



NEWS

DECEMBER 2022

51 Years of Fishing, Friends, and Fun!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bruce Smith



Well to all the San Diego Bassmasters out there,

As you may have heard already Doris Cook has passed away. Doris was at the heart of the San Diego Bassmaster club and for many people the Grand Dame of the San Diego bass fishing society. We will miss you and your presence at each of the monthly meetings.

The annual Christmas Banquet is forthcoming, December 17th at Admiral Baker golf resort. It's going to be a hoot! Don't miss out. A big **Thank You** to Victorria and Regina for putting in so much effort to pull this massive undertaking together!

Congratulations to Nick Myer on becoming the 2022 Angler of the Year. He set this mark with 290 points out of a possible 332 and is the greatest number of points ever compiled in one season! Nick also won this year's Tournament of Champions at San Vicente reservoir.

Next general membership meeting will be on the 6th of December we will be voting on new board members so please show up.

Get out there and go fishing! San V has been hot and taking up the slack of the other lakes. Topwater, breaker action has been ruling the day with flukes and A-rigs leading the way as top producers.

Bruce Smith

President of the finest, longest running and largest bass club of San Diego!

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nick Meyer



Hello Bassmasters! Looks like the year has come to an end. Don't forget, at the next club meeting we will vote in the 2023 Board. It's always great to see new people on the board. I can't wait to see who is the next Vice President! Our last event of the year is coming up December 17th at 6pm. It will be at **Admiral Baker Clubhouse**. We hope to see everyone there.

If you have not sent in your RSVP please do so! We need to call in with the final count this week. The venue is beautiful! We can't wait for everyone to come out and celebrate the end of the year with us. Thank you everyone that has supported all the club events. I had a great time as VP this year, hopefully everyone enjoyed the year.

Nick

"If people concentrated on the really important things of life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles."

~ Doug Larson

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Cole Wright



Hey San Diego Bassmasters. Our last tournament of the year was November 5th at Lake Otay. Jim Sleight got the win on a very stingy day with a total weight of 9.43pounds. In 2nd place Bruce Smith with 8:08lbs, and 3rd Brandon Moreno with 7:76lbs. Congratulations to our top three and to Nick Meyer for winning the AOY who also won the yearend TOC.

I want to say a special thank you too my weigh in team of Brian Goodell, Victorria Meyer, and Nick Meyer. This team has been with me since day one. I cannot ask for a better weigh in team. I have been doing this for three years, but I could not have done it without my group or all those who stepped up and helped out when I needed it.

I will be stepping away from being Tournament Director in 2023. I want to focus more on just fishing. Had a blast being your Tournament Director for the past three years. I definitely learned more each year. Hope to see you all at our upcoming banquet.

Cole

Tournament Schedule for 2022

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

Happiness is a Big Bass and Witness. Anon

"Nothing grows faster than a fish from when it bites until it gets away." Anonymous

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER: Brian Goodell



Hi Bassmasters, our current bank account balance is \$9093.25. I'd like to once again inform you all that it will no longer be necessary for our members (and one guest) to pay additional money for our Awards Banquet this year!

Our annual insurance of \$35 was due at the beginning of the month. For any of you who have yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible. There are a number of you who are a little behind on club dues. Please pay up through December before our banquet. It is vital that you all pay in a timely manner in order to have the available funds needed for our banquet. As usual, you can always Venmo me, mail me a check, or pay via cash or check at the meeting. Thanks again for your cooperation! I look forward to fishing with you all again soon, and I hope to see you at our December meeting! -Brian

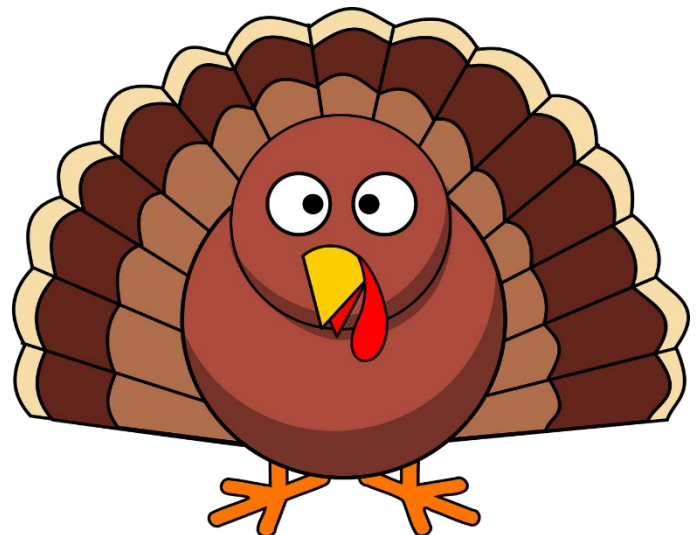
GENERAL MEETING DATES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

December 6th @ 6:30 pm

Tournament Planning Mtg.

