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## *A Line from your President...*

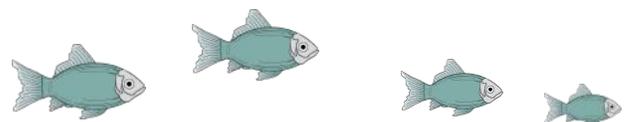
Flood repairs to the Senior Center are still on-going. We will not be able to have our main meeting there until the repairs are completed. Once again, they have made arrangements for the main meeting to be held in the **Mitchell Room at City Hall**. This is the big meeting room on the west side of City Hall across from the Performing Arts Center, and is next to the Credit Union. The address is **101 North Broadway, Escondido**. I would encourage everyone to park in the public parking lot across the street from City hall on Valley Pkwy. City Hall parking is strictly limited to 2 hours.

**Ken Harrison** has got a great speaker for the meeting on May 10th. A leading chef for seafood, **Yanni Hassir** of **Fisherman's Belly**, will be sharing his knowledge of the kitchen and recipes.

This month's campout was at **Lake Hemet**. Eighteen campers were treated to the first night with drizzle and thunder followed by 4 days of sunshine and beautiful mountain scenery. Hundreds of spawning carp were jumping out of the water in such great numbers that it sounded like waves lapping against the shoreline. Fishing was so much better than our last trip to Lake Hemet. Trout were averaging between one to one and a half pounds with a few larger fish taken. You can read more about who was the big winner later in the fish report.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help work the weigh in-station and help out at the Kiddy Ponds during the **Kiwanis Trout Derby**. The first day saw several trout over 7 pounds weighed in, as well as 15 tagged fish. The second day didn't see as many big fish, but lots of limits were taken. The overall winner tipped the scale at 8.67lbs. **Hank Skaja** did a great job organizing the volunteers. Thanks to everyone who came out to help with this event.

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



## *A Line from your President...continued*

Just like last year, winter storms have brought some snow and colder temperatures in the High Sierras. All the lakes are filled to, or near capacity with lots of ice in the Bishop Basin. Large fish are being reported, including a 10 lb. brown from June Lake. If you are planning on heading out for the early season, plan on challenging conditions. As usual, this month's meeting will provide opportunities for signing up for some great activities. The **Pinezanita/Cuyamaca Campout** still has lots of openings, May 19 to 24, see camp host **Betty Allen**, and for the ever-popular **June Lake Campout**, Sept. 8-15, see **Albert and Colleen Wilson**. We also have the opportunity to sign up for some great surf fishing events. See **Don Continelli** for dates and times.

*Tony Smock*  
President

## PROGRAMS

### MAY PROGRAM -YANNI HASSIR



A leading chef for seafood, **Yanni Hassir**, will be sharing his knowledge of the kitchen and recipes at the May 10 meeting.

The Southern California waterman's passion extends from the ocean to his kitchen. Focusing on food borne illnesses that can come from bacteria and parasites due to improper fish handling,

Hassir created [FishermansBelly.com](http://FishermansBelly.com).

He has a growing list of seasonal SoCal sportfish recipes. He'll share tips and tricks for cooking yellowtail, rockfish, white seabass, halibut, lobster, tuna, trout, and more. Every recipe is easy to follow and is made from everyday ingredients packed with flavor.

Hassir learned to cook from his mother who was a sous chef at the King's Palace in Greece. Yanni uses big flavors, imagination, and his latest catch, to please his family, friends, and of course, his own belly.

*Ken Harrison*  
Programs

## FRESHWATER

### UPCOMING CAMPING TRIP

**Lake Cuyamaca/Pinezanita**    **May 19-24**    Call **Betty Allen** if you are interested in joining the group.

**June Lake**    **September 8-15**    **Al and Colleen Wilson** will be our Wagon Masters for this great trip.

# FRESHWATER

## LAKE HEMET CAMPOUT

If you missed the camp-out at lake Hemet like we did, you missed a good one. The wagon masters were **Tony & Monique Smock**. Everyone I talked to had a great time and would do it again. There were 18 members in attendance and a total fish count at 23. The derby was won by **Bob Taylor** with a 4 lb. 1oz. rainbow. **Jimmy Eghaneyan** came in second at 2 lb. 4.6 oz.



