



NEWS

APRIL 2009

38 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ ZOÉ GARDNER

I was still licking my wounds from Otay. Yes, the slump I had been in for the past two years was alive and well. It's Monday morning. I was actually looking forward to going to work – concentrate on something other than fishing. Something that actually produces a result. Bad attitude, still grumbling. So what does the love of my life great me with that morning? “I have an idea. Let's have a tournament at Hodges. Just a little throw-together, nothing expensive. Whatever we all learn we can share with Bud for the tournament of champions.” So the plot began. Greg would call a few people he thought would be interested in this “Turkey Shoot”, I'd get Aaron to email blast everyone with email. Between the two of us, we'd get to everyone. Not much time to throw it together; we were talking



TOC First Place, Bud Brant.

about the very next weekend. As it turned out, we had quite of few supportive Bassmasters play. It was a fun day, nothing elaborate, but a bunch of fishing buddies all working together for a greater good. We all shared our information that Saturday. Bud went out fishing again that Sunday. Now this is Bud Brant. You know the guy. Our Angler of the Year. That's why he was going to fish that tournament the following weekend. I'm sure he already knew what the scoop was on that lake, but I really think the energy level, as well as tailoring the information to his style really helped. At least that's what he graciously told us all. But the “group” effort could only go so far. The weekend came and it all boiled down to an individual: Bud. We were with him in spirit, team spirit, but it was all on him now. He fished hard. He fished tough. And he NEVER gave up. He shared with me that the last few times he had been fishing, he caught fish right up to the very last minute. He did exactly the same thing when it mattered most – at the Tournament of Champions fishing against sixteen other club champions. And what did his tenacity get him? Exactly what it should have... HE WON! Bud had a whopping 30.61 lbs for the two-day tournament, beating second place by a tad over a pound. The reason that is significant is because the second place guy had a 9.25 lb fish to add to his overall weight. I deducted everyone's big fish out of the equation and it became even more glaring how impressive Bud's performance was. His “per fish average” was close to 3 lbs; whereas second place only averaged 2.25 lbs. That is some amazing work, Bud.



Bassmasters show support at the TOC

Thank you for representing the San Diego Bassmasters so brilliantly. And “thank you” to all the Bassmasters who fished the Turkey Shoot as well as all of you who came out to the results ceremony. I counted close to thirty Bassmasters at that event. I could not have been more proud of our club then at that moment in time. More to add to our impressive history. For you newer members, this means “bragging rights” for a whole year. Well, in true Bassmaster form, we don't rest on our laurels for too long. In July and August we have an opportunity to help influence the champions of the future. I've mentioned

the Fishing Camp idea that was presented to the Bass

Council a couple of months ago, and now they have specific dates identified. Each session will run Wednesday through Saturday (with Saturday consisting of an actual day on the water): July 15 – 18; July 22 – 25; August 19 – 22, and August 26-29 are the dates. You can sign up for one day, a few hours, or the whole session. Whatever works with your schedule. At our general membership meeting I will need to get your name if you are willing to participate (we just had a show of hands last month). I helped establish the days around our Bassmaster events to free up as much time as possible. I hope you will participate. We'll see you all at the next meeting. And I'd like to thank (and remind) Keith Cloward and Skip Whitworth for bringing sweet treats to our upcoming meeting.

Take care,



VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ BUCK BILLOCK

I missed our last meeting and hope to catch up with everything and everyone by our meeting fast approaching on April 7th. I'll never make it, but I am trying.

Upcoming Bassmaster events:

Bowling that takes place before our meeting on Sunday April 5th @ 1PM at Parkway Bowl. Cost is \$10 and should be some fun for all. Thanks Terry and Lee for organizing this for us. Hope to see you there.

Family fishing is set for May 2nd @ Murray. This has been fun in past years and I don't expect this too be any different. Thanks to John Schwartz

General chatter:

I am still looking for some feedback from the membership on guest speakers? Yes / No and if Yes, who? Or do we just take the recent winner or a past winner and request him / her to go into detail about how and why they fished a certain pattern or technique? What steps they go thru to determine what is going to work and why?

Come on people talk to me: While I am in office I would like us to improve and that only works when people participate and offer suggestions and or advice. Also, is there any feedback on how I can better serve you, the membership?



Lee with 2 nice fish.

We really do have many events scheduled for the rest of the year. I understand at the last meeting there was interest expressed for a beach party - similar to last year's, but there were no volunteers to chair the event. I will ask at our next meeting if anyone is interested in chairing that function. If we get no takers, it will fade into the sunset.

I want to thank those of you who asked about my son and daughter. They are doing better and I appreciate your thought and prayers.

