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A line from your President...

The club participated in some great activities in April. On **Youth Day** we hosted 26 local fifth graders for a fun day of fishing, boating, hiking and BBQ. We had beautiful weather, and everything went smoothly. We even had a visit from the lake's resident one eyed raccoon, whom the Rangers have nicknamed **Einstein**.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help **Hank and Janet Skaja** make **Youth Day** such a special event for these children. I would especially like to thank **Simone Green** for once again leading all the children on nature hikes, **Karen Springer** for organizing the ladies from our camping group to make bracelets and necklaces for all the kids, **Carol Parker** for photographing it all, and **Bob Taylor** for doing double duty officiating the casting contest and taking on grill master duties cooking up most of the hamburgers.

The Club also helped in the annual **Kiwanis Derby at Dixon Lake**. Beautiful weather brought in a record crowd for this event. Lots of big fish were weighed in by our volunteers. The largest overall trout tipped the scales at 11.3 lbs., and the largest fish in the Youth category weighed in at 10.5 lbs. Because of a mix up with the hatchery, instead of stocking the children's pond with the usual 1 lb. trout, the hatchery brought 2 to 4 lb. trout. This provided a little bit of a challenge for the volunteers helping at the ponds but provided a lot of excitement for the children catching them. **Hank Skaja** did a great job organizing the volunteers. Thanks to everyone who came out to help **Hank** with this event.

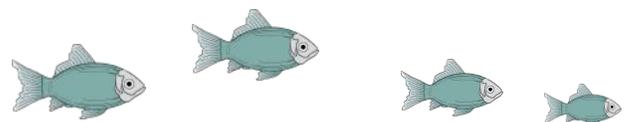
Recent storms have brought some snow and colder temperatures in the High Sierras. All the lakes are filled to, or near capacity. Most lakes are ice free, and thanks to our last month's guest speaker, **Ernie Cowan**, we all know the best spots for great opening weekend fishing, which commences on April 28th.

This month's meeting will provide opportunities for signing up for some great activities, the **Pinezanita/Cuyamaca Campout**, May 28 to June 2, see camp host **Jim Stevenson**, and the ever-popular **June Lake Campout**, Sept. 16-23, see **Albert and Colleen Wilson**. We also have the opportunity to sign up for some great $\frac{3}{4}$ Day salt water trips. If you are interested in the salt water trips you need to sign up right away, or we will have to cancel them. See **Barbara Gattuso**.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting on May 11th.

Tony Smock
President

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



PROGRAMS

The speaker for May has not been confirmed. An announcement will be sent out via e-mail once confirmed.

Ken Harrison

Programs and Public Relations

FRESH WATER

CAMPING TRIPS

Pinezanita/Lake Cuyamaca May28-June 2

Jim Stevenson is the Wagon Master for this close-to-home outing. We've had some big fish caught here. See Jim at the meeting if you are interested in joining the group. If you don't have an RV, there are some great cabins to rent. Remember, it's a short trip, so if you are not camping you can still come up for the day.

June Lake September 16-23

Great News for the September RV trip to June Lake. We have 20 RVs saying they would like to reserve a site. We will collect cashiers check in July and August, to be mailed after the August meeting. **Albert and Colleen Wilson** will be Wagon Masters again this year. Their Assistants, **John and Linda Perdue** will be taking sign-ups at the meeting. Happy fishing to all.

FISHING CHALLENGES



April 26 finished the last Trout Challenge of the 2017/18 season. Starting last November, we had a record six scheduled challenge's this season, with only one being canceled due to weather.

Lake Dixon hosted a beautiful day as members took advantage of 50% OFF Senior Boat Rental Day. Some of our members reserved the pontoon boat to overcome the rocky shores of Dixon.

The last plant of 1,500 pounds occurred six days before, but it appeared there were no trout left over from the annual Kiwanis Tournament held the previous weekend.

Out of nine rods in the water; **Manny Carabajal, Jimmy Eghaneyan, Gary Farrer, Dave Gehrke, Ken Harrison, Hank Mabrey, Hank Skaja, Smick Smeskal** (new member), no fish were caught. Of course, one guy . . . catches two. **Tony Smock** was the \$45 cash prize winner with his 2lb. 3.4 oz.'er.

Rather than a post-challenge picnic, the group celebrated the close of the Trout Challenge season with a nice BBQ lunch at the Wrangler Restaurant – an Escondido tradition since 1964.

