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A Line from your President....

We have just passed a dark milestone. It has been over one year since we last met as a club, but despite this dark milestone the future is looking brighter by the day. Our shore fishing group has remained active, and we just had our first trout challenge since the beginning of the pandemic. As more and more of us get vaccinated, we should be able to return to many of the activities we enjoyed before the pandemic. Barring any unforeseen setbacks, I think that we will soon be able to resume not only fish challenges, but campouts and fishing charters as well. Hopefully by summer, we can all return to the many group activities we previously enjoyed. We are waiting to find out when the Senior Center will open for group meetings, but I am hopeful that even this milestone may be reached by the end of summer.

For those of you who missed out on some great fishing during the last trout challenge, you have one last opportunity before trout season ends for the year. Since boating is still closed at Dixon Lake and Poway Lake, we will be returning to Lake Wohlford for this last trout challenge of the season. The lake will be stocking on Wednesday, April 14 and our challenge will be the next day on April 15. This will be a Thursday, so those interested in boat fishing will be happy to know this will also be Senior Discount Day for boats. If shore fishing is your preference, you will be excited to hear that the lake staff has done a great job of removing all the reeds and brush from Senior Shoreline opening up much more shoreline for fishing. In fact the two largest trout caught during the last challenge were both caught from shore at Senior Shoreline. Read the freshwater section of the newsletter for more information.

If ocean fishing is what interests you, bottom fishing has been heating up on local ½ day boats, and yellowtail have been biting off the islands. You can also read more information on ocean fishing in this newsletter's Saltwater Section.

Continue to be cautious and stay safe, and I encourage you all to get a vaccine so we can finally put this nightmare behind us. Until we see you again, Monique and I wish all of you a joyous Easter.

Tony Smock
President

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



FRESHWATER

MARCH FISHING CHALLENGE

The first trout challenge of the year was at Lake Wolford on March 19. It went very well since several trout were landed, (a surprise since the lake hadn't been stocked in 9 days). The winner of the challenge was **Paul Lorson**, with a beautiful 6 lb. 8 oz. rainbow. He was followed by **Ron Bloom** with a 5 lb. rainbow. **Ron Parker** almost limited out with 4 fish. Congratulations to all.



Ron Bloom and Paul Lorson



Ron Parker

APRIL FISHING CHALLENGE

If you missed out, you are going to have another chance. We are going to have the next challenge on April 15 at Lake Wolford. This will be a Senior Fishing Day, so boats will be discounted for seniors. The lake will be planting on April 14. This will be the last trout plant of the season.

The largest fish of the March challenge were caught along the Senior Shoreline. Fishing conditions are good since the lake staff has cleared away most of the reeds and brush from the Senior Shoreline. The baits of choice in March were mouse tails and power baits.

If you plan on attending, remember that you have to have a current California fishing license. You will also need to bring a credit card since the lake is not accepting cash. You will also have to wear a mask when purchasing a lake permit and any time you are on the boat dock.

The lake opens at 6:00 and the challenge will end at 12:00 noon (sharp). If you are interested in participating, please contact **Tony Smock**.

FRESHWATER (CONTINUED)

CAMPING TRIPS

June Lake—September 12 to 19

Save the dates! We are hopeful that we will be able to resume club camping for this awesome destination. John and Linda Perdue will be Wagon Masters. The cost is \$45.80 per night for a total of \$320.60. More information will follow. If you are interested, contact the Perdues at lindaperdue@me.com, and let them know.

LARGE FISH 2021

Class I : Paul Lorson — 6 lb. 8 oz. Rainbow Trout

Al Wilson

Freshwater Vice President

SALTWATER

The fishing is picking up at the Coronado Islands. Last week the San Diego caught 102 Yellowtail. With the weather more stable and more people vaccinated it might be time to jump on a boat.

We have not chartered a boat for our club as of yet, but the Oceanside and Rancho Bernardo clubs may have openings on their trips and have opened them up for family and friends. Contact Charter Masters Frank Moton for Rancho Bernardo at 858-220-0388 or frankmoton@hotmail.com and J Mauritz at 760-450-7060 or jmauritz6@gmail.com for Oceanside.

We did not have enough anglers interested at this time for the Ensenada trip so we will put it off for now.

If you have been fishing please send me a Large Fish Report. If you surf fish provide that report to Cheryl.