See you on the water.



TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ GREG GARDNER

I hope you all enjoyed the Havasu weekend as much as Zoé and I did. I was outstanding for us. I want to say "thank you" to all who helped on the tournament committee. Donalea and Debbie for setting up the scales. Terry Chenoweth, John Schwartz, and Mike Baird for helping at the weigh in. Zoé and Donalea for doing the calculating and recording of the results. Also, thanks to our photographer, Gina Seaberg. She got pictures of a lot of really nice fish. And thanks to all of you who fished and did a good job of taking care of your fish and bringing them to the scales. I feel we did a smooth and efficient job. For me, one of the highlights of the trip was dinner Thursday evening. It was a very good time and I enjoyed all of your company. Thank your Donalea for setting it up for us.

This was one of our better fishing trips. 12 days of tournament, we had 15 double limits, 256 bass weighed, for a total weight of 582.82 lbs. And only 1 dead fish. Outstanding! It looked to me that the ratio of smallmouth to largemouth was about 50/50%. But pound for pound the smallmouth out fought the largemouth all the way to the scales. They are such a hardy fish, and so beautiful.

First place was taken by Kenny Louis who let the first day and won the second day. Good job, Kenny. He weighed in a total of 10 bass, in 2 days, that weighed 27.92 lbs.



Ed, Keith and Ken at Havasu. Third, Second and First Place, respectively.

Second place was Keith Cloward. He brought 10 fish to the scales for 26.18 lbs. And in third, a guy who is always near the top, Ed Byrd weighed in 10 fish for 25.04 lbs. Good job by all top 3. Big fish for the tournament was taken by Lee Chapman. Lee's big fish weighed 4.03 lbs.

Look at who is setting in the top 12. So far after 2 events. And look at the names just out of the top 12. There are some good sticks there who want to make some changes. It is going to be an interesting year as we watch it unfold.

Our next tournament will be at Hodges on April 25th. It will be

launch and go, with a 3:00 weigh in. The length will be 12" mouth closed, swing the tail. We will have the legal variance, so we all will have to have the variance number on our weigh slips. I will have the required weigh slips at the April meeting. Weigh in will be near the dock. We will pick the spot and let you know at the meeting. Also, I have been hearing about boat inspections that will happen before we can launch. Check it out and be ready.

See you at the meeting,



TREASURER NOTES ~ MARSHALL BUBEL

We continue to make good progress this year, with the club account showing month to month growth. This of course is not entirely unexpected as the majority of our expenses occur towards the latter part of the year but it's welcomed none the less.

We do have a few members that are drifting into the danger zone (i.e.: two months or more delinquent). Remember that for those of you who fall into this category you will have to bring your dues current in order to fish the next tournament.

<u>One Month</u>	<u>Two Months</u>
Janice Eisner	Chris Bocinec
Harold Stevens	Adam East
	John Schwartz

See you on the water.



MEMBERSHIP ~ LEE CHAPMAN

I will not be at the April meeting, so in my absence, please see Zoé, who will be covering for me. We currently have 5 prospective members in the process of becoming Bassmasters. That would bring our total membership to 50. All 4 will be back seaters, at least for this year.

When you see someone you don't recognize at the meetings, introduce yourself and make them feel as if they are a part of the San Diego Bassmaster family.

B.A.S.S. Membership Expiring 2nd Quarter 2009

Frank Neugebauer - 3-31-09

Jim Putney - 5-31-09



MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING:

The March 3rd meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters was called to order by President Zoé Gardner at 7:05 P.M. at Angler's Marine.

Guests introduced were: Joseph DeSalvo, prospective members Chris Warner, Jeff Cahill and Ryan Test.

Bud Brant reported that Brenda Foreman was still in the hospital following surgery to remove a brain tumor, but should be out by March 5th. She is walking and talking good.

Cody Billock had a polyp in his nose removed today and he and Buck could not attend the meeting.

Dave Mack announced Darryl Crippen went home from rehab. on Saturday and had to go back as Debe went to the hospital. Darryl got the drain out of his back and had a stent put in to cover the hole where the connection was made. He hopes to be back fishing in May and is home now doing well.



Skip with a nice smallie

Larry Ward stated that Maddi gets the Girl Scout cookies on Saturday and will bring them to the next meeting. She sold 300 boxes.

Dave Patrick reported he has bass wear for sale and is taking special orders, via sheet being passed around. He has about 30 shirts of all sizes currently on hand for \$10.00 short sleeve and \$15.00 for long sleeve.

