



NEWS

JANUARY 2009

38 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ ZOE` GARDNER

Happy New Year, Bassmasters! I'm really excited about this upcoming year. As I said in my campaign speech, we've made some really solid changes this past year that have ensured our strength as a club, both internally and externally. We have an excellent Board in place to assist in maintaining our momentum, and they are all looking forward to serving you to their fullest capabilities. We cannot do it alone, so if you are asked to help, please step up.

Our January general membership meeting will be held on January 6th starting at 7pm (food and beverages will be provided starting at 6:30). I'd like to thank Jim Putney in advance for volunteering to bring dessert this month (I'll be asking each month for a volunteer, so be prepared to help). Larry Ward has graciously accepted my request to bring the drinks and ice again this year. Thank, Larry! The "January Meeting" is always a very important meeting to attend, as it sets the stage for our entire year, so please plan on being there.

Some recent news that will definitely affect our club: lake fees are going up as of February 2009. It appears the permit rates will go up to \$7 for a boat launch, and \$8 per angler permit fee. They also have a "Senior" permit rate of \$4, but I need to further research what age starts that classification (hey, every little break will help).

One last item that regards the Bass Council: As a group we volunteered to run two of their night tournaments during 2009. It's usually pretty easy to do, but again, it will take a few willing volunteers to pull it off in true Bassmaster style.

See you at the meeting!

Take care,

Zoé



TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ GREG GARDNER

I always thought there was some time between tournament seasons where you could take a step back and regroup for next year. But it surely doesn't feel that way. We just finished with the '08 Banquet; 2 days later had our Dual Board meeting, then 2 days later our Tournament Planning meeting on the 18th. We now have a proposed tournament schedule that will be presented to you at the next club meeting. Now, hurry up and write a news letter article, because Christmas is only 2 days away. Hey, this Board is not sitting still; they will do as good a job as the last one. Thank you for having confidence in me to do it again.

My tournament team this year will be myself, Terry Chenoweth, Larry Ward, and Cody Billock. We have some improvements to make, but our basic process of weigh in will be the same as last year. Our goal will be to weigh the fish as efficiently, and quickly as possible with as little loss as possible. With your assistance, we will do a very good job.

There were approximately 30 – 35 members at our planning meeting. I thank you all for being there. I put up a calendar with my thoughts on it, we had about 2 hours of healthy discussion, made some changes, and came up with what I feel is an exciting schedule for 2009:

January 17	Fun Tournament (Lake Murray)
February 21	Otay (first points tournament of the year)
March 20&21	Havasu
April 25	Hodges
May 16&17	Lower River (Sat/Sun tournament)
June 27	Sutherland
July 10	Otay – night
August 7	El Cap – night
September 25&26	Alamo
October 10	El Cap
November 6&7	Lower River (Fri/Sat)
November 14	TBD (Tournament of Champions)

At our January meeting I will go over the schedule and how we decided on these dates. I will also have copies of our tournament rules to hand out. We put a lot of work into this project; it could make for an exciting year as we all work to get into the “Top Twelve” by the end of the year.

See you at the meeting,
Greg



VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ BUCK BILLOCK

As the new VP (remember some of you voted me in and nobody else stepped forward, so...) I am going to have to learn my role on the job. Hopefully I can keep this from being too painful for me, and more importantly, you the membership.

I am working on reserving Sycuan for the 2009 Banquet. Harold Stephens has graciously volunteered to do the fish fry again. So the Question now is: who else is going to step up? Hopefully someone new will jump in as well. We have the usual events up for grabs such as The picnic, chili cook off, bowling, bunco and maybe some others new and or old. Input is requested and will be welcomed. I really do want to do a good job and I'll have a better chance of reaching that goal with your help.

Guest speakers, do you want them or not? If so who, so offer up some suggestions on who you would like me to schedule if any. I had heard something to the effect that not everyone wanted this as it can make meetings last much later. What about following what I think was started last year, ask a club member a question? Maybe some more of that could be expanded on?

