



NEWS

MAY 2009

38 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ ZOÉ GARDNER

This month we will celebrate Memorial Day as a nation. It made me reflect on commitment and our club. We're off to a great start as a club – our membership is on the brink of full capacity, we have excellent people in place to chair various club events, there's good attendance at our meetings, and each Board member is committed to doing the best job they can. With all that activity it's easy to get lost in the crowd. Take a moment as a member and ask yourself, "What have I done, or what will I do this year to contribute to the overall good of my club?" We have many opportunities left this year, some big, some small, but I can guarantee "involvement" will add to your satisfaction level as a member. Sure it's easier to complain or just "take" from the club, but that's not what our club is about. Our history and image over the years has identified us as "good guys" and "leaders" in our fishing community. That is something to be proud of, and it's also something that requires effort. So when someone asks for help with an event, or better yet, you see that there's a void you can fill, get on it. I know that old saying, "10% of the population does 90% of the work." I'm not buying it. Not for our club. That's not what any of us committed to as prospective members, but certainly what it may look like from time to time. So let's keep up the good momentum, and keep focusing on that which is good in our club. For those of you who have already "stepped up" thank you for getting this year off to a great start. For everyone else, your opportunity to serve (in any capacity) is ready to go. Trust me, you will not regret it, and it will make you "feel" like a member. Like you belong – because you were true to your word. It's a great feeling and I want everyone to enjoy it. That "positive" energy is what makes this club "great" rather than "good".



Greg handing over the \$\$ to Ed Marr.

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ BUCK BILLOCK



I want to thank Keith Cloward for volunteering to chair our Bay & Bonfire event. It was a great success last year, so I'm sure we can expect the same this go around. Details will be coming soon.

The Family Tournament at Lake Murray will be held this coming Saturday, May 2nd, with a 1pm weigh-in and BBQ. John Schwartz is spearheading this event, so give him a call with any questions (or if you didn't sign up at the meeting make sure you give him a call so we have a good head count for the food). As with any of our functions, members AND prospective members are encouraged to participate. If you can, please bring a prize for the raffle (the kids usually benefit pretty well at this event). Thanks, John!

Coming up pretty quickly is our annual Picnic. Bud and Donalea Brant have graciously volunteered to chair that function. It's one of our bigger events, so please offer them help

wherever they need it. It will be held on June 6th at El Monte Park. As always, EVERYONE is welcome! Each year seems to get better and better. There's something for everyone and it gives us an opportunity for Bassmaster "family time." We still manage to get fishing poles in our hands with the casting contest. Ed Marr is the man to beat this year. I know the Brant's have a couple of improvements up their sleeves that I'm sure you'll all enjoy. So mark your calendars and be ready to have some fun! Might want to brush up on your Washer Tossin' skills as well. We'll have a sign up sheet at the upcoming meeting next week. See you there!



TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ GREG GARDNER

Three tournaments have been played out, seven left to go. And look who's on top after Hodges - You are looking good Bud! It's time for the rest of us to make our move, well a lot of you already have. Look at the year to date "Top 12" - very interesting. The horserace is building up very nicely. This is the fun part of being tournament director - watching it all play out, watching each player throughout each event, take their place. It's very exciting to me.

Hodges was another tough one. Very hard to figure out after three weeks of prefish. We had 42 participants - 25 boaters and 17 back seaters, who caught 72 bass and released 68 alive. That means only 4 dead fish. That is remarkable since we had failure with our scales, had to reroute everybody back to the dock, then use the dock scales. I want to thank all of you for being so understanding while we worked it out. Special "Thank you" to Terry, Larry, Donalea and Gina for helping to make it all work.

Tournament results. First place was taken decisively by Ed Marr. A good job with 5 fish that weighed 13.45 lbs. - which included a big fish of 6.60 lbs. Second place went to Brent Benish. He weighed in five fish for 10.70 lbs. Good job, Brent! And third place was our esteemed fish handler, Larry Ward. Larry weighed in 4 fish for 8.85 lbs. It was tough fishing for the rest of us, but we can all make it up at the River! It's got to be better than Hodges.



