



NEWS

January 2023

52nd Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

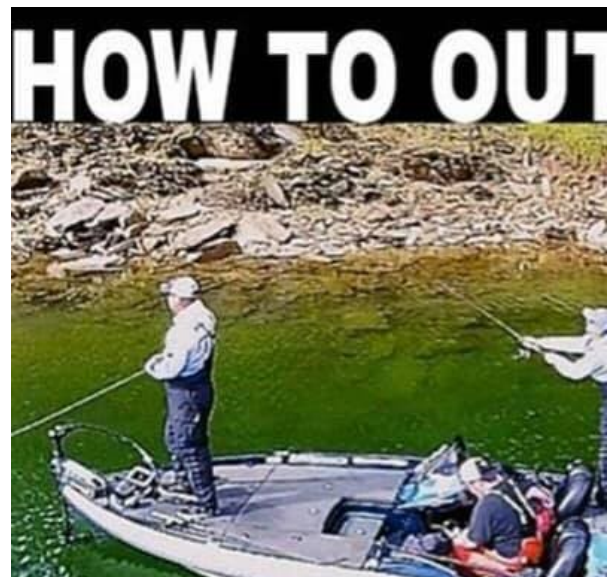
Bruce Smith



Good day to all the San Diego Bassmasters, I hope the holidays have treated you and your loved ones well. Our next general membership meeting is on Tuesday, January the 3rd, this is the meeting that we will be discussing and voting on any new rule changes for the upcoming year. Other than that we will be drawing for the "fun" tournament that is scheduled for this month.

In my opinion this past month has been chiller than normal. The fishing has kind of reflected that. Lower Otay has been reported to be slow, slow. San Vicente has also slowed way down, but still some bites are too be had. There are plenty of fish suspended in the deep trees along with schools of roaming fish along the banks. At El Cap we are seeing schools out in deep water 30 to 40 feet and the ice jig, underspins and tailspins are the main players here. There is still a fair amount of fish inside that 15 foot zone, but it takes the right set of low light conditions to make them fire off. Try dropshot, Carolina rigs and jigs along with a chatter bait. Water temp was 56 in the morning.

Bruce Smith
President, San Diego Bassmasters



VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Patrick Farrier



Hello all, I hope this message finds you well after the holidays. As we begin our 2023 season I want to wish you all the best of luck this year. I am very excited to be serving our club this year. I would like to ask of you our membership a few small things to ponder. If you have a direction or an idea to improve our club please reach out. I am a firm believer that no idea is too small to spend time thinking about it. You can reach me via cell, text, or email I would love to hear from you any time. I have already heard several great ideas and look forward to hearing more.

The winter season is upon us and many of us are doing boat and trailer work. Now is a good time to check your safety equipment and make sure it is up to date and functional. For all of us non-boaters I would like to present a challenge for you. While it is not required to have a boater ID safety card. I would implore you to obtain one. It is our responsibility to understand the rules of the water should we need to assist our boaters out. The coursework has a lot of good safety info as well as the rules for navigating water ways. Please reach out if you need any assistance or info on this topic.

Here’s to catching limits and double digits!

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Keith Cloward



Happy New Year.
We are all in first place until Feb11 at 3pm. Enjoy being #1 while it lasts.
We had the tournament planning meeting on Dec. 20th. We approved the following tournament schedule and permits forms have been completed and will be sent after 1/3/23.

- January 21 Lake Otay fun/draw
- February 11 El Capitan
- March 24,25 Havasu
- April 15 El Capitan
- May 11,12 Thursday, Friday Lower Colorado River
- June 30-July1 Otay Night
- August 4,5 EL Capitan Night
- September 9 San Vicente
- October 6,7 Friday, Sat Lower River
- November 4 Otay

Sign up for the January 21 fun tournament at Otay will be at the club meeting.

We have a great weigh-in team with many, many years of experience and they can fish too. Cole and Dave Seaburg and maybe Ryan Teat are willing to donate their time to make sure we all have an accurate weigh and timely results. If you want to join our weigh in team please let me know. We are getting brand spankin new weigh bags with zippers and a mesh interior bag and even our club logo, so please take care of them.

