



NEWS

December 2020

49th Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ed Marr

Congratulations to our 2020 Top Twelve and especially to our year-end champ, Inder Lopez. Frank, our 2020 tournament director, deserves a big thanks from all of us for staying on top of the every-changing Covid environment that we were in this year. We ended up fishing a full 10 tournament schedule when, at one point, it was looking very bleak to fish any tournaments. THANK YOU FRANK FOR ALL YOUR EXTRA EFFORT THIS YEAR.

We will be accepting nominations for our 2021 Board at our December Zoom Club Meeting (Dec 1ST). If you do not see your name up for a board position and want to be considered, it is very acceptable to nominate yourself. We will hear from all the members who have accepted a nomination during this meeting too. After the meeting, there will be a Survey Monkey sent out to all members to cast your votes.

2020 is almost over and we will, before you know, it be hashing out our 2021 tournament schedule.

Happy Holidays-
-Ed



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nick Meyer



Well this was one of the craziest years in the record books. It's sad that we will not be having a banquet this year but it's the smartest move for the club to look out for everyone's health. Once everything gets gathered for everyone that made the top 12 this year, we will have a small gathering at one of the local lakes to give the anglers their plaques and the rod or reel.

For having such a frustrating year this year, I want to congratulate everyone that made the Top 12 and the Top 6, you guys earned it. It was a fight to the end during the last tournament at Otay.

Thank you to everyone who helped and offered to help with club events. We got to have one successful event before COVID shut us down, hopefully when we get to start doing more we can have an even better turn out than we did this year. I hope that 2021 brings the new board members a better, easier year. Hopefully covid doesn't drag on too long into the New Year.

Finally, Congratulations to Inder Lopez for winning AOY and TOC! You are the man!

Nick Meyer Everybody!

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Frank Neugebauer



Hi Everybody,

Well, we made it. We made it through 2020, the year of the Co-vid. It has been one heck of a year. The year started out on fire with the schedule being voted in as submitted, no changes, and we were off to the races. Our first tournament at Otay was won by Terry Chenoweth. Next up was Havasu. The timing and the weather were shaping up just right to be hitting Havasu when the big brown bass were on the move and getting their groove on. And then came Co-vid. And the lakes were closed. Who knew Terry was going to be in first place for five months and possibly Angler of the Year with one win?

Then as always happens after a storm, the sky started to clear. The lakes started to re-open but tournaments were a no go. And then, in what seemed like a sign from God, we were able to have tournaments again, albeit with a whole new set of rules. And we voted in a revised schedule, made it through the year, and crowned a new Angler of the Year. That angler is Inder Lopez and this was his year. Not only did Inder capture the Angler of the Year title, he proved to be the

Best of the Best by winning our Tournament of Champions, and he had the largest fish caught in tournament with a 8.86 pound beauty caught at Lake Otay. Maybe 2020 should be remembered as the "Year of the Inder".

Congratulations are in order for all our anglers this year. Since we are not having a banquet where we honor our best performers, I am going to tee up our Top 12:

- #1 Inder Lopez
See his accomplishments above
- #2 Brandon Kuehl
Brandon made a heck of a run at it finishing up just 6 points behind
- #3 Duane Johnson
Duane also had big string in a tournament of 16.82 pounds
- #4 Brent Kearney
- #5 Jeff Manning
- #6 Cole Wright

The San Diego Bassmasters will be well represented in next years' Top Six Tournament.

- #7 Nick Meyer "Everybody"
- #8 Cesar Diosdado
- #9 Greg Vasquez
- #10 Buzz Brizendine
- #11 Brian Goodell
Brian did it out of the back of the boat all year and is the highest placing non-boater
- #12 Jim Sleight

Congratulations to our Top Twelve. Finishing in the top twelve in the San Diego Bassmasters is a strong statement considering the level of talent in this club. And it seems like the competition keeps getting tougher.

I also want to thank everyone that helped me this year and there were many. First, my fellow Board Members who hung in there to get through this year. While there are usually a couple of things that come up over a normal year, the 2020 Board had to deal with more than its' fair share and definitely issues that were never before faced. We had to deal with the lakes being closed, the meeting place being closed, in person meetings being forbidden and then what to do about the banquet. I can only report that the Board came together, after a lot of back and forth, and made the decisions that were always thought to be in the best interest of the San Diego Bassmasters.

I have said it all year and I will say one last time, I had the help of a first class weigh in team made up of Joe DeSalvo, Ed Marr, and Larry Ward, with an assist of Brian Goodell. These are the guys that made it happen and in a time when social distancing, face coverings, and no gatherings were thrown into the mix of trying to weigh in fish. You might not believe it but a lot of bass fishermen look the same with a mask and sun glasses on. Trying to get the fish weighed and the crowd dispersed without causing a violation of the city's rules was always a priority and we were able to get that done.