Greg and Larry weighing in fish.

Next tournament - the Lower Colorado River, May 16th & 17th. Remember this is a Saturday and Sunday event. 13" fish. We will go out by calling numbers. 3:00 weigh-in. We will try to do both of our weigh-ins at the cabana, we will keep you informed. We should have a pre-tournament meeting on Friday afternoon at about 5pm in the patio area next to Dave Mack's. We have a very

good year going with very few dead fish. Let's keep that going. Take good care of your fish, and bring them to the scales alive. The weather will be warmer so the fish will require more care. At our May meeting we will start for draw positions and collect big fish money, please have it ready (\$10 per boat for both days). Also at the meeting we will vote on 4 prospective members who were tournament prefished at Hodges. They all caught fish, and we got a pretty good look at them.

Thank you. See you at the meeting,



TREASURER NOTES ~ MARSHALL BUBEL

The club finances are in pretty good shape right now with just a few members delinquent in their dues (and no one past a month). Keep up the good work.

One Month

Scott Ashley

Lee Chapman

Juan Collins
Jim Davis
Cesar Diosado
Adam East
Stu Kenson
Dave Mack



A very happy and wealthy Ed Marr.

See you on the water!

MEMBERSHIP ~ LEE CHAPMAN

I would like to report on my absence from the April general meeting. I spent 2 1/2 days fishing Lake Havasu with Jim Davis. We had a great time; Jim caught an 8.4 lb. largemouth and a 6 pounder as well. I couldn't keep pace with Jim, but I did catch two 20 inch largemouth. We never caught a short the entire trip -- our smallest fish weighed two pounds.

Now to membership business. We currently have 45 members, and four new members to be voted on at our May meeting. Additionally, we have Mr. Chris Warner, who will be voted on at our June meeting, bringing our total to 50 members.

I would like to thank Terry Chenoweth for taking over this year's bowling party for me.

MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING:

President Zoé Gardner called the April 7th General Meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters to order at 7:02 P.M. at Angler's Marine.

Guests were introduced as follows: Brandy Manning, Geri Morrin, Donalea Brant and prospective members: Ryan Test, Jeff Burton, Jeff Cahill and Chris Warner.

Frank Neugebauer moved and Jim Putney seconded minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Jim Putney, President of the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs, presented the Tournament of Champions jacket to Bud Brant.

Zoé asked for sign ups for the Kids Fishing Camp to be held for 8-15 year olds at Lake Murray from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays in July and August..

Doris Cook reported a thank you letter and donation receipts from the Crisis House showing our 2008 donations at \$9,000.00 were available.



Congratulations to Ed Marr, Brent Benish and Larry Ward. Our top three fisherman at Hodges!!

Zoé asked if there was any interest in the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs having a year-end banquet and not much interest was shown. There was some interest in them having a Swap Meet.

Zoé filling in for Lee Chapman announced we had the following prospective members: Joe DeSalva, Ryan Test, Jeff Cahill, and Jeff Burton. She urged everyone to have their B.A.S.S. membership up-to-date. Lee will update roster next month.

Treasurer Marshall Bubel reported dues are current and we are doing fine in the finance department.

Vice-President Buck Billock asked Terry Chenoweth to talk about the Bowling event, where 30 people participated and Lee Chapman took high men's series. John Schwartz stated the Family Tournament would be held at Lake Murray on May 2 with a 12:00 noon weigh-in, followed by a barbecue of hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone was encouraged to bring kid prizes for the Family Tournament raffle.

Keith Cloward volunteered to run a Beach Party and will choose a date.

Dave Patrick urged members to sign up for shirt or jacket orders and he will get the order placed.

Zoé announced website changes are to be fed to Jeff Carpenter and no one else is to make them. She thanked Ron Overman for the nice raffle prizes and Keith Cloward for the goodies. Skip Whitworth and Frank Neugebauer will furnish goodies next month.

