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A Line from your President...

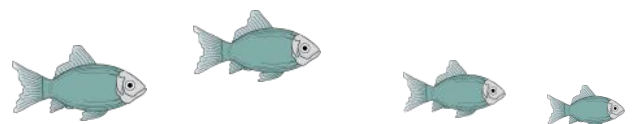
I was notified by the Senior Center that while doing the repairs for the flood damage in the center, they encountered asbestos. They have closed down most of the Senior Center for one to two months. We will not be able to have our main meeting there until the repairs are completed.

They have made arrangements for the main meeting to be held in the Mitchell Room at City Hall. This is the big meeting room on the west side of City Hall across from the Performing Arts Center, and is next to the Credit Union. The address is 101 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025.

It was a busy month with some great events. Saturday, March 16th the **Senior Anglers of Escondido** hosted 30 fifth graders from the **YMCA After School Program** to the **12th Annual Youth Day at Dixon Lake**. Our club volunteers took the kids fishing out on the lake. No fish were caught, but they had a great time learning to cast and driving the boats. **Simone Greene** also took them on a nature hike, and afterward we barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. This is always one of the most rewarding events of the year and the volunteers had as much fun as the kids. A big thank you to **Hank and Janet Skaja, Simone Greene** and all the volunteers who helped to make this a special day.

The day after Youth Day many of us left for the **San Onofre** campout. Despite rain and hail just a few miles down the road, the weather at the campout was pleasant with only one hour and a half shower. Evenings were blessed with beautiful sunsets which outlined Catalina Island. As always, there was plenty of great food. For the second year in a row, one of the highlights of the outing was a delicious corn beef and cabbage feast with **St. Patrick's Day** decorations, cooked by **Cheryl Brandstrom** and **Marge Lovelady**.

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



A Line from your President... (cont.)

For those of you who missed out on the San Onofre outing, we have two great trips coming up. A group of us will be heading to **Lake Hemet** the day after Easter on April 22 for 4 nights. Contact **Monique** and **Tony Smock** if you would like to go. The **Pinezanita** campout will be May 19. We always have a great time fishing at **Lake Cuyamaca**, and wild turkeys and deer are frequent visitors to our camp. Please see camp host **Betty Allen** if you are interested in joining us.

If you are interested in a great saltwater trip, **Barbara Gattuso** is still taking sign-ups for the ¾ day **halibut trip** on the **Chubasco II** on May 6th.

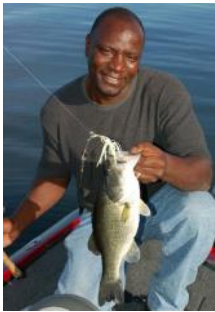
Hank also needs volunteers for the **Annual Kiwanis Trout Derby**, which will be April 27 & 28. Once again, we will be manning the Kiddy Ponds and weighing in trout.

Program Director **Ken Harrison** has lined up a representative from **William's Tackle Shop**, and some representatives from the **Lake Elsinore \$15K Derby** for our guest speakers at this month's meeting.

Tony Smock
President

PROGRAMS

APRIL SPEAKER



In advance of the 7th **Annual Lake Elsinore Dream Extreme Fishing Derby**, the Senior Anglers of Escondido will welcome the organizer of the event to their April 12 meeting.

William Johnson from **William's Bait, Tackle, and Boat Rental** in Lake Elsinore will be the guest speaker. He will talk about how to fish the lake, tackle, the five types of fish eligible for the derby – Crappie, Catfish, Wiper, Bass, and Carp - all competing for a share of the \$15,000 in prize money.

Johnson's shop at Launch Pointe Marina serves as headquarters for the event.

"My whole reason for doing this is to educate people to the fishing that's going on in Lake Elsinore," said Johnson.

Johnson is known as the "Crappie King" around the lake.

Over 100-two person teams from throughout Southern California are expected to compete in the May 3 - 5 derby.

Club members **Mike Springer** of San Marcos, and **Gary Farrar** of Oceanside, will compete on behalf of the club.

