



May 2009 Issue

President's Message  
Ron Parker, President



Ron's Rhetoric



A group of forty-some anglers just returned from Lake Lopez, which is located 15 miles east of Arroyo Grande, CA. We have been making this trip north for approximately 12 years and most of those that have been there look forward each year to a week of fishing, camping, the wildlife, hiking, visiting some excellent steak houses (like Jocko's,) and the very entertaining melodrama in Oceano. This year was quite a bit different, as the trout fishing was not good, and the bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish were just starting to heat up. The camping, weather, wildlife, hiking and touring of the area was as good as previous years, and we have to thank Dot & Carl Arnold for a fun week. They did an outstanding job, with great campfires every evening, and as always, the food was fantastic. Check out some of the photos of our trip at the May General Meeting.

While some of us were at Lake Lopez, another group of our anglers volunteered to help in the annual Kiwanis Trout Derby at Lake Dixon. Wil Cozzens, Chairman of the Trout Derby, started early and had a full schedule of Senior Anglers to cover each shift at the lake on Saturday and Sunday, April the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Ron Casapulla headed up this entourage of workers that registered the anglers' catches, weighed the fish, and maintained the scorecard for the Derby. This year they did not have a "Children's Pool", which our anglers normally staff and assist in helping the children, as well as provide the equipment and tackle. This did free up some of our men and women. I want to thank everyone who worked the Derby - Ron Casapulla's leadership, and Wil Cozzens, who left Lake Lopez early to help close the Derby, and who managed this program.

The April General meeting offered a program featuring Ernie Cowan, outdoors writer and sportsman extraordinaire. Ernie talked about one of our favorite fishing areas, the High Sierras and its many lakes, rivers and streams. The membership was busy taking notes and asking questions as Ernie talked about the various fishing spots, and on occasion, he would add his personal favorites that are not normally part of his presentation. Thanks Ernie, we really appreciate you coming to speak at one of our meetings each year, and the support you have always demonstrated to the Senior Anglers of Escondido.

I just read the newly published program schedule that Bob Lage, our Program Director compiled. I want to express my appreciation to Bob for the dedication he has displayed over the past two years in arranging such a varied and interesting list of speakers for our General Meetings. I was the Program Director for a few years and I know how much

effort and time it takes to put together a schedule and to organize with each Presenter the details of our agenda. We have a tremendous lineup of programs for the remainder of this year so take time to read Bob's schedule and don't miss our General Meetings as they will all be informative and entertaining for us anglers. Thanks a bunch Bob, your commitment to our group has been exceptional, and we have been enjoying the results of your work these past two years.

We have a Fish Fry Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, and Kathy and Norm Martineau are again heading up this event. It will be at Dixon Lake in the Oak area by the main parking lot. Hope to see you there early in the day for some fishing and then we'll join the rest for a great lunch of fish, Rudy's deep fried okra, Cozz's Potatoes and tons of other food. Then in June, we have our traditional BBQ at Lake Wohlford, with Karen and Bill Kirchnavy chairing this picnic. The cost of this one is \$1 per person, and that includes everything. Bring your appetite and fishing gear, and if you don't want to fish, just show up to eat. This will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendar and see Karen or Bill if you want to help with the setup or cooking.

You've heard a lot about CPR and AED the past few months so let me take a few minutes of your time to talk about this project. I know you all have heard these acronyms before but in case you forgot what they mean, **CPR** is **C**ardio**P**ulmonary **R**esuscitation and **AED** stands for **A**utomated **E**xternal **D**efibrillation. Our Vice President of Salt Water, Barbara Gatusso, is an RN, and has three classes scheduled that will lead to your certification and ability to use these procedures. Because of the hands on use these classes are limited to 15 students per class and we're asking for a donation of \$15 per student and the certification cost of \$5. This donation will go towards the purchase of an AED machine for our club which will be taken to all our events such as the picnics, meetings, fishing trips, camping trips etc.. The machines cost over \$1,300.00 so we do need some help in making this project a reality. We all hope we will never have to use this machine and these procedures but in an emergency a life could be saved. If you have any questions regarding the classes, the equipment, or this project please contact Barbara or me. If you feel you can't or don't want to donate the \$15, please call Barbara or me, but please enroll in the class. We want to have as many members certified as possible.

