NEWS

April 2023

52nd Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bruce Smith

Hello to all the Bassmasters out there in our lovely part of the world.

We had a great time at Havasu this past month, some really big fish were caught before and during the tournament. Congratulations to Nick Myer for taking the win, Brandon Kuehl on a very close second and Cole Wright for 3rd.

Next general membership meeting is Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30. Be there or be square. We have MLF pro Rachel Uribe speaking this night. Everyone is excited to hear her stories from this past season.

Get out there and go fishing! Take a non boater fishing this month. All of the lakes are still filling, lots of water which means lots of new cover. It's going to be a great late spring!
Bruce Smith

President, San Diego Bassmasters

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patrick Farrier

Happy April Club,

Welcome back after a successful trip to Lake Havasu. We have a short turnaround till El Cap so best of luck in your pre-fishing. As voted by the membership the admiral baker site has been secured for our end of year banquet. As of now we are looking for someone to host a Bunko fundraiser. If you think your house may fit the bill please call me se we can discuss. I would like your input for a second fundraiser. I liked the pasta dinner after the tournament and would like to do it again. If you have any creative ways to fundraise we are all ears.
I wanted to share some insight into the incident at the pre tournament meeting regarding participation. My thought is to always uphold our rules of competition. It serves as a good reminder for all of us members to re-read the rules and bylaws. We should always be reflective after any incident involving the rules to parse their fairness. If at anytime during the year you are negatively impacted by a rule please reach out so we can discuss the rule's merits and ensure they reflect our shared values.

Have a great week Bassmasters I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Respectfully,
Patrick Farrier

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Keith Cloward

Two tournaments down eight to go. Havasu was tougher than expected for many. It is absolutely my favorite time of the year and my favorite body of water to fish. There are so many patterns and places to explore. We had 26 fisher people, and only 3 double limits. Nick capitalized on something that he never told anyone, with a two day total of 33.23. He took the first place by .04lbs. Brandon Kuehl got second with 33.19. Cole wright rounded the podium by bedfishing and a double limit going 30.56. Bruce Smith had big fish of 7.96 and big bag of day one with a whopping 4 bags to the scales, 26.08lbs! Great job to those who figured those pesky fish. Thank you for the weigh in team, Cole, Brandon M.and Patrick F. The Meyers also helped and the Byrds tallied the totals.

El Capitan is our next tournament on April 15th. We will draw for backseaters at our 4/4/23 general meeting. It will be a launch and go, five fish, 13 inch fish mouth closed and weigh in at 3pm. We will have the weight in station on the shoreline by the docks. I will read the results in the parking lot.

If the club wants to have a family tournament I would absolutely assist. We, as a club, nor the board have brought this topic up. In previous years, we have had one. They have taken place at Lake Murray or El Capitan . They have consisted of a weigh in, BBQ and kids giveaway. I submit this to the club for further thought and discussion.

Do a barrel roll!
Keith

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

Larry Ward

Well, Havasu wasn't as good as I had hoped it was going to be though it was good for the guys that figured it out. Congratulations to the winners!

The club currently has $7,050.00 in our bank account. I know that Patrick has been in talks with Admiral Baker trying to get something set for our banquet and it looks like the cost is going to be right around $5,100.00. With 34 active members and the $3,000,00 left from last year our projected income for this year is $18,280.00. With our expenses projected to be $19,257.00 for 2023 we still have a deficit of nearly ($1,000.00). So at our upcoming meeting we will be discussing the club paying $20.00 per person for our night tournaments to cover the deficit.

Thank you to everyone that's been supporting the raffle and a big thank you to Regina for handling the raffle! The raffle raised $205.00 at our March meeting! If you have something you can donate to the raffle, please bring it to the meeting.

Please keep your dues current! You can pay me at the meeting or pay me anytime through Venmo, @Larry-Ward-95.

Thank you and see you on the water!
Larry

Membership Update

April 2023

→ Next meeting is April 4th

Hello Bassmasters and welcome to April Brian Day has decided to leave the club and head in a different direction. This puts us at 34 active, 6 in-active and 10 honorary members. We have a father and son expressing interest in becoming members. If you know of any prospective members, please have them contact me at 619-417-3004.

Member Spotlight: Glen Peters

Where were you born and raised?

In Hollywood, California and moved to San Diego in 1980 to begin my college career.

How did you start bass fishing?

Over the last three years I occasionally fished with a friend including a few tournaments as a co-angler.

What is the biggest bass you ever caught and where?

So far, a 6 pound beauty from Lake Havasu on drop shot.

What's your favorite bait?

I'm a bottom dweller and enjoy throwing plastic worms and Senko's.

Besides fishing, what do you love to do?

I enjoy spending time with my wife, daughter's and their families. I also enjoy gardening and grow some great vegetables!

Why did you join the SDBM?

To make new friends, improve my bass fishing skills and consistently catch more fish.

What techniques would you like to improve on?

Reaction baits: crankbaits, chatter baits, A-rig and jerk baits. Anything that swims through the water.

Ken Louis, Membership Director

San Diego Bassmasters General Membership Meeting Minutes 2/7/2023

President Bruce Smith

- Called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.
- Called for a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. Motion was made by Jim Edwards, a second was given by Zoé Gardner. Motion approved.
- Thanked Greg and Zoé for the snacks.
- Thanked Nick & Victorria Meyer for providing drinks for the club.
- Bruce thanked Regina Seaberg for holding the raffle.
- Bruce said he will be attending the Bass Council meeting and paying dues for 38 active members.
- Bruce mentioned the upcoming Jim Sleight Day Series Tournament. Entry fee is $300.00. The tournament is at El Capitan.
- Dave Seaberg mentioned the San Diego Bass Council will be looking for help from bass clubs to hold their tournaments.
- Bruce advised all members to sign up for the Lake Havasu tournament.

