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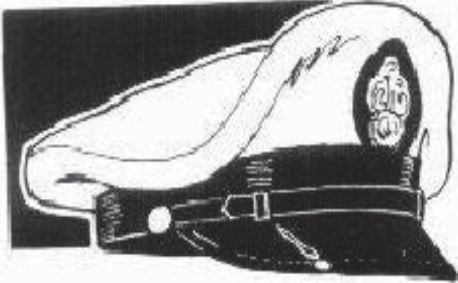
May, 2017

San Diego Rod and Reel Club

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## Club Meeting

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Speaker: Hookup Baits  
Happy Hour at 6:30  
Meeting at 7:00



President  
Tom Gruber

Hello FCM's,

Here we are in the month of May and the fish are here! Bluefin are being caught at the Hidden Bank and are over 200#'s. Yellowtails are under the kelp and are still a little small 5 to 12#'s, but of course subject to change. Big schools of sardines, anchovies and mackerel for bait are out there as well. The anchovies and water temps are looking promising for the "A" word this year. (Albacore!!)

I want to thank everyone who showed up for Day at the Docks this year. Our club participation was at an all-time low. It was a good thing we had the help from the girls from Sierra High School and the guys from St. Augustine High School. Last, but not least, the ladies who worked the booth assigning times to the kids and

taking care of the wheel.

Don't forget our upcoming beach party and Surf Fishing tournament on April 29th. This is considered a regular club tournament, so I encourage everyone to participate for points and prizes! I am bringing 2 extra rods and reels if a Junior needs to borrow one. All you need to bring is terminal tackle and bait.

Our speaker for May is FCM (Fellow Club Member) Chad Gerlich with Hookup Baits. Hookup Baits is a manufacturer and designer of specialty fishing jigs and lures. Everything is designed and manufactured right here in San Diego. Come on down and let Chad teach you how to use these one of a kind jigs and lures.

Till next month,  
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## Picture of the Month



SDRRC had a blast helping kids catch fish at Day at the Docks. For some, it was their 1<sup>st</sup> time!



VP  
Bill Renick

Hello FCMs

Spring is here and all is well. "Day at the Docks" went very well and we met/taught many children about the joy of catching fish in a cage. As usual, it was a warm and wonderful day.

By the time you read this, the surf fishing tournament and club picnic will be history (or cancelled).

Next up will be our fishing tournament on May 20th.

On June 3rd we have the Lakeside Optimist Fishing Derby at Lindo Lake. We (SDRRC) will be there cooking for the kids. You are all invited, but please know that nearby parking is chancy after 8:30 AM. This gig runs from 10 AM to 1 PM, so you can be finished early.

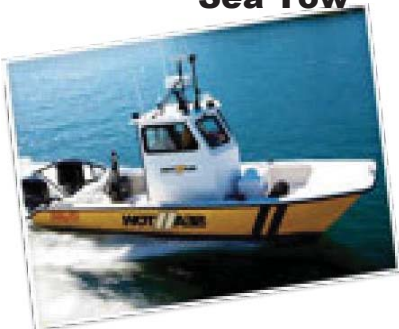
The future will be busy. In addition to tournaments in June, July and August, we will support kids events at Crystal pier (July 22nd) and the Chula Vista Harborfest (August 19th).

We are looking at getting the SDRRC kids fishing event on our calendar. When we do, we will need volunteers to help the kids catch fish. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or ideas for future club events! I look forward to working with all of you. Bill



Support "Our home" during & outside of our meetings. **Bali Hai Restaurant** 2230 Shelter Island Dr San Diego, CA 92106

### **Sea Tow**



**Tournament Master**  
**Kirk Johnson**

Our next tournament will be May 20th ... Yellowtail Tournament. Please see the insert with all the details. In summary, we will have a side pot for the largest Calico Bass; Lines in the water at 6:00 am, weigh in time between 4:00 – 5:00 pm; Weigh station will be located at the Wave Sculpture near the Shelter Island boat launch ramp; and the tournament cost is \$20 per club member, with \$10 for the side pot per angler.

A topic of discussion at our last board meeting was the reconstruction of the Shelter Island Boat Ramp and the logistical impacts we expect it to have upon our future club tournaments. We expect that some club members will choose to launch from other locations, such as the South Bay, Coronado or perhaps even Mission Bay. We plan to keep our weigh-in station located at the usual spot, the Wave Sculpture on Shelter Island. Please take into consideration the weigh-in times if you launch from another location.

Kirk



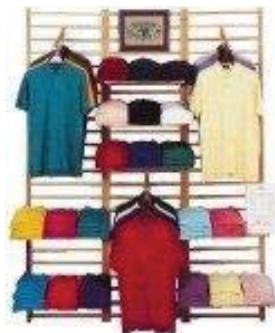
**Weigh Master**  
**Curt Itogawa**

I do not have the results for the surf fishing tournament since my report needs to get to print before the actual event, so I hope you were there for the surf fishing and picnic on April 29. I will post the results on the club website and in an email to members.

