



NEWS

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36 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

HOT BITE AGAIN! **LARRY WARD TOPS FIELD**

By Ed Byrd



For the third straight tournament, the San Diego Bassmasters were at the right lake at the right time. Thirty of the thirty-four competitors caught limits and over four hundred pounds of fish were weighed in. Even the weather cooperated, with Saturday a pretty nice day...at least compared to the days before and after the tournament.

Top angler was Larry Ward. Larry's five fish went 19.13 pounds with a 4.95 big fish. Larry's win moves him into second place in the standings for the year, just behind Jim Putney.

Speaking of Jim, he finished in second place, with

an 18.22 limit, which included a 4.77 pound big fish. By the way, Jim's backseater, Brandon Hoffman, was able to get his first limit in a tournament...the first of many, I'm sure!

Third place went to Ed Marr with an 18.15 pound limit, just 0.07 pounds under Jim Putney's limit. Big Ed's largest fish went 4.33 pounds. Great job Ed!

Big fish of the tournament was a beautiful 7.43 toad caught by Keith Cloward. Rumor has it that Keith caught the fish on a swimbait that Inder Lopez loaned him! Keith's big fish not only took the big fish money, but moved Keith up to fourth place in the tournament! By the way, this is the first tournament so far this year that Inder hasn't taken second big fish of the tournament. Maybe Inder should have kept that swimbait for himself.

So much for the fun, now I need to turn to more serious matters. A situation that occurred during the first San Vicente tournament has been brought up and needs to be addressed. During that tournament, a large fish was caught and placed in the livewell. The angler catching the fish observed that the fish seemed to be having problems and the angler was concerned that the fish might die. The angler brought the fish over to me and asked if it could be weighed and released. After seeing (and photographing) the fish, I told the angler that the fish could be weighed at the dock as long as his partner observed the weight and the fish could then be released.

My thinking at the time was that the dock scales have been used in the past to weigh fish "off the board" in paper tournaments when the six hour limitation is in effect during the summer. This reasoning was in error and was solely my error. What should have occurred was that if the fish was to be weighed in early, the Tournament Chairman (me) should have weighed it on the same scale as that used for the general weigh in. Also, I should have told the angler that if the fish was to be weighed early, a dead fish deduction would apply. In this case, the dead fish penalty has been applied and the angler has been notified of this. The Board approved the above action after extensive discussion.

Tournament rule 6 states "The fish or weigh slips shall be presented to the Tournament Chairman at the designated time and place." In this case the Tournament Chairman designated that that particular fish was to be weighed early and at the dock, something that was based on my interpretation of the rules at the time.

It was also brought up that weighing this fish early violated the "Live Weigh-in Procedures for 2006". First of all, these are procedures, **NOT** tournament rules. They have **NEVER** been voted on and were instituted by the previous Tournament Chairman. Part of the Live Weigh-in Procedures for 2006 states that "There is no provision for weighing in fish prior to the official weigh in." This stipulation was put in, according to my interpretation, to protect the Tournament Chairman from being **REQUIRED** to weigh fish early if a participant so requested. Perhaps these procedures should be adopted as tournament rules. If so they need to be voted on by the membership. In the future, and again after extensive discussion and approval by the Board, under no circumstances will fish be weighed in prior to the general weigh in.

The final tournament rule states "Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Committee. Any protests that may arise should be brought to the Tournament Committee's attention as soon as possible, and no later than ten minutes after the weigh-in is complete or all weigh slips are collected. The Tournament Committee's decision is final." In this case, prior to the end of the weigh in, members of the Tournament Committee were aware of the fish being weighed in early, as were other participants in the tournament; it was never a secret. The situation was never brought up by anyone again until two months later, with their reasoning being that they weren't aware of it. This is the sort of thing that the final tournament rule is meant to prevent.