Our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will have two Park Rangers from Lake Cuyamaca talking about that recreational facility and the fishing. We have two trips to that area, one in June and one in October, so make sure you're at the meeting to see the program and learn all the secrets. After this meeting we have a trip to **Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute** in Carlsbad, at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon by the SDG&E power plant. This tour will be conducted by our own Glenn Van Hest, who is a docent at that facility, and has been directing these types of tours for many years. We plan on carpooling over to the coast and having lunch at the German butcher shop/restaurant **Tip Top**. The tour is scheduled to start at 1:30 and should last about an hour. See Glenn if you're interested in joining us for the White Seabass restoration program tour.

We always have a lot of activities planned, including a lot of fishing trips, freshwater and saltwater, surf fishing, picnics, a bunch of interesting meetings, and some RV trips, so check out the schedules and plan to get involved. Remember to fish hard, fish often and have a wonderful time on the water.

Catch you later,

*Ron*

**Programs**  
Bob Lage, Program Director

Our general meetings are held the third Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Upcoming Programs**

May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Noonan & Charles Taylor, Rangers from Lake Cuyamaca talking about services and facilities
Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gustavo Velez, Baja Sportfishing and Diving
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Conrad Bowman (tentative,) Lake Hodges and Fly fishing
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Terisa Penunuri, San Diego County Water Authority-What's the latest on our County water
Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>	Representative Ceaser, CALSTAR Rods
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Ozaki, AVET Reels
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pete Haynes, Fishing Knots-Good, Bad, New and Old
Dec TBD	Annual Awards Banquet

**May Program**

The speakers at our 15 May Escondido Senior Anglers program will be Ranger Michael Noonan and Ranger Charles Taylor from Lake Cuyamaca. They will present a brief history of the Lake and the services and facilities

currently available. They will also provide information on their planned summer activities including their fish stocking program.

*Bob*



Who has eight guns and terrorizes the ocean?  
*Billy the Squid!*

**Membership**  
Minerva Martinez, Membership Director

**Welcome New Members!**

**Recently Joining our Club**

Vern & Sandra Francis  
Vista, CA 92084

**Happy Birthday!**

**May Birthdays**

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Vern Francis     | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Pat Perdue        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Tom Martinez     | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Charlotte Bassett |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Marica Plum      | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Don Hunter        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Armond Martineau | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Buzz Brewer       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Dale Hallowes    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Frank Thomason    |

**Happy Anniversary!**

**May Anniversaries**

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|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Jerry & Marilyn Porter | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Gene & Pat Jennings |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Ron & Linda Bloom      |                  |                     |

*Minerva*

**Fish Fry**  
Norm & Kathy Martineau, Event Coordinators

**O**n May 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Oak area at Lake Dixon, with a wonderful view of the lake, we had the best fish fry! Location and weather was great - 86 Senior Anglers plus about 10 park rangers enjoyed the fish fry. The menu included coleslaw, battered okra, delicious pinto beans made by Nat Estes, and yummy home-made curly fries with cheese on top made by Will Cozzens with Bev's help. Thanks to Alice Lage for the tasty tartar sauce! The ladies made some delicious desserts!



A BIG THANKS to the following: Jack Kobel, Ross Granados, Rudy Fritz, Bob Taylor and John Tester, who helped cook the fish. Nat Estes, Karen Kirchnavy, Sharon Martineau, and many others, who helped with serving and cleanup. A big thank you to Sandy and Dave Martinez for making the coffee and bringing the tablecloths. Thanks to George and Minerva Martinez for checking people in, and selling raffle tickets for the drawing, which included money and the 4 cool yellow and green pole holders that Jack Kobel donated. We want to thank all of you who helped us make this a fun and special day!



