



# NEWS

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zoé Gardner



In case nobody made the connection, "Crummy" and "Mohave" have the same number of letters. Coincidence? Not for many of us! Nonetheless, I'd still go back. What's that saying, "If it were easy, everyone would do it." I am so proud

of how everyone stepped up by getting their decals, licenses, signing the forms, taking great care of your fish, and being COVID-compliant. I know it was a lot of hassle, but in true Bassmaster fashion, we represented with class. Thank you. What can I say about Cole...you stayed on top of every detail to get us on that lake, and you knocked it out of the park. You wanted to do a great job, and you did. Thank you! And congratulations to the warriors who fought a good fight and performed so well.

Speaking of warriors, our own Inder Lopez proudly represented our club in the Bass Council's Tournament of Champions on March 27th (at El Cap) & 28th (at Otay). He bagged 19.57 pounds on Saturday, and a respectable 9.51 pounds on Sunday. He finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. It was so close the difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> was a mere 1.15 pounds. It didn't help that the winner caught a 9.63 kicker on Day 2. I don't know if the Bass Council will do a virtual program or not, so here's what Inder's bio was going to say:

*Inder Lopez enjoys fishing with his friends and family, however, lately it has been with his fiancé,*



*Erin Lester. "She's the best partner a guy could ask for! She's the best and I love her so much!" Inder has won many awards for fishing including Angler of the Year for the San Diego Bassmasters: 2013, 2018 and 2020. He also won The San Diego Bassmasters*

*Tournament of Champions for 2013 and 2020. His goal this year would be to win this tournament in the name of Ron Overman, a dear friend, mentor and hero who passed away last year. "This one is for you Ronnie!"*

Inder, I can say with great confidence, you made Ronnie proud, and you made us all proud! It warmed my heart to see how many family members and Bassmasters came out to cheer our Champ. And the ones who didn't make it to weigh-in were keeping close tabs on how you were doing via a large group text. That kind of caring and love only graces those who deserve it. Congratulations, Inder!

I know everyone is getting antsy for a live General Membership meeting, but our current meeting location has stated they will not open for meetings until we're in the orange or yellow tiers. So our next meeting will be a Zoom meeting (on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm). I will send out the Zoom invite the Sunday or Monday before our meeting. Hopefully, we won't have another surge after Easter. Let's keep our fingers crossed and our masks on. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Easter.

*The following snippets were excerpted with permission from "Jack Tar and the Baboon Watch: A Guide to Curious Nautical Knowledge for Landlubbers and Sea Lawyers Alike" by our own BoatUS Magazine contributing editor, Frank Lanier*

**The roots of many phrases and words we use every day can be traced to a life afloat. Here's a smattering of nautical sayings that have come ashore over the years.**



*Illustrations: Jeffrey Moores*

### **A cup of Joe**

The nickname for coffee came about due to the reforms initiated in 1913 by Josephus Daniels, then secretary of the United States Navy under President Woodrow Wilson. One such reform was the elimination of the officers' wine mess, a policy received less than enthusiastically by many. Since that time a cup of the strongest drink allowed on board U.S. naval ships has been referred to as "a cup of Joe."

### **Bigwigs**

Strangely enough, this is one bit of seafaring lingo that pretty much means what it says. Senior officers of Britain's Royal Navy at one time actually did wear bodaciously large wigs after the style of the day.

### **Bootleg**

This term for the smuggling of illegal liquor was derived from the sailors' ruse of bringing in contraband by hiding it in the tops of the sea boots.

### **Carry a bone in her teeth**

Phrase used to describe a ship sailing fast enough to foam the water in front of her bow.

### **Crow's nest**

Name for the highest lookout station aloft, a term most likely derived from the old Norse practice of bringing cages of ravens aboard to assist in navigation. If the navigator was in doubt as to the direction of the nearest landfall, the cage was hoisted aloft, and a raven released. The bird invariably headed for land, the navigator noted the direction of flight, and plotted accordingly. Best guess is the lookout stationed aloft likely shared his perch with the feathered members of the crew from time to time, thus the name!

### **Duffel**

A sailor's personal belongings (normally referring to his clothing) as well as the sea bag of coarse woolen fabric used to carry and stow them in. The name probably originated from the Flemish town of Duffel (near Antwerp) where the cloth was made.

