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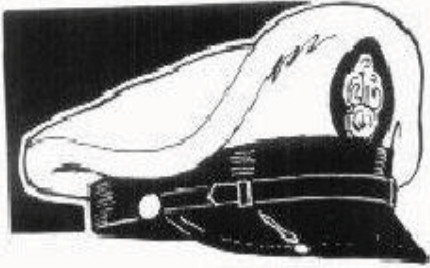
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San Diego Rod and Reel Club

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Meeting: March 6th
at the Bali Hai
Back Patio/Gazebo
Swap Meet



President
Alex Williamson

Greetings all,

SWAP MEET, yes we are having a swap meet at our next meeting on March 6th at the Bali Hai. It's at the outdoor patio area. It is the only one scheduled this year, so bring your extra fishing gear and make some \$\$, while at the same time picking up some great buys.

We just finished up with the Ron Baker Poway Lakes Derby, and it was huge! The kids were catching fish and the club was feeding the kids hot dogs. We had a lot of help. It was one of the largest groups of members to ever show at this kind of event. It was great seeing all of you there. Once again, the BBQ fire was a little on the warm side and we had some issues with keeping the hot dogs from falling to the ground. There

were also rumors that I had too many coals on the fire, but it was just hearsay. We served over 900 hot dogs!

As always, we provided two very nice mountain bikes for the event, provided by the Bill Schneider fund. Bill and his wife were members who loved these events we do with the club. In their passing, a fund was set up in Bill's memory called the Bill Schneider Memorial. The fund provided the money to purchase the bikes for this event, and then distributed through our club. If you have never been to one of these events, I encourage you to participate. You will be hooked for life and understand why your board and members are so involved within the community that supports kids fishing.

The Banquet was on the following day. I got to talk to most of you and we are extremely excited about our future. My voice was almost completely gone, thank goodness Tom was able to run the meeting and, as always, he did a great job. I might add that the food was just wonderful. All the tables were full and we had a great raffle. Lou, as always, out did himself with the raffle.

The Fred Hall show is coming up and several of us are going up to the Long Beach Show. I have participated in it for five years and it is a lot of fun. I love

meeting all our members that come, the vendors, and seeing all the new fishing items available. If you are willing to help in the booth, we can get you into the show for free, but I will need your name on our list. So, at the next meeting, let me know when you plan on being there to help.

Happy Fishing
Alexander Williamson



VP
Rhonda Ito

Hello FCM's

Well, the Fred Hall Show is fast approaching and YES we need your help. The event is March 27th – 30th and the hours are Thursday and Friday from 12:00 – 8:00; Saturday 10:00 – 8:00 and Sunday 10:00 to 6:00. We will be able to get you into the show for free; however, you MUST donate some of your time to the booth. The San Diego Rod & Reel Club has one of the best booths at the event. There is always a lot of laughter and great food. Please check

your schedule and see when you are available to volunteer your time and show your pride for the club! We will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

Lastly, Day at the Docks is April 13th. We know many of you have participated in the past, but we really need everyone who is available to come out and help with the fishing pens, even if it is only for a few hours it will be of great help! Our club oversees two of the three pens, so we take on quite a challenge. So, the more help we get the better. Plus, you get a free event t-shirt and, once again, we will supply plenty of laughter, smiles and wonderful snacks! Speaking from past experience, the families are very appreciative of what we do and to see the kids and parents smiling and thanking us is a reward in itself.

Till next month,
Tom and Rhonda

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Rex Finney with 2 Yellowtail caught at the islands aboard the Mission Bell. Largest in at 29.4 lbs for the club's 1st Yellowtail.



Tournament Master: **Lee Fleming**

Are you ready to start fishing? We have two tournaments this month. First, we are having a special inter club lobster tournament on the 8th of March with the OMC and SDA (more information is on the web).

Our first club tourney is coming up. We will have our 7th annual San Diego Bay Bass with a halibut side-pot tournament on Saturday March 15, 2014. Entry fees are as usual, \$20 for club members, \$25 for non-members and juniors 15 and under fish for free. Side-pot is \$10 for the largest halibut. Tournaments and Side-pots are an all or none proposition. If one is in all fishermen on your boat must be in. Check the back pages of our annual Club Roster for the general rules. Non-members must fish with a member or have a member on your boat, and may fish only 1 tournament as a guest.

Lines in at first light and weigh-in between 1400-1500 (2:00-3:00 pm for you land lubbers) at the Wave on Shelter island. Boundary set by an imaginary line from tip of Zuniga Jetty to

Pt. Loma Light House; you must be inshore of this line.