Patrick Farrier-Vice President

- Patrick stated he obtained a spot at Santee Lakes for the Family Picnic. He requested volunteers for a steering committee for the Picnic.
- Patrick stated he booked a spot for the Annual Banquet and stated he knew this issue would require a great deal of debate. He then discussed the costs associated with having the banquet at Admiral Baker again. Minimum cost for the same room as last year is $7,000.00. Sunday evening would be $4,000.00. Sunday daytime would be $3,000.00 minimum.
- The room and food for 2022 was $6,000.00.
- Discussion with Larry Ward, Treasurer ensued. Larry pointed out that the decline in membership is resulting in a decline in revenue and an ultimate decline in funds available for the Annual Banquet. Larry stated the club is currently budgeting expecting dues from 35 active members.
- Patrick stated the minimum cost for the venue and food at Admiral Baker is $5,332.00.
- Long discussion regarding expectations of the banquet from all members.
- Patrick discussed several other possible venues and the cost associated with them.
- Larry and Patrick stated there were options available this year because of the money rolled forward from the 2022 Board.
- Patrick requested input from the general membership on their expectations for the scale and scope of the Annual Banquet.
- Greg Gardner initiated a discussion about having a nice banquet for those in attendance even if it required a reduction in gifts and give a ways.
- Dave Seaberg brought up the idea of fund raising. He requested donations for the raffle. Dave stated the general membership should be focused on growing membership in the club. He also addressed the declining participation by members of the club in club events.
- Dave promoted the idea of keeping the Annual Banquet as the premiere event for the club. The club should consider alternative dates, not just year-end, if it would result in a significant cost reduction.
- Patrick discussed options to increase membership. This included social media channels. Dina Ammsso discussed results from 2022 social media efforts and volunteered her assistance to the 2023 Board.
- Discussion continued including importance of including members' significant others, raising dues to cover expenses, getting the Bass Council to reduce fees in exchange for the San Diego BassMasters participation the Council events.
- Dave Seaberg made a motion that the 2023 Annual Banquet be held at Admiral Baker Field on a Sunday, whether it be in December or January. Motion received a second by Keith Cloward. The motion was clarified to have the Annual Banquet at Admiral Baker or an equivalent venue in either December or January, if it economically advantageous. The vote was called for. The motion was approved 18 for, 3 against. Motion approved.

Larry Ward-Treasurer

- Larry read the checking account balance.
- Larry reviewed the club expenses from 2022 to clarify for the general membership where the funds from the dues go during the year.
- Larry summarized the costs for the year and compared it to the revenue at 35 members.
- Ken Louis-Membership Chairman
- Ken introduced the guests in attendance: Ryan Kuiper, Easton and Derrick Farrier, Victorria and Hunter Meyer, and Dina Ammsso was also in attendance.
- Ken stated there are 35 active members and 3 lifetime members. No new or prospective members.
- Ken discussed the requirements of the Membership Chairman position and requested some assistance with the computer aspects required by the position.

- The general membership thanked Ken for his efforts and pledged their support and assistance.

Keith Cloward-Tournament Director

- Otay Tournament had 26 anglers.
- A couple anglers blanked. Keith requested all anglers turn in a weigh slip, even if they did not catch fish.
- Keith requested all anglers mark their big fish when coming up to weigh their fish.
- Keith advised all anglers not to share a weigh bag.
- Otay results were available within 1 hour.
- Keith reviewed the results of the Otay Tournament:
  - Greg Vasquez was third with 7.49 lbs.
  - Larry Ward was second with 9.18 lbs.
  - Greg Gardner won the tournament with a limit weighing 9.30 pounds anchored by a 3.03-pound big fish.
- Keith advised Patrick Blackmon was a non-boater without a ride for Lake Havasu.
- There will be a pre-tournament at Bass Master Tackle in Lake Havasu on Thursday at 5:00 P.M
- Keith discussed the off limits. Discussed buoy meanings.
- Dave Seaberg discussed the directional requirements at Lake Havasu. If you are cited for an infraction, you will be disqualified for that day of the tournament.
- Sight fishing fish must be hooked inside the mouth.
- Held a draw for the pairing of Patrick Blackmon. Jim Sleight was selected.
- Keith pulled a number for first out. Keith read the launch order.
- Weigh in will be at 3:00 P.M. at Site Six.

Miscellaneous

- Regina will bring snacks in April.
- Regina announced the raffle raised $205.00 for the evening.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

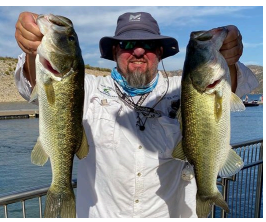
April 4th, 2023 06:30 PM
GENERAL MEETING

BOARD MEETING – APRIL 18TH

Champion Boat For Sale

1996 206 Champion - dual console
225 Mercury motor
Motorguide trolling motor

Contact: Donna Hoffman (Doris Cook's daughter)
Phone: 1-619-647-5144
Asking price: $20K obo



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

Be sure to check out www.sandiegobassmasters.com