The lake was full and the carp put on quite a show with all their jumping around and splashing. One was seen being caught by hand! The evenings by the campfire were lovely.



## TROUT CHALLENGES

At the April Lake Dixon Challenge, Tony won first place with a 7 lb. 14 oz. rainbow trout. Eleven fish were caught with **Ron Parker** and **Tony** catching limits and **Al Wilson** bringing in one.



## FRESHWATER (CONTINUED)

### LAKE ELSINORE DREAM EXTREME FISHING DERBY



We're wishing club members **Mike Springer and Gary Farrar** good luck fishing the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Elsinore Dream Extreme Fishing Derby. They are representing our club in a 100+ team challenge on May 4<sup>th</sup> for \$15,000 in cash and prizes.

**William Johnson** and his son **Nick Johnson**, from the lake's **William's Bait, Tackle, and Boat Rental** in Lake Elsinore, were our guest speakers at the last meeting, talking about how to fish the lake, tackle, the five types of fish eligible for the derby.

Johnson's new Launch Pointe Marina will serve as headquarters for the event. William Johnson is known as the "Crappie King" around the lake and is credited as the one who has revitalized great fishing in the once-thought-to-be "dead" lake.

#### LARGE FISH 2019

Class I **Tony Smock** - 7 lb. 14oz. Trout

*Albert Wilson*

Freshwater Vice President

## SALTWATER

**The time we have been waiting for is here.....**

The water temp is up to 62-65 degrees and the Bluefin Tuna have crossed into our waters. Of course, with the local Yellowtail too. Not only that but the Halibut bite has turned on and they are of legal size. Hooray!!! The grunion run has enticed more halibut closer to shore. So, it's a win-win. That's good news for our May 6th trip and surf fishing. I will send each person going more info when I receive it from Ernie.

The last Albacore run was in 1999 after a torrential El Nino. Everything is set for the Albies to reappear. HOPEFULLY! The Shogun has a 1 1/2 day trip out of Fisherman's landing. The boat is usually a long- range boat targeting Bluefin Tuna. Call Jen at (619)226-8030 if you are interested.

### SURF FISHING REPORT

The Club's May Surf Fishing Tournament Challenge is scheduled for May **20th, 2019 at South Ponto State Beach. High tide will crest around 11:45 AM.** We will breakfast at Tip-Top Meats (6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad) at 7:30 a.m. before moving to the area just north of the jetty. Those of you who would like to fish the southside of the jetty are welcome to, but check for any restrictions and record what you catch. You may pay your entry fee of \$5.00 at the restaurant or on the beach.

# SALTWATER

## SURF FISHING REPORT (continued)

Our current tournament leaders are **President Tony** with the largest fish landed and **Frank Mancha's** five fish total for the most landed.

Hope to see you there on the 20th.

*Don Continelli*  
Surf Fishing Chair



Don't forget to turn in your Large Fish Reports. The fish to beat are still :

**LARGE FISH 2019**

Class 1   **Dan Engelbrecht** 1 lb. 9 oz. Sheepshead

Class 2   **Dale Burlington** 36 lb. King Mackerel

*Barbara Gattuso.*  
Saltwater Vice President

## SUNSHINE

Hi there, this is your sunshine gal, Marge, reporting on April. Last month was a very sunny month with only a couple of little black clouds! A card was sent to *Carl Arnold* for a knee replacement. He went home in a few days and is doing ok. **Will Cozzens** was in an accident and broke his sternum. Healing thoughts to both. Stay well and happy in May!!!

### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

May happiness touch your life today as warmly as you have touched the lives of others!!

