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## **HOOK LINE & SINKER**

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PAST PRESIDENT Dave Gehrke As we look back on June, some of our Saltwater members enjoyed a trip to Belize once again, where they no doubt enjoyed great fishing, dining and shopping. **Barbara Gattuso** does such a great job setting up these out of U.S. trips for our members. Thanks Barb!

Now lets look to July where there are a couple of local Saltwater trips scheduled. Check Barb's Saltwater article for details.

Don't forget our annual summer picnic with all-you-can eat burgers and dogs for only \$2 bucks! You can still sign up at our meeting on the 12th. **Dave and Anitra Gehrke** are chairing this popular event. We will be honoring Tony Smock on his upcoming retirement this fall. He has been a friend to our Senior Anglers over the years and been a part of the many derbies the local lakes sponsor each year for our youth.

At this time I would like to reflect on my father-in-laws June 14th passing. **Frank** and his wife **Fern Norell** were members since the early 80's. The were most active with the Freshwater group, enjoying many camping trips over the years, including many to Mexico when it was safer to travel South of the Border. As many know, Frank was a commercial tuna fisherman for about 5 years back in the 50's when bamboo poles were used to pull in their catches of huge tuna. Karen and I took him to the Special Fishing Exhibit down in Balboa Park, that Barbara G. set up for out members last fall, where he enjoyed interjecting memories of his fishing experiences to our members delight. He made sure Karen and I were signed up as members on my 50th birthday to my surprise. We didn't become active until after I retired back around 2000 and we haven't regretted it one minute. We have had many happy times and made many new friends over the past 10+ years. By the way, Frank was only 2 months short of his 100th birthday, August 2, 1913. We'll miss you Dad.

**Bill Kirchnavy** President

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### **PROGRAM**



### **JULY SPEAKER**



The guest speakers for the July 12th Escondido Senior Angler's meeting will be **John** "**Hopalong**" **Cassidy** and his side kick **Captain James Nelson**.

Radio personality, John Cassidy, is a long time San Diego resident and member of the sport fishing community. John's Rod and Reel Radio Show can be heard on LA and San Diego AM 540 every Sunday from 5 -7 PM. John's San Diego sport fishing roots run deep, where his father introduced him to fishing in the mid-50s. In 1981, John was elected president of the San Diego Council of Bass Clubs and in 1983, he and his wife Vicki founded the Anger's Arsenal in Del Mar.

In 1995, He and Vicki began running freshwater bass fishing tournaments and later expanded into the saltwater inshore arena running fishing tournaments through the San Diego Saltwater Bass Showdown Series.

Captain James "Jim" Nelson has been fishing the bays and lakes around Southern California for over 35 years. Born and raised in San Diego, he cut his teeth fishing Mission Bay. He would ride his bike to San Diego Bay after school many times, while growing up. As a tournament angler with FLW, WON Bass and East County Bassmaster's, he learned many of his successful angler's techniques that he shares with his clients. Hopefully, he will share this information with us.

It looks like this meeting is one that you would not want to miss.

## Senior Anglers of Escondido

Mailing address and meeting place:

## Park Avenue Community Center Formerly Joslyn Senior Center

c/o Senior Anglers of Escondido 210 PARK Ave. Escondido, CA 92025

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

We're on the Web! www.senioranglersofescondido.net

**Program Director** 

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## FRESH WATER

### **LOCAL LAKES**

All the local lakes except **Lake Cuyamaca** have stopped trout plants until the fall season. Cuyamaca is continuing to stock several species. Bass are in various stages of spawning depending on the lake. Catfish and Crappie are showing, so there are plenty of fish available.

**Lake Wohlford** has had some nice bass caught and released. We are helping with their Catfish Derby on July 6, 2013. Please call **Ron Parker** if you would like to help out.



### **UPCOMING TRIPS**



Pine Cliff (June Lake) September 15th -22nd 2013.

