



NEWS

MARCH 2008

37 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

ATTENTION: DUE TO THE S.D. COUNCIL OF BASS CLUBS 2008 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SAN VICENTE IS CLOSED TO ALL BASS CLUB MEMBERS FROM MARCH 10TH THROUGH MARCH 16TH.

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ *BUD BRANT*

As we head into March, I would to recap February events. Greg Gardner and his tournament committee did an outstanding job at the San Vicente tournament. The weigh in process went extremely smooth with all the fish weighed and the results finalized before all of our boats were out of the water. Great job everyone! We also had the 5th annual Chili Cook-Off, and as always Cheryl Byrd did a wonderful job of organizing and running the event. It was a fun night for everyone that attended, and since my daughter, Rebecca, had the winning pot of chili, so I got to enjoy the leftover winning chili!

The month of March has two events. The first event is bowling on March 9th. Lee Chapman will be running that event. If you have any questions contact Lee or Keith Cloward. The second event is our second tournament of the year at the river on March 21st and 22nd. Make sure you make the general meeting on Tuesday, March 4th so you can sign up for the tournament.

Last but not least, I want to thank all of the spouses that showed up at the San Vicente tournament weigh in. It was nice to see everyone there supporting their favorite fisherman.

See ya on the water,
Bud

TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ *GREG GARDNER*

February 9th at San Vicente. Our first tournament of the year. Everything was beautiful: the lake is up, the weather was nice, and especially the ladies that showed up for the weigh-in! Like I said – beautiful. Thank you, ladies. And the fishing wasn't bad either. For this tournament we had 34 fishermen, they caught 7 limits, and a total of 88 bass.

Bud Brant with 5 fish that weighed 18.54 lbs took first place. WOW! Makes me think of a mad grizzly marking his territory for the coming year. Good job, Bud! Second place went to Chris Scruggs. He had 5 fish weighing 13.83 lbs. This will be Chris' first trophy, and I think it won't be his last. Third place went to Randy Kreiser. Randy weighed 5 fish for 11.02 lbs.



Chris Scruggs 2nd, Bud Brant 1st and Randy Kreiser 3rd.
Congrats to the best at our first tournament of 2008

Good job, Randy. Big fish was taken by Bud Brant. A beauty that weighed 5.61 lbs. We will hear from our first 3 winners how they did it at the next club meeting.

“Good job” and “Thank you” to all who helped on the weigh-in. Terry Chenowth, Larry Ward, Keith Cloward, and Donalea Brant for setting up the scales. I felt it was all very successful.

Our next tournament will be at the Lower River on March 21st and 22nd. We will launch at Fisher's each day, we'll have a “by the numbers” start each morning. Weigh-in will be 13” mouth closed. Make sure all your boat equipment is functioning well so we don't lose any fish. I think we are developing a good weigh-in system. It will be the same system at the River. Remember, when you bring your fish to the scales, have your weigh slip filled in and your big fish marked. We will announce the 1st day finishes before we walk away from the weigh-in site. We will have the sign-up sheet at the meeting and we will draw for starting positions.

On March 15th and 16th the San Diego Bass Council will have their annual “Tournament of Champions” event. I will be there representing our club, and I hope to make you all proud. Please remember: Nobody from our club can launch their boat or fish that lake during that week until after the Sunday weigh-in. Please, if you have any questions about this please ask.

See you at the meeting,
Greg

CHILI COOK OFF ~ CHERYL BYRD



The 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off was a huge success! If you missed it, you missed a great event. Thanks to Bud & Donalea Brant for, once again, opening up the home (garage) to a group of 30 hungry people.

This year there were 6 contestants offering up their best pot of chili in the cook-off. Thank you to all the participants for their time, effort and expense of preparing a pot of chili to share. Also, thanks to everyone who brought salad and cornbread, along with a dessert for the raffle.

Thanks to our three judges, Jeff (Rebecca Brant's friend), Vicki Becker and Aaron Meleen, for taking on the tuff job (but someone had to do it) of determining a winner. I have to admit that I was a little worried when I checked on their progress and saw them mopping their brows, fanning themselves with the napkins and drinking water.

Third place went to Cheryl Byrd for her "tasty but not hot" version, 2nd place to Ed & Maureen Marr with one of the spicier offerings, and 1st place honors and bragging rights for a year to Rebecca Brant for the hottest pot of chili. Great job...SPICY WINS!!!

The Dessert Raffle was a success, with the "Better than Sex Cake" bringing in \$30 in a little side auction.

Once again, Bud lit the fire ring and we spent the last hour sitting around the fire visiting...remember the campfire scene in "Blazing Saddles"?????

Thanks again to everyone who made the 5th Annual Chili Cook-off a success.

