



# NEWS

MAY 2018

47<sup>th</sup> Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

## JIM SLEIGHT SNAGS THE GOLD RING AT HODGES

by Frank Neugebauer

All I can say is wow, what happened to Lake Hodges. Dave Waller and I fished together and at some point during the day, Dave said to me that we were probably fishing the lake with the smartest bass in the world in it. Based on the low number of fish caught, the talent we put on the lake, our combined experience, technology, and any other thing you can think of, I believe Mr. Waller is correct. Lake Hodges has the smartest bass in the world living in it. Well, at least we have that going for us.

As everyone knows, I am a numbers guy. And the numbers tell the story of our tournament. We had 29 brave souls descend on Lake Hodges April 21, 2018. Only 7 of those dedicated anglers were able to figure out a way to catch a "keeper bass". Only 16 total fish were weighed in. By the way, the weigh in team of Joe de Salvo, Larry Ward, and Ed Marr thank you. It was hot in the sun and the weigh in went rather quickly for the obvious reasons. **Thank you to the weigh in team.** You make my job a whole lot easier. While the number of fish caught was rather dismal, the average weight of the fish caught was impressive at 3.74 lbs. And we had a toad caught that weighed 9.55 pounds. So, in the end, the story on Lake Hodges seems to be, if you want to catch numbers of fish, go somewhere else. If you want to catch a big fish, go to Lake Hodges and pack a lunch. A tent might not be a bad idea either.



And now to the ones that figured it out. And this was a great tournament to do just that because any fish weighed brought big points. The guy who received the most points was the only angler to catch a limit. He definitely brought havoc to the Hodges bass. Our Hodges winner was Jim Sleight who brought five fish to the scales, with a big fish of 4.81 and a total weight of 14.55 pounds. Right behind Jim was another guy you can never count out no matter how tough the fishing. Second place went to Greg -"Why are we at this mud hole?"-Gardner, who came in with three fish weighing 12.53 lbs. Greg's limit was anchored by a 5.85 pound Florida strain largemouth. Back to the toad previously mentioned. Third place and big fish of the tournament was captured

by Inder Lopez. Inder came in with only one fish but it was the right fish weighing 9.55 pounds. Nice job Inder. Congratulations to our top three. Also, congratulations to the remaining four anglers that weighed in fish. It will be interesting to see the change in the year to date standings. Why do I feel like I am on an elevator with the down button pushed? *(Editor's Note: Complete results can be found at the end of this newsletter. Sleight's photo Havasu Tournament.)*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Chenoweth



Ever since the tournament schedule was set I was really looking forwards to Hodges. Not because I have done well there. It was the complete opposite. The last several club tournaments and a Bass Council Top Six tournament I weighed in exactly one fish. So,

I was looking forwards to the challenge to try and do well there and to finally beat that lake. Well do to a leg issue I'm not ready to be in a boat at this time, so my quest will have to wait.

So, on to our next adventure. Frank will have all the tournament results and sign-up time for the May tournament at Fisher's Landing. They repaired their launch ramp and removed the rocks that have dinged up all our props.

The next family event we have scheduled is our Bassmaster Picnic in June. Starting at the May meeting, Ernie will be sending out a sign-up list and will be asking for a few Bassmasters to volunteer to help.

Since I wasn't able to fish the Hodges tournament I didn't have to get any gear ready for the day. That means I've had some time to look at some of my fishing information on my computer. I've

always liked playing with the numbers so for years I've kept track of our lakes water levels. I looked back one year and compared it to today. In 2017 we were coming off a very good winter and spring of some well needed rain and the end of a year long drought. I compared the four main lakes we fish locally to see how they've done. First San Vicente has changed the least. It has dropped 4.06 feet. That's pretty stable for the year. Next is Hodges. It dropped 8.76 feet in the last year. But it's still higher than the last time we fished it. Third on the list is Lower Otoy. This lake went down 10.46 feet. It's very noticeable here because we can't get back in the junk like we did the last several years. The final lake is El Capitan. As we know El Cap has had an issue with the dam and the numbers are a lot worse. The spillway level is at 197.00 feet and last May it was at 146.10 feet. Currently the lake sits at 118.52 feet. That's a drop of 27.58 feet in a year and 78.48 feet below spillway. We didn't get much rain this year, so let's hope we have a very wet winter. See you all at the May meeting.



