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A Line from your President....

This month I would like to share my thoughts on the pandemic and how we can carry on until we can meet again at the Park Avenue Community (Senior) Center. With case numbers remaining high, I feel that it will be some time, probably not until next year, before we can resume general meetings. Considering all of us fall in the most vulnerable category, I think we will be among the last groups to be able to assemble in large numbers safely. I will follow up with updates as they occur.

One of the key functions of our club is the social opportunities it presents. This does not have to cease just because we cannot meet in large groups. I encourage all club members to keep in touch with each other and maintain that social connection. Especially reach out to members you feel might be suffering from the lack of companionship. Give them a call and let them know they are being thought of. Everyone needs a little human connection now and then. Invite a club member to meet you for a socially distanced walk or a visit to a local park or lake. Meet to go fishing. It is easy to maintain social distancing in a boat if one fishes the bow while the other fishes the stern. Pick an un-crowded spot on the lake shore where you can sit 6' apart. Just because we need to be careful does not mean we cannot go out and enjoy life.

The local lakes are coming to the end of their catfish stocking, but there are still plenty of fish in the lake. Bass have been biting well in the early morning hours. I have gone bass fishing a few times this season at El Capitan Reservoir and fishing has been good, though most of the bass have been small. My largest was 3 lb. 8 oz.

According to the CDFW website: "Stocking schedules in the South Coast Region and Inland Deserts Region will be affected for the remainder of 2020 and into the 2021 calendar year as CDFW works to disinfect and repopulate the hatcheries with fish. Fish from other hatcheries are still being planted in these areas, but the numbers and locations have been greatly reduced." Despite this dire announcement, there is some good news for those of you who are venturing out for the June Lake outing. According to the CDFW website, CDFW is bringing in fish from the western side of the Sierras and sometime during the week of 8/23 to 8/29 the lakes in the June Lake Loop, including June, Gull and Grant Lakes were stocked. Silver lake is supposed to receive a stock on the week of 9/6.

For those wishing to trout fish a little closer to home, Cuyamaca and Doane Pond were also on the stocking schedule for the period of 8/23 to 8/29. Multi-day Saltwater trips continue to see good catches of Bluefin and Yellowfin tuna, and Yellowtail.

I want to end my letter by reporting some sad news for the Club, but some great news for Ken Harrison. After a lifetime in Encinitas, Ken is packing up and moving to Bishop. He'll fill you in on page 2.



So Many Fish.....So Little Time



A Line from your President.... (continued)

I know you will all joining me in congratulating Ken and wishing him great success in this new venture. But wait, there's more. Before he leaves Ken will be setting up a virtual meeting on Zoom for the September meeting. He has set up two guest speakers to speak to the club on 9/11.

Until we meet again, Monique and I miss all of you and wish you good health.

Tony Smock
President

PROGRAMS

Dear Senior Angler Friends,

And I do mean FRIENDS! When I first walked into an Escondido meeting years ago, I was there to do a news story on Ernie Cowan's report on Opening Day in the Eastern Sierra. I saw several friends from my Oceanside club.



I felt a good-ol'-fishing-buddy vibe among your members. **Ron Casapulla** was the first to invite me to join the club. **Ron Parker** welcomed me to my first club campout at Lake Hemet, making sure I had everything I needed. **Don Continelli** unknowingly connected me back to the short time I had fishing with my father in the 1960s when **Don** showed me his short handled shovel – for digging sand crabs. I always thought mine (my dad's) was for building sandcastles for us kids.

We have an exceptional club! The comradery of fresh water fishing, an occasional saltwater charter, combined with the picnic and camping component, helps our fishing friendships last forever.

I never thought I would consider moving from my lifelong home in Cardiff by the Sea. But a new opportunity, in a place I love and visit regularly, was presented to me, totally unexpected, and I said YES to the universe. Starting October 1, I will become the new News & Sports Director for radio stations 107.1 FM KIBS and AM 1230 KBOV in Bishop. My girlfriend, **Sonya Hernandez**, (which most of you have met) will join the sales team.

I intend to be back for the Christmas Banquet, and perhaps a few meetings next year. And I will, of course, set the club up with several guest speakers in advance once we resume our meetings. It's been a pleasure serving on the Board as Program and Public Relations Director these past five years.