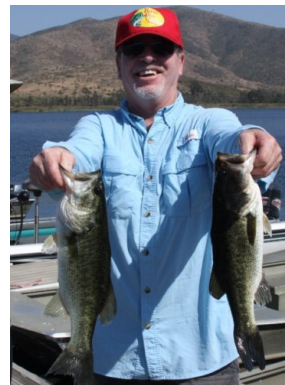
Boaters please check to see if you are required to obtain a boater safety card. Boater Safety

Boaters make sure your boat insurance is current.

Don’t forget to get your new fishing license.
Keith Cloward

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ken Louis



From our family to your s, we hope you had happy holidays and a safe new year. I am looking forward to spending 2023 as your membership chairman. With the latest addition of two members, Jim Edwards and Brian Day, we start 2023 with 39 members. Prospective member Michael Breto will get tournament prefished during January. Let me know if you’d like to be “spotlighted” in a future column. Tight lines; see you at the January meeting.



**NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:
Larry Ward**



Welcome to the start of the Bassmaster's New Year. I look forward the serving the club this year as your Treasurer! As for our finances because last year's board did such a great job it looks like there will be some money left from last year! As usual, please keep your dues current and we always welcome paying in advance. For now, our dues remain the same for 2023, 35.00 per month, 420.00 for the

year. At this point I don't have a Venmo account, but I will be looking at setting one up. Hopefully we should have this option available soon. I will be prepared to take checks or cash at our January meeting, or you can always mail me your dues if you want to get it out of the way.

Larry Ward, 2275 West Victoria Dr Apt 15, Alpine Ca 91901

I will also be working on putting together a club budget for the coming year. Based off last year's numbers it does look like money will be tight again this coming year. If anyone has any ideas for club fund raisers or how to save money, please let one of the board members know.

Happy New Year!
Larry

**San Diego Bassmasters Tournament Scheduling Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022**



President Bruce Smith called meeting to order.

Keith Cloward discussed the methodology used to put the schedule together. There was a discussion from the floor covering Top 6 dates and conflicts with other tournaments.

Jeff Carpenter made a motion to accept the schedule as written. Motion was seconded. The vote was held. The motion was defeated unanimously.

Motion made by Jim to change the tournament scheduled 3/24/2022 to Lake Mohave and the tournament scheduled 10/6/2022 to Lake Havasu. The motion was seconded by Cole. Motioned defeated, 12 against, 8 for.

Cole made a motion to change the Lower Colorado River tournament in May to Thursday/Friday the 11th & 12th of May. Motion was seconded by Ryan Test. Long discussion regarding water levels, etc. Motion approved.

Anthony Edwards said goodbye to the club because he is being deployed. The club members in attendance wished him well. Discussion was held regarding the 6-hour rule and the September 9th tournament.

Jeff Carpenter made a motion to accept the schedule as written. Jeff Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith Cloward requested volunteers for the weigh-in team. Bruce said the club was going to buy new, high end weigh bags imprinted with the club logo. Greg Gardner suggested the club continue to use the 8-bag weigh in system. Discussion ensued. The consensus was to continue with the 8-bag system.

January fun tournament was unanimously decided to be at San Vicente on 1/21/2023.
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

San Diego Bassmasters 2023 Approved Schedule

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| February 11 | Otay Lake |
| March 24-25 | Lake Havasu |
| April 15 | El Capitan |
| May 11-12 | Lower Colorado River |
| June 10 | El Capitan |
| June30-July 1 | Otay Lake Night Tournament |
| August 4-5 | El Capitan Night |
| September 9 | San Vicente |
| October 6-7 | Lower Colorado River |
| November 4 | Otay Lake |
| November 11 | SDBM TOC TBD |



IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

January 3rd, 2023 06:30 PM
GENERAL MEETING

BOARD MEETING – JAN TBD

***DUE TO CONFLICTING INFORMATION, THE FUN TOURNAMENT LOCATION
WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING***



Note from the Editor: To club members - if you have something fishing related to sell, you can list it in the monthly newsletter. Contact Jeff Carpenter

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