



NEWS

August 2007

36 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION

OTAY NIGHT - BOOM OR BUST??

Our July night tournament at Otay proved to be a good one for many of the fishermen, though some found it a tough bite (Cheryl and I included). This year's continued strong showing of big fish continued, with a number of people improving their big fish for the year. The big fish pot was shared by three people – Jeff Manning, Ed Marr, and Keith Cloward. They all had fish that were “off the board” but weighed less than 6.71 pounds.

First of all, we all need to thank the City Lakes staff member who opened the gate early so we could get fishing well before sunset. Also, I want to thank all of you for your cooperation in keeping your speed down after dark. One thing I want to mention is that there were some people who encroached into other people's fishing area. While no official protests were lodged, everyone is reminded to maintain a proper distance from other boats.

The big winner for the tournament was Jeff Manning. Jeff had five fish that totaled 23.30 pounds and included the “off the board” fish mentioned above. In second place was Ed Marr, with 22.37 pounds, and also included a “off the board” fish. Third place went to Mike Baird with five fish that went 22.04 pounds. Congratulations to all three winners and to Keith Cloward's big fish.

Next up is another night tournament, this time at San Vicente. Unfortunately, we won't have the luxury of running to our first spot while it's still light. Generally, it's after dark before we can even launch. We'll be drawing numbers for start positions at the August meeting (July 31st). If you can't be there and want to fish, let me know.

Our next out of town tournament is scheduled for October 12-13 at Havasu. It was discussed at the last meeting that there will be a large tournament (about 120 boats) there at the same time as our tournament. Several alternatives were brought up for discussion, both at the general meeting and at the Board meeting. One suggestion was that we could switch the November River tournament with Havasu. Unfortunately, there will be an even larger tournament at Havasu that weekend. Another suggestion was



to move the tournament to another date, including switching the Hodges and the Havasu tournaments. The remaining option is to leave the tournament at Havasu as scheduled, with the possibility of changing the launch site. We will need to vote to finalize the date and/or site of the Havasu tournament at the coming meeting, to allow time to get insurance and permits.

Remember that the next meeting is July 31st!

Right now Cheryl and I are in a hotel in Los Cerritos, attending our nephew's wedding, or this article may have been a little longer...

See you at the meeting!

From the President

Bud Brant

I am going to keep this article short and to the point. I have been told that all of the board member's articles in the newsletter are repetitive. So I am going to thank a few people and move on.

Thank you to Dave Mack for planning the SDBM Padre night. Although the Padres did not win, Dave planned a raffle, and we had a lot of fun. Thanks to John Swartz for organizing the twilight trip. We appreciate Doris Cook being our "on board" photographer on the twilight trip too.

At the next general meeting on Tuesday, July 31st, there is going to be discussion regarding Bass Council business. Please attend the meeting, we need your input. Good luck to everyone at the San Vicente tournament.

See ya on the water,

Bud

Vice Presidents Message

Vicki Becker

"Anglers...exaggerate grossly and make gentle and inoffensive creatures sound like wounded buffalo and man-eating tigers." Roderick Haig-Brown:

Well it's almost the end of July where is the year going? I did want everyone to know that I am not having a speaker this month. We need to take care of a schedule change and talk about a council issue. I will have Rick Grover next month. And I'm working on Mike Long again.

How about them Pad's they almost pulled it out in the end. Thanks to Dave Mack for hosting the event we had a great time. It was nice to see everyone.

BUNCO!!! DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT!! It will be on August 11th @ Bud and Donalea Brants' house @ 6:30 pm. We would like everyone to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. If you didn't go last year you need to be there this year and that includes all of our inactive members!!! We miss you and want to see you at least once this year. If you have questions about Bunko night you can contact Donalea or me.

See you all @ the meeting

Notes from the Treasurer....

Cheryl Byrd

The Editor of the newsletter informed the Board that he has received numerous comments regarding the redundancy of the articles in the newsletter. So as Treasurer, I can not congratulate the Otay tournament winners, or thank Dave Mack or John Schwartz for taking charge of the Padre game or saltwater trip, respectively. I will stick to the treasury facts only.

July was a very busy month for the club. In the first two weeks of the month we had a night tournament, a Padre game and a twilight saltwater trip. We probably had too much planned. Both the Padre game and saltwater trip were poorly attended and in both cases the Club lost significant money. It has been the Club's policy in the past that if you signed up for an event and don't show up, you will be required to pay anyway. Dave & John will be contacting everyone that falls into that category. Between the two events, the club has lost approximately \$400.

Merchandise sales continue to do well and there are around 10 members that have outstanding dues for July. If you are one of those individuals, please bring your dues current at the next meeting on July 31st. Good Luck at the next night tournament at San Vicente.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Kenny Louis

It's hard to believe that August is already here as the 2007 Bassmaster season is flying by! July was a busy month with the night tournament at Otay, the Padre game and the twilight fishing trip. August will be a fun month with the 2nd annual bunco night coming up. I've been playing bunco for over 21 years and can tell you not only is it great fun for the entire family but it also gives everyone a chance to mingle with one another. Trust me, you don't want to miss this event!

Last month the membership voted in three new members; Jeff Carpenter, Chris Scruggs and *Rick Camarero. Welcome aboard gentlemen and good luck in the upcoming events. This brings our membership to 38 active, 6 family and 7 in-active as Bill Holloway has been placed on the in-active list. Until the meeting, tight lines and good fishing to all.

*Rick has since informed the board that for personal reasons he is not accepting membership into our club.

