



NEWS

October 2020

49th Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ed Marr

It is with a heavy heart that I write this article. So much loss this year.... We lost out on so many potential good memories this year with the cancellation of club events - we cannot make those up but we can move forward. We lost Ron Overman earlier this year, last month we lost Dave Patrick and a couple of weeks ago my father, Les Marr, who was a lifetime member of the club passed away at the age of 95. Thank you everyone for all the thoughtful words, cards, flowers and prayers. They all touched my heart and it helped me to know that you are all out there.

Pushing forward- live does move on, so let's go! We have a lot happening this next month or so:

- 3 tournaments in, basically, 3 weeks. It is time to make your move in the standings good luck to all of you.
- On the October 26th, we are presenting The Crisis House a memorial plaque in honor of Ron Overman so they will always remember Ron and his love and support of The Crisis House. We are collecting cash and material donations to present with the plaque. We have already received some very generous donations and are looking for more- anything amount would be greatly appreciated and put to good use. October 26th was chosen at the date to present the plaque and donations as that was Ron's birthday.
- Our annual scholarship will be presented at our year end banquet so it is time to start completing those applications. The applications will be emailed out to all club members and will need to be returned to a board member prior to November 10th for consideration.
- The monthly meeting has been moved ahead on week as to not interfere with anyone's river travel plans. The Zoom meeting invite has been emailed out for September 29th.

Later-Ed



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nick Meyer



Well After all the bad news COVID had to bring, we finally have some good news. As of now, we are still get to have our 49th annual Bassmaster Banquet! We have not got all the details on if there will be any restrictions, and will not know until it gets closer. The Banquet will be December 6th at Singing Hills Golf Resort, more details to come.

Nick Meyer Everybody!

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Frank Neugebauer



Hi Everybody,

As hard as it be to believe, it is the end of September and we just fished our sixth tournament of the year. Normally we would have fished eight tournaments by now and the year-end picture would be coming into focus. Nothing about 2020 has been normal.

Our sixth tournament was held at El Capitan on 9/26/2020. We had 32 anglers participate with 30 of those anglers weighing fish. Ninety-one fish were caught. Unfortunately, we had 7 dead fish brought to the scales. While I know everybody likes fish tacos, it might be time to check the operation of your live well, live well timer, and supply of live well additive. This is the highest number in this category that I can remember in a long time, and the water is cooling off.

So how did it go at El Cap? Earning his ticket to this years Tournament of Champions with 5 fish for a total of 16.82 pounds was Duane Johnson. Duane did not weigh a big fish but had five fish that averaged 3.36 pounds, larger than many anglers big fish, including myself. Great job Duane. Coming in second place, just one good cull behind, was Cole Wright. Cole had five fish for a total weight of 16.00 pounds anchored by a big fish of 3.97 lbs. Nice job Cole. And rounding out our group of trophy takers, taking third place with four fish weighing 13.07 pounds was Buzz Brizendine. Buzz also caught the big fish of the tournament, a 5.50 pound El Capitan lunker. Well done Buzz.

Before we move on to the upcoming events, now is a good time to review a couple things that we seemed to have lost focus on. While understandable operating under all the everchanging Covid rules, there are a couple things that have not changed. It is very important that we take care of the fish. While they cannot contract Covid, they can suffer from fisherman negligence. I covered off on the live well issue

above. A couple other things that we know but need to remember: Put an adequate amount of water in the weigh in bag when you bring your fish to the scale. I get it, it is hot, water is heavy, and you are tired. However, Ed Marr is working out and he has been disappointed that the bags are so light. Help out Ed and bring them up heavy!!! Also, while it has been a long time since I have had to remember this rule, all fish over five pounds must be brought to the scale in a separate bag. Ed wants them heavy but not that heavy. We still have some warm weather ahead, as in Yuma in October, so these things are important to remember. Remember them all year long.

We are now in the crunch time of this years' schedule. We will be at the river in two weeks, then we have about two weeks before we have our two, one day tournaments, back to back, 10/31/2020 at El Capitan, then 11/1/2020 at Otay. Thirteen days later, 11/14/2020, we finish out the points year at Otay. We will be busy boys and girls over the next six weeks. And for those who qualify, the SDBM TOC will be held 11/21/2020.

Finally, while this has been a very weird year, it has also remained competitive. Check out the year end standings. While Inder has broke out in front of the pack, he is still within striking distance. Brandon Kuehl is 23 points behind in second. There is a two-way tie for third place. There is a three-way tie for fifth place, the difference maker being each anglers' big fish. Then there is a two-way tie for eighth place between to guys that are high probability contenders to move up. **The difference between third and twelfth place is only 11 points.** Hold on to your rod ladies and gentlemen, it is about to get interesting.

See you on the water,
Frank

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dina Ammsso



Hello Bassmaster family—

It continues to be an interesting year but our club is still growing! It was awesome to welcome in our three newest members last meeting: Tim, Ryan, and Josh! Excited to have the opportunity to see you all in person soon! We still have one prospective member, Steven Levenson who is such a great sport, communicative, and very excited to be part of this club. I look forward to getting him tournament pre-fished and hopefully voted in.

Talk to you all at the next meeting!

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER: Zoé Gardner



Hi Everyone. October is going to hurt the wallets a little, as we have a few expenses looming. First, our insurance will expire on October 31. We have back-to-back tournaments on October 31 and November 1. So you can see the need for re-upping right away. The cost for insurance is \$35. Please pay that before the tournament if you plan on fishing.

