



NEWS

APRIL 2006



HAVASU ROCKS, BUT SO DO THE BASSMASTERS

A REAL ADVENTURE THIS TIME

BY TERRY FOREMAN

Our first Havasu tournament was a real rollercoaster ride, with lots of fish and all kinds of misadventures. The spawn wasn't in full swing, with water temps in the low 60's in most places and the weather was cool and breezy, making it hard to see the big smallmouth spawners we anticipated. But Jim Putney put it on us with 29.87 lbs and big fish of the tournament, a 5.58 largemouth

worth \$140. Jim didn't travel very far on Saturday, say 50 feet from the north ramp buoys, and used dropshot to rake in the big bag. Big Ed Marr was second with two nice bags for 26.55, and Ed Byrd was third with only nine fish for 23.83.

As far as the misadventures go, Harold Stephens made his boat into an aquarium, filling it up with water. But Terry Chenoweth and Vicki Becker topped that. Vicki got sick in the boat, actually passing out, and Terry had to take Vicki back to the ramp. Donalea Brant came and took her to the hospital, and Vicki had to stay in the hospital for three nights. After returning to the lake, Terry then lost power in his boat and was stuck in California Cove, and wasn't able to get back to weigh-in. But heck, why stop there? He then had some yahoo back into his trailer on the ramp who, even though Terry saw him do it, had the gall to say he didn't do it! Ah, the love of the game!

A note about Weigh-ins: All in all, the weigh-in went OK. However, I feel we need to speed up the process. Have your big fish all picked out and marked when you get to the scales, but wait for me to tare the scales. Then get the other fish into the basket as fast as you can. By the way, if I seem a little testy during the weigh-in, it's because I'm trying to concentrate on doing it correctly. I'll announce the weight, so you don't have to look over my shoulder, please.

By the way, I think the dead smallmouth Inder weighed in died of starvation...

Next up is another live weigh-in at San Vicente on Saturday, April 15th. The sewage spill has been cleared and we'll be on the water as per the schedule. Be sure you sign up at the meeting on Monday or call me at 760-485-2281/858-457-0066.

No Shorts

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Havasu Tournament, Day 2, Weigh-in at 3:00 PM, Windsor Launch Ramp (Fish are weighed)
- 1 Anglers Choice at Havasu
- 10 General Meeting, 7:00 PM, La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center
- 15 San Vicente Tournament, Weigh-in at 3:00 PM (Fish are weighed)
- 15 SDBC Night Tournament at San Vicente
- 19 Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

MAY

- 8 General Meeting, 7:00 PM, La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center
- 13 SDBC Night Tournament at San Vicente
- 17 Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 19-20 Alamo Tournament (Paper)

PRESIDENTS REPORT

By Harold Stephens

Spring is here and I believe it is going to be a great year for bass fishing. It seems it is extremely good at Lake Dixon in Escondido. 25 pounds, what a bass.

The Fred Hall Boat Show seemed to be a success. I worked the Bass Council booth with Terry Chenoweth and I had a chance to visit the San Diego City Lakes booth and get some information of the San Vicente closure. Fall 2006 –Spring 2007. Reservoir will be closed Monday through Friday (open on weekends and holidays) at some point during this time period. It is not anticipated that the reservoir will be closed during the summer months. This is due to the construction of the San Vicente Pipeline Surge Control Facility. 2008-2013 the lake will be completely closed for the construction of the dam and concrete curing. 2014-2017 reservoir reopens as soon as the water reaches new boat launch. El Capitan has been identified as the substitute for recreation and water skiing during this time. The new access road will be moved to another location and widened to be safer and the maximum slope will not exceed 15 percent. The current grade is 23 percent.

The San Vicente Dam currently stands at 220 feet. The approval that exists now is to raise the dam 54 feet and by the time construction starts they may have approval to raise the dam an additional 69 feet. It is to be a stair-stepped dam and will be built on top and in front of the existing dam. I will have a brochure at the meeting to show what the lake will look like after the construction is completed and the lake is refilled.

Until the April meeting, take care and good fishing to all.



FISH TALES

By Doris Cook

Word is out that Terry Chenoweth's new bride, Jackie, got caught up in the Lake Dixon pursuit of large bass. While Terry was working, she went up there and took a five-pound nesting bass. Way to go Jackie! Watch out Weakley!

