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### *Fish Tales from Your President's Perspective.*

Well, I think it's only appropriate that during this month of LOVE, I remind you that this year is our 50th Anniversary. Now, while that is a special Anniversary for most and is usually celebrated with Gold gifts, this Anniversary is a milestone for us. Not to say Gold gifts wouldn't be appreciated. Our club has been around for 50 years. Think about it, for strangers to come together and grow a group out of a simple love for fishing and the outdoors. There is no better way to celebrate this year than by inviting your friends and acquaintances to join us.

It's also important to keep everyone updated on what is happening with our activities this month and in the near future. The best places to get that information are this month's newsletter, our Facebook page, and our website.

If you came to the January meeting, you now know the secret of catching fish. Just to prove it worked, Julie and I were part of the group that went to Yucaipa Regional Park a few weeks ago. Julie caught her first fish within literally minutes of putting the secret into action. She had her second a short time later, and it was totally amazing. She had two nice-sized trout almost immediately. I was able to use the secret and also had two fish, both over 2 pounds. Unbelievable, but here is the proof.



I have a few of the indicators that the secret is working. If you didn't make the meeting, stop by and ask, and I might let you in on it.

Please invite your friends and acquaintances to join us at our monthly meetings and/or campouts. Stay safe and get your line wet as much as possible.

*Paul Lorson*  
President

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



## PROGRAMS

Our February Speaker: **Tim Huckaby**, President of the San Diego Fly Fishers Club.

Tim is a professional fly fishing writer who has published several articles, a professional Fly tier who sells his custom-made creations on [TimHuckaby.com](http://TimHuckaby.com), and a professional fly fishing guide who loves to teach the young and old the joys of fly fishing and backpacking.



Tim is a guide in the Golden Trout Wilderness of the Sierra Nevada. He has fly-fished all over the world and runs a popular fly-fishing blog at [www.TimHuckaby.com](http://www.TimHuckaby.com). He is an accomplished speaker, appearing on stage with many Microsoft executives, including Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer. He has served on Microsoft product teams and worked for/with Microsoft for 25+ years.

His presentation will explore the unique and diverse fly fishing opportunities available in San Diego, California, and Baja, Mexico.

*Bill Modi*  
Program Director

## FRESHWATER

### UPCOMING CAMPOUTS

#### Lake Morena February 17 - 21

##### Wagon Masters: Rich and Cindy Bruemmer

We don't have any open spaces in our group reservations, but we'll help with information if you want to join us. You will need to make your own reservations by calling 877 565-3600. Once you do that, let Cindy know your space number and you'll be added to the club activities and menu planning.

#### Santee Lakes March 9 - 13

##### Wagon Masters: Tony and Monique Smock

In case you haven't made reservations yet, site 125 will be the group gathering site. The closest sites are 122, 128, 131, 133, and 134. The rate is \$62 a night with an additional 10% in taxes, making it \$68.20. If you have a Good Sam Travel Membership (not to be mistaken with a Good Sam Roadside Assistance card), you get 10% off, which covers the tax. If you have a Good Sam Travel Club card, make your reservations by phone at 619-596-3141. If you do not have a card, you can book online through their website, [www.santeelakes.com](http://www.santeelakes.com).

For those who would like to try one of our outings but do not have an RV, the park has several floating cabins that can be reserved on the outing dates. You can see these cabins and make reservations on the Santee Lakes website. Just like the campsites, the cabins fill up quickly.

## MORE FRESHWATER

This should be a good time to go to Santee since they have been stocking all winter and will have the last stock of the season, a 1000-lb plant, on March 7. Once you have booked, or if you have any questions, contact Monique at [monique818@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monique818@sbcglobal.net)



### Cuyamaca/Pinezanita May 19—23

#### Wagon Masters: Rich and Cindy Bruemmer

Cindy and Rich will share information at February's meeting. They have a group of spaces on hold, but everyone will need to make their own reservation after March 1. Cindy has the site numbers and will email them with directions to anyone who expresses interest. Let her know if you're interested before March 1 at [cbruemmer7@gmail.com](mailto:cbruemmer7@gmail.com) or text 760 212-9712.

## YUCAIPA CAMPOUT



### Happy Campers

Our latest camping trip to Yucaipa was a lot of fun. The weather was a mix, from a nice sunny day to cold and rain. I had to scrape ice off the windshield one morning, and it was so cold and wet that nobody went out on the last day. The fire pits were very popular at the evening meetings.



