



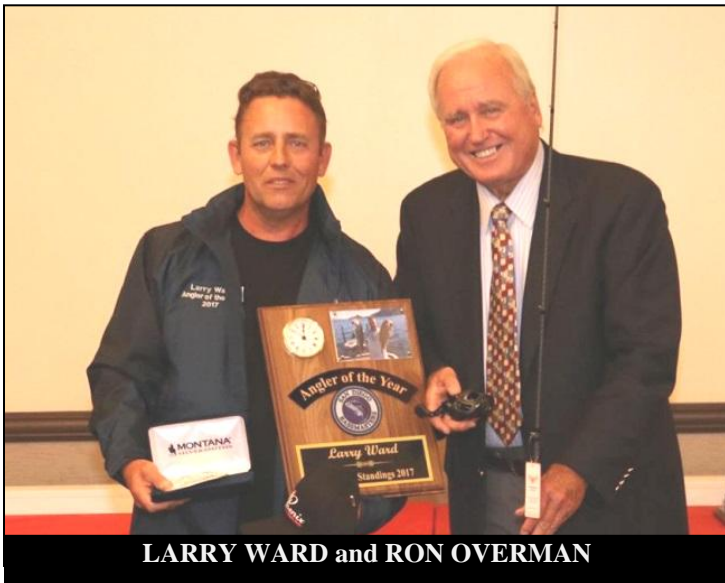
NEWS

JANUARY 2018

47th Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

LARRY WARD TAKES AOY... FROM THE BACKSEAT!

by Ed Byrd



LARRY WARD and RON OVERMAN

It takes a lot of skill and some luck to be our Fisherman of the Year. To do it from the backseat is much harder. Larry Ward accomplished that feat this last year. Larry finished in the top ten in seven out of our ten tournaments, including a second and third place.

Larry thanked all his tournament partners. He especially thanked Mike Lupo for taking him pre-fishing throughout the year, and also being his out of town partner.

This is only the second time in San Diego Bassmaster history that the top fisherman award has gone to a backseater. Ron Overman was the first to take the award back in 1986. Congratulations Larry!

JIM SLEIGHT TAKES TOP HONOR AT AWARDS BANQUET

by Cheryl Byrd



FORMER BASSMASTERS OF THE YEAR GREG GARDNER & RON OVERMAN WELCOME JIM SLEIGHT TO THE FOLD

Our 2016 Tournament Director, Jim Sleight, received the Club's highest honor, Bassmaster of the Year, at the December 10th Awards Banquet. This award for outstanding service is not given each year, but only when there is a deserving member.

Jim joined the club in 2015. He may have been new to the club, but most of the members knew him from his thirty plus years of being involved in the San Diego fishing community. 2017 proved to be an unsettled year for the Tournament Director position, but Jim stepped in numerous times to help with weigh-ins and all the resulting paper and computer work. Forever with a smile on his face and a great attitude, Jim proved to be what being a Bassmaster of the Year is all about.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**Terry Chenoweth**

Hello Bassmasters, I want to thank you all for entrusting me with leading the Bassmasters for 2018. You voted a great team that has already been working hard to be ready from day one to make sure the

Bassmasters have a great year. To make this a successful year we will need the support of all of you. I hope you and your families had a very enjoyable holiday season. And you got some good fishing gear as gifts, The January meeting has been changed to January 9th because of the new year's holidays.

Many of you will be asked to help out by running or assisting to make sure our family events are run well, and they are a fun time for all of the Bassmasters and their families. Cheryl Byrd has already taken the lead of the Bassmasters annual Chili Cook-Off. The date is February 3rd. This is always an enjoyable evening for the Bassmasters Families with many different types and flavors, my favorites are the hot and spicy chilis. Be ready to sign-up at the January meeting.

Frank Nuegebauer spent a lot of time getting the tournament schedule set-up so we have no conflicts with other tournaments. It takes a lot of effort to get all the permits and okays from all the

lakes we will be going to. The tournament scheduling meeting was fun. With many guys trying to get dates they wanted. It went about two and a half hours and no blood was spilled. It made things tense at times and we worked at it and come out with a great tournament schedule for 2018. We need to thank Bud and Donalea Brant for letting us use their house to hold the meeting.

