

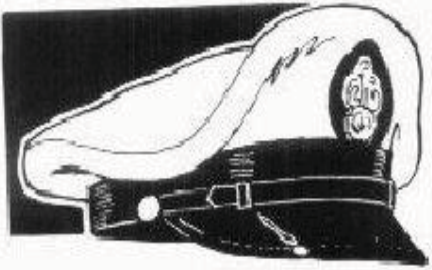
# ~~~~~*Bluewater Bulletin*~~~~~

**DECEMBER, 2013**

**Meeting: December 5th, '13**

**at the Marina Village**

- Happy Hour 6:00
- Meeting at 7:00
- Richard Imamura



**President**  
**Alex Williamson**

Happy Holidays,

Come and join your fellow club members for a fun night of Holiday joy!!! Once again, your club will cater a wonderful dinner from El Pollo Loco. Our next meeting will be at the Marina Village in the Dockside room. This meeting will be a lot of fun. At the meeting, we have elections for new officers, the gift exchange, Santa Claus, as well as other activities for the night.

I would encourage you to seek out the board members and thank them for their efforts to run the club. They have been a great board and have done so much for the club. It is quite an effort to accomplish all the activities and events we are committed to throughout the year. It has been a great year for me. I have learned a lot and

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**San Diego Rod and Reel Club**

really have enjoyed your company. I hope we have added to your fishing experience and look forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

Ok, "So where are we on the boat?" you may have asked yourself. Well, it has been very busy since July. Jon and I have not had any time for the boat... but now is the time. We have taken a week off the first week in December to work on her, and I will have a progress report for you all at the next club meeting.

Cheers  
Alex



**VP**  
**Charlie**

Club Members,

It was brought to our attention that the boat DMV renewal fee went up to \$36. When inquired why it went up, they said there is now a special fee for the quagga /zebra mussel program.

If a boat never sees a lake and you do not need the added fee and sticker that goes along with

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it, They said to just check this little tiny box to exempt yourself from the fee and you will not be charged that extra \$16. So, that brings the fee to \$20.

Eat Some!

Charlie the Tuna



**A message from Rhonda Ito:**

It's the Holiday Season... We will have our annual \$10.00 gift exchange, so bring a wrapped gift to exchange.

Also, Santa will be there for all of the kids, so if you would like to bring a wrapped gift in addition to what my secret elves will be creating for Santa to hand out, please make sure to have your child's name on the gift in bold writing...

We hope to see everyone there,  
Rhonda



**Tournament Master:**  
**Lee Fleming**

Merry Christmas!  
I am laying out our tournament schedule for next year. We plan to hold to a similar series as last year with the same 8 tourneys, plus Big Fish in August, 2014. Also, a lobster event in San Diego Bay (see Fox Ludwig).

I am thinking that the May and October tournaments will be called the “What’s Hot Tournament” and we can call the species a few days before the actual event. The May Triple B did not pan out very well and there were some really big blue fin tuna biting in October.

We try not to schedule any of our events on any of the major holidays and we will coordinate with SWYC for their “Bottom Fish Fund Raiser”.

Talk to me at the next meeting and give me some feedback. It is your club and your tournament schedule!

Annual Interclub Bay Bass  
Tournament:  
**SD Rod and Reel Club**  
vs.  
**SD Anglers**

December 7, 2013  
San Diego Bay  
Lines in first light.  
Weigh-in 1400-1500 (2:00 - 3:00 pm)  
Target species: Largest bass ....  
Sand Bass or Spotty.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards.  
Side-pot: largest Halibut

Inter club scoring will be based on the heaviest fish:  
1 point for spotty, 1 point for sandy, and 1point for halibut.  
2 out of 3 will win the trophy.

BBQ to follow.

Restricted to San Diego Bay (imaginary line from Pt. Loma Light House to the tip of Zuniga Jetty)  
Sign up at the next club meeting, 7 Nov '13 or call me before 2100 Friday 15 Nov. (9:00 pm)

See you on December 5<sup>th</sup>...  
Santa and Mrs. Santa will be there!  
Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Lee Fleming  
858.382.2629  
Jawbreaker  
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ps. Need people to get on the board for SDRRC. Usually pretty easy, and always entertaining. Don't complain, get on the board and do something about it!



**Membership**  
**Margie & Michael Williams**

Fellow Club Members:  
As we head into the holiday season, we want everyone to know that we are thankful for being part of such a great group of people in our community who share the same passion for fishing as we do. Thank you to everyone who has also joined this great club!

We are now heading into the third month of our 2014 Membership Drive! If you renew your membership for 2014 at our December meeting for \$60 (\$70 for the family), you will receive 20 tickets for our raffle. Be sure to sign up on December 5, as this will be your last opportunity to receive a large handful of free raffle tickets!

