



NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

50th Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Zoé Gardner



Wow. September already. Lots to talk about, and lots to do. First, another reminder that **Otay will be off limits to all club members after September 12th through and including September 18th.** Why, you ask? Because our Dream Team of: Inder Lopez, Brandon Kuehl,

Duane Johnson, Brent Kearney, Jeff Manning and Cole Wright will be representing our fine club at the Top Six tournament on September 18th. This is a big deal in the fishing community, so please show your support for our guys by attending this function. There will be 3 flights with weigh-ins at: 1:00, 1:15 and 1:30. There will be food and raffle prizes. Show your Bassmaster pride by wearing anything with our logo on it (especially our 50th anniversary ball caps. I also need a few people to help with this event (a morning team to help set up, and an afternoon team to help with a variety of jobs). I want to thank Juan Collins for stepping up to help in the morning (but he can't be alone).

That weekend is officially dubbed Bassmaster Weekend. Top Six on Saturday AND our club PICNIC on Sunday, September 19th. This is one of our most fun events and I know Regina Seaberg and her team are working hard to make this fun for all of us (including members of any status, their families and friends). Everyone is welcome. It's been too long since we have all gotten together. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, and meeting new friends.

September is also the time people are returning to school. Now why would I mention that in a fishing club article? Because our club is more than that. We offer an opportunity to our members, or their family members, to apply for a scholarship. It is awarded at our annual banquet and has ranged from \$500 to \$1000, maybe even more this year. All that is required is an essay submitted to the Scholarship committee. More about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

And when I mention the Banquet, I also want to remind everyone of a few more honors we take very seriously. First, Bassmaster of the Year. This is a true honor bestowed upon a dedicated member who has consistently gone above and beyond in efforts toward the betterment of our club. Nomination ballots will be available at the November general membership meeting and are to be submitted to any Board member. The process is described in its entirety elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another award is Sportsman of the Year award. This is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated some of the following actions: willingness to give aid to others, protect and enhance the environment, treat others fairly, maintains self-control when dealing with others, and has a respect for club rules, governmental regulations and his/her fellow fishermen. Again, please submit your nominations to any Board member no later than the November general membership meeting.

(President's message continued)

Finally, start thinking about serving a term as a Board member. I know this has been a challenging year for a variety of reason; however, this is the opportunity to serve the club you have committed to serve. It's a great club, and it will continue to be great with the efforts of people who truly care about the club and each other.

Take care...

**September 7th
General Meeting
@ 7 p.m.**

**La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center
8450 La Mesa Boulevard
La Mesa, CA 91942**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

September 7th
will be the last day to sign up for both

El Capitan on September 11th
and

Lower River on October 1st & 2nd
(because the tournament is before the October meeting)

Make sure to attend the meeting or call Cole

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.

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for the Bass Council's

Top 6 Event

**Don't DQ our team by being on the lake during
the off limits time period**

Excerpts from the By-laws:

Bassmaster of the Year

The club may honor a member that has clearly exceeded his or her role as part of the club by bestowal of the highest honor the club confers, that of Bassmaster of the Year. This honor signifies that this individual has consistently dedicated his or her time and talents and has freely given service significantly above and beyond that required by his or her office or station to the betterment of the San Diego Bassmasters. Nomination ballots for Bassmaster of the Year will be presented to the membership at the November General Meeting. These forms will state the above requirements and ask for written nominations. The Board will review the ballots and without discussion, vote by secret ballot for one person. The President and the last elected Bassmaster of the Year will review the Board's ballots. At least three votes are required for election of Bassmaster of the Year, and if two members each receive three votes, two Bassmasters of the Year shall be named. The award will be bestowed upon the individual at the annual awards banquet or other suitable venue.

Sportsman of the Year

The club may honor a member that exemplifies a high standard of sportsmanship. This award will be given to an individual who has shown, by his or her actions, some or all of the following: the willingness to give aid to others, protect and enhance the environment, treat others fairly, maintains self-control when dealing with others, and has respect for club rules and governmental regulations and his fellow fishermen. Nominations shall be made to the Board, and the Board will discuss the nominations and vote on the nominees no later than the November Board meeting. A two-thirds majority of the Board is required to be award this honor. The award will be bestowed upon the individual at the annual awards banquet or other suitable venue

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TOURNAMENT TRAIL

Cole Wright



Brandon Kuehl won the night tournament at El Capitan on August 21st with a total weight of 16.77. He also took Big Fish with a 6.27. Good job, Brandon. Greg Gardner took 2nd with 14.93 and Inder Lopez in 3rd with 13.80.

The 2021 season is almost done with only 3 tournaments left. We have a really close race for the top six. Nick Meyer is in 1st place for the AOY with 199 pts., 2nd Brandon Kuehl 180 pts., 3rd Bruce Smith 170 pts., 4th Larry Ward 167 pts., 5th Brent Kearney 158 pts., and 6th Cole Wright 153 pts. We will see how it all plays out.