It was a bummer not being able to have our after tournament meetings to read off the results. However, with the help of

Jeff Carpenter and the spread sheet he made at the beginning of the year, and then had to revise after we revised the schedule, I was able to get the results out very quickly. I could not have done that without Jeffs' assistance. Also, Greg Gardner handled the process of getting the trophies ordered, picked up, and distributed to all those that received trophies. Thank you Greg!

Finally, I want to remember the San Diego Bassmasters that will not be fishing with us next year. We lost Ronnie Overman, David Patrick, and Les Marr. While they might not be fishing with us in San Diego, I hope they are running across a lake, WOT, going to their favorite spot to catch the big ones.

Thank you all for your support this year and I look forward to 2021. I can't wait to see what that looks like!

Frank

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dina Ammsso



Hello Bassmaster family—

As we enter one of the best seasons of the year (normally), I just want to extend my thanks to all of you for your support and guidance during my first time on the board of the Bassmasters. We have voted some AWESOME people in and I could not be more grateful for

that. We have a few new potential members in the pipeline and I look forward to making those introductions at the next general meeting. In the meantime, make sure you are checking in on each other over the holiday's--this is an especially tough year for us all and not everyone is surrounded with loved ones or have a steady support system. I have been living by this lately "WWRD" -What Would Ronnie Do? Try it. You might find yourself waking up on a beach somewhere with a new tattoo, keys to a brand new, badass muscle car, and a fat smile.



I am providing you all with an early Christmas gift, the photo attached to my article is a hand-print wreath with yours truly featured in the center. I made it in kindergarten for my grandparents, feel free to print that out and make it an ornament--you'll be the talk of the town. Typically this goes for hundreds of dollars but for you all, FREE-99. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Cheers (probably an unhealthy amount--thanks 2020) to a freaking New Year!

- 39 Active members
- 6 inactive
- 8 honorary
- 18 at large
- 2 prospective

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER: Zoé Gardner

Hi Everyone. Our season has come to an end, and I want to congratulate all who finished in the Top Twelve. I know you all fought hard for that distinction. In addition, I am really proud of our Angler of the Year, Mr. Inder Lopez. He really has nicely matched his hard work and talent with his gift to innovate. AND, he just won our Tournament of Champions! But wait, there's more... Inder's mom and "girlfriend" came to weigh-in. I always wish the best in life for my dearest fishing buddies. Inder is one of them. So, unbeknownst to any of us, including Ms. Erin Marie Lester, Inder had been carrying



something in his jacket all day during the T of C. By that evening, he sent a beautiful picture of him and Erin (with a ring on the correct finger) and the text message, "She's going to be a new family member soon." And, yes, Erin fishes! Congratulations, Inder, for giving us a wonderful performance and wonderful news during a challenging year. Love

really does conquer all!

I'm sorry we will not be having a banquet to celebrate all our heroes for the year, but it's the right thing to do. A few of you still owe me dues and insurance, so please get that to me so I can close out 2020. We will still have year-end expenses, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support this year. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served our amazing club. We had a tough year, but I also count all of you as the many blessings in my life. Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Take care,
Zoé

San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting November 3, 2020 via Zoom

President Ed Marr called the November 3, 2020 meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters to order at 7:03 P.M. Meeting was held via Zoom. (22ish participants)

Ed Marr – President: Ed welcomed us. Bassmasters said their hellos.

Dina Ammsso – Membership: We have a new prospective member, John Taylor. Greg Gardner volunteered to pre-fish him. He told us a little about himself. Dina reminded us to make sure your BASS membership is current in order to fish.

Zoe Gardner - Treasurer: Right now, we are at \$7956.27 both savings and checking. Insurance of \$35 is due now, so make sure you are current. The newsletter did not yet come out, so Zoe thanked all who participated in raising \$6000 for the Crisis House, with a \$6000 matching from the Copley Foundation. Club members presented the plaque and money to the Crisis House in memory of Ron Overman.

Tonight, we will take nominations for next year's board members. Election will be at the December general meeting.

Ed opened up nominations, then we will appoint a committee to follow through and make calls this month for more nominations, and an election at the December meeting.

