



# Senior Anglers of Escondido

February 2009 Issue

## *President's Message*

*Ron Parker, President*



*"Ron's Rhetoric"*



It's February, and since we don't have any groundhogs in Southern California, we have no animals that act as our scientific weather prognosticator? Back east, we can look to Punxsutawney Phil to let us know if there's going to be winter or an early showing of spring. A February 2<sup>nd</sup> emergence from his den on Gobbler's Knob, a sighting of his shadow, and winter will continue for the six weeks. No shadow, and it's an early spring. He's been doing this for over 100 years and never, never been wrong?? If only we had some way of knowing if our winter wouldn't last another six weeks, we could then schedule some more trips to the lake. And then again, since we don't have any winter, we don't need a groundhog or a Groundhog Day? Soooo, there's no reason not to come up to the lake and fish with our group each week. Check David's Fresh Water schedule.

Last month's meeting and program had a lot of the members talking about heading north for the incredible salmon and halibut fishing, as well as the beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife. **Valerie Hoperich**, of Queen Charlotte Safaris, and **Ronnie Kovach**, of Fishing Expeditions, put on a presentation that was not only informative and entertaining, but tons of fun. Their "question and answer" finale had everyone involved, as they passed out embroidered hats for all correct responses to their talk. This was a most impressive program that encompassed some history of the Queen Charlotte Islands, the native people (the Haida,) and the many birds and animals that inhabit the Islands.

I touched briefly last month on how fortunate we are to have a facility as nice as the Joslyn Senior Center to hold our General and Board of Directors meetings; also, how well we were treated by the staff of this city-managed center. Well, I'm pleased to announce that your Board of Directors voted to present the center with a substantial donation at the February's meeting. Try to be present and show your appreciation to **Amy Shipley**, the Director of this facility, who will be accepting our gift.

Newspaper Naming? I suppose you're as curious as I am to find out what we're going to name our newsletter. I haven't been privy to what was submitted, but will soon find out when we get to the General Meeting, and have an opportunity to vote for our favorite title. Make sure you're there to help determine what the final name will be.

I've seen a draft of the new directory that our **Membership Director, Minerva Martinez**, has been designing. Boy, she has done a fantastic job, designing the format, and editing and collecting all the information. It's going to be nice to look up a member's phone number and see his or her picture, have the email address, and in some cases, their cell number, all in one area.

After you have a chance to check it out, make sure you tell Minerva how much you appreciate the work and time she has spent on this project. Minerva has been contributing to our club since the day she took over the Membership responsibility, and she is another example of our hard working and dedicated individuals that make up the 2008 and 2009 Board of Directors.

Let's talk about the picnics that we're planning for this year, and a new position that we've added to the responsibility of the position of Past President. Starting this year, the Past President position, currently **Carl Arnold**, will be a consultant and/or advisor to all special events, which includes picnics. If you're the Chairman of a picnic or special event, and need some direction in preparing for the event, you can call the Past President, Carl Arnold, and he will be able to spend some time to solve your problems, or he will be able to put you in touch with someone that will answer your questions. Past Presidents have encountered most of the problems or obstacles during their time in office, and are the most experienced person to contact for guidance. This year, we will be having some of our traditional picnics such as the **Fish Fry**, the **Hamburger & Hot Dog BBQ**, the **Turkey Fry** with silent auction, and last year's very successful **Italian Feast**. We will be adding a new picnic this year, which is going to be a **Chicken BBQ**. We are very fortunate in having someone to head up each of the picnics, except the Turkey Fry. If you would like to get involved on a picnic committee or act as Chairman of the Turkey Fry, let us know, and we will make sure you get enough help and guidance. We always need help with all our picnics, so pick out your favorites and share in the work and fun. We have a lot scheduled this year, so join one of the many committees. It's your club, and you can make a big difference on the success of our projects.

I hope to see you February 20<sup>th</sup> at the next general meeting. Remember, fish hard, fish often and have a wonderful time on the water.

