



NEWS

DECEMBER 2008

37 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ *BUD BRANT*

The end of the year has finally arrived and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for allowing me to be President for the past two years, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve the club as President. I would also like to thank the members who served on the board both years; it truly has been a great ride.

The final meeting of the year is on Tuesday, December 2nd. We will be holding elections, so we really need everyone there so you can cast your vote for the 2009 SDBM board. We will also be voting on the amendment regarding when a member's dues must be made current in order to be allowed to fish.

The board has not voted on the *Bassmaster of the Year* yet. If anyone wants to make a nomination, please bring the ballot or letter stating who you would like to nominate and the reasons why you have nominated this member. Remember, *Bassmaster of the Year* is to honor a member that has clearly exceeded his or her roles as part of the club. The board will privately review and then vote on any nominations received at the December general meeting.

Do not forget that the December meeting is **Crisis House** time. Remember to bring donations of can goods, non-perishable items, clothes, checks or cash to the December meeting. With economy being what it is, the needs of those less fortunate are going to be greater than ever. All of us are truly blessed; let's do our part in making the 2009 SDBM Crisis house donations the best ever!

Congratulations to Ed Byrd, Ed Marr, and Randy Krieser for their top three finishes at the river. I would also like to say job well done to those who made the Top 12. On Saturday November 15th, we had the Tournament of Champions, it was a tough tournament. Seven fishermen caught 3 fish, Scott Ashley won the tournament with two fish and Adam East was second with one fish.

It is hard to believe I have been a Bassmaster for twenty six years. The fishing is what brings us together, but it is the friendships that make us stay, thanks to everyone for the fun and great memories. I am looking forward to many more years as a San Diego Bassmaster.

See ya on the water,
Bud

TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ *GREG GARDNER*

Let's go right to the big news of the year. Congratulations to Bud Brant – Angler of the Year 2008!!! It was a long, hard drive but Bud did not waiver from what he knew he had to do. Good job, Bud!

Our last tournament of the year was held at the Lower River on November 7th & 8th. I know - it already seems like a long time ago. The fishing was very tough; everybody should feel good about just being at the River. Everybody worked hard, few fish were caught, and no dead fish came to the scales. We had 28 fishermen, weighed 142 fish that weighed 230 lbs. That's 2.5 fish per person for 2 days. Our lowest take on an "out of town" this year. We had only 2 double limits for those two days.

First place was taken by Ed Byrd, again. We gotta beat this guy at the River next year! Ed weighed in 9 fish for a total of 19.08 lbs. Ed had Big Fish the second day with a fish that weighed 4.36 lbs. Good job, Ed!

RIVER TOURNAMENT

ED BYRD

FIRST PLACE



ED MARR

SECOND PLACE

BIG BASS



RANDY KREISER

THIRD PLACE



Second place went to Ed Marr. Ed weighed in 10 fish for a total of 18.73 lbs. He had Big Fish for the tournament with a 4.53 lb fish. Ed had the first of only two double limits. Way to go, Ed!

Third place went to Randy Kreiser. Randy had the other double limit of the event. He weighed in 10 fish for 17.54 lbs. All 3 of these guys did an excellent job on a very tough weekend.

To all of you who made it into the Top 12: Bud B., Ed B., Greg G., Ed M., Juan C., Marshall B., Dave M., Jeff M., Scott A., Ron O., John S., and Keith C., - Congrats for a year done well!

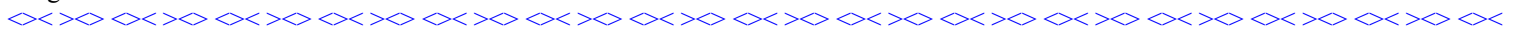
On Saturday, November 15th we held our Tournament of Champions on El Capitan Lake. Those who won a tournament during the year were invited to fish. Bud won our first one at San V.; Ed B. won The River, Havasu, and The River. Greg won the 2nd San V., and El Cap. Jeff M. won at Alamo. Scott won at Otay. Buck won at Otay night. And Adam won at San V. night. Seven guys fished this tournament. 1st place was taken by Scott Ashley with 2 fish that weight 3.17 lbs. That was good for \$300. Adam East took 2nd place, for \$200, and Big Fish for \$70, that weighed 2.01 lbs. The rest of use tied for 3rd. with ZERO fish. It was tough. This was your best 7 fishermen throughout the year. But rest assured, they did their best!

This was the first year in a very long time that we weighed fish in every tournament. I was very proud of you, the club, for voting this in at the beginning of the year. And I was proud to be your tournament director this year. I could not have done it by myself. I am very happy to have had the help of so many. "Thank you" very, very much to Terry Chenoweth and Larry Ward, my weigh masters. Donalea Brant and Zoé Gardner, my set-up and calculations team. John Schwartz and Juan Collins, my fish handlers. I thank you all, and if I missed anybody, I didn't mean to.

Look at how much we improved at handling fish this year, in our boats and at the weigh-ins. And I believe we can do better yet.