Ken Harrison
Programs

FRESHWATER

UPCOMING CAMPING TRIPS

Lake Hemet April 22-April 26

Tony and Monique saved the day by stepping up to be Wagon Master for our return to Lake Hemet. Let them know right away if you want to attend.

Lake Cuyamaca/Pinezanita May 19-24

Larry and Betty Allen are Wagon Masters for this favorite outing. It is fairly close to home, so if you aren't a camper try to come up for the day and fish with the group. So far we have 15 people coming and have room for more. You can sign up at the next meeting or call **Betty Allen** at 858-485-6926.

TROUT CHALLENGES

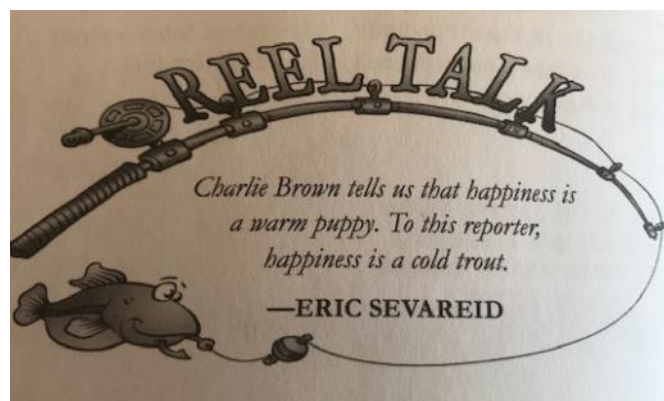
The first trout challenge was on the 28th of March at Lake Poway from 6:00 am to Noon. The second, and last, challenge will be at Dixon lake on April 4th from 6:00 am to Noon. To enter in challenges, contact **Al Wilson** or **Ken Harrison**. The pontoon will be available for Dixon lake (but space limited) contact **Hank Skaja** for pontoon. See the following page for the details.

LARGE FISH 2019

Class I **Al Wilson** - 4.2 pound Trout

Albert Wilson

Freshwater Vice President



FRESHWATER (CONTINUED)

Senior Anglers of Escondido's Last Trout Challenge of the 2018/19 Season Thursday, April 4th Dixon Lake



\$5.00 Challenge Entry Fee

- Cash Award for First Place.
- If over 10 registered, First and Second Place cash awards.
- Dixon Lake opens at 6:00 am. Fish any time. Weigh-in no later than Noon, at picnic tables.
- \$35 Boat Rental (Senior Boat discount only Wednesday's - same day as stocking).
- No fishing license required at Dixon.
- If you sign up, you have to pay up.
- Dixon Lake will be stocking 4,500 trout the day before.
- Dixon Lake was chosen because of muddy waters from shore at Wohlford.
- **Henry Skaja** has reserved Dixon's Pontoon Boat for our disabled club members. Contact him, to see if spots are available.

An end of season celebration picnic will be offered for \$5.00, or based on attendance, at a local restaurant.

Please sign up in advance:

Al Wilson, Freshwater Chair at 760-445-2439

or **Ken Harrison**, califcomedy@aol.com, at 760-815-2502

SALTWATER

SALTWATER TRIPS

Our May 6 Full Day Halibut trip on the Chubasco is full but we always take standbys. With the number of anglers signed up the cost is \$85.00 INCLUDING TIP. The RB Anglers has a June 8 Day trip to Ensenada fishing the Gamefisher. There are 3 spots left. If interested email **Frank Moton** at frankmoton@hotmail.com.

We had a very nice day at Dana Point on February 19. There were 10 anglers fishing and several sheepshead and short calicos caught. The weather was a bit cool to start but calm seas and a captain who made 5 stops to try to entice the fish to bite. The winner was **Dan Engelbrecht** with a 1lb. 9oz. Sheepshead. Congrats **Dan!!**

LARGE FISH 2019

Class 1 **Dan Engelbrecht** 1 lb. 9 oz. Sheepshead

Class 2 **Dale Burlington** 36 lb. King Mackerel

The Cabo Trip is full, but we will take standbys.

Barbara Gattuso.