Please see **Margie and Gene Lovelady** to sign up for this great camping and fishing adventure.

Pinezanita / Lake Cuyamaca October 20th - 24th, 2013.

Betty and Larry Allen are taking signups for this trip. See Betty at the meeting for more info.

Lake Hemet November17th to 21st, 2013

**Carol and Ron Parker** will be hosting this outing. Signup's will be announced.

Jim Stevenson
Vice President

## SALT WATER

Yellows, Bluefin, Seabass, Halibut, Calicos, Sandbass or Barracuda.

In shore or off shore, the fish are biting.



**Marcia Walker** took the jackpot on the June 17th 3/4 day trip with a 5 1/2# Red. Congrats Marcia.

Our **Oct 14th** 3/4 day trip has 8 openings. Call **Gordon Calvano** at (760)729-3523 to get on this trip NOW.

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## SALT WATER

#### **BELIZE**

Our Belize trip was lots of fun. The cave tubing was a blast. We caught lots of fish to feed our group for 3 days. Then it was lobster for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Doesn't get much better than that!!!





### **Other Trips**

Our next trip is Alaska Aug 3-10.

Gerry Graf has one opening for his Ketchikan trip Aug 11-17. Call Gerry for details

**Barbara Gattuso**Vice President

## **CLUB FUN**

## Mark your calendars! TURKEY FRY AND SILENT AUCTION



This year's Turkey Fry and Silent Auction will be November 14. **Tomas and Carmen**Martinez have offered their lovely home for this event.

The Silent Auction will be handled by **Gene and Margie Lovelady**. Please start saving new and gently used items that you no longer want or need. It's a great time to clean those closets and drawers. The Silent Auction is the most fun when we have lots of items to bid on.

### **VIEJAS TRIP**

Don't forget to sign up for the Viejas trip Wed Dec 11, at our next meeting. If you're not into the Casino action, you can shop till you drop at the Outlet Center across the street. You can pick up some last minute Xmas items.

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## **CLUB FUN**

## Burger & Dog Picnic

Wednesday July 17th at Lake Dixon from 11AM to 2PM

Join us in recognizing Ranger Tony Smock—He's Retiring!



Help us by bringing a dessert or side dish. Don't miss our annual BBQ up at the lake!

Contact— Anitra & Dave Gehrke
OR Bill & Karen Kirchnavy
Phone—760 739-7227 or 760 794-0091

Invite a prospective member to join us!

Where:
Lake Dixon
When:

Wednesday

July 17th

Time:

11 AM-2 PM

NOTE: If you want to go, but will miss the July meeting, contact Dave or Anitra Gehrke at 760-739-7227.

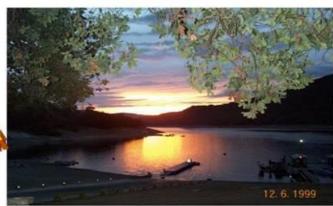
We will need grills, cooks and clean-up helpers. See Dave and Anitra at the meeting.

Tony is the Superintendent of Lakes, Parks and Open Spaces and has been very supportive of our club.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**





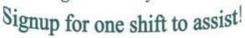


## Senior Anglers of Escondido



will be weighing and registering the fish for this city derby. We need volunteers to help. Please check your schedule and signup to assist our club. It's fun and it helps our city.

This is the first Catfish Derby at Lake Wohlford in recent years so support the Senior Anglers and city for this one day!





The Senior Anglers of Escondido have been asked to register and weigh the fish for the city's Catfish Derby. The sponsor's of this derby is the City of Escondido and Bass Pro Shops. All proceeds will go to the Purple Heart Hero Support group. There will be a charity breakfast from 6-10 a.m. and a charity lunch at noon. The derby itself will be from 6 a.m. until Midnight. The city will be giving the Senior Anglers who work this event a day's free fishing and boat pass. If you haven't signed up to help or have any questions give me a call. Thanks to all those who are supporting this event. Catch you later.