I hope when you make those June Lake/Eastern Sierra trips in the future, you'll stop by the station and say hello, spend some time in my new town and in my new life. I may put you on the air sharing a trout tip! Or at least buy you a sandwich at Schat's. And of course, when visiting the eastside, listen to "The Greatest Country in the World" KIBS.

A few of the members want to have Good Bye . . . strike that . . . See Ya Later Party for me in a few weeks. As we say in radio-land . . . Stay Tuned.

PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

In an effort to keep us connected, it's another online Senior Anglers of Escondido Speaker Zoom Meeting (instructions will follow). It will be our regular meeting date & time: please join us online Friday, Oct 11 at 9:30

a.m. for two great guests:



Jeremy Ross
Ernie's Bait & Tackle – June Lake

9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. – Jeremy Ross from Ernie's Bait and Tackle in June Lake, will discuss the upcoming fishing conditions for the group going to Pine Cliff, and those that may wander up north between now and the November 15 closure of the season.

Just like everything else, its an "interesting" season with DFW not stocking for the last two months, and local towns, Mono & Inyo counties, and resorts buying more and more 3 – 7 lb'ers from Oregon's "virus free" hatcheries. The town has been packed since opening up around 4th of July. I've seen more watercraft on the lakes than ever before. And a new Silver Lake rainbow trout record was set in June with a 19 lb'er.



Wayne Kotow, Executive Director
Coastal Conservation Association (CCA- Calif)

9:50 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. – Wayne Kotow from Coastal Conservation Association (CCA-Calif) is SoCal saltwater angler's legislative advocate. He will update on recent successes fighting efforts to restrict fishing along the SoCal coast, and other affairs locally and in Sacramento that affect our sport.

While the 12 month fishing license bill died, blamed on COVID . . . read legislators not wanting to work, it will be re-introduced next year and is expected to pass. Forth time's the charm?

An easy, click on link will be sent out prior to the ZOOM meeting. Click and join the conversation on Friday, Sept 11.

FRESH WATER

UPCOMING CAMPOUTS

June Lake—September 13-19

If you have any questions about this trip, contact Al and Colleen Wilson.

Cuyamaca-Pinezanita— October 12-17

The Allen's continue to monitor the situation and will let us know if this trip will happen.

If you're fishing, send me a Large Fish Report. I haven't received any this year.

Hope to see you soon,

Albert Wilson

Freshwater Vice President



SALTWATER

Fishing is really good when the wind is not blowing. The bluefin bite is still going strong up north by Catalina and San Clemente again, when the wind is not blowing or military training.

Larry Kress was on a 3 day aboard the Royal Polaris and the wind was blowing 30-40 knots so San Clemente was unfortunately out .But he was still able to land a nice 41.7# bluefin, then the fish shut down,and the next 2 days the whole boat was skunked on bluefin. See page 6 for the picture.

Bill Modi was on a 2 1/2-day 145 mi south of Oceanside and caught a nice mixture of dorado and yellowtail.



The local San Diego ½ day boats are getting nice calicos and rockfish, so yummy.

The full, overnight, and multiday boats are doing much better with dorado, yellowtail and yellowfin tuna but again hit and miss with a wind problem.

If you feel comfortable going it's a great time to fish. Some are going out on private boats. Best way to go 😊

I miss fishing and all of you

Barbara Gattuso
Saltwater Vice President

ON-SHORE FISHING

From the Shores . . .

August 14 was the joint Senior Anglers of Escondido and Oceanside Senior Anglers monthly surf fishing tournament. We were greeted at Lifeguard Tower 13 with very warm mid-day temperatures, equally warm water, and no waves – so easy to cast out past the swell with no surge, but a mess of sea grass. Can't have it totally perfect I guess.

The fish were practicing social distancing. None were caught except for a little tiny Corbina, by **Don Continelli**. He tried to hide it from everyone. No jackpot was given and entry money returned.

Anglers were; **Don Continelli & Frank Mancha** (Escondido), **Randall Mattes & Richard Reed** (Oceanside), **Ken Harrison** (both clubs). Enjoying a beautiful SoCal day were non-anglers **Cheryl Brandstrom, Marge Lovelady, Sonya Hernandez, and Pat Mancha**.

The second On-Shore Fishing Tournament event in August was held at the Shelter Island Fishing Pier.

ON-SHORE FISHING (CONT.)

We had great weather, a little hazy, but cool with a nice breeze. The real highlights were seeing two of our navy's newest frigates returning to port, one of the newest amphibious landing ships departing, an array of helicopters and a close fly-over by a vertical take-off and landing Osprey from NAS North Island.

