



# NEWS

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## 38 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

### FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ ZOÉ GARDNER

On behalf of our entire club, I'd like to wish our 2008 Fisherman of the Year, Bud Brant, best wishes on the upcoming Bass Council Tournament of Champions. I'm sure Bud would appreciate any info on Lake Hodges, so if you have an opportunity to prefish, please give him a call with whatever you may discover. That being said, after the lake closes on March 1, it will be OFF LIMITS until the end of the T of C event. I know we have some newer members so here's a quick overview of the event: The annual Tournament of Champions is a prestigious event conducted by the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs. The existing champion of every bass club in San Diego competes against each other – mainly for bragging rights for their entire club. A “best of the best” competition, if you will. Only those qualifiers may be on the lake during the entire 2-day event (otherwise they are disqualified, so please stay off Lake Hodges during the “off limits” period). Weigh-ins are conducted on both days (March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>), and I encourage every Bassmaster to go and show their support for Bud (see Fish Tales for details).



I'd like to thank Ed Byrd and Bud Brant for volunteering to chair the two Bass Council night tournaments our club has agreed to oversee later this year in Sept and Oct. The Bass Council does a lot of things for our fishing community and I was happy to hear just how well-versed our club members were on the types of things that the Council gets done. Our club is well recognized for our efforts over the years, and we really do set the standard for many other clubs. Another upcoming opportunity to get involved will come up in July and August. Lori Felchin, the reservoir keeper at Lake Miramar, spoke at the last Bass Council meeting. She's hoping to conduct a “fishing camp” for kids 8 – 15 yrs of age in July and August. I'll tell you about it at the meeting. It sounds like a lot of fun, and right up “Bassmaster Alley.”



At our Board meeting we discussed the Bassmaster Wear inventory. We still have a lot of t-shirts left, but not necessarily in the sizes we've all grown to love, or is it grown into? Anyway, some of those smaller sizes sure make good night shirts for the kids, so see Dave Patrick at our next meeting. We want to be conservative with how we place orders, to avoid a large inventory, so at our General Membership meeting we'll pass around a sign up for specific sizes and t-shirt preference (as well as any other Bassmaster Wear you may be interested in). Now is the time to stock up on our club colors. After a tournament like Otay it makes me think, “Hey, we may not do well fishing, but at least we can look good doing it!”

Our next General Membership meeting will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> with dinner at 6:30 and the meeting starting at 7:00. We try to keep it short enough to be considerate of our working members, so please do your best to stay for the whole meeting if at all possible. “Thank you's” are in order for Ron Overman (and his Raffle-Mania); Larry Ward (for iced-down sodas); Gerie Morrin (dinner); Dave Patrick (Bassmaster Wear); Brent Benish and Keith Cloward for sweets.

See you at the meeting!



## VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ BUCK BILLOCK

Wow, wasn't Otay a bear... I hope Havasu brings us all some better luck... The Chili Cook Off went off without a hitch. Thanks to Donalea and Bud for hosting and thanks to Cheryl for getting everything set up. Rebecca Brant did it again with her chili. Two years in a row she takes the top. Congrats Rebecca. Even with the cold weather, we managed to take in \$55.00. The board has discussed doing another Beach Party this year. We will need someone to step up and take the reins if this is something we want to do again. Also, we didn't do it last year but do we want to entertain the thought of a Padres Game??? Think about it and get back to me at the meeting. Our April Event is going to be Bowling at Parkway Bowl on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person. I'll be passing around the sign up sheet at our next meeting. I don't think I have bowled in 20 years?



## TOURNAMENT



## NEWS ~ GREG GARDNER

You know what Charlie Ray would say about this lake... And it does! 39 contestants, 40 fish. 13 people blanked, 14 had one fish, 10 had two fish, and only 2 of us had three fish. Our winning weight was only 5.29 lbs. I don't remember one this tough. And I am sure we will all make it up at Havasu!

The fishing was tough, but the day was nice and the company throughout the day was the best. And then when you thought it couldn't get any better, Stu and Shirley Kenson showed up at the weigh in with hot dogs, chips, and cookies. What a treat. Thank you both for being so thoughtful! You are good friends.

