



NEWS

NOVEMBER 2009

38 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

PRESIDENT ~ ZOÉ GARDNER

If you read nothing else in my article (and I really hope you read it all), please read this: **Our General Membership Meeting for November will be held on Tuesday, October 27th**. If you show up on the “usual date” most of us will already be at the River. We’re winding down the year and we have a lot to do. Your Board is working hard to ensure our final events will be awesome.

All year the Board has been prudent and fiscally responsible regarding how we have spent the club’s money for various events. Earlier this year we made a decision to extend the “pay for each Bassmaster and one guest” practice to include new members (for the year-end awards banquet). Although this has not been the practice in recent years, it was the practice several years ago. Basically, the philosophy, “Once a member is a member, he/she is a full member.” This is not to condemn any previous Board. I have personally served on Boards where we have had to prorate costs for new members due to tight financial times. So I do understand the need to cinch our financial belts when the need arises. However, your current Board did not make this decision frivolously. Because we have had an influx of new members over the last few years, our finances are strong enough to return to a practice that is both addressed in our Bylaws as well as satisfy the intent of our founding fathers. It came to the Board’s attention that some members may disagree with this decision. One member was appropriate enough to come to the Board meeting and request we bring this topic to the general membership. I thank that member for complying with protocol, and I will bring this topic to the Oct. 27th meeting. I want everyone to know my expectations up front. This topic is about “members” – “people”, not what stupid lake we want to fish or not fish. I will expect everyone to conduct themselves appropriately and respectfully. I believe when you hear the full compliment of the Board’s thought process, considerations and analysis, you will recognize our efforts to serve the membership in a responsible manner. New members, please understand that this topic is not about you, specifically; but rather our club’s natural tendency to rarely agree on anything 100%. We value you as members, and want you to attend this meeting.

I again would like to thank Bud Brant, Ed Byrd, and all the Bassmasters who helped run the Bass Council night tournament in October. I know I wrote those exact words last month, but for those of you keeping score, yes, we ran back-to-back night tournaments the last two months with great success. I also want to thank those of you who actually fished the tournament as well. You all did an outstanding job, and as usual, put the Bassmaster name in the spotlights. My favorite part was Jim Putney and Doris Cook fishing together. After that, no one had any good excuses as to why they couldn’t fish all night. Senior Citizen Rule!!!

As I said, we are fast approaching the end of the year. We’ll have nominations for 2010 Board positions during November and December; with the actual voting taking place at our December meeting. Thanks go to Terry Chenoweth and Dave Mack for serving as the Nomination Committee. We all said as prospective members that we would serve the club. Being a Board member is a great way to do exactly that.

I would also like to thank Keith Cloward, Cesar Disodado, Chris Warner and Darryl Crippen for serving on the Scholarship Committee. Remember, if you or a close relative are interested in being considered, the scholarship application and essay are due to me no later than November 3rd (postmarked). You can submit essays at the Oct. 27th meeting as well. From there, I “blind” identifying information about the candidate, and the Scholarship Committee objectively selects the best application/essay. The award (up to \$500) is presented to the student at our Award’s Banquet in December.

One other function: our Tournament of Champions will take place on November 14th. For newer members, the lake that is selected (and we’ll email blast you those details) is considered “off limits” as a courtesy to all our tournament winners throughout the course of the year. We will have a weigh-in that all members are encouraged to attend. Again, we’ll email you those details closer to the date. (Continued page 2)

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And last, but certainly not least, I encourage members to complete a Bassmaster of the Year nomination form. This will be due at the November meeting (on October 27th). As a reminder, this is a huge honor that is bestowed upon a person who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our club. It is such a prestigious award that it is kept secret until the Awards Banquet (with only the President and most recent Bassmaster of the Year knowing the identity). (see the website "News" section for more info and the nomination form. Forms will also be available at the meeting.

Hoping to see you all on October 27th. And I'd like to thank Josh Buller and Joe DeSalvo ahead of time for volunteering to bring treats to that meeting. Gentlemen, Thank you!

Take care...Zoè

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ BUCK BILLOCK

Here you go from the VP

This Saturday the 17th is our ANNUAL FISH FRY... It's at the Highlands mobile home park. Same place its been in past years. For those who forgot or are new members it's on Mission Gorge below Cowles Mountain. From San Diego it will be on the right as your coming down the mountain into Santee, If your coming from Santee or points east its on the western end of town on the left before you go up over the mountain. See the map on the website.

