



# NEWSLETTER

*MARCH 2017*

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## **President** — *Bud Brant*



From the President

Our next tournament of the year is coming up quickly and we still don't have a Tournament Director. Therefore, our main business at the upcoming general meeting is getting a Tournament Director in place so we can have a tournament at Mohave. I tried to get a replacement Tournament Director at the last general meeting but was not successful. Please remember when all us of joined the SDBM, we were asked if we would be willing to serve the club, so please put some serious thought into helping your club.

Over the past couple of years, I have observed that we have had very low participation at our general meetings and all of other activities we have throughout the year. Once again, before joining the club, all members were asked if they would participate in the club activities, but unfortunately that has not been the trend. So in an effort to get a majority of the club members involved, the SDBM board has decided to try something we have done the past.

Starting at the next SDBM general meeting, we are going have to a sign in sheet at our general meetings and the other activities we have throughout the year. Every time you are at a meeting or activity, all members will want to sign in. We will use the sign in sheets to track your participation. At the SDBM yearend banquet there will be a \$200.00 participation prize. The amount of times a member has signed in will be equivalent to ONE drawing ticket. So the more you participate, the more opportunity you will have to win the \$200.00 prize. I will have the sign in sheet at every activity, so please come and find me to make sure you get signed in.

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting and good luck to those of you who are making the trip to Mohave.

Bud

## **Vice President** — *Ed Byrd*



Cheryl and I recently returned from Havasu. The fishing was O.K. but you had to do some work to get bit. Unfortunately, boat problems limited my fishing. The electronic control unit on the motor took a dump and has to be replaced. It's a component that Mercury Marine no longer produces or stocks, so the repair shop had to do some searching on the internet to locate one. Kudos to Shimmer Marine in Havasu for figuring out the problem and finding the part. Hopefully the boat will be fully operational soon. I'm looking forward to the Mohave tournament in a couple of weeks. The fishing should be good if the weather doesn't screw things up. There's been a lot of rain and wind in the desert this year, just like here, and the water in Lake Havasu is off color. Hopefully the weather will settle down and the water in Mohave will be clear.

At this month's meeting, there will be an open discussion on what to expect at Mohave, geared to those who haven't been there before.

The Bass Council's Tournament of Champions is coming up on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This is one event that we are hosting as part of our support for the Council. We need to have all members pitch in a help. Ron Overman is heading this up and will have a signup sheet at meeting. If you don't sign up, expect to be called. Death is the only acceptable excuse...but only with a doctor's note!



Also upcoming is the Family Tournament on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ed Marr will be heading up this event and will be needing some volunteers to help. This is a fun event for everyone that participates. You can bring kids, wives, friends, etc. There will be a picnic with hot dogs, burgers, and all the fixin's. Don't miss it!

The club's website has been repaired and is nearly fully functional. Unfortunately, files from last year and some of the file from the year before were lost so I'm trying to restore them. Also, I will be assigning a logon and password to the few people who don't have, so those people can expect an email with that information soon. If you forgot your logon, give me a call.

Here's the upcoming events:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>IN CHARGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
• <b>BASS COUNCIL T OF C</b>	<b>Ron Overman</b>	<b>March 25, 26*</b>
<b>*All Bassmasters are needed for this event</b>		
• Family Tournament at Murray	Ed Marr	April 1
• Picnic	Nick Meyer	June 17
• Bunco	Bud and Donalea Brant	August 19
• Year-end banquet	Ed Byrd	December 10

**Again, if you have any ideas for other events, let me know.**

See you at the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ed Byrd

## **Tournament Director** – *To Be Determined*

Hello Bassmasters,

*Our 2017 Tournament Director Terry Foreman Has had to resign effective immediately, Due to family health concerns. We will be asking for one of you to step up and fill the position. Voting will be held at the March meeting.*

The February tournament was a fun draw team tournament held on a rainy day at San Vicente. The weather broke after noon so we had a dry weigh-in. The team of Ken Louis and Zoe Gardner had a limit that weighed 14.27lbs to take home the First place money. They edged Brent Kearney and Jesse McNett by 0.03lbs.

The next tournament will be a two day event at Lake Mohave. The club fished there two years ago. I believe the tournament was held in the fall. This one will be a spring time tournament so sight fishing should be wide open. See You there.

## **Membership Chairman** – *Greg Gardner*



Hello San Diego Bassmasters.

