



# NEWS

*January 2020*

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Ed Marr**



Happy New Year! Our tournament schedule is all set for 2020-so let's get ready to go fishing. Our first meeting of the year is on Tuesday the 7th- keep your eyes peeled for an email from Ronnie on our new meeting location address. We will be discussing upcoming family events which start with the Chili Cook off. Cheryl Byrd is organizing the cook off and will have all the details at the meeting.

I am looking forward to serving as club president this year.  
If you have any questions or concerns on any club matter, please give me a call anytime.

Ed

Our meeting location and day of the month has changed.

**\*\*\* OUR NEW MEETING DAY IS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AND WILL BE HELD AT\*\*\*  
\*\*\*THE LA MESA SENIOR CENTER 8450 LA MESA BLVD\*\*\***

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Nick Meyer**



Here comes 2020! Looking forward to the New Year and my first season as San Diego Bassmaster, Vice President. There is a lot of work in this title, and thank you to everyone that has stepped up to help me, especially Mr. Overman, since ill keep him busy all year long. Still working on a date for the chili cook-off but pushing for the 29<sup>th</sup> of February. Hopefully that day will work out. Regina and Victorria will be running the Picnic and they will be

looking for others to help out with activities, time and place to be announced. I am hoping to bring back the Bonfire at the bay this year. If anyone else has any fun ideas we can do just let me know. Frank did a great job on the tournament schedule this year and I hope everyone is ready because I am!

Nick Meyer Everybody!

## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

**Frank Neugebauer**



Hi Everybody,

Here we are, a new year, new decade, and a new San Diego Bassmasters fishing season about to begin. We have a new schedule, voted in with no drama. Thank you all for that effort. We will be going to our old stand by lakes and returning to Roosevelt in Arizona where we have not been in quite a while. Roosevelt will be a first for me, but I have spoke to numerous Bassmasters that have been there before and all the reports were of good fishing. I have received our permit for the DFW and we are good to go. I am still waiting on the City of San Diego to get the green light on our two night tournaments but there was no conflict when I discussed the dates and sent in the applications.

I am sure everyone has cleaned their reels, spooled up new line, tied on their Christmas presents, bought their

2020 license, and are ready to go. I am looking forward to serving as Tournament Director this year and want everyone to know that I will be doing my best to keep everyone up to date with e-mails regarding pairings, any changes that occur between the meeting and tournament, and getting the results out quickly.

Early update for Roosevelt: Cheryl Byrd gave me information on possible places to stay at Roosevelt. Roosevelt Lake Resort (928)467-2276, their rate for three nights (Wed, Thurs and Fri) was \$87.77/night or \$263.30 Spring Creek RV Resort & Motel (928)467-2888 and their rate for the same dates is \$63.96/night or \$191.88 for fishermen (a 15% discount off their regular rate). Thank you, Cheryl, for finding this information. I would recommend everyone make their reservations as soon as possible or lock in whatever accommodations you are going to use.

Here is a bit of San Diego Lake news that I believe could actually be a positive for us bass fishermen, or should I say fisherpersons. I do not want to be politically incorrect. And no offense to anyone who identifies as either an alphabet person or an inanimate object. There is a huge project going on up at the dreaded Lake Hodges where they are installing some type of aeration system and possibly a water purifier to improve the water quality in the lake. Have no idea what that will all mean for us, but it does not sound bad. Lake Hodges has the purest strain of Florida Largemouth out here. Seeing that lake coming back to where it was in the past would be awesome.

Unfortunately, there was a little bit of bad news regarding El Capitan on the website as well. As Jim Sleight brought to our attention a while back, there does appear to be an issue with the dam. Since the dam was built so long ago, there are concerns about the integrity of the dam. From what I saw, it looks like the city is comfortable with keeping the lake at a level of at least 50 feet below full pool. What that means for us is, no matter how much rain we get, and until it is determined the dam is strong enough to withstand more water in the lake, the Crapper will remain low. We get what we get.

I am looking forward to being on the board and working with all the board members to have a great year for the San Diego Bassmasters. I have talked to Ed, Larry, and Joe who have agreed to be on the weigh in team. Yes, we are putting the band back together. I have also had several other people volunteer to help and as I said in 2018, it was the team we had that made everything work so well. Thank you to all that help.

Do not forget, our club meeting is on 1/7/20 and we will be at El Capitan on 1/11/20 for our fun, aren't they all fun, tournament. I will discuss possibly a little side pot option at the meeting. A little cash always seems to make things more interesting.

See you at the meeting,

Frank

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Dina Ammsso



My fellow Bassmasters, I am honored to serve as your 2020 Membership Chairman. While this is an exciting, new challenge that I am ready to take on, I know that the shoes I have to attempt to fill are LARGE. I personally want to thank Greg Gardner for not only bringing in a gem of a Bassmaster to the club--No, I am not talking about Nick Meyer this time—I am talking about yours truly--O.K. jokes aside and back to Greg.

