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Fish Tales from Your President's Perspective.

While using an AI app to figure out what to write this month, I discovered some surprising and fascinating facts about fishing that will leave you hooked!

The heaviest fish ever caught on a rod and reel was a great white shark weighing a jaw-dropping 2,664 pounds!

The world's smallest fish, the Paedocypris, measures just 7.9 millimeters—tinier than a fingernail.

Parrotfish sleep in a protective cocoon of mucus to shield themselves from predators while resting.

The oldest known fishing hook, carved from a snail shell, is over 23,000 years old.

The Mekong giant catfish is a freshwater titan that can grow up to 10 feet long and weigh over 600 pounds.

Anglerfish have their own built-in fishing rods—a glowing lure atop their heads to attract prey!

Fishing goes way back to the Paleolithic era, around 40,000 years ago.

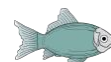
The Senior Anglers of Escondido is the best fishing club anywhere in the world.

I found the facts amazing, but was astounded when it said SAE is the best fishing club in the world. Of course, I absolutely agree with that.

May is another busy month for the club with fishing, camping, events, and get-togethers, who could ask for more. What is on your agenda for May? I am hoping for an outstanding trip out of Ensenada in a couple of days and hope to have a fun-tastic report for you at the May meeting.

I am also going to Cuyamaca later in the month. I can't wait to be camping and sharing the days' fishing stories around the campfire. Come up for a day or two. Last year, Ron Parker, Jim Mac Isaac, and I went up to join the group, and we all had a productive day. Hope to see you there.

So Many Fish.....So Little Time



Fish Tales from Your President's Perspective. Continued

I wanted to thank all of you who commended me for last months unusual meeting. I couldn't have pulled it off without my great teammates, the BOARD. They followed my lead and gave us some great information. It is truly a pleasure to "work" with all these wonderful people.

Lastly, Julie and I celebrated our 50th anniversary and must again thank all of you for the "KIND" words and encouragement. In celebration we got ourselves a gift.



"Fish Whisperer" and "Here Fishy Fishy"

Have a great May, get out and enjoy this awesome place we live.

Paul Lonson
President

PROGRAMS

May Speaker: Chad Gierlich of Hookup Baits, Inc., San Diego

Chad Gierlich has over 40 years of fishing experience, has won many Southern California boat and kayak tournaments as well as was recently on the USA Saltwater Kayak Team for the PanAM Games in La Paz, Mexico, where the team took the Silver home!

This meeting is one you want to be sure to attend as Chad shares his knowledge of how to fish the Hookup Baits, recommended baits per species and much more!!



During the Q and A time we will have Hookup Baits to hand out and will be ready for questions.

Bill Modi
Program Director

FRESHWATER

UPCOMING CAMPING TRIPS

Cuyamaca/Pinezanita - May 19-23

Wagon Masters: Rich and Condé Bruemmer

We are looking forward to our campout next Here is a list of attendees: **Ayo, Brown/Francis, Bruemmer, Engelbrecht, Evans, Lorson, Smock, Stevenson, Taylor, and Wilson.** What a great group!!! A few rigs are going up an extra day on Sunday!

Within the next week or so, I'll be getting the usual information out to you, and if you have questions, please give me a call. (cell 760 212-9712 or landline 760 749-8239.

If anyone is not camping but thinking about coming up just for the day, please notify me either by phone or text. If staying for dinner, I'll add you to the day's menu and assign a dish to share.

Eastern Sierras: September

We are still waiting to hear about the opening of Pinecliff. We are hipefu that they will soon be taking reservations.

Colleen and I have been in Tennessee. I did manage to get in a "little" fishing.



I hope to see you at the May meeting.

Al Wilson
Freshwater Vice President

SALTWATER

Fishing season has begun, and I have been watching the fish count for local offshore fishing. The 1//2 and 3/4-day trips are doing pretty well, with the typical fish: Rockfish, sculpin, whitefish, Sand Dabs, sheepshead, and a few Halibut.

For those of you going on the May trip, you can expect somewhat the same type of fishing. For large game fishing, you will need go a long way out or south on multi-day trips!

Best of Luck in Catching!!!

Rich Bruemmer
Saltwater Vice President

ON SHORE FISHING

Our last outing was on Tuesday, April 22, at the Lagoon in Carlsbad. Unfortunately, it was not one of our better days of fishing. Six of us were in attendance. A small Skate was caught by Frank Mancha, and I caught (the most unusual catch yet) a small Sea Slug. Since we weren't having much luck in the Lagoon, we decided to head across the street to the surf side and try our luck. Still no luck, but I think we all had fun getting off the couch and out for the day.