Zoé announced Lake Hodges is off limits until after the Tournament of Champions on March 8th. There will be 18 clubs competing against each other for the championship on March 7th & 8th. Weigh in will be at 3:00 P.M. Saturday and 1:00 P.M. on Sunday with food and a raffle following on Sunday. She wished Bud good luck!

Lori Felchlin, the reservoir keeper from Lake Miramar, is planning a Kid's Fishing Camp to teach kids how to fish, at Lake Murray in July and August. The classes will be on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. She needs volunteers for each of the three one-week sessions. She will be at the Bass Council meeting tomorrow.

Sportcon is trying to get rid of the requirement to wear your fishing license. Go to sportcon.org for more information.

Bass Federation Nation gave us an exemption from paying dues this year, but as per their letter, we have to be members next year, as well as B.A.S.S. members. Members were asked to think about B.A.S.S. membership for next year.

Membership Chairman Lee Chapman reported with all the eligible new members, we will be at 49 members and a waiting list will be set up at 50.

Treasurer Marshall Bubel stated dues are being paid-and we are in good shape financially.

Terry Chenoweth announced bowling on April 5th at 1:00 P.M. at Parkway Bowl for \$10.00 for three games and shoes. There will be bumpers available for small kids. Prospective members are also invited.

John Schwartz reported a Family Tournament would be held on May 2nd at Lake Murray with a barbecue to follow.

Greg Gardner moved and Dave Mack seconded minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Zoé asked for a volunteer to run a Beach Party in July. Since there were none she will bring it up again next month. Bunco nite will be August 15th at the Brants.

Aaron Meleen stated the newsletter is up on the website. A request was made to put captions under the photos in the newsletter.

Caesar Diosdado invited members to attend his retirement party at Hooley's on Jamacha on March 12. He is retiring from the Sheriff's Department after 30 years.

Greg Gardner announced Juan needs a partner for Havasu and he has 16 teams signed up. Greg gave the pairings for Havasu with the weigh in being in the cabana on Friday and at a picnic bench on Saturday. Use the south ramp, five fish limit, measure with mouth closed. Meeting at Montana Steak House on Thursday at 6:00 P.M.

Greg presented the awards for the Otay tournament on Feb. 21st as follows: Austin Bland, fourth and he is owed a spool of line, Vicki Becker third, with two fish at 4.25, Bud Brant, second with two fish at 5.22 and big fish of 3.58 and Jeff Manning winner with three fish at 5.29.

Bud Brant is fishing the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs Tournament of Champions on March 7th & 8th so there was a fun tournament with nine teams fishing. Bud Brant and Ed Marr had five fish at 11.68, for second place. Jeff Manning and Bill Shoemaker won with five fish at 14.78. Bud and Scott went back Sunday and Scott got a big fish out of tournament at 7.75 pounds.

The board meeting will be March 24th at Marshall Bubel's with the general meeting on April 7th. Skip will bring treats. Zoé thanked Geri for dinner, Larry Ward for drinks. Brent for snacks, Ron Overman for the raffle, and Stu and Shirley Kenson for the hot dogs they provided after the Otay tournament.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



FISH TALES ~DORIS COOK

MISS SANTEE!

Congratulations to Sierra Billock for winning the title of Miss Santee on March 6th. Sierra the 21 year old daughter of Buck & Susan Billock, attends San Marcos State University and works as a Brand Manager for Bath and Body Works. She received a \$300.00 scholarship donated by several Santee businesses. Next she will compete in the Miss Greater San Diego pageant, where the winner goes on to the Miss California competition. Good job and good luck, Sierra.

CODY'S SURGERY SUCCESSFUL!

Speaking of the Billocks, Cody had surgery to remove a polyp from his sinus cavity, behind his eye, instead of coming to the March meeting. It was successful and he had to deal with some bleeding from his nose, but is doing well and will be ready to fish again soon.

WATCH OUT FOR THE BLACK & WHITE!

Mike Lupo was following Bud Brant on Ogilby Rd on the way to Lake Havasu. Bud saw a Highway Patrol car behind them, but figured he was only going 70. The Patrolwoman went around Lupo and pulled Bud over. Mike stopped to wait for Bud and they both got tickets for speeding. She sited Bud for 75 miles per hour and I heard she got Mike for going faster. Good trick!

SEABERG TAKES A TUMBLE!

Dave Seaberg was fishing the Lake Havasu tournament in Dave Mack's boat, when he got tangled up with the back seat and did a 180 landing on his back against the rail breaking a rib. Ouch!!!! Dave said it only hurts when I breath or move, but we hope you're feeling better soon.

BANANA BANDIT STRIKES AGAIN!

