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Fish Tales from Your President's Perspective.

For those of you who were not at the last meeting, you will now have a new President, well, er, sort of. Next year, the President will be Paul Lorson, and an entourage of ex-presidents to assist me. I am so excited for our new year (my last year as President). Our club is on the move again and growing. We will be in our new location starting January 10 and have our first camping outing from January 23 through January 28; we will have new members of the board, **Nicki Lovejoy, Ron Casapulla, and Jim Macisaac**. Welcome aboard!!!!

I also want to thank all of you who helped with the Trout Derby. It was another successful and fun-filled event.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Awards Banquet and Holiday Party at the Cocina Del Charro in San Marcos. We are looking forward to another fun and tasty holiday gathering. I hope we'll see you there.

We will be beginning planning for 2025 and want your input. We are looking for new events and/or new locations. We are also looking for new presenters. If you have any suggestions for these items, contact one of our board members.

This club is a great place because of you. Share this with your friends and neighbors and ask them to join.

Have an awesome holiday season and an exciting New Year.

Paul Lorson
President

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



FRESHWATER

UPCOMING CAMPOUTS

Yucaipa Regional Park – January 23-28
Wagon Masters: Bob and Karen Taylor



This is our first 2025 campout! We will return to Yucaipa, where three lakes and weekly planting provide good fishing opportunities. It’s a lovely park with large, grassy RV sites. If you want to join us, please get in touch with Bob or Karen at 760-528-2771 or 760-518-2557.

SANTEE LAKES

Twenty-nine Club members attended the Santee Lakes campout. Hopes were high that we would have great fishing since it was the park’s first trout plant of the season. Unfortunately, due to an apparent problem with the stocking truck, most of the trout did not survive long enough to be caught. The fifteen anglers who participated in the fishing challenge only landed one trout and four catfish over 3 days of fishing, though the one trout caught was a beauty. Jim Stevenson landed a 6 lb. 7oz. Lightning Trout.



Despite the poor fishing, we all had a great time. The weather was perfect, the nightly potlucks were delicious, and the camaraderie around the campfires was awesome. We had a couple of falls because of the lack of light in the evening. MaryAnn Murphy broke her wrist when she went down.

On the last evening, we went to our usual spot, Marieta’s Mexican Restaurant. It was great, as always. We surprised Betty with a Birthday Flan.



MORE FRESHWATER

Of course, games were played, and walks were taken and food was plentiful.



THE DERBY

The derby went smoothly this year. We saw some people with full stringers and then others with nothing. The average fish this year was 2 lbs to 2 1/2 lb. The kiddie pond was a big hit, and there were over 100 kids on Saturday and around 50 on Sunday. There were only a few large fish on the board. The grand prize winner was only 3 1/2 lbs caught on Saturday morning (youth) and held on through Sunday.

For the first time in years, all 15 tagged fish were awarded prizes. We actually had the senior slots filled this year, and some were interested in joining the club. I don't think anyone went away hungry, as we had plenty of food vouchers left over. Parking was a zoo, as usual, especially for the afternoon shifts.

As for animal sightings, a few fishermen fishing by the buoy line reported a pack of coyotes taking down a duck. The resident red-tailed hawk sometimes sat on top of the concession stand. Upon leaving on Sunday, we noticed an Osprey with a trout in it's claws flying over.

Our first Trout Challenge of the season will be at Lake Wolford on Saturday, December 14th. The gates will open at 6:00 am, but if you want a boat, you might want to get there a lot earlier. The challenge entry fee is \$5. I will be at the concession for the permits or the Senior Shoreline.

Al Wilson
Freshwater Vice President

SALTWATER

Ho Ho Ho!

It's that time of the year again! No, not fishing. It's Christmas! So now, when someone asks what you'd like for Christmas, you can say Fishing Gear, maybe a new pole or a new reel! After all, fishing isn't about how many or the type of fish are caught. It's ALL about how much fishing equipment you have!