It's a new year and we are starting over with a clean slate. Who will be this year's top dog? WE all want it, some more than others. It will all boil down to who works the hardest and the smartest to be the Bass angler of the year 2009! Good luck to everyone and may the best man or woman win.

Buck

Vice-President Keith Cloward- Announced the Date, Time and Place for the Banquet. Club gear is on sale, please buy shirts and hats. Keith Thanked everyone who helped on his committees all year.

President Bud Brant- Asked the Membership to vote on the proposed Bylaw change that was passed out. Result, Bylaw change passed. Bud gave a report on Darryl Crippen's surgery and that it went well and he is doing great. Bud handed the floor to Terry Chenoweth for the 2009 Board Elections. Election results are as follows: **President Zoe Gardner, Vice-President Buck Billock, Tournament Director Greg Gardner, Treasurer Chairman Marshal Bubel, Secretary Doris Cook, Membership Chairman Lee Chapman, and Newsletter Chairman Aaron Meleen.** Jim Putney discussed the new price increase for the City lakes and announced that he was the Bass Council 2009 president.

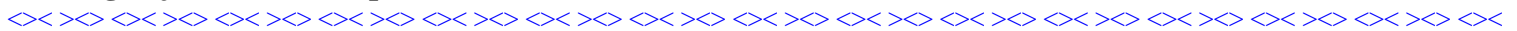
Tournament Director Greg Gardner- Announce the Tournament meeting will be on December 18th at Anglers Marine at 6:30 pm. Thanks to all the people that him all year with the weigh-ins. Tournament results for the Lower River: 1st place Ed Byrd 19.02 2nd place Ed Marr 18.73, 3rd place Rand Kreiser 17.54 Big Fish Ed Marr 4.53#

President Bud Brant- Thanked Larry Ward for bringing drinks to the meetings all year, thanks to Donalea Brant and Gerri Morrin for the food at the meetings and thanks to Angler's Marine for paying for the food and meeting place all year.

No New Business.

Ron Overman announced that the club raised \$2,030.00 in cash and about \$4,000.00 in goods plus 11 bags of clothes.

Meeting adjourned-@8:41pm



ED MARR – BASSMASTER OF THE YEAR!

By: Doris Cook



It was great pleasure to bestow the honor of Bassmaster of the Year upon an outstanding member, who has over the years earned this award many times over. Ed has been a member since 1995 and has finished in the top 12, nine times with Fisherman of the Year honors in 2001. .

Ed is a man who seemingly never turns down anyone who needs help with an event. He is a person who over many years has played a major role in assuring the success of all club activities. "Family Tournaments" and the picnic have always been favorites of his.

His wife Maureen is always willing to do whatever needs to be done to assist him with his projects

This year Ed took on the chairmanship of the Bass Council's Top 6 event with his organizational skills making this one of the best ever. I don't think he has ever passed up someone in trouble on the water as he puts his fishing aside and is willing to help in anyway he can.

His true sense of caring in the way he addresses problems that arise within the club structure would lead one to believe he is truly the club's "GENTLE GIANT". He is a man who accepts nothing in return for all that he does. He truly represents the highest ideals of a San Diego Bassmaster. Along these lines, after receiving the plaque, at the banquet, he made the remark "I didn't do these things to get an award, I did them because I wanted to". I told him that is one of the reasons he received the award. **Ed the club truly appreciates all that you do and have done throughout the years.**

Brandon is home on winter break and was thrilled to be able to attend the banquet. He said it was really great seeing his other family again.

Currently Brandon is making a speedy recovery after he had his shoulder surgery on Dec 17th. Fortunately everything was in tact (no tears) but they still did shorten the ligaments, which will allow the shoulder to be a little more stabilized and prevent constant dislocations.



Important Information and Dates:

January 6, 2009- General Membership Meeting (Dinner at 6:30pm) (Meeting at 7:00pm)

January 17, 2009- Fun Tournament at Lake Murray

Please don't forget to pay your January Dues (\$25.00) and your Insurance for the Year (\$20.00) at the January Meeting. Also, if your BASS Membership has expired, get that renewed and let Lee know.



As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact one of the board members. We are here for you.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year. **Hope to see everyone at the January Meeting.**