## *Historical Information about the Lower Colorado River*

History on the Parker Dam was in the February newsletter. Now we are heading south to what we call the Lower Colorado River, or the Imperial Reservoir that is created by the Imperial Dam. The dam was completed in 1938. It is a concrete slab & buttress, ogee weir structure and is 85 ft. high, 3475 ft. long and 76 ft. wide at its base. (continued on page 4)

### TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Frank Neugebauer



Our next tournament is at the Lower Colorado River launching out of Fisher's Landing on May 11-12. This is a pick your partner tournament. Please remember, you can pick your partner and you can pick your

nose, but you should never pick your partner's nose. It is one of the unwritten rules. I can only imagine the fishing will be much improved over what we just endured at Hodges. I will have the specifics of the weigh in at the general meeting. We will have the pre-tournament meeting outside the bar/restaurant at Fisher's on Thursday afternoon 5/10/18. I will try to get the area with the cabana/little cover over it to perform the weigh in.

If anybody has any questions or suggestions, other than do not ever go to Lake Hodges again, message received, you can contact me via email, cell or text. All my information is correct on the roster.

### Approved Schedule for 2018

<del>January 27</del>	<del>Otay (Fun)</del>
<del>February 24</del>	<del>Otay</del>
<del>March 19-20</del>	<del>Havasu (Mon-Tue)</del>
<del>April 21</del>	<del>Hodges</del>
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

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greg Gardner



Hello San Diego Bassmasters! For the 7 people who caught fish out of the 29 that participated, I say , "Congratulations!" For the 22, my good friends, who did not catch fish, I say, "At future December planning meetings –

Remember this day!" Lake Hodges is not any better than it was 3 years ago when we had a tournament and 17 people did not catch fish. It's like getting your house broken into, not making any improvements, and 3 years later you get broken into again. But – we do have light at the end of the tunnel – we are going to the River for our next tournament. Everybody should catch fish!

We have 2 prospective members: Evan Esancy and Thomas Larochele. Evan was pre-fished by Jim Sleight at Hodges on April 14<sup>th</sup>. I received a good report on Evan from Jim. We will sign him up to tournament fish at our next meeting. Thomas will be pre-fished by me on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Another prospective member who will come to our June meeting is Dina Ammsso. Dina was at our weigh-in at Hodges. I have talked to her on the phone and she is very enthusiastic about joining our club.

So we were at 46 members. Jeff Manning went back to inactive; we dropped a member for nonpayment of dues that takes us down to 44. If all 3 prospective members get voted in, we'll move up to 47.

Good luck to all at the River!

## Fish Tales

Doris Cook

### JENNIFER RETIRES!

Jennifer Louis recently retired after 22 plus years with the San Diego County Superior Court. She stated "It was hard to leave my judge and bailiff, but I know in my heart, it was time for me to go." She is still a trainer for La Mesa City Hope and is keeping her board position as Vice President of the California Veterans Legal Task Force, as long as they fit into her long stints of being on the road.



In preparation of the road trips, they purchased a new RV and are gearing up for trips around the good ole USA. She and Ken are looking forward to spending more time together since he was officially retired by Social Security last year and has been waiting for her to join him.

An update on the family! Breanna will celebrate her fifth year in the Army and still loves what she is doing. She spent Easter weekend traveling around Ireland and has summer plans to visit Greece, Spain and Croatia. Join the Army and see the world! Nate went back to school full time, studying Sports Management and Aaron recently took a new position as an Inspector/Auditor for the Sheriff's Department.



### NO MORE HOPSCOTCHING!

Janice Eisner was playing hopscotch with her class when she went to hop and her foot stayed on the ground, while her body launched forward onto her face. She says "New rule, No hopscotch after 64 years of age." OUCH!!!

### HOFFMANS' GO CRUISING!

Brandon Hoffman, our Florida member-at-large is enjoying what he calls his "Dream Job" at Orthomerica in Orlando. His first engineering project is designing a padded brace for diabetics with sores on their feet.

He is spending the week with Mom and Dad, Frank and Donna starting with three days at the beach in Clearwater, then back to DeLand. They leave on a four-day cruise on Carnival Cruise Liner out of Port Canaveral to the Bahamas, on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe trip and enjoy!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

Members celebrating May birthdays are: 5/1 – Scott Ashley; 5/2 - Michael Lupo; 5/4 - Zoé Gardner; 5/21 – Terry Foreman; 5/26 – David Patrick and 5/28 – Terry Chenoweth.

Happy 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary to Ed and Maureen Marr.

Enjoy your special days!

Should you have items to share on "Fish Tales" please send to [mscooker@cox.net](mailto:mscooker@cox.net) or call (619) 462-4708.

