



# NEWS

JANUARY 2008

## 37 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

### FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ *BUD BRANT*

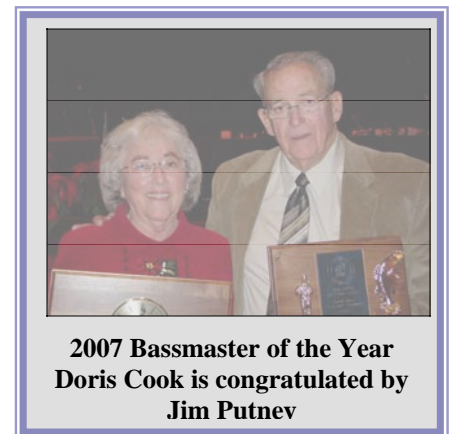
I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Santa brought you what you were hoping for on your wish list. I also hope everyone has a happy and safe New Year.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the general meeting on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. In regards to our January meeting, we have a lot business to take care of. We will be discussing and voting on the following:

- Tournament Exemptions
- Finalizing the 2008 tournament schedule.
- Weighing fish versus paper tournaments.
- Changing the point's format for the year-end standings.

I will be looking for members to handle club jobs such as the club store, running the raffle and picking up the food for our meeting. Keith Cloward will also be asking for members to take care of some of the club activities through out the year. Please think of how you can help support the club by volunteering.

See ya on the water,  
Bud Brant



**2007 Bassmaster of the Year  
Doris Cook is congratulated by  
Jim Putnev**

### TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ *GREG GARDNER*

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2007 was a good year, filled with lots of good memories, as the DVD we saw at the banquet presented. Zoe and I did enjoy it, and we are anxiously looking forward to the upcoming season. And I know you are too, so let's get to it!

We had our Tournament Planning meeting on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. At one point in time I counted 29 Bassmasters present. A very good turnout. I had put a schedule together for discussion, and we went over each month and came to agreement. My proposal wasn't too different from last year, but there were some things that had to be considered. First we will lose San Vicente by July 4<sup>th</sup> this year, according to Sharon from the city lakes. She said it will probably be closed for 8-12 years. So we tried to schedule some events into the early part of the year, for this lake. Second, a number of us want to see all live weigh-ins this year, so we had to consider that. And third, all the waters that we fish are more crowded than ever this year, so we need to fit into those waters without landing on top of too many others.

#### **2008 "PROPOSED" Tournament Schedule**

Jan. 12 ~ El Capitan Fun \$ Team Draw, No Points  
Feb. 9 ~ San Vicente  
March 21/22 ~ Lower River ~ Fishers  
April 12 ~ San Vicente  
May 9/10 ~ Alamo  
June 7 ~ Otay ( 6/14 is Top Six @ Otay  
June 20 ~ San Vicente (nite)  
July 12 ~ Hot Lake Fun \$ Team Draw, No Points  
Aug. 15 ~ Otay (nite)  
Sept. 20 ~ El Capitan  
Oct. 3/4 ~ Havasu  
Nov. 7/8 ~ Lower River ~ Fishers

That's two days and one night tournament at San Vicente, a fun tournament in Jan. And I am really excited about this one. - That S.V. night was originally slated for mid July, we shifted it into June, so that left nothing in July. Someone in the back of the room spoke

up – “let’s have another fun tournament, no points, in July”. Everybody thought that was an outstanding idea, so we put it in.



**FAREWELL TO  
ANOTHER FISHING  
FRIEND!**

The San Diego fishing community lost another friend with the passing of former resident and police chief Bob Burgreen on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Bob underwent a lung transplant on December 19<sup>th</sup> at Cedars-Sinai Hospital and seemed to be recovering nicely when he developed a pain in his chest and died. Bob was 69 years old and had suffered from pulmonary fibrosis. Some of you might remember Bob as “Bigwater Bob” when he wrote for our former publication San Diego Fisherman. He was an excellent writer and created many interesting articles. Bob participated in the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs’ Top Six in June as a member of the Old Pros Bass Club. Rest in peace, Bob!