Our next tournament will target California Yellowtail with Calico Bass as the side pot. The tournament is scheduled for May 20th. There is still a question if the work on the Shelter Island launch ramp will have started by that date and if part of the ramp may still be usable. Because of this, the location for the weigh-in is undetermined at the moment. We should know by the May meeting, so get your team together and stay flexible on the launching and weigh-in locations.

So until the next weigh-in, stay safe and have fun.

Curt  
Curt Itogawa



**Clothing Master**  
**Tony Blandres**

Stylin' in the SoCal Sun

Oh yeah baby, we are looking mighty fine now! If you were doing your taxes instead of enjoying the April club meeting, you missed seeing the club's new clothing. Check it out! In stock right now, we have UPF-40 shirts that block 90% of UV rays, and unlike many performance shirts, they breathe, stretch, and are 100% cool and comfy. We have ball caps in several colors, and we have full-zip hooded sweatshirts in navy. There's also an assortment of fish pins for your hat or lapel.

On the display, you'll see the new club jackets. They're warm, but not bulky, and in a dressy fabric for when you want to look a bit nicer. They are also wind- and water-resistant. Add your name or your boat's name at no extra charge.

We're taking orders for burgees so you can fly our insignia on your boat or at club events. While similar to the flag on display, ours will have TWO layers of fabric with the design on BOTH sides, and a batten to stiffen it so the logo will always be visible.

You can also order T-shirts and embroidered outback hats.

We appreciate your willingness to pre-order and pre-pay for the nice assortment currently offered. As explained at the meeting, that way we don't end up with overruns that are slow to sell and we don't strain the budget. Even better, when we don't have a lot of inventory just sitting there, we get to order great new stuff a lot more often.

Going into April's meeting, we had 41% of the clothing budget remaining. Thanks to a combination of sales and pre-paid sales. By meeting's end, we had 69% of our budget available! The added bonus is that we know that what we're ordering won't just sit there or end up on the raffle table – it's already sold. All that's left is for someone to show up and claim it.

We can order embroidered items immediately, but there's a required minimum for silk-screened things, so we may not be able to order those every month. Our next batch will come in time for the June meeting, so get your orders in now!

Thank you for your cooperation and for supporting our club!

Tony Blandres  
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**Raffle Master**  
**Ellie Duchene**

Hello FCM'S,

Our April raffle was a little different, but looked like members were satisfied with how it worked. We had 4 opportunity wish bags that you could put as many tickets in as you wanted to have a chance to win. The bag with the most tickets was Mary's homemade apple pie and I bought \$10 worth of tickets and won the pie! Thank you Mary, it was just delicious!!!

Mary and Tony have really gone above and beyond with helping and making the club a better place for all of us. Now we all need to support them as the new clothing directors and buy club clothing to support our club.

It was nice to welcome and see some new members join our club and, as always, great to see and visit with all my friends ... you are all my family I am truly blessed.

Sharon and I will be cruising the Panama Canal for the May meeting, so Gary (as always) said he is willing to take over the raffle for us. So please come and support and help Gary make the raffle a huge success. The club is

fortunate to have loyal and hardworking members like Gary and his family.

It was wonderful to see Norm and Sue back, and a big thank you to Sue for doing the jewelry for the club. You are awesome!

See you in June!  
Until then ... Roll the Barrel!!

Love, Ellie



**Membership**  
**By Rhonda Gruber for**  
**Gabriel Segura**

Greetings FCM's,

It was really great seeing all of you at the April meeting. It has been a long time since I have sat at the Membership table. It was just like old times sitting there with Susan by my side! If you plan on participating or attending club meetings, please update your membership as soon as possible for the 2017 calendar year. This will be your last chance to update your information that everyone sees as Bill Renick will be producing the club roster the following month.

Membership rates are still only \$60.00 for a one year membership and an additional \$10.00 for spouse or family member... children under 17 are FREE! Badges are still only \$5.00. This would be a great time to order a badge if you have misplaced or broken yours! Our membership application can also be found on our website: [www.SanDiegoRodandReel.com](http://www.SanDiegoRodandReel.com) and you can mail it to the PO Box that is listed at the bottom of the application.

Remember, in order to turn in weight receipts that count towards awards or get sports points, you must be a member in good standing at the time you submit your receipts or participate in a tournament.

Don't forget, if you bring a guest to a meeting you will receive 20 free raffle tickets!