Saltwater Vice President

SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT from Don Continelli

This year's tournament started off with a bang at San Onofre Campground on Camp Pendleton. Competing were **Frank Mancha, Tony Smock, Dan Engelbrecht, Cheryl Brandstrom, Jim Reser and Don Continelli**. 14 fish were landed using artificial sand worms, a speckled grub and **Frank Mancha's** special bait. The fish count included 4 (what we believe were) Sheepshead, 4 Sand Bass and 6 Barred Perch. President **Tony Smock** landed the largest fish a 1lb. 13 oz. Sheepshead and **Frank Mancha** the most with four caught and released. **Tony's** count was three, **Cheryl's** was two and **Jim** caught one.

We fished a sandy stretch of beach at the north end of the campground which was just above the rocks. Using the old "surf rig set up" with a weight at the end of our lines and drop hooks above worked best. The fish were biting on light and dark red plastic sand worms, speckled plastic grubs and another artificial called "fresh bait" (check with **Frank Mancha**).

The next tournament challenge will be on **April 8th, 2019 at South San Elijo State Beach**. High tide will be about Noon. We'll have breakfast at Captain Keno's 158 North Coast Highway, Encinitas at 8:30 am then move south past the campground to Life Guard Tower 13. Tournament check-in will be at Captain Keno's. Late check-in on the beach.

SALTWATER (CONTINUED)

SAN ONOFRE CAMPOUT



The Winner's Circle



Monique, Tony and the Sunset



The Dana Point Group



Tony's Sheepshead; winning fish.



Cheryl



Frank

SPOTLIGHTING OUR MEMBERS

Long before I joined this fine club, **Anitra and Dave Gehrke** were serving as recording secretary and a two-term President. Leadership and helping fellow members appear to be in their blood. I noticed that all I had to do to seek their assistance was to give either one of them a soft stare and they would come over to help. At the annual banquet holiday party, we have seen each receive many accolades for all they do for our club every year. **Anitra** has been an integral part of this annual event's committee.

Gary Farrar
Historian

Dave and Anitra Gehrke



Dave and I met in Hammond High School during our Junior year. While getting books out of my locker one of my friends said that Dave Gehrke had just broken up with his girlfriend, so she was going to ask him to the Valentine Dance. Well, I ran faster and landed that date. We married in 1958 before our Junior year at Purdue University.

After graduating we decided to “Go West” to the Golden State. This was with a lot of faith and ignorance. Sitting in Chicago interviewing for a teaching job in Los Angeles they handed **Dave** a map of L.A. and asked where would you like to work? He studied it briefly and chose Watts for its location near the mountains and easily accessible to the beaches. We worked in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Kern Counties over the next 40 years. I was a teacher and **Dave** an Administrator in the public-school system. During that time we raised 3 sons. They were smarter than we were and moved to San Diego after college. We have their three families and seven grandchildren that range from 21 to 31 years of age. After we retired, we followed them down to San Diego.

After moving here **Dave** read an article about the Senior Anglers of Escondido. He attended several meetings by himself. **Dottie Arnold** was Membership and said for him to bring his wife. He asked several times and I thought I had better things to do, **Dottie** said bring her as we go “out for lunch” after the meeting. I came to the next meeting. **Carl** was President and during the meeting he handed me a sheet of paper and said “Could you take a few notes? Our Secretary isn't here today.” We joined in 2003 and **Dave** served on the Board as Calling Coordinator, Magazine Chair, President, Past-President, and Historian. I was Secretary, Membership, Secretary. We both retired from the Board in 2018. Our joining the Anglers has provided lots of events and activities for us to be involved in. We have made lifelong friends in the Anglers. We had always traveled with tent, cooler and cook stove our entire married life. After joining the Anglers, we bought an RV to go on the 10 Angler fish trips each year. I keep a journal and we are currently recording 118 weeks spent in the RV. We have logged 40,000 miles in the RV. FUN-FUN-FUN.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

12th ANNUAL YOUTH DAY

Our 12th Annual Youth Day is complete. Thanks to a great bunch of students and terrific help, a perfect day; it could not have been better. The YMCA counselors brought 26 students from six Escondido schools. There were plenty of Senior Anglers there to welcome the kids and counselors. The kids were divided into two groups. The first group went on a hike with **Simone Green** and **Carol Parker**. The other group went fishing or boating with the Captains **Tony Smock, John Tester, Dan Englebrecht, John Jessup**, and on the second group **Al Wilson** was called on to drive a boat. While the fishing and hiking was going on the food and drinks were being prepared by **Janet Skaja, Gary Farrar, Dave Gehrke** and **Hank Skaja**. **Ron Parker** brought his delicious oranges and cut them up for all to enjoy. The day was warm and sunny, the oranges and juice drinks were a perfect refreshment.