We look forward to seeing you all on December 5th!

Keep your lines wet!  
-Michael & Margie



**PR Director**  
**Tim Foote**

Sorry about the no show for our speaker last meeting. He had to drive down from the LA area and the traffic was terrible that night. He finally made it, but he was too late. Despite all the difficulties, Richard Imamura has offered to speak for our December meeting. We have an alternate presentation on rod building in case there are difficulties again. As I mentioned in the last bulletin, Richard will be speaking about a movie documentary that he wrote and produced entitled "The Manzanar Fishing Club." More info about the movie at: <http://www.fearnotrout.com/>

The documentary began as a lecture, walking tour and artifacts exhibit to raise awareness of the internees who slipped away under the cover of night to find freedom and adventure, matching wits with the prized trout of the Sierra Nevada's high-altitude lakes and streams. See you at the meeting!

Tim Foote



**Weigh Master**  
**Curt Itogawa**

After weeks of beautiful weather and flat seas, our inter club tournament with the San Diego Anglers needed to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Keep your fishing gear ready, the tournament has been rescheduled for December 7th, 2013. Until the next weigh-in, stay safe and have fun.

Curtis Itogawa



**Raffle Master**  
**Lou and Ellie Duchene**

Hello fellow members,

We have another great raffle for you. Janet has made us some great Christmas baskets and we still have that Wahoo print to raffle off.

Last chance to get 20 free tickets for signing up early for membership. Don't forget, we will have Santa there as well.

Lou & Ellen



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Time to think of your New Year's Resolution for next year! I have an idea for one... "Email Gary action photos, posing with fish photos, stories, trip descriptions, weight of fish, etc." I am always looking for the "Picture of the Month" photos and to insert stories of interesting trips taken. Simply email them to me and I will get it posted. Your fellow club members love seeing and reading about success stories, so be sure to send them in.

Now... Get Bent!

## TRIP TO GONZAGA BAY

By Tim Foote



I have friends that have told me about the wonders of Gonzaga Bay in Baja, California and I always wanted to head down there. The previous journey was a very difficult one through some treacherous dirt roads that climb over mountains just south of Puertecitos. Well times have changed and they have just built a new highway that takes you over the coastal mountains with ease. Hector Lopez and I ventured out to Gonzaga Bay last spring and it was an enjoyable trip with incredible scenery on the drive down.

We entered Mexico at Tecate and took the toll road that drops you on the road to San Felipe, just South of Mexicali. It is about 220 miles from San Diego to San Felipe. You can also take Interstate 8 to Calexico and catch the San Felipe Road after driving through Mexicali. We spent a night in San Felipe going each direction. San Felipe is a fun town and a good location to take a break if you plan to drive straight on through to Gonzaga Bay. But remember the unwritten rule in Mexico...Don't drive at night! The first night we stayed at Costa Azul Hotel which is next to the beach, downtown which is OK. Coming back we stayed at George's hotel which is a couple blocks West on Mar de Cortez road. George's was the nicer of the two hotels and has a good restaurant as well. There is another George's restaurant back in a few blocks that makes a great breakfast.

The next day we headed south out to Gonzaga Bay. The road between San Felipe and Puertecitos is about 50 miles and is easy, but you have to drive slowly in the last twenty-five miles before Puertecitos. There are serious dips in the road. Beyond Puertecitos is new highway that is well paved. Before you get to Puertecitos you pass the Cow Patty Bar which is a local Gringo Hangout in the afternoon. It is worth a stop. They had free clams and appetizers while we were there.



Puertecitos is just a little way beyond the Cow Patty Bar and is a closed community for which you have to pay to get near the water. They have hot springs there. Beyond that is a beautiful drive another 40 miles down to Gonzaga Bay. There is a Military check point just before Gonzaga Bay. Last spring, the highway ended just before Gonzaga Bay. It may be completed down to Baja's main Highway 1 by now which means you could travel back that way if you want a change of scenery.

In Gonzaga Bay we stayed at the only hotel, Afonsinas, which is on the North side of the strip of sand as you enter the Bay. It can get busy at Alfonsinas on a weekend and having reservations may not make any difference as to whether you get a room. The manager, El Chilango, is somewhat fickle. Be patient and he will probably find you a room. His reticence might be an indication that he is looking for a tip before he gets you a room. There is a restaurant at the hotel as well.



While we were at the Hotel, there was a panguero using the phone. Hector spoke to him and set up a fishing trip for the next day. The hotel has its own panguero, but the one we found was excellent.

