

OCEANSIDE SENOIR ANGLERS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 5, 2019

**President:** Gerry Graf called the meeting to order. Sergeant at Arms Ed Dennis led the Membership in the flag salute.

**Secretary:** October meeting minutes had no corrections.

**Treasurer:** Mike Forward reported on the October Foundation Account. After accruing donations, raffle and picnic monies the account balance is \$10,266. The Foundation has created a separate Go Fund Me account. This account is specifically for funding the purchase of new rods and reels for the Anglers 4 Military Program. Just over \$800 has been collected and \$200 of that was contributed by Jim Mauritz in memory of his mother. The Club Account will be collecting monies for Membership renewals and the Annual Banquet. This accounts balance is currently \$5,689, but there is a \$1,000 deposit with Helgren's Sportfishing.

**Program Director:** Ken Harrison introduced our guest speaker Ken Corwin from Ken's Custom Reel. Ken has spoken before our Club before and always has a topic of interest for all men and women who fish. Ken's specialty is reel repair, but he also makes and repair rods along with selling support tackle for the past 25 years. Ken's shop is located at 1352 Harbor Dr North in Oceanside and he gives discounts to OSA Members, just show your Membership card. Today's talk is on fishing rods, strengths and rod manufacturers rod ratings. Many rod makers are placing mono and braid line ratings their rods. The manufacturer is stating the rod, with these ratings are capable of fishing and 0 Ken strongly disagrees with that, because it's misleading. His example was a rod with rated at 15 to 30 lb. (mono), but also had 40 to 80 lb. rating for braid. This is misleading, because the rod is not an 80 lb. rated rod and Ken's advises to ignore the braid rating. Your line should always be matched with the rod strength rating. If your rod is rated at 80 lb. then 80 lb. braid can be used. Rod makers should rate their line size to the design strength of the rod. The rating on the rod is determined by how much drag you can fish on a given line size. An example 40 lb. test line, 30% of that line would 12 lb. of drag. With a lever drag you can set the "strike" at 30% and on a star drag set it with a weight scale. Ken began demonstrating how drag and bending moments of the rod work together to work the fish to gaff. One thing Ken stressed, and we've all heard it, don't button down on the drag, let fish hook itself then button down as needed or you'll lose the fish. Ken described three types of rods. The parabolic rod starts it bend from the tip back to just about the reel seat or bending "flat". It's great for throwing jigs, but not good when hooked up, because the rod won't pump. The medium taper rod when loaded will have long bend at the tip. Good for flipping bait and has good recoil and lift on the fish. The fast taper rod bends at the tip, it's generally not good for flipping bait, but has a lot of recoil and lift on a fish. Audience question was; which reel is the best for casting? Ken responded with the "star drag" reel. It will cast farther than a lever drags because of the spool design. Star drag reel spools have shafts through the spool with bearings both sides and lighter in weight. Whereas the lever drag spool are heavier because part of the spool is the drag and it is built heavier than a star drag reel. Some lever drag reels are terrific for casting, but the star drag is better. Casting from a boat, Ken suggests learning to cast underhand.

Fred Hall signups are around the corner and the Club needs your support at this show. The show this year will be from March 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> and the \$650 fee is paid. This year the FHS booth fee is split 50/50 with the Club and the Foundation.

**Social Director:** Greg Thompson reported the Mexican Fiesta de OSA on October 16<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Jim Mauritz and it had a good turnout. On November 14<sup>th</sup> it will be the Lasagna picnic, hosted by Steve/Cheryl Hjelt. The Annual Christmas Banquet will be held at the El Camino Country Club on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the cost this year is \$40 per person. The last date for sign-ups will be at the December Club meeting. This year we'll have the use of the main ballroom plus a side room. The side room will be used for the raffle, buffet and the bar. Today's after meeting lunch will be at the Pit Stop Restaurant and there is a \$30 gift certificate for that lucky Member whose name will be drawn at the end of today's meeting.

