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FISH AND PLAY THE SENIOR ANGLER WAY

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### *Fish Tales from Your President's Perspective.*

I started this month's letter in Peoria, AZ, and finished it in Monterrey, CA. I stopped by home and was able to sneak a morning off to go to the trout challenge at Lake Wohlford.

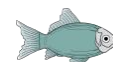
I am going to blame jet lag; you know the trip from Phoenix can be grueling. Ok, so I actually drove, but that's not the point. The fishing at Wohlford was, a, it, was, oh well, it didn't exist for me. The day was great compared to many of the others there. I chose my spot carefully, got there early, and hit the water first thing. I then spent the next 6 hours watching a very large bass chasing and eating the trout where I was and to add insult to injury, up to 4 cormorants decided to feast on the rest. On a positive note, I found a shark. A great white shark; I think it was a lake record for sure. I gave him to a kid who was with his dad. Then I caught a bass fisherman who threw his huge lure into both of my lines and then ran his boat into them and then ran his boat aground. Since my hook was in his hand, the guys said it was foul hooked, so it didn't count. I say it was the biggest catch of the day, and then I had to help him get un-grounded. After re-rigging, a duck wrapped my line around his leg. Again, no catch. So, today was a different kind of fishing day. But you know what? It was still a great day. We laughed, we commiserated, and we had a good time. That is another reason the Senior Anglers of Escondido are a great group of people.

This month, I hope to go surf fishing, ling cod, rock fish, Yellowtail, catfish, and trout (I'm a glutton for punishment). I will take my gear with me on my travels and scout out some new sights for our campouts.

This is a great year for SAE; we have so many opportunities to share. Looking to the future, we will have even more great things happening. Some say Spring is the true start of the year. This may be true for fishing, as the Sierra Trout season is happening soon, and we are starting to see Yellowtail in our local waters. Tuna are on their way, so yep, the year is just beginning. Happy New Year to all!!!!

*Paul Lorson*  
**President**

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



## PROGRAMS

Our April Speaker: **Larry Hansen of Pacific Sportfishing Alliance, Carlsbad**

Larry started fishing for trout with his grandparents at Big Bear Lake when he was 4 years old and has had the “itch” ever since! He started saltwater fishing when he was 26 and has made up for lost time by targeting every gamefish that swims in the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez.

In 2019, Larry “semi” retired from his day job and founded the Pacific Sportfishing Alliance (PSA). PSA is a fishing and outdoor recreational tour service, consisting of experienced anglers and outdoorsmen dedicated to providing their members with the highest-quality sportfishing adventures for the best value. PSA targets gamefish in southeast Alaska, including king salmon, coho, halibut, lingcod, crab, and shrimp. Tours visit various regions in Baja, Mexico, including Gonzaga Bay, Bahía de Los Angeles, Magdalena Bay, and La Bocana, in pursuit of wahoo, trophy grouper, snook, and other species.

In addition to world-class fishing in Alaska, San Diego, and Baja, Mexico, each customer also receives a membership to their “Trips4Trade” program. This allows members to swap their time for other outdoor adventures around the globe, including fishing, hunting, skiing, surfing, condos, cabins, and camping.

*Bill Modi*  
Program Director

## UPCOMING CAMPOUTS

**Pinezanita/Cuyamaca May 19-23**

**Wagon Masters: Rich and Cindy Bruemmer**



If you are interested in camping with us but have not yet made your reservation, now is the time! Please call Pinezanita directly at 760 765-0429 as soon as possible. The campground has been holding spaces for us but will release any not reserved to the public in early April. Sandy and Sabrina are very helpful and can ensure you get just the right space!

If you have questions, give Cindy a call at 760 749-8239 or call or text her cell at 760 212-9712.

## SANTEE LAKES CAMPOUT

The SAE camping group camped at Santee Lakes from March 9 to 13. Nine rigs and 17 campers were in attendance. The first two days were clear and sunny, but rain moved in for the second half of the outing. Most of the fishermen stayed dry during the rains by sitting under the bridge.



## MORE FRESHWATER

Despite 11 members trying a variety of fishing techniques, only two trout and one catfish were caught. **Jim Stevenson's** last-minute trout catch took first place, moving **Larry Allen's** first-day catch to second place.



Although the weather wasn't ideal, everyone had a great time. As usual, the men played poker in the afternoon, and the ladies played a variety of card and board games. The nightly potlucks were delicious as always, and we enjoyed sitting around the campfire the first two nights.