The schedule will be presented at the general meeting in January for your approval. That’s 10 “points” tournaments, and 2 fun tournaments, for a total of 12 planned events for the year. I hope that it all meets with your approval.

I have some very good volunteers for the tournament weigh-in team, and we all plan on doing a very organized, quick, and accurate weigh-in. Our goal is to preserve as many fish as possible and get them back into the water as quickly as possible. We will need your help to do this. Your job will be to make sure your boat equipment is all in good working order, and you bring to the scales all live fish that are in good shape. We will discuss this more in future meetings.

I urge all of you to be at the January meeting. There will be topics discussed and voted on that could change some of the ways we do things in our club. We need everybody to hear the issues and vote your vote.

Thanks for listening to me, see you at the meeting...Greg

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**VICE PRESIDENT ~ KEITH CLOWARD**

Happy New Year 2008...It’s a New Year, a new board and a clean slate for the points board. Last year’s board did a fantastic job. Each event was a fun filled day. The end of the year banquet was a phenomenal way to end the year. Vicki, you did a great job. Thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes.

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. I hope that I can fulfill your expectations for this year as a board member. I will need help and will not be afraid to ask. At the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting I will be asking for volunteers to help coordinate and host the chili cook off, fish fry, Bunco night, and maybe a Texas Hold’em poker tournament. Other events I will need assistance with are the family tournament and picnic, and bowling. If there is another activity or event that you would like to see on the calendar, please let me know.

I am looking forward to serving you.

Keith Cloward  
Vice President  
San Diego Bassmasters

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**MEMBERSHIP ~ JOHN SCHWARTZ**

Hello Fellow Members,

Let me start by THANKING YOU for electing me Membership Chairman. In November, I was not going to run. Then in December I wanted it. I look forward to serving in the upcoming year. January is always the month of change in the Club. Lets not get too carried away, remember this is a fishing club. Thankfully we fish in February.

We are looking for a few good people to join our club. If you know of anyone who is qualified, impress upon them that SDBM is a quality fishing club looking new members. Also, Lets not forget about past members. If there are changes needed in the rooster information, tell me and I will change them. Thank you again for your support. May the New Year bring you everything you want.

Membership Status ~ Members 38 Family 6 Lifetime 2

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**TREASURERS NOTES ~ KEN LOUIS**

As we begin our 2008 season I wish everyone a Happy New Year and good luck in the forthcoming fishing season. My thanks go out to the membership for electing me as your treasurer – it will be a pleasure to serve you once again.

On our monthly meeting nights I will make myself available to you before the meeting starts (from 6 to 7) and again at the conclusion of the meeting, this way I can enjoy visiting with everyone during the break. Please remember to bring your monthly dues of \$25.00 and your annual insurance dues of \$20.00. Until January 8<sup>th</sup>; tight lines and good fishing to all!

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## **FISH TALES ~ DORIS COOK**

### **WHERE'S THE REMOTE?**

Jim and I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent heart ablation and pacemaker implant. Everything went very well and after one night in the hospital, he was feeling much better and had a 90 pulse instead of 120-130. Next week it will be lowered to 80 and in a couple more weeks to 70. I truly believe I'm going to need a remote control to keep him in line when it's all said and done.

### **CEMETERY BASS!**

Christmas Day, Jim took me out to Greenwood Cemetery to put flowers on my Mom and Dad's crypts. They are in the wall by Lilly Lake. Jim was walking around the lake, seeing fish here and there. He happened to look down and lo and behold there was a small jig with about 12 foot of monofilament attached. He couldn't resist the urge and wrapped the line around his finger and threw the bare jig out a couple of times. On the third cast a bass about 14½ inches blew up on it and Jim brought it in. I was busy arranging the flowers with my back to him when he walked up and asked if I thought my Daddy might like a fresh fish dinner, to which I did not respond. He then asked if I had brought the camera, and I looked around to see him holding a nice bass. I couldn't believe it! After not fishing since the river, he needed to get bit.

