

March 2009 Issue

President's Message
Ron Parker, President



Ron's Rhetoric



Returning from the club's RV trip to Lake Morena, Carol and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Past President Tom Self. Tom was our club's president from 1994 to 1996, and was in office when I joined the club. He was an avid fisherman, both freshwater and saltwater, and loved his baseball. Tom was a catcher in his younger days, and spent some time in the minor leagues with the New York Yankee organization. But fishing was his passion, and I can see him now, standing on the bow of the Sea Watch, throwing jigs for yellowtail, bonita or his favorite to smoke, barracuda. Over the years, Tom contributed a lot of smoked fish to our silent auctions. Tom, Cozz, Ollie, and I, would ride together to the meetings and normally have lunch, where the conversation was always based on one of our fishing experiences. Tom was a frequent visitor to Lake Wohlford and Lake Dixon, and was known by all the Rangers as an expert angler. We fished with Tom at Lake Wohlford in December of 2007, and he landed a beautiful rainbow trout. The next spring, we all went saltwater fishing on a ¾ day trip on the Sea Watch, out of Seaforth Landing, where he got a big sack of barracuda that was headed for his smoker. I will miss Tom, and will always remember his quiet demeanor and the twinkle in his eyes when the conversation turned to fishing or baseball.

The RV trip to Lake Morena in February was the first for Carol and I. We were one of twenty two rigs that drove east on I-8 to the Buckman Springs exit, where the signs pointed us to Lake Morena County Park. The park had a beautiful campground amidst old scrub oaks and a picturesque western lake that was dotted by huge boulders both on the shore and in the water - a perfect setting for any fisherman looking for trophy catches. This week was memorable for many reasons, not to mention the fishing, which took on a fantasy-like story. I would like to tell you more, but I can't remember the players, the numbers, or the sizes, as they continually changed almost by the minute. I thought Walt Disney was looking down on our group and directing the fishing competition? **Believe me, you will want to read the recap of this trip in David's freshwater report. Unbelievable!** Many thanks to Wagon Masters Sharon & Armond Martineau, and their assistants Kathy & Norm Martineau, for a fun and well organized week, not to mention the Weigh Master Ross Granados and his patience and attitude in controlling a dynamic tournament.

Our second annual Youth Day at Lake Dixon on February 21st was indeed a special day. Many thanks to Dave Gehrke, chairman of the event, on organizing and coordinating this endeavor that included about twenty youngsters, ages 8 to 12, from the YMCA. They spent a few hours fishing, and then a few hours hiking, and ended the day enjoying a BBQ of delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks provided and prepared by the Senior Anglers of Escondido. It was a beautiful day when the YMCA bus arrived with the youngsters and their counselors, and one that was very rewarding as we watched the children learn to fish and experience the nature offered by the Daley Ranch hiking trails. The Senior Anglers provided someone to assist in the boats and help with the fishing. We provided all the fishing equipment and the city provided the boats, as well as a Naturalist to guide on the hike. We want to thank everyone who assisted in this fun filled day at Lake Dixon and to the success of our second Youth Day.

Members Pat and Bob Purdue certainly can be proud of their son Mitchell Purdue, as he was our speaker at the February meeting. Mitch is a Senior Biologist with the Naval Systems Engineering Command, San Diego. He presented a very informative and entertaining program. This young man had our group captivated - his power point presentation and his dynamic talk covered both the saltwater areas and the local lakes where we fish. His experience with the Navy, the local government, and Fish and Game officials, provided us with information and insights to what was really happening in the waters that we dearly love. Thanks for the visit Mitch, please come again.

I really felt proud of our club and its membership, and delighted that we were financially able to express our appreciation by presenting the Joslyn Senior Center with a freezer last month. When Amy Shipley accepted our gift she explained how the Senior Center intended to use the freezer to store and feed its many seniors on weekends throughout the year. Amy, we're very proud of the work you and your staff provide the seniors of our community. We are also very thankful to your group for extending such a cheerful and helpful attitude to our Senior Anglers of Escondido when we use this facility for our Board of Director's and General Meetings each month. We will strive to continue the same rapport in years to come.

"The Hook, Line & Sinker" is the name of our newsletter. Congratulations to those that suggested this name and also to those that voted for this name. The three that suggested this name will get a knit shirt embroidered with the clubs logo. This is a brand new item that our Director of Apparel, Ross Granados, has made available for sale, effective immediately. Check out this, and all our apparel; it's a great looking shirt.