**Our Wagon Masters-Tony and Monique**



**We returned to our favorite spot , Marieta's Mexican food, for dinner.**

## TROUT CHALLENGE

### March 8 Challenge

The Challenge was well attended by seven members and one guest. There were not many other anglers at the lake, and the water level was even lower than last time, exposing all the rocks we frequently get snagged on.

The weather left something to be desired: rain, gusty winds, and more rain. It was a cool outing.

We were treated to breakfast burritos from Jerry W. and some delicious brownies from Dawn Schultz. Thank you both!

## MORE FRESHWATER

**Kevin Lord** was the winner of the challenge and the only person to catch anything. He caught two bass, including one weighing 4 lbs. 15.8 oz. This is the new Freshwater Class I Fish of the year. He also caught three trout, none over 1 lb., and a turtle (no weight recorded).



### March 27 Challenge

I got to Lake Wolford early and checked with the Ranger, who said they planted 1500 lbs. on Wednesday. He said not to expect anything big. It was quiet in the early morning when most of the fish were caught, and you could hear the wild turkeys across the lake.

There were eight members, all of whom were on the Senior Shoreline, except for two members who were on separate boats. Ten trout were caught. **Kevin Lord** and **Ron Bloom** tied for first place, each bringing in a 1 lb. 2.2 oz. trout. **Tony Smock** had the biggest stringer, with four trout.



Here's a funny story: Kevin Lord gave two fishermen a couple of his lures. One guy tossed one out and immediately caught a trout.

Thanks, everyone, for coming out.



*Al Wilson*  
Freshwater Vice President



## SALTWATER

Hi Y'all

Spring has sprung, and the fishing has begun – at least, I think so!

I will not be present at the April Meeting. **Tony Smock** will help me by taking sign-ups for the May 12th trip. There are two spots left. For the July 14th trip, eight spots remain available.

For those of you who signed up for the May 12th trip and haven't paid, please bring a check payable to SAE, and give it to Tony. I will contact everyone who signed up for the May 12th trip with all the info before the trip. If you have any questions, please call me on my landline, at 760-749-8239. I don't receive texts, so be sure to call instead.

*Rich Bruemmer*  
Saltwater Vie President

## ON SHORE FISHING

We had fun at our first outing of the season behind the Army-Navy Academy in Carlsbad. Although it was super rocky and quite a challenge, eight of us had a good time as always. We started the day with breakfast at Don's Country Kitchen in Oceanside.



I caught the only fish, a .32 lb. Perch, with a little help from my fishing buddy.



Our next outing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd. I heard that the Striped Bass come into the Lagoon in April, so it might be a good time to fish the Lagoon in Carlsbad. We generally park across the street on the 101 Highway near the Volleyball Courts and walk across the 101 Highway. A reminder will go out as we get closer to that date. I hope to see you there.

*Cheryl Brandstrom*  
On Shore Fishing Chairperson

## LARGEST FISH

### OF THE YEAR



Name	Caught By	Pounds	Ounces	Species
Freshwater Class I	Kevin Lord	4	15.8	Bass
Freshwater Class II	Brian Shultz	4	8	Bass
Saltwater Class I				
Saltwater Class II	Cheryl Brandstrom	15		Tuna
On Shore Class I	Cheryl Brandstrom	1	1	Spotted Bay Bass
On Shore Class II				

### OF THE MONTH

Name	Caught By	Pounds	Ounces	Species
Freshwater Class I	Kevin Lord	4	15.8	Bass
Freshwater Class II				
Saltwater Class I				
Saltwater Class II	Cheryl Brandstrom	.32 lb	. Perch	Perch
On Shore Class I				
On Shore Class II				

## SUNSHINE



Thinking of You cards were sent to:

**Tony and Monique Smock**, who are recovering from COVID-19 and

**John Tester**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately half of the world's population relies on a staple diet of rice. Aren't you glad we live here?

*Joann Jauret*  
Sunshine

## MEMBERSHIP

First, I was so impressed with our attendance in March. We had 46 members even with rain. WooHoo!

### FISHING FOODIES

The winner of the March Fishing foodie Gift card to Board and Brew was **Ron Parker**. It was raining but a number of us packed inside to enjoy some delicious sandwiches.

April's Fishing Foodie gift card will be to Pegah's Kitchen in at 912 S. Redwood, Corner of ( 9th and Redwood). In Escondido.



### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING WINNERS

The winner's of the Opportunity Drawing

Dick Read, Sharon Ayo, Dawn Schultz, Bill Colwell, Bob Geis, Cindy Bruemmer, and Jimmy Eghaneyan.



### CELEBRATIONS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



4/02 **Jim Stevenson**  
 4/06 **Paul Lorson**  
 4/09 **Lyn Sharp**  
 4/12 **Jan Beaver**  
 4/13 **Sharon Reser**  
 4/18 **Martin Colling**  
 4/18 **John Tester**  
 4/20 **Brenda Bell**  
 4/22 **Lloyd Turrentine**  
 4/25 **Bob Geis**  
 4/26 **Dottie Arnold**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



4/09 **Paul & Agnes Berinson**  
 4/14 **Jim & Sharon Reser**  
 4/19 **Paul & Julie Lorson**  
 4/26 **James & Carol MacIsaac**  
 4/28 **Albert & Colleen Wilson**  
 4/28 **Harold & KDay Lang**

*Linda Perdue*  
**Membership Director**

## CLUB EVENTS



### **SENIOR ANGLERS OF ESCONDIDO**

#### JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING FLING PICNIC AND SOCIAL EVENT

Date: Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time: 11:30 am

Where: Mission Bay (Directions to Follow)

**COST: \$6.00 PER PERSON**

Organized by Cheryl Brandstrom and  
Jerry Watanabe

Questions: Cheryl (760) 310-6536

Jerry (925) 519-5616

We will be serving Teriyaki Chicken Burgers and Hamburgers as  
our Main Course along with Beverages

Sign-ups at our next meeting for, Cole Slaw, Salads, and  
Desserts



**Note: This is a combination event. On Shore Fishing will start early in the morning and Club picnic will begin at 11:30. Sign up at the April meeting or call one of our Event Coordinators.**



## CLUB EVENTS



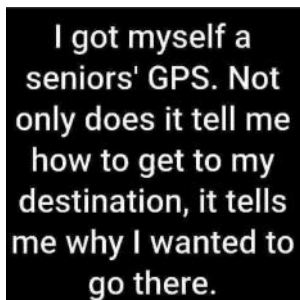
### TIME OUT TUESDAY



It was a beautiful day for Time Out Tuesday on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There were nine of us, playing cards, having lunch and enjoying the day. Thank you again to Jimmy and Fariba.



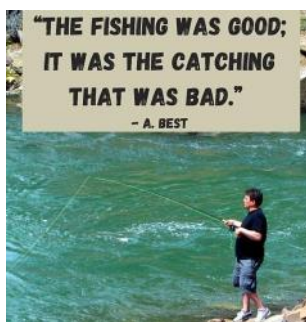
## ON THE LIGHT SIDE



WHEN YOU KNOCK YOUR BUDDY'S  
GIANT FISH OFF WITH THE NET



HOW I SLEEP, WHEN I KNOW I'M  
GOING FISHING NEXT DAY



BRO, I'M TELLIN' YA, THEY'RE BITING  
EVERYTHING I THROW AT 'EM!



Submitted by Tony Smock and John Tester

**Senior Anglers of Escondido**  
**Mailing address and meeting place:**

**American Legion Post 149**  
**c/o Senior Anglers of Escondido**  
**230 E Park Ave.**  
**Escondido, CA 92025**

**General Meeting: 9:30 AM 2nd Friday of the month**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

March 2025 Newsletter input from the Desk of the Director of Community Events

### KIWANIS TROUT DERBY

#### **April Kiwanis Derby-April 5th and 6th, 2025**

We currently have most slots filled, but I am assuming more will show up who haven't had the opportunity to put their names down. Each day, we'll have four shifts at the weigh station and two shifts at the Kiddy Pond.

The Kiddy Pond assembly is scheduled for Monday, March 31, at Dixon Lake from 3 to 5 pm. The last time, it took only an hour. The Kiddy Pond fish delivery is scheduled for April 2nd or 3rd, coordinated with the lake stock.

Hours of the derby will be from 6 am to 5 pm Saturday and 6 am to 4 pm Sunday. Food and drinks will be available for volunteers via vouchers. Please use one voucher per meal. If we need more, I will make them available.

### YOUTH DAY 2026

I have had a very successful meeting with the local Boys and Girls Club, the Dixon Lake Park Rangers, and the Escondido Union School District.