LARGE FISH 2021

Class I Surf Fish: Daria Gardynik—Seven oz. Corbina

Barbara Gattuso

Saltwater Vice President

ON-SHORE FISHING

From the Shores of Tamarack Beach . . . Saying Goodbye to Don Continelli

Cheryl Brandstrom, Ken Harrison, Frank Mancha, Jim Davidson, Ron Bloom, Daria Gardynik, Jerry Watanabe, Bob Watanabe, Tom Galyean, Allison and Klaus Brandstrom, Sonya Hernandez attended the surf fishing event on March 16. No fish were caught that day, but that really wasn't the purpose. A memorial remembrance of Don Continelli was held. **Ken Harrison** officiated and gave a short eulogy.



The Eulogy



Yellow Daisies

In **Ken's** words . . .

"Don was 74, a beloved, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, died on February 10, unexpectedly from a heart attack, in his home in Escondido. Don was born in 1946 in Vallejo, California. He was raised in San Diego County and graduated from Grossmont High School in 1964. He served in the USMC for three years, including a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Don married Norma Terry in 1967 and they had two beautiful daughters, Laura and Christina. He retired from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department in 2002 after a long 31-year career. He then joined the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs as an investigator.

He was also incredibly active and energetic being an avid bicyclist, gardener, fisherman, and general outdoorsman. He was a force of nature, one of those people who could never sit still, and had a great deal of curiosity about the world. His was a life based on service and an abiding sense of duty: to country, community, and family.

That was from his obituary. But it is not those things that brought us here today. In this gathering friends, the love and the friendship we feel for Don, there is sadness that a loved one, is now gone. But it is not the physical body that brought us here in memory, it was his god given qualities, a love of fishing, camping, and being in the club.

Each of us is dealing with the loss of this wonderful friend each in our own way. We are all mature enough in life to know that we could not have changed the outcome, so we are here today, to celebrate a life that was rich and full, and will continue to be rich and full by the circle of friends gathered here today. Let us look upon this passing as an opportunity to affirm life.

We can ask ourselves why? Why? Why? If only he . . . But I believe we are spiritual beings living in a limited human form. We are to never know the answers to these questions. Why a man so young and full of life is now gone?

ON-SHORE FISHING (CONTINUED)

We pay tribute to him by coming out here and fishing. By supporting each other with laughter, fish stories, and catching fish, being open to trying new baits, and different spots. He would have loved that we were here, freezing in the cold water, to just fish.

I believe our mission in life is to leave the world a better place than when we arrived. Is our life better because we knew Don? Mission accomplished! The on-going tribute to him is to let our life be better because of his presence in it."

After the eulogy the group, silently, tossed yellow daisies into the surf.

Information about the next surf fishing event will be sent via email.

Cheryl Brandstrom
Program Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/02 Jim Stevenson
4/06 Paul Lorson
4/06 Gary Farrar
4/07 Nat Estes
4/13 Sharon Reser
4/18 Martin Colling
4/18 Mary Roque
4/18 John Tester
4/20 Robert Melton
4/22 Lloyd Turrentine
4/26 Dottie Arnold
4/28 Kay Van Hest



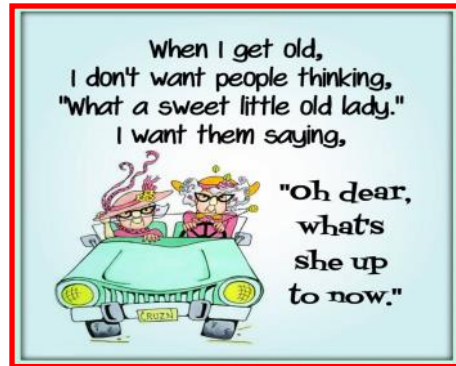
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/07 Tom & Carmen Martinez
4/08 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



Linda Perdue
Membership Director

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Contributed by **Tony Smock**

SUNSHINE



I'm happy to report that I have no news this month. I hope that means everyone is well and enjoying the warm weather some return to normalcy.

Marge Lovelady
SUNSHINE

LIFE SAVING VIDEO

The sudden loss of one of our members to a heart attack, should be a sad reminder of this reality. It could happen to anyone.

The SDPHD has provided a beneficial and crucial CPR/AED training for a hands-only web based training video since in person training is not possible at this time. This is something we can all do to, right in our home, to enhance survival potential should in the case of a cardiac event for someone we know. Please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhYKboC9Yfg&feature=youtu.be>

Barbara Gattuso

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

*	April 15	Fishing Challenge	Freshwater
*	Sept 12—19	June Lake	Freshwater Camping
**	Oct 28-Nov 2	Cabo Trip	Saltwater

* New or Changed ** Non-club sponsored 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

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

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.

_____	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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