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A Line from your President....

The year 2020 will be one we will all never forget for multiple reasons. Despite this year's hardships, let us not lose sight that there IS much to be thankful for: We soon will have survived one of the worst years in US history, a vaccine will soon be available, and we are a lot closer to seeing a return to normalcy. Hopefully, five years from now we can all bore our grandchildren and great grandchildren with stories of "You think you have it bad now, well in 2020 "...

Much has been said about pandemic fatigue. This is when people get so tired of keeping up their guard that they begin to take more and more chances. It would be a shame to lower your guards now, when we are so close to reaching an end. If you do feel the walls closing in, take a drive to the coast or the countryside, call a friend, get out and get some exercise. For those of you interested in freshwater fishing, trout have now been planted in several county lakes. Take a boat out or fish from shore. Fishing is a great socially distanced activity that can be done alone or with a friend.

For those of you wondering when the 2021 dues are to be collected, since we have not been able to meet most of 2020, the Board of Directors has unanimously voted to credit everyone's 2020 dues to 2021.

I am hoping that if the vaccination approval goes as planned, and enough people get vaccinated, by late spring or early summer we might be able to start meeting again.

Until we can see you all again, stay safe and continue to be careful. Monique and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tony Smock
President

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



FRESHWATER

Hi all,

I hope you are getting out and fishing a little. We'd love to see some Large Fish Reports.

Take care and stay safe,

Al Wilson

Freshwater Vice President

SALTWATER

The water temp has been a yoyo and therefore so has fishing.

Off shore trips to Cortez bank and 1 1/2 day trips are still catching large bluefin and yellowfin. A 279 lb. bluefin was taken on the San Diego last week on a Full Day trip.

Dana Point has a 2 for 1 deal through December.

There's an abundance of squid off Catalina and seabass being caught. The tasty bottom fish are always available on the half day boats.

Don't forget about the surf fishing. Fun, safe and tasty fish including halibut.

Barbara Gattuso

Saltwater Vice President

ON-SHORE FISHING

NOVEMBER ON-SHORE TOURNAMENT

On November 9, **Ron Bloom, Frank Mancha** and his daughter **Cherise, Camille Martineau, Chuck Ogilvie, Rich Bruemmer** and their friend **Mike Diaz, Tom Galyean**, and I spent the afternoon fishing the Shelter Island Pier.

Fishing was very slow with **Tom Galyean** bringing in the largest fish of the day, a 6 oz. mackerel using squid. We tried everything from mackerel, frozen muscles and live razor clams dug up by **Camille** and myself on east Mission Bay.

DECEMBER ON-SHORE TOURNAMENT

There will be another On-Shore Tournament on December 17th at Buccaneer Beach (*DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER*).

We'll start at 8:00 am with high tide cresting about 10:05 am. Sign-up with me when you arrive. Bring exact change, please.

Be sure to read Bill Varney's December "FISHTHESURF.com" newsletter. He addresses winter fishing conditions, locations, bait and safety

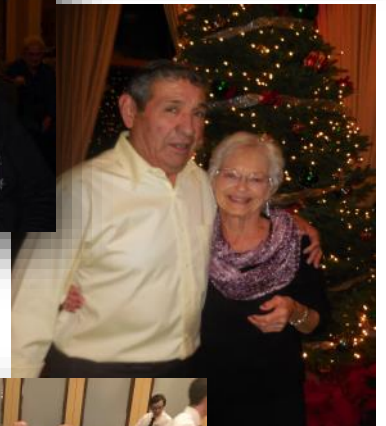
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If you have questions, contact me at djcont@aol.com.

IN BETTER YEARS—DECEMBER AWARDS BANQUET

In normal times, a lot of us would have just had a great evening at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo, installing our new officers, presenting awards, giving out door prizes, and enjoying a wonderful dinner. However, this is 2020. Here, is a little nostalgia for other years and a reminder of the good times we have to look forward to in the future.



SUNSHINE

Hi to all! Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and are staying safe! A few people needed a little love this month. Dick Montague is back in the hospital; we wish you and Laura peace and for Dick to get better! Also, Will Cozzens had a stroke, he is home and being well taken care of by his family. The Wilson's son had COVID-19, is fine now and Colleen and Al tested negative and are fine. Please let me know if you know anyone who needs a card or a phone call.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Happy people enjoy the fundamental, often very simple things of life. They savor the moment, glad to be alive, enjoying their families, the good things around them. They are adaptable; They can bend with the wind, adjust to the changes in these times, enjoy the contest of life! Here's to all of us who are swaying back and forth in the months to come, be strong, this to will pass!!!

Merry Christmas to All
From your Sunshine Gal,
Marge Lovelady

OUR CATCHES



Dave Gehrke
Salmon fishing with his three sons
and oldest grandson in Alaska

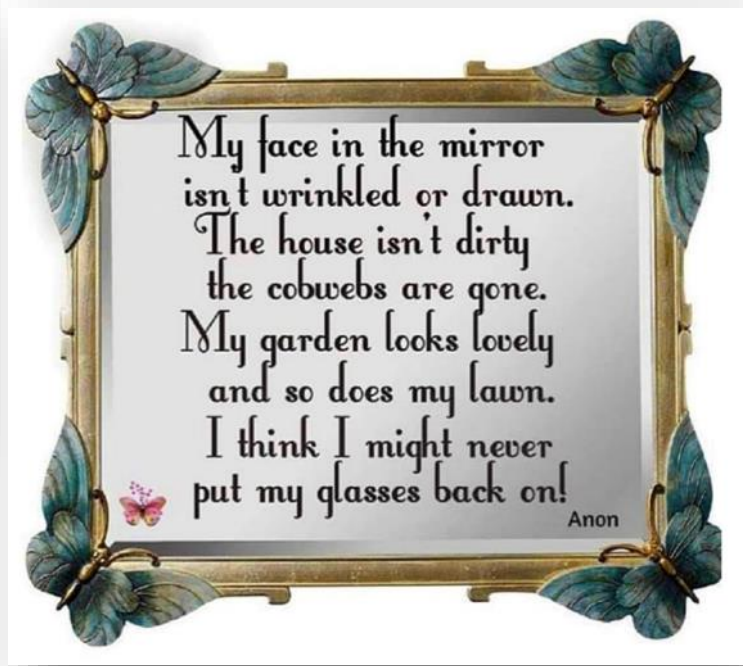


Bob Taylor and David Martinez
At Lake Morena in 2008

There aren't many fish being caught, so **Dave Gehrke** suggested we include some pictures from the past. How about sending your favorite old fish picture my way for the January issue? You can text or email them to me at 760-518-2557 or karen.t22@sbcglobal.net.

Karen Taylor
Corresponding Secretary

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Contributed by Tony Smock and Barbara Gattuso

MEMBERSHIP



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/11 **Roy Roque**
- 12/12 **Carol Parker**
- 12/12 **Jack Pease**
- 12/17 **Larry Allen**
- 12/18 **Thomas Galyean**
- 12/21 **Chuck Fowler**
- 12/22 **Smick Smeskal**
- 12/24 **Janet Skaja**
- 12/24 **David Martinez**
- 12/31 **Anna Hoving**



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/28 **Charles & Linda Ogilvie**



Linda Perdue
Membership Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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| * | Dec 17 | On-Shore Surf Tournament—Buccaneer Beach | Saltwater |
| | Dec11 | Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting |



To you and your families from your Board of Directors We wish you a happy, fun, healthy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing you next year.

Tony, Barbara, Albert, Janet. Karen, Betty. Gary, Linda, Ken, Mike and Ron