



NEWS

MARCH 2006

EL CAP FINALLY PUTS OUT SOME FISH!

SDBM CURSE HOLDS AGAIN

by Terry Foreman

Our first stop on the 2006 Trail was pretty darn good, compared to the ones we had at El Cap last year. Twenty-eight brave souls were able to put 71 fish to the dry side and start the year in style, although our weather curse held up again. After weeks of warm and mild weather, we were hit with morning rain and a steady wind, which likely hampered an otherwise excellent bite. Big Ed Marr had 12.76 lbs and a big fish of 3.05 to finish third behind Greg Gardner, who, despite being older than most of us, allegedly fished deep and amassed 12.76 lbs with a 3.74 kicker for second place.

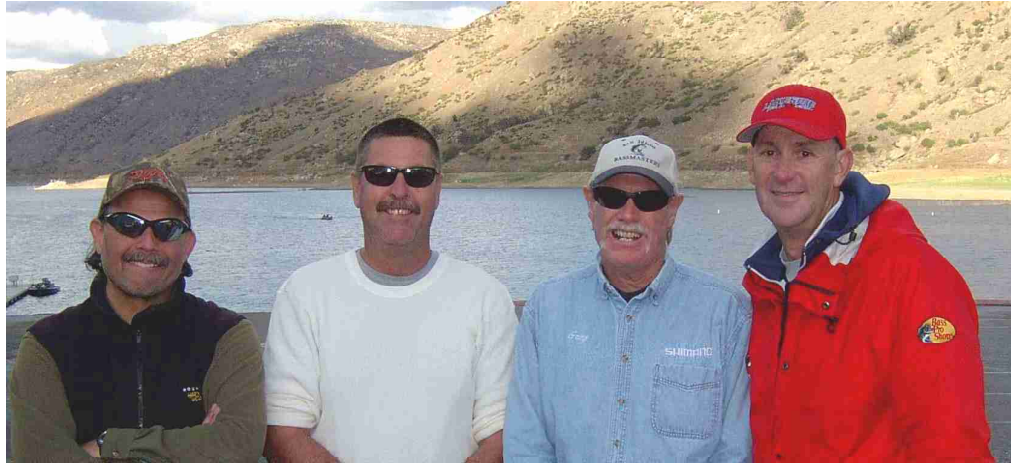
Our winner was David Patrick, who finally broke through for his first club win with 12.92 lbs and a 3.89 big fish. He squeaked by Greg by 0.16 lbs and judging by his reaction when his name was announced, was thrilled with his first win.

These hot sticks couldn't find the Toad for the tournament though. That fell to Skip Whitworth, who got \$70 for his 4.18. He said it ate a senko in the back of the lake.

Also, I want to give a big shout out for our newest Bassmaster, Brandon Hoffman, who put it on Putney from the backseat, and placed tenth in his first regular season event. He acted like he'd been there before when he brought his fish to the scales. Jim's is going to have to do a better job of backseating.

This tournament inaugurated our "half and half" format where we weigh in at half the events and do paper at the other half. It appeared everyone had a good time being able to see each other's fish. I want to thank all of you who helped with the weigh in, because it's not as easy when we bring 'em to the scales. Having everyone on the dock watching made it a bit difficult to move around and get things done. If I appeared cranky it was because I was. It was Mack's fault, who made me net his limit while I never got bit.

Next stop is Havasu! We have to wait six weeks for that but it will be worth it. Water temps are cool as of this writing (2/25) and the fish are just showing up in the very warmest areas. If you need a partner, let me know. We should have passed a sign-up sheet at the meeting, but didn't, and I want everyone who wants to go to have that chance. With six weeks between tournaments I want to see several big fish turned in for Big Fish Out of Tournament...Get 'er done...No Shorts.



