



NEWS

MARCH 2021

50th Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zoé Gardner



Club fishing is often the precursor that launches many of us into money tournaments: the stakes are high, the competition is fierce, you don't question the tournament rules, and you follow the instructions of the tournament director and tournament staff. Two simple

little words that are part of these games, and should never be ignored: OFF LIMITS! The 2-day San Diego Council of Bass Club's Tournament of Champions will be held on March 27th at El Cap, and March 28th at Otay. While I know Inder will take those words seriously, let's make sure we all do. OFF LIMITS in this instance applies to our entire club, or we get our champion disqualified, we forfeit the entry fee, and we embarrass our club. Let's avoid that, please. Both lakes are OFF LIMITS starting March 21 through and including March 28th for both lakes. Inder has a good track record at both lakes – especially Otay, so let's give him our support, and cheer him on to victory by following those two words.

The Bass Council President, Robert Congdon, has requested help at the T of C (4 guys in the morning, 4 guys in the afternoon) each day. Weigh-in on Saturday (El Cap) will be at 3pm, and weigh-in on Sunday (Otay) will be at 2pm. If you can help, please let me know and I will pass your name along to Robert. There will not be food or a raffle as we are all still running tournaments following the COVID restrictions. There will be a

brief awards ceremony, so wear your masks (and Bassmaster wear) and cheer on our champ: Go, Inder!

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom again on March 2nd at 7pm. I will send out the invite the Sunday or Monday prior to that evening. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to get this season started!

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.

**March
General Meeting on the 2nd
via Zoom at 7 p.m.
(link to follow in email)**

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Cole Wright

Hello San Diego Bassmasters, we kicked off the season at Lake Otay on February 27th with 23 boats and 12 backseaters. I have to say it was nice seeing everyone at the weigh-in. Let's get to the top 3; 3rd - Ed Marr 12.48 lbs., 2nd - John Williamson 12.68 lbs. and the big fish of the tournament for 4.57 lbs., and our Otay winner, Nick Meyer with 14.04 lbs. Great job, you guys.



The next tournament is at Mohave on March 19th & 20th. It will be a pick your partner tournament. No launch and go. I will draw numbers for boaters before I leave. We will not be having a meeting on Thursday 18th due to Covid-19 rules. I will be texting everyone Thursday March 18th at 5:30 p.m. The message will be about safe light, weigh-in time and where we will be having the weigh-in. From looking at Google Maps for weigh in the docks look really like where we might have it but I will let you all know on Thursday. Please look over the Lake Mohave AIS Decal requirements and Katherine Landing Covid-19 rules. Everyone who is going to fish Mohave needs a Nevada AIS Decal sticker. It can be obtained at ndow.org. If you have any questions, please give me a call 619-884-0922. See you all at the meeting, if not at Lake Mohave. Have a safe drive.

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Approved Schedule for 2021

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



TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Brian Goodell



Well here we are! I hope you are all as excited as I am to catch some fish this year. As of our last board meeting, our balance was at \$12,097.81. As long as our membership stays steady and you all continue to pay your dues, we should have a little extra money in the bank to make our 50th anniversary celebration extra special. There are still a few of you that have yet to pay me dues for 2021. Please do so as soon as possible. Just as a reminder: you can venmo me @Brian-Goodell-2 or send a check to 8600 Lemon Ave apt 10, La Mesa 91941.!



VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Ed Byrd



Not much to report for this for this month’s newsletter. Once we’re allowed to hold live meetings and events, we’ll need people to step up and support them. So expect to be asked to help out.

Cheryl and I are looking forward to going to Lake Mohave for the next tournament. I have a reservation at Days Inn by Wyndham in Bullhead City that I won’t need, so let me know if you can’t find someplace to stay. I have to cancel the reservation soon, so let me know ASAP.

IMPORTANT: be sure that you have your livewells drained and the boat drain plug open when towing your boat in Arizona. Also, be sure to have your Nevada Aquatic Invasive species sticker (Order it NOW if you don’t have it as it takes a few weeks to process...keep a printout of your receipt). You’ll also need an Arizona or Nevada fishing license.

Lastly, I need to apologize. I didn’t realize that we were able to stay after the weigh in for the results, so after cleaning up the boat, I left. Again, sorry, didn’t mean to disrespect the winners.

See you all at the Zoom meeting on the 2nd ...