Nineteen fish were caught. Bob Taylor won the challenge with a 3 lb. 3.5 oz. trout caught with a mouse tail. Jim Stevenson won second place with a 2 lb. 14 oz. trout caught on green power bait. The majority of the fish were taken at lake 3.



## MORE FRESHWATER



**John Perdue**



**Randy Brown**



**Dan Engelbrecht**



**Jim Stevenson**



The ladies sought refuge from the cold in Marilyn's rig for games and, of course, made their usual trip to the Sketchers Store. On the last evening, we had a great dinner at Tartan of Redlands, a repeat from last year.

Thank everyone for making it a good trip.



## TROUT CHALLENGE

In case you missed the email announcement, our next trout challenge will be at Lake Wohlford on Thursday, February 13th. They will plant 2000 lbs. from a private hatchery on the 12th. The gates open at 6:00 a.m. You will get your \$7 fishing permits inside the gate, where you rent boats. You do not need a CA fishing license at this lake. The day cost for the boat rental is \$25 for a maximum of 4 people. All transactions are on debit or credit cards. There are a lot of areas for fishing along the shore and a small fishing dock.

*Al Wilson*

**Freshwater Vice President**

## SALTWATER

I haven't heard any feedback from anyone telling me that saltwater fishing was great this last month. and no one is bragging about the 5 lb. lobster they caught either! I will assume that it was quiet out there.

The Bart Hall Show has been cancelled. The Pacific Coast Sports Fishing Show is on March 6-9 in Costa Mesa.

At the last meeting, I mentioned information about the Ensenada Fishing Convoys sponsored by the Oceanside Senior Anglers, and they still had some openings, but that didn't work out. To make a long story short, I have scheduled Escondido's own club-sponsored trip for April 29. I will call members in the order that they expressed interest in such a trip, and the first eight members to respond with payment will be registered to go on the trip. If I left anyone out, I apologize and will work to schedule another trip shortly. You call call me With any questions at 760 749-8239.

*Rich Bruemmer*

**Saltwater Vice President**

## ON SHORE FISHING

Hello to all. There have been no new updates on Surf Fishing. It's not generally that good this time of year, so we plan to start again in March.

I do have a personal fishing story to share. I was in Cabo at a destination wedding. My two friends and I went fishing one day. We caught two of the only three tuna caught that day. We felt fortunate, as everyone was saying fishing has not been good. I caught one about 15 lbs. In addition to fishing, we also went horseback riding for about 2 hours. I saw more whales than I've seen in my lifetime doing both activities. See my fish below.



*Cheryl Brandstrom*  
On Shore Fishing Chairperson

## LARGE FISH OF THE YEAR

Name	Caught By	Pounds	Ounces	Species
<b>Freshwater Class I</b>	Bob Taylor	3	3.5	Trout
<b>Freshwater Class II</b>	Brian Shultz	4	8	Bass
<b>Saltwater Class I</b>				
<b>Saltwater Class II</b>				
<b>On Shore Class I</b>				
<b>On Shore Class II</b>				

We are starting to track the Large Fish of the Year for 2025. We have an entry for our Class 1 Fish for Bob's Yucaipa trout and a Class II for Brian Schultz, who got a mess of bass at Lake El Capitan. The largest came in at 4 lbs.

Please be sure to send in a Large Trip Report to Al Wilson, Rich Bruemmer, or Cheryl Brandstrom. We love to see this filled in. It's a fun competition; the annual winners receive a prize at the Awards Banquet.

## OUR CATCHES



**Brian's Bass**



**Cheryl's Mexican Wedding Catch**

Send me pictures of your catches. They don't need to be winners. It just fun to see who is fishing and what they are catching.

My email is [karenirene1914@gmail.com](mailto:karenirene1914@gmail.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

### FISHING FOODIES

In January, Larry Ayo was the Fishing Foodie winner to **Pegah's Kitchen** in Escondido. We had a good turnout, it was a new location for us, and people enjoyed their meal and visiting. The service was AMAZING!!



In February, we will be returning to Shakey's Pizza in Escondido. It is a buffet with many choices. We hope to see you there.

The Opportunity Drawing winners were **John Tester, Dawn Schultz, Julie Lorson, Larry Ayo, Hank Skaja, Mike Springer and Nicky Lovejoy**. You need to play to win!



