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A Line from your President...

Once again, our intrepid camping group braved rain, sleet and hail, and high winds, on our **Pinezanita Campout**. In addition to the abominable weather, **Lake Cuyamaca** skipped the 1200 lb. trout plant that was supposed to take place the Thursday before we arrived and delayed the big Memorial Day plant from Tuesday to Thursday. It was a great week to get caught up on your reading, watching videos, and playing poker and other games. The highlights of the week were when we discovered **Pinezanita** has a club house where we were able to gather and eat out of the rain, the **YOYO** night trip to **Ramono's Italian Restaurant** in Julian (which is like an Italian **Jocko's** with its' monstrous portions), and the wind dying down and the trout finally arriving on Thursday. Though the weather was still cold and rainy, we were finally able to catch some trout. More on the fishing in the Freshwater report later in the newsletter. Thank you to **Betty and Larry Allen**, our Wagon Masters, for making this a fun trip despite the weather.

Saltwater fishing on the ½ and ¾ day boats continues to focus on bottom fishing. Longer range boats are finding quality Bluefin tuna. It is time to get out and support our local fishing industry.

Signups will begin at the next meeting for the September **June Lake** camping trip. This is always our most popular outing. Beautiful scenery combined with usually good fishing makes this a special trip. **Colleen and Albert Wilson** will be the camp hosts for this one. Other club activities include the Club Picnic on July 17 at **Dixon Lake**. Our own **Jeff Routsong** (the **Firehouse Chef**) will be returning with his chuck wagon to prepare some more excellent BBQ. He will be assisted by **Ken Harrison, Cheryl Brandstrom, and Marge Lovelady**. On the August picnic at **Dixon Lake, Cheryl Brandstrom and Pat Stevens** will be teaming up for a **BBQ**. Both picnics will be in the evening so we can take advantage of the cool breezes coming off the lake.

Tony Smock
President

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



PROGRAMS



Inviting anglers to “connect, create, conserve”, the San Diego River watershed will be the topic our June meeting.

Shannon Quigley, assistant San Diego River manager, along with **Gary Strawn**, from San Diego Fly Fishers, will speak to the club of the mountain to the sea river, that until the 2014, held pools of stocked trout.

The San Diego River runs 52 miles, from Julian to its outlet at Ocean Beach. The River Park will one day be a unified system of parks, trails and open space. Sportsmen groups are working to replant the river someday, with catchable fish.

Ken Harrison

Programs

FRESHWATER

UPCOMING CAMPING TRIP

June Lake September 8-15 Al and Colleen Wilson will be our Wagon Masters for this great trip. . Signup sheets will be available at the next couple of meetings. Members who sign up will need to have a money order at the meeting on the 12th of July.

PINEZANITA/CUYAMACA

It was a cold camp out at Pinezanita. There was a total of 15 members at camp out. We were rained off the lake every day except the last one. Even then, there was still drizzle.



There was a total of 11 trout caught, all on the last day. The winner of the largest fish for the camp out was **Gary Beckman**, with a 3 lb. 11 oz, rainbow. The derby winner was your's truly with a 3 lb. 2 oz, rainbow. There were 2 fish plants. The first was a private company & planted rainbows & lighting. The second was a fish & game plant. The majority of fish were taken by power bait except at the very last, when they really started hitting crappie jigs (ask **Tony**).

On yo-yo night we went to an Italian restaurant in Julian. We thought the prices were high until we got our food. The portions were BIG.

A special thanks to **Dave and Sandy** for the propane fire pit.

FRESHWATER (CONTINUED)

LARGE FISH 2019

Class I **Tony Smock** - 7 lb. 14oz. Trout

We are looking into having another Catfish Derby this year. Stay tuned for further information.

Albert Wilson

Freshwater Vice President

SALTWATER



Our trip May 6 turned out to be a wonderful day on the water. Calm seas and a great group of anglers. The halibut did not cooperate but lots of great eating bottom fish were caught.