### **THE GARDNERS WIN AGAIN!**

Angler's Marine had a turkey shoot bass tournament for their employees on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Greg & Zoé won the \$100.00, which was to be spent in the store. I'm sure they will have no trouble finding something they just have to have in the fishing department. Way to go!

### **GET WELL SOON!**

Our friend, Bill vanWulven of Barnacle Bill's Bait & Tackle, recently underwent colon surgery to remove an abscess and seemed to be recovering nicely until Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> when he passed out due to a blood clot moving from his leg into his lung. Luckily the paramedics arrived quickly and got him to Sharp Grossmont Hospital. He is waiting for his blood to get thin enough to allow him to go home and hopefully he will be out by the time you read this.

### **THANKS TO ALL!**

What a pleasant surprise it was to receive the Bassmaster of the Year award at the banquet. I had no idea and wish to thank everyone who made this possible. It was such an honor and Terry Chenoweth made it even more special by having my grandson, Brandon Hoffman escort me to the podium. The plaque is being proudly displayed in my family room and I will treasure it for years to come. You guys and gals are the **BEST!**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Juan Collins celebrated his birthday on New Year's Day and we are hoping it was a happy one. Lifetime member Les Marr's birthday is January 9<sup>th</sup> and inactive member, Ben Massey will become another year older on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes and many happy returns.

### **NOTE FROM THE FISH TALE EDITOR!**

I warned you guys a while back, if you didn't get your Fish Tale information to me, you would have to read about those closest to me. Terry has asked me to do this feature again this year, so I will be looking for tid bits to print. Please send your Fish Tales to [miscooker@cox.net](mailto:miscooker@cox.net) or phone (619) 462-4708. Here's wishing all of you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year. Fishing will be great in 2008!

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## **CITY LAKES OPERATING SCHEDULE**

**El Capitan** ~ Open Thursday through Monday. Water contact on Sunday only. Weekdays use the Iron Ranger for permits.

**Murray** ~ Open seven days a week. Use Iron Rangers for permits.

**Lower Otay** ~ Open Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Use Iron Ranger for permits.

**San Vicente** ~ Open Saturday and Sunday. Water contact activities are allowed on Saturday.

**Barrett** ~ Closed until May 2008. **Hodges** ~ Closed until February 2008. **Sutherland** ~ Closed until March 2008.

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***HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO BUY YOUR 2008 FISHING LICENCE?***

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**SAN DIEGO BASSMASTERS**  
December 4, 2007

President Bud Brant called the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters to order at 7:05 P.M. at Angler's Marine.

Ken Louis introduced guests as follows: Joel Gatlin's daughter, Anne and prospective member Mike Lupo. Ken announced the membership stands at 39 active members, 6 family members and two lifetime members. Randy Kreiser has returned from inactive status.

Jim Putney moved and Adam East seconded that minutes of the November meeting be approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer Cheryl Byrd reported a November bank balance of \$6760.00. Things are looking good going into the banquet. She announced if dues are not paid by tonight, members must pay for the banquet.

Doris Cook announced that Kathy Stephens was in Sharp Memorial Hospital with congestive heart failure and a get-well card was passed around for everyone to sign.

John Schwartz and Brandon Hoffman conducted the election of 2008 officers as follows:

President: Greg Gardner; \***Bud Brant**; Ed Byrd; Ken Louis.

Vice-president: \***Keith Cloward**; Buck Billock.

Tournament Director: \***Greg Gardner**; Terry Chenoweth.

Membership Chairman: \***John Schwartz**; Vicki Becker; Cheryl Byrd and Buck Billock.

Secretary: \***Inder Lopez**; Buck Billock; Adam East; Darryl Crippen and Cheryl Byrd.

Newsletter Chairman: Janice Eisner and \***Terry Chenoweth**.

\***Bold Face** indicates winner!

Jeff Carpenter volunteered to take over the website duties.

Jim Putney spoke to Joe Weber regarding the City Lakes Program change from the Water Department to Parks and Recreation, scheduled to become effective in December, and found it had been changed to September 2008. They are working on new fees.

