



NEWS

MAY 2021

50th Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zoé Gardner



I'm hoping our May meeting (which we moved up to April 27th) will be our last Zoom meeting, but time will tell. Everything is starting to look better as far as reopening our city, but diligence is still required. Please take care of yourselves, your families and each other. We're off to

Havasu and I can't wait (even though it is glaringly obvious I'm in some kind of an evil fishing slump). Safe travels to all and good fishing.

The Bass Council is starting to focus on the Top Six (in September). I told the new President that although we usually step up for many various big jobs, this was our year and we were going to focus on our 50th. He said, "I know your club has always stepped up over the years. Congratulations on 50 years. I absolutely understand."

50 YEARS! Do you all realize how extraordinary that is for a club? Why us and not so many other clubs that have fallen by the wayside over the years? I think it's our shared love of the sport (sometimes to a geeky level... guilty as charged), but also that we have developed more family-oriented friendships. It's a tight bond that has served us well for decades. We may piss each other off (like families do), but I know if any of us needed help of any kind, we'd have each other's backs. That intensity of love, goodness and shared dreams have forged life-long friendships and made our club so solid.

I'm not so naïve or blind that I don't see negative forces in play as well, but for this, our 50th year, I challenge all of us to make our founding fathers proud: Let's be superior Bassmasters and celebrate US! Those deliberate efforts will fortify our club for the future generations of San Diego Bassmasters. What will you leave as your legacy? Hopefully something to be proud of.

I am grateful for all of you, our hard-working Board, and the opportunity to serve as your President.

Take care

**May
General Meeting
Moved to April 27th
via Zoom at 7 p.m.
(link to follow in email)**

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

Gamming

A "gam" was a mutual visit between the crews of whaling ships when they happened to meet abroad. It was there the latest news and gossip was exchanged and yarns were spun amid plenty of song, dance, food, and drink. The word "gam" came from whaleman slang for a pod of whales.

Hard up

Destitute, fallen on hard or trying times, this is derived from "hard up the helm," an order to place the tiller as far to windward as possible during difficult weather, thus turning the ship's head away from the wind so she might ride easier.

But Why Is It Called The 'Head'?

The forward-most part of the ship was originally known as the "bows" or "beakhead" after the ram on the bow of a fighting galley (think beak as in bird of prey). During the Medieval period, the bows evolved into a raised castle-like structure from which archers (and later fighting musketeers) could fire down upon the enemy during battle, which is where the name forecastle (or fo'c'sle) is derived.

Over time, the forecastle devolved into basically a work platform covered with open grating. Due to the continuous flushing action of the sea and its location (which allowed the wind coming forward to carry the smell forward, too, away from the ship), this is where the lavatories or "seats of ease"

came to be located, these being nothing more than benches built over holes cut into the grating.

Those who used them were fully exposed to both the elements and the ship's company with at least one Spanish traveler describing with mock sentiment the lovely views afforded the crew of the moon and planets, as well as the tarred ropes (which serve the same purpose as the corncob in rural America) and those impromptu washings provided by the waves. Thoughtful captains often had safety netting strung around the entire area, as it was not uncommon for patrons caught off guard to be washed overboard by larger seas. They could be busy places too, as a typical 18th century man-of-war possessed only six seats of ease for a crew of roughly 800.

Hunki dori

Commodore Matthew Perry's historic visit to Japan in July 1853 began an era of openness and commercial intercourse between east and west. Yokohama was one of Japan's busiest ports at the time, and the main street of the waterfront district, Honki-dori, became famous for its ability to provide an abundance of pleasures to sailors while in port.

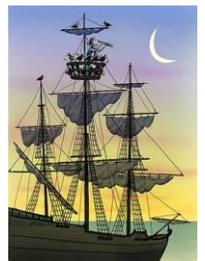
While Honki-dori was relatively straightforward and easy to navigate, the winding side streets and back roads were not only confusing but potentially dangerous to unwary sailors (particularly those of the inebriated persuasion) who often fell victim to robbery or worse. Advice was if you stayed on Honki-dori you could probably find everything you desired in relative safety, hence the street name association with everything being OK.