So, the warm waters have left the area - well, let me rephrase that. The warm water never really arrived. Local inshore fishing hasn't been that good this entire year. Maybe we should all ask Santa for a better fishing year to come.

As your Saltwater VP, I will try to do a better job in 2025. Hopefully, we will have more local charters and maybe a couple of Baja trips. Let's ask Santa for warm waters.

Have a very Merry Christmas or a blessed holiday, however you celebrate the season. Happy New Year, and I hope to see you at the Awards Banquet and Holiday Party on December 7. If not, see you at our next meeting at our new digs next to the Senior Center next year!

Thanks for a Great Year - even if the fishing was a little slow!

Rich Bruemmer
Saltwater Vice President

OUR CATCHES

Congratulations to our 2024 winners of the Largest Fish of the Year.



LARGE FISH OF THE YEAR



Name	Caught By	Pounds	Ounces	Species
Freshwater Class I	Bob Taylor	7	8.7	Trout
Freshwater Class II	Brian Shultz	7	8	Bass
Saltwater Class I				
Saltwater Class II	Paul Berinson	67	8	Yellowfin Tuna
On Shore Class I	Nicky Lovejoy	3	9	Spotted Croaker
On Shore Class II	Julie Lorson	4	2	Blue Rock Fish

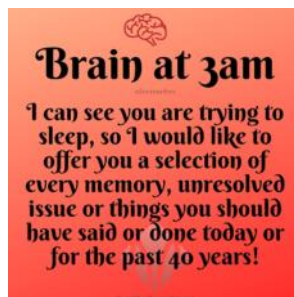
ON SHORE FISHING

We have decided to surf fish one last time before the end of the Year. We've picked December 17th and plan to go to Mission Bay. I will email you details of the outing and its location.

As part of the end-of-the-year outing, we also plan a potluck lunch. Jerry, as always, will make something on the grill. I hope others will attend and bring a side dish to share. I will provide the napkins, plates, silverware, etc. If you think you are interested in joining us, please give me a call or text. We hope to see you there.

Cheryl Brandstrom
On Shore Fishing

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Submitted by Tony Smock

CLUB EVENTS

FALL FEAST

The Fall Feast was a great success. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the company was fun, as always. We want to thank **Brenda Mc Queen and Ron Quinlan**, our amazing party planners, **Jimmy and Fariba Eghaneyan**, our gracious hosts; and **Marge Lovelady**, our White Elephant coordinator.



We also thank all those who shopped, cooked, baked, and brought the yummy food we all enjoyed. These events require so much effort. Thanks to those who served the food, set up, cleaned up, and helped with the white Elephant Sale.



Karen Kirchnavy
Best Pumpkin Dessert



COMMUNITY EVENTS

It is interesting to see how a Fishing Derby and Kiddie Pond come together (like last week). Jim MacIsaac sends us dates earlier in the year, and we start getting the word out to our Senior Angler Volunteers. The first day of “work” is the Monday preceding the Derby, November 18th this year. Starting at 3 pm, Jim MacIsaac supervises the delivery of the trout pen components, and the parts are laid out. Fourteen Senior Anglers and 3 Kiwanis members connect the lower PVC frame and the upper drain pipe frame while others stretch out the net. The net gets zip-tied to the frame parts, and carried over to the lake’s edge for the Park employees to put into the water on Wednesday. When there is enough help, like last week, assembly takes about 50 minutes.

Fish to stock the lake and our trout pens are delivered on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to watch, but the delivery time depends on traffic! Rangers tow the now-loaded pens to our Senior Dock, secure them to the dock, and cover them with additional netting to keep the flying poachers out.