Manny Carabajal summed up the day, "I've caught fish in every lake in San Diego County. I'm 0 for 59 at Dixon. Never caught a thing."

*Ken Harrison, Challenge Co-Chair for the vacationing **Al Wilson**, VP of Freshwater.*

Albert Wilson

Freshwater Vice President

SALT WATER

Fishing has been typical for Spring. Just 75 miles off shore boats are getting lots of Bluefin Tuna and inshore are getting great bottom fish. However, as the water temperature warms and winds calm, the fishing will explode. So, with that said, no one can put a date on that time. It's the same every year and we have a June 22 trip to fill. I do understand people want to wait until the fishing explodes but we have an obligation to Ernie. **There's still 10 spots to fill and if we don't fill and pay for them by the next meeting I will have to cancel the trip.**

If you are putting new line on your reels check out the Biodegradable fishing line. It is something everyone should look up on line and make a good conservation decision.

Don't forget to use the NEW Large Fish Documentation found on our web site and at the end of HLS. **Dave Gehrke** and **KT** did a great job putting this together. It is inclusive of fresh, salt and surf fishing.

I will be out of town for the next meeting and **Ron Parker** will be doing Saltwater.



SURF FISHING



*From the shore at Carlsbad State Beach . . . From Tournament Chairperson **Don Continelli**, Assistant **Ken Harrison***

SAE's second meet of the 2018 Surf Fishing Tournament took place amongst blue skies and cool water on April 16th. Eleven club members and six guests met at South Ponto Beach.

A strong southern current gave an opportunity to practice active casting. Fishing was slow. Good thing we had a hearty breakfast prior at Tip Top Meats.

Don Continelli hooked into two, monster, 3 oz. barred surf perch, while **Cheryl Brandstrom**, **Hank Mabrey** landed two undersized sand sharks. New member **Gene Scibilia** also brought in a small shark. All were successfully released.

Competing club members were **Cheryl Brandstrom**, **Don Continelli**, **Ron Continelli**, **Dan Engelbracht** (new member), **Ken Harrison**, **Hank Mabrey**, **Bill Modi**, **Jeff Routsong**, **Linda Sorse**, **"Smick" Scibilia** (new member) and **Gene Scibilia**.



Our next competition will be on May 14th at North Ponto Beach – the parking lot just before the Carlsbad campground (heading south on Carlsbad Blvd.) Late lunch or early dinner will be at Tip Top Meats starting at 2:30 p.m. Fishing by 4:00 p.m. (Low tide is at 3:00 p.m.)

However, please note that each pre-planned fishing location may change due to beach sand conditions. We don't want to fish on the cobblestone rocks anymore. Any changes will be announced at the club meeting and an e-mail sent.

It's not too late to join the 2018 SAE Surf Fishing Tournament. A one-time fee of \$10 signs one up for the entire year of monthly meets. Grand Prize for the biggest fish – an amazing **Bill Varney** Signature Cousins 8.5' Surf Rod – \$270 value.

Pat Mancha continues as our Tournament leader with her 6.3 oz barred perch caught during March's San Onofre campout. As the water heats up, so will the fishing. Watch out! Get out and catch a big fish in the surf!

Go Fish!

Barbara Gattuso
Salt Water Vice

COMMUNITY EVENTS

11th ANNUAL YOUTH DAY

YOUTH DAY was another great success!

This year we treated 26 kids from the Escondido YMCA to a fun day at Lake Dixon. In addition, we had two lifeguards and several counselors. They arrived at 7:45 am and were greeted by members of the Club. The kids all looked very happy to be at the Lake. They were divided into two groups, one to go hiking and the other to go fishing and boating. The boat captions were **Tony Smock, Jim MacIssac, Gary Farrar, Ron Parker** and **Dan Engelbrecht**. They did a great job (we had no lost passengers).



The hiking group went with **Simone Green** and **Carol Parker**. Carol went along to document the hike with photos. She even took a picture of an Oak Apple that they discovered along the hike. You can ask Carol about the Apple, it is really interesting. The kids loved the wrist bands and necklaces that **Karen Springer** and her camping friends made. While the boating and hiking was going on, **Monique Smock, Anitra Gehrke, Karen Springer, Ron Casapulla** and **Janet Skaja** prepared the tables and got the food ready to cook. They cut up the tomatoes, onions and lettuce and got the water and juice on ice. Cookies were set out for all to enjoy.