Now the first thing that needs to be addressed is the club's finances. As we all know the cost of everything has increased. The board has always done everything they can do to make sure that every penny that is collected in dues and other income sources is spent wisely and that the year end banquet is as good as it can be. That has become increasingly more difficult every year. We haven't raised dues since 2001. I believe it is time to once again raise the dues. I propose that we raise the dues five dollars to thirty dollars a month. This will at a full membership of fifty members will raise \$3000.00 dollars. This money would go towards increasing the top twelve awards and making sure the banquet, family tournament and picnic are as good as we can do. We will discuss this at the January meeting. Then the board will go over this at the January board meeting and the club can vote on this at the February meeting with the increase starting in March. I hope to see you all at the January meeting and you all have a great year on the water.

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING IS ON THE 9TH
AND
SIGN UP FOR THE FEBRUARY 3RD CHILI COOKOFF AT MEETING**

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Frank Neugebauer



It is hard to believe that we have finished up another year. The banquet is done, the days are as short as they are going to be all year, and depending if you have been Naughty or Nice, Santa

Claus is on his way. It is time to check your gear, perform any required boat maintenance, and start thinking about next year.

I appreciate all the support and being elected Tournament Director this year. I have had several conversations with the other Board members and I am excited about the 2018 San Diego Bassmasters Board and season. I have been working on the schedule since the day after the elections. I have checked the schedules of the other major tournament circuits, the lunar tables, the information available through the DFG, consulted with a fortune teller, and had cards and tea leaves read. I believe that I have come up with dates that should be good for the club and do not conflict with other events, however; **the schedule is the club's schedule and will be voted in by the members of the club that attend the scheduling meeting. The meeting will be held at Bud Brant's home in Lakeside on Tuesday 12/19/17.** I hope we have a large attendance at the meeting.

Once the schedule is voted in I will file for all the required permits. I am looking forward to executing my duties as Tournament Director and would ask that anyone with suggestions on how we can make the process better contact me. Also, I am requesting that anyone that cannot make a general membership meeting e-mail me at f_neugebauer@yahoo.com before 6:30 P.M. the night of the membership meeting. This will allow you to have a record of your contact and or attempt to contact me. I have e-mail on my phone.

The San Diego Bassmasters are a multi-faceted group that conducts social events, raises money

for worthy causes and is active in other causes. We are first and foremost a fishing club. I will work diligently to provide our members with the

best tournament experience I can. I am looking forward to handing out the trophies to the winners in the 2018 season. I hope one of the recipients is you. Also, we are currently all in first place. Unfortunately, are no trophies until February.

Approved Schedule for 2018

January 27	Otay (Fun Tournament)
February 24	Otay
March 23-24	Havasu (Fri-Sat)
April 21	Hodges
May 11-12	Lower River (Fri-Sat)
June 9	El Capitan
July 27	Otay Night
August 24	San Vicente Night*
September 22	San Vicente
October 19-20	Lower River (Fri-Sat)
November 3	Otay
November 17	TOC

BASSMASTERS CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CRISIS HOUSE

Once again, members of the San Diego Bassmasters donated nearly \$2500 worth of food, clothing, toys and cash to the El Cajon based, Crisis House, which provides crisis intervention for families in East County. 2017 was the 33rd year the club has made a donate. Since 1984 the collection efforts have been spearheaded by our own **Ron Overman**. The Crisis House helps with food, temporary shelter, transportation for medical or job appointments and baby supplies. It also helps disadvantaged and displaced citizens, at-risk youth and homeless individuals.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greg Gardner



Hello San Diego Bassmasters! Hey, another year. I did enjoy doing the Membership job this past year. And I am happy to do it again for 2018. I will try to do a better job than last year. I do have a few new ideas for improvement.

Our good friend, Skip Whitworth, will start 2018 with us. He was on inactive status for last year. It will be good to have Skip back.

We were at 43 members at year's end. With Skip back it brings us up to 44.

The tally will be:

- 44 Regular
- 3 Family
- 3 Inactive
- 7 Lifetime
- 8 Honorary
- 9 At Large

Everybody needs to be aware of their status as a B.A.S.S. member. It is a condition of being a club member. So if you need to re-up, please get it done.

I was at our tournament planning meeting, and I thought it went well. Frank Neugebauer did keep the meeting going in the right direction. Good job, Frank. We do have a new tournament schedule. I hope you all have opportunities to accomplish all that you want for this year.

That's all for me. See you at the meeting.