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ KEITH CLOWARD

Wow! What a chili cook off. We had a great turn out. Thank you to every one, who attended, donated desserts and made chili. The food was incredible. Congratulations to the winners Rebecca Brant took first place with a very spicy chili, Ed and Maureen Marr, and Cheryl Byrd all of whom took home gift cards. Thanks Donna Lee and Bud for hosting such a great event.

Our next event will be the Bowl-A-Rama. The sign up sheet went around during the last meeting. It will be March 9th at Parkway Bowl on Fletcher Parkway at 2:00 p.m. There are still spaces available. If you are interested please sign up during the

next meeting. You get to play three games and shoe rental for \$10. What a deal! Door prizes available.

We have decided on a new venue for our end of the year banquet. It will be hosted this year at Sycuan Casino on December 14.

I placed a new order for club clothing with a newly redesigned logo. The new shipment will include T-shirts for \$15, long sleeve shirts \$20 and sun visors for \$15. All new clothing will be available for April's meeting. If you would like to request a special order such a sweatshirt or tank top, call me and let me know the specifics while I can still change the order.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 9 th	Bowl-A-Rama at Parkway Bowl
April 26 th	Family Tournament at Lake Murray
May 17 th	Family Picnic at Santee Lakes
July 19 th	Texas Hold'em

Some of the events dates have changed so make your calendars.

TREASURER NOTES ~ KEN LOUIS

Congratulations to the top three finishers at the San V tournament last month. It was a tough day of fishing but they did a great job of finding some fish. And, the 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off turned out to be a relaxing and fun event for family and friends. Thank you to everyone for helping make our first fund raiser so successful!

Let's talk money. Okay, I'll talk and you can listen. We received the \$300.00 refund from Viejas and paid our insurance to B.A.S.S. The club took in \$306.00 and after expenses we netted \$132.00 from the Chili Cook-off (we have drinks and paper goods to be used at future events). At this point, we have \$4452.38 in our club account.

At the end of February, here are the members who still owe dues/insurance so please **add this** to your March dues and pay up at the meeting.

Jeff Carpenter 25.00, Adam East 25.00, Larry Ward 5.00
Darryl Crippen 70.00, Inder Lopez 25.00.
Greg Deerman 25.00, Cesar Diosdado 25.00

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

MEMBERSHIP ~ JOHN SCHWARTZ

Hello fellow members, Terry Chenoweth will be speaking on membership in the March meeting (thank you Terry). We will be voting on three new members. Past members STU KENSON and SCOTT ASHLEY are looking to return as members. FRANK NEUGEBAUER (boater) is a new prospect. Frank fished with the bass club for several years and has strong fishing abilities. Stu is a simple 2/3 membership hand vote. Frank and Scott will be a marble vote.

Congrats to Bud Brant and Chris Scruggs for being the top finishing boat (by far) at San V. If you are looking for a partner for the March river tourney, please contact me and I will try to pair you up. I will be in Florida trying to catch large native stain bass. Wonder if they ever seen a swimbait? Membership is 37, family 3, lifetime 2.

FISH TALES ~ DORIS COOK

GOOD NEWS & BAD NEWS!

Ken & Jennifer Louis had some good news and bad news to pass on at the Chili Cook off. Their dog, Ken's best buddy, passed away in his arms, while waiting at the vets. office to have him put to sleep. The good news is that their son, Nate and his wife are going to make them grandparents for the first time around October 26th. To make matters even better, he is getting transferred to Camp Pendleton so they can be close enough to spoil the baby.

AARON GOES TO THE POLICE ACADEMY!

Congratulations to Aaron Meleen on his acceptance to the Police Academy. We wish you the best of luck, Aaron.

GET WELL SOON, MARSHALL!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Marshall Martin as he undergoes surgery for prostate cancer this week. We'll all be thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery.

FARWELL TO A SPECIAL FRIEND!

Jim Putney was saddened by the shocking news that his dear friend, Glenn Vitalis, died in his sleep Saturday, February 23rd. Glenn was an artist and computer expert who did all the art work and design for Jim's "Hotspot Maps" book. Glenn's sister stated he had been ill with the flu for about 10 days and just didn't wake up Saturday morning. Glenn had a great talent, did

paintings of bass and assisted with the San Diego Fisherman magazine. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, daughter and family.

THAT'S OUR JIM!

Jim was so shocked in hearing the news about Glenn, that he failed to get the details or to remember the time of the service. I told him to call back and find out what happened. He had previously called me from his cell phone, which showed up on the caller ID. I heard his cell phone ring and him answering it, "Saying hold on, please". Then I heard an expletive and they hung up. He told me his cell phone number was the only one on the caller ID, to which I asked him, if he called his cell phone and put himself on hold. He sheepishly admitted it, as we laughed our heads off. I got him the correct number and he proceeded to get the info. he needed. Only Jim!