We fished with two other guys that were staying at the hotel and the panguero has an assistant, so there were six of us in the panga. It was large enough so that we were all comfortable. The fishing was average in quality. We fished near the Islas Encantadas. We caught lots of smaller Cabrilla, larger Trigger Fish, Sierra and a Pargo. For the bottom fish, we used Sierra chunks for bait, which worked very well. Lures worked better for catching the Sierra. There are Yellowtail in the area, though we didn't run into any. The restaurant cooked up the fish for lunch. Nobody wanted to keep the rest of the fish, so I gave it to my brother in law who lives in Mexicali. His family was grateful for the bounty that we brought.



Gonzaga Bay at low tide. (Thanks to Hector Lopez for the pictures.)

I have a friend who went to Gonzaga Bay recently. He was able to swim with whale sharks that were off the beach from the hotel. Hector and I tried surf fishing in front of the Hotel, but we only caught very small Cabrilla. We only spent one evening at Gonzaga Bay, though you could easily pass more time there. Fishing shouldn't be your top priority though. Kick back with a beer and enjoy the beauty of the place. With the new road there, the quietness may not last much longer.

## **San Diego Rod & Reel Club vs. San Diego Angels**

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November, 2013

Postponed to December 7<sup>th</sup>... be sure to sign up so we can claim the perpetual trophy!

### **Sport Point Standing October 2013**

(Includes points from tournament placing and one point for members fishing the tournament)

#### **Men**

Ed Howerton 20  
Mike Ito 16  
Rex Finney 14  
Tim Foote 10  
Lee Fleming 9  
Dennis Burlason 6  
Vinh Gian 5  
Daryl White 5  
Matt Klein 5  
Bill Fleming 4  
Fox Ludwig 4  
Ted Phoenix 4  
Lou Duchene 3  
Curt Itogawa 3  
Dave Rehrer 3  
David Sachau 3  
Gordie Howe 2  
James Smith 2  
Dennis Johnson 2  
Hector Lopez 1  
Mike Goodsell 1  
Alan Bilstein 1  
Derek Ito 1  
Tony Belandres 1  
Mark Waters 1  
John Plemmons Jr. 1  
Andy Redding 1  
Alex Williamson 1  
Mike Gladden 1  
Mark Logan 1  
Tony Jordan 1  
Jay Perez 1  
Todd Wilson 1  
Gary Mouritzen 1

#### **Ladies**

Nancy Ortiz 19  
Cheri Fleming 18  
Janet Fleming 10  
Shelly Cochlin 7  
Ellie Duchene 6  
D.J. Ludwig 5  
Rhonda Ito 4  
Lori Sachau 3  
Catherine Glidden 2

#### **Juniors**

Sara Itogawa 2  
Henry Hammer 1

## Chef's Corner



### Halibut With Tomato, Orange, and Dill

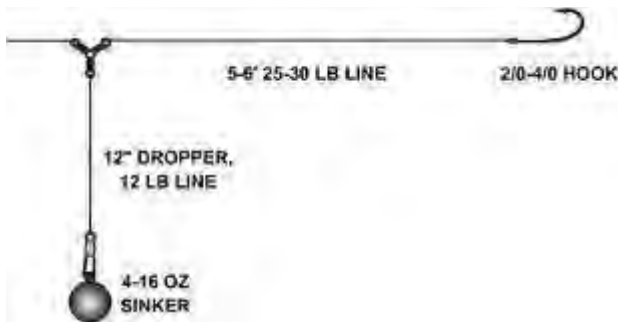
#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup green olives, pitted and halved
- 2 medium navel oranges, peeled, separated into segments, membranes removed
- 1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds halibut, skin removed, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup fresh dill, chopped

#### Directions

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes.
2. Add the olives, orange segments, and tomatoes. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Add the salt and pepper. Place the fish in the pan and spoon the sauce over it. Cover and simmer until cooked through, about 7 minutes.
4. Divide the fish and sauce among individual plates and sprinkle with the dill.

## Knotty Corner



Here is a standard rig for Halibut fishing (which will also get you any bass species). I have modified mine to use 2 swivels rather than a three-way swivel; one swivel connecting a light line to the weight, with the other swivel connecting to the fluorocarbon and hook on one end and the main line on the other end. What you do is feed the main line through the hole of the upper eye of the swivel connected to the weight, and then tie it to the swivel connecting to the fluorocarbon and hook. This works well when fishing with ringed circle hooks and (as we've had lately) large baits. I put the reel in free-spool with the clicker on and let them run to give them time to eat the bait and get the circle hook in the corner of their mouth. I also use twice the length of the lines described here and my circle hook is typically a 1/0, maybe a 2/0 to fit the bait.

I don't use them, but here's a trap rig people like to use when fishing for halibut. Halibut will tend "short bite", so people like to "trap" them with a treble hook near the anal fin of the bait.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Club Meeting and a special red-suited man at Marina Village.
- **December 7<sup>th</sup>** – SDRRC vs Anglers Tournament
- **January 9<sup>th</sup>** – Club Meeting
- **February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Club Meeting