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greg Gardner



Hello, San Diego Bassmasters. Currently we are at 38 active members. At our last meeting we voted back, from “inactive” status, Ken Louis. And we also voted in our newest member John Taylor. Say, “Hi” to John at our Otay tournament, help him feel welcome. I have 5 new applications from people interested in joining our club. I am currently making contact with each of them. The first step for them is to attend a meeting. So at our next meeting I will be introducing them and asking you for help in pre-fishing them. The initial pre-fish is a very important part of our process, and if you say, “Yes” to helping, be ready to give me your feedback so I can report to the Board.

We also have:

- 4 Inactive
- 17 At Large
- 8 Lifetime
- 8 Honorary
- 5 Prospective

Our first tournament is happening next Saturday, so I wish you all Good Luck!

See you on the lake...

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. via Zoom`	MARCH 2nd
BOARD MEETING via Zoom	MARCH 11TH
ST. PATRICK’S DAY	MARCH 17TH
TOURNAMENT at MOHAVE	MARCH 19TH -20TH

**San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting
February 2, 2021 via Zoom**



The San Diego Bassmasters general meeting for February was called to order by President Zoe Gardner at 7:04PM on Zoom. (approx. 30 in attendance)

Greg Gardner – Membership Chair: Ken Louis wants to return to the club and fish the next tournament, and John Taylor has been pre-fished by Bruce and tournament pre-fished by Greg, and will be voted on tonight. We are at 36 active tonight, and with Ken and John will be at 38. John talked a little about himself. After removing guests and prospective members to a breakout room, discussion was had and a vote was taken for Ken and John. Both will now be our newest members.

Ed Byrd – Vice President: Ed is hoping that by May or so, with vaccines, that we will have some in person events and meetings, especially the family tournament and the picnic. Gina will do the kids' games and the raffle for the picnic. We still need a chairman, and Ed is going to ask Nick since he was unable to do it last year with the shutdowns.

Brian Goodell – Treasurer: We currently have \$10,002.79. Many have not paid dues. If you want points for the next tournament you need to pay dues before the tournament. Venmo: Brian-Goodell-2. Address for mailing dues: 8600 Lemon Ave. Apt 10, La Mesa Ca 91941. There was discussion about whether being paid up before the tournament was correct and necessary to get your participation points, or if it was if you are three months in arrears. It will be looked into and the answer emailed to the members.

Cole Wright – Tournament Director: We had a fun tournament last weekend, with 9 participants. Our Otay tournament is February 27th. Cole read the list of those signed up and took other sign-ups. Cole will send out pairings tomorrow, and if you sign up after tonight, you must fish as a back seater and lose the 2 participation points. We have 30 fishermen and 22 boats fishing. Greg and Cole worked out the bags for the weigh-in, drawing a line where you need to fill the water level, and only use your own bag if you have a fish over 5 pounds.

Reminder: 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. Discussion was had. You will also need an Arizona or Nevada license. Cole also emailed that info to the club. Insurance is approved and we are ready to go.

Zoe: We are working toward meeting at our meeting room. There is no Council meeting, but all forms, etc. are being worked on for Inder and the TOC.

Mike Lupo thanked members who came down to help at the Crisis House to move to their new location.

Cheryl Byrd – Newsletter Chair: If you have anything to sell or buy, contact Cheryl to put it in the newsletter.

Zoe: Week before March 27-28 Otay and El Capitan are closed to us for fishing before the TOC.

Mike Lupo warned that with low water, we should watch for underwater rocks, etc. as we fish.

Jim Sleight shared that some docks are even closing. If there aren't enough employees to man the lake, they are closing them, and taking advantage to get lakes closed. Jim is even offering to volunteer to get repairs done at the lakes, but he is being ignored and denied. Discussion was had. Letters from the clubs was discussed, plus from the Bass Council. If club members called their city council members and county reps, that could go a long way. \

Greg Vasquez brought up the new rules concerning bringing our fish to the scales. As long as the person who caught the fish is there at the scale during the weigh-in, anyone can help carry the fish to the scale. If you don't show up, you are disqualified.

Having no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice E. Eisner
Secretary

Fun Tournament

Lake El Capitan, January 30, 2021

Congratulations to Brandon Kuehl for the win with a bag of bass over 19 pounds



Lake Otay 2-27-2021

1st = Nick Meyer 14.04 lbs.

2nd = John Williamson 12.68 lbs., with a big fish of 4.57 lbs.

3rd = Ed Marr 12.48 lbs.