Fishing wasn't bad either. Overall, fifteen Thornback Rays, one sand bass and one spotted bass were caught. The tournament winner was **Rich Bruemmer** with a 1 lb. 11 oz. ray. Lugworms and squid were the preferred baits.

One of the rays landed by **Frank Mancha** fought back nicking the knuckle of his right finger with its barb but Frank never slowed down landing seven fish overall.

There is an added On-Shore Tournament events schedule on the morning of September 11, 2020 at Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside and if the weather stays warm we may be able to schedule two outings in October. Monitor your emails for club announcements

Friday, September 9th, 2020. High tide will be approximately 2:15 PM that day. – Buccaneer Beach, Oceanside (free parking), \$5.00 entry fee per tournament. Winner takes all, unless more than 10 people entered, 2nd prize offered.

More information: **Don Continelli**, Senior Anglers of Escondido Surf Fishing Chairperson 619-681-1575, or **Ken Harrison**, Asst. Chairperson 760-815-2502.

Don Continelli

Ken Harrison

Program Chairpersons

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Contributed by Tony Smock

A woman who has never seen her husband fishing, doesn't know what a patient man she married!"

Author Unknown

MEMBERSHIP

- 9/02 Tony Smock
- 9/05 Paul Wilton
- 9/05 Marcia Walker
- 9/08 Leslie Wilton
- 9/08 Gloria Continelli
- 9/11 Jim Walker
- 9/14 Barbara Gattuso
- 9/14 Linda Perdue
- 9/14 Gary Murphy
- 9/16 Ann Savage
- 9/17 Pat Mancha
- 9/18 Otis Campbell
- 9/18 Bob Prewett
- 9/19 Harold Reeser
- 9/22 Al Phares
- 9/23 Jeannie Cusack
- 9/24 Richard Montague
- 9/28 Donald Continelli
- 9/29 Debbie Grauer
- 9/29 Bill Modi



- 9/03 Warren & Nat Estes
- 9/03 Robert & Alice Lage
- 9/13 Dave & Anitra Gehrke
- 9/20 Peter & Jane Thorngren
- 9/23 Thomas & Barbara Galyean
- 9/25 Tom & Faye Wright



Normally you would have collected your 2020 SEA Membership Directory by now. But then, nothing is normal, is it? However, if you would like an electronic version please contact me at lindaperdue@me.com and I will be happy to email it to you.

Linda Perdue
Membership Director

OUR CATCHES



Larry Kress and his 41.7# bluefin



Al Morris (the Taylors son-in law)with his 10 lb. trout caught in Crowley Lake.



Tony Smock at El Capitan Reservoir : 3 lb. 8 oz. Bass

P.S. Keep those fish pictures coming. Send to karen.t22@sbcglobal.net or text to 760-518-2557.

Karen Taylor
Corresponding Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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|----|---------------|--|-----------------|
| | Sept 9 | On Shore Fishing Tournament- Buccaneer Beach | |
| | Sept 11 | Zoom -Meeting Jeremy Ross, Ernie's Bait & Tackle – June Lake and Wayne Kotow, Executive Director Coastal Conservation Assn. | |
| | Sept 13-19 | June Lake Campout | Freshwater |
| | Sept 28-Oct 4 | Jalama Beach County Park - Campout and Surf Fishing | Saltwater |
| | Oct 9 | Meeting | |
| | Oct 20 | Saltwater On-shore Fishing Challenge—Location TBD | Saltwater |
| * | Oct 12-17 | Lake Cuyamaca/Pinezanita (to be determined) | Freshwater |
| ** | Oct 17-23 | Cabo Trip (to be determined) | Saltwater |
| * | Nov 1-6 | Santee Campout (to be determined) | Freshwater |
| | Nov 13 | Meeting Lake Cuyamaca - Winter Fishing and Hatchery Program | |
| * | Nov 20 | Fall Feast (to be determined) | Club Event |
| | Dec 3 | Awards Banquet and Holiday Party (to be determined) | Club Event |
| | Dec 4-6 | Escondido City Trout Derby | Community Event |
| | Dec 8 | Viejas Trip—Cancelled | Club Event |
| | Dec 11 | Board Meeting | Community 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**

"Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers,"

Herbert Hoover.

* New or Changed ** Non-club sponsored event