At the same time **Bob Taylor** and **Dave Gehrke** set up the casting contest. We only had a few participants in the casting contest, since many of the girls were not interested. Maybe next year we can do something that would interest both the girls and boys. We did give out two gift cards, one to the winning boy and the other to the best girl caster.

Bob Taylor and **Dave Gehrke** got the barbeques ready to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs, and with help from **Ron Casapulla** and **Dan Engelbrecht**, cooked 80 hamburgers and about 50 hot dogs. They were delicious. Thanks to these cooks.

Mike Springer filled in wherever necessary and provided moral support.



Thank you again to all the volunteers. Without your help, this event would not have been as successful as it was. I am sure the 2019 YOUTH DAY will be even more successful. I sure hope I didn't miss anyone!



KIWANIS FISH DERBY



Happy faces from the Kiddy Pond.



Hank Skaja
Community Events

MEMBERS



LOIS ASHUCKIAN

Lois Ashuckian passed away on Friday, April 13. Lois had been a member with her husband **Al** for the last 29 years, having joined in 1990. She was very active in the club, joining the board of Directors in 1998. She held the positions of Historian, Calling, and Sunshine Lady over the years. In 2006 and 2007 she was the President and still has the distinction of being the only woman President. She then served two years as Past President. **Al and Lois** also are the husband and wife to both serve as President. As a couple, they supported club activities, attended most club outings and were part of our camping group for many years.

A Memorial service will be held for Lois on:

Thursday, May 10 from 11 am to 3 pm.

at

Vista Elks Lodge #1947

1947 Vista Way, Vista, 92083

SUNSHINE



Hi! This is your sunshine gal, **Marge**. A card was sent to the family of **Bill Gifford** who passed away in March also a card was sent to **Al Ashuckian** for the loss of **Lois**. We are all thinking of you and hope you are doing ok.

On a better note, we sent a get well card to Betty Allen who had a hip replacement. She is "hip" hopping around well! Keep the sun shining in your life!!!

Your Sunshine Gal,

Marge Lovelady
Sunshine

MEMBERSHIP



- 5/6 Tom Martinez
- 5/8 Bernadette Blaney
- 5/13 Liz Farrar
- 5/18 Mary Gifford
- 5/20 Don Hunter
- 5/21 Cheryl Brandstrom
- 5/23 Tomasa Rehm
- 5/26 Ray Mercado
- 5/26 Steve Palmer
- 5/31 Carol Maclsaac



happy anniversary

- 5/1 John & Carol Duke
- 5/1 Hank & Annetta Mabrey
- 5/10 Jimmy Eghaneyan & Fariba Talebi
- 5/21 Jim & Marcia Walker



New Members

- Scott & Denise Bruso
- Larry & Billie Kroepel
- Jim Stuka
- Patrick (Smick) Smeskal
- Thomas Cassidy
- Gene & Alisa Scibilia



**The
The April Attendance Award**
Lunch at
Chili's Restaurant
went to
Chuck Fowler

Help Wanted:
Greeters for one or more
meeting.

Benefits include: Smiles,
meeting new friends,

Cheryl Brandstrom
Membership

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

	May 11	Meeting	
*	May 14	Surf Fishing—North Ponto Beach Carlsbad	Saltwater
	May 28-June 2	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca Campout	Freshwater Campout
	June 8	Meeting	
*	June 11	Surf Fishing—Oceanside South Jetty	Saltwater
	July 13	Meeting	
	July 18	Club Picnic Dixon Lake	Club Event
*	July 16	Surf Fishing—Oceanside Harbor Fishing Pier	Saltwater
	August 10	Meeting	
*	August 13	Surf Fishing—Oceanside North Jetty	Saltwater
*	August 29	Hoagie Bar Dixon Lake	Club Event
*	Sept 17	Surf Fishing—South Ponto Beach	Saltwater
	Sept 14	Meeting	
	Sept 16-23	June Lake Campout	Freshwater Campout
	Oct 12	Meeting	
	Oct 14-19	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca Campout	Freshwater Campout
*	Oct TBD	Surf Fishing Place TBD	Saltwater
	Nov 2-8	Santee Lakes	Freshwater Campout
	Nov 9	Meeting	
	Nov	Fall Feast/White Elephant Sale	Club Event
	Nov 30	Viejas Bus Trip	Club Event
	Dec 5	Awards Banquet and Holiday Party	Club Event

*New or changed event.

** 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

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

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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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