### CELEBRATIONS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



2/12 **Dan Engelbrecht**  
 2/15 **Diane Reed**  
 2/16 **Warren Estes**  
 2/18 **Dick Reed**  
 2/19 **Earl Brown**  
 2/19 **Henry Skaja**  
 2/21 **Kathy Pall**  
 2/24 **Patti Engelbrecht**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



2/03 **Greg & Barbara Gattuso**  
 2/14 **Gary & Mary Murphy**



*Linda Perdue*  
**Membership Director**

# CLUB EVENTS

## TIME OUT TUESDAY

It's back! We will meet at Fariba and Jimmy's on February 25, starting at about 11:30. Bring your lunch and drink.

For new members, this is a non-fish-related gathering. We play games, including poker and other card games, and some just visit. It's a very casual and fun social gathering. All are welcome.

The address is 919 North Avenue. Escondido. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to:  
Karen Taylor at 760-518-2557  
Fariba Talebi at 972-333-4500

## ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Old age has come at a terrible time, just as I was starting to know it all, I'm now forgetting everything I knew.. 😊

Submitted by Tony Smock

Submitted by John Tester

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

From the Desk of the Director of Community Events

There is not much activity on this end. I have touched base with the local Boys and Girls Club, the Dixon Lake Park Rangers, the San Diego YMCA, and the Escondido Union School District regarding youth activities. Calls and emails to the corporate office of the Boys and Girls Club have yet to be returned. However, Mr. Ron Parker has spoken to the CEO of the Boys and Girls Club, and he (Mr. Danny Sherlock) is very interested in the project.

As for the April Derby, plans are in motion for April 5th and 6th, 2025. I will have sign-up sheets starting with the February Meeting and Flyers. The Kiddy Pond assembly is scheduled for Monday, March 31st, at Dixon Lake from 3-5 PM. Last time, it took only an hour. The Kiddy Pond fish delivery is scheduled for April 2nd or 3rd, coordinated with the lake stock. Hours of the derby will be from 6 AM-5 PM Saturday, April 5th, 6 AM-4 PM Sunday, April 6th. Food and drinks will be available via vouchers. Please use one voucher per meal; I will make them available if we need more.

As for the future, one of my goals is to bring back Youth Day. However, I am not confident I can coordinate this year. It doesn't mean I have abandoned the idea, but many people are involved, and I have received little feedback from those entities to project the outcome. Anyone who can provide insight into their comments would be appreciated. I am still interested in the possibility of a saltwater (shore or sea) youth event. We have many opportunities to participate in Escondido Street Fairs, events, or parades if the Club wishes to "spread the word." If anyone has suggestions, all ideas will be appreciated.

*Jim MacIssac*  
Community Events

## SUNSHINE

We just heard that Monique's Dad passed away on January 30. We will be sending a card and our condolences to the Smock family.

A Sympathy card was sent to Liz Farrar. Her husband Gary, formerly a member of our Board of Directors, passed away early in January.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Kim Geis, who was ill with pneumonia. We wish her a quick recovery.



### DID YOU KNOW?



That Super Bowl Sunday sees more avocado consumption than any other day of the year.

*Joann Jauret*  
Sunshine



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Jan 10	Board and General Meeting Year in Review-R Parker	
Jan 23-28	Yucaipa Campout	Freshwater
* Feb 13	Trout Challenge Lake Wolford	Freshwater
Feb 14	Board and General Meeting-Tim Huckaby, San Diego Fly Fishers	
Feb 17-21	Lake Morena Campout	Freshwater
Feb 25	Time Out Tuesday	Club Event
March 9-13	Santee Lakes Campout	Freshwater
March 14	Board and General Meeting	
March 31	Kiddy Pond Assembly for the Trout Derby	Community Event
April 4-5	Escondido Kiwanis Fishing Derby	Community Event
April 11	Board and General Meeting	
* April 29	Ensenada Fishing Convoys	Saltwater
May 9	Board and General Meeting	
May 19-23	Cuyamaca/Pinezanita Campout	Freshwater
June 13	Board and General Meeting	
July 11	Board and General Meeting	
August 15	Board and General Meeting	
Sept 12	Board and General Meeting	
Sept	Fall camping Trip	Freshwater
Oct	Board and General Meeting	
Nov	Board and General Meeting	
Dec	Holiday Party and Awards Banquet	Club Event
Dec	Board of Directors Board Meeting	



**Senior Anglers of Escondido**  
**Mailing address and meeting place:**

**American Legion Post 149**  
**c/o Senior Anglers of Escondido**  
**230 E Park Ave.**  
**Escondido, CA 92025**

**General Meeting: 9:30 AM 2nd Friday of the month**





**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**

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

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

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