*Norm and Kathy*

## CPR/AED Classes

Barb Gattuso, Certified Instructor

The Senior Anglers of Escondido has been hosting classes in CPR and the use of an AED (automated external defibrillator) device. The club wants to buy an AED to have on hand during our meetings and outings. The more members that know the procedures, the better chance we have that we will be able to provide emergency assistance if it should ever become necessary.

We would like everyone to learn the procedures, but at minimum, we would like all of the board members and wagon masters to get certified. Our final

class will be held at the Joslyn Senior Center in Room 5 between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on Jun 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The cost of the certification card is \$5.00, and the club is asking for an additional donation of \$15.00, which will go towards the club's purchase of the AED device. Each class is limited to only 15 persons. Please phone Barbara Gattuso to hold your space. *If you plan to attend the June 12th class, contact me immediately!*

*Barb*

## Public Relations

Sharon Martineau, Public Relations Director

Just a note to remind everyone that, before you know it, we will be looking for those that are interested in holding a position on the Board for 2010 and 2011. It will be a big transition, as most on the Board now have held their positions for almost 2 years, and

sometimes more. We hope you will get involved, and help your club prosper now and in the future. Please remember.....we depend on all of you to help make this club what it has become. Thanks to all!

*Sharon*

## Salt Water Fishing

Barbara Gattuso, Salt Water Vice President

**T**here are still openings for the June 17<sup>th</sup> ¾ day trip. Hurry, they won't last. Phone or e-mail Barbara Gattuso ASAP if you want to go..

The Dominator will be running a 2 day trip on Fathers day weekend. We will be targeting Albacore or yellowtail, depending on conditions. The cost is \$275.00, which includes all meals. Mexican permits (\$15 per day), beer, soft drinks etc., and fish cleaning are all extra. The boat leaves Friday night June 19th from Mission Bay



(**Hyatt Islandia**) and returns Sunday night June 21st. They ran this trip last year and limited out with the larger size albacore. Hopefully it is as good this year. If any of you are interested, contact me and I will give you all of the details (where to send the money etc.)

Also, as of right now, there are only 3 spots left on the club's July 1-½ day trip and 5 spots left on the August trip. If you planned on going on any of these trips, now is the time to secure your spot.

The trip to Cabo is full, but if you haven't signed up yet and want to go, I can take your name as an alternate.

Just a reminder...the Hubbs Seaworld White Sea Bass Tour will be on May 15<sup>th</sup> right after the Anglers meeting. We will start by having lunch at **Tip Top** (self pay) and then go to **Hubbs**. It is advised we carpool from the Senior Center due to the fact the parking at both **Tip Top** and **Hubbs** is limited. If you signed up for this trip and cannot make it please let me know. I have to give a count to **Tip Top** and Glenn. Thank you.

Contact Barbara Gattuso

## Surf Fishing Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Wed Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carlsbad Beach, Chestnut Ave.	1:00 pm
Fri Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	South Carlsbad Ste Beach near Lifeguard Tower # 28 & Palomar Airport Rd.	7:30 am
Wed Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carlsbad Beach, Chestnut Ave.	7:00 am
<i>Contact Don Continelli</i>		

## Salt Water Schedule

<i>Type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Depart</i>	<i>Return</i>	<i>Fee</i>
$\frac{3}{4}$ day	Coronado Islands Freelance	17 Jun 09	17 Jun 09	\$55 + \$20 for islands
2 day	Tuna	19 Jun 09	21 Jun 09	\$290*
$1\frac{1}{2}$ day	Tuna	21 Jul 09	23 Jul 09	\$277 *
$1\frac{1}{2}$ day	Tuna	18 Aug 09	20 Aug 09	\$277 *
$1\frac{1}{2}$ day	Tuna	8 Sep 09	10 Sep 09	\$277 *
$\frac{3}{4}$ day	Coronado Islands Freelance	7 Oct 09	7 Oct 09	\$50 + \$20 for islands
<i>* Includes meals with coffee, Mexican permit, and tip.</i>				

## Fresh Water Report

David Martinez, Fresh Water Vice President

### **Pinezanita/Cuyamaca Jun 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

This will be our next freshwater outing. Lets hope the fishing is better than Lopez. Cuyamaca in the past has had very well to great fishing so let's hope for the best. Wagon masters are Mac & Linda McGregor if you have any questions or if you're thinking of going give them a call.