### **Footloose**

Uninhibited or spontaneous. The bottom of a triangular sail is called the foot, and a "loose-footed sail" is one attached fore and aft, but unsecured along the boom itself and able to dance freely in the wind if the clew (aft end) is freed.

### **Dungaree**

Webster's Dictionary once defined dungaree as "a coarse kind of fabric worn by the poorer class of people and also used for tents and sail." While we probably couldn't picture our favorite pair of jeans hanging from the yardarm, discarded sailcloth (which was not dyed blue, nor was as well-woven as today's fabric) was often utilized by sailors to make items such as work clothes and hammocks. In fact, it was standard practice for captains in both the American and British navies to exaggerate the amount of sail lost during a battle in order to provide the crew with material. The cloth was called dungaree (from the Hindi word dungri), and the name became synonymous with the clothes themselves.



*Editor's Note: More to follow next month!*

**TOURNAMENT TRAIL**

**Cole Wright**



Well, San Diego Bassmasters, round two is sadly over. Lake Mohave was a blast. I would like to thank Zoé Gardner for helping me out with the insurance paperwork and always making sure everything was good to go. I could not have done it without Zoé. I would also like to thank my weigh-in team of Brian Goodell, Nick Meyer, Joe Desalvo, Larry Ward and Greg Gardner for helping set up the scale. Katherine Landing head director was there at the weigh-in. He was very happy seeing us there. He had nothing bad to say about us, only positive. From my understanding we should be able to get a permit for next year. Lake Mohave is a great fishery and I sure hope we can go back.

I'm sure most of you already know who took the win: Mr. Nick Meyer with a total weight for two days of 35.59, 2nd place was Brent Kearny with 34.74 and 3rd place, Bruce Smith with 32.22.

The next tournament is April 17th at Lake Otay. I will be sending out a sign-up sheet soon. Remember your last day to sign up will be Tuesday April 6th.



**Approved Schedule for 2021**

January 30 <sup>th</sup>	El Capitan (fun)
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Otay
March 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mohave
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Otay
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**



Hope you all had as good a time at Lake Mohave as I did! Despite not bringing much to the scales, I had a great time checking out a new-to-me lake. Sure saw a lot of healthy fish.

As far as dues go, there are a number of you who paid for January at the beginning of the year and have not paid since. Please send me dues as soon as possible. As usual, you can send a check to me at 8600 Lemon Ave, Apt 10, La Mesa 91941, or venmo me @Brian-Goodell-2.

Thank you all and see you at Otay!

*Happy Easter*



*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.*



**VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Ed Byrd



First of all, congratulations to Inder Lopez for his effort in the Bass Council's Tournament of Champions! Everyone knows that to win a tournament like this, it takes skill and some luck. Inder definitely has the skill but a couple of other fishermen had a little more luck. Inder only needed a little over a pound in two days of fishing to win.

The Mohave tournament was fun but tough for a lot of people, including me. After one day of pre-fishing, Cheryl and I thought we had a pattern that was working. The second day was tougher and the first day of the tournament was worse! We were seeing fish but they just weren't interested in biting. It's still amazing to see the bottom in 30 foot of water!

It looks like the COVID problem is getting better and there's a good chance that we'll be back to "normal" by midsummer. As soon as we can get out of these restrictions and be able to meet together, the better. Cheryl and I both have had our initial shot, coming back from Havasu for the shots. The shot didn't hurt at all, with only a minor ache in the arm afterward. Make sure to do your part and get your shots.

Hope to see you all on our next ZOOM meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Just look for Zoé's email and click on the link. Once you're in the meeting, don't forget to activate your microphone and video!

**April**  
**General Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**via Zoom at 7 p.m.**  
*(link to follow in email)*

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Greg Gardner



Hello, San Diego Bassmasters. Well, Mohave is in the history books. It was tough. But it is not always tough. I know it's hard to fish a tough tournament that is so far away from home, but I hope you will still want to go the next time it comes up.

