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A Line from your President....

In my letter last month, I outlined options for getting out and enjoying the outdoors during the pandemic. This month I would like to update fishing opportunities and restrictions pertaining to our local waters.

Shoreline fishing is currently permitted at Dixon Lake and Lake Wohlford. Facial coverings are required when purchasing a fishing permit and social distancing will be enforced. Full day boat rentals are currently available. Hourly rentals are not available for the time being. Fishing docks at Dixon Lake are open to the public at pre-marked spots on docks. Though both lakes are currently stocking catfish, Dixon Lake will not be open for Night Fishing this year.

Lake Poway will have Night Fishing every Friday and Saturday night until September 5th. The lake will be open until 11:30 p.m., and boats must return to dock between 9 and 11 PM. Due to COVID-19 boat rentals will be limited. Everyone must bring a face covering and wear it when required. All occupants of a boat must be from the same household. To verify this, you must show picture ID at dock after renting a boat at concessions

All San Diego reservoirs are open during regular business hours for walking, jogging, cycling, fishing, and boating. All visitors to the lake are asked to follow County Covid-19 restrictions and to follow guidelines from the CDC. Check the schedule before going, since opening hours vary per lake.

Lake Morena and Lake Cuyamaca are both open for camping, boat rentals and fishing. As with the other lakes, they are asking guests to follow County Covid-19 guidelines.

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



A Line from your President....Continued

For those of you who are planning a fishing trip to the eastern Sierras this summer and fall, the Department of Fish and Wildlife recently posted some very bad news:

“Several California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) fish hatchery facilities in the eastern Sierra and Southern California are battling a bacterial outbreak that has the potential to cause significant losses to both hatchery and wild fish populations “ and “A successful approach will have three components: Treating the affected fish at the hatcheries, finding the origin of the outbreak, and planning ahead to contain and prevent the spread of the bacteria. Unfortunately, we may be in for a long battle here, which means there will not be a lot of fish plants in the near future in the eastern Sierra and Southern California. “ The alert went on to say that there might not be anymore stocking for the rest of the year in these areas.

The news might be a little brighter for those headed to June Lake in September. After closing it down for quarantine out of precaution, the Hot Springs Hatchery has reopened. Our own **Ken Harrison** recently returned from a stint as a disc jockey in Bishop. He brought back this more promising news. “The Hot Creek Hatchery was not closed down. Only those south of Mammoth. DFW has agreed to bring fish over from the west side for next year, but maybe not the rest of summer. The resorts are still buying from private hatcheries.”

Saltwater charter trips opened up again throughout the state. Short range boats have been reporting a great calico bass bite, and long range boats have been bringing in some nice catches including Bluefin, Yellowfin, Yellowtail and Dorado. Things are a little different now to allow for health guideline compliance. Boats are required to maintain distancing and all customers must have ready access to hand sanitizing stations or supplies.

Prices have increased since boats will have fewer people to accommodate social distancing. Face masks are required, though the neck gaiters that many fishermen wear for UV protection count as face masks.

This is the current information as of the writing of this letter, but make sure you keep up with current events, because changes can come suddenly. For those of you venturing out on our waters, good luck and stay safe.

Due to the continued closure of the Senior Center, we will not be meeting again this month.

Monique and I wish all of you a safe and happy month and look forward to seeing you all again.

Tony Smock
President

FRESHWATER

June Lake—September 13-19

Plans are going forward for our trip to June Lake. If you have any questions about this trip, contact **Al or Colleen Wilson**.

Cuyamaca-Pinezanita— October 12-17 Still undetermined.

SALTWATER

I'm sure you are all as anxious to get back on the water as I am. I was invited to go on a 4 day Royal Polaris trip in August but took a pass. I was told by a few who went out that masks came off when they had hook ups. I can't take that risk. If you have a private boat now is a great time to get out and fish. My son's friend covered 120 miles Saturday and got a nice 35-pound bluefin and a nice yellowtail. So, some days are really good, and some are a bit slow.

However, the on shore fishing for bass is really good. And those are really good eating. Typical July fishing Dana Landing in Mission Bay is having a huge tackle sale Sunday August 9 at 1:00 PM.. They will be using CDC guidelines. It's a great opportunity to get ready for a great fall fishing season. Or whenever?

Probably the only safe fishing right now is Surf Fishing. See below.

Barbara Gattuso
Saltwater Vice President

ON-SHORE FISHING

July's On-Shore Fishing Tournament was held at the Oceanside Harbor Fishing Pier on July 27. We enjoyed a really nice afternoon but the fishing was only "so-so". The tournament winner was **Ron Continelli** with a 1 lb. 1oz. Spotted Sand Bass, caught using a live smelt.

Frank Mancha and **Jim Reser** wore out their reels and arms landing two additional smelt that weighed about 6 oz. each.



Members attending were **Ron Bloom, Frank and Pat Mancha, Jim and Sharon Reser, Ron and Debbie Continelli along with Don and Norma Continelli.** Lunch was an on-your-own picnic.

