



NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2008

37 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ *BUD BRANT*

August has come and gone, but we had a couple events. The first event was the night tournament at Otay. It was probably one of the toughest night tournaments the club has ever had. But there is always a few members that find the fish they need, and in this tournament it was Buck Billock with his first win, Juan Collins came in second, and Cody Billock made it a family affair finishing third and having big fish of the tournament. Cody's big fish also stands as big fish in tournament and Buck's win allows him to fish the year end Tournament of Champions. Good job guys!

The second event of the month was the SDBM Bunco night. We had almost 50 people show up, and there were a lot of new faces in the crowd. As usual there was a bit of confusion at the start, but before long every was throwing the dice intensely and having a great time. I would like to thank my lovely bride, Donalea Brant for putting this event together once again, and making it one of the best fund raisers of the year. After all of the expenses were paid, we raised just over \$500.00. Donalea and I hope everybody had a good time and would like to thank everyone who showed up for making 2008 Bunco a successful event.

In the month of September we have our El Cap tournament on the 20th. We also have two club meetings. The first club meeting will be on Tuesday September 2nd (the day after Labor Day) and the second meeting is being moved up to Tuesday September 23rd, to accommodate the upcoming Havasu tournament. I hope to everybody at the September meetings. Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

See ya on the water,
Bud Brant



TOURNAMENT NEWS ~ *GREG GARDNER*

What fool put "Otay Night" on our tournament schedule? Was that lake tough or what? We had 42 Bassmasters fishing. We caught a total of 70 fish. Fifteen 3-fish limits, six people caught 2, thirteen people caught 1, and eight people blanked. Otay has not been good to us this year! And listen to this – the top 3 spots were all taken by back-seaters. In 1st place, knocking down his first big win, was Buck Billock. He had 3 fish that went 10.15 lbs. Good job, Buck! 2nd went to Juan Collins. Juan weighed in 3 fish for 8.37 lbs. The "Big" news of the night – 3rd place and big fish, was taken by Cody Billock with a beautiful fish that weighed 8.02 lbs. This also moves him to the coveted "big fish in tournament" top spot. Great job, Cody!

The year-end race is looking very interesting. Bud has a good lead, but Ed Marr is right there – too close for comfort. And Juan Collins has moved from 8th into 3rd. With only 3 tournaments left, it's gonna be fun. Our track record on dead fish is improving: 980 fish caught, 31 dead. We are at 3.16% mortality rate. Not bad. Thank you for your commitment to improve.

Our next tournament will be at El Capitan on Saturday, Sept 20th. With San Vicente closing Sept 1st, and with all your waterskiing buddies who use that lake moving

Otay Night Tournament

Buck Billock First Place



*Juan Collins Second Place
No picture available*



Cody Billock Third Place and Big Bass



over to El Cap, we could have plenty of company. Be careful and safe. Our start will be launch and go. Weigh-in will be at 3:00 p.m.. Terry Chenoweth has volunteered to contact DFG for us to see if we can get a variance on the 15" size limit. If he does, we will all have to have in our possession (during the tournament) a weigh slip with the variance permit number on it. If we can't get it we will have to do the 15" limit. He feels confident that we can get it. More on this at the meeting. The weigh-in team will have to choose an area to have our weigh in. I have been hearing that the bank around the boat dock can get too crowded with the water ski crowd.

After El Cap we will have 2 tournaments left: Havasu – October 3rd & 4th, and the Lower River – November 7th & 8th. Please be reminded that we will be moving up our general membership meetings to accommodate those "early-in-the-month" tournaments. Even though they are both out of towners, you still have to notify me of the pairings before or during the meeting. We also have our Tournament of Champions scheduled for November 15th at a lake to be determined.

See you at the meeting,
Greg



VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ~ KEITH CLOWARD

Bunco, Bunco, Bunco! I only got two of them, but what a fun night. I heard it was fast paced and those of us with ADHD were able to maintain with flying colors. The raffle prizes, food and drink, not to mention the game and set up, WOW!!! THANK YOU, BUD and DONALEA and CO.! We had 48 players and made a couple of dollars that night that we will in turn direct towards the banquet (prizes).