EL CAP WINNERS: SKIP WHITWORTH (Big Fish); ED MARR (3RD); GREG GARDNER (2ND); AND THE WINNER, DAVE PATRICK

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 13** *General Meeting, 7:00 PM, La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center*
- 22** *Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, at the Seabergs*
- 20-26** *SAN VICENTE OFF LIMITS*
- 26-27** *SDBC TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS*
- 31** *Havasu Tournament, Day 1, Weigh-in at 3:00 PM, Windsor Launch Ramp (Fish are weighed)*

APRIL

- 1** *Havasu Tournament, Day 1, Weigh-in at 3:00 PM, Windsor Launch Ramp*
- 13** *General Meeting, 7:00 PM, La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center*
- 15** *San Vicente Tournament, Weigh-in at 3:00 PM*
- 19** *Board Meeting, 7:00 PM*

Presidents Report

By Harold Stephens

We are almost a third of the way through this year and I would like to commend the members of the Board of Directors for their jobs thus far. Dave Seaberg is doing a fine job as Vice President. This was evident the way he conducted his job at the January meeting and the fine program he supplied for us in February. Terry Foreman did an outstanding job at the El Cap Tournament. The weighing of fish is new to us right now and I think it went very well. What can I say about Cheryl Byrd that hasn't been said before? She has been Treasurer for several years and I don't know how she could be better at what she does. Ed Byrd is doing a fine job as Newsletter Editor and keeping the website up to date. Great job Ed. (If you could only get me to get my article in on time).

Jeff Manning has not been on the board for some time but he is doing a fine job as Secretary. His minutes are always correct and to the point. Larry Ward is serving on the board for the first time and is doing great as Membership Chairman. He has updated the roster several times to make sure everyone has the correct information. If any past president has had a better board, I don't know who it would be. Thanks guys and gals for making my job so easy.

Everything is shaping up nicely for the Top Six Tournament. I still need more volunteers and will address this at the March meeting. Jim Putney who was not able to make the February meeting has volunteered to help get raffle prizes. Thanks Jim, I knew we could count on you to jump in and help.

Congratulations to Terry Chenowith and Jackie Rubin Chenowith on their wedding on February 25th.
Until the meeting, take care.

Membership News

By: Larry Ward

Well it's already March. Anyways, membership is now at 40 active members and 3 family members. If you weren't at our February meeting, I'll fill you in on the membership stuff, Lynn Brown has requested At-Large status, because he's moving to Texas. I know he'll be missed. It sounds like it's a good move for him and his family. Best wishes to the Browns!

I also want to officially welcome Brandon Hoffman to the club. Brandon has been involved with the club for a long time and finally he is an official member. Congratulations Brandon!

I spoke with Jimmy Walker he had been on the inactive list for the past year. He said that he really didn't have the time to go active, so he's going to let his membership in the club end. He also said he really hopes to be able to come back in a few years.

See you all at our next meeting.

Bassmaster Spotlight: Cliff Rubin

Bassmaster since: 2004

Current profession: Mechanic Insulator Forman

Significant other: Lynda Coburn

Favorite food: Medium Well Rib Eye Steak

Longest time spent awake: 48 Hours

Biggest largemouth bass: 4.72 lbs

Hobbies: Fishing

Biggest accomplishment: Coming Back From Breaking His Neck Twice

Biggest Fish: 37 lbs Albacore

Favorite Lure to Fish: Crank bait

Favorite Nickname for Jet-Skiers: Water Foul



**MADDY WARD WITH HER
WINNING FISH - 4.97 POUNDS AT THE
LAKE POWAY YOUTH'S DERBY**

THE VP'S MESSAGE

By Dave Seaberg

"THE GODS DO NOT DEDUCT FROM MAN'S ALLOTTED SPAN THE HOURS SPENT IN FISHING. ~BABYLONIAN PROVERB

Congratulations to the Winner of the El Cap tournament, Dave Patrick. The last two club tournaments have been won by Dave's...Mr. Mack, is it your turn next?

Greg Gardner has graciously consented to present a clinic on Jig Fishing at our next club meeting in March. I can't wait to learn more about this subject. Hopefully, we will all be able to put some of this expertise to work at our tournament in Havasu at the end of the month.

One of the reasons I took on the role of Vice President was to meet and learn from the greatest number of people possible in the biggest and best club in San Diego. I can assure you that my learning curve is now much greater than when I would just show up to meetings and tournaments. Thank you, to those that have offered their time, knowledge, and wisdom in helping me become a better fisherman. We as a club are truly greater than the sum of our individual parts.

I will be putting the touch on a few members to help out with functions within the club. Some look on these as a burden, I look on it as a new set of possibilities and opportunities. Just remember, your club is what you make it. The Board, which volunteered their time and efforts, do not "run" your club. If there is something you think needs to be done or is a great idea, bring it up. We will help you find like-minded people to help accomplish your goal. Discussion and debate is a sign of a healthy organization with great minds. Discussion and debate are two of the major reasons we have club meetings, that and to conduct club business. The free exchange of ideas benefits everyone. So please, attend the meetings, volunteer your time, and make this year an even better year than last.