Minerva Martinez, Membership Director, along with Sharon Martineau, Public Relations Director, put together a dandy of a 2009 Directory. Great job of formatting, and the pictures add a new dimension by putting a face with the names. If your picture is not in the directory, see Minerva, and she will have one taken, or send her a copy via the email. Talk to her about the protocol or format, but I know that most of them were in the jpg format. If you see a misprint, please let Minerva know and she will get it corrected now for next year's edition.

I've been told that we now have Chairpersons for the Turkey Fry and the Silent Auction. Bob Curtis will Chair the Turkey Fry, and Sue and Bill Takemoto will Chair the Silent Auction. The Turkey Fry coupled with the Silent Auction is one of our biggest and most attended of the year, and it is so important that we have these positions covered. It is

also critical that we get a committee of dedicated members to assist Bob, Sue, and Bill with this picnic. We always need help with all our picnics, so pick out your favorites and share in the work and fun. It's your club and you can make a big difference on the success of our projects.

Try to make the March 20th general meeting and do get involved. Remember, fish hard, fish often and have a wonderful time on the water.

Catch you later,

Ron

What game do fish like playing the most?

Name that tuna!

Programs

Bob Lage, Program Director

Our general meetings are held the third Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Programs

Mar 20 th	Ray LaBouve & Chad Houck of B & C Auto Repair re: getting your RV and towed vehicles safe and ready for extended trips after winter layover
Apr 17 th	Ernie Cowan, North County Times writer of Fishing and Hunting Outdoors weekly column
May 15 th	Lake Cuyamaca-speaker TBD

March Program

Our 20 March speaker at Escondido Senior Anglers meeting will be Ray LaBouve and his son-in-law, Chad Houck. Ray is owner/manager of B & C Auto Repair in Vista. They will be speaking on recreational vehicle maintenance, safety, and other important considerations to assure your vehicle is ready for extended trips to the High Sie

rras and other areas after months of sitting idle. They will also discuss boat, auto, and trailer towing, and will be available for questions.

This should be a timely and informative program with the club's trip to Lake Lopez coming in April.

Bob

Membership
Minerva Martinez, Membership Director

Welcome New Members!

Recently Joining our Club

Al & Sally Agent
Valley Center, CA

Leonard & Sherry Coultas
Escondido, CA

Terence & Carol Collins
Escondido, CA

Alan & Eileen McAuley
Murrieta, CA

Happy Anniversary!

March Anniversaries

9th Frank & Fern Norell
9th Al & Simone Green

20th Terry & Patricia Thielen
30th Billy & Gisele Mathews

Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

1st Louellyn Fritz
2nd Norma Hallowes
3rd Ollie Smith
4th Lois Ashuckian
9th Al Agent
9th Bev Cozzens
9th Gene Lovelady
10th Mae Brewer

16th Leonard Coultas
17^h Loretta Casapulla
18th Theresa Smith
22nd Lenore Barnett
26th Ruth Lamb
28th George Martinez
29th Sandra Matalavage
31st Marilyn Prewett

Minerva

Sunshine Report
Alice Lage, The Sunshine Lady

A Celebration of Life for Dick McSpadden was held on Saturday February 28th.

Tom Self passed away on February 25th. I have sent Dee Self a sympathy note on behalf of the Escondido Senior Anglers.

I talked to Al Green and he is still doing physical therapy to strengthen his

shoulder. His knee replacement surgery is scheduled for May 6th because that is the earliest date they could give him. He is hoping that the doctor's schedule will change, and he can put all of his health issues behind him.

Keep informing me of your news so I can share it with the club.

Alice

Honoring our Club's Pioneers

Sharon Martineau, Public Relations

Senior Anglers of Escondido Honored Pioneers, Frank and Fern Norell

This month on March 20th, at our regularly scheduled meeting, we will be honoring two pioneers of the Senior Anglers, Frank and Fern Norell. We are pleased to still have them as members. When at all possible, they are at a picnic or special event, and sometimes a meeting, now and then.