Diane Dine got her final check from the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs for a total of \$1860.00 to help her recover from her losses in the recent fire. Southerland is being drawn down.

Vicki reported on the banquet to be held in the Dream Catcher Room at Viejas Casino with drinks at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M. At present there are 87 signed up to attend. Ed Marr, Ed Byrd, Larry Ward and Keith Cloward were asked to pay Cheryl the difference they owe for their top 12 awards.

Bud announced the San Diego Bassmasters are the host club for the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs' Top Six on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Otay Lake. Ed Marr volunteered to run the event and will need help from other club members.

Larry Ward will be in charge of the ice and drinks for the 2008 club year.

Ed Byrd presented the plaques for the Lower Colorado River as follows: Randy Kreiser, third with 19.79 lb.; Greg Gardner, second with 19.94 lbs. and the winner John Schwartz, the winner with 21.33 lbs. and big fish of 4.30 lbs.

Bud announced the January general meeting will be changed from January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup>. The joint board meeting is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at Bud Brant's and the tournament-planning meeting will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at Angler's Marine.

Bud thanked Donalea for picking up the sandwiches; Ed Marr and John Schwartz for snacks and Brandon Hoffman for running the raffle. Bill Stock was recognized for the raffle prizes he donated.

Doris Cook and Dave Mack will provide the snacks for the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

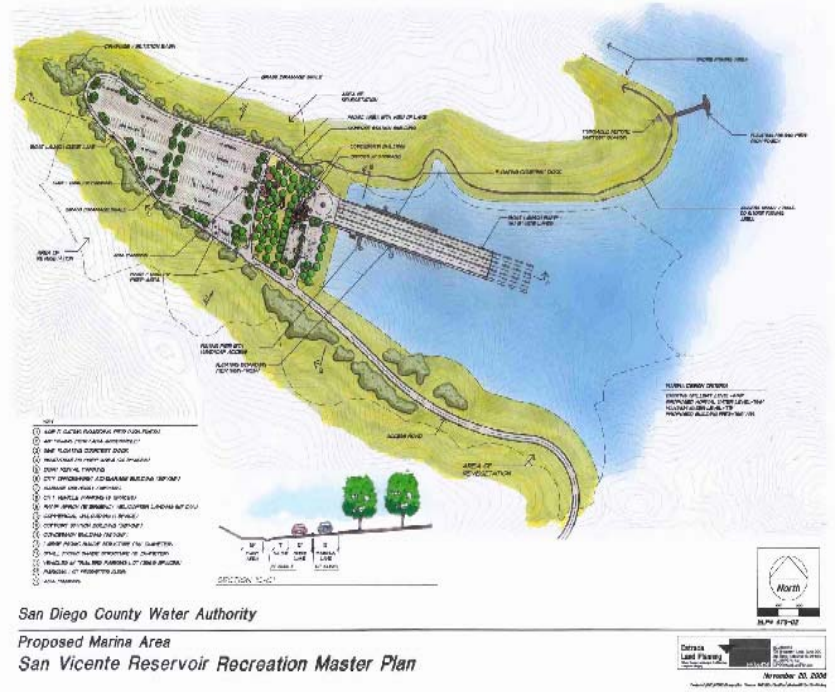
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Cook  
Secretary Pro Tem




## The Future of San Vicente Reservoir

After this year it will be many years before we see San Vicente on our tournament schedule again. San Vicente for years has been the premier bass fishing destination in southern California. The San Diego County Water Authority has two plans to raise the dam. The Emergency Storage Project will raise the dam 54 feet. The Carry Over Storage Project will add an additional 63 feet for a total of 113 feet. The entrance road will be reworked to a "more friendly" grade. To the right is a drawing of what the new marina and six-lane launch ramp will look like.

Below are the high water marks for the two levels of the dam construction



## San Vicente Reservoir High Watermarks

-  Existing San Vicente Reservoir:  
90,000 acre-feet of water storage
-  Emergency Storage Project Raise:  
+52,000 acre-feet\*
-  Potential Additional Raise:  
+100,000 acre-feet\*

\* Final water storage may vary