I am sitting here writing my March newsletter. I am thinking about what to write about club membership status, but it's hard. Because when I start thinking about the club my mind turns straight up highway 95 to Lake Mojave. I don't want to write about club stuff. I want to hook up the boat and go. Think about those "big" smallmouth, in the shallows, spawning or getting ready to spawn. All they want to do is take our jigs or drop shot and try to rip our rods out of our hands. You better be thinking about them, because I now Frank Morrin is. He will be defending his win from 2 years ago! And I want it this time.

OK, I know, I have to get to business. At our last month meeting Gina Seaberg asked, and was voted 100%, to change her status from family member to "front page" full member. And it's about time! Nobody has been more of a hard-working and proud member of this club than Gina.

At our March meeting we will vote on Jesse McNett. He has fulfilled all requirements: prefished by me, tournament prefished by Brent Kearney, and approved at the Board meeting.

We also have another prospective member, Austin Warren, who was prefished by Jim Sleight, and will be up for Board discussion.

So... we started with 39 members and are now at 40 active, 4 family, 2 inactive, 7 lifetime, and 3 prospective.

See you at the meeting,

Greg

## **Treasurer** – *Zoé Gardner*



From the Treasurer's Desk: Zoé Gardner

Hi Everyone,

Our finances are chugging along, and I want to encourage everyone to continue to stay current on their dues. It really makes it easier for you in the long run. Our revolving pot is up to \$315 and I'd like to thank Brent Kearney for stepping in where Sonny Hale left off due to his move out of state. This is a very fun side pool that adds up quickly. Remember, if you win, you are entitled to a percentage of the total, depending on the time you have participated. See Brent for more details. Although we had a smaller attendance for our February meeting, we did make a little money on our raffle.

We had a fun time at the Chili Cook-off and we cleared about \$30. That's not a lot, but again, it was directly related to participation. Please try harder to be part of our friends/family events, as that level of involvement makes for better finances. This in turn, provides us all with the nicer things that separates our club from others. Feel free to bring ideas for improvement to any of your Board members.

Take care,

Zoé

## **Fish Tales** – *Doris Cook*

### **LYNN BROWN MAKING GOOD PROGRESS!**

Former member Lynn Brown and his wife Gail recently returned from an Arizona camping trip to Lake Alamo State Park and Buckskin State Park. They saw numerous burros and had a good time even though the fish were not biting. This was quite an accomplishment from Feb. 29, 2016 when Lynn suffered a stroke while riding his dirt bike near Hemet. He was airlifted to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs. He was unable to speak and had no use of his right arm or leg. He has pretty much recovered, but still has some progress to be made in his speech. Lynn is anxious to get back into fishing.



### **OVERMAN ON THE MEND!**

Ron Overman was “out and about” getting his vehicle washed, his haircut and some grocery shopping done. He said Regina comes over and they go for a daily walk. Ron had open heart surgery on January 25<sup>th</sup> and is in the progress of recovering, with the intent to fish the Lake Mohave tournament March 17 & 18.

### **REPORT ON THE PATRICKS!**

David Patrick received his pathology report from his recent surgery on his mouth and sinus. He is going to be scheduled to have radiation for 5 days in a row to get rid of any remaining cancer cells. He has lost 25 pounds, but is looking forward to fish the Lake Mohave tournament later this month. On top of everything else, Barbara had an emergency appendectomy shortly before Valentine’s Day. Her daughter, Paris Pickard came down from Los Angeles and took care of her mother and Dave while they were recovering. We’re glad you two are improving nicely.

### **SONNY LOCATES ANOTHER CLUB!**

Sonny and Carol Hale got some good news today as they accepted an offer on their home here in San Diego. It should close in 30 days and the buyers are prequalified.

Sonny has been checking out the area and has located a bass club in Cortez about 45 minutes from his home. This club is structured differently than ours, in that there are no trophies or points. They only fish for the largest large mouth or small mouth bass and for cash prizes only.

They are allowed to keep all bass up to 10 inches and over 15 inches, but have to throw back all fish between 10 and 15 inches. The cost is \$40.00 per tournament and there are \$10.00 side pots for largest pike and trout. There are no launch or lake fees. Their tournaments start March 16 and consists of five yearly tournaments on Lake McPhee. The tournaments consist of 12 to 18 boats and you bring your own partner and fish as a team. The boat owner has to be a club member.