Frank and Fern joined the Senior Anglers in the late 70's. Frank was the Program chairman for a time, and spent many years helping on the phone committee. As a couple, they were very active in the Fresh Water group, traveling to many of the lakes that we still enjoy today. Maybe a lot of you don't know that Frank was an old-time tuna fisherman. The tuna were caught on bamboo poles, and larger tuna took three men using a common jig and three poles. If any of you have ever been to North San Diego Bay at Shelter Island, there are statues showing the ole time fishermen. It is really special!

Frank and Fern have been married for 68 years, and have lived in Valley Center for over 40 years. They have raised family fruit and have always had a garden, with Frank getting into growing grapes and making his own wine.

Things like this are now set aside while they enjoy each other's company, along with the family dog, Molly. They have three children, Ron, Karen, and Jon. They have 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Of course, we all know the Karen we are talking about-Karen Kirchnavy, and her husband Bill, who have been members for years.

We all want to say a special "Thanks!" to Frank and Fern for paving the way and helping the club to be what it is today. We will be honoring the Norells with a special plaque signed by the 2009 Board of Directors. Watch for another presentation in June.

Sharon

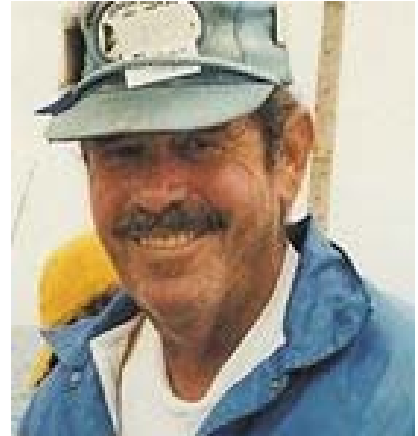
In Memory of our Late Club Members



Don Tenberg



Dick McSpadden



Tom Self

Youth Fishout
Dave Gehrke, Event Coordinator

Seventeen youth from the YMCA came to learn about fishing, and actually spend time on the water fishing. Nineteen Anglers were present and made it a very smooth operation. They carried out various activities from fishing with the kids,



to cooking, serving, set up, and clean up. In addition there were 8 youth counselors, 3 YMCA staff, 2 guides and various Dixon personnel that helped. All had a fine time, even though there were no fish caught. They did have a few bites. My thanks to all who supported this project.

Dave

Salt Water Fishing
Barbara Gattuso, Salt Water Vice President

Salt Water Schedule

<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Depart</i>	<i>Return</i>	<i>Fee</i>
¾ day	Coronado Islands Freelance	27 May 09	27 May 09	\$50 + \$20 for islands
¾ day	Coronado Islands Freelance	17 Jun 09	17 Jun 09	\$55 + \$20 for islands
1½ day	Tuna	21 Jul 09	23 Jul 09	\$277 *
1½ day	Tuna	18 Aug 09	20 Aug 09	\$277 *
1½ day	Tuna	8 Sep 09	10 Sep 09	\$277 *
¾ day	Coronado Islands Freelance	7 Oct 09	7 Oct 09	\$50 + \$20 for islands

* Includes meals with coffee, Mexican permit, and tip.

CABO TRIP

OCT 27 - OCT 31, 2009



San Jose Del Cabo Posada Real.... On the Beach!!!!

\$1298 (Non-anglers \$898)

Includes:

- Hotel 5 days and 4 nights - double occupancy (Single occupancy add \$275)
- Roundtrip Air from San Diego
- **All** meals and drink (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) at hotel's restaurant, bar, pool, and private beach
- Transfers to and from Cabo airport
- A day in Cabo, including the glass bottom boat
- Taxis to and from fishing (full load only)
- 3 days panga fishing (2 per panga and 4 per cruiser)
(can upgrade to cruiser \$20 p/p per day)

Not included: Mexican fishing license & tip according to service each day for fishing

Deposit \$200.00

Contact: Barbara Gattuso

Only a few spots left, so contact me ASAP!

Barb



Lake Morena Trip Report

February 23th - 26th

by Dave Martinez

WOW!!!, WOW !!!, WOW !!!, I don't know where to start on this report. We had such a great time, and so many good things took place, that's its kind of difficult to put it on paper - you had to be there to understand. First let me me start by thanking Armond & Sharon Martineau and their "son & daughter," Norm & Kathy Martineau. What a great job they did as wagon masters. Couldn't ask for better weather for this time of the year at Campo. As usual, the ladies did an outstanding job with the potluck dinners and deserts. The ladies appeared to have more activities than us guys - they had their crafts, sewing projects, quilt projects, games, morning walks and most important, cooking for us guys. We had twenty-two rigs show-up - that means a lot of people. In the evenings we all had a good time playing games and winning MONEY.



