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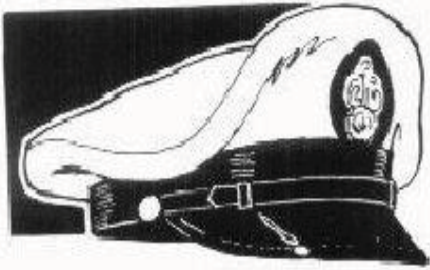
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San Diego Rod and Reel Club

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Meeting, May 1st
at The Bali Hai
Speaker: Chris Randal
Happy Hour at 6:30
Meeting starts at 7:00



President
Alex Williamson

Well, here we are again; we survived the Fred Hall Show and Day at the Docks. Actually it was a lot of fun. I can't believe how many of you came out to help. I felt very proud of our club. We have some of the strongest board members and friends of the club I have ever seen.. Some of you came out and spent most of your time at the show, there is just too many of you to mention in this short article.

Michael has some very exciting news about the Big Fish Tournament, so make sure you read his article. Thanks Michael for stepping in and running that program. I can't wait until you see what he has planned. Being that I have some time off from work, you will start seeing some major upgrades to the web site. We are going to make a Big Fish page and it should be up by

the time you get this newsletter. Lou has been working hard on getting donations; I still don't know how he does it.

My VPs (Rhonda and Tom) have been really helping me this last month, along with Tim and others. I am sure they are getting tired of me, but I have been very ill and now back on the road to recovery. I have a long road to go down and it is a very boring story, so I won't bother you with it now, but you would never know it by how well your board took care of all the business. When you see them, be sure to thank them for keeping the club moving forward without missing a beat.

We do have others people in the club that have been very sick, or going through a lot right now, but the board members just hung in there and made it work. Lou is looking great again, and so is Daryl, but both are still weak. Be sure to say "Hi" to them next time you see them, I know they really appreciate it.

So, let's talk tournaments... Whether you're a past member or a current one, I would like you to know that I am going to start throwing a picnic together a half hour before the tournament weigh-in and it will last until everyone is gone. Bring some food out if you want, but let's start having a picnic at these tournaments! Like always, they will be by The Wave on Shelter Island.

Like I said, you may not be a member, but it would be really good to see you and talk with you. Besides, the BBQ is free and I will have refreshments available. Next picnic will be on after the Rock Fish tournament, between 3:30 until at least 5:30 - being that the weigh-in is from 4 to 5 April 26th. If you got the newsletter after this date, we will see you at the next one!

Happy Fishing and I hope I see you on the water soon,
Alex

Picture of the Month



DJ bringing in a Toad of a Halibut with crew Bob Porter and Fox Ludwig. This fish earned her the 1st place prize... Nice Feesh DJ!!!



PR Director
Tim Foote

We had a great presentation from Pete Haynes who told us some interesting stories that are chronicled in his new book, including a story about going fishing on prom night in his prom clothes.



Our speaker for the May 1st meeting will be Captain Chris Randel of the Chief (formerly the Big Game 90) out of H and M Landing:

www.chiefsportfishing.com

Note that the Chief has recently been renovated.



Captain Randel has been fishing the Southern California and Baja waters for over 24 years and has an excellent reputation for great catches and customer service. Captain Randel got the fishing bug after fishing sport

boats. He left a well-paying construction job and signed on with the Producer for \$6 an hour. He has been a captain of fishing boats from Alaska to San Diego ever since.

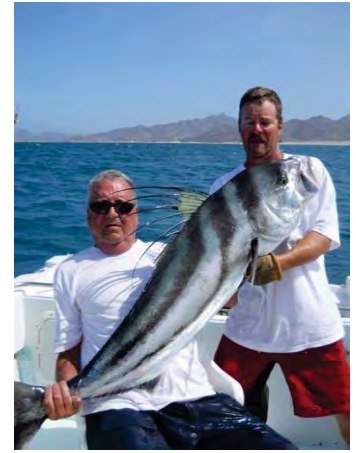
'Til Next Tide,
Tim Foote



Weigh Master
Curt Itogawa

The April club fishing tournament is set for April 26th, and therefore, after the dead line for this month's news letter. Ergo, I have no tournament results to report. What I would like to report is that Tom Gruber was recognized by the I.G.F.A. at this year's Day at the Dock for his years of supporting and promoting kids fishing programs. I have known Tom for twenty years, since the date I joined this fishing club, so I know he has been on the forefront of promoting kids fishing. He is well deserving of this honor, and so was Tommy Gomes recognized for his work at the many kids fishing events he and his company supports.

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



Raffle Master
Lou and Ellie Duchene

Hello FCM's,

We will be having another special raffle in May. To help celebrate Mother's Day, Janet will be making 2 of her beautiful baskets.

Lou and I are putting together a few quality items for this months raffle, so please plan on attending. It is our members that continue to make our club so unique and growing. It is nice to see the support and friendship that our members have for each other. Thank you for supporting and buying raffle tickets.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

Roll the Barrell...!!!
Lou and Ellie



Membership
Margie Williams

Hello Fellow Club Members!