We/I still need volunteers for set up, clean up, raffle, auction etc. at the fish fry. Don't forget it starts at 6 PM so be there before 5:30. If you can bring a donation raffle item or something you can auction off, that would be awesome. Cost is 10 dollars for adults 5 dollars for kids. FYI this is our last chance to raise some money for the year-end banquet and we are asking for a lot of your support and participation to make this a good event.

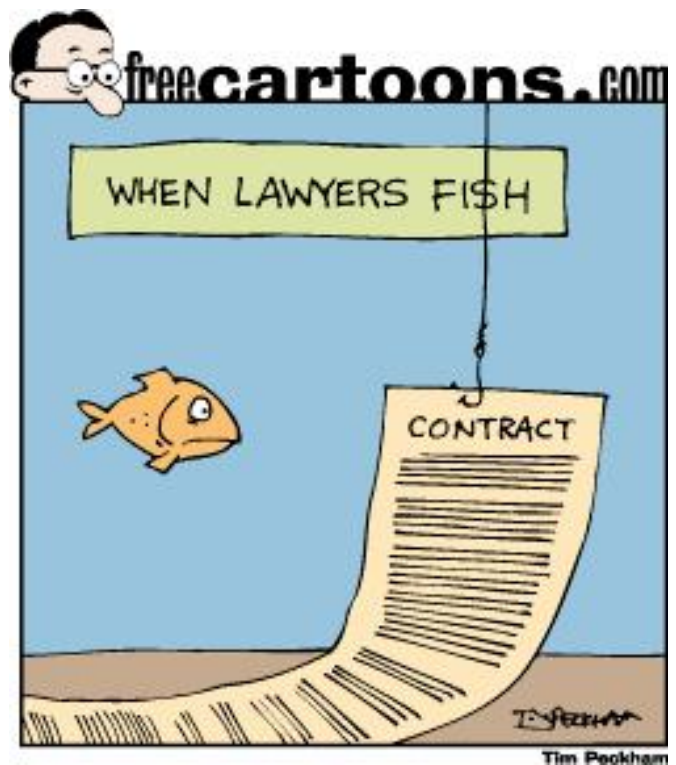
Next month (this is the November news letter in October) is the banquet at Sycuan (Formerly called Singing Hills) Golf Course on December 13. Mark your calendars. This is from 4 to 8, with dinner being served at 5 sharp.

Congrats to Bud for winning angler of the year again! And good luck to everyone who is going to the river.

Remember the November general membership meeting is on the 27th. And for those excellent fishermen, the Tournament of Champions is on November 14th.

Hope to see you all at the fish fry.

Thanks for your support!



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TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ GREG GARDNER

Congratulations Bud! For a job well done, we commend you. Two years in a row. That is great work. Bud has 248 year-end points, and his closest competitor has 207. Bud can't be overtaken. But there is still room for change in the Top 3, the Top 6, and the Top 12. One tournament left for the year, 32 points up for grabs. Bud (aka Mr. Consistent) has a spot in our upcoming Tournament of Champions as do 6 other tournament winners. One spot is still available – do you want to play? Our River tournament will decide much.

Our last tournament was El Cap, Sept 10th. We had 9 5-fish limits at one end, and 6 who weighed in zero at the other end. Myself and many of you thought the fishing would be better. One member told me that this would be the “tournament of the year” for heavy stringers. There was a total of 38 fishermen, and ladies, who weighed 104 fish. I wish it had been better.

Leading the pack with his 2nd win of the year was Jason Wilson. Jason weighed 5 fish for 12.28 lbs. Jason also had big fish of 6.09 lbs. This is his 2nd in a row on El Cap. Good job, Jason. 2nd place went to Jim Davis for 5 fish that weighed 12.11 lbs. 3rd place was taken by our “Angler of the Year” Bud Brant. Bud weighed in 5 fish for 10.45 lbs. 4th place was Jeff Carpenter. Jeff had 4 fish that weighed 8.14 lbs. He will receive a spool of Berkley 100% Fluorocarbon line at the meeting.



THE EL CAP TOP THREE



“Mom, Dad. I’ve made up my mind. I’m going to skip college, hire an agent, and pin all my hopes on a professional bass fishing career.”

It was an excellent tournament. From being in line the night before, to the weigh-in, it all went smoothly. Thank you all! Special “thank you’s” to our outstanding weigh-in team. They all worked hard to get it done quickly and accurately. Donalea and “her girls” got the weigh-in table and scales set up – thank you! Terry Chenoweth and Larry Ward – thank you! And our two photographers, Dave Seaberg and Cheryl Byrd, – thank you!

