



## BASSMASTERS PICNIC



Good job, Jeff. The weigh ins, each day of this tournament, were a real challenge. I want to thank the weigh-in team for a very good job under trying conditions: Terry Chenoweth, Larry Ward, Darryl Crippen, John Schwartz, and Cody Billock. Thank you all. If I missed anyone, I thank you too!

The next tournament, our fifth one, will be at Otay on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a launch-and-go with weigh in at 3:00. We will look the area over and have an area located for weigh in and announce it at the June club meeting. After this one we will have 5 left for this year. An old saying comes to mind, "The bigger they are, the harder they fall." Wait, that can be taken a few ways, I don't know if I like the sound of that. What do you think, Ed?

Also to consider. On July 12<sup>th</sup> we will do our "no points/for money" tournament. We will decide that at our July 1<sup>st</sup> club meeting. Possible options are: Hodges, Sutherland, Otay, El Cap, or one day at the River, Diamond Valley, or ...

That's all I've got for this one. See you at the meeting and good luck at Otay. Remember our Top 6 fishermen will compete in the Bass Council Top Six Tournament on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.



### **VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ KEITH CLOWARD**

I want to thank everyone who helped put on the best event I have been to since I joined the club. The Picnic at Santee Lakes was a huge success. There were lots and lots of people and time to chat and mingle. Ed marr won the casting contest with a second round re-buy, Doris Cook won the women's game of identifying pro anglers and "The MACK" won the washer toss. Thanks again for everyone who helped make it a success.

The family tournament at Lake Murray in May was a great time as well. There were 13 boats that fished. Fishing was thought to be better but few limits were weight. Ed and Maureen Marr with the help of legendary backseater Juan Collins Took home 1st.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped plan, organized and coordinate This event, Especially Mr. 4 fish, John Schwartz.

Out next event is July 19, TEXAS HOLD'em at my house on July 19 at 5:30pm. It will be a \$ 10 buy in tournament style. We will have dealers, tables and chips. those attending can sign up for an appetizer or dessert at the June meeting. Good Luck

Bunco at the Brants on August 23.

Surf fishing on September 6. More details to follow.

There is still plenty of SDBM gear available. Lots of shirts and stickers and a few visors. The "buy three shirts get 1 free" was such a success I have extended it through out there year or until inventory expires.

Next meeting our guest speaker will be us. We are going to have an open question and answer session. There is a wealth of knowledge in our group and it will be great to tap into it. One person will ask a question and one or a few people can answer it. Boating and fishing questions are preferred.

See you on the water

Keith Cloward



### **TREASURER NOTES ~ KEN LOUIS**

Congratulations to Terry and Vicki for taking first place at the Bass Council night tournament; way to go! We had a super turnout at the annual family picnic held at Santee Lakes. There was great food and fun times for all. Our club took in

\$388.00 for the raffle and \$70.00 on the casting contest. Thanks goes out to all who supported this event.

At the May meeting we took in \$890.00 in dues and \$280.00 in merchandise sales. It was reported the raffle did very well, however I don't have an exact total. The bank account is at \$5389.80 plus past dues owing \$365.00. Remember, once you hit the third month of owing dues, you are no longer eligible to participate in club fishing until paid up.

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

Adam East	50.00	Janice Eisner	70.00
Greg Deerman	50.00	Jeff Carpenter	25.00
Lee Chapman	50.00	Keith Cloward	20.00
Randy Kreiser	25.00	Jeff Manning	25.00
Larry Ward	25.00	Mike Lupo	25.00