Now back to somewhat more fun stuff. I say somewhat because I recently became aware that there will be a WON Bass team tournament on the same Saturday as our tournament at Alamo. This is the same group that changed their Havasu event to the Lower River on the same weekend as our tournament. Based on their previous events, I would expect around forty to fifty boats. Hopefully, they won't have too much impact on our tournament. Remember, this will be a "paper" tournament and we will be drawing for starting numbers at the meeting. Also remember to bring money for the big fish pot. Here's the latest report from Alamo:

The lake elevation continues to be good. Largemouth bass are present in all sizes and fishing is expected to be excellent to good throughout the spring. It looks like most of the bass are in the protected slot. All types of bait should work right now and as the weather warms a shift from slowly working plastics in deeper water to crank baits, spinner baits and topwater lures for bass could improve your catch.

It looks like we should have a great tournament at Alamo, so get your hooks sharpened and line checked! If you are looking for a partner for Alamo, let me know as soon as possible I'll try to get you hooked up with someone. See you at the meeting...

From the President

Bud Brant

The year is flying by, it is hard to believe May is almost here and summer is quickly approaching. It is time to break out the shorts, hats and sun screen and head to Alamo. The weather will be very warm so be sure to bring plenty of water to drink. Hopefully we will have another outstanding tournament with a great top water bite like we had last year.

Our family tournament will be next month on May 19th. This is a good opportunity to take the wife, kids and/or any other family member fishing. Ed Marr will have all of the final details at the May 1st general meeting where you can sign up to participate.

Greg Gardner came to me before the last meeting and suggested that we make Larry Botroff an honorary member and the board has approved Greg's nomination. We will vote on making Larry an honorary member at our next meeting. We will also have the final discussion and vote on the family member business that was brought up at the April general meeting.

The Top 6 tournament is coming up on June 9th at Lake Hodges. Mark your calendars for June 9th and come out to the weigh-in to support our SDBM Top 6 team. Be sure to share any information you may have on Hodges with our Top 6 participants.

The next board meeting will be at Harold Stephens on May 23rd. All members are welcome, but please call if you plan to attend. Good luck to all at Alamo.

See ya on the water,

Bud

Vice Presidents Message

Vicki Becker

I love fishing. You put that line in the water and you don't know what's on the other end. Your imagination is under there.

So, another great tournament under our belts, congratulations to those that did well, looks like most of us just got our show up points?? Did you know it takes about 30 minutes to troll from the dock to the island? Thanks TC I had a great day. Ok how about those hats....everyone really liked them so we have decided to order new shirts it has been a few years since our last order this year. We are ordering long sleeve shirts with our name down the sleeves as well as some more short sleeves. They should be done soon so see Terry Chenoweth to get one.

There will be no speaker at the meeting this month as we have quite a few other things to cover. The family tournament is May 19th and as far as we know it will be at Lake Murray. We still need donations for the tackle stuff for the kids so please see Ed Marr at the meeting, remember these club activities only work if **we all** pitch in and help. I still need pictures of your favorite angler doing whatever? You can email them to me. Please don't forget I am doing a big fish section so take those pics. Next up is ALAMO. See you all at the meeting.

Notes from the Treasurer....

Cheryl Byrd

Congratulations to the San Vicente winners! It was great to see so many people catch limits. Let's hope that Alamo is as fun and productive.

Outstanding Dues							
As of 04/16/07	Bnqt	INS.	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	TOTAL
Lee Chapman						\$25	\$25
Jim Davis						\$25	\$25
Greg Deerman					\$20	\$25	\$45
Adam East					\$25	\$25	\$50
Janice Eisner					\$25	\$25	\$50
Bill Holloway					\$25	\$25	\$50
Inder Lopez					\$25	\$25	\$50
Mike McIntyre		\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25		\$95
David Patrick						\$25	\$25
Randy Kreiser (IA)		\$20					\$20
Cliff Rubin (IA)	\$24						\$24
Kevin Kerr (AL)			\$10				\$10
Mark Thomas (AL)			\$10				\$10
	\$24	\$40	\$45	\$25	\$145	\$200	\$479

The treasury is healthy with approximately \$3,600 on hand. Currently, there are no outstanding bills, plus we have already paid for the Padre tickets for July, all of which the Club will recoup.