**Membership Director:** Larry Knight announced the following new Members; Marshall Bell, Denny/Lorraine Morgan, Tim Sweet, Mike Collyer's, Robert/Marilyn Scott, Eric Lahti, Paul Berinson, Mark Richardson and Daryl Stacey. Jim Mauritz is credited in getting most of these new members. This brings the Club Membership to 252. New Members see Diane Dawson for name tag and see Hank Mabrey for directory photos. The January 2020 Club meeting is the deadline for getting your name in the Club Directory. Hopefully that document will be ready for the February 2020 meeting.

**President's Remarks:** Gerry Graf is trying to get mail to Eric Fahr and his OSA Directory address is incorrect and if anyone knows his address pass it on for Directory correction. The food drive for the Marine families is off to great start with boxes and cans of non-perishable food. Our next challenge is the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive. Members are requested to bring new unwrapped toys to the December Club meeting. Gerry has asked for recommendations for Sportsman of the Year. Submit your written choice and why you've selected person and give it to Gerry at the end of this meeting.

John DeWitt talked about the October 4, 2019 multi day trip on the Vagabond with 8 OSA Members. This year's trip was hunting for Yellowfin tuna. The tuna fished were 30 to 50 lbs. and had to be fished with 30-pound test line or less. The fish were plentiful and most all of us came home with our limits. John said he brought home about 300 pounds of fish. We also got into a Yellowtail bite with some of those ranging 50 lbs. or more and the jackpot fish was a 55 lb. Yellowtail. John is promoting a trip like this for the 2020 season however trip sign-ups are time sensitive because the Vagabond fills these trips months in advance. We have 8 reserved spots so if you want to go for some exciting tuna fishing contact John quickly or go to the Vagabond website and reserve your spot for 2020. Skipper Mike Lackey and his crew really go the extra mile to help their customers.

Gerry has Sputnik surf fishing sinkers for sale for \$2 each. They're designed to anchor into the sand but when retrieved the wire arms fold back when reeled in.

**Nominating Committee:** Gerry Graf commented that Club Members should get engaged with leadership participation of our Club. One of the responsibilities of the elected President is appointing the Membership, Social and Program Directors. Those 3 along with the 5 Members you elect plus the past President make a body of 9 who serve as voters on the Executive Committee. Hal Reeser commented the Officer's positions are still open until we get a vote from the Membership to close the nominations. Jim Mauritz made the motion to close the nominations and Mike Forward seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The office of Vice President had 2 candidates; Bill Colburn and Peter Rohrich and each spoke of their qualifications. They were subsequently asked to leave the room so a vote could be taken. The Membership voted and Peter Rohrich won. With all votes in, the 2020 Club Board will be; Peter Graves as President, Peter Rohrich as Vice President, Mike Forward as Treasurer and Michael McIntire as Secretary.

**Foundation Report:** Ken Harrison reported raffle tickets for the Annual Banquet has change. Last year the average person was buying 30 to 40 tickets and this year it's changed to 2 tickets for \$5. You'll put your ticket in the basket for the prize you want. Ken thanked the Membership for the support of the Foundation.

**Anglers 4 Military:** Jim Mauritz announced canned tuna on sale for \$6 per jar or 4 for \$20. The monies from this sale will help in purchasing of those rod and reels needed for the military program. Peter Rohrich and Jim Mauritz donated the tuna and Lee Wood canned it. Jim thanked all those who donated to the food drive. Our next drive is the Marine Toys for Tots. Bring your unwrapped toy to the December Club meeting. The "Go Fund Me" account had some issues in regards to Pay Pal, but it's being resolved. Jim stated that Pay Pal has a nominal charge per transaction so if you want to avoid that just send a check. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Gerry Graf read a letter from Lt. Coronel M.K. Flatley, Commander of the US Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Battalion West, Camp Pendleton, addressed to Jim Mauritz. The letter thanks and pays tribute to OSA for all it does for the Marines that go on these fishing trips and how therapeutic it is for those Warriors.