Catch you later,

*Ron*

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*What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?  
As far away as possible!*

## ***Newsletter Naming Contest***

*Karen Entwistle, Correspondence Secretary*

**W**e received so many great suggestions for our newsletter name at the January meeting! The Board of Directors will be selecting the top candidates for the newsletter's name. At the February meeting, the members will be voting on them, and our newsletter will finally have a name. There will be a prize awarded to the person who suggested the winning name.

*Karen*

# Programs

Bob Lage, Program Director

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



The speakers for our January 16<sup>th</sup> Escondido Senior Anglers meeting were Ronnie Kovach, television host of *Fishing Adventures*, and Valerie Hoperich, owner/operator of *Queen Charlotte Safaris*, a first-class fishing resort located in British Columbia.

## Upcoming Programs

Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mitchell Perdue, Senior Biologist with the Naval Systems Engineering Command, San Diego
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ray LaBouve & Chad Houck of <i>B &amp; C Auto Repair</i> re: getting your RV and towed vehicles safe and ready for extended trips after winter layover
Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ernie Cowan, <i>North County Times</i> writer of <i>Fishing and Hunting Outdoors</i> weekly column
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Cuyamaca-speaker TBD

## February Program

**O**ur February 20th Escondido Senior Anglers meeting will feature Mitchell Perdue, Senior Biologist with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, San Diego. He has spent 30 years diving and exploring the coastal waters off Southern California and Baja. He is the Navy's senior biologist for numerous marine and terrestrial habitat biological issues, ranging from fisheries and eelgrass issues in Puget Sound, to green sea turtles in San Diego Bay, to black abalone on San Clemente Island. This will be a most entertaining and educational program.

Bob

# Membership

*Minerva Martinez, Membership Director*

## Welcome!

### *New Members*

Paul & Debra Marx  
Escondido, CA

## Happy Anniversary!

### *February Anniversaries*

6 <sup>th</sup>	Paul & Anne Sebourn	24 <sup>th</sup>	Chris & Nobuko Meinershagen, Jr.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Al & Lois Ashuckian	27 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Johanna Bosch
14 <sup>th</sup>	George & Minerva Martinez	28 <sup>th</sup>	Frank & Annette Hardenburgh
20 <sup>th</sup>	Vince & Mary Jane Fioretta		

## Happy Birthday!

### *January Birthdays*

12<sup>th</sup> Betty Lewis      *(Oops... This should have been in the last newsletter!)*

### *February Birthdays*

10 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Quier	16 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Hughes
11 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Hover	16 <sup>th</sup>	Warren Estes
13 <sup>th</sup>	James Lofthouse	28 <sup>th</sup>	Gisele Mathews
13 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Lofthouse		

*Minerva*

# Youth Fishout

*Al Ashukian, Fundraising*

**W**e would like to express our appreciation to Albertsons for donating a gift card to be used for the "Youth Day" fishing event.

*Al*

## *Public Relations*

*Sharon Martineau, Public Relations Director*

A lot of work has gone into the new format for the Anglers Directory for 2009. We hope you all enjoy the pictures, etc. Please check out the advertisers and use them, and let them know that you are a Senior Angler, and that you saw their ad in the Directory. This is the Angler Directory, and should not be used for any other purpose. Let's work toward getting everyone's picture in the directory for next year....what a great way to get to know everyone.

*Sharon*

## *Sunshine Report*

*Alice Lage, The Sunshine Director*

Tom Martinez is happy. His hip surgery is behind him and he is recovering nicely, "one step at a time". He is doing his physical therapy, and plans to be at the February meeting. He hopes to have graduated from a walker to a cane.

There are several other members, or former members, who are convalescing. I hope to have an update of their conditions for the Sunshine report at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We received the sad news that a couple of our members passed away recently. Don TenBerge passed away on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Services were held February 7<sup>th</sup>. Dick McSpadden passed away February 15<sup>th</sup>. No word yet as to when his service will be held, but I'll try to keep you informed.

Please continue to inform me of news I can share.

*Alice*

## *Fish Fry*

*Norm Martineau, Coordinator*

The Senior Anglers will hold a Fish Fry at Lake Dixon on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. We will gather in the Oak Area to the left of the concession stands. So, Senior Anglers, please start saving your fish. Thanks.