Tournament results – 1<sup>st</sup> place was taken by one of our Otay veterans – Jeff Manning. Jeff weighed in 3 fish for 5.29 lbs. Good job, Jeff on a tough day. 2<sup>nd</sup> place and big fish went to Bud Brant for 2 fish that weighed 5.22 lbs. His big fish was 3.58 lbs. That fish earned him \$120. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Vicki Becker! Vicki weighed in 2 fish for 4.25 lbs. Good job, Vicki.

I want to thank our tournament weigh-in team for another fine job. Terry, Larry and Cody did a very good job, thank you guys! And special thanks to Donalea for carrying and setting up the scales for us. You did very good, thank you. And thank you to our camera crew – Gina. We do enjoy your pictures very much.

Next tournament – Lake Havasu, March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be launching out of Windsor Beach, South Ramp. We will call out start position numbers at safe light; weigh-in will be 3:00 each day. Size limit – 13" mouth closed, swing the tail. Five fish limit. We will have a Thursday night meeting at Montana Steak House. I hope to see everyone there. More info at the March meeting.



## TREASURER NOTES ~ MARSHALL BUBEL

We continue to make good progress this year financially. Many thanks to those members involved in the several different fund raising activities (i.e.: raffles, chili cook off, etc) and most of all, to the SDBM membership. As of 2/19/09, I show the following folks in arrears.

+2 Months Delinquent                      2 Months Delinquent                      1 Month Delinquent

Adam East

Chris Bocinec  
Brent Bennish  
Josh Buller  
Jim Davis



Terry Chenoweth is chairing the bowling event on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. at Parkway Bowl. Cost will be \$10.00 for three games and shoes.

Lee announced there were three people who had no permits before they tried to launch at the Lake Murray fun tournament, and urged everyone to get their permits prior to launch.

Treasurer Marshall Bubel reported we are doing well with finances. Two people owe for January dues and insurance and need to pay prior to the Otay tournament.

Vice-President Buck Billock thanked Cheryl Byrd and the Brants for the Chili Cook-off, The Fish fry is scheduled for October 17 and John Schwartz will schedule the Family Tournament.

He introduced Larry Bottroff who showed members how to deflate fish and answered questions on the Catch & Release program. Greg Gardner went over the rule changes regarding boater to boater. Dave Mack moved and Dave Patrick seconded we accept the rule changes as amended. Motion carried. New tournament rule #13 reads as follows: Each eligible contestant will be awarded two participation points per tournament fished. To qualify for participation points, each contestant must be signed up for the tournament prior to the start of the draw, defined as the moment the first name is drawn for the final pairing for the tournament. Any contestant that cannot attend the general meeting can sign up for a draw tournament by notifying the tournament director, prior to the start of the draw for that tournament, of their desire to participate in the tournament. It is the sole responsibility of each contestant to verify their inclusion in the draw. Any contestant that has not signed up for a tournament prior to the start of the draw for that tournament will forfeit the participation points for that tournament. For pick tournaments, notice must be given to the tournament director at the general meeting prior to the tournament.

Rule #20: All members of the San Diego Bassmasters who sign up for "in-town" tournaments will be placed into the draw, without exception. Boaters and non-boaters will be paired in accordance with the draw procedure determined by the Tournament Director or his designate. All non-boaters will be paired with boaters until every non-boater has been assigned to a boat. In the event there are more boaters than non-boaters, all remaining boaters will have the option of fishing by themselves; however, if additional non-boaters enter the tournament subsequent to the draw at the general meeting, the pairings with boaters will continue in the order of the original draw until all non-boaters are assigned to a boat. Any boater that has previously fished a draw tournament, without being paired with a non-boater will be placed into the draw in such a manner as to ensure a partner pairing will occur for any remaining tournament.



Rule #21 Any boater that has not been signed up for the tournament by the start of the draw at the general meeting subsequently wants to enter a tournament will only be allowed to enter as a non-boater until such time that all back seats are filled.

Greg gave the partner pairings for Lake Otay on February 22. It will be launch and go with a 3:00 P.M. weigh in and a 12" swing the tail limit. The fees have gone up and the backseater is responsible for paying the fees and big fish, etc. Greg urged everyone to take care of their fish and make sure the livewells work. He thanked Frank Neugebauer & Terry Chenoweth for updating the tournament rules, which were passed out. Greg went over the rules.

Brent Benish volunteered to bring the goodies next month.

Zoé thanked Larry for the interesting presentation and announced that Mattie sold 71 boxes of cookies. She stated the 125 toll road fee has gone up to \$6.00 for vehicle, boat and trailer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.



