



NEWS

#JULY 2008

37 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ *BUD BRANT*

The month of June was very busy for the San Diego Bassmasters. Our first event was the Otay club tournament which held true to form and turned out to be a tough tournament once again. However someone always manages to find the fish, so congratulations go to Scott Ashley, Jeff Manning and Greg Gardner for their top place finishes.

The second task of the month was the Top Six Tournament at Otay. Ed Marr was gracious enough to organize the event and with the help of fellow club members and their spouses the event went off without a hitch. The SDBM Top 6 team of Greg Gardner, Keith Cloward, Bud Brant, Inder Lopez, Ed Byrd, and John Schwartz helped make the event an even bigger success by pulling off a second place finish. Great job everyone, looking back on the 2008 Top 6 Tournament, the SDBM have a lot to be proud of.

The final event for June was the San Vicente night tournament. I think everyone was a bit surprised that the fishing was more challenging than expected. But once again there are always a few members that manage to find the fish. Adam East, Juan Collins, and Dave Patrick finished in the top three positions. Well done guys!

The month of July is of our off month for points tournaments, but there will be a fun tournament somewhere on July 12th. We will vote on the tournament site at the next club meeting, so be sure to be there on Tuesday, July 1st. I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

See ya on the water,
Bud Brant



TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ *GREG GARDNER*

Wouldn't you say the race is on? I am thinking about the horserace commentary Zoé performed at last year's banquet. The Top 12 is a race that we all want to win, and we can see those who are serious about it. The top 2 have been going at it for a while now. After Otay - Ed Marr is ahead, after San Vicente - Bud Brant is ahead. And the three behind them defined only by big fish, wanting one of those spots badly. And that one awesome fisherman sitting in 13th and wanting so desperately to kick at least half of them in the butt... It's gonna be a good one before it's over. Will "Tiger", oops, Bud prevail in the end? Stay tuned Ladies and Gentlemen, it's going to get interesting!

The Otay tournament was a tough one. 37 fishermen caught 70 bass that averaged 1.49 lbs. Too many blanks, and too many with only 1 fish. That is bottom-level tough any way you look at it. Big fish was 3.59 lbs. and was caught by Marshall Bubel. First place was taken very smoothly by Scott Ashley. You can see his intentions for the year. His five fish weighed 9.56 lbs. Good job, Scott! Second place was taken by Jeff Manning. His five fish weighed 8.13 lbs. Third place went

Scott Ashley first place



Jeff Manning second place



Greg Gardner third place



Marshall Bubel Big Bass



2008 Top Six Tournament hosted by the San Diego Bassmasters



FISH TALES ~ DORIS COOK

HE'S A "KEEPER"!

Jason Wilson and his fiancé Jessica Perez attended the last meeting with their brand new "keeper" Jason, Jr. who weighed in at 8 plus pounds. He is a cute little guy and we never heard a sound out of him. Good luck, you two!

BRUIN BABES!

Stu Kenson's daughter Megan just graduated from high school and is headed off to join her sister Lauren at UCLA. Way to go girls!

BRANDON, WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!

Speaking of graduating, our Brandon Hoffman graduated with honors from Granite Hills High School on June 6th. He was one of 17, out of his class of 600, who had the distinction of being a California Scholarship Federation Seal-Bearer. His last tournament will be in August as he is enrolled in Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where he will begin his studies on August 25. We're all going to miss you Brandon and hope you keep in touch.

BASSMASTERS DO WELL IN EL CAJON FORD TOURNAMENT!

Brent Benish and Inder Lopez weighed in a total of 9 pounds to finish fourth in the third El Cajon Ford night tournament on June 21st. Stu Kenson and Steve Swaggerty were right behind them in fifth place with 8.50 pounds. Each team won \$300.00. Good job guys!



OOPS, OOPS!

Speaking of night tournaments, Jim Putney managed to loose his cell phone sometime during the June 20th competition. Not to be outdone, Zoë Gardner lost her wallet, with her driver's license, ATM and credit card in it, the following day on the way to or at Sutherland on Sunday. Like Father, like daughter!

OVERMAN, THE GREAT (GRANDFATHER, THAT IS)!

Ron Overman will become a GREAT grandfather, in about six weeks, when his son Rob's daughter has her baby. Then his step-son Todd's daughter is due to deliver in approximately 2½ months. Doesn't that make you feel older, Ron???

NEW OWNERS!

Congratulations to Jeff Carpenter on the purchase of a brand new Champion boat and to Chris Scruggs and his wife who are in the process of moving in to their new home. Good luck!

ADAM EAST FINISHES FIRST!

Word has it that Adam East's excitement on winning the club night tournament on June 20th comes from the fact that he will get to participate in the club's Tournament of Champions, not to mention the first place plaque and bragging rights. Great job, Adam!

SPECIAL DAYS!

Members celebrating July birthdays are: Ken Louis, on the 7th; and Vicki Becker on the 15th. Bud and Donalea Brant will be married 29 years on July 20th while Harold and Kathy Stephens have their golden 50th anniversary on July 30th. Many happy returns to all of you!

Thanks to Greg Gardner for some of the above information. Please feel free to contact Doris Cook at (619) 462-4708 or at mscooker@cox.net with your Fish Tales.



Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July