### **June Lake Pine Cliff Resort Sep 9<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>**

After our summer break will head for the High Sierra's and that's always a good trip. If you have not signed up or have any questions contact wagon masters Dave & Anitra Gehrke.

*David*

## Lopez Lake Trip Report

APRIL 19 to 25, 2009

By David Martinez

First let me give thanks to Carl & Dot Arnold for the outstanding job they did as wagon masters. Thanks also go to Floyd & Ruth Lamb for handling the Melodrama. I understand that it went very well. Now lets talk about the campout itself. We had 21 rigs, one couple staying in a motel, and two guests that visited us for two days. That makes a total of forty-six people that were at our campout. Pretty good turnout for a bunch of old guys.



Let me tell you about the weather we had. I don't know what the Arnolds did to upset Mother Nature but I do believe she was upset with us. The first two days it was HOT, extremely hot - 90+ degrees with no breeze. Then on the third day, right about mid-morning, all of a sudden a fog bank rolled in and covered the lake, then strong winds - enough to make white caps on the lake . That made it cold really quickly, and none of us had our jackets. The next day was overcast with a

little mist. Can you explain that - one extreme to another? The rest of the week we had mild weather with a little wind.

**FISHING** - now that's another subject. In the past three years, Lopez Lake fishing has decreased.







While we were there we were informed that the last trout plant was at the end March and the next would not be until the end of April. We also found out that the lake would only have two trout plants this year. Reason being the DFG has been embroiled in a lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity. I don't know the specifics but it sounds like it's going to be a long time before they start to plant trout back into Lopez Lake. With all that in mind, trout or any kind of fishing was at its worst.

Members had to focus on catching other fish such as Bass, Crappie, etc. The jackpot winner was a 3lb., 10.7 oz. Bass caught by Norm Martineau. Total fish count for the entire week was 38 fish, mostly crappie- and Warren Estes had the hot pole that was catching most of them. But overall we had a good time with camping, visiting, campfire and eating. The girls remained busy with their crafts, and as always, did a great job preparing meals. Nat Estes and some of the other ladies worked hard on making quilts. Maybe we can have Nat display some of those quilts at our next general meeting.

*David*

## Sunshine Report

Alice Lage, The Sunshine Lady

A couple of rigs had to cancel out of the April trip to Lake Lopez because of health problems of the members. All seem to be improving and plan to be at the Fish Fry at Lake Dixon. Hope all

stay healthy for a great summer of vacationing. Let me know of your joys and concerns. Please keep me informed.

*Alice*

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Senior Anglers of Escondido Activities**

<b>2009</b>			
√	Jan 19-23	Lake Cahuilla	Freshwater Campout
√	Feb 21	Lake Dixon	Youth Fishing Day
√	Feb 23-26	Lake Morena	Freshwater Campout
√	Apr 19-25	Lopez Lake	Freshwater Campout
√	Apr 25-26	Lake Dixon	Trout Derby
√	May 6	Lake Dixon	Fish Fry
	Jun 1-5	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca	Freshwater Campout
	Jun 17	Lake Wohlford	BBQ Picnic
	Sep 9-16	June Lake	Freshwater Campout
	Oct TBD	TBD	Turkey Fry
	Oct 19-23	Pinezanita/Cuyamaca	Freshwater Campout
	Oct 27-31	Los Cabos	Fishing Trip
	Nov 2-6	Lake Hemet	Freshwater Campout
	Dec TBD	Escondido Country Club	Annual Awards Banquet