The fun starts on Saturday at 6 am. Anglers set up the scale, leader board, info on prizes, and record book. People fishing in the Derby will start bringing fish to weigh and record pretty early: some nice prizes are available. Some members set up easy chairs now, and everyone starts enjoying Kiwanis breakfast burritos or sandwiches and hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats at lunchtime. Additional Angler Volunteers start showing up 8:30 to 9:00 am to staff the Kiddie Pond. These people carry the gear and tackle for the kids down to the Ponds; Kiwanis members set up some flow control (4 kids up to 8 years of age), Anglers rig the lines and show their young charges how to use a bobber, turn the handle on a reel (only at the right time!), and help position their fish for netting. KeyClub members from local schools then help net the fish and get the fish into a bag. Usually, there are more than enough parents to get pictures, but we also help there. As the newly minted fishermen leave, a booth on the shore is nearby where the kids can get a Lake Fishing License and picture for the Kiwanis website.

This process goes on for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon.

Sunday repeat.

It is so touching to see a youngster catch their first fish. They are thrilled when they see their fish moving in the water, apprehensive when they see a fish in a net and then a bag, but when you tell them they are now officially a fisherman, Wow. And then the parents! They are more excited than the kids, and I can't remember anytime someone was as thankful for such a Free event.

This year, we had 14 members for the Kiddie Pond construction and 21 Senior Anglers, men and women, for the Derby and Kiddie Pond. Pat yourself on your backs!

Gary Beckman
Community Events

MEMBERSHIP



FISHING FOODIE

The November Fishing Foodie prize went to **Barbara Gattuso**.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING WINNERS

- Jerry Watanabe**
- Larry Ayo**
- Bud McKeller**
- Michael Bell**
- Cindy Bruemmer**
- Jan Kerdus**
- Carol Parker**

To our new members **Daryl and Sharon Evans**, of Anza, to the Senior Anglers of Escondido.



- 12/02 **Joan Madison**
- 12/04 **Dawn Schultz**
- 12/04 **Scott Noetzel**
- 12/06 **Paul Berinson**
- 12/12 **Carol Parker**
- 12/17 **Larry Allen**
- 12/20 **Michael Bell**
- 12/24 **Janet Skaja**
- 12/24 **David Martinez**

If you haven't paid your 2025 dues, there is still time to avoid that \$5 late fee. You can mail a check to me at 905 Carriage Dr., San Marcos, CA 92069.

Linda Perdue
Membership Director

SUNSHINE



We sent cards to **Ron Casapulla**, who had his Pacemaker replaced, and to **Mary Ann Murphy**, who broke her wrist at the Santee campout. We also sent best wishes to **David and Sandy Martinez**, whose grandson was in the hospital with a badly broken leg, and **Martin Calling**, who was also in the hospital.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you suffer from Pogonophobia, you are afraid of beards. Sorry, Santa.



Joann Jauert
Sunshine

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

	Sept 6	On-Shore Fishing	Saltwater
	Sept 13	Board and General Meetings	Club Event
	Sept 14	Grape Day Festival	Community Event
	Sept 15-22	Creekside Campout—Bishop area	Freshwater
	Oct 11	Board and General Meetings	
	Oct	Campout TBD	Freshwater
	Oct 20	Escondido Street Festival	Community Event
	Oct 28	Time Out Tuesday	Club Event
	Oct 31	On-Shore Fishing	Saltwater
**	Oct 28-Nov 2	Cabo Trip	Saltwater
	Nov 3-7	Santee Lakes Campout	Freshwater
*	Nov 8	Board and General Meetings Steve Carson, Penn Tackle	
	Nov 13	Fall Feast	Club Event
	Nov 18	Kiddy Pond Setup for Trout Derby	Community Event
*	Nov 20	Trout Derby Fish Planting	
	Nov 23-24	Escondido Kiwanis Fish Derby	Community Event
	Dec 7	Awards Banquet and Holiday Party	Club Event
	Dec 13	Board Meeting - 2024 and 2025 Board Members	
*	Dec 14	Trout Challenge Lake Wolhford	Freshwater
*	Dec 17	On Shore Fishing	Saltwater

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

	Jan 10	Board and General Meeting—Year in Review Video	
*	Jan 23-28	Board and General Meetings	Club Event
*	Feb 14	Board and General Meeting	
*	March 9-13	Santee Lakes Campout	Freshwater

* New or changed event **Not a club sponsored event



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





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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