See you at the meeting!  
Rhonda Gruber  
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Hello Fellow FCM's,

Fishing stories and pictures wanted. The fishing season is looking promising, with Yellowtail, Tuna, Halibut and Threshers in the catch. For the Yellowtail, some of the bigger models have been caught on Rapala's and the like, which is a bit different than previous years where those were not working as well. If you're fishing the right area, these lures are good for the Threshers as well. I tail hooked one once on a Rapala... the fight was definitely bigger than the catch! If they're small, do what I did... let it go.

There are size limits on other fish due to the necessity to let them reproduce. If you don't let them reproduce, then you have no fishery. This goes for the firecracker Yellowtails too. Believe me, the larger ones taste better! Now, Get Bent!  
Gary



## **SDRRC's YELLOWTAIL TOURNAMENT** **Side Pot: Calico Bass**

**Date :** Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Lines in :** @ 6:00 am.

**Weigh in :** Between 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. on Saturday the 20th @ **the WAVE**

**Species :** Yellowtail

**Price:** \$ 20.00 per angler for members

\$ 25.00 per non-member (guests)

**Junior Anglers:** Fish for free. Prizes awarded to Juniors are \$25.00 gift card for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$15.00 gift card for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$10.00 gift card for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Guests:** All guests may fish 2 tournaments without being a member as long as they are fishing on a Member's boat or have a member with them on their boat.

**All persons on every boat must be entered in the tournament.**

**Tournament Rules:** Each angler may only weigh their one heaviest fish (one fish of each species per angler). The three heaviest weighed Yellowtails will take 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The one single heaviest Calico will take the side pot.

**Sports Points:** The sports points will be awarded to three anglers with the heaviest fish in the tournament. One Yellowtail per angler will receive 5 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Men's, Women's and Junior categories.

**Side Pot :** Largest Calico Bass

**Side Pot Cost :** \$10:00. All anglers per boat must be entered in the side pot to win.

**Weigh Master :** ( Curt Itogawa ) Any and all protests must be made at the scale during the weighing of any fish. All ties will go to the angler who weighed in first. Final time is determined by the weigh master's watch. Any questions, please call Curt @ 760-791-7225.

**Tournament Master :** ( Kirk Johnson ) May call off any tournament due to small craft warnings or postpone at his discretion. Any questions, please call Kirk @ 858-354-2997.

**Tournament Channel :** - 68



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**DAY AT THE DOCKS**



**San Diego Rod and Reel Club, making kids smile ... One fish at a time!**



<b>SAN DIEGO ROD REEL CLUB 2017 WEIGHT RECEIPT LIST</b>					Apr. 23, 2017	
<b>LOCAL SPECIES (Plaques)</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	<b>Name (Men's)</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	<b>Name (Women's)</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	<b>Name (Juniors)</b>
<b>Albacore (Local)</b>						
<b>Barracuda (Local)</b>						
<b>Big Eye Tuna (Local)</b>						
<b>Bluefin Tuna (Local)</b>						
<b>Bonito (Local)</b>						
<b>Calico Bass (Local)</b>						
<b>Dorado (Local)</b>						
<b>Halibut (Local)</b>	36.5	Chad Gierlich				
<b>Lingcod (Local)</b>	14.56	Tom Gruber				
<b>Rockfish (Local)</b>	4.62	Gordie Howe				
<b>Sand Bass (Local)</b>	7.25	Chad Gierlich				
<b>Spotted Bay Bass (Local)</b>						
<b>Striped Marlin (Local)</b>						
<b>Wahoo (Local)</b>						
<b>White Sea Bass (Local)</b>						
<b>Yellowfin Tuna (Local)</b>						
<b>Yellowtail (Local)</b>	32	Chad Gierlich				
<b>SPECIES +150 Miles (Certificates)</b>						
<b>Albacore Tuna (+150)</b>						
<b>Barracuda (+150)</b>						
<b>Big Eye Tuna (+150)</b>						
<b>Bluefin Tuna (+150)</b>						
<b>Blue Marlin (+150)</b>						
<b>Bonito (+150)</b>						
<b>Dorado (+150)</b>						
<b>Halibut (+150)</b>						
<b>Lingcod (+150)</b>						
<b>Roosterfish (+150)</b>						
<b>Sailfish (+150)</b>						
<b>Striped Marlin (+150)</b>						
<b>Wahoo (+150)</b>						
<b>White Sea Bass (+150)</b>						
<b>Yellowfin Tuna (+150)</b>						
<b>Yellowtail (+150)</b>						
<b>Honorable mentions:</b>	10.13 lbs. Sheephead, Tony Belandres					
<b>Billfish Release:</b>						
<b>1st Albacore (Local)</b>						
<b>1st Dorado (Local)</b>						
<b>1st Yellowfin Tuna (Local)</b>						
<b>1st Yellowtail (Local)</b>	32	Chad Gierlich				

You must submit an official weight receipt or weigh-in during club tournaments in order to be listed.