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FISH AND PLAY THE SENIOR ANGLER WAY

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## January 2024—Volume 49 Issue 1

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

As we ended another year together, I wondered what I could do to help us catch more fish in 2025. So, I went to the lunar table and the tides, looking for the perfect date and time – nothing. I went to the water temperature forecasts and found nothing special. So, I went to the pro's. You know them; the skippers and crews, the tournament gurus, that guy who catches fish when no one else does, and asked them what the secret is to catching fish. Here are some of the answers I found:

#### **Go smaller for bigger fish**

If the fish aren't biting, but you know they're around, downgrade your bait and change your retrieval speed. A lot of times, you have to slow it down for the bigger fish.

Stretch your line on the way to that perfect spot.

Spool your line off the reel and drag it about 50/100 yards behind your boat on the way. Then, let it sink and reel it all in. You'll start your day with the best cast and won't have any kinks or twists for the rest of the day.

#### **Mimic animals**

Now, you have to take a second to understand this one. It doesn't mean you need to act like a different animal, it means your bait does. See what the fish are eating and match it.

#### **Glue your bait**

When I'm flipping in real heavy grass, kelp, rocks, or anywhere with structure, dab a little super glue on the hook and slide your bait up on it. It anchors the bait in place so you won't lose it.

#### **When all else fails - hit the bottom**

Watch your line fall limp before reeling it in. It means your bait's on the bottom, in the strike zone. Then, lightly shake the rod with your other hand while slowly reeling it back in. It mimics a live bait better.

#### **Watch who is catching fish, find the fish.**

See what others are doing. If they are catching fish, copy it. If they aren't, try something totally different. People are not the only things to watch; birds are your new best friend. They have a better view of the target areas and can show you where the action is.

Now, I know all of you have your own secrets, and you can share them if you wish, but the number ONE SURE FIRE FISHING SECRET IS ? Well, if you want to know, then you will have to show up at the January 10th meeting at our new home at the American Legion Hall. As an added attraction, the first 40 people who sign in to the meeting will receive a special gift that will help immensely when you start using the greatest fishing secret ever.

I hope your holidays were filled with LOVE and JOY.

*Paul Lorson*  
**President**

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



# FRESHWATER

## UPCOMING CAMPOUTS



### **Yucaipa Regional Park – January 23-28**

#### **Wagon Masters: Bob and Karen Taylor**

We will be off to Yucaipa later this month. Three lakes and weekly planting provide good fishing opportunities. It's a lovely park with large, grassy RV sites. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Bob or Karen at 760-528-2771 or 760-518-2557

### **Lake Morena February 17 - 21**

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

This lake has a history for our club. We have caught some of the largest fish here and once set a lake record. If you are interested in going, contact Rich and Cindy at 760-749-8239 (landline), 760-212-9712, or [cbruemmer@gmail.com](mailto:cbruemmer@gmail.com). We need to confirm attendance soon.

### **Santee Lakes March 9 - 13**

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

Join us for the March Club Campout. We will return to Santee Lakes for four nights, checking in on March 9th and leaving on March 13th. 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). If you are interested in joining us, I recommend you book as soon as possible since the sites fill up quickly.

Site 125 will be the group gathering site. The closest sites are 122, 128, 131, 133, and 134.

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.

This should be a good time to go since they have been stocking all winter and will have the last stock of the season, a 1000-lb plant, on March 7th.

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**

Save the dates. More information will be provided soon.

## MORE FRESHWATER

### TROUT CHALLENGES

The December Trout Challenge at Lake Wolford was a bust. I arrived at 3:45, and at least 30 cars were waiting in front of me. One car never moved when they opened the gate; he probably was sleeping. I didn't think I would get a spot at the Senior Shoreline, but I did. The boats were all rented, even the rowboats. Only four of us came, and not one hooked a fish despite 4,000 lbs. stocked on Wednesday.

Four of our members returned to Lake Wolford on Thursday, the 19th. They planted 2,000 lbs. the previous day.) While there were a lot of bites, only Brian Schultz and John Testor were lucky enough to catch a trout.



Our next trout challenge will be at Lake Poway on Thursday, February 9 th. They will plant 1,500 lbs. from a private hatchery earlier that morning. The gates open at 6:00 a.m. You will get your \$3 fishing permits at the café near the cleaning station. You do not need a Ca fishing license at this lake. The day cost for the boat rental is 22\$ for a maximum of 4 people. There are a lot of areas for fishing along the shore and a small fishing dock.

