SAN DIEGO BASSMASTERS

NEWSLETTER

The largest and oldest Bass Club in San Diego County, Established - 1971

October 2026

2026 Board

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IMPORTANT DATES:

SEPTEMBER 29	Oct. General Meeting
OCTOBER 25	Bunco/Chili Cook Off
OCTOBER	Scholarship Application **Submit ASAP**

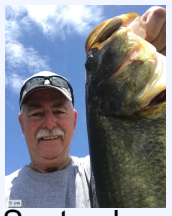
Ernie Marugg, President:

Hello fellow Bassmasters. I hope all are doing well.
The San Diego Bassmaster Top 6 team WON the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs Top 6 tournament with just over t**hirty-five pounds**. Congratulations to the fishermen. **Bruce Smith, Ryan Kuiper, Cole Wright, Josh Quiocho, Mike Breto, and myself.** All of us were extremely excited and happy to represent the club.
Thank you to those members who showed up to give support and assist the tournament anglers.
SD Council of Bass Clubs is trying to put together a night fishing event at San Vicente reservoir sometime in late October. The event would be from 8:30 pm to 2:30 am and just be a fun fishing night. All members that are interested please let me know so that I can get our club interest to the Council. Thank you.
At our October meeting we will start nominations for 2027 Board Officer positions. We also need letters from Applicants for the 2026 college scholarship. You must be a member or close relative of a member. The narrative for the award can be found online at our SDBM website. Select Rules and then select By-Laws and the information is on the last page.
Next up is Lake Havasu. I hope to see you all there.

Wishing you all the best and tight lines.

Ernie Marugg

Randy Kreiser, Vice President:



Hey Y'all,
Lots of good stuff is coming up for our club. Wishing all our Top 6 fishermen best of luck in the Annual Top 6 tournament at San Vicente on Saturday, September 26.
General membership meeting is Tuesday, September 29 at the La Mesa Adult Center from 6:30 till 8pm.
Our Bunco Party and Chili Cook-off will be held at Ernie and Kelly's home off Greenfield Drive on October 25th. on Sunday. I will have another sign-up sheet at the General meeting, and I will also ask Victorria to send out an "Evite" so we can have an accurate count for seating. Ernie will be smoking some pork for Pulled Pork sandwiches. I will be smoking some sausages as well.
Club will provide all the buns, condiments, and water/ soft drinks.
We ask that you sign up to bring a side dish to share that will go well with not only the pulled pork and sausages but the chili as well. i.e., potato or macaroni salad, coleslaw. Fresh cut fruit, salsa, and tortilla chips only need one of each item.
Our dessert auction was a huge success last year so we're going to go for it again this year. Please bring your favorite dessert, homemade or store bought, and we will auction each of them off to the highest bidder after Bunco and the Chili Cook-off.
Bunco will be $5 bucks **Continued on Page 2**

Jim Trosper, Membership

Good afternoon Bassmasters,
It is official, the Fall transition is here! Finally, some cooler evenings and some more manageable daytime temperatures.
As mentioned in the past, it is remarkable that, in spite of our rather unique situation we find ourselves in with the current status of almost all our lakes shut down, we still are having people reach out and showing interest in the San Diego Bassmasters fishing club. We currently have 2 prospective members who have been pre-fished and were tournament pre-fished at San Vicente.
The updated roster that is posted on our website reflects our membership that now stands at 33 since we voted in our new member Christopher Dalton at the last meeting. Please be sure to reach out to Christopher and say hi at our next meeting if you have not already met him.
You guys have continued to do a good job reaching out to those that might be good additions to our club. Thank you for your continued due diligence on recruitment. For those that you run into that may be interested, they can go to www.sandiegobassmasters.com to check out the happenings and they just need to click on the "join" tab to fill out an interest form if they want to move forward.
If you are inviting anyone, our next general membership meeting is September 29 (Tuesday) at 6:30 P.M. located at 8450 La Mesa Blvd. in La Mesa.
And if all the stars line up there should be another raffle taking place at the end of the meeting.
And you know you need more tackle :^)
Remember "The Tug is the Drug"!