We recently purchased new hats for the Club and have already sold 1/4 of them. Please be sure to support the Club Store. Remember that when you wear the Club's "colors" you are representing the organization, so wear them proudly and represent us well. The next non-tournament event that we will spend money on is the Family Tournament on May 19th. The Club provides food, sodas and awards, so mark this fun event is on your calendar.

Please take a look at the Outstanding Dues List to see where you stand. Make sure to add your May dues to what you see outstanding. We seem to be running at about \$500 outstanding each month,

which is equivalent to 1/2 of one months dues. Another way of looking at it, is that at any point in time 20 to 30 percent of the membership is behind at least one month. All that being said, it is easier all around if everyone keeps their dues current.

See you all at the next general meeting...

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Kenny Louis

Congratulations to the top three fishermen at our April Tournament. San Vicente continues to be a fisherman's haven with so many heavy limits being weighed in. I'm looking forward to Alamo and hope to find the bigger fish that have eluded me this year. Can anybody help me find the lunkers?

The month of April was pretty quiet as far as changes to the membership. At the April meeting past member, Marshall Martin was voted back into the membership, welcome back Marshall and good luck! Perspective member, Dustin Parker is looking forward to being tournament pre-fished at Lake Otay in June. Mike McIntyre has requested inactive status beginning April, 2007. This brings the membership totals to 37 active, 5 family and 6 in-active. Until the meeting, tight lines and good fishing to all.

BASSMASTER SPOTLIGHT ADAM EAST

Bassmaster since: September 2004

Significant other: Joyce Blanchard

Current profession: Sales, Tackle Industry

Favorite food: Italian

Biggest largemouth bass: 10lbs 8oz Lake Murray

Hobbies: Fishing and Music

Biggest accomplishment: 2006 Top Six S.D Bassmasters

Favorite lure to fish: Topwater

Favorite lake: Havasu

Favorite nickname for jet skiers: Water Hazards

Biggest fish: 60lb Bat Ray



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL, 2007

Harold Stephens

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bud Brant.

Guests introduced were Jim Cavanaugh, Jimmy Cavanaugh, Bob Eberly, Joyce Blanchard and Marshall Martin, (2nd visit for re-entering club) and guest speaker Mike Long.

Greg Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. The second was made by Jim Putney. Motion carried.

Cheryl Byrd gave the Treasurers Report.

Kenny Louis gave the Membership Report as having 37 active members. Rowan Stone requested to be a member at large and Mike McIntyre requested to go inactive.

Donalea Brant displayed some hat bands that were made by her Mom. She may be able to get the logo put on them for approximately \$10.00 if anyone is interested.

Marshall Martin stated he would like to reenter the club. Dave Mack and Kenny Louis spoke on his behalf and the vote was 32 in favor of his rejoining and 0 opposed.

John Schwartz gave a report on the upcoming Twilight Fishing Trip. We can leave out of H & M Landing for \$750.00 Monday thru Thursday with a maximum of 40 participants. The trip is set for the end of June. Sign up at the S.V. Tournament.

The change to the By Laws were presented as they were printed in the newsletter. Dave Mack motioned that they be accepted with Zoe` Gardner making a second. Vote carried. An additional rule change was introduced by Cheryl Byrd on Membership dues. This change will be printed in the newsletter and a vote taken at the May meeting.

Guest speaker Mike Long was introduced and he gave a very informative talk on fishing with swim baits.

Ed Marr stated that the Family Tournament will be at Lake Murray on May 19th, 2007.

Ed Byrd presented the plaques for the LCR Tournament as follows:

3rd place-Inder Lopez 27.37 lbs. 2nd place-Jim Putney 27.54 lbs and 1st place-Ron Overman 28.88 lbs.

Jim Putney gave a short report on the Bass Council and promoted the Council Night Tournament at S.V. on May 5th & 6th.

Harold Stephens asked for a volunteer to take minutes at the May 1st meeting as he will be on vacation. Dave Mack volunteered.