Our next outing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th, in Mission Bay. The plan is to fish early and have our Spring Fling picnic around 11:30 with some good food. Unfortunately, not a lot have signed up for the Spring Fling, and unless we get better attendance, we may have to rethink this event. I'm hoping we get a lot of sign-ups for the picnic at our May meeting.

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				

LARGEST FISH

OF THE MONTH



Name	Caught By	Pounds	Ounces	Species
Freshwater Class I				
Freshwater Class II	Paul Berrinson	4	2	Catfish
Saltwater Class I	Paul			
Saltwater Class II				
On Shore Class I				
On Shore Class II				



OUR CATCHES



Ron Parker and Tomy



Ralph Medina

MEMBERSHIP

First, I would like to thank **Betty Allen** for taking over the Membership duties for me at the April meeting. It was much appreciated!

FISHING FOODIES

The winner of the Fishing Foodie Gift card to Pegah's Kitchen Escondido was **Scott Noetzel**.

May's Fishing Foodie Gift card will be to **El Flako's Wrangler Barbecue**.
A new addition to their name but the same location on E. Valley Pkwy.
We hope to see you there.



THE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

The April winners were:



Al Wilson, Joan Madison, Larry Pall, Nicky Lovejoy, Hank Skaja, Carol Parker, and Ron Bloom.

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



5/20 Don Hunter
5/21 Cheryl Brandstrom
5/23 Doug Paulson
5/23 Daryl Evans
5/28 Mary Ann Murphy
5/28 Agnes Berinson
5/31 Carol MacIssac

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



5/01 John & Carol Duke
5/10 Jimmy Eghaneyan & Fariba Talebi
5/20 Rich & Cindy Bruemmer
5/31 Daryl & Sharon Evans

Linda Perdue
Membership Director

CLUB EVENTS



SENIOR ANGLERS OF ESCONDIDO

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING FLING PICNIC AND SOCIAL EVENT

Date: Wednesday May 28th, 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



CLUB EVENTS

OSA SPAGETTI AND MEATBALL LUNCH

The Oceanside Senior Anglers graciously invited us to join them for a Spaghetti and Meatball lunch prepared by Paul Berinson. From all reports, it was a big success. Several of our members attended and enjoyed the food and companionship. From what I heard, those of us that couldn't attend missed a great meal.



SUNSHINE



A Thinking of You cards was sent to Bob Taylor.

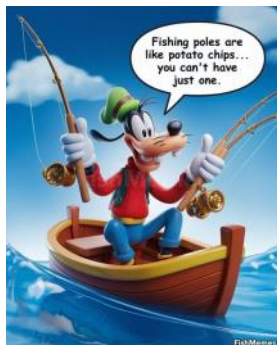
DID YOU KNOW?

The phrase April Showers bring May Flowers is from a poem by Thomas Tusser that was written in the 1500's.

Joann Javret
Sunshine

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

Most expensive vehicle to operate in 2025.



MAN AND FISH ARE ALIKE, THEY BOTH GET INTO TROUBLE WHEN THEY OPEN THEIR MOUTHS.



Submitted by Tony Smock and John Tester

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KIWANIS TROUT DERBY— APRIL

Kiddy Pond Construction



The Crew

Derby

We had a great turnout and great support. There were 605 Anglers and 144 children served at the Kiddy Ponds. I hope everyone enjoyed the hot meals; we ran out of food both days. The Kiwanis club raised over \$23,000 at the weekend event, thanks in part to your support. I hope to present a check at the May meeting.



UPCOMING KIWANIS TROUT DERBIES

Save the Dates— The Fall Trout Derby will be November 21 – 22, 2025 and the next Spring Trout Derby will be April 18-19, 2026.

YOUTH DAY 2026

Save the Dates - February 21, 2026 (with an alternate of February 28). My thanks to **Ron Parker, Hank Skaja, and John Jessup** for registering with the city as volunteers for the event.

We'll need many volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Please keep these days in mind so that you can participate in this very rewarding event.

Jim MacIsaac

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	
	April 22	On Shore Fishing	Saltwater
	April 29	Ensenada Fishing Convoy	Saltwater
	May 9	Board and General Meeting-Chad Gierlich of Hookup Baits, Inc., San	
*	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

* New or changed event

** Not a Club Sponsored Event

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

	Nov	Board and General Meeting	
*	Nov 21-22	Escondido Kiwanis Fishing Derby	Community Event
	Nov	Board and General Meeting	
	Dec	Board of Directors Board Meeting	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

*	Feb 26	Youth Day	
*	April 18-19	Escondido Kiwanis Fishing Derby	Community Event

* New or changed event

** Not a Club Sponsored Event

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

www.senioranglersofescondido.net



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 |
| | 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.

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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.

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

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