Ron Parker
COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

A Big WELCOME to our **NEW MEMBERS** 

**Armen Tavy** and **Robert and Cynthia** Giguere

Thanks to Nat Estes, our Greeter for July!

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See Cheryl if you can be a Greeter or Buddy for upcoming meetings.

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The June Attendance Drawing for Olive Garden went to

**Cheryl Brandstrom** 

HAPPY BIRTHDA 7/1 Anne Sebourn Glenn Van Hest 7/1 7/3 Vernon Blaney 7/6 Linda McGregor 7/9 Al Ashuckian 7/9 Cecile Roberts 7/12 Carolyn Phares 7/13 Robert Lage 7/17 Ron Parker 7/25 Packy Forrey Sue Takemoto 7/28 7/29 Mike Woods HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 7/2 Vernon & Bernadette Blaney 7/9 Richard & Laura Montague 7/11 Jim & Lynda Davidson 7/11 Wayne & Amy Brown 7/13 Ron & Loretta Casapulla ■7/27 Bob & Barbara Griffith

> Cheryl Brandstrom **M**EMBERSHIP

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### Oliver (Ollie/Smitty) Smith



Ollie was born in the Los Angeles area 89 years ago when LA was a beautiful clear city. As a youngster Ollie loved to swim, fish and eat watermelon. He always loved animals especially dogs and horses. One of his favorite animals was his boxer. Another was a big black lab named Moose. Ollie called Moose "the kid". Many times when he called or I called him, he would say "bring the kid by, I haven't seen him for a while." Ollie and his wife Theresa would dog sit Moose when Carol and I had to travel east. On more than one occasion he would say, "It wouldn't surprise me if someday he would talk."

His love for horses followed him when he joined the Army. He chose the Mountain Division because he would be working with horses and mules. This Southern California young man was immediately sent to Colorado and stationed high up in the mountains. Eventually he ended up in Europe and told some stories of working in the motor pool where he was assigned to drive an officer's jeep.

He was a skilled machinist and always interested in working on cars or building something. He was in charge of maintaining the printing presses for Moore Business Forms. This experience led to his building an experimental airplane, a T18. He did this in tandem with his buddy and when completed flew all over the country with his wife Theresa. They flew coast to coast many times and frequently attended the Oshkosh Air Show in Wisconsin. He also flew down to Mexico to fish and enjoy the beaches when they were sleepy beautiful villages and not the commercial resorts of today.

He was very active in skin diving, spear fishing, (where he made his own spear gun and spears), and of course fishing. When he moved to Escondido he found and joined the Senior Anglers of Escondido. Again his expertise with machines found his way to designing rod making equipment for some of the members. One was L'Rhue Threlked who was our President in 1992 and 93. Ollie served on our Board of Directors several years. He and Theresa also received the Fred Paine Founder's Award in 2000. One of his favorite and constant pals was Past President Tom Self. He and Tom didn't miss many of our salt water trips and were very active in all aspects of the Senior Anglers of Escondido. Ollie was also a member of the Oceanside Senior Anglers. He was a Charter Master many times for both clubs and always enjoyed helping out on the Children's fishing trips.

Ollie loved vegetable gardening. This shared interest with his old friend George led them to grow some beautiful gardens with many plants of which his favorite was peppers. Every year Ollie would grow 5 or 6 hundred pepper plants from seed and give them away to friends and family. His special seeds were quite old and originally came from the stock his friend George brought from the old country. Wil Cozzens and I currently have several pepper plants growing in our gardens that came from Ollie's 2013 plants.

This man had one of the greatest attitudes I've ever seen. When asked how he was doing he would respond by saying "lovely" or "delightful". When talking about a recent visit to the hospital, clinic, a restaurant, a store or wherever he met people, he would describe his new acquaintance as one of the nicest he had ever met and tell of them going the extra mile to make his visit pleasant. He was a fantastic person and loved his fellow man.

