



NEWS

December 2007

36 PROUD YEARS OF FISHING TRADITION



LOWER RIVER WINNERS: 2ND PLACE – GREG GARDNER; WINNER – JOHN SCHWARTZ; 3RD PLACE – RANDY KREISER

JOHN SCHWARTZ'S FIRST WIN! GREG GARDNER DOES IT AGAIN!

ED BYRD

Well, it was quite a finish for the end of the year! Greg Gardner was trying to keep his winning streak alive. Everyone else was trying to keep Greg's other streak going... never having won at the river! It was close, but John Schwartz was able to edge Greg out of the top spot at the river. John's winning stringer went 21.33 pounds. His stringer was led by his 4.30 pound big fish of the tournament, which provided his winning margin, despite only having nine fish. Congratulations, John...see you at the Tournament of Champions!

Greg Gardner, though he didn't win the tournament, showed why he has been Fisherman of the Year for the last three years and nine times overall! Greg led the tournament after the first day, but slipped to second place overall. Greg double limit went 19.94 pounds, topped by a 2.71 pound big fish. Great tournament, Greg...and another great year! Pretty good for an old guy!

Third place went to Randy Kreiser, with a double limit that went 19.79 pounds, topped by a 3.35 pounder. Randy just came back from being inactive and showed he's always a force to reckon with! Great job, Randy!

We had a great turnout at the river, with thirty members fishing. That made a big difference to several people's Top Twelve standings. I know that Bud and I were both just hoping to stay in the Top Six, and were a little surprised to find ourselves second and third. Also, everyone is to be congratulated, as there were only two fish that were dead at the scales. All the others at least were able to swim away. A big factor in the good survival rate definitely was the water and air temperatures, but the new weighing procedures also were a big help. Thanks go to Dave Seaberg for his suggestions. I know that my opposition to weigh-ins is somewhat less now. I still think there are times when paper tournaments are by far the better option, such as when the water temperature is high and at the spawn at some of the bigger bodies of water that like the river and Havasu.

In general, this has been a very good year for the club as far as both numbers of fish and size of fish. We had sixteen fish over six pounds weighed in. A total of over three thousand pounds of fish were brought in to weigh-in or recorded on weigh slips.

I would especially like to thank the people that helped at our weigh-ins, especially Greg Gardner and Jim Putney. Also, big thanks go to the people who helped collect weigh slips at our "paper" tournaments, especially Donalea Brant and Jennifer Louis. Another big thanks goes to someone who helped out a lot behind the scenes, my darl'n, Cheryl. She helped both directly at some of the weigh-ins, and afterward in checking the data entries. Thanks to all of you!

Finally, the club's last tournament of the year, the Tournament of Champions, will be held on December 1st at El Cap Reservoir. It's a launch a go tournament, with the fish being weighed in at 1:00 PM. I'll need a few more volunteers to help in getting people launched and retrieved, so please contact me if you can help, or just show up at the lake Saturday morning!

This has been a little bit of a strange year but we all managed to get through it. See you at the meeting...

From the President

Bud Brant

The year is coming to a close with only two events left. The Tournament of Champions is Saturday, December 1st, and the 2007 Awards Banquet on Saturday December 15th. I would like to thank all of my board members and their committees for the great job everyone has done. My congratulations to Greg Gardner for an outstanding year resulting in another championship.

The next general meeting is on Tuesday, December 4th. We will be having elections so be sure to be there to cast your vote for the 2008 San Diego Bassmaster's board. In closing I would like to thank everyone for their trust and letting me serve as your President this past year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the banquet; it should be a fun event.

See you on the water,

Bud

Vice Presidents Message

Vicki Becker

The end of fishing is not angling, but catching (author unknown)

Well its here the end of the year!!! And what a year it was.....WOW. Ok seems like we all had fun at the river I know I did. Now its time for the end of the year awards banquet so put on your best duds and be on time. We will be at Viejas Casino in the dream catcher lounge on December 15th no host bar at 6:00 PM Dinner will start at 6:30 PM. If you are planning on going and haven't told me yet **call me!!!!** If you need to bring a guest or extra guest **call me!!!** I need to know so I can tell the banquet staff Viejas. I hope you all come it should be fun. We have shortened the program a bit and Zoe' will be our host for the evening. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Vicki

Notes from the Treasurer....

Cheryl Byrd

First of all, I would like to thank you for your support during the course of the year as I did my best to fulfill my duties as Treasurer. It is always an honor to be elected to serve on the Board and to be involved in the management of the Club.

As the year winds down, there are only two events left...the Tournament of Champions and the Banquet. The Board has made a couple of hard decisions regarding each of these events.