Our next tournament will be the Lower River on November 6 & 7. We will draw for start positions and go out at safe light with weigh-in at 3:00 each day. The size limit for bass in Arizona is 13”. We will try to use the weigh-in cabana provided by Fishers. I have heard to expect good fishing, so we should have a good tournament. I want to have a meeting on Thursday night. I have asked Keith to put together a BBQ for that meeting and he said he would be happy to handle that. Should be fun. He will probably be asking for some help. Thank you, Keith. We will have the sign-up at the meeting (October 27th) and draw for start positions, and collect big fish money.

See you then...

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FISH TALES ~ DORIS COOK

OVERMAN & SLEIGHT DID GREAT!

Congratulations to Ron Overman and Jim Sleight for their seventh place finish in the WON Tri States Team Championship South at Lake Mead on October 9 and 10. They had nine fish for a total weight of 17.05 pounds and collected \$1275.00 for their finish. This competition was for all the top teams from the Colorado River, Inland Empire, Nevada, San Diego and Southern California. The two-day winning weight for 10 fish was 21.08 pounds. Way to go guys! You did good!

VICKI HAS A NEW RIDE!

Vicki Becker is the proud owner of a brand new Chrysler 300 with all the bells and whistles. She has the navigation system and can even watch videos while traveling with all the comforts. It's a beauty and we are happy for you, Vicki.

FISHERMEN BEWARE!

Marker buoys watch out as Jim Putney is fishing this month's tournament at the Lower Colorado River. After several months of fishing inactivity, he has decided to get back into it and had a pretty good warm up when he and Doris fished the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs' Kevin Mineo Night Tournament on October 3rd at El Capitan. Jim caught a dozen keeper bass while his partner managed to blow up three spinning reels after catching one fish.

CLOSE CALL!

Lee and Irene Chapman recently flew to St. Louis to visit relatives. Shortly after takeoff, Irene told Lee that the plane was flying over the ocean. Lee thought that maybe they were over the Salton Sea and said so to Irene, but Irene said she was sure it was the ocean. Lee looked out the window and they were indeed headed north over the ocean. As they both were wondering what was going on, the pilot announced they were going to land in LA as there was some "overheating in the rear of the plane" and they would probably be on the ground for a half hour or so. As they landed, Lee could see that there were three fire trucks and a foam truck paralleling the plane as it taxied to the ramp. The passengers were disembarked and waited for about three hours before being continuing on to St. Louis. As they were waiting, Lee heard one of the other passengers saying that the "overheating" was actually a fire in the one of the rear engines!

MYSTERY FISHERMAN!

Vicki Becker and Darryl Crippen correctly guessed that last month's mystery fisherman was Ed Byrd. Following a coin flip, Vicki won the \$5.00 door prize tickets award. Guess who this month's mystery fisherman is and send your guesses to mscooker@cox.net or phone Doris Cook at (619) 462-4708. Should you like to be the featured mystery fisherman, please send your photo to the above e-mail address.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

Members celebrating their special days this month are: Greg Gardner – Nov. 2nd, Frank Neugebauer – Nov. 8th, Bill Shoemaker – Nov. 10th, Lee Chapman - Nov. 13th, Jim Davis - Nov. 17th, Buck Billock - Nov. 19th, Cheryl Byrd and Dave Seaberg - Nov. 27th. Happy 17th anniversary to Dave and Regina Seaberg on Nov. 26th.

Should you have Fish Tales to share please contact Doris Cook at mscooker@cox.net. HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!!!



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SAN DIEGO BASSMASTERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2009

The October general meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Zoé Gardner at Anglers Marine on September 29, 2009. The meeting was rescheduled due to the club hosting the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs Kevin Mineo Night Tournament on October 3.

Guests introduced were Ryan Bland, Kathy Stephens, and prospective member Patrick Tryone. Darryl Crippen was welcomed back.

Jeff Carpenter moved and Jim Davis seconded minutes of the September 1 general meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Zoé announced the November 3rd general meeting has been rescheduled to October 27, 2009 due to the Lower Colorado River tournament on November 7 and 8.