*Norm*

# *Salt Water Fishing*

*Barbara Gattuso, Salt Water Vice President*

## **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*

Contact: Barbara Gattuso

Only 20 spots available at this price! Deposit \$200.00

*Barb*

# *Summary of the Year 2008*

*Bill Borst, Historian*

## **T** *he year started out with the following Officers:*

<b>President</b>	Ron Parker
<b>VP S/W</b>	Barbara Gattuso
<b>VP F/W</b>	David Martinez
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Anitra Gehrke
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Karen Entwistle
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karen Taylor

## *The year started out with the following Directors:*

<b>Apparel</b>	Ross Granados
<b>Calling</b>	Dave Gehrke
<b>Historian</b>	William Borst
<b>Membership Chairman</b>	Minerva Martinez
<b>Program</b>	Bob Lage
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Tomas Martinez
<b>Raffle</b>	George Martinez
<b>Sunshine</b>	Alice Lage
<b>Public Relations</b>	Sharon Martineau
<b>Past President</b>	Carl Arnold

## *The Year started out with the following Advisors:*

<b>Freshwater</b>	Al Ashuckian/Dave Gehrke
<b>Saltwater</b>	Will Cozzens/Armond Martineau

## *The meetings being held:*

<b>Board Meeting</b>	8:00 AM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month
<b>General Meeting</b>	9:30 AM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month (except December)

The Club had a well rounded slate of Saltwater Activities & Freshwater Fishing Trips scheduled throughout the year, along with several outings, such as the Annual Spring Picnic, Pasta & Sausage Picnic, Annual Fish Fry, Turkey Fry and Silent Auction, and the Awards Banquet in December. During the year we had seven camping trips, two with very good turn-outs: Lopez Lake and June Lake. We replaced Lake Skinner with Lake Hemet; and it was a very good change. We also changed our Lake Cuyamaca campground to Pinezanita RV Park Campground,

a short distance from Lake Cuyamaca. Thanks to Barbara, our salt water fishing was better, because she formed a joint venture with the RB Anglers Club. Barbara also organized trips to Homer, Alaska and Los Cabos, Mexico.

Many thanks to all the people responsible for and participating in making all the events a huge success. The club started out in January with a total of 99 members (183 memberships,) and ended up in December with 130 members (255 memberships,) showing a showing an increase of 31 members. The buddy system was continued. Guests were greeted at the door and escorted around the club, to see its offerings and meet other club members.

The Public Relations Director, Sharon Martineau, saw to it that the club got some exposure in the newspaper, and various other newsletters of Escondido. Not only does this club fish, but it also participates in the various fishing-related activities of Escondido. We had our first Youth Fish-Out at Lake Dixon, and also helped with the Escondido Trout Derby at Lake Dixon. The club presented a Trout Derby Score Board to the city supervisor of park rangers.

The annual awards banquet was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Escondido Country Club, and was a huge success. Many thanks to Dottie & Carl Arnold.

### ***Annual Awards:***

<b>Humanitarian</b>	Lois Wilhelm (Last Awarded 2005)
<b>Past President</b>	Carl Arnold
<b>Founders</b>	Karen & Bill Kirchnavy
<b>Lady Angler</b>	Barbara Gattuso
<b>President</b>	Ron Parker
<b>SW Class 1 Award</b>	No Award
<b>SW Class II Award</b>	Bill Borst, 77 lbs. Halibut, Homer, Alaska
<b>Class 1 Award</b>	David Martinez, 7 lbs. 3 oz. Rainbow Trout, Lake Morena
<b>Class II Award</b>	David Martinez, 6 lbs. 10 oz. Rainbow Trout, Lake Wohlford

In closing this summary, I find this fishing club, “**Senior Anglers Of Escondido,**” is a well rounded, prosperous club, and should have a great future. Many thanks to Ron Parker and all the board members who helped to make our club a great success in 2008. The entire board from 2008 will return for 2009; that’s a first for the club.

