



# NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zoé Gardner



Well here we go. We have an amazing tournament schedule ahead of us and I hope everyone plans on participating. Your 2021 Board is already hard at work trying to get done what we can with the ongoing limitations of COVID. I challenge all of you to get vaccinated as soon as you are able to; in fact, I double-dog dare you. I was fortunate enough to get both shots, and other than a little soreness after the second shot, I can say it did not hurt half as bad as hooking yourself with a treble and trying to get it out. I know each person will react differently, but I want you all as safe as possible.

On to club business: When we can meet again at the Community Center, it will be with special rules. We will still have to mask up, social distance and only bring our personal water bottles in, no food. They will open all rooms to accommodate us – for the same price, so I won't need anyone to bring drinks. Patrick Farrier has graciously accepted the responsibility of our clothing line. The only spot I have vacant is the raffle. So if anyone is interested in that role when we are able to meet again, please don't be shy, just let me know.

Our 2020 Angler of the Year, Inder Lopez, will be representing our club at the 2-day San Diego Council of Bass Club's Tournament of Champions. This will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at El Cap, and March 28<sup>th</sup> at Otay. Why am I reporting this so

early? ***Because we cannot have ANY active member fishing either of those lakes during the tournament (or during the Monday – Friday before).*** We will be at Mohave the prior week, so I just want to make sure it's on everyone's radar. I will remind you again next month just to play it safe. Go, Inder!

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom (this time for sure) on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (that's Groundhog Day, so I'm praying we won't have the same technical difficulties we had last month). If we do, I will be resorting to smoke signals or carrier pigeons. I'm looking forward to seeing all of your happy faces. Look for an email from me closer to the date with the invitation.

Take care...

*Editor's Note: If you have any fishing, camping or outdoor items you would like to sell, send your information to me and I will post it in the monthly newsletter.*

**February  
General Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
via Zoom at 7 p.m.  
(link to follow in email)**

## TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Cole Wright

Hello San Diego Bassmasters, we have very good news, we are approved for Lake Mohave. I hope to see you all out there fishing this great fishery. The first points tournament of the year is February 27th at Otoy lake. I will be sending out a sign-up sheet the same day as the zoom general meeting.



### WHAT YOU NEED FOR MOHAVE

1. **AIS deal sticker** - everyone who is going to Mohave must have this to fish Mohave. To purchase a decal, go to [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com) and make sure you press "motorized watercraft", cost \$12.00.
2. **Annual fishing license for non-residents cost \$55.00**. Arizona and Nevada fishing licenses both work.
3. You are required to get a pass to enter Katherine Landing Park; you can get one at the gate or online at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov). I was told if you get to Katherine Landing before 5:00 a.m. you don't have to pay the 15.00 dollar fee because they won't be there yet.
4. Katherine Landing Lodge has rooms and a place to plug in for your boat. I'm sure prices have changed. I would call to get their lodge price.
5. Harrah hotel is another place you guys and girls can stay. They have boat plug-ins at the top of the self parking they charge \$30.00 a night you have to be staying there to use it. My only other option would be to rent a house in Bullhead City so you don't have to worry about finding a plug-in.

## Approved Schedule for 2021

January 30 <sup>th</sup>	El Capitan (fun)
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Otoy
March 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mohave
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Otoy
May 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Havasu
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	El Capitan lake (6 hours)
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	San Vicente (6 hours night)
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	El Capitan (6 hours night)
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	El Capitan (6 hours)
October 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lower Colorado River
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	San Vicente
TBD	Tournament of Champions



## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Brian Goodell



Hi San Diego Bassmasters, if you are reading this we likely will have just had our fun tournament at El Cap to kick off the year! I hope you are all more prepared than I am. I'm looking forward to seeing you all and wetting a line for the first time in 2021. Thank you to everyone who has been proactive in sending me dues! If you have not (MANY of you have not), please get on that. I don't want to have to hunt

you down. In the next couple of weeks, I will be working on a budget for 2021. I am hopeful that we can make our 50th year extra special while still being responsible with our spending. Best of luck to everyone this year!



**VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Ed Byrd



I’m sitting here writing my newsletter article and wondering if our house is going to blow down. Some of the gusts really are shaking the windows and walls pretty good! The first tournament will be upon us soon, so good luck to all. Hopefully the weather will settle down

before then.

