



# NEWS

*July 2024*

53rd Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Bruce Smith**



Good afternoon Bassmasters,

Hope everyone is staying cool in this summer heat that has finally arrived. The days are hot and so is the fishing at the local lakes. Mornings are good, but the afternoons and evenings are really where the bite is the best with lots of reaction fish to be had.

A couple items on our agenda this month.

First off we need to replace Larry Ward as Treasurer and we are looking for volunteers. I would like to have several to choose from and let the members vote him/her in at the July meeting on the 2nd. Please notify Regina or myself if you are willing to help the club out in this position. Larry left us with very detailed reports and ledgers so the member taking his place shouldn't have a hard time with the procedure's.

Second is that we have our annual family picnic at Santee lakes this coming weekend on Sunday, June 30th. This has always been a fun event in the past and should be again this year. We already have some great raffle prizes, but are looking for a few more.

Congratulations to the winners of this past months tournament that took place at Sutherland reservoir. It was great to have a change of venue as the club hasn't been up there in a number of years.

Bruce Smith  
President

### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Regina Seaberg



Summer is here and it's time for picnics, vacations, family time and fun! Our club not only conducts competitive fishing tournaments, we also support family events. We know how much our families support you the fishermen with all your fishing time spent away from them. As part of who we are, our club events are held to show our gratitude to them. Our club picnics and events have always been a huge success with families with lots of good food, fun games, and lots of friendship created that last a lifetime.

I know we are only halfway through this year, but I would like to extend the invitation to our club members to start thinking about volunteering for a 2025 board positions. These positions are all very important to our success as a club. It is not hard work, it's very rewarding, and its only an hour or two of your time a month. If your curious as to what the board members do, please join us at the next board meeting we will hold in a few weeks after our club meeting. If you are interested, please ask any board member where the next meeting will be held. Please think about supporting your club by taking on one of these rewarding future positions.

Regina Seaberg

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Cole Wright

Hello San Diego Bassmasters.

Lake Sutherland was a successful tournament for the club, I saw a lot of smiles and happy people coming up to the weigh in. Jim Edwards took home the win with a total weight of 20.63, 2nd Bruce smith 19.32 3rd Jeff Manning 15.09. I'm giving everyone a warning if you bring in a fish that's 5 pounds or more you will get a quarter pound 4 ounce deducted from your total weight, We had a couple 5 pound fish that was not in a separate bag. Are next tournament July 26 at El Capitan lake at night, please get to the lake at 6:00pm or before, i would like to call numbers around 7:30 pm let's hope everyone is off the water fast so we can go fishing, weigh in time will be at 2:00a.m. I will probably not have time to do results due to us getting kicked out of the lake at 3:00 am it all



depends on how fast we move at weigh in. Hope to see you all at are next club meeting and tournament.





## KEN LOUIS, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Hello Bassmaster's; I hope you enjoyed the picnic. I won't be at the July meeting so Greg Gardner will be filling in; thank you Greg! Current membership is at 34 active and 5 in-active since Larry Ward is now on that list. Perspective member Dakota Kindle is ready to be pre-fished and Karl King is ready for the vote. As potential members join us, keep in mind we need newer faces to pre-fish them; after all, it is the entire memberships responsibility.

## June 2024 Member Spotlight on **Randy Kreiser**

**Where were you born and raised?**

**Born and raised in East San Diego, then spent time living in Texas canyon country and in Santa Cruz, CA before moving to Poway around 2000.**

**How did you start bass fishing?**

**At age seven I started fishing the river with my dad on holiday weekends which led to our own place at Fishers Landing.**

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

**A giant 10.15 northern beauty in Face Lake on a hollow body frog.**

**What's your favorite bait?**

**I really enjoy fishing hollow body frogs, wacky rig and neko rigs.**

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

**I'm looking forward to many RV Camping trips that might include some great surf fishing which I really enjoy.**

**Why did you join the SDBM?**

**To improve my bass catching skills. After Much research, I decided on a club with family activities and great camaraderie.**






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

**I'd like to improve my crank bait fishing and how to catch them on a Carolina rig.**





## San Diego Bassmasters General Membership Meeting Minutes 06/04/24

### President- Bruce Smith



-  Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.
-  Congratulations to our winners at the Lower River
-  Welcomed our guests Carl King and Dakota Kendall.
-  Please sign Supervisor Joel Anderson's Petition/Letter to the SD Mayor about keeping our lakes open.
-  Since our VP could not be here tonight, I want to mention our upcoming Annual picnic. It will be at Santee Lakes @Sight S on June 30 from 9am until 3pm with games starting at 10am and BBQ around Noon.




### Larry Ward – Treasurer

-  Finances are looking marginal so the Board discussed a fee for the upcoming Night Tournament to offset the cost of the lake. This would be a \$25 fee paid by each contestant and not to be solely borne by the non-boater.
-  Treasurer will be going In Active later this month so we are looking for someone to step into the role ASAP.


### Ken Louis - Membership

-  We currently have 35 Active, 4 In Active and 2 Prospective members.
-  Carl King will be TPF at next Derby, Dakota Kendall will be PF by Greg Gardner.