Ed called for nominations from the floor:

President	Tournament Director	Treasurer
Ed Marr	Mike Lupo	Zoe Gardner
Bruce Smith	Jim Sleight	Brandon Kuehl
Brandon Kuehl	Inder Lopez	Brian Goodell
Dave Seaberg	Frank Neugebauer	Joe DeSalvo
Greg Gardner	Joe DeSalvo	
Zoe Gardner	Bruce Smith	Membership Chair
Regina Seaberg	Cole Wright	Dina Ammsso
	Greg Gardner	Jeff Manning
	Dave Seaberg	Regina Seaberg
	Larry Ward	Greg Gardner
	Terry Chenowth	Nick Meyer
		Cesar Diosdado
Vice President	Secretary	Frank Neugebauer
Nick Meyer	Janice Eisner	Mike Lupo
Ed Byrd	Regina Seaberg	Larry Ward
Duane Johnson	Dave Seaberg	
Bruce Smith	Dina Ammsso	Newsletter
Greg Gardner	Bruce Smith	Ed Byrd
Zoe Gardner	Jim Sleight	Dave Seaberg
Regina Seaberg	Brandon Kuehl	Jeff Carpenter
Jeff Manning		Janice Eisner
Dina Ammsso		Nick Meyer
		Ed Marr
		Cheryl Byrd

Ed and Cheryl Byrd and Ed Marr are the nominating committee and will call everyone on the roster who were not in the meeting tonight.

Nick Meyer – Vice President: The banquet is still on, and they request that we wear a mask to approach a worker. To have servers, we would need to make a meal choice ahead of time and make name cards to show who gets what. We could also have a few more tables to spread out farther. We also could leave our deposit with them for next year and cancel.

The survey monkey showed 75% were for it and 25% against having the banquet. Discussion about canceling was had. Paring it down and adding tables would spread us out more. Patrick Farrier moved that we have our banquet under those circumstances. Dina seconded it. Discussion was had. Resending the Survey Monkey with more information was suggested. On the original survey, 27 responded. 74% said yes. The survey asked are you going, not do you think it is appropriate. It was suggested the nomination committee ask as they make calls. Patrick amended his motion to resend the survey as an official club vote. Dina's second was rescinded Joe seconded. More discussion was had. Patrick withdrew his motion, Joe his second. Ed, Cheryl and Ed will call all members to ask if they feel comfortable with members and live in partners/spouses, with food served to us and more table.

Terry Chenowth – Council Report: Meeting is on the 4th, tomorrow. New president will be announced tomorrow and voted on. Top Six is done. Prizes were distributed.

Frank Neugebauer – Tournament Director: Frank is working on the sign-ups and pairings for the Nov 14th tournament at Otay. He read off the names of those signed up so far, and will send out the pairings.

Frank read the results from El Capitan on October 31:

1st – 5 fish for a total of 16.82 pounds was Duane Johnson

2nd – 5 fish for a total weight of 16.00 pounds, and big fish of 3.97 lbs, Cole Wright

3rd – 4 fish weighing 13.07 pounds, and big fish of the tournament, at 5.50 pound was Buzz Brizendine

Results from November 1st at Otay:

1st – Larry Ward with 5 fish, big fish of 3.33 lbs, and total weight of 12.60 lbs.

2nd – Inder Lopez with 5 fish, big fish of 2.85 lbs, and total weight of 11.77 lbs.

3rd – Bruce Smith with 5 fish, big fish of 2.62 lbs, and total weight of 11.74 lbs.

Big Fish – Dave Seaberg with 3.35 lbs.

Frank also read some of the current standings for top 12.

Terry Chenoweth – Council Report: Meeting is on the 4th, tomorrow. New president will be announced tomorrow and voted on. Top Six is done. Prizes were distributed.

Ed: We need to do better to slow down the line at the weigh-in with 12 people in line shoulder to shoulder. Ed asked we slow it down and space out better! Also, more water in the bag for the sake of the fish. Please be mindful.

Frank will put a reminder about spacing out in his announcement of pairings. Joe will try to monitor that better at the next tournament. It was decided that only our club bags will be used. Do not come up with your own bag unless it's the second bag for a 5lb+ fish.

The 14th is the last chance to win a tournament for the Tournament of Champions. So far, we have Inder Lopez, Brandon Kuehl, Brent Kearny, Duane Johnson, Larry Ward Nick Meyer, Brian Goodell, Terry Chenoweth, and Jim Sleight. Ed will make lunch for all the participants.

Dave Seaberg reminded us we have tonight to get in applications for the scholarship.

Zoe reminded us that Bassmaster of the Year applications are due, also.

Cheryl reminded us that Sportsman of the Year are also due.

Any nominations will be extended to the 18th.

Being no further old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice E. Eisner

Secretary

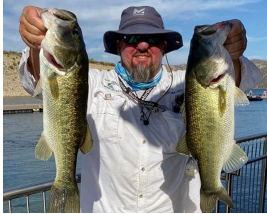
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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

December 1st, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

TOURNAMENT PLANNING MEETING –
DEC. 13TH AT 6PM (ZOOM – THANK YOU, ED FOR HOSTING)
DUAL BOARD MEETING – DEC. 15TH AT 6PM



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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