We have two tournaments coming up, September 11th at El Capitan and October 1st & 2nd at the Lower River. If you want to fish either or both of these tournaments, please contact me or Jim Sleight. Our next General Meeting on September 7th will be the last day to sign up for both tournaments. See you all at the next Tournament.

Big Winners at El Capitan (night)



3rd – Inder Lopez 1st – Brandon Kuehl 2nd – Greg Gardner

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 (Fri)	San Vicente (6 hours night)
August 21 st (Sat)	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



Great tournament at El Cap! Not sure if I've seen so many 10+ pound bags at a night tournament since I joined the club. Thank you to everyone for getting me your permit money. Just a reminder to our newer members: you only pay me for permits at night tournaments. For the rest of the year, you will pay your permit fees at the lake as usual.

As of our board meeting, our account balances totaled \$15,466.74. There are a number of you that I will be contacting about getting up to date on dues. Feel free to reach out to me before the meeting for an update on where you stand and how much you owe. As we get closer to the end of the year, I would like you all to consider the possibility of paying up through the end of the year whenever it is comfortable for you to do so. This will help with our budget for the banquet, and ensure that we can give back as much as possible to our members for our 50th. Thank you all.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ed Byrd



On the 19th of this month, the first non-tournament event our club has been able to hold is finally here! This will be an opportunity for all our members and family to get together, have some fun and share some

great food. There will be something for everyone including a casting contest, cornhole tournament, bounce house for the kids, and a raffle. Regina Seaberg is doing a great job getting this event set up! Thanks Regina!

With school's finally starting up, that should be a reminder to everyone of the Bassmaster scholarship. Anyone who is a club member or relative of a member is eligible for the scholarship. Applications have been emailed to everyone and hard copies will be available at the meeting. The prize will be at least a thousand dollars! If some of you want to donate additional money toward this, contact our treasurer Brian Goodell.

The SD Bass Council's Top Six Tournament is coming up on the day before the picnic, September 18th. Come out to support our team! Also remember that **OTAY IS OFF LIMITS TO CLUB MEMBERS AFTER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH**! If you have any information that would help our team, please share it with them.

Other things coming up include our Tournament of Champions, elections, and finally the year-end Banquet. For these events, your help is needed, especially for the banquet. Please volunteer...it will be appreciated!

Many members seem to have gotten into the habit of Zoom meetings. You're missing out on a lot including being able to interact with other mem
See you Tuesday!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greg Gardner



Hello, San Diego Bassmasters. Currently we are at 38 active members, with 2 prospective members. We went from 39 to 38 because Skip Whitworth has decided to go inactive. We hope that he will be able to come back soon.

Our 2 prospective members are Anthony Meyer and Brandon Moreno. Anthony has been pre-fished by Greg Gardner and tournament fished by Josh Buller. Josh gave us a positive report and the Board has approved him to move forward. He will be voted on at our club meeting on September 7th. Then he can be entered into our El Cap tournament on September 11th. Brandon Moreno will pre-fish with me on Tuesday, August 31st. Then at our club meeting he can enter our El Cap tournament for his "tournament fish."

We also have on our roster:

Also part of our club:

- 38 Active
- 1 Family
- 7 Inactive
- 17 At Large
- 8 Lifetime
- 8 Honorary
- 2 Prospective

See you at the meeting

Annual Picnic
Sunday, September 19th
Santee Lakes - site 5
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting
August 3, 2021



President – Zoé Gardner

- Minutes from previous meeting approved
- **Otay Lake is off limits after 9/12 through the end of tournament on 9/18.** Our Top Six team is Inder Lopez, Brandon Kuehl, Duane Johnson, Brent Kearney, Jeff Manning and Cole Wright. Come out and support them.

Membership Chairman – Greg Gardner

- Introduced prospective member Brandon Moreno—also volunteered to bring pizza next meeting
- Anthony Meyer was pre-fished by Greg Gardner, tournament pre-fished by Josh Buller and will be voted on next month

- Currently 39 active
- Ryan Kuiper will be going back on deployment but will remain active

Treasurer – Brian Goodell

- \$15,006.87 in account

Newsletter Editor – Cheryl Byrd

- No updates for newsletter

Tournament Director – Jim Sleight (filling in for Cole Wright)

- Tournament at San V had 17 boats with 28 fishermen
3rd place 11.55 Larry Ward
2nd place 11.94 Buzz Brizendine
1st place 15.92 Keith Cloward
- Wounded Warrior Event on October 3rd at San V. Needs boaters to take 50 guys out - need to have insurance, gear, minimum of 17' boat - assign 1-2 to a boat. Free to them. Go to CARFA.com to register - this is available on the San Diego teams website

Vice President – Ed Byrd

- Picnic coming up September 19th the day after Top Six tournament. Regina is running the picnic and has sent out “save the date” cards. Please confirm attendance and number of guests. Ed sent out survey email, please reply with preferences for Corn Hole versus Washer Toss. People with large ice chests need to confirm with Regina.
- Scholarship—Ed to send out details to application. Need at least three people to review application for scholarship. Could possibly be \$1700 this year.
 - Keith Cloward
 - Dina Ammsso
- Banquet is December 12th at Sycuan’s Singing Hills Golf Course. Everyone is invited, dinner is paid for all members and one guest. Door prizes for members and guest.

