



# NEWS

*May 2024*

53rd Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Bruce Smith**



Good evening Bassmaster's!

We have a big month ahead of us, but tomorrow April 30th is the start of it. The May meeting I/we have invited quite a few fellow fishermen from the county. For one reason that former Lake Manager, Jim Brown is our featured speaker. Another reason being is this is a public get together to express our concerns about the looming budget cuts that will effect the city lakes.

Congratulations to the April winners of San Vicente. It wasn't overall great fishing, but there were quite a few five fish limits weighed in. The weigh-in went very smoothly, thank you to the crew that keeps us looking good.

Sign up for the lower river will be at the next meeting. The lower river in May can be outstanding, will we finally see a 40 pound winning weight for the two days? It is a very good possibility!

Summer is upon us. Remember to hydrate and wear some kind of sun protection!

One more point. Club member Brandon Moreno and I made the trek to Lake Sutherland. The launch ramp has plenty of water on it, although it is only two lanes, lots of parking. They do check that your boat is clean and dry. As long as water levels stay the same, we are good to go for the June tournament at this local. As far as the fishing goes, well, you should ask Brandon, lol. It was pretty darn good and I'm excited to bring the club up there, it has been too long since we have been there.

See you all tomorrow(Tuesday) night!  
Bruce Smith  
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**VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

**Regina Seaberg**



Save the Date  
Sunday June 30th 2024

San Diego Bassmasters Annual  
Picnic  
9 am until 3pm  
BBQ at Santee Lakes ~ site S

This site is closer to the bathrooms  
and parking

Games start at 10:00am  
B.B.Q starts at 12:00pm ~ Bring a  
side dish to share

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided

Corn Hole, ~ starting around 10:00AM  
Prizes for the winning team  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Casting Contest  
\$5.00 to enter, & \$5.00 buy back in if needed, limited.  
Prize for the winner a new rod

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

Please RSVP to Regina Seaberg 619-990-1279.  
Number of adults & children in your household that will be  
attending

Sincerely,  
Regina Seaberg

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

**Cole Wright**

Hello San Diego Bassmasters.



**NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:**

**Larry Ward**

Congratulations to our winners at San Vicente and I hope everyone does well at the Lower River!

I will not be at our May general membership meeting as I will be on vacation enjoying other things in life. Regina will be filling in for me at the club meeting and will be able to collect dues. You can also still Venmo me as well. Everyone in the club is close to current on their dues. To make things easier for Regina I would suggest that you wait and just pay May and June at our June meeting or just Venmo me. If you really want to pay at the May meeting with cash or check Regina will be able to accommodate this.



Thank you Regina!

You can Venmo me anytime, @Larry-Ward-95  
Thanks, and good fishing!

## San Diego Bassmasters General Membership Meeting Minutes 04/02/24



### President- Bruce Smith

- Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. Welcomed all Bassmasters and guests.
- Thanks to Evan Alioto for brining the snacks and water.
- Called for a motion to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2024 General Meeting: Motion made by
  - Mike Breto, 2nd by Randy Kreiser. Motion approved by unanimous vote.
- Thanks to Greg Gardner for the winners trophies this month and every month.
- Introduced Matt Luna is our guest speaker for tonight.
  - Matt spoke of his journey as a professional fisherman and fishing entrepreneur.

### Ken Louis – Membership Chair

- Guests for tonight are Guest Speaker Matt luna and Prospective member Carl King.

Break for refreshments and Raffle Tickets

### Regina Seaberg – Vice President

- Thanked Victorria Meyer and Mercedes Kuehl for their help at the Havasu tournament weigh in both days.
- The Annual Picnic will be at Santee Lakes on Sunday June 30th at the same spot as last year.

### Larry Ward – Treasurer

- We still have a small deficit which is typical for this time of year.
- Looks like we will have to charge for the night tournaments.
- Remember to stay current on your dues.

### Ken Louis – Membership Chair

- Ernie Marugg will be Tournament Prefished at San Vicente and will be ready for a vote in May.
- Currently we have 33 active members, 4 Inactive and 2 prospective.
- Carl King is ready for Tournament Prefish by Ken Louis

May General Meeting will be April 30th because of the River Tournament

### Cole Wright – Tournament Director

- Our last tournament was at Lake Havasu.
  - Third Place with 31.46 lbs was Nick Meyer, 2 nd was Cole Wright with 37.46lbs, and your Lake Havasu Champion is Bruce Smith with 38.75lbs and Big fish of 8.80 pounds.
- Please sign up for San Vicente and Back Seaters will draw at the Raffle break. and we will have the draw at the break.

### President- Bruce Smith

- Break for the Draw.
- With no further business, meeting



**KEN LOUIS, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Summer will soon be upon us and hopefully the fishing will be hot! Currently, our membership is at 34 active and 4 in-active with two perspective members; Ernie Marugg is ready to be voted on and Karl King who is ready to be tournament pre-fished.

As potential members join us, keep in mind we need newer faces to pre-fish them; after all, it is the entire memberships responsibility. As always, send interested parties my way.

## May 2024 Member Spotlight on **Jim Edwards**

**Where were you born and raised?**

**In Chula Vista then in 1988 relocated to East County where I currently reside.**

**How did you start bass fishing?**

**As a youngster my dad took me fishing and as I got older, he'd drop my buddies and I at the lake for some memorable shore fishing.**

**What is the biggest bass you ever caught and where?**

**A beautiful 11-pound, 7 ounces largemouth from San Vicente on a crank bait.**

**What's your favorite bait?**

**I really enjoy many reaction baits and crank baits are among my favorites.**

**Besides fishing, what do you love to do?**

**Fishing both fresh and salt water are my passion. I also enjoy my captain's duties, running the boats at night; going out and coming back in.**

**Why did you join the SDBM?**

**A couple of longtime club members introduced me to the club so I joined to enjoy the competition and camaraderie.**

**What techniques would you like to improve on?**

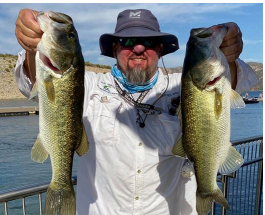
**Looking forward to learning F.F. sonar (when I get it) and improving finesse techniques.**



**IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH**

April 30th, 2024 06:30 PM  
GENERAL MEETING

BOARD MEETING – May TBD



**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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