



# NEWS

July 2022

51 Years of Fishing, Friends, and Fun!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bruce Smith



Good afternoon to all the San Diego Bassmasters!

Our southern California weather has turned hot and so has the fishing at our local lakes.

First off, a big thank you to all that helped pull off an outstanding SDBM picnic. We had beautiful weather and Dos Picos park was an excellent location. It was so great to see Lifetime members Jim Putney and Doris Cook out and about along with several past members of the club. Congratulations to Larry Ward for winning the casting competition. Thank you, Regina for pulling off another huge successful raffle. Last and definitely not least, a huge **Thank You** to Victorria and Nick Meyer for coordinating a superb picnic!

Congratulations to our past tournament winners at El Cap. Fishing was great for some of us. Back seater Juan Collins showed us just what he is capable of and dropped a bomb on the scales that went over 19lbs! Nice job on pulling the Win.

Next meeting is July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the usual spot. Be there to sign up for the Otay night tournament happening on the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

If you are under the age of 50 and are a boat owner you now need a "[Boaters card](#)" from the state of California.



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The summer season is upon us and with it comes the heat. Make sure you are drinking plenty of water while you are outside!

Bruce Smith  
President SDBM

**"The Good Lord made night time for two things and fishing ain't one of 'em!" Jimmy Houston**



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nick Meyer

The 2022 Family Picnic was a huge success. The weather was perfect, and the Bassmasters had almost the entire park to themselves. It was so nice to see old Bassmaster families, current families, and friends all come out to enjoy the day.

Thank you so much to everyone that volunteered to help out. Dave and Randy cooked some delicious hamburgers & hotdogs. Ryan Test ran the casting contest, with our 2022 winner being Larry Ward.

Larry won a new Lew's rod and gets the privilege to run next year's casting contest. Brandon Moreno volunteered to run a great Corn Hole contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place all received gift cards.

I want to thank everyone that brought a side dish, drinks, water, desserts, and the raffle. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Regina Seaberg for everything she did for the picnic. She went above and beyond, as she always does, to make sure that the club had yet another amazing picnic. The raffle was a huge success for the club. With all the prizes being donated by Bassmaster members, all the proceeds went right back to the club. Again, thank you everyone for your help.

Our next event will be the Family Tournament. It will be August 20th, at El Capitan. Go enjoy a morning of fishing and then we will see what family catches the biggest bag, and enjoy some BBQ. Hope to see everyone there!

### Dates to remember:

August 20th: Family Tournament

October 22nd: Chili cookoff

December 17th @ 6pm: 2022 Awards Banquet

## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Cole Wright



Hello Bassmasters. Having just finished up our El Capitan Lake tournament and Juan Collin takes home the win with a total weight of 19.08! Second goes to Duane Johnson with 18.35 pounds, and Third is Buzz Brizendine weighing in 14.30lbs. Good job to our

podium finishers. There is a change at the top of the AOY race as Nick Meyer takes a six point lead over Bruce Smith. I'm sure it will be a race to the end.

I hope you all are getting ready for some night fishing. Our first night tournament is June 15th at Lake Otay. I would like everyone to get to the lake around 5:30p.m. We will be calling numbers out for blast off. I will let you know what time weigh in will be at the General Meeting. If you can't make the meeting and want to sign up for Otay, please give me or Jim Sleight a call or text. Remember, three fish limit, 13 inches mouth closed flat on a surface. Both marina docks are off limits, please stay 50ft from the docks. We should be able to run to our first spot at speed. After our first

spot, idle speed the rest of the night. I hope to see you all there at Otay.

Cole

### Tournament Schedule for 2022

January 15	Otay (Fun meet for blood)
February 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lower River
March 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Mohave
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	El Capitan
May 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lower River
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	El Capitan
July 15 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	Otay (6 hours night)
August 5 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	San Vicente (6 hours night)
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Fri)	El Capitan (6 hours)
October 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lake Havasu
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Otay
November TBD	Tournament of Champions

## JULY GENERAL MEETING DATE

July 5th at 6:30pm!

*"The fish are either shallow or deep or somewhere in between." Anonymous*

# Membership Update



July 2022 → MEETING DATE July 5<sup>th</sup>!

We are currently at 35 active members with several prospective members. Another reminder that if you are active on social media, make sure you help us curate content and share our posts for exposure. You can email or text me directly with things you want to share OR bring hard copies of photos to the meeting and I will snap a photo with my phone. Videos or photos are accepted...of your fish of course 😊

## Member Spotlight: Duane Johnson

Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised in San Diego.