****** Reminder ******
January General Meeting
is on the 9th



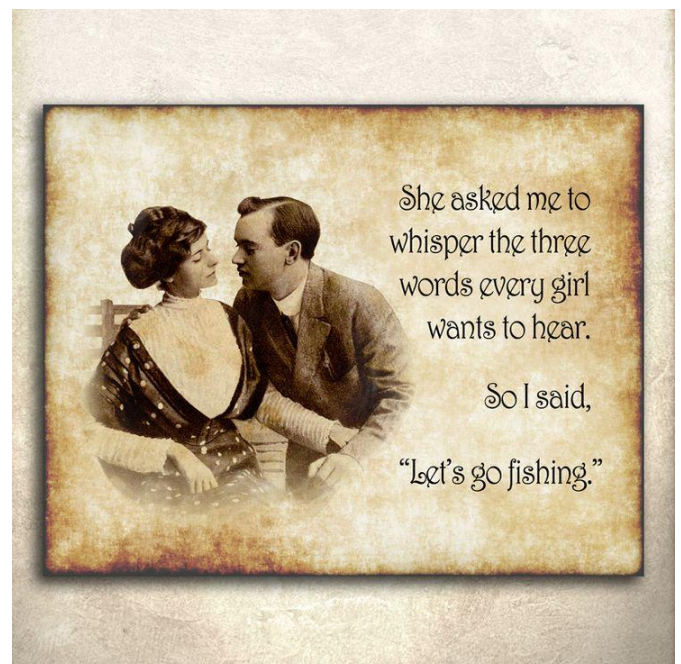
Fish Tales

Doris Cook



I did not receive any tales to tell for January, but I would like to wish everyone a wonderful 2018. Good luck in all your fishing endeavors and I hope you catch a "big one".

Best wishes to those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ernie Guillen



Another wonderful year of fishing is in the books. I say, anytime you're fishing is a good time of fishing. Of course, it's even better when you're catching fish. Hopefully for those that document your success and failures throughout the year will benefit you for the upcoming tournaments. And I hope you have done some. It's a good habit to get into if you haven't already. For I am here to tell you all that with the new blood we have joining us this year, we're going to need every bit of knowledge we can rely on.

With that I'd like to ask that at our first club meeting, Jan. 9th, we all reach out and welcome our new club members when you get a chance welcome back some of our old friends as well.

I am so looking forward to our first tournament of the season which is the fun tournament at Otay on 27th of January and hopefully I figure the lake out for our first point tournament there also at Otay on Feb. 24th. Notice I said I, although I do wish you all tight lines.

As this year starts, I will be reaching out to our members for assistance throughout the year, that you may want to share the enjoyment of a giving and helping hand when it comes to our get togethers. There are members that for certain festivities and functions that are always there and I want to thank you all ahead of time, for your dedication is so much appreciated, year in, year out. So, with that, I hope you may want to be the one to step up and help make and keep this club the great club it is...family.

I want to thank you all for this opportunity of being your clubs Vice President. And I'll do my best as well to make this club great again! Sorry got carried away. But should any of you have any concerns or questions, know that you can pick up the phone and call me at any time.

Good luck this year, God Bless and tight lines to you all.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

Joe DeSalvo



Happy New Year should be appropriate when you are all reading this newsletter. Now let's get down to business.

In January we always kick-off the year the with first month's dues, Bass Affiliation Fees and Insurance. This means you need to submit a minimum of \$60 dollars to fish a Bassmaster event in 2018. (\$25 January Dues plus \$5 Bass Affiliation plus \$30 Insurance = \$60 dollars)

During the monthly meeting I will always be available for dues collections and appreciate checks as it makes payment faster and you always have a receipt. Of course, cash is always accepted.

For those of you who like to pay in advance you can use the list below:

Entire Year	\$335
Jan-Sept	\$260
Jan-Jun	\$185
Jan-Mar	\$110



In closing, for those who cannot make the monthly meeting you can always contact me at idesalvo@cox.com or call/text [951-235-5205](tel:951-235-5205) anytime.



Remember the checks are written to "SDBM" or "San Diego Bassmasters" and if you need to mail your first month's fee of \$60 dollars, you can

have send it to:

Joseph DeSalvo, 1958 Alderbrook Pl., Chula Vista CA 91913

Remember \$60 minimum fee due at 1st meeting in January to be able to fish any SDBM event.

San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting December 5, 2017



The San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting was called to order by President Bud Brant at 7:09 PM on December 5th, 2017. Bassmasters greeted members and guests.