At the Dec. General Mtg



Happy Thanksgiving



Membership Update

DECEMBER 2022 → MEETING DATE DECEMBER 6th

Hello Bassmasters! We are currently at 38 active members with two prospective members who we will vote on in December, as well as your new board, so please make it to the meeting and your voice heard! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Membership Director this year!

AOY Spotlight: Nicholas Douglas Meyer

Where were you born and raised? I, Nicholas Douglas Meyer, was born in National City at some hospital I don't even know the name of. I was raised in Lakeside, California and I still reside in Lakeside.

How did you start bass fishing? I was raised into a family that is always fishing and hunting, but it wasn't until I was about 17 years old when I really got into fresh water bass fishing. My uncle gave me a 1987 Ranger 390v which many of the club members have seen.

What's the biggest bass you ever caught and where? The biggest bass I have ever caught was at El Capitan, I've caught 3 at El Cap that have weighed over 9 lbs.

What's your favorite bait? My favorite baits to use are the Strike King Sexy Frog, and a chatter bait. I can usually catch fish any time of the year with those 2 baits.

Besides fishing, what do you love to do? Besides fishing, I love long walks on the beach and going to the Night Clubs. Also, I try to go hunting when the season starts.

I really enjoy going deer hunting with my family. Ohhhh, I also like to go to the gun range and shoot my shotgun, which is something I used to do competitively.

Why did you join the SDBM? I joined the club because I wanted to get really good at bass fishing and I noticed a friend of my family, Sonny Hale, was in the club.

What techniques would you like to improve on? I would really like to improve on my drop shot skills. Other than that, I can't think of anything else.



Dina Ammsso, Membership Director

**San Diego Bassmasters General Meeting
November 1, 2022**

The November general meeting of the San Diego Bassmasters was called to order at 6:39 PM by President Bruce Smith at the La Mesa Senior Center.

Buzz moved and Regina seconded that the minutes be approved from last month. Motion passed.

Bruce Smith – President: Bruce thanked Regina and Victorria and Nick for food tonight. Bruce promoted the raffle with many nice prizes tonight. Tomorrow night is the Bass Council meeting where next year's existence of the council may be determined. Bruce will attend the meeting and report next month. Discussion was had about how the council will disperse the remaining funds. Sign up for Otay on November 5th tonight. Club insurance is due tonight. Tournament of Champions will be determined after the tournament on the 5th.

Nick Meyer – Vice President: Nick thanked the chili cookoff participants. There were 9 pots of chili! Bruce was first, Maddy second, and Regina third place. Sign up for the banquet tonight or contact Nick or Victorria for a final head count.

Dina Ammsso – Membership Chair: Prospective member Michael Breto is here tonight. He introduced himself. He is our newest perspective member. Dave will pre-fish him. Jim Edwards is here and will tournament pre-fish the 5th.

Brian Goodell – Treasurer: Our balance is \$12,370.80. We will have enough funds to not have to pay for the banquet. We will need everyone to pay all dues and insurance before then. One guest per member and \$50 per extra over that. Our insurance is due in November and in order to fish in November (and for all next year) it needs to be paid tonight. Get that in now. Please pay up for the rest of the year's dues if you have the ability to pay ahead.

Bruce: Tonight, are nominations from the floor for next year's officers. So far from the survey monkey and the floor we have:

President - Dave Seaberg, Kenny Louis, Bruce Smith, Jeff Manning, and Dina Ammsso.

Vice President – Nick Meyer, Dave Seaberg, Larry Ward, Regina Seaberg, Greg Vasquez, Dina Ammsso, Kenny Louis, Randy Kreiser.

Treasurer – Brian Goodell, Bruce Smith, Duane Johnson, Jeff Manning, Zoe Gardner, Larry Ward, Dina Ammsso, Ryan Test.

