



# NEWS

*November 2024*

53rd Year of Fishing, Friends and Fun

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Bruce Smith**



Good evening Bassmasters,

That was a busy month of October. The Chili cook off on the 5th, El Capitan tournament on the 12th and Lower river two day tournament on 25th and 26th. Throw in a Jr's open tournament, guiding, pre-fishing, general membership meeting, board meeting an odd San Diego Bass Fishing Podcast and Let's Talk Hookup appearance to round out the days. Which was good for me(keeping busy) to keep my mind of the heaviness of our club's most recent loss of member Jim Sleight. I'm going to tell you, he was a confidant, a consultant, a fellow competitor, a club member. Jim Sleight was our community Tournament Director for many, many seasons. A man who returned my phone calls and texts when I had questions on how to handle situations. When I asked of him to be the first interviewee on the Podcast he said yes without a hesitation, even though, come to find out later he was in physical pain by doing so and talking for that amount of time. One of the fondest stories he would tell was of himself and Ron Overman fishing out of Fisher's landing and taking the the Arizona Cut from top to bottom, an all day affair. They rode out the "Shoot" and over the rapids in Ron's boat. This past weekend I wore my SD Teams sweatshirt(in the mornings) and we fished that Arizona Cut from the top and from the bottom, just as Jim and Ron had on so many occasions and the little red boat came away dirty, covered in cane leaves and sap, cuts, scratches, hard water spots. We had broken lines and frustrating non biters, but we found them and the ones that bit were enough to take the win and Jim Sleight was apart of that, Ron too. I love this club and am thankful for all the members past and present. Jim Sleight was a friend and it pains me so deeply to have to write this, we miss you buddy.

Next meeting will be dominated by the voting in of the new board members for 2025. For me personally, I will be resigning my Presidency of the last three years. It was a pleasure to serve the club in this capacity, but it is my turn to sit in the back with the cool kids. I'm not saying that I wont be on the board in the future, just not this coming year.

Tournament of Champions will take place at San Vicente on Saturday, November 2nd. Weigh in will be at 3:00. Congratulations to the participants Nick Meyer(Lower Otay), Jim Edwards(Sutherland), Greg Vasquez(El Cap night), Cole Wright(San V night), Ryan Kyper(Lower Otay), Bruce Smith(Havasus, San V, Lower River 1, El Cap, Lower River 2). San Vicente will be off limits to the competitors until the tournament.

Bruce Smith  
President

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Regina Seaberg



SDBM 2025 Officer elections coming soon!

Here are the responsibilities for Board Members. Trust me it's not a difficult task! The Board members meet once a month to discuss club functions, tournaments, and issues that need our attention. These meetings are normally no longer than two hours long and that's if dinner is provided.

When you joined the SDBM you ALL did say that you would support the club and help make it the best Bass fishing club in all of San Diego. This is your opportunity to guide and support your club. Also, you will have the support of the previous Board Members to help answer questions and guide you if needed. We want you to enjoy the experience and succeed!

### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY

#### Section 1: Officers and Their Duties

All officers shall fulfill the duties of their office to the best of their abilities, and they shall participate in club functions to the fullest extent possible. All officers shall keep other members of the Board and the membership apprised of developments in the areas they are responsible for. Their duties include, but are not limited to:

A) **President:** Preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoints and directs all committee functions. Supervises all club functions.

B) **Vice President:** Assists the President in his or her duties and presides in his or her absence. Arrange for monthly programs, if applicable or meeting schedule permits.

C) **Tournament Director:** Oversees tournament events and scheduling. Advises any member if they have lost eligibility to fish next tournament. Assures fairness and honesty in competition. Updates tournament rules. Ensures that the club abides by local, state and national rules and regulations concerning tournaments.

D) **Treasurer:** Maintains accurate financial records and reports status at each meeting. Prepares an annual budget. Advises Tournament Director and Membership Director if a member

is in jeopardy of not fishing next tournament or losing membership status.

E) **Secretary:** Maintains accurate minutes of all General, Board, and Special meetings and handles official correspondences. Keeps hard and digital copies of all minutes and correspondences.

F) **Membership Director:** Introduces new members and guests. Provides new member profile for next newsletter. Maintains accurate membership records. Assures all members meet the requirements for membership. Advises a member of impending loss of membership status.

G) **Newsletter Editor:** Compiles, copies, and distributes monthly newsletter. Maintains archives of back issues

Respectfully your VP  
Regina Seaberg

## TREASURER

Jim Edwards

As we are making plans for our last points tourney I realized this year has flown by. We are looking good going into November all members dues are current through September. I appreciate all you that have been paying for you yearly Bass insurance (\$35 in November).

Having it all collected by the end of November we don't take a hit when we write our check to Bass. Looking forward to the lower river, ill try to learn some of Bruce's secrets to the lower river and pass them on the next meeting. NOT going to happen hahaha

PS. I found out Bruce's secrets...Fish hard, cast good, don't quit. That's all I got.

Remember your insurance fees are due in November, \$35, lets get them all paid and try to all be current by Banquet time.