Debbie Mack had some health problems that sent her to the Emergency Room and hospital a couple of times. Her stress test turned out good and it appears her migraine medication may have been the culprit. Glad you're feeling better Deb!

Frank Morrin reports Gerie is half way through her last chemo treatments and is looking forward to celebrating after the final one, on May 9th. We're happy for you Gerie! You've really been a trooper!

Jim Putney has a new dolly that doesn't walk or talk, but took a big load off him. Joel "the brain" Gatlin felt bad that the "ole man" had to struggle lifting the 70 pound tongue on and off the Champion trailer after each fishing trip, so he designed and built a dolly to do all the work. It rolls under the trailer tongue and really gets the job done. Joel you are so smart and have more talents than making the best banana nut bread around.

Happy birthday to Adam East, on April 12th! Belated wishes to Gerie Morrin, Randy Kreiser, Steve Swaggerty, Dave Mack, Ed Marr and Harold Stephens, who celebrated their birthdays in March.

Contact me at mscooker@cox.net should you have any items you would like included in Fish Tales.

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NOTES FROM THE TREASURER....

By Cheryl Byrd

as of 03/13/06			
	FEB	MAR	Total
Juan Collins		\$20	\$20
Greg Deerman	\$20	\$20	\$40
Cesar Diosdado		\$20	\$20
Adam East		\$20	\$20
Greg Gardner		\$20	\$20
Stu Kenson		\$20	\$20
Randy Kreiser		\$20	\$20
Inder Lopez		\$20	\$20
Ben Massey	\$20	\$20	\$40
Jim Putney		\$20	\$20
Clifford Rubin		\$20	\$20
Chris Stone	\$20	\$20	\$40
Rowan Stone	\$20	\$20	\$40
TOTAL	\$80	\$260	\$340

I apologize for missing the last meeting, but work called. Actually, Ed got home from the meeting before I got home from work that night. Also, I'd like to thank Ed for taking in the money that evening, in my absence.

The attendance was on the light side at the March meeting, so the outstanding list is longer than usual. If your name is on the list, please bring your dues current at the April meeting (remember to add \$20 for the April's dues). I'd like to remind the four people who are already two months behind in their dues that they need to pay \$60 on or before April 10th in order to fish the San Vicente tournament.

We still have quite a large inventory of Club clothing, so we might start using some of it to bolster the monthly raffle. Also, since there was interest shown in having a 35th anniversary t-shirt, the Board will be looking into artwork, cost, etc. in the next couple of months. Remember, these shirts will need to be paid for in advance of us placing the order.

The Board is considering different ways to augment the Club's income this year. We are planning a Bunco Night, which should be great fun, but we are also looking at other options that will draw money from outside sources. We have heard suggestions from taking our excess tackle to the Swap Meet to allowing ads on the Website. If you have an idea, let the Board know.

Wishing a safe trip to all who are going to Havasu and see you all at the meeting (hopefully!)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY LARRY WARD

Membership is at 40 active members and 3 family members. I did have someone approach me about joining the club, he seemed like a good guy. Let's see if he shows up to our April meeting. I've got a good story, I fished a Federation tournament on the 19th of March at El Cap. I was using my boat had a back-seater fishing with me. He actually owns a boat but we decided to use mine. The Federation is a straight draw format. We started the day in the very back in all the brush and trees and ended up staying there all day. We had a great day of fishing probably my best day fishing since starting this stuff. Between the two of us we caught over 30 fish. So at about 2:40 we decided to head to the weigh in and the boat wouldn't start. I tried everything I could think of to get it started but never "gotten done". Finally my back-seater hitched a ride with another fisherman and took our fish to the weigh in. We both ended up getting disqualified. I had 17.05 lbs and my back-seater had 16 lbs., which would have been good for 3rd and 4th place. So, I finally have a good tournament and I still manage to lose....Learnin' the hard way.

Bassmaster Spotlight: John Schwartz

Bassmaster since: 2000

Current profession: Painter

Favorite food: Stake Medium Rare

Longest time spent awake: 36 Hours, Out Hitting the clubs all night in Atlantic City then went fishing all day

Biggest largemouth bass: 10.5 lbs Lake Hodges

Hobbies: Fishing, Mustangs and Science

Biggest accomplishment: 40 years young single no kids and Happy

Biggest Fish: 40 lbs Bluefin Tuna

Favorite Lure to Fish: Likes to throw it all

Favorite Nickname for Jet-Skiers: Leaf Blowers

THE VP'S MESSAGE

By Dave Seaberg

It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming. -John Steinbeck

First of all. Congratulations to Greg Gardner for his stellar performance at the SD Bass Council Tournament of Champions. Greg truly is the best of the best and I thank him for sharing his knowledge, his skill and his friendship with all of us.