Fishing -now that's another subject we must discuss. I will probably never experience a freshwater outing like this one. Not all members had limits of trout caught, but those that did catch fish, did very well. We had a total of 122 trout caught - that's an average of roughly six trout per person. But let me tell what was caught. On the first day of fishing, the largest trout caught weighed at 5 lb. 9.7 oz., and we thought that was good. The second day, the largest trout caught weighed at 8lb. 2.6 oz., and we thought that was good. But on the third day, **WOW !!**, we had two members do some thing that I had never seen. One member caught a 10 lb. 14.6 oz. trout, and we thought that was great. But within two minutes of him catching that fish, another member fishing next to him caught a 13 lb. 7.2oz. trout, breaking a Lake Morena record that stood for ten years - and we thought that was impossible! Congratulations go to STAN KIENIEWICZ for an outstanding catch and winning the jackpot!. I consider myself lucky to be present to see all of these large fish caught on



this outing. Congratulations go to Bob Taylor with an 8lb. 2.6oz. trout, and David Gehrke with a 10 lb. 14.6 oz. trout. Senior Anglers, job well done! We definitely have bragging rights.

David

Fresh Water Report
David Martinez, Fresh Water Vice President

The month of March we have no freshwater camp-outs. Save your money for gas for Lopez Lake camp-out.

Lopez Lake Apr 19th – 25th



This outing has always been an enjoyable trip. The drive up the coast at this time of the year is always beautiful. The campground at the lake is very comfortable, with deer and wild turkey coming up to your campsite. Wagon Masters are Carl & Dot Arnold - any questions give them a call. Remember I need a wagon master for this outing for 2010. We need to make our reservations for 2010 while we are there at the lake on this outing.

Pinezanita/Cuyamaca Jun 1st – 5th

If you are planning on going on this outing, we need your check of \$100.00 made out to Senior Anglers of Escondido, so we can reserve the campsites and send the deposit to the campground. See Mac & Linda McGregor - they are the wagon masters on this outing.



June Lake Pine Cliff Resort Sep 9th -16th

Once again, if you are planning on this trip, sign-up at our next meeting. We need a deposit check of \$110.00 made out to Pine Cliff Resort. See Wagon Masters Dave & Anitra Gehrke.

David

Fish Fry
Norm Martineau, Coordinator

The Senior Anglers' Fish Fry will be held at Lake Dixon on Wednesday, May 6th at 12:00 noon. We will meet to the left of the concession stands, in the Oak Area. So, Senior Anglers, don't forget to keep saving your fish.

Norm

Newsletter Naming Contest

Karen Entwistle, Corresponding Secretary

I want to thank all of you who gave us suggestions for the newsletter name. Some members put in quite a bit of time thinking of multiple names. We had quite a variety of creative names suggested.

We now have a name for our newsletter. The name **Hook, Line, & Sinker** was suggested by a multiple of members. When the club voted on the top name suggestions at the meeting in February, this was the name that an overwhelming majority voted for.

Congratulations to Mary Lou Rushing, Anitra Gehrke, and Karen Entwistle for suggesting the winning newsletter naming contest.. Each were awarded the prize of a new embroidered Senior Anglers of Escondido shirt.

I hope you are enjoying the new look of our newsletter. I have made a few other changes while incorporating the new name into the header.

Karen

Mark Your Calendar

Senior Anglers of Escondido Activities

2009			
√	Jan 19-23	Lake Cahuilla	Freshwater Campout
√	Feb 21	Lake Dixon	Youth Fishing Day
√	Feb 23-26	Lake Morena	Freshwater Campout
	Apr 19-25	Lopez Lake	Freshwater Campout
	Apr 25-26	Lake Dixon	Trout Derby
	May 6	Lake Dixon	Fish Fry
	Jun 1-5	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca	Freshwater Campout
	Jun TBD	Lake Wohlford	BBQ Picnic
	Sep 9-16	June Lake	Freshwater Campout
	Oct TBD	TBD	Turkey Fry
	Oct 19-23	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca	Freshwater Campout
	Nov 2-6	Lake Hemet	Freshwater Campout