Annual sign-ups may be made at the next meeting, which is \$120 for the annual 9 tournaments and you save \$60. If you were an annual last year, you may sign-up for \$100. This must be done before the next tournament. We have 3 annuals already. Annual tournament enrollment will not include the March 8th interclub lobster tournament fee, nor will the lobster tournament count for sports points.

You will have a new Tournament Master this year, Rolly Lira, so be kind to him. Rolly has been a member for several years and comes to us with lots of experience. He graduated from Pt. Loma High School on a Friday and was on a purse seiner the next afternoon to Panama. He spent 16 years on a seiner and holds several USCG Masters Tickets, including 2000 Ton and 1500 Ton Towing. Rolly has worked as 2nd Captain on Polaris Supreme with Captain Tommy Rothery. He fishes with his son Roman and together they have won the Make A Wish Tuna Challenge 4 times in 4 categories. See Rolly or myself at the next meeting for the sign-up.

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Rolly Lira, cell 619.892.4118
"Get'n Jiggy" vhf-16, 68, 72



PR Director
Tim Foote

Fellow club members,

We all had a great time at the awards banquet. The steak was very good and only one angler screwed up and wore a tie, which was promptly cut off. Okay, Gary Mouritzen did it intentionally, but it was good for some laughs. Thanks again to Tom Gruber and Alex for putting together the presentation and to Curt for putting together the awards presentation. Lou, Ellie and Janet did a wonderful job with the regular raffle and ladies raffle.

For our next meeting we will have the annual club swap meet. Participate by selling all of that extra gear you have sitting in the garage that you don't use. The swap meet covers primarily boating and fishing items. We do accept other items. The event will start at 7:00 PM. Setup is at 6:30 PM. Reserve your spot today, only 10 dollars a booth for nonmembers, 5 dollars for current members. Registration forms are at

<http://www.sandiegorodandreel.com/> You can also register at the door, but please notify us ahead of time that you are coming. You can also contact Alex at alex@sandiegorodandreel.com for more details.

Tim Foote



Weigh Master
Curt Itogawa

"Let's get ready to rumble!"
It's time to start another fun filled fishing season. Our first tournament is our Bay Bass classic on March 15th, so sharpen your knives for this *Ides of March* gathering. Bring your largest bass to the *Wave* between 2 PM to 3 PM for a chance at first, second, or third place for men's, women's, and juniors' sports points and prizes. Don't forget to enter the Halibut side pot for the cash prize. Remember, this is a San Diego Bay tournament with the boundary at the entrance of the Bay with a line roughly drawn from the end of the Zuniga Jetty to the tip of Point Loma. The interior tip of Point Loma is part of the Cabrillo State Marine

Reserve and therefore closed to fishing. The interior Marine Reserve line runs north to south from where the North Latitude 32 degree 40.00 second line makes land fall at the east shore of Point Loma. This point is roughly a line running from the end of the Zuniga Jetty do west to the shoreline at Point Loma. Check the *"Guide to the Southern California Marine Protected Areas"* prepared by CDF&W.

Until our next weigh-in, stay safe and have fun.
Curtis Itogawa.



Raffle Master
Lou and Ellie Duchene

Hello FCM'S,
We want to thank everyone who came to the Awards Banquet and bought raffle tickets. It was a huge success for both the regular raffle and Janet's beautiful ladies raffle. It is events like this that make our club so very special. Lou and I spent many days putting the raffle together and it brings us great pleasure to see the wonderful response by buying

raffle tickets. The same with Janet, she takes pride and time to put these wonderful baskets together and when we see the excitement in winning and taking home a raffle prize or basket, we feel a sense of accomplishment.

The March meeting will have no regular raffle, but if you ladies want to show up, I'm hearing that Janet is planning on putting a basket together for us to sell tickets and a chance to win one.

Keep Rolling the Barrell
Lou and Ellie



Membership

Hello Fellow Club Members!

We wanted to send a HUGE thank you to all of the members who came out to Poway Lakes to help cook for the kids, as well as to all the members who came out to Pinnacle Peaks for our Banquet. Both events were a successful turnout with big thanks going to our awesome club members.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2014, it's not too late. We will have a table set up at the Club swap meet at the Bali Hai on March 6. If you

can't make it to the swap meet, feel free to renew by mail. Just use the attached membership form.

Keep your lines wet!
Michael & Margie



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Hello FCM's!