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



### Picnic Recap

by Greg & Zoé Gardner



Our annual picnic at Santee Lakes met up with competing forces this year. There was a WON Bass tournament that same day, a Bass Council night tournament that same night, and another tournament the next day. Nonetheless, we had a pretty good turn-out: approx. 77 people. We were also impressed by a couple of Bassmasters who could not make the event but still pitched in. Randy Kreiser was gracious enough to donate a gift card for our raffle, and Larry Ward helped with our ice situation. Thanks, Gentlemen! We would also like to thank the people who could attend and helped in a big way. This is a huge event and it simply doesn't work without a lot of help. First and foremost: Bud and Donalea Brant. They helped us shop, they did some extra shopping, they took care of the sodas, they were at the picnic site first thing in the morning helping set up, they brought food, and they were there at the end cleaning up. Greg and I usually get all the kudos for this event,

but we both recognize how blessed we are to have such amazing help. We'd also like to thank Keith Cloward, John Schwartz and Kenny Louis for helping set up in the morning. They were all there about two and a half hours before everyone else to help make it such a nice and comfortable event. They actually spent some time determining how the sun would pass over our site and arranged all those big (and heavy) picnic tables for our comfort. You guys rock!!! And the "special events" that we had could not have happened without special members stepping up. Thank you, Dave Mack. Another fabulous showing on the washer toss! When I asked him if he'd take care of it again this year he responded, "I can't believe you're even asking me that. You just need to tell me what time to be there!" Well, his good deed was rewarded with a victory at the same game he agreed to coordinate. Dave and Debbie won the coveted beach towel set as they waxed the rest of us "participants" at the Washer Toss. Thank you, Cheryl Byrd for conducting the "Women's Game". This year's contest consisted of a set of photographs of well-recognized professional fishermen, and the task was to accurately match the name to the picture. It was great fun, as usual, and Doris Cook came out the champion this year, winning a pair of movie tickets for her effort. Speaking of Doris Cook... "thank you's" are in order for Doris conducting another successful raffle with the always-appreciated talent of Brandon Hoffman as our Raffle-Meister. Thank you both for an outstanding job! And last but not least, the man who lugged around those darn casting disks for the last year: Jeff Manning. Thanks, Jeff for a very fun casting contest! I actually was a contender until that "I'm of fire" Ed Marr decided to show us all how it's done. Ed won a new Rapala rod for his superior casting skills (and now he will lug those casting disks around and conduct the contest next year). We can't forget Regina's photographic contributions either. Every time I looked up she was snapping another picture. Thank you, Regina! Of course, our final "thank you" goes to all our members who brought various side-dishes or raffle items (or both). The food was delicious as always and we enjoyed the cooking talents of Greg Gardner, John Schwartz and Steve Walling. "Steve who" you may ask? He's a prospective member who heard we needed an extra grill at our last meeting. He volunteered to bring one along. When I called him to confirm he asked, "What else can I bring, do you need anything else?" Thanks, Steve. You already have the "Bassmaster spirit". Another prospective member, Jason Wilson, hurried over to our event after a Saturday class, and won quite a few raffle prizes. I know a few folks gave him some fun "grief" over this, but the bottom line is he participated and it was fun to see his enthusiasm at the prospect of being a Bassmaster! It's really exciting to spend time with all our terrific existing members, and knowing our club has a bright future with this caliber of prospective members. If we have forgotten anyone who deserved special recognition please understand it was not intentional. Thank you all so much for making this another grand event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



### FISH TALES ~ DORIS COOK

#### WAY TO GO!

Vicki Becker and Terry Chenoweth won the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs' Kevin Mineo Memorial Night Tournament on May 17 at San Vicente with a total weight of 13.44 pounds for their three fish. They each had a five-pound plus fish and also took big fish honors for a 5.76, and a purse of \$2472.00. Not bad for a fun night fishing! Good job you two. Keep up the good work!

Randy Kreiser and his partner Jason LaMoure took fourth place honors with 11.86 pounds and a big fish of 5.02, to take home \$185.00. We're proud of our Bassmasters!

### **OVERMAN TAKES A SIDE TRIP!**

Those of you who were following Ron Overman home from Lake Alamo saw him take a little side trip to the dirt on the right side of the highway. He was going to say he was trying to avoid a coyote, but confessed that he fell asleep for a few seconds of the most wonderful, peaceful, relaxing sleep he has ever had. We're glad you woke up in time to avoid an accident. At this writing, he is down in Mexico catching all those big fish. Lucky guy!