Next up is the Family/Fun Tournament happening the 6th of May. Ed Marr is working to set this up and is requesting that you bring all of the items for the kids raffle/give away to the April meeting. This is the first opportunity to dig through our endless supply of tackle, rods, and reels to find those items to give to others that will put a smile in the eyes of kids. The second opportunity will be the day of fishing in case you haven't helped out at the April meeting. We are still waiting to select a lake, hoping that Murray might be open by then.

Jim Putney will be speaking at our April meeting of his proposal for city lakes and his meeting with the proper authorities. Jim had a well-reasoned set of proposals that were fine tuned and put to paper by Zoé Gardner. Jim said the presentation went well and I am anxious to hear the results and what the city has planned. Question and answer following Jim's talk. Thanks immensely Jim & Zoé. It is this type of volunteerism and passion that allow us all to benefit from your efforts.

We don't have quite enough people for the Memorial Day Barrett Lake fishing expedition. If you are interested, please contact Lee Chapman at 619 -463-0191 for information, cost and to sign up.

Looking forward to the Havasu Tournament. By the time you get this newsletter we should have crowned a winner, had a great time, caught an insane number of fish and as ever had a great time with friends.

See you all at the April meeting. Remember we will be drawing for the San V tournament and prepping for the Alamo Tournament in May.

DIAMOND VALLEY SUCCESS

Bill Stock, his son Hunter, along with Hunter's friend Danny, recently went to Diamond Valley and were able to catch some very nice fish. Here's a couple of pictures....



SAN DIEGO BASSMASTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2006

President Harold Stephens called the March meeting to order at 7:08pm in the La Mesa Senior Center. Terry Chenoweth reported on a team tournament at the Lower Colorado River with a \$150 entry fee to be held on April 23rd. Harold then informed the club about the banner that the board had discussed at the last board meeting, and decided to have made, and noted that it would be ready for our Lake Havasu Tournament.

Jim Putney gave a report on the upcoming Earth Day event at Lake Jennings April 22nd in which Kids fish free and he gave out flyers and asked for people to help. Jim also talked about the city lakes committee in which they are not only trying to come up with issues that need addressing, but are trying to have solutions and their benefits prepared for their presentation to the city lakes personal.

Harold noted that Ed Byrd would be covering for Cheryl, our Treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting, and also that Membership Chairman Larry Ward was unable to attend. Kathy Stephens was our only guest this evening.

Dave Seaberg asked for interest regarding fishing Lake Barratt May 29th. The cost would be \$45 per person for the first two people in a boat, And that up to four people can fish per boat.

Harold asked for approval of the February 13th general meeting minutes, Ben Massey made the motion and Jim Putney 2nd, motion carried.

Tournament Director, Terry Foreman stated that he had forgotten the trophies for our El Capitan Tournament but he would still have the winners tell us how they did it; In 3rd place was Ed Marr with 5 fish that went 11.29 pounds that he reported catching on the drop shot. In 2nd place was Greg Gardner with 5 fish that went 12.76 pounds that he reported catching on brown jigs with black and blue pork.

In 1st place was Dave Patrick with 5 fish that went 12.92 pounds that he reported catching on the drop shot with morning dawn color worms in 10-15 feet of water off points in the back. Big fish was caught by Skip Whitworth that went 4.18 pounds and was caught on a water melon senko in the back around brush and was worth \$70. Terry then talked about the upcoming tournament at Lake Havasu on March 31st and April 1st and noted that we will use the south launch ramp at Windsor, weigh in will be 3:00pm California time and that we will be weighing fish that must be 13 inches or more. Discussion was held on weather or not to have a Thursday night dinner at Havasu and what restaurants to have it at, with the Golden Horseshoe holding an edge over the Black Bear Diner because of room. Terry then talked about his recent team tournament with Ron Overman at Lake Alamo in which he noted that the lake level is way up and that the fishing was very good and that the fish looked very healthy.