Vice Presidents Message continued:

to sign up and the rest of the rules will be given prior to the game beginning. Just remember…If you can roll dice, you'll be able to play.
Tight lines till then,
Randy

Tentative 2026 Tournament Schedule

Oct 9-10 Lake Havasu
Nov 7th Otay -Maybe? Maybe Not?

San V #4 First Place

Editors Note:

The Scholarship Committee is accepting Essay Entries for the **Darryl Crippen Scholarship Award.** The Entry Form, (At the end of this Newsletter) along with the Applicants essay should be emailed to Club President Ernie Marugg at: ***elmarugg@gmail.com***

Bassmaster of the Year and Sportsman of the Year written nominations also need emailed to Ernie. The format ideally will be in MS Word format and contained on a single sheet. Nominations must list the qualifying accomplishments in paragraph form. NO Single line or entries less than 40 words! Criteria for the Awards can be found on the SDBM website under Rules, then By-Laws and scroll to the end.

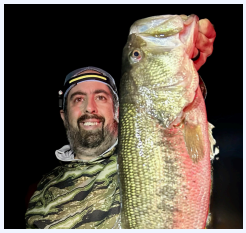
Jim Edwards, Treasurer:

Well, we only have 3 months left in 2026, WOW! We are doing good on our bank account. Most members are keeping their dues up to date, and our monthly participation in the raffle really helps. Remember, the general meeting for October is this Tuesday, 9/29/2026. There are a couple of members that will be 3 months back in dues and if not taken care of by this next meeting will NOT be able to fish for the October tournament. See you all at the meeting.

Jim

San V #4 Winners

Mike Breto, Tournament Director:



Fellow Bassmasters,

Our 4th day trip to San Vicente on September 27th came down to the wire. Randy Kreiser took the win with five fish weighing 12.82 lbs, beating Jason Fleck by a single hundredth of a pound. Jason's 12.81 included the big fish of the day at 4.21 lbs. Cole Wright was third with (12.43), and Bruce Smith (12.27), Ryan Kuiper (11.29) and Jim Edwards (10.89) rounded out the top six. 24 anglers fished, and 11 of them brought in a limit.

We also had two Tournament Pre Fishers out with us, Alex Newsome and Joe Russo. Alex made a strong first impression with a limit weighing 10.30 lbs. We'll vote on both of them joining the club at our next meeting.

The Angler of the Year race is as tight as it's been all season. Jason Fleck leads with 223 points, and Cole Wright is right behind him at 221. Ernie Marugg is third with 204, followed by Randy Kreiser at 178, Ken Louis at 166 and Jim Trosper at 159. Randy's win moved him up the board.

Next up is Lake Havasu on October 9th and 10th. With a two-day event still to come, the top of the standings is wide open.

Tight lines!

Mike

SD Council of Bass Clubs Top Six Tournament Winners

San Diego Bassmasters General Membership Meeting Minutes 09/01/26

President- Ernie Marugg

- *Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.*
- *Motion to approve Aug 4th minutes, was approved.*
- *Top 6 for SDBC is on Sep 26th at San V, NOTE need help with weigh in team.*
- *NO SDBM member on San V the day of the Top 6 tournament Sat Sep 26th.*
- *Working on El Cap road has started*
- *Bruce S discussed about the meetings with the city council and the votes that were good for the city Lakes. Keep up the support.*
- *Dave S volunteered himself to write a THANK YOU letter to a few of the city council m members. Approved by members. (Not really but it went out to Anderson & Steppe)*

Vice-President - Randy Kreiser

- *Family Fun Fishing Tournament was a great success. Raised $80.00 for the club.*
- *Bunco and Chill cook off on Sunday Oct 25th @ 1:00pm at Ernie's house more to follow.*

Treasurer - Jim Edwards

- San V night tournament was great and the city staff had good things to say about SDBM.
- +$80.00 from Family tournament.
- -$86.00 from the night tournament

Jim Trosper - Membership Absent-Zoe Gardner in place

- Welcome back Jason L
- Alex N and Joe R have been pre fished and will go on the list for the Sept. tournament to be tournament Pre fished..
- Chris D to be voted in tonight, APPROVED and is a new member WELCOME CHRIS.