A big, huge thanks to all of the members that came out and volunteered their time at the Fred Hall Show and Day at the Docks. It is because of members like you that we have such a great club! And it is because of members like you that we are successful in raising money to help kids go fishing! Not only do donations and your raffle ticket money go towards benefiting kids in our community, but your membership dollars do as well. So if you haven't signed up for your 2014 club membership, it is not too late! You can sign up or renew your membership at our next meeting on May 1 at the Bali Hai. Memberships are only \$60, or \$70 for you and your spouse and/or family.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Until then, keep your lines wet!
-Margie Williams



Big Fish Director
Michael Williams

Ok guys and gals, hold onto your hats...this year's Big Fish Tournament is going to be a good one! We are going to pay out \$10,000.00 this year at the BFT! It's going to be modified from years past so you can hang your biggest fish and see if you measure up! We will also have a different sidepot structure, namely a tuna and a yellowtail category (3 fish, combined weight) to make it more interesting.

We are going to add a Big Fish Tournament page to our website, so stand by. This will be your access to all the particulars of the tournament and keep you up to date with what we have in store for you.

Start planning and get your fishing partners lined up. We are going to have a great time this year at the Big Fish Tournament!!

Smokin' drags,
Michael Williams



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Hello FCM's,

Good News... a friend of mine knew exactly what was wrong with my engine. He came over and fixed it, preventing my need to take it to the mechanic. Yup, I owe him a fishing trip! Now if I can just get him to join the club!! After I take him and his son out fishing, I'm sure his son will be bugging him to join!

I challenge each of you to bring a guest to our next meeting. The strength of the club is its membership, so tell your fishing buddies you want to go have a drink with them (they will instantly want to hook up with you) and bring them to the meeting to indulge in a couple. Hand them the free raffle tickets and then, after they win a couple prizes, sign them up! My friend is my mission, who is yours?

Get Bent! Gary



Easter East Cape Escape

By Curt Itogawa



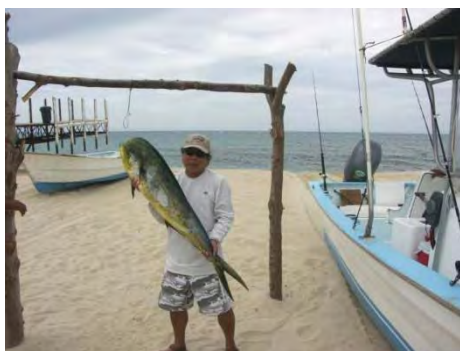
We planned a little family getaway for spring break to the East Cape area of Baja. We thought it would be a good break for Sara from her never ending school work, and for Laura from her never ending quest to keep Sara on track with her home work. Me, well, I can always use a little kick back time, and a try at catching that Rooster fish that eluded me on my last trip to the cape. We booked a four day stay at Rancho Leonaro Resort.

We landed in San Jose Los Cabo just after 2PM their time (siesta time) and it took two hours to get the first 4 airplanes through immigration with the next 2, 3, 4 etc. planes coming behind us. They started with two officers checking 4 airplanes (800 plus people including those backed up on the escalators) and no organized line to get to the officers. After about an hour of this unorganized mess, a few of us at the back started to organize the mob by reinstalling the barricades that people took down to get closer to the front of the mess that was not going anywhere fast. We took the initiative to organize the lines in safe defense to keep from getting over run by passengers from the four planes that landed behind us. Finally more immigration officers arrived and the mob started to move. We got through the Customs part in two minutes, and were glade to find that our driver to the Ranch waited for us. After that, "Life is good."

We arrived at the Ranch in time for Happy Hour and Dinner. This resort is like the old style beach hotel of Baja California. The Ranch gives me the feel of the Oasis Beach Hotel in Loreto Baja Sur when I used to drive there in the mid 1980's. Good times!!!

The wind was up and out of the north when we got there, so I opted to change my boat reservation to the day after next. Giving the seas a day to settle down was a good call, and spending a day beach combing with the family is just a good time.

The third day started with calm winds and seas. I wanted to fish for Roosters and Dorado so I bought some frozen Ballyhoo and some live Caballito baitfish. The trolled Ballyhoo has been catching Dorado and Stripe marlin and most everything else out there. Santos, the Panga skipper, said we should start by trolling for Dodos and wait for the high tide to fish for the Roosters. South of La Ribera we trolled through some working birds for a skipjack, which we used as stripped trolling bait later. We got a lot of strikes on the trolled tuna strips and the whole Ballyhoo. We kept two Dorado for the restaurant and one for the boat captain in the fifteen to twenty pound range. The Needle fish chewed up a lot of our bait, so if you don't happen to catch a Skipjack you may want to buy more Ballyhoo for the troll. Leaving the Dodos biting we moved in close to shore and started slow trolling the big Caballito bait for Rooster fish. This time of



the season is early for Rooster fish, but the water temperatures are warmer than normal and some have been caught already. I finally caught two Roosters, one ten pounder and a sixteen pounder, with a lot of other takes and misses. Pound for pound, I think the Rooster fish pulls much harder than a Yellowtail of equal size.

Going to Baja, you can't always count on having good weather or good fishing, but you can always count on a good time at the "Ranch".

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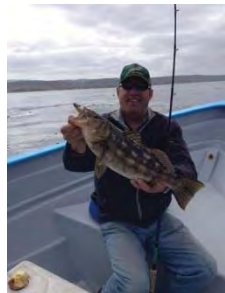
Day at the Docks:



Lake Cuyamaca ... young FCM's On The Hook!:



Trip South by Pepe and Alan Beilstein (no story, but it looks like they had fun!):



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 1st** – Club Meeting
- **May 3rd** - Tournament ~ Southwestern Yacht Club
- **June 5th** - Club Meeting
- **June 7th** - Lakeside Catfish Derby ~ Hotdogs
- **June 14th** - Open "Triple B Tournament"