Next month's tournament will be re-scheduled to August 14, 2020 and moved to Cardiff Beach (sometimes referred to Restaurant Row – where the old Chart House used to be). There's been some discussion about fishing a late afternoon and evening tide and high tide will crest about 6:30 P.M. that afternoon. Please check your emails for further updates and refer any questions to **Don Continelli.**

LARGE FISH ON-SHORE FISHING 2020

Class 1 Ron Continelli -1 lb.1 oz Spotted Sand Bass

Class 2 Don Continelli 2 lb. 10 oz. Spotfin croaker

Don Continelli
Program Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP



- 8/01 **Mary Brenda McQueen**
- 8/02 **Peter Thorngren**
- 8/07 **Jeff Routsong**
- 8/07 **Anitra Gehrke**
- 8/08 **Josephine Tester**
- 8/09 **Mike Palley**
- 8/09 **Faye Wright**
- 8/10 **Karen Kirchnavy**
- 8/11 **Larry Cusack**
- 8/11 **Carol Duke**
- 8/12 **John Perdue**
- 8/13 **Jackie Palmer**
- 8/18 **Monique Smock**
- 8/23 **Margie Lovelady**
- 8/25 **Audrey (Mac) McGregor**
- 8/27 **Alice Lage**
- 8/27 **Randy Brown**
- 8/27 **Carolyn Reeser**
- 8/29 **Joann Jauert**
- 8/29 **Olga Parrinello**
- 8/30 **Linda Ogilvie**

- 8/03 **Henry & Janet Skaja**
- 8/05 **George & Olga Parrinello**
- 8/08 **John & Josephine Tester**
- 8/15 **Jerry Watanabe & Daria Gardynik**
- 8/23 **Carl & Dottie Arnold**
- 8/26 **Dan & Patti Engelbrecht**
- 8/27 **Larry & Betty Allen**
- 8/27 **Gerald & Natalia Graf**
- 8/30 **Dave & Rosemary Rady**



Linda Perdue
Membership Director

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Contributed by Tony Smock.

CLUB EVENTS

I'm sorry to say "The Club Picnic, scheduled for August will be cancelled."



CATCHES

Ron Bloom went to Lake Poway night fishing on July 17 and caught a limit (5) by 9:30. The largest two were 3 lbs. each. The stringer totaled 12.75 lbs. FYI, the fish cleaning stand was closed.

Keep those fish pictures coming....

Karen Taylor
Corresponding Secretary



SUNSHINE

Sympathy cards were sent to Will Cozzens for the loss of his lovely wife in June and to the family of long-time member Shelly Wagner in July. They will both be missed. A card was also sent to Tammy Granados for the loss of her husband Ross. They were former members.

Three cards were sent to people under the weather, Gregg Gattuso, Carmen Martinez, and Carl Arnold. Hope you are all doing well! Also, Cheryl Brandstrom had knee surgery, and is up and hobbling along. Please take care of yourselves and hope to see you all soon!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Some days, it is enough encouragement just to watch the clouds break up and disappear, leaving behind a blue patch of sky and bright sunshine that is so warm upon my face. It's a glimpse of divinity; a kiss from heaven.



Marge Lovelady
Sunshine

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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| * | July 27 | Saltwater On-shore Fishing Challenge —Oceanside Harbor | Saltwater |
| | July 29 | Day at the Races - Del Mar | Club Event |
| | August 14 | Meeting Cancelled | |
| * | August 14 | Saltwater On-shore Fishing Challenge - Cardiff Beach | Saltwater |
| | August 19 | Club Picnic Cancelled | Club Event |
| | Sept 11 | Meeting Ron Parker - SAE's 2020 Fishing Recap Program | |
| | Sept 13-19 | June Lake Campout | Freshwater |
| | Sept 28-Oct 4 | Jalama Beach County Park - Campout and Surf Fishing | Saltwater |
| | Oct 9 | Meeting | |
| | Oct 20 | Saltwater On-shore Fishing Challenge—Location TBD | Saltwater |
| * | Oct 12-17 | Lake Cuyamaca/Pinezanita—TBD | Freshwater |
| ** | Oct 17-23 | Cabo Trip TBD | Saltwater |
| | Nov 1-6 | Santee Campout | Freshwater |
| | Nov 13 | Meeting Lake Cuyamaca - Winter Fishing and Hatchery Program | |
| | Nov 20 | Fall Feast | Club Event |
| | Dec 3 | Awards Banquet and Holiday Party | Club Event |
| | Dec 4-6 | Escondido City Trout Derby | Community Event |
| | Dec 8 | Viejas Trip—Cancelled | Club Event |
| | Dec11 | Board Meeting | Community Event |

Senior Anglers of Escondido

Mailing address and meeting place:

**Park Avenue Community Center
Home of Escondido Senior Center
c/o Senior Anglers of Escondido
210 PARK Ave.
Escondido, CA 92025**

* New or Changed ** Non-club sponsored event