When all the kids got back from hiking and fishing the cooks got busy. The cooks, **Ken Harrison, Mike and Karen Springer, Dave Gehrke** and **Ron Parker** got the hamburgers and hot dogs cooked to perfection. The kids and Senior Anglers enjoyed a terrific feast. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, juice, oranges and great company. It could not have been more enjoyable. After lunch, the kids created "thank you" artwork that they presented to the Senior Anglers. The art will be displayed at our April meeting. We then gave each kid a Certificate of Accomplishment for being chosen to participate in our Youth Day celebration. We planned to give prizes for the largest fish, but since no one caught a fish, we picked numbers to give out the prizes. A fishing pole set-up given to the club by **Gerry Graf**, was the grand prize. **John Jessup** brought and bought a fishing pole, net and tackle box full of goodies that were also used as prizes. Thank You, **Gerry and John**. The bus with the kids and counselors left the Lake at about 1:00 pm and Youth Day was in the book. Overall this Youth Day was a great success and was enjoyed by all. I would like to give a special thanks to a few people for their extra effort. Without their help the kids may have been disappointed.

- **Ron and Carol Parker** for the oranges, cooking, helping in every area, hiking with Simone and of course the pictures.
- **Simone Green** for sharing her knowledge with the kids.
- **Gary Farrar** for all the extra help.
- All the **Boat Captains**; sorry for the confusion.
- The **Cooks** for another job well done.
- **Arlene Martinez** and her staff for providing a great group of kids.
- **Janet Skaja** for doing everything.
- **Karen Springer** for making key chains to give to the kids.
- **All club members** for supporting this event.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

22nd ANNUAL KIWANIS FISH DERBY

Coming up at the end of the month, April 27 and 28. We still need a few more people to work at the weigh station and the Kiddy Pond on Sunday. Please come by the sign-up table and see where you can help at this Derby.

As a reminder, the City will give you two fishing permits for being a Senior volunteer and working at this event. In addition, the Kiwanis Club provides a great lunch, at no charge.

Hank Skaja

Community Events

SUNSHINE



Hi everyone! Here we are in April already. Hope all of you who were sick, under the weather or had surgery are doing better. Linda Perdue had knee replacement, Tomas Martinez and Ron Continelli both had heart problems, and Robert Melton had knee surgery on March 29th. We have heard from Ron Casapulla; he has finished with Chemo and ready for the next phase of treatment. Keep the faith!!! Please let me know if there is anyone else who needs a card.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

The wise don't expect to find life worth living, they make it that way. Be happy!!

Your Sunshine Gal,

Marge Lovelady

APPAREL

Hey, Fisher ladies and Fishermen, SAE Caps will be available at the meeting on April 12. There will be 7 Khaki, 1 light blue, 1 light pink and 1 stone. They will be available for the low low price of \$14 each.

Linda Perdue

Apparel

Senior Anglers of Escondido

Mailing address and meeting place:

Park Avenue Community Center

Home of Escondido Senior Center

c/o Senior Anglers of Escondido

210 PARK Ave.

Escondido, CA 92025

MEMBERSHIP



4/2 Jim Stevenson
 4/6 Paul Lorson
 4/6 Gary Farrar
 4/7 Nat Estes
 4/13 Sharon Reser
 4/14 Rosie Foss
 4/18 Mary Roque
 4/18 John Tester
 4/20 Robert Melton
 4/22 Lloyd Turrentine
 4/23 Lanny Boddy
 4/26 Dottie Arnold
 4/28 Kay Van Hest

Happy April Anniversaries

4/2 Gerry & Ann Aldridge
 4/5 Clete & Joyce West
 4/7 Tom & Carmen Martinez
 4/8 Steve & Jackie Palmer
 4/13 Glenn & Kay Van Hest
 4/14 Jim & Sharon Reser
 4/16 Bob & Marilyn Prewett
 4/18 Frank & Pat Mancha
 4/19 Paul & Julie Lorson
 4/26 James & Carol Maclsaac
 4/28 Albert & Colleen Wilson



Come and Get It!