You know the fishing season is starting off nicely when you see people bring in a 29 pound Yellowtails from the islands!!! WTG Rex! Rex was yo-yo'ing the iron to get his fish and the boat had 40 yellowtail that day (Valentine's Day!). What a great way to be shown some love!!

Please make sure to send me photos of your catch with a little story behind it. If you're one of those "I must protect my fishing grounds" kind of person, that's fine... you don't have to give us coordinates, just a general idea of where you've been is fine.

If you go on a trip and experienced a fishing adventure, write me a story about it and include as many photos as you can. The photos don't have to be only fish, they can be scenery and interesting things you've come across. I will then format it and include it in our monthly newsletter.

Also, if you come across an interesting knot, lure, technique, etc., share it with us and give as good of a description and success you've had, or expect to have. The more we share as a club, the better we all become.

Lastly, if you have an idea for a guest speaker, please let Tim Foote know. Tim schedules all the guest speakers and new blood is always entertaining.

By the way, if you catch a noteworthy fish, be sure to turn in your weight receipt to Curt Itogawa. For example, if you catch the first Yellowtail, nobody is going to record it for you... you have to turn in a weight receipt (Hint Hint!). If you are fishing with a Junior angler, make sure you turn in a weight receipt for them. I can tell you first hand that children are thrilled to receive any kind of award and, if it's for a fish, they will always remember the thrill and excitement of their catch. Kudos to you for taking them and for giving them a life long memory of their catch.

Now - Get Bent!
Gary

PHOTO GALLERY

Poway Lake's Helpers:



Rolly, Mike, John & Daryl



Sue, Bob and Deb



Wes, Mike & Charles



Daryl on the Q



Hector Lopez finds a new friend at Scammon's Lagoon.

SDRRC Banquet Memories:

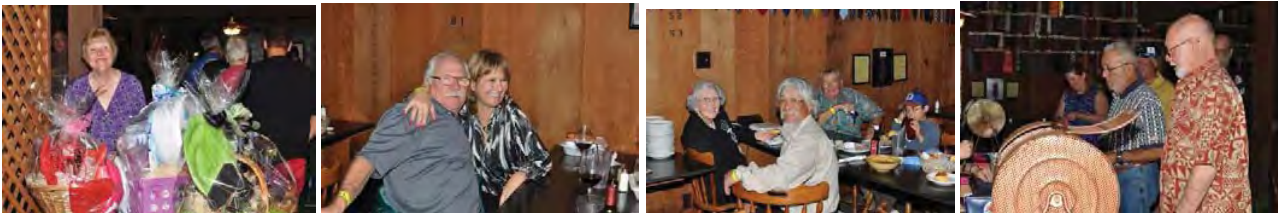
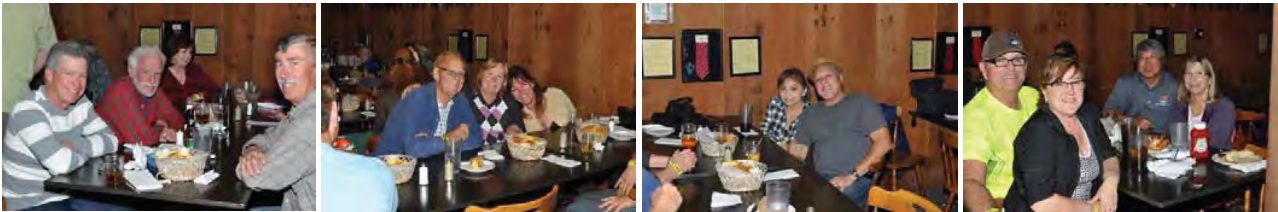


Marco Antonio playing and getting his Halibut award. He was so proud of his achievement!



Do NOT wear a tie to Pinnacle Peak's Restaurant!!!

SDRRC Banquet Photos Continued... There were a lot of great pictures taken - Thanks Pepe!!!



Thanks to all those we came out... a great time was held by everyone! Thanks to the board members who have worked so hard throughout the year (or years!), to the new board members stepping up, to Janet for the great baskets and to Lou & Ellie for a phenomenal raffle table! Plus, a future thanks to all those who will step up and become board members – it's truly a rewarding experience. It's a teamwork strategy, so it becomes fun and easy going. Now, Hook Up!

SDRRC Upcoming Events

- **March 6th** – Club Meeting ... Swap meet
- **March 8th** - Lobster Tournament again OMC & SDA
- **March 15th** - Bay Bass Tournament w/ Halibut side pot
- **March 27th - 30th** – Fred Hall Show ~ we need your help!
- **April 3rd** – Club Meeting
- **April 13th** - Day at the Docks