Bud Brant thanked Doris Cook and Dave Mack for the refreshments.

Aaron Meleen is returning from Iraq and is asking to join the club as a family member.

Bud Brant adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2007

- 1 General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Anglers Marine
- 11, 12 Alamo Tournament, Ordered Launch
Paper Weigh In at 3:00pm
- 19 Family Tournament @ Lake Murray
- 23 Board Meeting 7:00pm

June 2007

- 5 General Meeting, 7:00pm
- 9 Bass Council Top Six @ Lake Hodges
Off Limits 1 week prior to and during contest!
- 16 Otay Tournament, Paper Weigh in!!!
- 23 Bass Masters Picnic @ Santee Lakes

NOTES:

Meeting Place

**Anglers Marine at 10960 Wheatlands Ave,
Santee**

Food at 6:30pm Meeting starts at 7pm

Fish Tales

By Doris Cook

BIKER VICKI'S NEW MOTORCYCLE!



Vicki and Al Becker are sporting new motorcycles. When I asked Al how it was going with his motorcycle? His reply was "he was keeping it right side up". He said Vicki has her new bike (pictured above) and the other one is "ours". You guys enjoy them, but please BE CAREFUL!

OVERMAN UPDATE!

Ron Overman spent another night in Scripps Hospital, Wednesday before the San Vicente tournament. He had two more stents inserted and some scar tissue cleaned out of his existing stents. This makes a total of six he has now and I'm saying "Enough already"!

He fished the April 14th tournament even though he forgot to mention it to his doctor.

He and Jim Sleight fished the National Bass West tournament at Lake Havasu Saturday, April 21st and finished 17th with 12.35 pounds. Ronnie says he still has some respiratory problems, but expects to be ready to go top speed before long.

MORRIN MOVING SLOW!

Frank Morrin is recovering from his Thursday, April 12th, back surgery. He now has 4 screws in his back along with some titanium rods holding together his 4th and 5th lumbar vertebrae. He reports the pain from the sciatic nerve is gone, but thinks it will take six months to a year to completely recover. He's talking about asking the doctor's permission to go fishing already. He said he fished and fished in his bedpan and couldn't catch anything while he was in the hospital. Frank, you're in our thoughts and we wish you a speedy recovery.

WATCH OUT DAVE!

Rumor has it that Regina Seaberg had some pretty good fishing at Lake Havasu this past weekend. She had a 4.9-pound green bass topping her 15-pound limit. She has really gotten the knack of catching those elusive bass, whenever she can put that camera down long enough. You better watch out, Dave or she will be beating you all the time. Way to go Regina!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Best wishes to members celebrating their May birthdays as follows: Zoé Gardner – May 4th; Terry Foreman – May 21st; David Patrick – May 26th; and Terry Chenoweth – May 28th. Happy May 1st wedding anniversary to Bill and Tracey Holloway.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

Note: The proposed change is to Article II, Section 1, Sub-Section B & C only. A "strikethrough" has been used to identify items that should be deleted and **bold** text for additions.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1: Numbers of Members

Total chapter membership shall be limited to 50 members with the following exceptions only:

A) Definitions: A "family unit" is defined as immediate family members residing at the same address, one of which is a current regular member. A "family member" is a member who joins the club under the provisions of Article II, Section 1 (b) below.

B) If a member of a "family unit" wishes to join the chapter, the only requirements for membership shall be:

- express an interest in joining,
- pay their initiation fees, dues and **insurance**,
- the regular member in the family unit is **has been an active member** in good standing **for at least three (3) months**.

The waiting period of three (3) months of active status, in good standing, will also apply to any former member returning after an absence of more than three (3) years. ~~Family members shall be not be counted in determining the 50 member limit.~~ Family members are afforded all rights and privileges of membership.

C) Lifetime ~~members~~, Honorary ~~members~~, **Family**, At Large and Inactive members ~~shall~~ **will** not be counted in the 50-member limit.

D) Reinstatement (see Article II, Section 8) shall be permitted, even though the 50-member limit is in effect.