How did you start bass fishing? The first time I fished for bass was in 2005 when a couple buddies came out to the river and took me float tubing in a backwater lake. I was immediately hooked!

What's the biggest bass you ever caught and where?

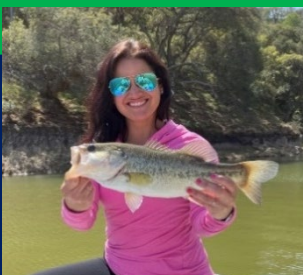
My biggest bass was 12.4 pounds and it came off a spinner bait in Lake Hodges.

What's your favorite bait? I don't really have a favorite bait. However, my favorite way to catch them is topwater. I really like learning new techniques and baits every chance I get.

Besides fishing, what do you love to do? Besides fishing, I love off roading and hanging out with friends and family.

Why did you join the SDBM? I joined the Bassmasters to meet new people and to be part of a fishing group that I could learn from as well as teach what I've learned through the years.

What techniques would you like to improve on? I would say that I'm proficient in most techniques but a Master of none so I need to improve in everything.



*Dina Ammsso,  
Membership Director*





**NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:****Brian Goodell**

Hi Bassmasters, our current bank account balance is \$9,025.62.

As you all know, we have our first night tournament of the year coming up next month. I want to take this opportunity to remind you that we voted to have each participant pay \$20 to help cover the lake fees. Please plan on being at our July meeting if possible and paying your \$20 and permit fees to me before the tournament! As usual, you can always Venmo me or mail me a check as well. I look forward to getting a little competitive night fishing in with you all at Otay!

Brian

San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting

May 31, 2022

The June 2022 meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters was held on May 31st because of upcoming tournaments. Meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by President Bruce Smith at the La Mesa Senior Center.

Bruce Smith – President: Buzz moved and Regina seconded that the minutes be approved from May. Motion passed. Bruce thanked Larry and Nick for food and drinks tonight. He congratulated those who won at the river, and reminded all to hydrate and wear sunscreen and hats in the upcoming heat. Please purchase raffle tickets for tonight. Regina thanked those who are donating raffle prizes. The hall is now completely paid for the year, and the rest will go toward knocking down the other expenses, including the banquet.

If you are under 50, you need a boater's card now to operate a bass boat in California. They are checking! Over fifty has one more year before they need one.

At El Cap, last weeks tournament's first place was 24lbs. Hodges is closed. Southerland is still open.

Nick Meyer – Vice President: Our next event, June 18<sup>th</sup>, is our family picnic. Victorria has the sign-up sheet tonight. Please sign up for bringing food. We still need cornhole boards also. There is a little pond at Dos Picos Park. We are at Area 3.

Mike Lupo has a July 31<sup>th</sup> kids tournament for Crisis House at Lake Murray. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Boats are needed. It starts at 7:00AM.

Brian Goodell – Treasurer: Our balance is \$8385.54. Please stay current on dues. If you prepaid dues before the change to \$35 per month, please catch up the \$5 per month from April.

Dina Ammsso – Membership Chair: Shawn is here and has his friend Adam here tonight. Jim Trosper will be voted on. He spoke about himself and answered questions. Mike Lupo pre-fished him and Cole did his tournament pre-fish. Both gave a glowing review. Vote was taken and Jim will be our newest Bassmaster.

Jim Sleight for Cole Wright – Tournament Director:

Jim read the results for the Lower Colorado River.

Third Place: Nick Meyer with 30.43 lbs.

Second Place: Jim Prosper with 30.82lbs.

First Place: Bruce Smith with 34.22lbs. and Big Fish of 5.12 lbs.

Sign-ups for El Capitan on June 4<sup>th</sup> tonight.

Draw for partners at the break.

Break at 7:08.

Resumed at 7:15.

Jim announced the pairings for El Capitan June 4th. There are 17 boats signed up.

Bruce asked for old or new business.

Raffle was held.

For our July 5th meeting, Regina will bring food. Nick has drinks.

With no further old or new business, meeting adjourned at 7:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Marr Eisner, Secretary



### Raffle

**Can you believe what we are going to have for Raffle items? I see over \$500 worth of quality fishing gear displayed here!! Don't miss out on your chance to win a quality rod, a swim bait, a PB Rat or one of the other high dollar items. Ya can't win if you don't show up and play!!**