Your 2019 Directory is ready and waiting. **Cheryl** did a great job this year. They are better than ever, and even have color.

“Lunch After Meeting” News

We had a great turnout for our March lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory. The food was fabulous.

Waylan Smedley won the prize!

Our lunch in April will take place at **Cocina del Charro** in Escondido. The address is 890 W. Valley Parkway (in the Shopping Center – close to Barnes & Noble).

Pat Stevens
Membership

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

	April 8	Surf Fishing	South San Elijo	Saltwater
*	April 12	Meeting	William's Tackle Shop - Lake Elsinore \$15K Derby	
*	April 22-26	Lake Hemet Campout		Freshwater Campout
	April 27-28	Kiwanis Trout Derby		Community Event
	May 6	3/4 Day Halibut Trip	Chubasco II	Saltwater
	May 10	Meeting	Fisherman's Belly	
	May 19-24	Lake Cuyamaca/Pinezanita Campout		Freshwater Campout
	May 20	Surf Fishing		Saltwater
*	June 14	Meeting	Shannon Quigley San Diego River Restoration/Wild Trout	
	June 17	Surf Fishing	North Ponto Beach	Saltwater
	July 8	Surf Fishing	San Onofre Beach	Saltwater
*	July 12	Meeting	Ernie Cowan—Eastern Sierra Fall Outlook	
	July 18	Club Picnic		Club Event
	July 23	Surf Fishing	Oceanside Harbor Pier	Saltwater
*	Aug 9	Meeting	Tony Williams - Bite On Baits - Eastern Sierra Secrets	
	Aug 12	Surf Fishing	Silver Strand	Saltwater
	Aug 15	Club Picnic		Club Event
	Sept 8-15	June Lake Campout		Freshwater Campout
	Sept 13	Meeting	Senior Anglers Year in Review	
	Sept 29 –Oct 3	Saltwater Campout	Jalama County Park-Surf Fishing	Saltwater Campout
	Oct 11	Meeting		
	Oct 13-18	Campout	Date and Location to be Determined	Freshwater Campout
**	Oct 30—Nov 4	Cabo Trip		
	Nov 3-7	Lake Santee Campout		Freshwater Campout
	Nov 8	Meeting		
	Nov 14	Fall Feast		Freshwater Campout
	Dec 5	Awards Banquet and Holiday Party		Club Event
	Dec 6 —8	Escondido Trout Derby		Community Event
	Dec 11	Viejas Trip		Club Event



LARGE FISH DOCUMENTATION

Member Name _____ Phone No. _____

Identify Species (common name) and attach a picture _____

Weight (lb. and oz) _____ Date Caught _____

Location (place and body of water) _____ State _____

Signature _____ Witness _____

Category

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| 1. | _____ Salt Water | Class I |
| 2. | _____ Salt Water | Class II |
| 3. | _____ Surf | Class I |
| 4. | _____ Surf | Class II |
| 5. | _____ Fresh Water | Class I |
| 6. | _____ Fresh Water | Class II |

How Verified

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| 1. | _____ Club Scale |
| 2. | _____ Club Approved Scale
Belongs to _____ |
| 3. | _____ Boat/Lake Scale |
| 4. | _____ Measurement
Length _____
Girth _____ |

NOTE: A Class I trip is club Sponsored

A Class II trip is not Club Sponsored

Billfish, Sharks, Rays, Black Sea Bass and other protected species will not be considered. Carp will be considered only for the largest fish of the species.

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| _____ | Largest fish of the outing | () |
| _____ | Largest fish of the month | () |
| _____ | Largest fish of the year | () |
| _____ | Largest fish of it's species | () |

Notes or additional information.

Return the completed form to the appropriate Vice President by the end of the month.

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