## *Lower Colorado River*

There are a number of diversion dams between the Parker and Imperial dams. The first is the Headgate Rock Dam, built in 1942, that forms Lake Moovalya to provide irrigation water to the C.R.I.T. farms. The next in line is the Palo Verde Diversion Dam, completed in 1957, and provides water for the Palo Verde Irrigation District.

The third in line is the Senator Wash Dam, built in 1966. This facility is used to store and release irrigation water through the Imperial Dam as needed downstream. There are two more dams below the Imperial Dam: The Laguna Dam, completed in 1909, is used to divert water to the farmlands in the Yuma area and the Morelos Dam in Mexico, built in 1950, that diverts its water allotment to the farmlands in the Mexicali Valley.

The Imperial Dam is 18 miles northeast of Yuma. It retains the waters of the Colorado River into the Imperial Reservoir before it is desilted and diverted into the All American Canal, the Gila River and the Yuma Irrigation Project. (continued on page 7)

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Ernie Guillen**



We had our Family day tournament on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The one day of the year where we take out on the lake our loved ones, family and or friends to experience a light touch of that tournament feeling. A day that our club cherished not just as a social event as a club, but a day that I saw once as a day where we were able to watch the joy of a young angler maybe catching their first fish, or maybe getting the chance to further the knowledge of a young angler. That being said, it was a dismal showing of our club's social abilities. I, as the organizer and the vice president take the blame. I learned and apologize. The fact that Hodges proved to be challenging and most took to having to pre-fishing a little harder seemed to be a factor. For it showed according to the sign-up sheet for this venue where half signed, showed.

For the 15 members and 10 guests that joined us for a nice time, we thank you. We even had the pleasure of Jim Davis's company. We had 4 teams fishing: Joe DeSalvo and his nephew, Jim Beyrouthey and his son, Terry & Julie Foreman and myself and my Tori. I had to call it early because of a trolling motor issue. But we had no one take home the trophy. That's correct! No fish caught.

With donations by; Skip Whitworth, Greg Gardner and myself and special donations from Bill VanWulven at Barnacle Bills we had some great gifts that we'll just have to carry over, as well as a trophy. However, Joe's and Jim's guest did enjoy a little gift.

I would like to thank Greg for his master chef abilities and for being there for me and helping make that day an enjoyable one for those attending. I would like to thank all those that brought a dish or dessert. I have to say, we were not lacking on food. There was so much food to go around. Thank you!

Thank you, Cesar, for the drinks.

Next event is the Family Picnic on June 30<sup>th</sup>, at Santee Lakes. Please mark this on your calendar and we hope you and your family can join the club for some fun. Enjoy with us some Games, Raffle and food. Again, for the next meeting I will have a sign-up sheet for this event, I will be requesting and thanking all that may

want to donate to the raffle or on volunteering to help with the set up.

You may want to sign up to bring one of the dishes that I'll have on the list or your welcomed to bring whatever dish or dessert you would like. All will be truly appreciated.

I'm covering all this in this letter only to try to stay ahead of this game of planning and to hopefully make this next venue a fun, enjoyable and successful one, for all.

Until next time, tight lines to all and God Bless

Your Vice President (Whom I'd like to add is still looking for a place at the River or some Ideas)

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

**Joe DeSalvo**

We just finished the Hodges Tournament and I felt fortunate to catch one short fish. Congratulations to Jim, Greg and Inder for showing us it can be done at Hodges. Enjoyed my day with Ed Marr at Hodges and we had plenty of time to solve the problems of the world during the Hodges summit. The Family Tournament was great and I attended with my nephew Joseph who enjoyed the day on the lake and thanks to Greg for great food off the grill.



At the February meeting it was voted on and decided that our dues will increase \$5/month starting March, so again for those who paid in advance please see be to square up on \$5/month increase.

Several SDBM who cannot make the meeting have been calling or texting me at 951-235-5205 and send their checks written to "SDBM" to 1958 Alderbrook PI, Chula Vista, CA 91913. Thank you, appreciate the communication and please continue.

Major expenses last month were Trophies and Family Tournament for about \$\$275.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the water at "The Lower Colorado River" and/or our next meeting.

## San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting April 3, 2018



The San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting was called to order on April 3, 2018 by President Terry Chenoweth at 7:05 PM. Bassmasters greeted members and guests.

Greg Gardner moved and Frank Morrin seconded that we approve last month's minutes. Motion passed.

Terry: Sign-ups for the Hodges tournament and the family tournament are going around.

Frank Morrin: Frank has a trolling motor available for sale, as does Terry.