### **CRIPPEN GETS A PERFECT 10!**

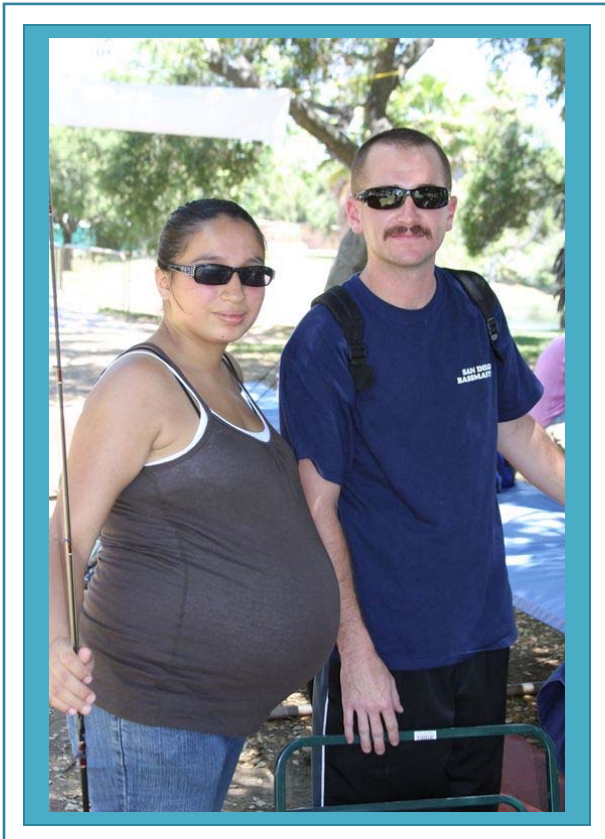
Darryl Crippen returned from Alamo at midnight Saturday and flew to St. Louis, Missouri at 6:00 A.M. Sunday morning for the annual Show and Sell Convention held by the VA. It is the convention where he does his buying for the canteen for the next year. At the end of the convention they hold a banquet and announce all the award winners. Darryl was shocked when he received the Best Inventory Turns, (something only someone in retail would appreciate). Then his name was called for the Director Survey PERFECT 10 (a highly respected award in itself for anyone to receive, but a PERFECT 10 is unprecedented. This means that the Medical Director of the VA hospital rated Darryl as a perfect 10 in all areas. Darryl was ecstatic! When the outstanding canteen was announced as Darryl W. Crippen of San Diego.....the house came down with screaming and applause. NEVER has this been done before. All three of the top awards for the nation were won by one of our favorite Bassmasters, Darryl Crippen. Pretty good since Darryl just last year was promoted to Chief when his predecessor retired. Should you get up by the VA Hospital, stop in the canteen and say hello to Darryl and check out all the neat items, as well as the Hero's Internet Café, another outstanding accomplishment being noticed in Washington. Soon all VA Hospitals will have a place where veterans can go, enjoy the internet and have a cup of coffee. This award was recognized locally months ago, but Darryl didn't let us know. Congratulations, Darryl. You did good!

### **FOREMAN TURNS 60!**

Terry and Brenda Foreman will travel from Sacramento to Lake Havasu to join some of their Bassmaster friends in celebrating Terry's BIG 60 birthday this Memorial Day weekend. Have a great time and welcome to the "Golden Years".

### **IT'S A BOY!**

Prospective member Jason Wilson and his fiancée Jessica Perez are expecting an addition to their family any day now. I checked last night and they are still anxiously awaiting that little son's arrival. They attended our picnic and enjoyed it with the rest of us.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!**

June birthdays being celebrated by members are: Stu Kenson on the 7<sup>th</sup> and Ed Byrd on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Greg and Zoé Gardner's ninth wedding anniversary is June 26<sup>th</sup> while Jim and Pam Davis will be married 35 years on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you.

To share your Fish Tales, contact Doris Cook at [mscooker@cox.net](mailto:mscooker@cox.net) or phone (619) 462-4708.