Greg, thank you for being a positive beacon of light at every encounter and I look forward to working with you closely to make sure I get this right! During our dual-board meeting, Greg passed on the sacred box along with hand written instructions on how to make sure I succeed as your M.C. (Membership Chairman that is, not Master of Ceremonies, although, I would gladly do that too, if needed). Clearly, I cannot make it one paragraph without sliding a joke in. Please get used to this.

If anyone knows of someone who is interested in joining the best club in the nation, please send them my way and know that I will take great care of them during the process. I look forward to our next meeting and wish you all a wonderful New Year filled with bass big enough to eat the one in my photo!

Cheers, Dina Ammsso

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER: Zoé Gardner



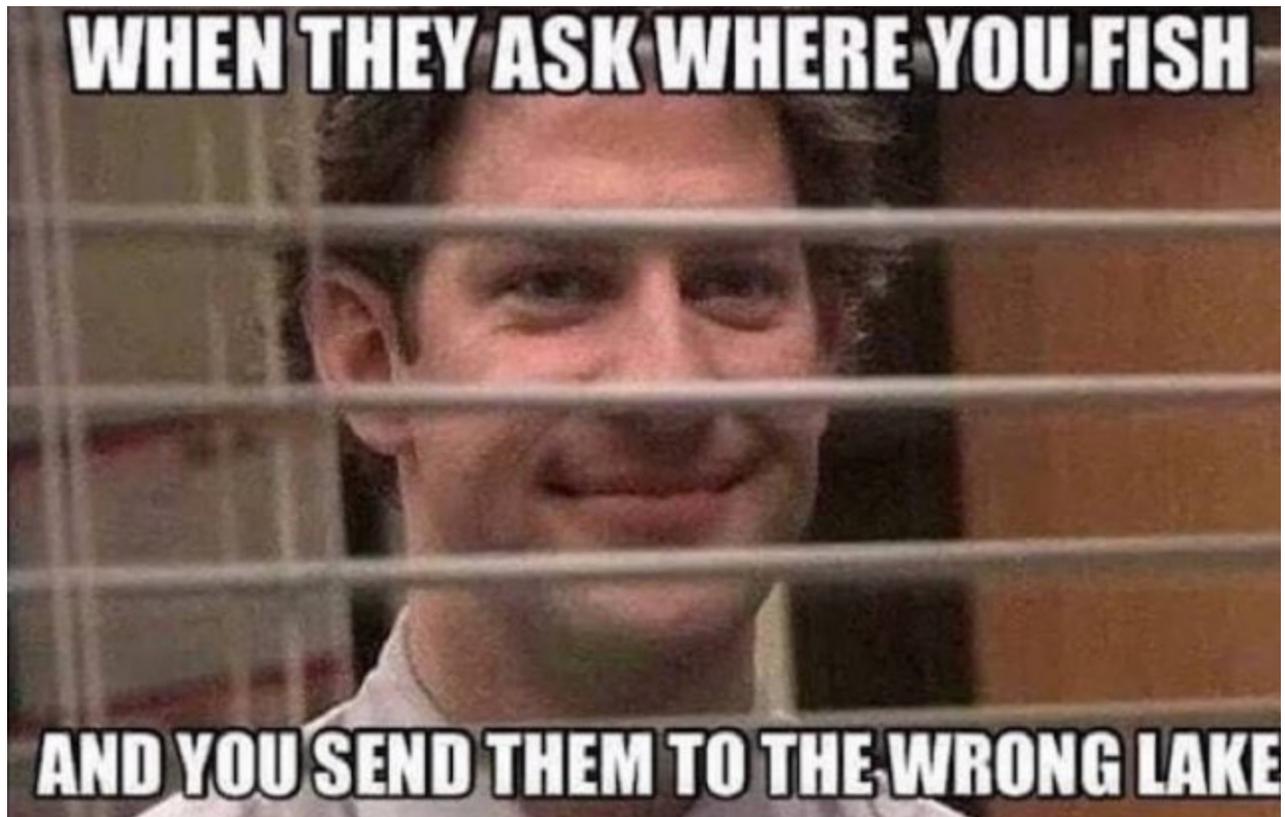
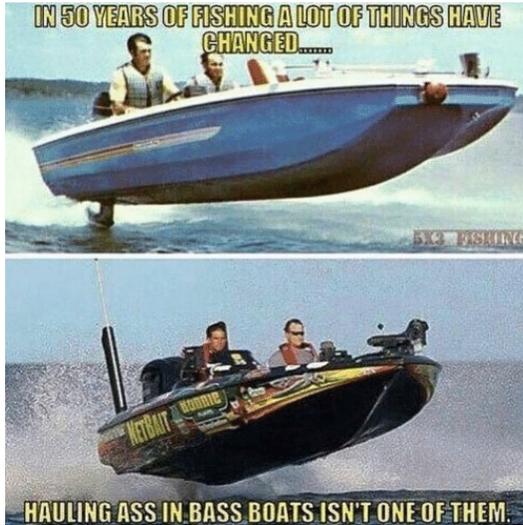
Happy New Year to all! Please come to our January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting prepared to pay your dues (and possibly any 2019 wrap-up transactions to get current). If you'd like to just get it all over with, a check for \$360 will take care of all of 2020 (except for our 2021 insurance which will be due closer to November). What a bargain to keep me out of your hair! Anything divisible by \$30 is also welcomed.