Because of the Bass Council TOC, San Vicente will be off limits to all club members March 23rd to 26th but all members can come to watch Greg Gardner weigh in his fish at 3:00pm Sat the 25th and 1:00pm on the 26th.

It was reported that El Capitan will be open all winter, that Lake Hodges will be open in early April, that Lake Sutherland has very high water level, that Lake Murray will open its launch ramp in April, and that Lake Otay will be open till Oct.

After the break in which Havasu boaters drew for start order, Greg Gardner gave a program on Jig fishing. Greg stated that he uses a 3/8oz Jig either Brown or Black with either a Purple, Black/Blue or Black/Chartreuse pork frog trailer for most of his jig fishing, and that he really tries to keep his 7foot med heavy rod in a position to set the hook at all times with the idea of trying to feel for rocks and to move the jig as a crawdad would move.

Terry Foreman read the parings, then Ed Byrd asked for interest on weather the club would like 35th anniversary tee shirts made up. It was noted that the board meeting will be on wed. March 15th at Dave Seabergs house. Harold thanked Kathy Stephens for his 69th Birthday Cake and he thanked Ed Marr for the drinks. Harold then adjourned the meeting at 9:13 with the Raffle to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

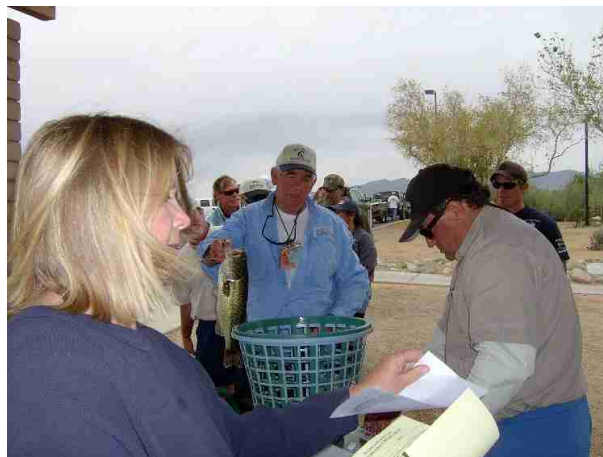
Jeff Manning
Secretary

	Number	Big	Total	Tournament	Number	Big	Total	Tournament	Number	Big	Total	Tournament	Year-end
1 Jim Putney	5	3.86	11.93	240.88	5	5.58	17.94	337.04	10	5.58	29.87	577.92	22
2 Ed Marr	5	2.98	12.07	243.12	5	3.87	14.48	281.68	10	3.87	26.55	524.80	21
3 Ed Byrd	5	3.45	14.78	286.48	4	2.75	9.05	184.80	9	3.45	23.83	471.28	20
4 Ron Overman	5	2.63	10.10	211.60	5	3.98	11.90	240.40	10	3.98	22.00	452.00	19
5 John Schwartz	5	2.73	9.03	194.48	5	2.97	12.17	244.72	10	2.97	21.20	439.20	18
6 Greg Gardner	5	2.71	10.88	224.08	5	2.74	10.08	211.28	10	2.74	20.96	435.36	17
7 Dave Mack	5	2.76	12.23	245.68	5	2.67	8.48	185.68	10	2.76	20.71	431.36	16
8 Jeff Manning	5	2.55	9.62	203.92	5	2.91	11.02	226.32	10	2.91	20.64	430.24	15
9 Jim Davis	5	3.26	11.49	233.84	5	2.38	9.09	195.44	10	3.26	20.58	429.28	14
10 Kenny Louis	5	2.48	10.60	219.60	3	3.07	6.36	131.76	8	3.07	16.96	351.36	13
11 Inder Lopez	4	2.24	7.18	154.88	5	2.73	9.05	194.80	9	2.73	16.23	349.68	12
12 Juan Collins	5	2.36	9.08	195.28	4	0.00	6.62	145.92	9	2.36	15.70	341.20	11
13 Harold Stephens	5	3.18	10.10	211.60	4	1.52	5.11	121.76	9	3.18	15.21	333.36	10
14 Zoé Gardner	3	2.86	5.68	120.88	5	0.00	8.53	186.48	8	2.86	14.21	307.36	9
15 Larry Ward	5	2.90	12.18	244.88	1	1.94	1.94	41.04	6	2.90	14.12	285.92	8
16 Ben Massey	4	3.17	8.10	169.60	4	0.00	4.75	116.00	8	3.17	12.85	285.60	7
17 Darryl Crippen	5	2.33	8.12	179.92	2	2.41	4.40	90.40	7	2.41	12.52	270.32	6
18 Adam East	2	2.36	3.45	75.20	4	3.05	8.08	169.28	6	3.05	11.53	244.48	5
19 Bud Brant	5	3.06	10.95	225.20	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	5	3.06	10.95	225.20	4
20 Terry Foreman	4	2.69	8.62	177.92	1	2.07	2.07	43.12	5	2.69	10.69	221.04	3
Terry Chenoweth	5	2.91	10.65	220.40	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	5	2.91	10.65	220.40	2
Cheryl Byrd	4	2.20	8.05	168.80	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	4	2.20	8.05	168.80	2
Vicki Becker	4	3.31	7.96	167.36	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	4	3.31	7.96	167.36	2
Dave Patrick	1	2.20	2.20	45.20	3	2.14	5.67	120.72	4	2.20	7.87	165.92	2
Skip Whitworth	3	2.61	4.83	107.28	1	1.00	1.00	26.00	4	2.61	5.83	133.28	2
Mike McIntyre	3	2.18	4.86	107.76	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	3	2.18	4.86	107.76	2
Dave Seaberg	2	2.50	3.95	83.20	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2	2.50	3.95	83.20	2
Lee Chapman	2	2.22	3.90	82.40	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2	2.22	3.90	82.40	2
	116	3.86	242.59		81	5.58	167.79	337.04	197.00	410	577.92		