Should you bring in a dead fish, you are disqualified. Sounds like a kick, Sonny!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!**

Members with March birthdays are: Randy Kreiser – 3/12; Brent Benish – 3/14; Steve Swaggerty – 3/19; Ed Marr and Harold Stephens – 3/24 and Joe Desalvo 3/29. There are no anniversaries this month. Enjoy your special days!

## Secretary – *Janice Eisner*

San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting

February 7, 2017

The February 2017 meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Bud Brant. Bassmasters greeted each other and visitors.

Greg Gardner - Membership Chair: Greg introduced guests: Prospective members Jesse McNett, Jeff Wentworth , and Austin Warren. Also in attendance: Lynn Brown, and Victoria and Hunter. We have 39 active members right now, with 5 family, 2 inactive, 7 lifetime, 8 honorary, 10 at large, and 3 prospective. Regina would like to have her membership changed from family member to regular member. Ken Louis moved and Jim Sleight seconded that we accept Regina as a regular member. A vote was taken and passed. Regina will now be a regular member. We now have 40 regular members and 4 family members.

Bud Brant – President: Cheryl moved and Ernie seconded that we accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

Due to obligations to family, Terry Foreman has to resign as Tournament Director. Bud asked for a volunteer to take the job. Suggestions were discussed. Terry Chenowth volunteered to take the job if someone would take the Newsletter job and suggested Cheryl do it. Cheryl said she would be Newsletter Chairperson. Jim will run the tournament on Saturday with Terry helping, and the board will discuss at the meeting what the procedure should be for the personnel changes, and bring it to the membership in March.

Zoe Gardner – Treasurer: Current balance is \$4084.62, including \$115 in the revolving account. She is going to move the \$500 for the scholarship fund to the savings for now.

Bud called on people to give reports about some members with health issues right now. Ron Overman is recovering from surgery. Dave Seaberg is undergoing treatment and is feeling better. Dave Patrick had surgery, and is recovering slowly. Lee Chapman fell and was hurt, but is recovering from the fall. Ron Steel's wife, Peggy, passed away recently. Her service will be Saturday at 10 at the First Baptist Church in Lemon Grove. Ed Byrd recovered from pneumonia, and then hurt his foot and has a walking boot. Brenda Foreman is struggling with speech and weakness. They have not determined the cause.

Ed Byrd – Vice President: The banquet is set, with deposit paid at Sycuan. The chili cook-off is February 25<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl sent around a sign-up sheet. Calls will be made to everyone, plus an email to remind everyone. It will be at Willowbrook at the rec hall, same as last year. Bring chili by 4:30 for judging, then we eat at 5:00. Cost is \$5.00 unless you bring chili, and please bring a dessert to be raffled off.

The website is frozen and is being looked at. There are some strange problems going on with the password protected part, but the section open to the public is fine.

Ed asked for suggestions for other events. A night fun tournament was suggested.

Terry Foreman – Tournament Director: The fun tournament on Saturday, Feb. 11, is at San Vicente. It is a team tournament. There are only 15 people signed up right now. It was suggested that we could bring guests to fish with us. It was agreed that as long as no backseaters from the club are left behind, it's a possibility. A friend with a boat is not covered by insurance so they could not bring a boat. Discussion was had. Austin Warren has been to two meetings, so if Jim Sleight pre-fishes him before Saturday, then with a vote of approval from the board, he could be tournament pre-fished on Saturday. Austin will get his paperwork/dues taken care of tonight, and Jim will pre-fish him Thursday. It was decided not to include non-members in the tournament. Terry took a straw poll to see if everyone wanted \$25 or \$50 per boat or person. Terry made an executive decision that superseded all complaints/problems. It was decided to make it \$25 a boat, winner(s) take all.

Break at 7:56.

Names were drawn for the tournament.

Meeting resumed at 8:10.

Terry Foreman: Fun tournament pairings were read.

Terry announced the winners of the San Vicente January tournament. Third place: Brent Benish with 13.16 lbs. Second Place: Ernie Guillen with 13.77 lbs. and big fish of 5.66 lbs. First Place: Inder Lopez with 17.02 lbs.

Old Business: With Ron recovering, the TOC was brought up. We were assured it is handled.

No new business.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:22 and the raffle was held.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Eisner Secretary