Mike Breto - Tournament Director

- San V August 21st results:
- 1) Cole W 9.13. 2)) Karl K 7.19 3) Cody L 6.85 Big Fish Cole W 3.51.
- Next tournament at San V for Sept 27th, weigh in at docks at 3pm. Launch & go.
- Mike will text boaters and back seater list to group, 17 boats and 8 back seaters.

Members Forum

- No member added a topic of discussion.
- Next General meeting is Sept. 29th. Next meeting Snacks Chris D & Drinks Jim T
- With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.
- Time to start the Raffle.

Member Profile
Christopher Dalton

Where were you born and raised? I was born and raised in Orange County California

What brought you to San Diego and how long have you lived here? A new start and a new change. I have lived in San Diego for 4 years now.

When did you start fishing for bass, who taught you and where? When I was 15 yrs old and getting more into bass fishing, my dad taught me how to bass fish with different lures. We fished out of Irvine Lake.

What is the largest fish (fresh or salt) you have caught? What is the biggest bass you have caught? No salt water experience. The biggest bass I caught was a 3.4 pounder at Poway Lake.

What is your favorite body of water to fish for bass? I enjoy fresh water lakes. Fishing from a boat on either clear or dirty water with more vegetation and cooler days.

What is your favorite way to fish for bass and your favorite lure? I like fishing from the bottom to mid level Using creature baits or jigs. My most favorite is a Z-Man 3/8oz Chatter bait or Flukes.

If you are married, what is the name of your wife and any children you may have? Tamara Denton. I have one son from previous relationship and he is 22 years old and in the Army.

Where do you work and what do you do for a living? I work at Ramona Animal Urgent Care as a Veterinary Technician.

Other than fishing what other hobbies do you have? Working on Hot Rods, hiking snowboarding and eating at new places.

Where did you go to school? No College but high school was Westminster High in Orange County.

If you served in the military, which branch? What job did you have and did you have any deployments? No military experience.

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2026 Scholarship Application

REQUIREMENTS:

1. The applicant must be a member or close relative (daughter, son, spouse, sibling, father, mother, grandparent, grandchild, niece or nephew) of a current member in good standing of the San Diego Bassmasters (SDBM). The SDBM sponsor must have been a member for at least one year prior to application.
2. The applicant must be attending or accepted for attendance as a full-time student for the next session of an accredited college or university.
3. The applicant must possess a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5.
4. The person receiving this scholarship must complete the semester or quarter for which the scholarship is being awarded. If not, the scholarship funds are to be returned.
5. The winner will be selected by a panel consisting of members of the San Diego Bassmasters. Panel members who are relatives of applicants shall be excluded from the decision process.

1. Name _____ Phone Number _____

2. Address _____

   City _____State_____Zip_____

3. Name of Bassmaster Sponsor _____

   Relationship_____

4. Name of College/University Attending/Accepted into:_____

5. Overall GPA _____ Current GPA _____ High School GPA? Yes No

I hereby declare the above information I have provided is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further agree that the scholarship money will be used solely for the purpose of furthering my collegiate education in the current or upcoming term. In the event I do not attend or continue my collegiate education through the end of the current term, the award will be returned to the San Diego Bassmasters.

Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION AND ESSAY MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

6. Attach an essay of 800 words or less (excess text over 800 words will be deleted) describing your interests and goals for the future and how furthering your education will allow you to reach them. Include your major/minor, your past educational achievements, and your extra-curricular activities such as clubs, sports, work experience, and volunteer experience.

7. Send completed application and essay to
No Later than 3 November 2026:

San Diego Bassmasters
c/o President Ernie Marugg

elmarugg@gmail.com