See you on the water!



FISH TALES

By Doris Cook

By the time you read this Terry and Jackie Chenoweth will be spending their honeymoon fishing at Lake Mead and Lake Havasu. The February 25th wedding was attended by many San Diego Bassmasters and was a superb event. Terry had his boat all hooked up ready to hit the road after he got "hooked up". Congratulations, good luck and good fishing!

Oh those aching muscles!!!! The annual bowling event at Parkway Bowl on Sunday, February 27 saw 33 members, friends and families bowling three games. It was another fun event thanks to Lee and Irene Chapman who put it all together and provided the good prizes. Afterwards 18 went over to Baker's Square for the monthly Sunday dinner.

Good News: Jim Putney just received a good report from his urologist after an examination of his bladder. There was no indication of any remaining cancer or infection, eliminating the need for the BCG chemo. The stint was removed from the kidney to the bladder, which was another blessing.

Jim Walker reports he is feeling good after his prostate cancer surgery. He looks great and is able to resume his golf game. It was great to see he and Mary at the bowling last Sunday, even as spectators.

The Byrd's and Foreman's recently returned from a trip to Cabo where they had a wonderful, relaxing stay. They reported hooking into some marlin, but were unable to land any. Ed caught a black tuna and called the trip "Victory at Sea" due to the weather condition.

Member-at-large Bob Eberly, now living in Fort Worth, Tx writes that he is spending enough time at Cabella's, only 4 miles from his new home, that he almost feels he should be receiving a paycheck. He wanted to let everyone know his new e-mail address is e_bob@sbcglobal.net.



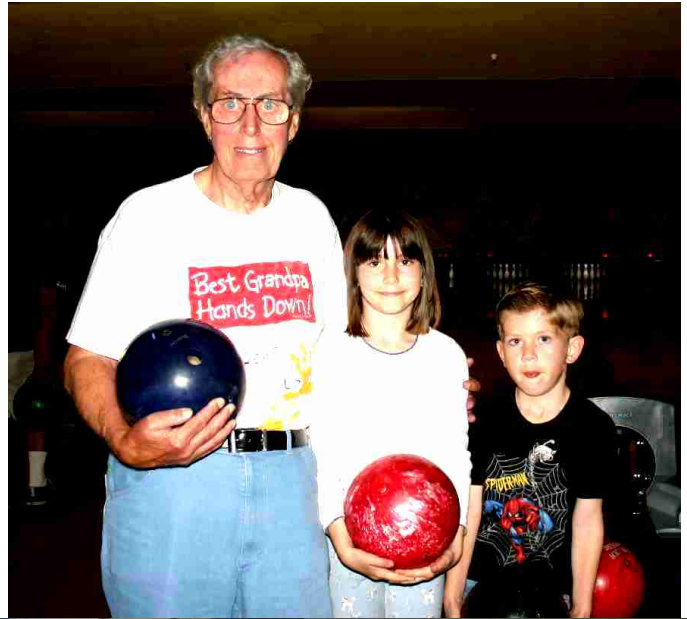
BASSMASTER BOWLING

By Lee Chapman

Our annual bowling party was held at Parkway Bowl Sunday, February 25. This was, by far, our biggest turnout during the 20 years we have sponsored this event. We had 33 bowlers, 7 of whom were kids. It was heart warming to see those little ones have such a good time.

High scores by the men were Chris Archuletta (Jim Davis' son-in-law), who bowled a game of 177, and Bud Brant with a 463 series. Pam Davis (Jim's wife) had high game honors with 149, and Dee Dee Cross (Doris Cook's daughter) had high series of 499. In the boys' event, Noah Ward (Larry's son) had high game, and Justin Zeising (Lee Chapman's grandson) had low game. The girls' high game went to Corryne Chenoweth (Terry Chenoweth's granddaughter), and low game to Macklyn Ward (Larry's daughter).

Everyone seemed to have a good time, and that's what the San Diego Bassmasters is all about.



Notes from the Treasurer...