Know the ropes

One requirement of shipping aboard as an able seaman (versus an ordinary hand) was a thorough knowledge of all ropes pertaining to the vessel's operation, which on a square-rigger could equate to miles of cordage. Crew members achieving that level of skill were said to "know the ropes."

Lubber Line

A line marked on a ship's compass that's aligned with the vessel's centerline and used as a reference point showing the direction straight ahead. Even the greenest hand on board could be instructed on how to steer a course by simply keeping the lubber line on the correct heading.



Editor's Note: More to follow next month!

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Cole Wright



Well, Lake Otay is done for the year. I'm sure some of you are happy and some are sad. I like Otay in the summer and fall, so I'm sad. We had a great tournament at Otay on April 17th, with most everyone catching a limit of fish. I'm sure

most of you were culling fish most of the day. So who came out on top? The one and only Nick Meyer! Nick won with 16.21 lbs. This guy is on fire! Keep it going, Nick. Inder Lopez took 2nd place with 15.53 lbs and John Williamson came in 3rd with 14.95 lbs. and big fish in the tournament of 6.56 lbs.

Our next tournament is coming up super fast on May 7th & 8th at Lake Havasu. This will be a pick your partner. If you are going as a non boater and you don't have a boater to go with, I will put you in a draw and put you with someone that is fishing by himself. Please let me know if you can't find someone before we leave for Havasu. We will launch and weigh-in out of Windsor's south side at the launch ramp. I will let everyone know what time take-off will be. I did get the release boat for both days at \$5.00 per boat each day for a total of \$10.00. You can venmo the money to brian@Brian-Goodell-2 or give cash to me at Thursday's meeting. If you guys and girls do not pay, you will be disqualified from the tournament. Please pay! There will be a meeting on Thursday before the tournament at Bass Tackle Master at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your mask. See you at the general meeting, which has been moved to April 27th.



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



Another tournament down and the last of Otay for the year. I had a fun time catching fish despite another lackluster result for me. Ah well, on to Havasu! Someone beat Nick please?

As of our board meeting on Tuesday, we had \$12,497.16 in the bank. I know this may sound like a lot of money, but we have plenty of spending to do for the night tournaments, plaques, yearend banquet, etc. There are a few of you who have not paid dues since February. Please get on that! As always you can venmo me or send me a check. I will see you all virtually at the meeting on Tuesday.

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



Otay was a fun tournament! Lots of fish were caught with most people getting limits. Hope the Havasu tournament is as good or better! Reports from there indicate that fishing is still great. I'm writing this at Havasu and hope to get out soon. The only limitation right now is the weather with some windy days coming up. Hopefully the weather will be nice for the tournament.

Not too much new to report so far. The good news is that it looks like we may be able to have in person meetings starting in June. There will be some restrictions still in force...mainly that no food or drink can be provided by the club...so bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle so bring a little extra money.

As far as future non-tournament events, I want to get your opinions on what you would like see. There will be a short survey coming out soon so you can express your opinions. Please take the time to fill it out and send it back in.

That's about it for now, so I hope to see you all at Havasu....

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greg Gardner



Hello, San Diego Bassmasters. Currently we are at 39 members. I received a request from Skip Whitworth to come back into the club. The Board approved this at our most recent meeting. The next step will be for you all to vote at the club meeting.

Also we have two prospective members to vote on at that same meeting. Roy Andrews and Lee Jerry. They have both been pre-fished, approved by the Board, then tournament pre-fished, and again approved by the Board to be voted on by you at our upcoming General Membership meeting. The four members who have done their pre-fishing and tournament fished have all had only good things to say about these two guys.

This is a short report, so all I have left is: Good Luck at Havasu. See you there,

See you at the next meeting on April 27th,

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

NO CLUB MEETING MAY 4TH

TOURNAMENT MTG @ TACKLE STORE. MAY 6TH

TOURNAMENT at HAVASU..... MAY 7TH & 8TH

BOARD MEETING 6 P.M.via Zoom MAY 18TH

MEMRORIAL DAY MAY 31ST

**San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting
April 6, 2021 via Zoom**



The San Diego Bassmasters general meeting for April was called to order by President Zoe Gardner at 7:00PM on Zoom. (approx. 26 in attendance)

Greg Gardner – Membership Chair: Currently we are 39 active members. Guests/perspective members here tonight are Roy Andrews and Lee Jerry. Michael Lupo pre-fish Lee Jerry, and Kenny Louis pre-fish Roy Andrews. We will vote on their membership tonight. They received positive reviews from their pre-fish partners. Both spoke about their desire to be Bassmasters.