Three guys went out to their boats on the first day of the tournament at Havasu to find bananas in their boats. Jeff Carpenter saw his right away and removed it, while Frank Neugebauer had a motor problem when a spark plug wire came loose and Brant Bandish couldn't get his motor started. I hear there is a reward out for the capture of the banana bandit

BASSMASTER SIGHTING!

Brandon Hoffman was on his way back to NAU in Flagstaff on Sunday after his Spring break, when he and his friend went through the wind and sandstorm out of Glamis. He called to tell me he had passed Bud, Ken and Dave Mack on their way home from Havasu and was trying to reach Jim to tell him not to go home that way. He was able to reach Ron Overman and advised him to go a different way. He went Oligiby Rd. but said he still got sandblasted.

KENNY TO THE RESCUE!

Jim Putney had a great time at Havasu and enjoyed every minute of the fishing and Ron Overman's hospitality. All good things have to end, so on his way home Monday, after stopping at the rest stop this side of El Centro his truck decided it was too tired to go any further. He called me while dodging all the semis racing by, and I was able to get AAA to his rescue. They towed him up to the Shell Station in Jacumba. Kenny & Jennifer Louis were kind enough to go pick up Jim and the boat. After several attempts to rent a trailer to tow the truck home, he called Quik Tow and got the truck towed to his mechanic on El Cajon Blvd. The fuel pump, located in the gas tank was replaced, so now he is up and running again. Those Lake Havasu trips have proven to be pretty expensive for him. FYI – should you need a tow Quik Tow at 670-5000 only charges \$3.00 per mile, compared to some at \$7.00. Mr. Aaron was readily available, and did a great job!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, DARRYL!

Darryl Crippen is home healing more each day. He says he is able to have Malt-O-Meal from breakfast, a fruit cup for lunch and soup for dinner. Sounds much better than ice chips or Popsicles! He is able to walk unassisted and is gaining strength to reach his goal of getting back to fishing by the end of April or May. Great news, Darryl!

BRENDA DOING BETTER!

Brenda Foreman is home following her brain surgery and is well on the road to recovery. Rumor has it, that she and Terry are planning a trip to Lake Havasu in the near future. That's great news!!!!

HAIL TO THE CHAMP!

Bud, we're all so very proud of you for being **San Diego County's Bass Fishing Champion**. Way to go!

BEST WISHES!

Happy Birthday to Adam East, our sole April birthday boy on April 12.

Should you wish to share your Fish Tales, contact Doris Cook at (619) 462-4708 or at mscooker@cox.net.



JOKE OF THE MOMENT ~

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1ST, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME WILL BE MERGED TO FORM THE NEW CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND CHIPS.



Important Information and Dates:

April 5th – Bowling at Parkway Bowl 1:00

April 7th – General Membership Meeting (Dinner @6:30 Meeting @7:00)

April 25th – Tournament at Hodges

May 2nd - Family Tournament at Lake Murray



TOURNAMENT STANDINGS:

MARCH '09 LAKE HAVASU	ANGLER		BIG BASS day 1		BIG BASS day 2		# Bass day 1	# Bass day 2	# Bass Total	Weight day 1	Weight day 2	Total Weight	YEAR-END POINTS
1	LOUIS	KENNY	3.85	2.93	5	5	10	15.15	12.77	27.92	32		
2	CLOWARD	KEITH	3.43	3.11	5	5	10	13.84	12.34	26.18	31		
3	BYRD	ED	3.75	--	5	5	10	13.36	11.68	25.04	30		
4	CARPENTER	JEFF	2.98	2.54	5	5	10	13.27	11.47	24.74	29		
5	WHITWORTH	SKIP	3.17	3.90	5	5	10	12.59	12.07	24.66	28		
6	PUTNEY	JIM	4.00	2.90	5	5	10	13.42	10.85	24.27	27		
7	MANNING	JEFF	2.78	3.50	5	5	10	11.18	13.04	24.22	26		
8	OVERMAN	RON	3.19	3.15	5	5	10	11.85	12	23.85	25		
9	GARDNER	GREG	3.00	3.02	5	5	10	12.13	11.62	23.75	24		
10	BRANT	BUD	3.47	2.05	5	5	10	14.55	9.11	23.66	23		
11	CHENOWTH	TERRY	2.53	3.07	5	5	10	10.54	12.80	23.34	22		
12	SCHWARTZ	JOHN	2.85	2.33	5	5	10	11.21	11.85	23.06	21		
13	BECKER	VICKI	2.99	2.72	5	5	10	13.48	9.23	22.71	20		
14	NEUGEBAUER	FRANK	3.05	2.51	5	4	9	13.82	8.73	22.55	19		
15	DAVIS	JIM	2.70	3.21	5	5	10	9.50	11.01	20.51	18		
16	BYRD	CHERYL	3.07	--	4	5	9	8.4	10.12	18.52	17		
17	BENISH	BRENT	2.46	2.33	5	5	10	9.49	8.57	18.06	16		
18	CHAPMAN	LEE	4.03	2.74	5	2	7	13.34	4.13	17.47	15		
19	LUPO	MIKE	2.90	--	5	2	7	12.58	4.01	16.59	14		
20	BULLER	JOSH	2.49	--	5	2	7	12.39	3.98	16.37	13		
21	BLAND	AUSTIN	2.84	--	5	2	7	11.95	3.31	15.26	12		
22	GARDNER	ZOE	1.80	2.03	5	3	8	10.06	4.75	14.81	11		
23	PATRICK	DAVE	3.04	2.24	5	1	6	12.49	2.24	14.73	10		
24	BUBEL	MARSHALL	--	1.47	5	4	9	8.4	6.29	14.69	9		
25	BAIRD	MIKE	2.79	1.86	5	1	6	11.41	1.86	13.27	8		
26	MACK	DAVE	3.17	--	5	DQ	5	12.08	--	12.08	7		
27	SEABERG	DAVE	2.92	--	5	DNF	5	11.66	--	11.66	6		
28	ASHLEY	SCOTT	--	2.36	0	5	5	0	9.96	9.96	5		
29	BILLOCK	BUCK	2.91	--	5	0	5	9.14	0	9.14	2		
30	MARTIN	MARSHALL	2.47	--	4	0	4	8.43	0	8.43	3		
31	SHOEMAKER	BILL	1.88	2.11	2	2	4	3.30	3.34	6.64	2		
32	BOCINEC	CHRIS	1.52	--	3	0	3	4.68	0	4.68	0		
								Number of Bass	256	Total Weight		582.82	



YEAR TO DATE STANDINGS:

		<u>Big Fish</u>	<u>Otay</u>	<u>Havasu</u>	<u>Total points</u>
1	Jeff Manning	3.50	32	26	58
2	Bud Brant	3.58	31	23	54
3	Greg Gardner	3.02	28	24	52
4	Keith Cloward	3.43	20	31	51
5	Vicki Becker	2.99	30	20	50
6	Ken Louis	3.85	14	32	46
7	Jeff Carpenter	2.98	17	29	46
8	Ed Byrd	3.75	13	30	43
9	Terry Chenoweth	3.07	21	22	43
10	Brent Benish	2.46	27	16	43
11	Jim Davis	3.21	23	18	41
12	Austin Bland	2.72	29	12	41
13	Mike Lupo	2.90	25	14	39
14	Josh Buller	2.49	26	13	39
15	Frank Neugebauer	3.05	15	19	34
16	Marshall Bubel	1.75	22	9	31
17	Skip Whitworth	3.90	2	28	30
18	Dave Patrick	3.04	19	10	29
19	Jim Putney	4.00	DNF	27	27
20	Ron Overman	3.19	2	25	27
21	Bill Shoemaker	2.11	24	2	26
22	John Schwartz	2.85	DNF	21	21
23	Inder Lopez	2.13	18	DNF	18
24	Lee Chapman	4.03	2	15	17
25	Cheryl Byrd	3.07		17	17
26	Scott Ashley	2.36	11	5	16
27	Steve Swaggerty	1.70	16	DNF	16
28	Dave Mack	3.17	8	7	15
29	Zoé Gardner	2.03	2	11	13
30	Buck Billock	2.91	10	2	12
31	Juan Collins	1.51	12	DNF	12
32	Mike Baird	2.79	2	8	10
33	Aaron Meleen	0.70	9	DNF	9
34	Dave Seaberg	2.92	2	6	8
35	Cody Billock	0.66	7	DNF	7
36	Marshall Martin	2.47	2	3	5
37	Janice Eisner		2	DNF	2
38	Curt Nelson		2	DNF	2
39	Harold Stephens		2	DNF	2
40	Jason Wilson		2	DNF	2
41	Larry Ward		2	DNF	2
42	Chris Bocinec		DNF	0	0

43	Cesar Diosdado		0	DNF		0
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# of Fishermen:	39	32
# of fish:	40	256
Total weight (in pounds):	67	583
Big fish:	3.58	4.03

Big Fish in Tournament: 4.03 lbs. - Lee Chapman at Havasu

Big Stringer in Tournament: 15.15 lbs. - Kenny Louis at Havasu

**Big Fish Out of
Tournament:**

7.75 lbs. -

**Scott Ashley at
Hodges**