Cheryl: The person who guessed the picture in the newsletter was Vickie. It was a picture of a young Ed Marr.

Terry thanked Cheryl for the great job on the newsletter, and Doris thanked everyone for giving her a lot of info for the Fish Tales. So as not to forget this month, Terry asked for volunteers for the next meeting to bring snacks. Brian Goodell and Skip Whitworth volunteered.

Greg Gardner - Membership Chair: We have 45 members at this time. Perspective member Evan Esaney will be pre-fished by Jim Sleight. We have another prospective member, Thomas LaRochelle, who is here tonight. Jeff Manning wants to go inactive again.

The family tournament is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up tonight.

Ernie Guillen – Vice President: Ernie restated that the family tournament is the next event on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a barbecue after. Bring family/friends/neighbors. If anyone has raffle items, call him and he will pick them up. It opens at 6:30, launch and go, and weigh-in at noon. Live bait is allowed for this tournament. All types of fish are allowed.

Joe DeSalvo – Treasurer: Last month we spent \$117 for trophies, \$85 for the release boat at Havasu, and \$425 to reserving the spot at Santee Lakes for the picnic.

Terry Chenoweth – President: Terry gave a report about the TOC and thanked all those who helped run it. San Diego Bass Club won with 31.5 lbs. Brent Kearney came in with 28.16 lbs and second place.

Bill Van Woven needs volunteers for the kids' tournament on Sunday at Lake Murray on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 6AM to 12 PM.

Frank Neugebauer – Tournament Director: 30 people fished with only 5 with double limits. Frank thanked those who helped with the weigh-in.

Frank announced the winners:

Big Fish: Terry Chenoweth at 7.09 lbs. He hit the revolver pool for \$905.

3<sup>rd</sup> place: With 8 fish at 25.67 lbs. and big fish of 5.72 lbs, Jeff Carpenter.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: With 10 fish at 28.87 lbs. and big fish of 4.19 lbs, Inder Lopez.

1<sup>st</sup> place: With 10 fish at 32.55 lbs. and big fish of 4.55 lbs, Nick Meyer.

Lake Hodges is the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. It will be launch and go at about 6AM. There may be fog. Size is 15" minimum, no variances. Have your plug out coming in, just in case they check live wells. Weigh-in at 3:00PM. Keep fish in live well, pull the boat out of the water, and bring them to the scales in the dirt parking lot. Get a separate bag for fish 5 lbs and over.

Ron Overman thanked Bill Van Woven for the donations for the raffle, and Skip and Greg for donating, also. Frank has a life vest for sail for \$25.

Break at 7:58 PM.

Partners for Hodges were drawn.

Resumed at 8:10.

Frank read the pairings for Hodges. We have 21 boats with 33 fishermen.

With no old or new business left, Terry adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janice Eisner Secretary

### **IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH**

**CLUB MEETING 7pm\*\*\*\*\*MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Nan Coutts Cottage**

**5045 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, 91942**

**BOARD MEETING\*\*\*\*\*MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**at Frank Neugebauer's - 6pm**

**LOWER COLORADO RIVER TOURNAMENT\*\*\*MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Note from the Editor:** To club members - if you have something fishing related to sell, you can list it in the monthly newsletter. Contact Cheryl Byrd

## ***Lower Colorado River***

The dam was built in 3 sections. The gates of each section hold back the water to help divert the water to the desilting plant. There are 3 giant desilting basins and 72 770ft. scrappers that hold and desilt the water. The remaining silt is carried away by 6 sludge-pipes under the river and dumped into the California sluiceway, which returns the silt to the river. The water is then directed back towards one of the 3 canals. 90% of the volume of the river is diverted at this location. The diversions can top 40,000 cubic ft/sec., which is roughly equal to the flow of the Susquehanna River and 50 times greater than the Rio Grande. Another point of interest is that the All American Canal is the largest irrigation canal in the world.