Greg Gardner - Membership Chair: Tonight's guests include Harold and Kathy Stevens, Matt Barksdale, Tory Dion, Victoria and Hunter Meyer, and Skip Whitworth. Skip and Matt will be coming back into the club after the first of the year. Greg talked about the new additions to the club this year. Zoe is not here tonight. She has been in and out of the hospital the last three weeks. Greg asked that we keep her in our thoughts.

Jeff Carpenter moved and Cheryl Byrd seconded that we approve the minutes from November with corrections. Motion passed.

Frank Neugebauer for Zoe Gardner – Treasurer: Current balance is \$8651.48, excluding the \$500 scholarship money and the \$735 revolving big fish money. Frank asks that we finish paying all dues tonight.

Bud thanked Buck for taking on the Tournament Director job this year, and Buck thanked those who helped him.

Ron Overman: No December council meeting. Ron thanked those who donated tonight to the Crisis House. There is a silent auction for a piece of artwork for that cause tonight.

Ed Byrd – Vice President: The banquet is at 4:30 on Sunday at Sycuan with dinner at 5:00. You can get there early to help set up. If you sign up but don't show, you will be charged for your meal.

Dual board meeting will be December 12th at Bud's house at 6:00. The tournament scheduling meeting will be announced after the new director is elected.

Doris asked that if anyone wants to take over Fish Tales that they let her know.

Jeff Carpenter: Jeff presented the current nominations and opened nominations from the floor for the 2018 board.

After those who declined and those who were nominated from the floor, the final slate was:

President:	Vice President:	Tournament Director:	Membership:	Treasurer:	Newsletter:	Secretary:
Ernie Guillen						
			Cheryl Byrd	Cheryl Byrd		
Ed Byrd	Ernie Guillen	Cole Wright			Cesar Diosdado	
		Ed Byrd				Ed Byrd
			Greg Gardner		Dave Patrick	
				Joe Desalvo		
		Frank Neugebauer	Ken Louis		Ed Byrd	
Jim Sleight					Cheryl Byrd	Janice Eisner
					Janice Eisner	
Terry Chenowth						
			Stu Kenson			

After a vote of the club, our 2018 board is: President –TerryChenowth, Vice President - Ernie Guillen, Tournament Director – Frank Neugebauer, Membership Chairperson – Greg Gardner, Treasurer – Joe DeSalvo, Newsletter – Cheryl Byrd, Secretary – Janice Eisner.

Jim Sleight: The Wounded Warriors fishing tournament was last month, and there were 16 teams that showed up. Others wrote a check to donate to the cause. In the end, \$6688 was raised, including the raffle, and Barona donated \$5000, so \$12,000 was donated in all.

Bud: Next month's meeting is January 9th at our usually meeting place. Dual board meeting is the 12th at the Brant's. Frank says the tournament scheduling meeting will be on December 19th at 7:00 at the Brant's. The schedule will be set there, so show up if you want to have any input. Frank asked for input before then from any who know of tournaments from other organizations or other scheduling issues. Rule changes for next year need to be brought to the January meeting for discussion and a vote.

Having no more Old or New business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM, with the raffle following.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Eisner Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

CLUB MEETING 7pm***JANUARY 9TH**
Nan Coutts Cottage
5045 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, 91942

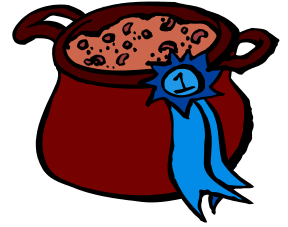
BOARD MEETING***JANUARY 23RD**
at Terry Chenoweth's 6pm

FUN TOURNAMENT***JANUARY 27TH**

CHILI COOKOFF***FEBRUARY 3rd**



15th Chili Cook-off



& DESSERT RAFFLE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
JUDGING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 4:30 P.M.
SERVING STARTS AT 5 P.M.

Bring your best pot of homemade chili
TO BE JUDGED
(PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILI IN A HEATED POT)

*** DESSERT, WATER, COFFEE, TEA AND HOT CHOCOLATE WILL BE PROVIDED ***

PLUS: BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOMEMADE DESSERT AS A RAFFLE GIFT

At

Willowbrook East Mobile Home Estates Club House

11949
Lakeside, CA

Riverside Drive,
92040



Cost: \$5.00 per person
(one free admission per pot of chili)
Other potluck items needed: cornbread, coleslaw
R.S.V.P. TO CHERYL BYRD (619) 589-6714 OR
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