**FISH TALES ~DORIS COOK**  
**BRENDA'S SURGERY SUCCESSFUL!**

It was great news to hear that Brenda Foreman's brain tumor surgery was successful. She had a 6 cm oligodendritic glioma tumor on the frontal lobe of her brain. Terry writes that she isn't fully back to normal but is on the best-case scenario track to fully recover. She's having about another week of therapy to get her back to do what she needs to do to live life. The family had noticed a change in how she processed things and how she walked, and blamed it on high blood pressure or a mini-stroke. She had a hard time getting out of the car two weeks ago so Terry took her to the hospital, where she's been ever since. Terry

says all is turning out so much better than he could hope, but he had perfect faith that she would recover. He states that he and Bobby are doing OK and thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers, as he knows they worked.

### **DARRYL GOES HOME!**

Reports have it that Darryl Crippen went home from the Stanford Nursing and Rehabilitation facility on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and we are wishing the best for him. He is excited that he can now eat Popsicles, and is looking forward to being able to add more to his diet in the near future. We're happy for you Darryl, as there's no place like home!

### **JIM HAS ANOTHER BOUT WITH GOUT!**

Jim Putney missed the February club meeting as he was suffering from gout in his ankle and was unable to walk. When I got home from the meeting, Jim was in such pain that I took him up to Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Emergency Room for an extended stay until 5:00 A.M. He was given three different pain medications before he got relief. Just when we thought he was almost over it, he started with another full-fledged attack on the day before the Otay tournament, and had to miss it. Currently he is starting to feel better and he's looking forward to starting the tournament year at Lake Havasu.

### **WANT TO GET RID OF HAVING TO WEAR YOUR FISHING LICENSE???**

A group called SportCon, the Sportfishing Conservancy, is in the process of trying to repeal the regulation requiring recreational fishing license be displayed while fishing. Their campaign is called "NO WEAR" and they are urging fishermen to go to their website sportcon.org to sign a letter to the Fish and Game Association to urge them to amend and then repeal this regulation. Wouldn't it be nice just to carry a license in your wallet and not have to worry about having your hat blow off and lose your license, or taking your jacket off and forgetting to transfer your license? Check out the website sportcon.org.

### **THERE IS AN ADVANTAGE TO GETTING OLDER!**

Effective February 1<sup>st</sup> with the change of fishing fees, there is an advantage for those fishermen 65 years and older. Their fee is now \$4.00 instead of \$8.00 at all SD City Lakes. Just as a reminder Daily Permits and Fees are now: Adults - \$8.00, Juniors (age 8-15) \$2.50, **Senior (65 or older) - \$4.00**, Children 7 & under - Free.

### **SUPPORT BUD!**

The San Diego Council of Bass Clubs' Tournament of Champions will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Hodges. Go out to the weigh-ins at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday and 1:00 P.M. on Sunday to support our Fisherman of the Year Bud Brant. There will be food and a raffle following Sunday's weigh-in. **REMEMBER - Hodges is off-limits to all club fishermen from the close of fishing on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> thru 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!**

Members celebrating March birthdays are: Austin Bland - March 11, Randy Kreiser - March 12<sup>th</sup>, Brent Benish - March 14, Steve Swaggerty - March 19<sup>th</sup>, Dave Mack - March 22, Ed Marr & Harold Stephens - March 24<sup>th</sup>. Many happy returns to all!

### **JOKE OF THE MOMENT ~**

A couple of young fellers were fishing at their special pond off the beaten track when out of the bushes jumped the Game Warden. Immediately, one of the boys threw his rod down and started running through the woods like a bat out of hell, and hot on his heels came the Game Warden.

After about a half-mile the fella stopped and stooped over, with his hands on his thigh's to catch his breath, and the Game Warden finally caught up to him.

"Let's see yer fishin' license, boy," the Warden gasped.

With that, the fella pulled out his wallet and gave the Game Warden a valid fishing license. "Well, son," said the Game Warden, "you must be about as dumb as a box of rocks! You don't have to run from me if you have a valid license!"

"Yes, sir," replied the young feller, "but, my friend back there - Well, he don't have one."