	Big Fish	El Capitan	Havasu	Total Points
1 Ed Marr	3.05	20	21	41
2 Greg Gardner	3.74	21	17	38
3 Kenny Louis	3.07	19	13	32
4 Dave Mack	2.76	16	16	32
5 Jim Putney	5.58	6	22	28
6 Ed Byrd	3.45	8	20	28
7 Zoé Gardner	2.86	17	9	26
8 Inder Lopez	2.73	14	12	26
9 Dave Patrick	3.89	22	2	24
10 Jeff Manning	2.93	9	15	24
11 Juan Collins	3.84	12	11	23
12 Adam East	3.52	18	5	23
13 John Schwartz	2.97	2	18	20
14 Ron Overman	3.98	0	19	19
15 Jim Davis	3.26	4	14	18
16 Randy Kreiser	2.15	15	0	15
17 Skip Whitworth	4.18	11	2	13
18 Brandon Hoffman	2.79	13	0	13
19 Ben Massey	3.17	5	7	12
20 Cheryl Byrd	3.01	10	2	12
21 Harold Stephens	3.18	0	10	10
22 Larry Ward	2.90	2	8	10
23 Terry Chenowth	2.91	7	2	9
24 Lee Chapman	2.68	4	2	6
25 Darryl Crippen	2.41	0	6	6
26 Terry Foreman	2.69	2	3	5
27 Vicki Becker	3.31	2	2	4
28 Bud Brant	3.06	0	4	4
29 Dave Seaberg	2.50	0	2	2
30 Cesar Diosdado	2.46	2	0	2
31 Steve Swaggerty	2.26	2	0	2
32 Mike McIntyre	2.18	0	2	2
33 Stu Kenson	0.00	2	0	2
Greg Deerman	0.00	0	0	0
Frank Morrin	0.00	0	0	0
Mark Bingham	0.00	0	0	0
Marshall Bubel	0.00	0	0	0
Joel Gatlin	0.00	0	0	0
Bill Holloway	0.00	0	0	0
Tim McQueen	0.00	0	0	0
Clifford Rubin	0.00	0	0	0
Janice Eisner	0.00	0	0	0
Lynn Brown	0.00	0	0	0
Rowan Stone	0.00	0	0	0
Mike Acuna	0.00	0	0	0
Chris Stone	0.00	0	0	0
Number of Fishermen		28	28	
Number of Fish per Day		70	98.5	
Weight per Day		154.91	205.19	

TERRY FOREMAN, AIDED BY BRENDA, GETS READY FOR BEN MASSEY TO WEIGH IN



VICKY BECKER'S BIG FISH



C-17 Globemaster Flying VERY Low