Our Surf Fishing and Bonfire is Sept. 6 at Shelter Island at 5 pm. Some bait and tackle will be provided but if you already have the secret bait for the bay, SHARE. Bring your gear, a chair and whatever the flyer said. We will have a big fish any species pool I'm sure.

The last few tournaments of the year really have the points race heating up. Otay night was the great equalizer, there were a lot of positions gained or lost. I encourage everyone to fish better, smarter and harder, to take the level of competitiveness to the next level.

October 25th is the annual Fish Fry, come one come all! The Banquet is Dec. 14 at 5pm at Sycuan (Sing Hills) Resort. I will be holding auditions for MC after the next club meeting. Mark these dates please.

I'll see you on the water.
Keith Cloward



TREASURER NOTES ~ KEN LOUIS

At the August meeting we took in \$975.00 in dues, \$75.00 in merchandise sales, netted \$72.00 on the raffle and once again BUNCO was a huge success raising \$505.00. The bank account is at \$7052.70 plus past dues owing of \$425.00. Remember, once you hit the third month of owing dues, you are no longer eligible to participate in club fishing until paid up.

As of the end of August, these members have outstanding dues so please **add this** to your September dues and pay up at the meeting.

Greg Deerman	75.00	Steve Swaggerty	75.00
Adam East	50.00	Janice Eisner	50.00
Chris Scruggs	50.00	Jeff Carpenter	25.00
Larry Ward	25.00	Austin Bland	25.00
Vicki Becker	25.00	Brandon Hoffman	25.00

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



MEMBERSHIP ~ JOHN SCHWARTZ

Hello fellow Bassmasters,

Membership is a stout 45, with 3 Family and 2 Lifetime. We have one prospective member, Bill Shoemaker he will soon be prefished. Congrats, to Buck on his first win in tournament and that beautiful 8lb fish caught by Cody. I wonder who will be next. Just back from Bunco that was a good good time. A large amount of money was raised for the club. Thank you Bud and Donalea. Look at your roster. If changes

I recently received this note from Chris Mineo

*"Dear S.D. Bassmasters,
I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate getting your newsletter each month. I read it from cover-to-cover and enjoy hearing about old friends and your fishing escapades. It is fun to see the photos of your members and to keep up with your tournament schedule
Thank You again, and please send my warmest regards to all of your members and my old friends.
Sincerely, Chris Mineo"*

Thanks Chris, Your message has been delivered.

Those celebrating birthdays this month are: Jim Putney on Sept 5th (a big one), Joel Gatlin the 13th, Greg Deerman, the 16th and Marshall Bubel on Sept. 20th. Larry and Leslie have an anniversary on September 2nd, while Ed and Cheryl Byrd will be married 35 years on September 8. Many happy returns to all of you.

Share your Fish Tale information, by contacting Doris Cook at (619) 462-4708 or mscooker@cox.net.



SECRETARY ~ INDER LOPEZ

8/5/2008
SDBM General Meeting Minutes

President Bud Brant- Meeting called to order 7pm.

Bud also announced a Congratulations to Adam East and Joyce East on their wedding earlier today. As well as updated club on Darryl Crippen and his health condition.

Membership Chairman John Schwartz- announced guests Cheryl Byrd, Donna Lee Brant, Kathy Stephens, Regina Seaberg, Geri Morrin, Karin Terry Chenoweths granddaughter and Perspective member Bill Shoemaker.

Bud Brant asked for a motion to approve the last months meeting minutes 7/1/08.

Motion made by Jeff Carpenter to approve minutes as written and 2nd by Greg Gardner. Motion carried.

Treasurer Chairman- Ken Louis—Gave accounting report balance in checking account is 6259.75. Also we would like to have the entire club dues paid up by the November meeting. We are discussing the way to handle tickets to the banquet.