By Cheryl Byrd

We have finally paid for all of the 2005 expenses. We incurred some unanticipated price increases on plaques, buckles and burning the DVD, and have had to absorb approximately \$500 in this year. This, along with the reduced income due to lower membership, will force us to really be smart as to how we spend our funds in 2006. Some members have already come up with some innovative ideas for raising extra money, but if you have an idea, please tell one of the Board members.

I would like to extend a special "Thank you" to the members that donated money to offset to cost of the flowers purchased for Charlie Ray's funeral.

There has been some talk about ordering a commemorative 35th Anniversary T-shirt. We will inquire into the level of interest in this at the March meeting. Since there is already a large inventory of hats and golf shirts, any additional merchandise will have to be pre-paid before an order is placed.

Please check to see if your name is on the outstanding dues list. Remember that this list only shows the amount that is in arrears, so please add an additional \$20 for the current month.

See you at the March meeting and good luck at Havasu.

	Outstanding Dues as of 02/26/06					Total
	05 NOV	05 DEC	06 INS.	06 JAN	06 FEB	
Mark Bingham	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$105
Juan Collins					\$20	\$20
Greg Deerman					\$20	\$20
Janice Eisner					\$20	\$20
Terry Foreman					\$20	\$20
Brandon Hoffman					\$20	\$20
Ben Massey					\$20	\$20
Mike McIntyre			\$25	\$20	\$20	\$65
David Patrick					\$20	\$20
Jim Putney					\$20	\$20
Clifford Rubin					\$20	\$20
Rowan Stone			\$5		\$20	\$25
Chris Stone			\$5		\$20	\$25
TOTAL	\$20	\$20	\$60	\$40	\$260	\$400

IS THAT WHAT HEAVEN IS REALLY LIKE?

There were two lovers, who were really into spiritualism and reincarnation. They vowed that if either died, the other one remaining would try to contact the partner in the other world exactly 30 days after their death. Unfortunately, a few weeks later, the young man died in a car wreck. True to her word, his sweetheart tried to contact him in the spirit world exactly 30 days later.

At the séance, she called out, "John, John, this is Martha. Do you hear me?"

A ghostly voice answered her, "Yes Martha, this is John. I can hear you."

Martha tearfully asked, "Oh John, what is it like where you are?"

"It's beautiful. There are azure skies, a soft breeze, sunshine most of the time."

"What do you do all day?" asked Martha. "Well, Martha, we get up before sunrise, eat some good breakfast, and there's nothing but making love until noon. After lunch, we nap until two and then make love again until about five. After dinner, we go at it again until we fall asleep about 11 p.m."

Martha was somewhat taken aback. "Is that what heaven really is like?"

"Heaven? I'm not in heaven, Martha."

"Well, then, where are you?"

"I'm a rabbit in Arizona."

THE LOTTERY WINNER

An old guy and his son had a one-mule farm where they eked out a living. One day, the son hit the lottery and won \$50,000. He rushed into town, collected his money, then hurried back home, where he told his father the good news, and handed him a \$50 bill. The father looked at the money for a moment and then said, "Son, you know I've always been careful with what little money we had. I didn't spend it on whiskey or women. In fact, I couldn't even afford a license to legally marry your Ma."

"Pa!" the son exclaims, "do you know what that makes me?"

"Sure do," said the old guy fingering the fifty-dollar bill. "And a damn cheap one, too."

***SAN VICENTE IS OFF LIMITS TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS FROM
MONDAY MARCH 20th TO THE END OF THE BASS COUNCIL
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS MARCH 26th.***

EL CAPITAN					
February 18, 2006					
Name	Number of Fish	Big Fish	Total Weight	Tournament Points	Year-end Points
1 Dave Patrick	5	3.89	12.92	256.72	22
2 Greg Gardner	5	3.74	12.76	254.16	21
3 Ed Marr	5	3.05	11.29	230.64	20
4 Kenny Louis	5	2.33	10.61	219.76	19
5 Adam East	4	3.52	10.40	206.40	18
6 Zoé Gardner	5	2.25	9.46	201.36	17
7 Dave Mack	5	2.58	8.87	191.92	16
8 Randy Kreiser	5	2.15	8.36	183.76	15
9 Inder Lopez	4	2.31	8.38	174.08	14
10 Brandon Hoffman	4	2.79	7.56	160.96	13
11 Juan Collins	3	3.84	8.17	160.72	12
12 Skip Whitworth	2	4.18	7.18	134.88	11
13 Cheryl Byrd	3	3.01	5.81	122.96	10
14 Jeff Manning	2	2.93	4.77	96.32	9
15 Ed Byrd	2	2.57	4.25	88.00	8
16 Terry Chenowth	2	2.12	4.03	84.48	7
17 Jim Putney	2	1.54	3.02	68.32	6
18 Ben Massey	1	2.85	2.85	55.60	5
19 Jim Davis	1	2.68	2.68	52.88	4
19 Lee Chapman	1	2.68	2.68	52.88	4
Cesar Diosdado	1	2.46	2.46	49.36	2
Steve Swaggerty	1	2.26	2.26	46.16	2
Vicki Becker	1	2.20	2.20	45.20	2
Larry Ward	1	1.94	1.94	41.04	2
John Schwartz	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2
Tim McQueen	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Stu Kenson	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2
Terry Foreman	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2
Number of Fishermen:	70	4.18	154.91		