Thank you all for your help!

Greg



SAN DIEGO BASSMASTERS 2008 TOP TWELVE

BUD BRANT
ANGLER OF THE YEAR
264 POINTS



ED BYRD
SECOND PLACE
239 POINTS



GREG GARDNER
THIRD PLACE
230 POINTS



ED MARR
FOURTH PLACE
228 POINTS



JUAN COLLINS
FIFTH PLACE
210 POINTS



MARSHALL BUBEL
SIXTH PLACE
184 POINTS



DAVE MACK
SEVENTH PLACE
183 POINTS



JEFF MANNING
EIGHTH PLACE
179 POINTS



SCOTT ASHLEY
NINTH PLACE
177 POINTS



RON OVERMAN
TENTH PLACE
175 POINTS



JOHN SCHWARTZ
ELEVENTH PLACE
173 POINTS



KEITH CLOWARD
TWELFTH PLACE
172 POINTS



LOST HAT!

If any of you happen to catch a fish wearing a white Tilley snap up brim hat at the Colorado River, please contact Jim Putney. His hat blew off his head and sunk before he could turn around to pick it up.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It's hard to believe this year is almost gone and this is my last Fish Tales for 2008. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. Be sure to wet a line in 2009! See you at the banquet on December 14th!

TREASURER NOTES ~ *KEN LOUIS*

Hard to believe our 2008 season has come to an end and I would like to congratulate Bud Brant as our Fishman of the Year as well as the rest of the top 12 for a job well done. You may already know that I have been working out of town lately and I'd like to thank my sister, Donalea for filling in for me at the meetings.

Several members have outstanding dues/fees which must be paid on or before the December 2nd meeting. **Fair warning:** Any member not paid in full by December 2nd will also incur the cost of their banquet dinners at \$38.00 per person (in your party) and that will be added to your existing balance, so please pay in full before December 3rd.

Mike Baird	25.00	Austin Bland	50.00	Chris Bocinec	25.00	Josh Buller	75.00
Jeff Carpenter	50.00	Adam East	50.00	Randy Kreiser	25.00	Marshall Martin	25.00
Bill Shoemaker	65.00	Jason Wilson	25.00				

Call me right away if you have any questions. See you at the banquet!

MEMBERSHIP ~ *JOHN SCHWARTZ*

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

SECRETARY ~ *INDER LOPEZ*

San Diego Bassmaster Meeting Minutes 10/28/2008

President Bud Brant --Meeting called to order at 7pm. Bud handed out the October meeting minutes to the club. He also announced that the Bassmaster of the year and scholarship forms are at the front table. Asked for a motion to accept the minutes Harold Stephens made a motion to accept and Jeff Carpenter second the motion, motion carried. Bud also announced that Ken Louis will be out of town and that Donalea will be accepting money for the treasurer also Zoe Gardner will give the Treasurer report this month.

Membership chairman John Schwartz—Announced guest Frank Bocinec and prospective members Chris Bocinec, and Bill Shoemaker. We are at 43 active, 3 family and 2 lifetime members. New rosters are available at the front desk. Perspective members Chris Bocinec, and Bill Shoemaker were asked to speak to the club and a vote was taken, result both perspective members were voted into the SDBM.

Treasurer Chairman Ken Louis—**Substituted by Zoe Gardner**-- Current balance is \$8500.09 in the bank account. We need all members to pay thru the end of the year.

Member Harold Stephens said the Fish Fry deposit will be returned as expected.

Vice President Keith Cloward—Thanks to Harold and Kathy Stephens for the fish fry and to Jim Putney and Buck Billock for the Raffle the made \$450, also thanks to Bill Shoemaker and his wife for the music. We still need picture for the banquet slide show and we have great deals on Bass Gear, just ask.

Dave Mack Gave an update to the club on Darryl Crippen he has surgery coming up and they are very optimistic about the outcome of surgery.

President Bud Brant- Asked Terry Chenoweth to start the nomination for next year's board. Ron Overman discussed Crisis House and for all the Bassmasters to donate Toys, Cash Food Clothing etc. and we need all donations brought to the December meeting.

Tournament Director Greg Gardner—Lake Havasu tournament results: 4th place Cheryl Byrd she received a spool off line, 3rd place went to 20.39# Dave Mack also Big Fish at 3.84#, 2nd Place 21.62# went to Brent Benish and 1st Place 21.64 went to Ed Byrd. Next tournament will be the Lower River Tournament November 7th and 8th weigh-in will be at Fishers and 13" minimum size for bass. The tournament meeting will be Thursday at 5pm in the patio area across from the Other Place. The TOC will be held this year at El Capitan on 11/15/2008. Sunday the 9th is the last day to fish EL Capitan before the TOC.

President Bud Brant- Thanked Terry Chenoweth and John Schwartz for the handling the nominations, thanks to Geri Morrin for the pizza, Jim Putney for the donuts and Donalea Brant for the goodies.

Meeting adjourned-