## Important Information and Dates:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – General Membership Meeting (Dinner at 6:30 with the Meeting Starting Promptly at 7:00)

March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> - Lake Havasu

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Bowling at Parkway Bowl 1:00

**February 28<sup>th</sup> is the LAST weekend to fish Lake Hodges before the lake of OFF LIMITS for the TOC!!!**



Otay - 2/21/09

Place	NAME	BIG FISH	# FISH	WEIGHT	POINTS
1	Jeff Manning	3.17	3	5.29	32
2	Bud Brant	3.58	2	5.22	31
3	Vicki Becker	2.64	2	4.25	30
4	Austin Bland	2.72	2	4.16	29
5	Greg Gardner	1.97	3	3.89	28
6	Brent Benish	1.62	2	3.71	27
7	Josh Buller	1.76	2	3.58	26
8	Mike Lupo	2.22	2	3.46	25
9	Bill Shoemaker	2.09	2	3.17	24
10	Jim Davis	1.83	2	2.93	23
11	Marshall Bubel	1.75	2	2.85	22
12	Terry Chenoweth	2.73	1	2.73	21
13	Keith Cloward	2.59	1	2.59	20
14	Dave Patrick	2.49	1	2.49	19
15	Inder Lopez	2.13	1	2.13	18
16	Jeff Carpenter	1.02	2	2.00	17
17	Steve Swaggerty	1.70	1	1.70	16
18	Frank Neugebauer	1.65	1	1.65	15
19	Ken Louis	1.57	1	1.57	14
20	Ed Byrd	1.56	1	1.56	13
21	Juan Collins	1.51	1	1.51	12
22	Scott Ashley	1.12	1	1.12	11
23	Buck Billock	0.91	1	0.91	10
24	Aaron Meleen	0.70	1	0.70	9
25	Dave Mack	0.67	1	0.67	8
26	Cody Billock	0.66	1	0.66	7
27	Cesar Diosdado		0	0	2
28	Curt Nelson		0	0	2
29	Dave Seaberg		0	0	2
30	Harold Stephens		0	0	2
31	Janice Eisner		0	0	2
32	Jason Wilson		0	0	2
33	Larry Ward		0	0	2
34	Lee Chapman		0	0	2
35	Marshall Martin		0	0	2
36	Mike Baird		0	0	2

37	Ron Overman		0	0	2
38	Skip Whitworth		0	0	2
39	Zoé Gardner		0	0	2

Total fishermen: 39

Total weight: 66.50  
lbs

Fish caught: 40

Average weight: 1.66 lbs

Big fish: 3.58 lbs



YEAR TO DATE STANDINGS:

		<u>Big Fish</u>	<u>Otay</u>	<u>Total points</u>
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3	Vicki Becker	2.64	30	30
4	Austin Bland	2.72	29	29
5	Greg Gardner	1.97	28	28
6	Brent Benish	1.62	27	27
7	Josh Buller	1.76	26	26
8	Mike Lupo	2.22	25	25
9	Bill Shoemaker	2.09	24	24
10	Jim Davis	1.83	23	23
11	Marshall Bubel	1.75	22	22
12	Terry Chenoweth	2.73	21	21
13	Keith Cloward	2.59	20	20
14	Dave Patrick	2.49	19	19
15	Inder Lopez	2.13	18	18
16	Jeff Carpenter	1.02	17	17
17	Steve Swaggerty	1.70	16	16
18	Frank Neugebauer	1.65	15	15
19	Ken Louis	1.57	14	14
20	Ed Byrd	1.56	13	13
21	Juan Collins	1.51	12	12
22	Scott Ashley	1.12	11	11
23	Buck Billock	0.91	10	10
24	Aaron Meleen	0.70	9	9
25	Dave Mack	0.67	8	8
26	Cody Billock	0.66	7	7
27	Cesar Diosdado		2	2
28	Curt Nelson		2	2
29	Dave Seaberg		2	2
30	Harold Stephens		2	2

31	Janice Eisner		2		2
32	Jason Wilson		2		2
33	Larry Ward		2		2
34	Lee Chapman		2		2
35	Marshall Martin		2		2
36	Mike Baird		2		2
37	Ron Overman		2		2
38	Skip Whitworth		2		2
39	Zoé Gardner		2		2

**# of Fishermen: 39**  
**# of fish: 40**  
**Total weight (in pounds): 67**  
**Big fish: 3.58**

**Big Fish in Tournament: 3.58 lbs. - Bud Brant at Otay**  
**Big Stringer in Tournament: 5.29 lbs. - Jeff Manning at Otay**  
**Big Fish Out of Tournament: 7.18 lbs. - Jim Putney at Lake Murray**