There’s nothing really new to report on from my perspective. The banquet is the only thing that we have firmly scheduled right now. Other events, such as the picnic and family tournament are still up in the air, but I hope to have some possible dates for those soon. Chairpersons will be needed for our events, so please volunteer to help when that time comes. Also, we should be able to start doing regular meetings mid-year and volunteers will be needed for things like refreshments and snacks.

Thanks to Patrick Ferrier for volunteering to do our clothing store, including special clothing for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Now, back to installing my new trolling motor!

See you all at the Zoom meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ...

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Greg Gardner



Hello, San Diego Bassmasters. I hope you are well and getting in some fishing. Time on the water equals joy, happiness, better skills, and higher position in club standings. I know that I need to do better this year and I see much opportunity in our

2021 tournament schedule. Mohave and Havasu in the early part of the year, it can’t get any better than that.

Currently we are at 36 active members with 2 prospective: John Taylor and Bruce Robertson. Both have been pre-fished and are scheduled to participate in our El Cap fun tournament on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Current count:

- 36 Active
- 9 Inactive
- 17 At Large
- 5 Lifetime
- 5 Honorary

We have had a lot of movement this December and January as we usually do at this time of year. If you have any questions, call me anytime at 619-390-5240. Thank you and good fishing.

See you on the lake...

***IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH***

<b>CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. via Zoom` .....</b>	<b>FERUARY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>VALENTINES DAY.....</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>BOARD MEETING via Zoom .....</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>TOURNAMENT at OTAY .....</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup></b>

**San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting  
January 5, 2021 via Zoom**



After Zoom technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order by President Zoe Gardner at 7:28PM on Zoom.

The Bass Council meeting is canceled tomorrow because of concerns about Covid. Zoe warned us not to fall for Covid vaccine scammers, as there are some out there soliciting payment to go to the front of the vaccine line.

Inder will turn in insurance info and bio for the March 27<sup>th</sup> (at El Capitan) and 28<sup>th</sup> (at Otay) Tournament of Champions.

Cole Wright – Tournament Director: There is a sign-up happening for our January 30<sup>th</sup> tournament. Get your sign-ups in to Cole before the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our two perspective members will be tournament pre-fished at that tournament, John Taylor, and Bruce Robertson. Sunrise at 6:50, so arrive at 5:30 or earlier. Please read the tournament rules on the website.

You will need your AIS sticker on your boat for Mojave. That's the Nevada Fish and Wildlife sticker for \$12-13, and it arrives by mail, so get that right away. You will also need an Arizona or Nevada license. Cole will also email that info to the club. Our insurance is the last step for approval at Mojave, and is in the works. Zoe reports that they have been very receptive to us at Catherine's Landing.

If you are having problems getting into the website, talk to Jeff Carpenter. Some were having problems with getting the newsletter, and it will be looked into.

Brian Goodell – Treasurer: We currently have \$5957.79. Please start paying your dues on Venmo. Venmo: Brian-Goodell-2. Address for mailing dues: 8600 Lemon Ave. Apt 10, La Mesa Ca 91941. Brian will also send out an email with the Venmo address, and his home address for mailing dues. Please leave a message saying what the money is for and from whom. Pay multiple months if you would like to.

Ed Byrd – Vice President: Our banquet site is secured for December. It will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and possibly an hour earlier so we can have more time to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We may be able to have the picnic and family tournament later in the year, depending on the Covid situation. When we start meeting in person again, we will work on volunteers for snacks at the meeting and other activity volunteers. We are still meeting at the La Mesa banquet hall because it is still the best deal we can get.

Frank asked about throwing some money onto more/better prizes for the banquet. Zoe says we are going to put more money onto the banquet to pay it back to the club with ideas like better prizes, a homecoming event, and better awards for the top 12. It will be further discussed by the board. Zoe proposed a committee to explore more ideas.

Cheryl Byrd – Newsletter Chair: If you have anything to sell fishing related she will post it. If you want anything else in the newsletter or have article ideas, just let her know.

Cesar suggested we put some cash onto the first, second, and third place winners of tournaments. Zoe suggested bring that to the board for discussion.

In keeping with the technical difficulties of the evening, Zoom shut down at 7:53PM.  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice E. Eisner  
Secretary