*Marge Lovelady*  
Sunshine

## APPAREL

Last month we presented our new Senior Angler hats.  
All the colorful hats went fast, but we still have 6 khaki ones left.  
They are \$14 each.  
See me at the meeting if you'd like one of these new SAE hats.

*Linda Perdue*  
Apparel

## SPOTLIGHTING OUR MEMBERS

Fellow members that love to eat yellowtail, great tasting rock fish, halibut, yellowfin, and bluefin tuna know that we have all of these delicious fish within 1/2 and full day charter boat trips. To keep the cost of these charter boat rides at a reasonable price we need a knowledgeable fisherperson to put these trips together. This person knows a full boat of fellow members is the only way to go. This knowledgeable member is and has been, for many years, **Barbara Gattuso**, Vice President of Saltwater Fishing.

*Gary Farrar*  
Historian

### Barbara Gattuso

I grew up in Elmhurst Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. I went to Loyola School of Nursing and married **Gregg** who was a Commodity Trader on the Board of Trade and Mercantile Exchange. We moved to Northbrook Illinois and then to Lake Forest Illinois where we raised 3 children.

I started fishing with my dad, **Ed Windsor**, at the age of 5. We fished for smelt on Navy Pier in Chicago using gill nets. When I pulled them out of the nets some would squeak, I would squeal and my dad would laugh. At age 8 we would go ice fishing-no shanties just raw cold Chicago weather.

My dad was my best friend and fishing buddy. He taught me how to fresh water fish and when he moved to California, I taught him how to salt water fish. I remember his first yellowtail. You would have thought he had caught a IGFA world record. It was only 10 pounds, but I was so proud of him. We fished all over the world and I miss him terribly.



**Barb and Ed's Freshwater Haul**



**Ed's First Yellowtail**

My new fishing buddy is my husband **Gregg**. He pacifies me by going to Cabo and a few club events. I think he was turned off fishing when he was about 12 years old. He and his dad and brother went fishing in Wisconsin and his dad asked him to THROW the anchor (a coffee can filled with cement). He threw it over one side and he fell over the other. I don't think his dad literally meant THROW.

We moved to Poway Calif in 1993 and my dad, **Ed Windsor** followed us a year later. My dad and I joined the Rancho Bernardo Anglers Club and was shortly introduced to the ESA, I think by **Bill Borst**, where I have had the privilege of being Vice President of Saltwater since 2007.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL KIWANIS FISH DERBY

The 2019 edition of the Kiwanis Trout Derby is in the books, and very much a success. Thanks to a lot of great work by the City of Escondido, especially **Chris Krstevski** and all the Rangers at the lake, the boats were ready, and the Kiddie Ponds were full of trout and waiting for the kids on Saturday and Sunday.

**Jim Maclsaac** and the rest of his team were ready with great food and drinks for all. As usual they put together a wonderful tournament. I'm sure everyone that attended had a memorable experience. The Kiwanis provided a free lunch to all Senior Anglers that worked at the weigh station and the Kiddie Pond. Great food, our hats off to the Kiwanis club, for a job well done. Thank You.

And of course, thanks to all the Senior Anglers that gave up their time on a beautiful week-end to help at this event. I would like to thank several people that worked more than the one slot they signed up for. **Frank and Pat Mancha** worked all day Saturday. **John Jessup** worked both days, and **Gary Farrar** changed his schedule at a moment's notice. **Annette Sissenwein** came in with just a phone call. And of course, **Ron Parker** came in early because he knew we could use a little help. Then there was, our club President, **Tony**, who came in when needed in spite of having some stuff to attend to at home. Thank You all.

Now for the fishing. The Kiddie Pond was busy as usual. Lots of little kids and their parents; it was a fun experience for all. We had some of our members there on April 23 to help assemble the Kiddie Ponds: **Ron Bloom, Ron Parker, John Jessup, Al Wilson and Me**. Thanks for giving up your time.

The tournament fishing was great on both days. The winning fish was caught early in the day on Saturday by a youth, **Shayan Moen**, it weighed 8.67 pounds. There were many fine stringers of fish taken on both Saturday and Sunday. Too many fish to count over six pounds. A wonderful time had by all.