It's good to be back on our "1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month" meeting schedule (now at the Adult Center on La Mesa Blvd), but I remain grateful to the La Mesa Police Department for housing us (for free) for the past few months.

I cannot emphasize enough that your participation in all aspects of "Bassmasterness" helps our financial well-being. Please participate. We have a lot of fun events in store and it gives you an opportunity to interact with your Bassmaster Buddies off the water (where we're all trying

to beat each other to a pulp for 1<sup>st</sup> place). Aside from contributing to our bottom line, these events offer a chance for your friends and families to interact with your "other family" and also establish additional friendships. It's good stuff, trust me!

Happy Hooksets,  
Zoé



## San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting December 10, 2019

The December 10, 2019 meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the La Mesa Police Department by President Ed Marr. This is the last meeting of 2019, and the tournament planning meeting for 2020 will follow. Next month will be the tournament rules change meeting if anyone wants to bring a motion for a rule change for 2020.

Bassmasters offered a greeting to one another and guests.

Cheryl moved and Jeff seconded that the minutes from November be approved. Motion passed.

Greg Gardner – Membership: James Chase and his girlfriend Amanda are guests tonight and he wants to be considered as a member. Greg will pre-fish him. Brent Johnson is here with his dad. Buzz Brizendine is here and wants to become a Bassmaster again. Dave Patrick is leaving and going to Florida. Jim Beyrouthey may be leaving. Currently we're at 40 members.

Ron Overman – Vice President: Ron spoke about the new way the council will run it's tournaments. Volunteers from each club will help the council run the events instead of a club taking it on. He will attend the next meeting. Crisis House donation is a success from the San Diego Council and Barnicle Bill's store.

Ed thanked the people who helped with the banquet, which was a great success.

Zoe Gardner - Treasurer: There are not yet final numbers from the banquet, but she is pretty certain we will roll over \$500 again this year for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet.

Cole had no report this evening.

Ed talked about the TOC and congratulated the participants.

Dina is asking that anyone with raffle items they are storing to turn it in to Larry Ward, who will run the raffle in 2020.

Ed thanked Regina for the muffins, and Ron, Dina, and John for snacks tonight. Ron and Greg will bring next month's snacks.

This is our last meeting here. Ron posted the address of the new meeting place, 8450 La Mesa Blvd, the La Mesa Senior Center, in the newsletter. We will switch back to the first Tuesday, the first meeting being on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Lupo mentioned he has a trolling motor for sale.

Cheryl is looking for a chili cook-off date in late January.

There being no further business, the tournament meeting was started by Frank Neugebauer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice E. Eisner  
Secretary

## San Diego Bassmasters 2020 Tournament Planning Meeting

Following the December General Meeting, the tournament planning meeting began at 7:20PM.

A 2020 tournament schedule was proposed by the 2020 tournament chairman, Frank Neugebauer. Frank explained his rationale for the dates he picked as follows:

January 11 – El Capitan fun tournament  
February 8 – Otay  
March 20-21 – Havasu  
April 25 – El Capitan  
May 15-16 – Roosevelt  
June 13 – San Vicente  
July 17 – San Vicente Night tournament  
August 7 – Otay Night tournament  
September 26 – El Capitan  
October 10-11 – Lower Colorado River  
November 14 – Otay  
November 21 – TBD – TOC

Frank suggested that we may want to start scheduling our tournaments by May/June since other teams are locking in those dates far ahead of our scheduling meeting currently.

Ed called a break at 7:25 for everyone to look over the proposed dates and come back for discussion. Meeting resumed at 7:35.

Greg moved and Mike seconded that we accept the schedule as written. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no new business, meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

**IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH**

Fun Tournament – January 11<sup>th</sup> @ El Cap  
CLUB MEETING 7pm\*\*\*\*\*January 7<sup>th</sup>  
**La Mesa Senior Center**  
**8450 La Mesa Blvd**  
**LA MESA, CA 91942**

BOARD MEETING January (I don't know) - **6pm @ TBD's house**



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

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