Ollie was active in our club attending our general meeting's, helping in the derby's and picnics until just recently when he had mobility and balance problems. Oliver (Ollie, Smitty) Smith was a great friend, and a valued member of our fishing clubs. He will be deeply missed and if you knew this fellow you were blessed. He is in a better place now.

RIP Oliver Smith

Ron Parker

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 6	Catfish Derby	<b>Community Event</b>
July 15	3/4 Day Local	Saltwater
July 21-23	1 1/2 Day Tuna	Saltwater
July 17	Annual Picnic	Lake Dixon
Aug 3-10	M Van Voorst Memorial Alaska	Saltwater
August 13-15	1 1/2 Day Tuna	Saltwater
Sept 8-10	1 1/2 Day Tuna	Saltwater
Sept15-22	June Lake/Pine Cliff	Freshwater Campout
Oct 24	3/4 Day Local	Saltwater
Oct 20-24	Pinezanita/Lake Cuyamaca	Freshwater Campout
Oct 29-Nov 3	Annual Cabo Trip	Saltwater
Viejas	Viejas Trip	Fundraiser
November 14	Turkey Fry/Silent Auction	Lake Dixon
Nov 8 to 11	Escondido Trout Derby	Community Event
Nov 17-21	Lake Hemet	Freshwater Campout
December4	Awards Banquet	Rancho Bernardo



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**Escondido, CA North County Communities** 

Founded in 1975 with the Objective "Let's Go Fishing "

A Senior Non-profit Organization chartered to promote sportsmanship in fresh-and-saltwater angling , demonstrate an appreciation for the environment and stay involved in the community.

### Help us support these many community events with your sponsorship donations:

- . City of Escondido, Lake Wohlford Basic Fishing Instructions Project
- . YMCA Youth Day, A Day of Fishing and Boating Project
- . Mary's House, Transitional Housing for Young Women Quilting Project
- . City of Escondido, Lake Dixon Annual Trout Derby
- . Kiwanis , Annual Trout Derby Youth Fishing Pond Project
- . Joslyn Senior Center Senior Citizens Appreciation Project

Additional information, see monthly newsletter donation sponsorship page on our website

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Thank for your generous donation

### **Senior Anglers of ESCONDIDO**

### 210 PARK AVENUE, ESCONDIDO, CA 92025

### **Applicant FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this Club shall be limited to any adult fifty (50) years of age or older. General Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Park Avenue Community Center (formally the Joslyn Senior Center), 210 Park Ave., Escondido, CA. Annual Dues are \$15.00 payable with this application and include spouse. Annual Dues are due in the month of October and become delinquent after December 31<sup>st</sup>. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed. Newsletters are e-mailed to all members. For those members with no access to the internet, an additional \$5.00 mailing fee is required at the time of application.

Please complete this application fully. Use the name or names you prefer to be called by. Please list any special talents or interests in the Comments Section. When completed, return the application with \$15.00 to the Membership Chairperson at any meeting or to the above address. Thank you for your interest and good fishing to all. Remember to *Fish and Play the Senior Anglers Way*.

	NAME AND ADDRESS					
Last: First:	Spouse:					
Address:						
City:	State:	ZIP Code:				
Telephone Number: ( )	Cell Number: ( )					
Complete E-mail Address:						
personal information						
Applicant Birthday (Month & Day)	Spouse Birthday (Month & Day)					
Wedding Anniversary (Month & Day)						
Applicant Occupation or Former if Retired:						
Spouse Occupation or Former if Retired:						
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Spouse:	Fresh Water: ( )	Saltwater: ( )				
additional information						
Do you own or have access to an RV? Yes ( ) No ( )						
Do you own or have access to a Boat? Yes ( )	No ( )					
Do you own a computer? Yes ( ) No ( ) Cou	ld you assist the Club with Computer Work if Nee	ded? Yes ( ) No ( )				
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Comments:						