Greg Gardner moved and Frank Neugebauer seconded that we accept the March minutes. Motion passed.

Zoe - Bass council report: Meeting was only the draw for the tournament of champions. Zoe complimented Inder Lopez on a great job. Inder came in third overall. Currently, the council's funds are Checking: \$4588.23, Savings: \$5070.13, Fisherman's Fund: \$3027.25.

Ed Byrd – Vice President: It looks like California will open up more by June and we may be able to have in person meetings and our year end banquet. Ed will check to be sure they can accommodate a larger crowd if past Bassmasters come to our 50th year banquet. A trip to the shooting range was suggested as an event later this year.

Cole Wright – Tournament Director: Cole thanked his helpers and hopes we can go back next year. Our Mojave tournament results:

3rd – Bruce Smith with 32.22 lbs.

2nd – Brent Kearny with 34.74 lbs.

1st – Nick Meyer with 35.59 lbs.

Big Fish – Brandon Kueal had big fish for 4.77lbs.

Greg thanked Cole for a great job at Mojave!

For Otay the 17th, Cole read the sign-ups. He will do the pairings later tonight and send them out. 13" mouth closed, 50 feet from the dock. Pay big fish money before we hit the water. Sunrise at 6:30.

Zoe reminded us to wear our masks at the weigh-in. She also complimented Cole and thanked him for jumping through the hoops for Mojave, and for the great weigh-in. Everyone presented well.

Zoe proposed we switch our next general meeting to April 27th instead of May 4th to avoid missing people who will be leaving for our next out of town tournament at Havasu. We will change to the 27th for our May meeting. Board meeting is April 20th.

Zoe asked Bruce, Nick, Brent, and Dina to talk about what they did at the Mojave tournament.

Ed Byrd talked about the fishing at Havasu and the heat.

Mike Lupo presented Ryan Test and Dina Annso with the Foot Award for messing up (or getting messed up) royally at Mojave.

Brian Goodell – Treasurer: We currently have \$12,357. Keep paying your dues. Brian will touch base with the two perspective members about initiation fees/dues/insurance.

Venmo to pay dues: Brian-Goodell-2. Address for mailing dues: 8600 Lemon Ave. Apt 10, La Mesa Ca 91941.

Cheryl Byrd – Newsletter: If you have any feedback, let Cheryl know, or anything to add to it. If you have a camping/fishing/outdoor things to sell, or appropriate jokes, send that info to her for the newsletter.

Jim Sleight says we got a great response from the new management group at Catherine's Landing and Jeff Brown. He is also running Diamond Valley. He is receptive to tournaments and we now have him as a good contact.

Jim has been making inroads with the city council toward favorable response about fishing at the lakes, docks, etc.

Frank is now the secretary/treasurer of the group.

Greg: Cole will pass out plaques after the Otay tournament to past winners, so don't leave!

Patrick Farrier is working on the Covid vaccine line and if you are trying to get one but can't, reach out. They have doses left at the end of the day that you may be able to come get.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Marr Eisner
Secretary

Memorial Day

May 31, 2021

Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of summer, but let's remember why we celebrate it. Memorial Day is a federal holiday that was created following the Civil War in 1868 to honor the fallen. It is now a day of remembrance to honor and mourn all military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May. This year will mark the 153rd observance of the holiday.



Lest we forget...

freedom is not free!

On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half staff from **sunrise until noon to mourn the fallen**, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset in *honor* of the nation's battle heroes. There is a process for flying a flag at half-staff. First, the flag should be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to a half-staff position.

Big Winners in April



1st - Nick Meyer



2nd - Inder Lopez



3rd - John Williamson