Membership Chairman John Schwartz- Membership 45 active 3 family and 2 lifetime, Start thinking about board members for next year or about running an event.

Had Josh Boller speak to the club about why he wants to join the club. Likes to be outdoors and around good people, has a passion for bass fishing. Willing to help out and get involved in the club activities and would like to do the out of town tournaments. He would like to be a non-boater for a while. Discussed and vote held. Result - Approved as a New Member. Now at 46 active Members.

Filling in for Keith Cloward - Vicki Becker- Announced that the Bunco night is August 23rd at the Brants home. For the Banquet - we will need some people to help (volunteers), also the Texas hold'em tournament was cancelled due to lack of participation. Discussed Playing Texas Hold'em at the fish fry. Some felt it was not a good idea at the fish fry more discussion will be made by the board. Discussed surf fishing event- decided on fishing Ocean beach just south of Dog beach near the fire pits. Plenty of parking. Vote - who like to fish the OB- 2, Who would like to fish the bay- 6, result Fishing will be at shelter Island.

Doris Cook announced to the club that this is Brandon's last meeting before he goes off to college. Special thanks from Ken Louis for all his participation in the club even before he was a member.

Jim Putney updated the club on Bass Council news- Joe Weber stated- There would be a raise in fees proposed to the council daily permit to go from 5 to 8 and Night tournament to double in fee from 750 to 1500 and still charge permits, also launch fees will go from 5 to 7 dollars and Discussed cost of lake staff.

Terry Chenoweth announced the Van Wulven induction ceremony, room is booked looking at 10 dollars per person, going to ask each club to pitch in 100 dollars to the Bass Clubs Council, October 21st Tuesday night at La Mesa community center. Everyone is invited.

Tournament Director Greg Gardner- 10 people got drawn boat to boat, read pairings, Otay tournament is a 6 hour tournament will start at 7:30 to 2 am, Gates will open the gate at the latest 7pm. Also got word that from the tournament permit jamboree and from the state game warden the limit is 3 fish per person 12 inches mouth closed swing the tail for Night tournaments.

Discuss tournament dead fish issue, we need to try to get the 3.18% dead fish percentage down. Make sure your equipment is working properly, turn your fish pumps on early, use catch and release as well, check your fish often, prepare for long runs make sure you have plugs in the live well so they do not drain, keep the lines at the scales short and put a lot of water in the bags, your responsible for your dead fish take them home, plan accordingly. Also it is best to freeze 2 liter water bottles ad add them to the live wells to keep the water temperature down.

Ed Byrd made a motion to have 6 official weigh bags. Scott Ashley second the motion. Club discussed motion and Ed Byrd revised his motion that we should have 6 official bags and that they should be place markers for weighing in your fish and that as long as you have the official bag you may use your own bag when you have a big fish and need to use multiple bags. Discussion was held and Ed Byrd amended his motion to have 6 or 8 clips to mark your ability to weigh your fish at the scales and when you arrive at the scale you would turn in your clip and the clip would be handed off to another member to bring their fish up. Motion was second by Dave Patrick. Dave Seaburg called for a vote. Vote was made and did not pass.

Bud Brant thanked Larry Ward for bring the drink. Thanks to Doris for Brandon's farewell cake. Thanks to Skip for the cookies and Geri and Donna lee for the sandwiches.

Kathy Stephens and Josh Boller volunteered to bring in next months snacks.
Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.



San Diego Bassmasters

Beach Fishing & Bon~Fire

**Come join us Saturday September 6th at 5:00 p.m.
1st Annual San Diego Bassmasters
Beach Bon~fire & Fishing Night
*Shelter Island***

On the beach between the launch ramp and the fishing pier.

Just bring your family and friends, drinks, lawn chairs and fishing gear.

The club will supply hot dogs with all the trimmings,
All the goodies to roast marshmallows and make S□ mores.
\$5.00 per person

Contact Vicki Becker at 440~3306 or Donalea Brant at 443~1160 for information