*Bill*

# Lake Cahuilla Trip Report

January 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>th</sup>

by Dave Martinez



WOW! did we have a great time. You couldn't ask for better weather. The daytime weather was in the 70's and the nights in the 50's. No windy conditions until the day we left, which was Sunday. This campout is turning out to be one of our club's favorites, enough that next year, we will make it a seven day outing by popular demand. So, if you're thinking of

going next year, try to make your reservation six months in advance. I'll keep you posted on dates of the camp-out and when to make your reservations.

Thanks to Wagon Masters George & Minerva. Martinez along with Assist. Wagon Master Larry & Betty Allen, this outing turned out very well.



I don't know how they manage to order such great weather. The fishing was not all that great, but we were catching some. Jackpot winner went to Bob Taylor with a 2 lb. .37 oz. trout and second place went to David Gerhrke with a 2 lb. .35 oz. catfish. It was a close race all the way to the last day.

The ladies kept busy with their crafts and games. Most of the ladies did a lot of sewing, making table runners of different shapes and designs. Shopping also was a great pastime for the ladies.

*David*



I picked up some silverware left in the common area at the Lake Hemet campout in November. It consists of 2 dinner knives and 2 forks. I asked around before we left but no one claimed it. I know it's from our group. I'll have the silverware at Pinezanita.

*Wendy Hunter*

# *Fresh Water Report*

*David Martinez, Fresh Water Vice President*

## Lake Morena Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 2009

This is our club's next freshwater camp-out. Wagon Masters Armond & Sharon Martineau along with Assist. Wagon Masters Norm & Kathy Martineau have a well-planned outing for us. The last time I was informed by the wagon masters, we had 26 rigs signed up to go on this outing. That means 50 plus people, so that means more food and more desserts to chose from. If you have not received your camp-out itinerary, contact the Martineau's. Lake Morena has been a very productive lake for our club in the past years. This lake has also produced some of the largest fish caught in our outing, so hopefully the fishing should be good. The only problem that I am aware of is that the water level is very low.



## Lopez Lake Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>



We have no scheduled outing for the month of March. So save your money for gas for our April trip at Lopez Lake.

For those of you who are going to the Lake Lopez outing in April, the melodrama this year is ***The Nerd***, a hilarious show. We will be going on Friday night, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$18.00 per person.

If you wish to join the group going to the melodrama, you must have your money into Floyd Lamb by the February 20<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Make checks payable to Floyd Lamb. His address is 833 Eagle Nest Glen, Escondido CA 92027.

Talking about Lopez, I need a Wagon Master to volunteer by April of this year for the 2010 outing, so we can make our reservations early enough to secure our spot for next year.

## Pinezanita/Cuyamaca Jun 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Sign-ups for our Pinezanita / Cuyamaca camp-out will be taken at our next general meeting this Friday February 20, 2009. Pinezanita campground requires a \$100.00 deposit check. We need your deposit check at the time of sign-up. First sign-ups with check get first choice of campsite.



**June Lake Pine Cliff Resort Sep 9<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>**



Sign-ups will be taken for our June Lake campout at Pine Cliff Resort at our next general meeting, this Friday, Feb. 20, 2009.

The campground requires a \$110.00 deposit check, so bring your checkbook and sign-up for this great freshwater campout. Make your check out to Pine Cliff RV Resort.

**Thursday Fishing**

If you're interested in doing some freshwater fishing with some club members, come fish with us on Thursdays at Lake Wohlford.

*So, members, bring your check books to the next meeting, and sign up for these outings. Any questions, contact the Wagon Masters.*

*David*

***Mark Your Calendar***

***Senior Anglers of Escondido Activities***



<b>2009</b>			
√	Jan 19-23	Lake Cahuilla	Freshwater Campout
	Feb <del>22</del> 21	Lake Dixon	Youth Fishing Day
	Feb 23-26	Lake Morena	Freshwater Campout
	Apr 19-25	Lopez Lake	Freshwater Campout
	May 6	Lake Dixon	Fish Fry
	Jun 1-5	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca	Freshwater Campout
	Sep 9-16	June Lake	Freshwater Campout
	Oct 19-23	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca	Freshwater Campout
	Nov 2-6	Lake Hemet	Freshwater Campout