For one first time saltwater fisherman it was especially

a good day. Our new member **Jim Stuka** landed the jackpot fish with a 3 lb. 9 oz. Red Rockfish. So who got hooked, **Jim** or the Rockfish? Congrats **Jim**!



As of today the fish are all around us. At Catalina they are reporting 20# Yellowtail, Barracuda, Sea Bass, Calico's and Bluefin!!!

If this weather holds it is NOW time to go fishing on an all day, offshore or multi day trip. I will post Rancho Bernardo and Oceanside Senior Angler trips as they become available. As they get closer, we will plan a local trip.

SURF FISHING REPORT

By **Don Continelli**

The May 2019 Surf Fishing Tournament Challenge was cancelled due to the rain. Our next tournament challenge will be on June 20th, at South Ponto State Beach near Life Guard Tower 23. High tide should be about 1:14 PM. We'll breakfast at 7:30 AM at Tip-top Meats (6118 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad).

Again, there is a portion of the south jetty open to fishing but be sure you identify that area before wetting your line.

LARGE FISH 2019

Class 1 **Jim Stuka** 3 lb. 9 oz. Red Rockfish

Barbara Gattuso.

Saltwater Vice President

MEMBERSHIP

Happy Anniversary

to

- 6/1 Al & Carolyn Phares
 6/7 Glen & Rosie Foss
 6/8 Harold & Carolyn Reeser
 6/22 Gene & Alisa Scibilia
 6/23 Bob & Anna Hoving
 6/27 Clete & Joyce West
 6/27 Larry & Jeannie Cusack
 6/30 Will & Bev Cozzens



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Happy Birthday

to

- 6/4 Shelley Wagner
 6/5 Dale Burlington
 6/6 Frank Mancha
 6/6 Karen Taylor
 6/9 Priscilla Melton
 6/12 Rich Bruemmer
 6/11 Julie Lorson
 6/19 Sharon Limburg
 6/21 Simone Green
 6/22 Albert Wilson
 6/23 Carl Arnold
 6/26 Jim Stuka

“Lunch After Meeting” News

We had a huge crowd for our lunch at The Wrangler. Speaker **Yanni Hassir** joined us and we learned more good cooking tips. **David Martinez** won the free lunch.



On June 14, we will meet after the meeting at **Marie Callendars**, 515 W. 13th Avenue in Escondido. They have delicious chicken pot pies and a lot more to choose from!

Pat Stevens
 Membership

SUNSHINE



May was a great month for everyone in the club, as far as we know. We've had no reports of illness or injury. **Carl Arnold** is doing well recovering from his knee replacement. Hope everyone has a great June! Please call me if you know of anyone needing cheering up!

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

If we celebrate the years behind us they become stepping stones of strength and joy for the years ahead!

Your Sunshine Gal,
Marge Lovelady

CLUB EVENTS

CLUB PICNIC

We're in for a treat on July 17 . **Ken Harrison, Cheryl Brandstrom, and Marge Lovelady** have volunteered to head up this year's picnic again, and we know from experience that they'll do a great job. Our own **Jeff Routsong** (the **Firehouse Chef**) will be returning with his chuck wagon to prepare some more excellent BBQ.

Senior Anglers of Escondido Day at the Del Mar Races "Free & Easy Wednesday" July 31st

Arrive at track gate by 12:30 p.m.

Sign up on-line or outside gate entrance for free Diamond Club Card, you'll get:



Free Admission Free Program Free Grandstand Seat (We'll all sit in the same section) Free Fun Handicapping "Newcomers" Seminar in Plaza de Mexico (starts at 1:00 p.m.) In the Plaza de Mexico, \$3.00 fish tacos served fresh from the Brigantine Restaurant
\$6.00 pints of Coors Light 1st Race Post Time - 2:00 p.m.

Please sign up in advance (at June or July meeting). Contact Ken Harrison 760-815-2502



CLUB PICNIC

We'll look forward to our second summer picnic at Dixon Lake in August. **Cheryl Brandstrom and Pat Stevens** will be teaming to plan this event. More information to follow .