### President – Bruce Smith

-  Has started a new Podcast. San Diego Bass Fishing. Has already had several people on and the initial Podcast features Jim Sleight. Future podcasts will have Dennis Kollender, Tom Lowery, Rob Magargal, Randy Lewis and a host of local fishermen and other fishing topics.

### Cole Wright – Tournament Director

-  Our last tournament was at the Lower Colorado River. Third Place with 26.62 lbs was Cole Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Ken Louis with 27.15lbs, and your Lower Colorado River Champion is Bruce Smith with 29.72lbs and Zoe Gardner had the big fish of 6.47 pounds. Cole announced the pairings and Launch Order for the boats signed up for our Lake Sutherland event which will be an ordered launch because of the small launch ramp.

### President- Bruce Smith

-  Raffle commenced.
-  Next meeting Snacks will be provided by Zoe Gardner and Drinks by Mike Breto
-  With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

### SDBM Legislative Action Committee

When we started this group there was a lot of emotion about the City proposing budget cuts that would close El Cap and Hodges for an additional month starting in January of 2025. We decided to take on City Hall for a relatively small amount of money but a continuing reduction of our access to our lakes every year.

Many people expressed the sentiment that we couldn't stop the cuts and this was a futile effort. Well, we have one thing to say to all the naysayers: WRONG!! We did it!

The City PUD would not budge on their reduction which would have resulted in the losses mentioned above. However, our ace in the hole was County Supervisor Joel Anderson who said he would join our cause if we would get enough people to sign his Letter to the Mayor demanding that the lakes not close on their mutual constituents. Over 750 people signed his petition and the battle was on. The County Supervisors amended their budget to include \$59,000+ to the City for the City Lakes Recreation.

Our Friendly City Council members agreed to force the PUD to accept the funds to keep the lakes open.

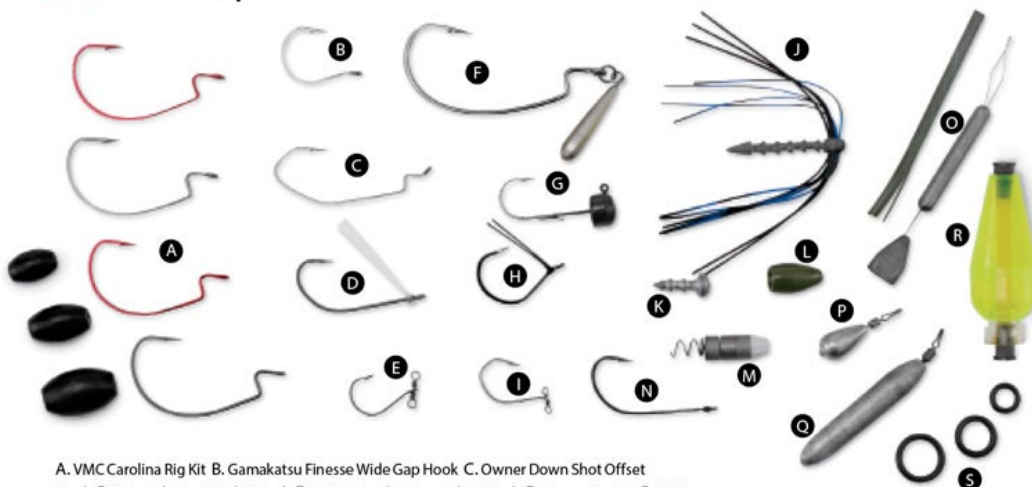
For all of you who sent the Friends of the San Diego lakes emails to the City and County, Thank You. Your efforts were noticed and acted on. For those of you who said we were wasting our time, we invite you to help us out next year when we start going after our lost days from previous years and additional requests for access to our lakes.

I want to extend a very heart felt THANK YOU, to some people that were instrumental in making this happen. Tom Lowery, Bruce Smith and Joe Cargil were then main players for this Committee. A.J. Baker and Councilmember Marni vonWilpert, and a very special thank you to County Supervisor Joel Anderson for stepping up and championing our cause with the city. Thank you very much Supervisor Anderson and also the County Board of Supervisors. Please see Supervisor Andersons email on the Friends of the San Diego Lakes Face Book page.

Sincerely,  
Dave Seaberg  
SD Bassmasters Secretary



### RIG Components

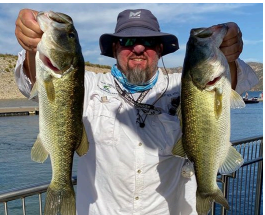


A. VMC Carolina Rig Kit B. Gamakatsu Finesse Wide Gap Hook C. Owner Down Shot Offset Hook D. Mustad TitanX Neko Hook E. VMC Spin Shot Drop Shot Hook F. Owner Jig Rig G. Z-Man ShroomZ Head H. Trokar Weedless Wacky Hook I. Trokar Helix Drop Shot Hook J. VMC Skirted Nail Weight K. VMC Half Moon Wacky Weight L. VMC Tungsten Flipping Weight M. Archi Tungsten Worm Weight N. VMC Neko Hook O. Mojo Rig (weights, rubber strands, and threading tool) P. Quick Drop Sinker Q. Bakudan Drop Shot Bomb R. Rainbow Plastics A-Just-A-Bubble S. Dorman O-Rings

**IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH**

July 2nd, 2024 06:30 PM  
GENERAL MEETING

BOARD MEETING – July 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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