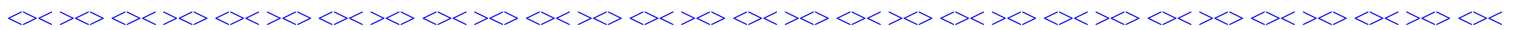
Greg presented a spool of Berkley line to Austin Bland the fourth place award for Otay and to Jeff Carpenter for Havasu. Ed Byrd received a plaque for third place Keith Cloward, second and Ken Louis first at Lake Havasu.

The next tournament will be at Lake Hodges on April 25th and we will have to observe the 15" limit, as we could not get a variance, since there could only be one variance in a 24-hour period.

Bud thanked everyone for their help with information for the Tournament of Champions and asked for help for the Top 6.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



FISH TALES ~DORIS COOK

EAST & HESS WIN BIG!

Adam East, fishing with Brian Hess, in his new Ranger boat, won the WON tournament at Otay, Saturday, April 18th. They took home \$2700.00 for their win. Rumor has it that Adam was driving all around town holding his trophy out the window for all to see. Can't say as I blame you, Adam. Good job!

CLOWARDS WIN AGAIN!

Keith and Stacey Cloward were the top finishing team in the husband/wife category in the ABA team tournament at Hodges on Sunday, April 19th. They won \$100.00 for their fish, weighing 10.06, and would like to see more couples fishing in this event to give them more competition.

HAVE A GOOD TRIP!

Lee Chapman is going back to Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee, for five days of fishing with four of his nephews, next month. Show those boys how it's done in California, Lee!

BRANDON COMING HOME!

Brandon Hoffman will be coming home from NAU for summer break on May 9th. He is hoping to go back to active status so that he can participate in the tournaments while he is home. He may be a little rusty, as he hasn't been able to fish since his shoulder surgery in December, but he is anxious to give it a try.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOSH!

News has just been received that Josh Buller popped the question last week and got a yes as an answer. Yes, he got engaged and the wedding is set for July 18. Congratulations and best of luck to both of you.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY!

Our sympathy goes out to Randy Kreiser and Pam Nieman on the loss of Pam's mother, Mary Toffelmire on April 21st. She had fallen and broken her hip, had surgery and developed a blood infection along with pneumonia, which proved to be too much to overcome. Pam, Randy and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

THANKS TO OUR RESIDENT PHOTOGRAPHER.!

Thanks to Regina Seaberg for taking all the photos at the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs' Tournament of Champions. She also supplied the Council with 18 beautiful DVD's, one for each of the fishermen in the event. Regina, you're the greatest! Check out the website at sdbasscouncil@cox.net to view more of her photography.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Members celebrating birthdays in May are: Scott Ashley, May 1st, Zoé Gardner on the 4th, Curt Nelson, May 13th, Terry Foreman, and Mike Lupo, the 21st, David Patrick, May, 26th and Terry Chenoweth, the **BIG 50** on May 28th. Many happy returns to all of you! Don't forget to honor your Mothers on May 10th! Happy Memorial Day on may 25th. Good luck to everyone in the upcoming River Tournament!

Should you have news you would like to share in Fish Tales, please contact Doris Cook at (619) 462-4708 or at miscooker@cox.net.



JOKE OF THE MOMENT ~

How do you talk to a fish?
Drop it a line!

Why did the bass cross the road?
Cause it was hooked!



Important Information and Dates:

- May 2nd – Family Tournament and Picnic at Lake Murray
- May 5th – General Membership Meeting (Dinner @6:30 Meeting @7:00)
- May 16th – 17th - Tournament at The River
- June 2nd – General Membership Meeting (Dinner @6:30 Meeting @7:00)
- June 6th – Picnic at El Monte Park
- June 20th – Top Six Tournament at Lake Hodges
- June 27th - Lake Sutherland Tournament and BBQ