SPOTLIGHTING OUR MEMBERS

Here's a familiar face that brings a smile to the monthly meeting attendees. Call him what you like. Gary, Cowboy or the Cookie Man, it's always good to see him (but bad for my diet).

Gary Farrar
Historian



Gary K Vanderlyke AKA The Cowboy

How does a guy born and raised in New York end up with a name like the "Cowboy"? You grow up in Western New York, of course. Growing up in Rochester New York, I learned to love fishing alongside my father, brother and uncles where we spent much time fishing the Finger Lakes region, as well as Lake Ontario, the Thousand Islands and Canada.

In 1956 upon leaving high school I joined the U.S. Navy where I sailed the seas after completing Boot Camp as a Communication Technician. While in the Navy I spent time in Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines and Japan serving on the Ranger and the Midway. Upon completing my service in the Navy, I returned to Rochester New York, married my wife of 54 years **Barbara** and began what would be a 55-year career in the car business. The harsh winters and muggy summers brought thoughts of beautiful San Diego. So, in 1972 I, with my wife and two children **Leila** and **Gary Jr.** began our life in beautiful Escondido, where we reside to this day.

In the late 70's I landed my first albacore on the Oceanside 95 in the company of the late Dick Helgren. Soon after, I began TRU (Tuna Roundup Charter), whose logo included a Cowboy riding a tuna. The charter was sometimes referred to as the Easter Bunny charter in honor of a two day Easter Trip, which became an anticipated annual event. From two-day charter to 12 day charters aboard the American Angler and Vagabond, along with long time friend John Kline of the Qualifier 105, we made countless trips. We caught tons of fish. Some of the most memorable include a 250 lb. Yellow Fin Tuna, a 140 lb. Big Eye and many Wahoo, Dorado and Blue Fin Tuna.

Pete Gray decided to launch his own radio show alongside Marty Milner. As a part of a contest to name the show, I suggested the show begin with the sound of the reel clicking followed by someone saying Let's Talk Hook Up! Twenty-six years later this still can be heard at the start of the finest fishing show in the country. I have been given the opportunity to remain connected to the show to this day as the "Prize Cowboy". This allows me to connect with both experienced and new fishing enthusiasts.

In 2008 I become involved with the Escondido Senior Anglers under the leadership of then President **Ron Parker**. I very much enjoy being a member, sharing my cookies with all who attend our meetings.

I'd like to end by asking that all who value fishing, especially the youth, involve themselves with the Coastal Conservation Association of California (www.ccacalifornia.org). This organization supports maintaining the rights of sports fisherman. My final words of wisdom to you all are simply this; **stop wishing, go fishing.**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

	June 14	Meeting Shannon Quigley San Diego River Restoration/Wild Trout	
*	June 20	Surf Fishing South Ponto State Beach	Saltwater
	July 8	Surf Fishing San Onofre Beach	Saltwater
	July 12	Meeting Ernie Cowan—Eastern Sierra Fall Outlook	
*	July 17	Club Picnic	Club Event
	July 23	Surf Fishing Oceanside Harbor Pier	Saltwater
	July 31	Day at the Races	Club Event
	Aug 9	Meeting Tony Williams - Bite On Baits - Eastern Sierra Secrets	
	Aug 12	Surf Fishing Silver Strand	Saltwater
*	Aug	Club Picnic	Club Event
	Sept 8-15	June Lake Campout	Freshwater Campout
	Sept 13	Meeting Senior Anglers Year in Review	
	Sept 29 –Oct 3	Saltwater Campout Jalama County Park-Surf Fishing	Saltwater Campout
	Oct 11	Meeting	
	Oct 13-18	Campout Date and Location to be Determined	Freshwater Campout
**	Oct 30—Nov 4	Cabo Trip	
	Nov 3-7	Lake Santee Campout	Freshwater Campout
	Nov 8	Meeting	
	Nov 14	Fall Feast	Freshwater Campout
	Dec 5	Awards Banquet and Holiday Party	Club Event
	Dec 6 —8	Escondido Trout Derby	Community Event
	Dec 11	Viejas Trip	Club Event

* New or Changed ** Non-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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