Tournament Director – Cole Wright, Jim Sleight, Buzz Brizendine, Keith Cloward, Dina Ammsso, Duane Johnson, Ryan Test, Dave Seaberg.

Secretary – Zoe Gardner, Janice Eisner, Larry Ward, Dave Seaberg, Roy Andrews, Dina Ammsso, Ryan Test, Scott Ashley.

Newsletter – Jeff Carpenter, Roy Andrews, Regina Seaberg, Dave Seaberg, Buzz Brizendine, Cole Wright, Dina Ammsso, Zoe Gardner.

Membership – Dina Ammsso, Greg Gardner, Ryan Test, Regina Seaberg, Duane Johnson, Randy Kreiser, Dave Seaberg, Larry Ward, Bruce Smith.

Cole Wright – Tournament Director: Cole read the results for the Lake Havasu tournament -

Third Place: Bruce Smith with 19.42 lbs. with big fish of 6.07 lbs.

Second Place: Nick Meyer with 19.60 lbs. and Big Fish of 5.39 lbs.

First Place: Brandon Kuehl with 22.59 lbs.

Last tournament will be at Otay on November 5th. Cole read the pairings.

Regina will bring food for our next meeting, December 6.

With no further old or new business, meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

Raffle was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Marr Eisner, Secretary

SAN DIEGO BASSMASTERS

2022 Scholarship Application



REQUIREMENTS:

1. The applicant must be a member or close relative (daughter, son, spouse, sibling, father, mother, grandparent, grandchild, niece or nephew) of a current member in good standing of the San Diego Bassmasters (SDBM). The SDBM sponsor must have been a member for at least one year prior to application.
2. The applicant must be attending or accepted for attendance as a full-time student for the next session of an accredited college or university.
3. The applicant must possess a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5.
4. The person receiving this scholarship must complete the semester or quarter for which the scholarship is being awarded. If not, the scholarship funds are to be returned.
5. The winner will be selected by a panel consisting of members of the San Diego Bassmasters. Panel members who are relatives of applicants shall be excluded from the decision process.

2022 Scholarship Application

1. Name _____ Phone Number _____
2. Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
3. Name of Bassmaster Sponsor _____
Relationship _____
4. Name of College/University Attending/Accepted into: _____
5. Overall GPA _____ Current GPA _____ High School GPA? Yes No

I hereby declare the above information I have provided is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further agree that the scholarship money will be used solely for the purpose of furthering my collegiate education in the current or upcoming term. In the event I do not attend or continue my collegiate education through the end of the current term, the award will be returned to the San Diego Bassmasters.

Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION AND ESSAY MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

6. Attach an essay of 800 words or less (excess text over 800 words will be deleted) describing your interests and goals for the future and how furthering your education will allow you to reach them. Include your major/minor, your past educational achievements, and your extra-curricular activities such as clubs, sports, work experience, and volunteer experience.

7. Mail completed application and essay to:

San Diego Bassmasters
c/o Dave Seaberg
8716 Big Rock Rd.
Santee, CA 92071



SDBM Election of Officers

This December 6th we have our annual opportunity to elect new Club Officers to help guide us through the upcoming year. This is a club of 40 individuals working to increase our total numbers to around 50 people. We don't spend millions on ads telling us all about the candidates', we already know them. They are our friends, co-workers fishing buddies and hard-working individuals in our communities.

When we became members of this club each and every one of us said that we would be willing to assume leadership and officer roles within our club. There are SEVEN positions open to ANY member of the club. These people don't run the club, YOU do with their guidance.

Now is the time to accept that responsibility and assume an Officer role within the club. This is your opportunity to have a greater voice within your club and help share your vision of the direction the club should take in the coming year. As a prospective member, active and not so active member and an Officer of this club as high as Vice-President, over 15 years, I have observed an incredible amount of talent, ideas and initiative setting on the side lines and letting others take the reins to help lead our club through the coming year. **Your** club needs **your** ideas, **your** direction and **your** unique talents to help us stay vibrant and active in this coming year. Do not sit in the back of the room and complain about how things are done, or not done, and the direction of the club if you are not prepared to be part of the solution. Like our current President Bruce Smith said, "We are the finest, longest running and largest bass club of San Diego!" Help us grow from the outstanding foundation past club members and Officers have molded for this club. Stand up, speak up and take on a role of one of the Officer positions within the club. You will be amazed at what you and six other club members can accomplish.

Sincerely,
Editor