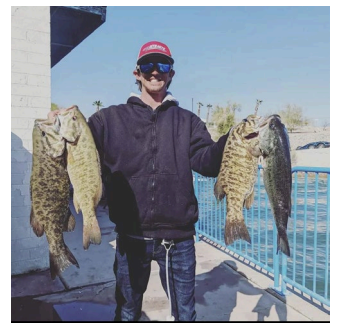
## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Cole Wright

Hello San Diego Bassmasters.

Are final tournament of year is finally over, the lower river was a challenging tournament for most of the Bassmasters, I have only seen one other time fishing was actually worse then this tournament. Congratulations to Bruce smith on taking home the win 21.82 and AOY for this year, 2nd place was me 18.67 3rd Ernie marugg 18.35, big fish Greg Gardner 3.71. Are TOC is this coming up Saturday November 2nd at lake San Vicente. OFF limits for only who is fishing the TOC 10/27/24 11/1/24, Need some help in the morning launching boats please let me know. weigh in will be at 3:00pm. This will be a draw for who goes out, here is the list on who is going out.

1. Ryan kuiper
2. Greg Vasquez
3. Jim Edwards
4. Bruce smith
5. Cole wright
6. Nick meyer





## KEN LOUIS, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Well, 2024 is rapidly coming to an end. Let's welcome Honree Davis, who was voted in at the October meeting. Larry Ward has gone in-active, Evan Alioto has moved away, and our beloved Jim Sleight recently passed away. This brings us to 34 active and 3 in-active. Perspective member D'Andrew Aguirre has been pre-fished, and we have another one waiting to be pre-fished. Please continue pre-fishing potential members; it is much appreciated.

## November 2024 Member Spotlight on **Ryan Kuiper**

**Where were you born and raised?**

**Born in 3 Rivers and raised in Mendon, Michigan. In 2006 I joined the U.S. Navy and spent five years serving in Japan before transferring to San Diego in 2012.**

**How did you start bass fishing?**

**As a youngster, I developed a passion for bass fishing watching Jimmy Houston and Bill Dance. At the age of 13 I started fishing tournaments in Michigan.**

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

**An 11-pound 3-ounce beauty on a strike king 1.5 sq bill at Lake Hodges in 2020.**

**What's your favorite bait?**

**Catching bass on flukes is my first passion with crank baits a close second.**

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

**I really enjoy hunting and shooting fire arms and quite often you'll find me on the athletic field playing football, softball and Basketball.**

**Why did you join the Bassmasters?**

**In 2019 a fishing buddy told me about the club so I decided to join for the camaraderie, fishing tournaments and to hone my fishing skills.**

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

**Large swimbaits, glide baits and unlocking the mystery of buzz baits.**



# San Diego Bassmasters General Membership Meeting Minutes 10/01/24

## President- Bruce Smith



Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.



Thanks to Zoe & Greg Gardner for the snacks. Thanks to Regina for our Raffle.



Motion to accept Sept. Minutes by Mike Breto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Kuiper. Approved unanimously.



Ken Louis introduced our Guest this evening, Deandro Aguirre.



Jim Sleight health update by Regina.



The Congratulations to our Top-6 Team that finished 4<sup>th</sup> this year at the SD Bass Council Top-6 Tournament Larry Ward had Big Fish of Tournament.



A hearty Thank You to ALL the Bassmasters that participated and supported this event. It is a source of pride to see SD Bassmasters leading the way in supporting Council events as well as the SoCal Juniors events. It seems we are ALWAYS setting the example for supporting bass fishing in San Diego County.



Congratulations to our club Otay tournament winners.



Introduced Keith from Caymas Boats who spoke about Earl Bentz new line of Salt and Freshwater boats. Keith also donated a fishing rod for our raffle tonight



**Victorria Meyer** Reminded everyone of our Chili Cook-Off coming up on Saturday 5 October at the Meyer place off El Monte Road. Reminders will be sent out again by email and on FaceBook.

## Reginna Seaberg – Vice President



Next event coming up will be this October 5<sup>th</sup>, is the Chili Cook Off.

## Dave Seaberg - Secretary



Further discussion on the two proposed By-Law additions. First to allow 15-year-olds as family members to compete in tournaments and enjoy privileges as outlined. Second to allow regular members that have been members for at least six months to be elected as club officers.



The motion to accept the following changes to the By-Laws was made by Bruce Smith and seconded by Ryan Kuiper and approved by majority: **Article II Membership, Section 3G, Requirements for Membership Applicants must be Fifteen years of age with one exception: any member of the San Diego Bassmasters may sponsor a son or daughter for membership when they reach the age of fifteen. The sponsoring parent will be responsible for the behavior and finances of his or her issues. Article II, Section I (B) will cover all other requirements. Junior members may continue as Family members after turning 18, or Juniors age 16 & 17 may become Full members on majority vote of members present at a General meeting.** Amended article to be inserted in By-Laws by Secretary Dave Seaberg and posted to the website.