2007 DUES						
Baird	JAN	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Benish				\$25	\$25	\$50
Bubel				\$25	\$25	\$50
Byrd, C			\$10	\$25	\$25	\$60
Byrd, E					\$25	\$25
Carpenter					\$25	\$25
Chapman				\$25	\$25	\$50
Deerman			\$25	\$25	\$25	\$75
Diosdado				\$25	\$25	\$50
East		\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$100
Gardner, G			\$25	\$25	\$25	\$75
Gardner, Z				\$25	\$25	\$50
Gatlin				\$25	\$25	\$50
Louis			\$10	\$25	\$25	\$60
Martin				\$25	\$25	\$50
Overman					\$25	\$25
Patrick			\$10	\$25	\$25	\$60
Putney					\$25	\$25
Scruggs					\$25	\$25
Swaggerty, D					\$25	\$25
Swaggerty, S				\$25	\$25	\$50
Kerr (AL)				\$25	\$25	\$50
M Thomas(AL)	\$10					\$10
	\$10					\$10
	\$20	\$25	\$105	\$375	\$525	\$1,050

The T of C will have a \$200 purse, winner take all and if your 2007 dues are not paid in full by the December meeting, you will be charged for you and your guest's dinner at the banquet. We struggled a little financially mid-year, but thanks to everyone's support and the Board's vigilance, the Club is ending on a strong footing. This will be the first time in many years that there will be a \$200 carry-over for the next year.

Please review the dues list carefully. I have included what is owed for December, also. Be prepared to pay your dues at the December 4th meeting. Don't forget that we will be having a raffle, also.

Thanks again to all of you for a great year. I enjoyed the fishing and the camaraderie...we truly do have a great club!! Thanks to everyone who made "things" happen...the Board, the members that took charge of special events, everyone who helped set up for the monthly meetings and ordered food and for those who shared their photos. All in all, it was another great year.

Cheryl

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Kenny Louis

As I begin to write my final newsletter I find myself reflecting on the great times and wonderful events of this year. My thanks go out to the membership for having

confidence in my ability to be your Membership Chairman for the 2007 season. It has been fun and rewarding and I am hopeful to serve on our board in 2008.

Randy Kreiser has rejoined us as an active member and when he fished the river he took 3rd place; welcome back Randy! We currently have 39 active, 6 family and 6 inactive members.

Please be sure to keep your B.A.S.S. Membership current and you may verify its expiration date by looking at your address label. Until the meeting, tight lines and good fishing to all.

BASSMASTER SPOTLIGHT Buck Billock

Bassmaster Since: September 2006 (and '89-'91)

Significant Other: Susan

Profession: Supervisor at REMEC Space & Defense

Favorite Food: Sea Food

Biggest Largemouth Bass: 9.55 @ Lake Murray

Hobbies: Golf and fishing

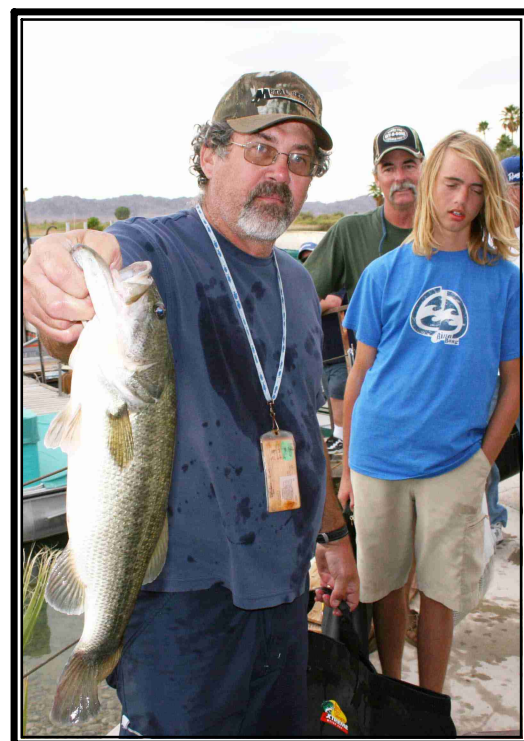
Biggest Accomplishment: Raising 2 great kids

Favorite Lure To Fish: Spinner Bait

Favorite Lake: San Vicente

Biggest Fish: 16 pound Catfish

Nickname for Jet-Skiers: Road Kill on the Lake!



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 2007

Held October 30, 2007

Harold Stephens

The November Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bud Brant. Bud asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. The motion was made by Jeff Carpenter and seconded by Jim Putney.

Treasurer, Cheryl Byrd, reported that we have a sufficient bank balance and she did not foresee any problems regarding the Annual Awards Banquet. The Fish Fry made \$350.00 more than was expected. She also stated that all dues are to be made current by the December meeting so as to have your banquet dinner paid for.

Membership Chairman, Kenny Louis, reported that Randy Kreiser is returning to active status. We have 38 active members as of the present time.