BASSMASTER SPOTLIGHT

Featuring: Doris Cook

Bassmaster Since: 1976

Significant Other: Jim Putney

Profession: Retired; Grandmother

Favorite Food: Mexican

Biggest Largemouth Bass: 9 lbs, 8 oz at Otay

Hobbies: Bingo, computer games and spending time with grandkids.

Biggest Accomplishment: Raising twin daughters, who have given me three wonderful grandchildren to love.

Favorite Lure To Fish: Top water/twitching Rapalas

Favorite Lake: Roosevelt

Nickname for Jet-Skiers: No comment! **Biggest Fish:** 10 ½ pound Halibut



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July, 2007

Harold Stephens

The July meeting was called to order by President Bud Brant at 7:00pm. The meeting was held on June 26th due to the Otoy Tournament coming before the regular meeting date. Bud congratulated Greg and Zoë' Gardner on their 7th wedding anniversary. Bud asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting. A motion to approve was made by Jim Davis and seconded by Jim Putney. The motion carried.

Guests were introduced as follows: Brianna Meleen, Stacy Cloward, Humminbird Rep. Rick Carr, and prospective members Rick Cameraro, Jeff Carpenter and Chris Scruggs. Bud thanked the Top Six Team for their efforts at the Top Six Tournament at Otoy Lake. He also asked for a vote to move the August meeting to July 31st due to the Tournament on Aug 3rd. The club so voted.

Membership Chairman, Kenny Louis, reported that we have 37 active members, 6 Family members and 6 in-active members. We also need to vote on the prospective members. All three prospective members were voted into the club.

Treasurer Cheryl Byrd reported that we have a bank balance of \$3,205.72. The Annual Picnic was a success however, the actual accounting for the picnic has yet to be completed. She asked for the members to pay for their Padre tickets and the Twi-night Fishing trip.

John Schwartz announced that the Twi-night Fishing Trip will be July 11th and the cost will be \$20.00 each.

Zoë' Gardner thanked everyone for their help on the picnic.

Vice President Vicki Becker introduced the guest speaker Rick Carr, a representative from the Humminbird Company who conducted the program. He spoke on the Humminbird depth finders with Side Scan and GPS capabilities. The program was enjoyed by all.

San Diego Bass Council President, Jim Putney, presented Bud Brant a money award for his work on the fish tanks at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park.

Vicki Becker thanked Greg and Zoë' Gardner for the picnic. She also stated that she needs pictures for a CD she is planning. The program for August will be guest speaker Rick Grover, owner of Anglers Marine. Also the Bunco Party will be August 11th at the Brants'. Moving the Fish Fry to another date was discussed to accommodate a change of date for the Havasu Tournament in Oct. It was decided to leave the Fish Fry date as scheduled on Oct 20th. More study is needed for the Havasu Tournament change.

It was reported that all boat owners must have their own Liability Insurance for the night tournaments. Please bring proof of insurance to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37.

FISH TALES

By: Doris Cook

MORRIN DOES IT AGAIN!

Frank Morrin just won his eighth boat in a tournament when he and his partner, Will Rakowitz won the "Ironman" Bass tournament at Diamond Valley on June 30th. This reward was a Ranger 178 VS bass boat with a 150 horsepower Mercury outboard and matching trailer worth more than \$32,000.00. This event was split into two parts with a break in the afternoon and then an evening session. Frank's team had a five fish limit weighing 15.82 from the morning competition and their three fish in the evening gave them a total winning weight of 32.71 pounds. It was an 11-hour event with a total of eight fish. Way to go Frank! Keep it up and you can open your own dealership!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2007

31 August General Meeting, 7:00 pm

August 2007

3 SDBM Night Tournament, San V.

11 BUNCO! Night @ The Brant's 6:30pm

September 2007

4 September General Meeting, 7:00pm

NOTES:

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

MORE WINNERS!

Congratulations to Larry and Leslie Ward for winning the man/woman division of the Aim Marine Sunday Series.

Dave and Regina Seaberg finished third in the same category of this series.

They will receive their awards at the banquet on August 4th at Viejas Casino's Dreamcatcher Lounge. Good job! We're proud of you guys & gals!

MASSEY'S MISHAP!

Inactive member, Ben Massey passed out in Angler's Edge recently and ended up with a broken wrist. Ben says he has a cast up past his elbow, and spent five days in the hospital. His blood sugar was very low when he was checked in at Kaiser. We're sorry to hear about your mishap, but are happy that it was nothing serious and you are doing well.

TIME MARCHES ON

Al & Vicki Beckers adopted son and his girlfriend had their twin boys on 7/20/07. Zaron weighed 3.1 pounds and Jayden weighed 4.14. All is well but they are soooo tiny and now Vicki has 3 grandsons!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Members celebrating birthdays this month are: Darryl Crippen – August 2nd, Frank Morrin – August 25th and Janice Eisner – August 27th. Have a good one!

Should you have news to share, please contact me at (619) 462-4708 or at mscooker!@cox.net.

BUNCO!!!

The Most Fun LEGAL Dice Game EVER!!

When: Saturday August 11th Appetizers, Socializing Starts @6:30pm
Games Begin @ 7:00pm

Where: The Brants 9696 Carta Lane, El Cajon (Blossom Valley Area)
This is a **FUN** Raising Event!! Cost: \$10/person
Bring your favorite appetizer to share.

Sign Up at the Meeting or RSVP to Donalea or Vicki NLT August 7th.
Water & Soda will be provided.