*Family Tournament – April, 14, 2018*





Hodges – April 21, 2018



# HODGES

## April 21, 2018

	Name	Number of Fish	Big Fish	Total Weight	Penalty	Net Weight	Year-end Points
1	Jim Sleight	5	4.81	14.55	0.00	14.55	32
2	Greg Gardner	3	5.85	12.53	0.00	12.53	31
3	Inder Lopez	1	9.55	9.55	0.00	9.55	30
4	Terry Foreman	3	3.84	8.77	0.00	8.77	29
5	Zoé Gardner	2	4.42	7.78	0.00	7.78	28
6	Larry Ward	1	3.71	3.71	0.00	3.71	27
7	Vicki Becker	1	3.02	3.02	0.00	3.02	26
8	Brent Benish	0		0.00		0.00	2
9	Brent Kearney	0		0.00		0.00	2
10	Brian Goodell	0		0.00		0.00	2
11	Cole Wright	0		0.00		0.00	2
12	Dave Waller	0		0.00		0.00	2
13	David Patrick	0		0.00		0.00	2
14	Ed Byrd	0		0.00		0.00	2
15	Ed Marr	0		0.00		0.00	2
16	Frank Morrin	0		0.00		0.00	2
17	Frank Neugebauer	0		0.00		0.00	2
18	Janice Eisner	0		0.00		0.00	2
19	Jeff Carpenter	0		0.00		0.00	2
20	Jim Beyrouthy	0		0.00		0.00	2
21	Joe DeSalvo	0		0.00		0.00	2
22	John Williamson	0		0.00		0.00	2
23	Justin Chandler	0		0.00		0.00	2
24	Ken Louis	0		0.00		0.00	2
25	Mike Lupo	0		0.00		0.00	2
26	Nick Meyer	0		0.00		0.00	2
27	Ron Overman	0		0.00		0.00	2
28	Skip Whitworth	0		0.00		0.00	2
29	Steve Swaggerty	0		0.00		0.00	2

Number of Participants: 29  
 Total Number of Fish Caught: 16  
 Total Weight of Fish Caught: 59.91  
 Average Fish Weight: 3.74  
 Average Number of Fish per Person: 0.55

## YEAR TO DATE STANDINGS

# 2018

		<u>Big Fish</u>	<u>OTAY</u>	<u>HAVASU</u>	<u>HODGES</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Greg Gardner	5.85	30	26	31	87
2	Inder Lopez	9.55	11	31	30	72
3	Jim Sleight	4.81	15	24	32	71
4	Zoé Gardner	4.42	18	19	28	65
5	Larry Ward	3.84	27	10	27	64
6	Nick Meyer	4.55	28	32	2	62
7	Terry Foreman	4.01	10	21	29	60
8	Brent Kearney	5.41	26	27	2	55
9	Frank Morrin	4.04	22	28	2	52
10	Brent Benish	3.56	17	29	2	48
11	Vicki Becker	3.43	14	8	26	48
12	Ken Louis	6.62	20	22	2	44
13	Jesse McNett	3.95	25	18	0	43
14	Terry Chenoweth	7.09	16	25	0	41
15	Jeff Carpenter	5.72	8	30	2	40
16	Ed Byrd	5.39	21	16	2	39
17	Cole Wright	3.07	19	13	2	34
18	Skip Whitworth	4.70	24	6	2	32
19	Bud Brant	3.72	32	0	0	32
20	Brian Goodell	0.00	29	0		29
21	Ron Overman	4.11	0	23	2	25
22	David Patrick	4.60	5	17	2	24
23	Dave Waller	3.74	9	12	2	23
24	Ernie Guillen	3.63	23	0	0	23
25	Joe DeSalvo	5.23	6	14	2	22
26	Mike Lupo	2.97	12	7	2	21
27	Cesar Diosdado	3.93	0	20	0	20
28	Regina Seaberg	3.12	11	9	0	20
29	James Beyrouthey	0.00	0	15		15
30	Frank Neugebauer	5.26	0	11	2	13
31	John Williamson	0.00	7	0		7
32	Scott Ashley	3.24	0	5	0	5
33	Stu Kenson	0.00	2	0	0	2
33	Ed Marr	0.00	0	0	2	2
33	Steve Swaggerty	0.00	0	0	2	2
33	Janice Eisner	0.00	0	0	2	2
33	Justin Chandler	0.00	0	0	2	2
38	Boomer Glasner	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Buck Billock	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Dave Seaberg	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Juan Collins	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Cody Billock	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Cheryl Byrd	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Bobby Foreman	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Lynn Brown	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Jim Putney	0.00	0	0	0	0
38	Lee Chapman	0.00	0	0	0	0

Number of Participants	31	30	29
Total Number of Fish Caught per Day:	121	89	16
Total Weight of Fish Caught per Day:	243.91	237.93	59.91
Average Fish Weight:	2.02	2.67	3.74
Average Number of Fish per Person per Day:	3.90	2.97	0.55

Big Fish Out of Tournament:

Big Fish in Tournament: Inder Lopez - Lake Hodges - April 21 - 9.55 Pounds

Big Stringer in Tournament: Brent Kearney - Lake Havasu - March 19th - 16.97 pounds