To me, there are so many good things about a trip like that. I really do love the trip over and seeing all the places we don't get to see when we stay home. And the lake: it's beautiful. And it's big. Getting to fish a lake that is big and to travel on it as far as you want to go, I love that. I only caught 7 for the 2 tournament days, but they were beautiful. A 3-pound or bigger smallmouth is a sight we don't get to see here at home. I looked into that 19-pound bag of fish that Nick brought to the scales on the second day. Wow! That is inspiration enough for me to go back. I have fished Mohave about 8-10 times. I won a San Diego Bassmasters tournament when I was the new kid in the club. And I have loved it ever since. What I am trying to say is don't give up on the lake. The next time we could all catch those big smallmouths.

Currently we are at 39 active members. We have two prospective people who will be pre-fished by our next meeting, so we can get them into the next tournament at Otay.

We also have:

- 3 Inactive
- 17 At Large
- 8 Life-time
- 8 Honorary
- 2 Prospective

See you at the next meeting,

**IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH**

<b>EASTER.....</b>	<b>APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. via Zoom` .....</b>	<b>APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>TOURNAMENT at OTAY.....</b>	<b>APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>BOARD MEETING via Zoom .....</b>	<b>APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup></b>



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Through mostly grunts and exaggerated gestures, two fishermen-gatherers attempt to communicate.

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



The San Diego Bassmasters general meeting for March was called to order by President Zoe Gardner at 7:01PM on Zoom. (approx. 30 in attendance)

Greg Gardner – Membership Chair: Guests tonight are Roy Andrews and Lee Jerry. Michael Lupo volunteered to pre-fish Lee Jerry, and Kenny Louis will pre-fish Roy Andrews. We also have Ryan Kuiper who wants return from inactive. A vote was taken, and he is now back on our list of active members with 39 currently active.

Zoe - Bass council report: Week before March 27-28, Otay and El Capitan are closed to us for fishing before the TOC. They asked if we have one or two people to come and help at the tournament, it would be appreciated. Contact Zoe if you can help out. There will be a brief awards ceremony at 2:00 at Otay on Sunday. Currently, the councils funds are Checking: \$4588.23, Savings: \$5070.13, Fisherman's Fund: \$3027.25. We are not yet able to meet at our meeting place until we are not in the purple tier of covid any longer.

Ed Byrd – Vice President: We are looking forward to going to Mojave. We have no actual date to have an in-person meeting, so we will get a person to work the raffle when that is closer, unless someone wants to contact Ed and volunteer now. Ed is hoping for family tournament and picnic later in the year, perhaps September. Anyone who wants to volunteer can contact Ed about that, also. Kenny asked about our policy for following the guidelines for covid, and we will be following the guideline and not having events in the purple tier. Kenny offered to plan the family tournament.

Brian Goodell – Treasurer: We currently have \$12,172.04. Keep paying your dues.  
Venmo to pay dues: Brian-Goodell-2. Address for mailing dues: 8600 Lemon Ave. Apt 10, La Mesa Ca 91941.

Cole Wright – Tournament Director: Our Otay tournament results:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ed Marr with 12.48lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> – John Williamson with 12.68lbs. and 4.57lbs. big fish.

1<sup>st</sup> – Nick Meyer with 14.04.

Mojave 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 this week. 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. Cole has an aquatic invasive species acknowledgement form to fill out before the tournament. They will be emailed or delivered to you when the boaters are determined. Cole has to send it in a week ahead of the tournament. Cole will text the info for weigh-in, safe light, etc. the night before the tournament. No meeting. Cole read the list of those signed up.

Mike Lupo – Mike would like the emails for all the other clubs to call and attend their meetings to press the needs of Crisis House and get them to help out. Current needs are personal hygiene kits with items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap/body wash, comb/brush, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, tissue, deodorant, disposable razor, mini first aid kit, wash cloth, chapstick. Bonus items: nail clippers, dental floss, shaving cream, gum/mints, feminine hygiene products, anti-bacterial wipes, needle and thread, athletic socks, and one gallon plastic bags with zipper closure for packing. The pre-made kits are easier to pass out and store. They are located on Cuyamaca Rd. in Santee.

Cheryl Byrd – Newsletter: If you have something to advertise in the newsletter, contact Cheryl.

Cheryl Byrd moved and Greg Gardner seconded that the minutes from February be approved. Motion passed.

Having no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janice Marr Eisner  
Secretary