**Anglers 4 Kids:** Fred Kaczmarek read a letter that he received from the Boys and Girls Club of Carlsbad. The letter thanks the OSA organization for what they do for children. The letter continues, "Not only do you teach children how to fish, but your organization affected their lives in a positive way." The letter also states our Club had such an impact on the kids, the Boys and Girls Club wants to start their own fishing club. The children are our future and anything that enriches the lives of the youth, enriches ours. Anglers 4 Kids took 186 kids this year, from various organizations, on 7 ocean trips. Fred gave an expense report on the 7 Kid's trips. Each trip cost was \$1,425 x 7 equaled \$9,975. Food and drink totaled \$425. 186 trophies were given, costing \$7 each, totaling \$1,302. 186 OSA booklets were given, costing \$2 each, totaling \$372. The total for all trips came to \$12,074. Fred extended his gratitude to all those who made these trips a success for all these kids.

**No Tackle Left Behind:** John DeWitt mentioned he had a lot of tackle from Tim Johnson's estate on sale. Tim's tackle wasn't the most expensive, but it was well balanced and functional. We have a SL30 Diawa on an 8-foot Sabre rod, rated at 15 to 25 lb. for \$150. Accuplate converted reel on a Kunnan 7-foot rod for \$150. A Seeker, 'Black Steel' 7.5-foot rod, rated at 25 to 60 lb. with a Penn lever drag reel for \$200. John has a lot of tackle for sale. If you're interested contact John and see what he has, you can't beat his prices.

**Head Charter Master:** Jim Mauritz reported on the October 3.5-day trip on the Poseidon. There were 12 Members, 6 guests and 2 Marines on the trip. The first 2 days were fishing Mexican waters, southwest of the Coronado Islands. The first day we limited on Yellowfin tuna in the morning. We then went on the hunt for Bluefin tuna and had only one hooked, but never got to gaff. The second day we found the tuna school and by 10 am. we limited out again on Yellowfin. The third day we went to San Nicolas Island. The weather and current weren't the best for bottom fishing. However, the skipper did put us on a school of Yellowtail and one angler limited out (10) on that fish. Another trip like this one will be on the 2020 Charter Schedule Jim stated that all the skippers on all our charters are very pleased with our Club. Jim had a side trip on the Voyager to honor his dear mother, Cres Mauritz, with his brothers and a nephew and some OSA Members. Jim caught the jackpot fish, a 32 lb. Yellowtail. Jim said the new 2020 charter schedule will be out soon and asked Members to support our charters first before committing to other charters.

**Head Charter Master continued:** Jim called upon the October trip jackpot winners to come and receive their pins. Day one, Art Ramirez and Jim Mauritz had a split jackpot, both catching a 26 lb. Yellowfin. Day 2, Peter Graves with a 26 lb. Yellowfin. Day 3, Jim Mauritz with a 19.5 lb. Yellowtail. Jim set a Club record for Skipjack tuna; his Skippy weighed 15 lbs. Jim announced there will be OSA shirts this year for those who support the Club and reminded those who would like a shirt to contact him. You can order T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts or hoodies. Also, anyone who has a like new item and would like to donate it as a Banquet raffled item contact Jim.

Jim had a special presentation for Marshall Goddard. It seems that Marshall had nothing but bad luck on one trip with bird's nests on his reel. So that Marshall would always remember that day he was presented a T-shirt with a well-done depiction of a bird nested reel.

**Conservation Report:** No report.

**Sunshine Report:** Genie Hansen circulated a card for Members to sign regarding Don Maquet's ill wife, Virginia.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Dip Stick:** Lynn Howell received the award this month for having a photo taken of him holding someone else's fish. So, Lynn was given the rod and an 8 x 10 glossy of him with the fish.

**Raffle and Lunch Drawing:** Hank Mabrey was the lunch drawing winner and received a \$30 gift certificate for the Pit Stop Restaurant. This month's meeting had 71 attendees.

**Meeting Adjournment:** President Gerry Graf adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary

**Fishermen are born honest, but they soon get over it.** Ed Zern quote.