said he just collapsed in the boat when it was all over. Swag said he could sympathize when him as he lifted up on a 10-12 pound fish, which failed to get hooked. I'm sure there were many more sad tales of lost "big en's".

A NEW STEAK HOUSE AT THE RIVER! After the wonderful steaks Randy prepared on Friday night, His guests gave his mobile home the new name of KREISERS STEAK HOUSE AT THE RIVER.

JIM DAVIS REPORT! Jim Davis had back surgery on Thursday March 20th to remove a cyst between the third and fourth lumbar vertebrae, Which was pushing against his spinal cord, causing

pain and numbness in his left leg, We are happy to report everything turned out well and he is walking around, gaining strength and back to eating normally. Congratulations to Jim and Pat who will become grandparents for the first time. Their daughter Julie and husband Chris are expecting around Thanksgiving. They will have much to be thankful for.

ENJOY YOUR VISIT! Greg Gardners daughter Laura and husband Price Ruhl just arrived from Wisconsin to soak up some California sun and enjoy a week's visit with Greg and Zoë. I'm anxious to see that cute little red head girl!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The only member celebrating an April birthday is Adam East on the 12th.

Should you like to share your Fish tales, Please e-mail Doris Cook at miscooker@cox.net or phone (619) 462-4708



VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ KEITH CLOWARD

SECRETARY ~ INDER LOPEZ

NO REPORTS