Dick Reed let me know that the Oceanside club is looking into having a fishing derby at Lake Dixon in February. They would like to involve the Rancho Bernardo and Escondido fishing clubs. It is just in the planning stages. I will keep you informed.

I hope everyone has a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PS: Remember to check when you need to renew your fishing license.

*Al Wilson*  
Freshwater Vice President

# SALTWATER

I don't know if I can handle the excitement awaiting in the upcoming year! We will be moving into our new digs for our January meeting, and hopefully, we'll have a much better year "catching" fish. Also, don't forget that we are in the middle of lobster season, so let's get out and catch some bugs!

NOTE: Upcoming Shows:

### **Bart Hall Fishing, Tackle and Boat Show**

January 30 to February 2, 2025

Long Beach

February 13-16, 2025

Del Mar Fair Grounds

### **Pacific Coast Sports Fishing Show**

March 6-9, 2025 \$25/pp

Costa Mesa



Going to these shows gives you a great opportunity to check out the new gear for 2025 and to purchase some new gear at pretty good prices. Best of all, this is your chance to purchase the things you didn't get for Christmas! Wow, it doesn't get much better!

Finally, I hope you had a blessed holiday. Let's all have a "prosperous catching" year!

Happy New Year!

*Rich Bruemmer*  
**Saltwater Vice President**

# SUNSHINE

A Thinking of You card was sent to Marge Lovelady. She had thyroid surgery. Wishing you a speedy recovery Marge.



**DID YOU KNOW?**



January is National Soup Month? Yum



*Joann Jauret*  
**Sunshine**

# ON SHORE FISHING

Our last outing of the year was lots of fun. We went to Mission Bay near Dana Point, and nine anglers attended the outing. It is an absolutely beautiful spot with parking, picnic tables, and restrooms nearby. The only fish caught was by Cheryl Brandstrom. It was a 1lb. 1 oz. Spotted bass, only about a half inch from being legal. We were so worried about getting it back into the water we forgot to take a picture. But there were lots of witnesses.

We also had a potluck lunch as part of the end-of-the-year outing. This time, we had both breakfast and lunch. John Jessup brought the fixings for Chorizo and Egg Burritos in the morning. Jerry, as always, made us something good on the grill for lunch. This time, it was Teriyaki Chicken Burgers. We brought side dishes to share, sat around, and had a good time visiting.

I'm looking forward to our next event. In the next few weeks, I will get our dates on the Calendar.

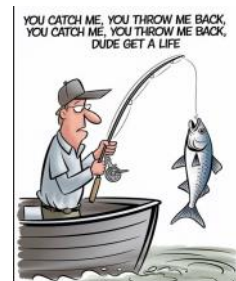


*Cheryl Brandstrom*  
On Shore Fishing

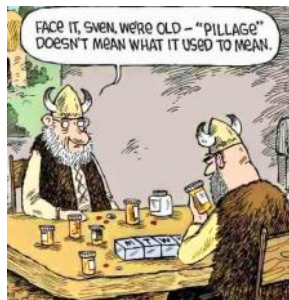
# ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Submitted by Al Wilson



Submitted by John Tester



Submitted by Tony Smock





## MEMBERSHIP

### FISHING FOODIES

We will be trying a new location for lunch after our January 10th meeting. It will be at **Pegah's Kitchen** in Escondido. The address is [912 South Redwood St, Escondido](#). It is on the corner of 9th Ave and Redwood. The Fishing Foodie gift card will be to Pegah's kitchen, as well. Hope that you can make it!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



- 1/06 **Bob & Karen Taylor**
- 1/08 **Mark & Pam Bauer**
- 1/14 **Gene & Mary Smallwood**
- 1/15 **Ron & Carol Parker**
- 1/16 **David & Sandra Martinez**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



- 1/05 **Larry Pall**
- 1/06 **Mike Springer**
- 1/07 **Bill Colwell**
- 1/10 **Marilyn Francis**
- 1/15 **Annie Brown**
- 1/15 **Meredith Oliver**
- 1/17 **Kim Geis**
- 1/18 **Bill Kirchnavy**
- 1/19 **Fariba Talebi**
- 1/22 **Natalia Graf**
- 1/25 **Nicky Lovejoy**
- 1/25 **Ralph Medina**
- 1/26 **Karen Springer**
- 1/31 **Colleen Wilson**

**NAME TAGS:** I would like to order name badges after the January meeting. If you are interested, please bring \$10 cash and sign up. The price decreases to about \$8 for the more name badges ordered.