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Respectfully,
Dina M. Ammsso
Substituting as Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

GENERAL MEETING AT 7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 7TH

TOURNAMENT AT EL CAPITAN (6 HRS)

SEPTEMBER 11TH

TOP 6 TOURNAMENT AT OTAY

SEPTEMBER 18TH

ANNUAL PICNIC AT SANTEE LAKES - SITE 5

SEPTEMBER 19TH

BOARD MEETING 6 P.M. VIA ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 21ST

San Diego Bassmasters Annual Picnic

September 19th 2021

BBQ at Santee Lakes - site 5

9 am until 3pm

B.B.Q starts at 12:00pm ~ Bring a side dish to share

Games start at 10:00am

Corn Hole

(replacing washer toss) ~ starting around 10:00AM

Prizes for the winning team ~ two \$50.00 gift cards

Casting Contest

\$5.00 to enter & \$5.00 buy back in if needed, limited.

Prize for the winner is a new rod & reel valued at \$360.00

Ladies Games & prizes

Kids Games

Along with Raffle prizes for all the Kids

Kids Bounce House

Raffle for the Adults

If you would like to bring something to add to the Adult Raffle then we can make this even bigger and better.

Please RSVP

- Number of adults in your household that will be attending
- Number of children and their ages.

We will be hosting a Kids raffle and want to make sure we have a prize for each child.

Please contact either Regina Seaberg at 619-990-1279 Or Victorria Meyer at 619-647-0220

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Bassmaster Scholarship

The San Diego Bassmasters shall establish a fund to award an annual scholarship towards expenses at an accredited college or university. This award will honor the person who was instrumental in establishing the scholarship, Darryl Crippen, and will be called the San Diego Bassmasters Darryl Crippen Scholarship. Persons eligible for this scholarship must be a member or close relative of a member (Le. spouse, parent,

child, brother, sister, grandchild, niece, or nephew). The amount set aside for the scholarship each year shall be determined by a vote of the membership and based on recommendations from the Club Treasurer. The amount for the scholarship awarded shall be at least \$100 and not more than \$500 per year. A Scholarship Committee to select the person to be awarded the scholarship will consist of a Chairman, appointed by the President in January for a term of one year. The Scholarship Committee will include four other members who will serve for one year, two of which must be elected by the General Membership. The Scholarship Committee shall determine the method of selecting the winner of the scholarship, and their selection of a recipient is final. In the event a suitable candidate is not found, the Scholarship Committee may elect not to award the scholarship. The award will be bestowed upon the individual at the annual awards banquet or other suitable venue.

Start thinking ahead to 2022. The Nominating Committee will be contacting you in October to see if you would like to serve on the board for the upcoming year or would like to nominate someone else. Serving on the Board is an honor and each of you said you would be willing to serve when you were voted into the club. As with any organization, the younger members need to step up and assume more responsibility. The Bassmasters is the oldest and best club in town, but will only stay that way if everyone does their part.

Officers and Their Duties

All officers shall fulfill the duties of their office to the best of their abilities, and they shall participate in club functions to the fullest extent possible. All officers shall keep other members of the Board and the membership apprised of developments in the areas they are responsible for. All officers shall maintain a record of their activities pursuant to their office both digitally and with hard copies, to be passed on to their successor. All officers shall submit a monthly article to be published in the newsletter.

President: Presides over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoints and directs all committee functions. Supervises all club functions.

Vice President: Assists the President in his or her duties and presides in his or her absence. Arrange for monthly programs, if applicable or as the meeting schedule permits.

Tournament Director: Oversees tournament events and scheduling. Advises any member if they have lost eligibility to fish next tournament. Assures fairness and honesty in competition. Updates tournament rules. Ensures that the club abides by local, state and national rules and regulations concerning tournaments.

Treasurer: Maintains accurate financial records and reports status at each meeting. Prepares an annual budget. Advises Tournament Director and Membership Director if a member is in jeopardy of not fishing the next tournament or losing membership status.

Secretary: Maintains accurate minutes of all General, Board, and Special meetings and handles official correspondence. Keeps hard and digital copies of all minutes and correspondence.

Membership Director: Introduces new members and guests. Provides new member profile for next newsletter. Maintains accurate membership records. Assures all members meet the requirements for membership. Advises a member of impending loss of membership status.

Newsletter Editor: Compiles, copies, and distributes monthly newsletter. Maintains archives of back issues digitally and with hard copies.

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