We have collectively set the date in 2026 for February 21, with a fallback date of February 28. The Boys and Girls Club will put together some activities, and the Senior Anglers will come up with crafts. Time schedules will be from 8 am through 4 pm (8:30-3:30 at the lake). My projections are for nine Senior Anglers for two shifts. I have secured two pontoon boats (three anglers with five children on the large boat and two with three kids on the small boat). I have secured three motor boats for one Angler with two children each and one with two lifeguards. We will need one Angler for each hiking/nature tour. The Boys and Girls Club and EUSD will provide chaperones as well.

Senior Anglers will provide food, including Hot Dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, Chips, Soda, and water. I will have details and signup sheets starting with our April meeting.

### FUTURE EVENTS

I will continue to address the possibility of a saltwater (shore or sea) youth event. We have many opportunities to participate in Escondido Street Fairs, events, or parades if the club wishes to "spread the word". If anyone has suggestions, all will be appreciated.

*Jim Mac Isaac*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

	Jan 10	Board and General Meeting Year in Review-R Parker	
	Jan 23-28	Yucaipa Campout	Freshwater
	Feb 13	Trout Challenge Lake Wolford Cancelled	Freshwater
	Feb 14	Board and General Meeting-Tim Huckaby, SD Fly Fishers Club.	
	Feb 17-21	Lake Morena Campout	Freshwater
	Feb 25	Time Out Tuesday	Club Event
	March 6	Trout Challenge –Lake Wolford	Freshwater
	March 9-13	Santee Lakes Campout	Freshwater
	March 14	Board and General Meeting– Dr. Grossman , Dermatologist	
	March 18	On Shore Fishing	Saltwater
	March 25	Time Out Tuesday	Club Event
	March 27	Trout Challenge –Lake Wolford	Freshwater
	March 31	Kiddy Pond Assembly for the Trout Derby	Community Event
	April 5-6	Escondido Kiwanis Fishing Derby	Community Event
	April 11	Board and General Meeting Larry Hansen of Pacific Sportfishing Alliance	
	April 14	Time Out Tuesday on Monday	Club Event
	April 22	On Shore Fishing	Saltwater
	April 29	Ensenada Fishing Convoy	Saltwater
	May 9	Board and General Meeting	
*	May 12	Pronto Saltwater Trip	Saltwater
	May 19-23	Cuyamaca/Pinezanita Campout	Freshwater
	May 28	Spring Fling Picnic	Club Event
	June 13	Board and General Meeting	
	July 11	Board and General Meeting	
*	July 14	Pronto Saltwater Trip	Saltwater
	July 23	Summer Picnic	Club Event
	August 15	Board and General Meeting	
	Sept 12	Board and General Meeting	
	Sept	Fall Camping Trip	Freshwater
	Oct	Board and General Meeting	
**	Oct 28-Nov 2	Cabo Trip	
	TBD	Fall Feast	Club Event
	Nov	Board and General Meeting	
	Dec	Holiday Party and Awards Banquet	Club Event
	Dec	Board of Directors Board Meeting	



## LARGE FISH DOCUMENTATION

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Identify Species (common name) and attach a picture \_\_\_\_\_

Weight (lb. and oz) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Caught \_\_\_\_\_

Location (place and body of water) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

### Category

- |          |             |          |
|----------|-------------|----------|
| 1. _____ | Salt Water  | Class I  |
| 2. _____ | Salt Water  | Class II |
| 3. _____ | Surf        | Class I  |
| 4. _____ | Surf        | Class II |
| 5. _____ | Fresh Water | Class I  |
| 6. _____ | Fresh Water | Class II |

### How Verified

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|----------|---------------------|
| 1. _____ | Club Scale          |
| 2. _____ | Club Approved Scale |
|          | Belongs to _____    |
| 3. _____ | Boat/Lake Scale     |
| 4. _____ | Measurement         |
|          | Length _____        |
|          | Girth _____         |

NOTE: A Class I trip is club Sponsored

A Class II trip is not Club Sponsored

Billfish, Sharks, Rays, Black Sea Bass and other protected species will not be considered. Carp will be considered only for the largest fish of the species.

_____	Largest fish of the outing	( )
_____	Largest fish of the month	( )
_____	Largest fish of the year	( )
_____	Largest fish of it's species	( )

Notes or additional information.

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Return the completed form to the appropriate Vice President by the end of the month.

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