Vice President, Vicki Becker, passed around a sign up sheet for the banquet. She also asked if anyone wanted to have a Bar-B-Que on Thursday night before the LCR Tournament instead of eating at the restaurant. Keith Cloward volunteered to put on the event. She also asked the top twelve fishermen to get with her tonight about the rod or reel for the awards banquet.

President, Bud Brant, asked if there was any interest about having a beach party next year instead of going to a Padre game. We will have more on this subject at a later date. It was also told that Greg Deerman pulled a lady out of a fire and saved her from being badly burned.

Ron Overman thanks the club for the past response to the Crisis House. We will have another food drive at the December meeting and the items collected will be delivered to the Crisis House on December 5th.

Nominations Chairman, John Schwartz, conducted the nominations for officers for 2008. Those nominated are as follows;

<u>President</u>	<u>V-President</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>
Greg Gardner	Bud Brant	Kenny Louis	Inder Lopez	Janis Eisner
Bud Brant	Terry Chenowth	Terry Chenowth	Larry Ward	Ed Byrd
Ed Byrd	Keith Cloward	Zoë Gardner		Terry Chenowth
Kenny Louis	John Schwartz	Cheryl Byrd		
Ed Marr	Vicki Becker			

<u>Tournament Director</u>	<u>Membership Chairman</u>
Greg Gardner	John Schwartz
Bud Brant	Juan Collins
Ed Marr	Kenny Louis
Dave Patrick	Vicki Becker
Keith Cloward	Cheryl Byrd
Kenny Louis	Buck Billock

A discussion was held on changing the rules so that an Honorary Member could vote and run for an office. It was decided that the Board would discuss this and report back to the General Membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2007

- 1 Tournament of Champions @ El Cap Res.
6:05 am to weigh in at 1pm.
- 4 General Meeting, 7:00pm
- 15 SDBM Year End Awards Banquet 6pm Start
Viejas Dream Catcher Lounge 6:30 Dinner
- 18 Board Meeting 7:00pm

January 2008

- 8 General Meeting, 7:00pm

NOTES:

Meeting Place

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

Food at 6:30pm Meeting starts at 7pm

Council President, Jim Putney, reported that the Council of Bass Clubs was having a fund raiser for Diane, the Damn Keeper at Lake Southerland. She lost everything in the recent fire.

Tournament Chairman, Ed Byrd gave out starting positions for the LCR Tournament and the plaques for the winners of the Hodges tournament. 1st place-Greg Gardner, 2nd place-Bud Brant, and 3rd place-Jim Putney. Big Fish honors went to Greg Gardner.

Bud thanked Geri Morin for the Pizza and Zoë Gardner and Donalea Brant for the Snacks. Ed Marr and John Swartz volunteered to bring snacks for December.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm. Jim Putney. Motion carried.

Fish Tales

By Doris Cook

GRANDMA AGAIN1

Vicki & Al Becker's kids, Kris and his wife Jessica had a baby girl Oct 30th she weighed 8-6 her name is Natalie Paige and her brother Brayden really likes her.

ZOE KICKS IT!

Zoë's recent knee surgery went off without a hitch. She is back at work, good as new, and ready to kick some butt on the water.

East County Crisis House

Since 1985, the San Diego Bassmasters have collected food and donations for El Cajon's Crisis House, which aids families in need of emergency assistance.

Again we have this opportunity to help those families in need. Your generosity can make a difference in a less fortunate family's life.

One small pebble tossed into a pond can change the pond forever.
You can make a difference!

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

FOOD PANTRY: Provides families and individuals in crisis with 2-3 days of supplemental food products.

CHILDRE'S PANTRY: Infant care products including formula, baby food and hygiene supplies.

CLOTHING: Clothing vouchers are issued to individuals for free redemption at collaborating local thrift shops.

HOUSING SERVICES:

EMERGENCY SHELTER: Seasonal emergency shelters are available to homeless families and individuals.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: Transitional housing is available for victims of domestic violence and their children.

FAMILY VISITATION CENTER: The Visitation Center provides supervised Visitation's) and client transportation services for abused and neglected children placed out-of-the home.

HOMELESS SERVICES:

FOOD PACK: Provides an immediate meal (pop-top products) to homeless families and individuals. Hygiene packs are provided for personal grooming to enhance cleanliness, self-esteem and employability.

MEDICAL OUTREACH: Provides medical and basic dental outreach services to homeless individuals through a collaborative project with Logan Heights Family Medical Center.

Tape to your refrigerator as a reminder:



Reminder:

**On your next grocery shopping trip, pick up an extra item or two for the,
El Cajon Crisis House.**

**Collections will be gathered at our club meeting!
San Diego Bassmaster Club Meeting
December 4, 2007**