*Hank Skaja*  
Community Events

#### Unusual signboard says "Drive Slowly, Fish Crossing"---speed limit 40

Happens in vicinity of Skokomish River, Shelton, Washington, USA. If the river floods the salmon take short cuts swimming across the road to go upstream to spawn. Happens almost every year... awesome!

Submitted by **John Tester**

# MEMBERSHIP



To

- 5/2 Nan Bryan
- 5/6 Tom Martinez
- 5/8 Bernadette Blaney
- 5/13 Liz Farrar
- 5/20 Don Hunter
- 5/21 Cheryl Brandstrom
- 5/23 Tomasa Rehm
- 5/26 Ray Mercado
- 5/26 Steve Palmer
- 5/31 Carol Maclsaac



To

- 5/1 John & Carol Duke
- 5/1 Hank & Annetta Mabrey
- 5/10 Jimmy Eghaneyan & Fariba Talebi
- 5/20 Rich & Cindy Bruemmer
- 5/21 Jim & Marcia Walker

***“Lunch After Meeting” News***

Our lunch at **Cocina del Charro** was very good and **Karen Springer** won the free lunch. We had plenty of chips & salsa to munch on while we were waiting.

On May 10 we are meeting at **The Wrangler** for lunch in Escondido. The address is 1644 East Valley Parkway across from Del Tacos. Look for the Joann Fabrics store in the parking lot.

Hope to see y'all there!!

If you haven't picked up your 2019 Directory, be sure to stop by the membership table.

*Pat Stevens*  
Membership

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

May 6	<b>3/4 Day Halibut Trip</b>	<b>Chubasco II</b>	Saltwater
May 10	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Fisherman's Belly</b>	
May 19-24	<b>Lake Cuyamaca/Pinezanita Campout</b>		Freshwater Campout
May 20	<b>Surf Fishing</b>		Saltwater
June 14	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Shannon Quigley San Diego River Restoration/Wild Trout</b>	
June 17	<b>Surf Fishing</b>	<b>North Ponto Beach</b>	Saltwater
July 8	<b>Surf Fishing</b>	<b>San Onofre Beach</b>	Saltwater
July 12	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Ernie Cowan—Eastern Sierra Fall Outlook</b>	
July 18	<b>Club Picnic</b>		Club Event
July 23	<b>Surf Fishing</b>	<b>Oceanside Harbor Pier</b>	Saltwater
Aug 9	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Tony Williams - Bite On Baits - Eastern Sierra Secrets</b>	
Aug 12	<b>Surf Fishing</b>	<b>Silver Strand</b>	Saltwater
Aug 15	<b>Club Picnic</b>		Club Event
Sept 8-15	<b>June Lake Campout</b>		Freshwater Campout
Sept 13	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Senior Anglers Year in Review</b>	
Sept 29 –Oct 3	<b>Saltwater Campout</b>	<b>Jalama County Park-Surf Fishing</b>	Saltwater Campout
Oct 11	<b>Meeting</b>		
Oct 13-18	<b>Campout</b>	<b>Date and Location to be Determined</b>	Freshwater Campout
** Oct 30—Nov 4	<b>Cabo Trip</b>		
Nov 3-7	<b>Lake Santee Campout</b>		Freshwater Campout
Nov 8	<b>Meeting</b>		
Nov 14	<b>Fall Feast</b>		Freshwater Campout
Dec 5	<b>Awards Banquet and Holiday Party</b>		Club Event
Dec 6 —8	<b>Escondido Trout Derby</b>		Community Event
Dec 11	<b>Viejas Trip</b>		Club Event

\* New or Changed    \*\* Non-club sponsored 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**



**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**

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|----|-------------------|----------|
| 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<br>Belongs to _____    |
| 3. | _____ Boat/Lake Scale                            |
| 4. | _____ Measurement<br>Length _____<br>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.

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|-------|------------------------------|-----|
| _____ | 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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