The second expense (for a few of you) is your B.A.S.S. membership is close to expiring. Again, something that must be current if you plan to fish our tournaments. I am not trying to steal Dina's thunder as Membership Chair, but the

insurance being paid aligns with members being current with their B.A.S.S. insurance. I cannot pay for one without the other.

The third expense is not an expense at all, but rather a gift from your heart. We are hoping to present Crisis House with a Bassmaster donation in memory of our beloved Ron Overman. We are hoping to make this presentation on October 26th (Ronnie's birthday). I would ask those planning to donate to please get me your contribution no later than October 20 (so I can also present them with a list of names/donation amounts for individualized IRS charity donation). I will be writing one check, so please make your checks payable to the San Diego Bassmasters or Venmo me: @Zoe-Gardner-10. Please make sure you designate the funds as "Ronnie" or "Crisis House" as some of you are paying dues via this method as well. I know much of this plea is similar to last month's article, but it is worth repeating. Ronnie meant so much to so many of us. For newer members who may not have known him very well, I would simply say anything you enjoy about our club; Ron had a huge part in forging over the years.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the River!

Take care,
Zoé

San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting September 1, 2020 via Zoom

President Ed Marr called the September 1, 2020 meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters to order at 7:04 P.M. Meeting was held via Zoom. (37ish participants)

Ed Marr – President: Ed welcomed everyone and Bassmasters said their hellos.

Dina Ammsso – Membership: Gabe Gil and Steven Levenson are new prospective members and they introduced themselves. Our three pre-fished prospective members, Tim Kidwell, Josh Buller, and Ryan Test, talked about themselves. They then left the meeting while reports were made about the pre-fishing. They will be voted on by the club for membership. Dina will send out a survey monkey to vote on approval. The club voted to approve moving Gabe and Steven on to pre-fishing for membership. Dina asked for volunteers to pre-fish Gabe and Steven. Dave Seaburg will pre-fish Steven and Frank Neugebauer will pre-fish Gabe. We are at 37 members right now. Stay up to date with your BASS membership.

Ed thanked our board members, as it has been a rough year, for sticking with it and doing their jobs so well.

Zoe Gardner - Treasurer: Our balance is \$8352.66. We have the Top 6 with shirts and fees coming up. Ron Overman's initials will be on the sleeves. We have a short amount of time to raise money for Crisis House along with a plaque. We would like to do it on October 26th, Ron's 78th birthday. Zoe would like us to make any checks to San Diego Bassmasters to give them one check from us, but that isn't settled yet and we will hear more from Zoe about that. Mike Lupo has stepped in to assist at Crisis to fill some of the void left by Ron's passing. They are in the process in moving to a new location. We are thinking about a memorial tournament in June around the date Ron passed. Please keep dues current, and our insurance is due in November, \$35.

Nick Meyer – Vice President: We need to figure out who can fish our Top 6 team this year. Bruce may not be able to fish, and Jeff Manning is having boat issues, and Juan Collins needs access to a boat to fish with. Will Larson is next in line. We are talking about leaving an empty seat in honor of Ron Overman. Janice moved that we leave an empty seat in the Top 6 for Ron. Regina seconded it. Discussion was had. Vote was called and passed unanimously.

We need the boat insurance from the boaters to Terry Chenoweth.

The tournament is September 19th. Lake is off limits from Monday the 14th through Saturday the 19th until after the tournament at Otay. A notice will be sent out to the whole club before that.

Ed says he and Dave Seaburg are going to send out more informative emails to the club that Ron used to handle for us.

Frank Neugebauer – Tournament Director:

Frank read the results from Hodges, August 29th:

1st – 4 fish, at 10.18 lbs. and big fish 2.95 lbs, Brian Goodell.

2nd – 3 fish, at 9.55 lbs. and big fish of 3.54 lbs, Jim Sleight.

3rd – 1 fish, big fish of tournament, 8.69 lbs., Ryan Kuyper.

El Capitan is on September 26th. Frank read the sign-ups so far, and will send out the pairings after our prospective members have a chance to sign up. All boaters have been paired twice, so the 4 boaters who have been paired up the last two tournaments back to back will fish alone, and the others will go into the draw.

Use all Covid 19 safety practices at El Capitan, including face masks for the weigh-in. Jim Sleight suggested, and we will do the awards at the cabana up at the top parking lot. Everyone social distance. 5 fish, 13" limit. Launch and go with weigh-in at 3PM.

The club by-laws and tournament rules are posted on the club website. It would be in your interest to be familiar with them.

Cheryl reminded us that we are at the river on the 10th of October and our meeting is the Tuesday before, so we may want to move the meeting up a week. Frank moved that we move the October meeting to September 29th. Ed Byrd seconded it. Discussion was had. Vote was taken and passed. Frank will send out the tournament sign-ups for the end of October tournaments at the meeting on September 29th.

Frank will be asking for commitments for three tournaments, so be prepared to respond. Cheryl suggested Frank have sign-up sheets at the tournament on the 26th if necessary. Frank will also be sending out an email soon to get the process started.

Jeff asked about a Top 6 meeting, and Ed and Nick will be discussing that and get back to the fishermen soon.

Terry Chenoweth – Bass Council report: Bass Council President nominations are being held. Contact Terry for any nominations or volunteers. Volunteers for weigh-in at the Top 6 are needed. Contact Terry. Bill VanWoven's wife is not doing well. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Being no further old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice E. Eisner
Secretary

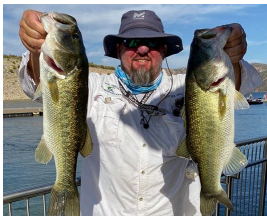
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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

September 1, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

BOARD MEETING August 19th



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

Be sure to check out www.sandiegobassmasters.com