NICE TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE STORE, BILL!

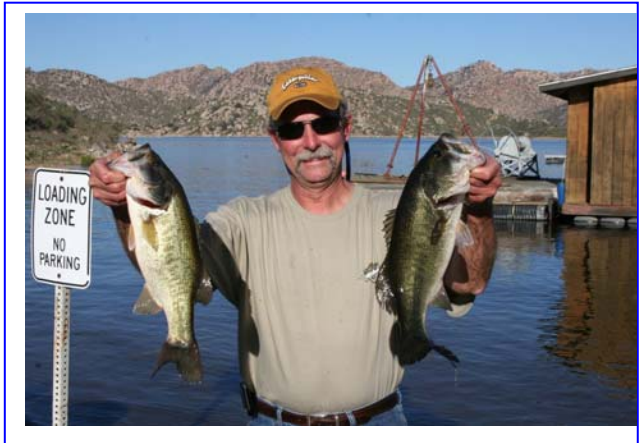
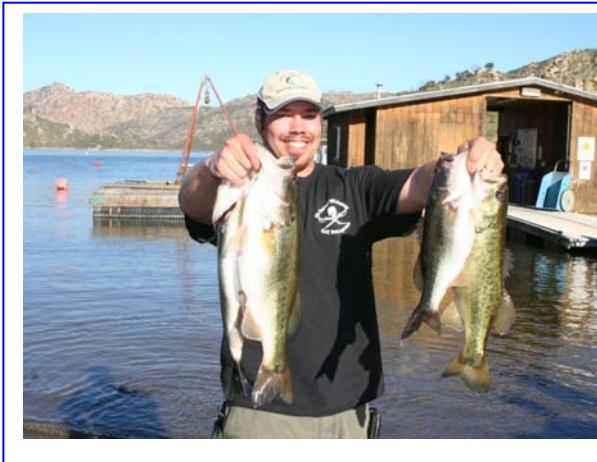
We're pleased to report that our friend, Bill vanWulven of Barnacle Bill's is back in the store part time and is feeling much better after his extended problem of blood clots in his leg. He felt well enough to get on the water for a well-deserved fishing trip at Lake Murray recently.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Happy birthday to Randy Kreiser on March 12th, Steve Swaggerty, March 19th, Dave Mack, March 22nd, and Ed Marr and Harold Stephens on the 24th. Many happy returns!

Please share your Fish Tales by contacting me at miscooker@cox.net or (619) 462-4708.

The San Diego Bassmasters 2008 at San Vicente





SECRETARY ~ *INDER LOPEZ*

San Diego Bassmasters General meeting Minutes
Secretary Inder Lopez
February 5, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Bud Brant at 7:01pm.

Membership Chairman, John Schwartz introduced perspective members Mike Lupo, Austin, Frank Neugebauer and returning former member Scott Ashley. Current Membership is at 37 with 3 family and 2 lifetime members. Announced that BASS membership is needed for all active club members. John on behalf of the board asked the general membership for an exception to allow Scott Ashley to be allowed to be tournament pre-fished in the February tournament in order to expedite his membership status, since he was a long time member served on the board previously and left in good standing.

After discussion with the membership, Harold Stephens made a motion to make the exception to allow Scott Ashley to be tournament pre-fished in February's tournament. Randy Kreiser 2nd the motion. Vote—24 yes to 0 no

President, Bud Brant, asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the January 2008 meeting. The motion was made by Adam East and was seconded by Greg Gardner. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Kenny Louis reported that the club has \$4,100.00 in the bank. Need to pay \$200 for T.O.C. to Club Council. Kenny also announced that anyone with a refund check needs to cash them ASAP so he can balance the account.

Vice President, Keith Cloward introduced guest speaker Larry Bottroff. Larry discussed care of fish when they are bloated from extended air bladders and aeration and salt additives to your live wells to help protect the fish and reduce stress (Non -Iodized Salt).

Vice President, Keith Cloward discussed possible location for the year-end banquet, as Viejas is not available this year. Possible locations include Admiral Kit Club, Lakeside Community center, and Admiral Baker Club with possible date of Dec.13th. Also went over family scheduled events next event at the Brants' home the Chili Cook off at 4:30pm.

Member Harold Stephens made a special thank you to the club for their calls of concern over his health.
Jim Putney spoke of a "Friend".

Tournament Director, Greg Gardner went over some major 2008 tournament rules changes. Rules prepared by Terry Chenoweth

Bud Brant thanked Ron Overman for the Snacks and Dessert, also a thank you to Geri Morrin for the pizza.
Cesar and Aaron will bring snacks next Month.