**SAE 2025 DUES:** Let's start the New Year being paid up!! A number of you still owe your dues. If you are not sure, please ask.

**ADDENDUM to the 2024 DIRECTORY:** We will not print a new Directory this year. I will begin working on the addendum, including new member information and any updated corrections to current information. I need your help to do this. Please let me know if you need any corrections.

Thank you.

*Linda Perdue*  
Membership Director

# CLUB EVENTS

## AWARDS BANQUET AND HOLIDAY PARTY

For those who didn't attend the Awards Banquet and Holiday Party, the following awards were presented:

The Founders Awards **John and Linda Perdue**  
Lady Angler of the Year **Joann Jauret**



### Large Fish of the Year

Saltwater II **Paul Berinson 67 lb. 8 oz**  
Freshwater Fish Class I **Bob Taylor 7 lb. 8.7 oz. Trout**  
Freshwater Fish Class II **Brian Schultz 7 lb.8 oz. Bass**  
On Shore I **Nicky Lovejoy 5 lb.5 oz. Spotted Croaker**  
On Shore II **Julie Lorson 2 lb. 4 oz. Blue Rock**



Also recognized for their contributions were:

### The Officers and Board of Directors and

The Sunshine Lady **Joann Jauret**  
Website **Paul Lorson**  
Facebook Coordinator **Monique Smock**  
Onshore Fishing **Cheryl Brandstrom**  
Opportunity Drawings **Marge Lovelady**  
Community Events **Hank Skaja, John Jessop and Rich Bruemmer**  
ESA Video **Ron Parker**  
Wagon Masters **The Bruemmers, Smocks, Taylors, and Wilsons**  
Club Events **Chery Brandstrom, Brenda McQueen and Ron Quinlan, Jimmy Eghaneyan and Fariba Talebi, Marge Lovelady, Karen Taylor, and Betty Allen.**



**Jim MacIssac** wrapped up the event by presenting our club with a generous, and very much appreciated donation to our club from the Hidden Valley Kiwanis Club for our support in Community Events.



# MORE CLUB EVENTS





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hello—Much to my surprise, I went from volunteering to coordinating the Derby events to becoming an appointed board member as Director of Community Events. I accept the challenge and hope to keep up with the responsibilities.

My predecessor, Mr. Gary Beckman, did a great job summarizing the activities surrounding the Derby last month. I thought I would follow up with a few statistics. 877 Anglers participated in the event, and all \$1135 in prizes were awarded (all but one have been claimed). Distribution went much better with the new recording sheets. 154 Children fished at the Kiddy Pond where, besides the nice-sized trout available, they received their youth Fish and Game Fishing License, a sticker, and instructions on how to prepare and serve trout for dinner (thanks to the Senior Anglers). Pictures are available on the Kiwanis website (KCE-HV.org under Photo Gallery). As far as the next Derby – save the date – April 4th and 5th, 2025

One of my goals for the future is to bring back Youth Day. However, I have little information on the goals, contact information, or requirements to make it the success it was. If anyone can provide insight into this event, their input would be appreciated.

I would also like to entertain the idea of a saltwater (shore or sea) youth event. If the club wishes to “spread the word,” we have many opportunities to participate in Escondido Street Fairs, events, or parades. If anyone has suggestions, they will all be appreciated.

*Jim MacIsaac*  
Community Events

## PROGRAMS

Our program this month will be the 2024 Year in Review. Ron Parker puts it together each year, and it is always so interesting to see all the things we do and the places we go. Ron makes it even better by adding fun music.

We got a preview at the Awards Banquet and Holiday Party, but it wasn't the final edition. There will be more to see and remember.

We're working on the 2025 lineup. If you know of someone or something who would be a good addition to our list of programs, please let me know.

*Bill Modi*  
Program Director

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

*	Jan 10	Board and General Meeting—Year in Review Video by Ron Parker	
*	Jan 23-28	Yucaipa Campout	Freshwater
*	Feb 14	Board and General Meeting	
*	Feb 17-21	Lake Morena Campout	Freshwater
*	March 9-13	Santee Lakes Campout	Freshwater
*	March 14	Board and General Meeting	
*	April 4-5	Escondido Kiwanis Fishing Derby	Community Event
*	April 11	Board and General Meeting	
*	May 9	Board and General Meeting	
*	May 19-23	Cuyamaca/Pinezanita Campout	Freshwater
*	June 13	Board and General Meeting	

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



**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**

[www.senioranglersofescondido.net](http://www.senioranglersofescondido.net)





**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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