Zoé complimented the group on the good job they did hosting the September 5 San Diego Council of Bass Clubs Kevin Mineo Night Tournament. Jim Putney thanked everyone, on behalf of the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs, for the great job hosting and for the participation in the event. Bud Brant stated the upcoming hosting job for the October 3 event would be the same as last month. He needs 10 volunteers to start and four to stay until the end. The Hawthorne barbecue truck is no longer available for us to use.

Zoé asked if anyone was interested in running for president of the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs for 2010. Jim Putney was nominated at the September board meeting and will be our nominee. There will be a Swap Meet on November 1 at Fishermen's Outpost at 12600 Stowe Drive, Poway hosted by the Bass Company for the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs.

Dave Mack and Terry Chenoweth will comprise this year's nominating committee.

Members were urged to think about Bassmaster of the Year and get any ballots for same in by the November meeting. They will be collected, submitted to the board, which will vote, by secret ballot. Zoé and last year's Bassmaster of the Year, Ed Marr will view the ballots.

Zoé reviewed requirements for the Scholarship award of \$100-500.00 to be announced at the banquet. Nominee must be enrolled in college and must be a member or relative of a member of the San Diego Bassmasters. The president blanks out the name on the application and the committee chooses the recipient. The committee will be Cesar Diosdado, Keith Cloward, Chris Warner, and Darryl Crippen. Forms are available at the meeting or on our website. Deadline is the first Tuesday in November and must be postmarked no later than November 3 and sent to Zoé.

Ron Overman announced donations for our annual Crisis House Drive should be brought to the next meeting. Items needed are food, clothes, toys, money, etc.

Lee Chapman was absent as he and Irene are on vacation and Zoé reported for him. Currently we have 48 members. Jim Beyrouthey needs to be tournament prefished. David and Larry Ellis couldn't make the meeting tonight. Prospective member, Patrick Tryone, was prefished by Adam East and tournament prefished at Lake Alamo by Dave Patrick and both reports were favorable. The vote was taken and Patrick is now our 49th member.

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Dave Seaberg gave details on a fundraiser tournament for Carrol Morrison, a single mother who has stage 4 cancer. The event will be on October 17 at El Capitan. Entry fee is \$200 plus lake fees with a big fish option of \$25.00. Carrol will receive \$100 of the entry fee and the other \$100 goes to the payout, plus 100 percent of the option money. There will be a barbecue following the 2:00 P.M. weigh in. Entry forms are available at Western Bass.com.

Treasurer Marshall Bubel reported a bank balance of a little under \$8000, and announced Bassmaster wear is available for sale.

Vice-President Buck Billock thanked Keith Cloward and John Schwartz for running the beach barbecue. Keith was presented with his trophy for winning the Family Tournament. The Fish Fry is scheduled for October 17 at Highland Mobile Home Park on Mission Gorge Rd. Volunteer help is needed. There will be a donation raffle and an auction. Pictures are needed for the banquet.

Doris Cook announced Vicki Becker and Darryl Crippen correctly guessed the mystery fisherman as Ed Byrd. Vicki won the \$5.00 in raffle tickets after a coin flip.

Greg Gardner stated there were 38 fishermen signed up for the El Capitan tournament on October 10 and he has the variance number on the weigh slips. Weigh-in will be at 3:00 P.M., 12-inch limit. Pay \$5.00 for big fish.

After the break, Greg did the tournament pairings for El Capitan and announced the results of Lake Alamo. Fourth place and a spool line went to Zoé Gardner with (10) fish at 15.3 pounds, Skip Whitworth third with (10) at 15.95, Jeff Carpenter second with (10) fish at 16.18 and the winner Keith Cloward had (10) fish for a weight of 17.24 and big fish of 4.44 pounds.

The board meeting will be October 13 at the home of Ed and Cheryl Byrd. The November general meeting will be October 27.

Joe DeSalvo and Josh Buller will furnish treats for next month's meeting.

Zoé thanked Gerie Moran for dinner, Larry Ward for sodas, Ronnie Overman for the raffle, Ryan Test and Joe DeSalvo for treats.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Cook
Secretary

SAN DIEGO BASSMASTER WEAR

SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:

Large and XL: \$20
XXL: \$22

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS:

Large and XL: \$25
XXL: \$27
XXXL: \$28

JACKETS:

XL: \$62
XXL: \$65

PICTURES NEEDED!

PLEASE SEND ANY BASSMASTER RELATED PICTURES TO GINA SEABERG (DSEABERG@COX.NET).

MORE PICTURES ARE NEEDED IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A DVD FOR THIS YEARS BANQUET.

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