### **MEMBERSHIP ~ JOHN SCHWARTZ**

Hey there, Hi there, Ho there.

Coming up on the MID YEAR, and I hope your in position to finish. I'm in the top 20, barely. Things in membership are going great. CURT NELSON <nonboater> will be voted for club membership on June 3rd. Curt's a good guy who was prefished by Ed Marr and tourney prefished by Mike Lupo. Be prepared to ask the standard? And maybe some new ones.

Two new members will be tourney prefished at Otay June 5th. STEVE WALLING <nonboater> is a deputy sheriff referred by Cesar. He was kind enough to loan his bar-b q for the family picnic. Thanks Steve. Number two is JASON WILSON; He won all the prizes at the Family Picnic. He is an auto mechanic and Skeeter boat owner.

Membership is 42 active, 3 Family and 2 Lifetime.



**SECRETARY ~ *INDER LOPEZ***

General meeting Minutes 4/29/2008 for the Month of May

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm by President Bud Brant

Membership Chairman John Schwartz-- Introduced guest-Gerri Morrin, Kathy Stephens, Donna Lee Brant and Regina Seaberg perspective members-Steve Walling. -43 members 3 family 2 lifetime,2 perspective , Thanks to Terry Chenowth, Greg Gardner for their help with the family tournament.

President Bud Brant- Gave health reports to club for himself, Jim Putney and Kenny gave report on his wife. Marshall gave his health report he is doing much better. Bud asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion to except minutes Jeff Carpenter first, Harold Stephens second, motion passed.

Newsletter was passed out.

Treasurer Kenny Louis - Let the club know that we have a healthy balance and he has created a projected budget.

Jim Putney- Last Council tournament had 49 boats, next Council night tournament is the night of the Family tournament, at San Vicente and it will be open till August 2008.

Vice President Keith Cloward- Family tournament was won by Ed Marr-Drop Shotting- Big thanks to John Schwartz for heading the Family tournament. Alamo- we will definitely- have a BBQ at Dave Mack's motor home, Sausages, burgers, hotdogs, don't forget a folding chair dinner will start at 6pm. Bassmaster Gear- please support the club we need to sell more. Buy 3 shirts get the fourth free.

Member Zoe Gardner--Family picnic-May 17th Lake 5 at Santee Lakes, fees for fishing 8 dollars for adult and 5 for kids. Bring a raffle prize, and a side dish Washer toss starts at 10:30. Volunteer-Cooks- Greg Gardner, Ed Byrd and Keith Cloward.

Top Six-Ed Marr- asked the club for help to run the Top Six tournament need 8 people minimum before dawn, need the entire club to help run the tournament on Saturday June the 14th.

Gerri Morrin and Frank had a fun tournament 36 kids from the literacy group, Thank you to Mike Lupo, Greg and Zoe Gardner, and the prostaff at Anglers Marine, thanks to you all for helping and Support.

Greg Gardner--thanked the club for a good tournament and weigh in, nice to see all the ladies at the weigh-in. San Vicente 4th Place 5 fish 9.17lbs Ron Overman, 3rd place Scott Ashley 5 fish 9.51lbs, 2nd place Ed Marr 2 fish 10.35 lbs and Big Fish 5.83lbs, 1st place Greg Gardner 5 fish 11.28lbs. Be conscience of the fifty yard rule. Alamo next weekend- camping only, no store or gas however they do have ice. Please stay hydrated, need to start drinking water a few days before and try Pedialite to stay hydrated. Alamo Slot limit- each person in the boat is allowed to have one fish between 13" and 16" need to mark the slot fish and your big fish. Meeting Thursday after dinner and tournament committee meeting will be 12 noon on Thursday. Weigh-in each day is 3pm. Friday will read the results at 5pm. You will need a non resident fishing license, buy at Wal-Mart in Yuma or at ranger station at Alamo.

Snacks for June meeting- Skip Whitworth and Mike Lupo.

Bud Brant thanked Ed Byrd for snacks, Larry Ward for Drinks and Geri Morrin for the food.

Meeting adjourned.