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2006

President Harold Stephens called the February meeting to order at 7:04pm in the La Mesa Senior Center. Guests Gary Ceiplis and Charlie Willits were introduced by Dave Seaberg, and guests Kathy Stephens and Josh Rhodes were introduced by Harold Stephens.

Zoé Gardner moved and Ed Marr 2nd that the Jan. minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Zoé Gardner gave out 2005 top 12 awards that were unavailable at the banquet. Greg Deerman and Jeff Manning received their reels and Ed Byrd, Dave Mack, and Greg Gardner received their belt buckles.

Terry Chenoweth talked about the BASS Federation and FLW and their battle for the Federation membership. As the SD Bassmasters have already sent our insurance money to BASS, it was decided to deal with the changes at the end of the year for the 2007 season.

Cheryl Byrd reminded everyone to have their insurance paid or they would be unable to fish our first tournament of the year. Cheryl also talked about our money situation and the recent chili cook-off with the raffle proceeds going towards the Bassmasters scholarship. The Sunday night dinner will be on Feb. 26th at Bakers Square in La Mesa, which will be preceded by our bowling that same day at parkway bowl at 1:00pm. In an effort to save the club some money, Ed Byrd asked to use Email for sending out the newsletter to all members who have Email addresses.

Dave Seaberg went over the following events:

- Terry Chenoweth will be getting married on Feb. 25th.
- Bowling will be at Parkway Bowl at 1:00pm on Feb.26th with Lee Chapman at the helm.
- Sunday night dinner will also be on Feb.26th at Bakers Square in La Mesa.
- The Family Tournament will be on May 6th at Lake Murray or Lake Jennings with Ed Marr as the tournament chairman.
- The Picnic will be on July 15th with Greg and Zoé Gardner running the show.
- Barrett trip on May 29th if there is enough interest, Lee Chapman ticket getter.
- Padres game, date to be set later, by Dave Mack.
- Fish Fry will be run by Randy Kreiser, Date to be set latter.
- Bunko Tournament, everything to be set up latter

Membership chairman Larry Ward stated that we have 40 members and 2 family members, and that new Rosters were available. Larry also thanked Joel Gatlin and Vicky Becker for their help and then introduced Lynn Brown who told the membership of his opportunity and impending move to San Antonio, Texas. Everyone was happy for Lynn and his family's opportunity, but will be sorry to see them leave. Larry noted that at the recent trout derby at Lake Poway, his 5-year-old daughter caught a 4lb 7oz trout, winning an award for big fish.

Dave Seaberg introduced guests: Gary Ceiplis and Charlie Willits who gave a talk about Quantum rods and reels, X tools, Cuda line, Canyon Lures, Jr. D Cranks and Specialty Tackle.

Zoé Gardner finally was able to give Inder Lopez his 1st place trophy for last years El Capitan Tournament win.

After the break, Terry Foreman discussed the procedures for the weigh-in and the permit sheets that all members must have in position to weigh fish under 15 inches at the Feb.18th tournament at Lake El Capitan. Terry also stated that there will be no pre-launching and the weigh-in will be at 3:00pm on the dock. After the parings were announced, Terry told everyone about Ron Overman and his win at the Jan.14th WON Team Tournament at the Lower Colorado River.

Harold adjourned the meeting at 9:26 with the Raffle to follow.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Manning
Secretary

**REMEMBER:
SAN VICENTE
IS OFF LIMITS
MARCH 20TH TO THE 26TH**