**The motion to accept the following changes to the By-Laws was made by Ken Louis and seconded by Ernie Marugg and approved unanimously: Article IV, Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office, to be eligible for an elected office, have been a member for six months and at least 18 years of age on 1 January of the**

**upcoming** *calendar year and shown an active interest in chapter functions.* Amended article to be inserted in By-Laws by Secretary Dave Seaberg and posted to the website.



All Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Board no later than the November General meeting.



A motion was made by Dave Seaberg and Seconded by Ken Louis to: **Cancel the December General meeting and start nominations for Club Officers this October meeting and elect Officer the last General meeting of the year in October.** Motion passed unanimously

## Jim Edwards – Treasurer



We are within about \$150 of balancing our check book after the turnover. The bank says we have even a little more. We are looking really good for having enough to cover the year end Banquet as long as everyone brings their dues current through December.



If you Venmo Jim, please note the category you wish for you money to be applied. Dues, Insurance...



When you give him money at the meeting he will be writing you a receipt. This ensures both you and Jim have a record of the transaction.

**Greg Gardner for Ken Louis - Membership**



We currently have 36 Active members, 3 In-active. Tonight, we will be voting on Honoree Davis for full membership. Honoree Davis is our newest SD Bassmaster, Congratulations.

**Cole Wright – Tournament Director**



Our last tournament was at Lower Otay September 22nd.

Big Fish of Tournament was Nick Meyer with a 5lbs even largemouth.

Third Place with 12.28lbs was Brandon Moreno, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Bruce Smith with 13.32lbs, and your Lower Otay Champion is Ryan Kuiper with 13.52lbs

Cole announced the Pairings for our El Capitan derby on 12 October and launch order for our Lower River Tournament 25, 26 October.

**Initial Nominations** were taken for all Board positions. **Final nominations** and **Election of Officers** will take place during our November General Meeting on 5 November.

**President – Bruce Smith**



Raffle commenced.



With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

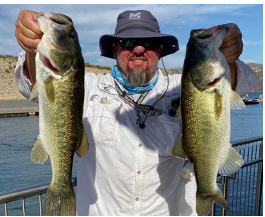
## **IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH**

October 1st, 2024 06:30 PM  
GENERAL MEETING

BOARD MEETING – August 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

Be sure to check out [www.sandiegobassmasters.com](http://www.sandiegobassmasters.com)



## Proposed By-Law Changes for San Diego Bassmasters

**Current** Article II Membership, Section 3G, Requirement for Membership  
Applicants must be eighteen years of age with one exception: any member of the San Diego Bassmasters may sponsor a son or daughter for membership when they reach the age of fifteen. The sponsoring parent will be responsible for the behavior and finances of his or her issue. Article II, Section I (B) will cover all other requirements.

**Proposed** Article II Membership, Section 3G, Requirement for Membership  
***Applicants must be Fifteen years of age with one exception: any member of the San Diego Bassmasters may sponsor a son or daughter for membership when they reach the age of fifteen. The sponsoring parent will be responsible for the behavior and finances of his or her issues. Article II, Section I (B) will cover all other requirements. Junior members may continue as Family members after turning 18. Juniors age 16 & 17 MAY become Full members on majority vote of members present at a General meeting.***  
**Tournament Rule Change to augment this By-Law change:**  
***Tournament Rule 21a. Members age 15, 16, 17 shall have a parent or guardian present in the vicinity of any out of town venue.***

**Current** Article IV, Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office  
To be eligible for an elected office, a member must have been a member for one year and shown an active interest in chapter functions.

**Proposed** Article IV, Section 6: Eligibility for Holding Office  
***To be eligible for an elected office, have been a member for six months and at least 18 years of age on 1 January of the upcoming calendar year and shown an active interest in chapter functions.***

### Discussion

The reasoning behind the Membership change is to potentially increase the number of quality fishermen/women admitted to the ranks of the SD Bassmasters. The Age Sixteen requirement is part of the [BASS Nation Handbook](#), Page 32 of 46, from which our current Club by-laws were originally taken. The Handbook also states, ***The acceptance of junior members will not affect a club's liability insurance policy. Junior members may not hold office in an adult club nor may they be voting members.***

There are several of the SoCal Junior Bass Anglers that are members of other San Diego Cubs and one is currently the AOY points leader for their club. Other SoCal Juniors have gone on to earn \$100,000 college/university fishing scholarships.

For the Eligibility for Holding Office, this change is to increase the pool of qualified and interested members in holding one of the elected Office Positions for the SD Bassmasters. The way the current By-Law is interpreted is that if a member came into the Club in February, they would not be eligible to be elected in October/November because they had not been in the club for a year. This rule eliminates those interest members from holding office for the current year and the next year, effectively not allowing them to serve their club for nearly 2 years.

This rule change allows individuals who were deemed eligible and qualified to become members, if they show sufficient interest in the club and our activities, to serve the club much earlier in their BassMaster career.

These rules are submitted to the Newsletter to comply with our current rule of:

1. Publishing in the newsletter.
2. Being discussed at a General Meeting and then voted on at the second General Meeting.