

OCEANSIDE SENOIR ANGLERS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 3, 2020

**President:** Peter Graves called the meeting to order. Sergeant at Arms, Ed Dennis led the Membership in the flag salute.

**Secretary:** February meeting minutes had no corrections and Peter Graves asked for a motion for approval. Peter Rohrich made the motion to accept and Mike Forward seconded the motion. Motion passed by Membership.

**Treasurer:** Mike Forward reported the Club (C7) account. The expenses were \$476 and \$1,200 for annual room rent payment to O'side Sr. Center, leaving an end balance of \$9,252. Member trip deposits total \$8,900 and 2 boat deposits are \$2,000 leaving a net account balance at \$2,351.

Foundation (C3) account had income of \$713, from tackle sales and donations. There is one boat deposit of \$1,000 leaving a net balance at \$13,836.

Mike is currently working on the Foundation restructure, from a Non-Operating to an Operating designation. The scope and purpose are to enable the Foundation to receive supporting donations from large corporations.

**President's Remarks:** Peter Graves stated there will be a Membership incentive presented at the Fred Hall Show. Anyone who joins the Club and pays the \$25 full Membership fee will receive \$10 worth of FHS raffle tickets. The OSA Board has officially created the OSA Associate Program. This program is for the groups of anglers between the ages of 40 to 49 and the purpose is to build the Club roster. They will be able to enjoy all the OSA activities and fishing charters. As an Associate, their annual fee will be \$10 and they will not be eligible to hold any Board positions or be a Charter Master, or "chair" any Club activity and they cannot vote in Club elections.

A Halibut hatchery field trip is planned, but this occur when the juvenile fish are moved from the Hubbs Hatchery in Mission Bay to the Hubbs Hatchery in Carlsbad. Chris Arechaederra, from CCA will be our contact for trip arrangements when that time comes.

The Club News Letter will be released soon and will contain a listing for fishing info, e.g. radio talk show(s) and websites.

**Program Director:** Kelley Kissinger announced we have more than enough Fred Hall Show booth support and thanked the Membership for their support. Membership applications for the OSA Associates will be a different color to distinguish them from a senior Membership.

Our March guest speaker is Walt Bailey from Pacific Coast Bait and Tackle (PCB&T), which is located at 2110 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside. Walt gives a 10% discount to all card carrying OSA Members. Walt stated the surf fishing in our area is good and PCB&T is sponsoring a Surf Perch Derby. If you're interested come to the store to sign up and there is no entrance fee. The Derby prizes are; 1<sup>st</sup> place is a Fenwick HMX fishing rod, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is a \$50 gift certificate, 3<sup>rd</sup> place is a \$25 gift certificate, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place is a \$10 gift certificate. The number one bait for the surf is blood worms, however, if you're fishing halibut, then try the Lucky Craft Flash Minnow. Halibut and croaker bites are improving. The best spots seem to be Del Mar, Ponto, Carlsbad Lagoon and Tierra Mar (power plant). This derby ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Halibut Derby from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Croaker Derby in June, a Kid's Derby in June and a Corbina Derby in August. You must sign up for each Derby and rules are simple; no snagged fish, must be caught from shore or jetty and can't be a previously frozen fish...lol.

**Program Director continued:** Halibut is on and if you're a boat owner fish for them in 150 to 250 feet of water and use the "bounce ball" rig (3 lb. cannon ball with a flasher) with a mackerel. This technique has been working well. If it doesn't work for you then fish dropper loops and a 16 oz. weight. Halibut caught recently have been 20 lbs. to the largest being 36 lbs. Walt talked about bottom fishing and strongly suggests the use of a 6X jig for yoyo fishing the bottom.

Bluefin have been sighted about 4 miles out and they're in the 30 to 100 lb. range. Walt said the offshore water is warming up and yesterday at the Oceanside buoy it was 61.8°F, when it should be about 55° F. PCB&T is offering 30% off the price on **all** Accurate reels in stock. At the FHS and the store we're offering 15% off the price on **all** United Composites USA Fishing Rods. If you're not familiar with the "United" rod come into the store or at the FHS booth and "pull" on one of these rods, you'll be surprised. Any reel with a purchase price over \$250 will be spooled with braid at no charge. We'll also have good deals on the Seeker rods, which we're closing out plus other store bargains.

Walt offered help the Club filling charters. He said there are always people coming into the store asking about fishing trips and he would really like to help us, if needed. Walt took questions from the Membership, covering Flat Fall, Cold Sniper lures, jig colors and rigging. His comment regarding the Cold Sniper was change out the stock hook, they're too weak for tuna. His comment regarding Flat Fall used for big Bluefin, attach a 4 to 6 foot length of 200 lb. mono "crimp it", don't tie it on. and add an Owner stinger hook on top.

Walt touched on Mexican fishing licenses and that the San Diego CONAPESCA is permanently closed. This leaves the option of buying licenses at a landing or online at California Sport Fishing.org and follow the prompts. Using a debit card to make an online payment can have its hiccups due to international banking. PCB&T has a Mexican license online purchasing service for a nominal fee. The benefit is PCB&T keeps your info on file, so if you lose your license they can retrieve and duplicate it.

Kelly made known the Fred Hall Show raffle prizes, which are: two 1.5 day trips, one person each trip, 4 half day trips for 2 persons per trip, all from Helgren's. Thanks to Gerry Graf for the 8 bags filled with about \$60 worth of gear per bag and a Phenix rod and reel combo.

**Social Director:** Greg Thompson Gave a special thanks to Felicia Scimo and Frenchy LaBarge for their consistent help with the Club picnics. Chili cook-off contest had 6 people making chili. Nancy Boyd won first place with her chili and Jolene Thompson took second place. The other contestants were; Ken Harrison, Lynn Howell, Stacy Thompson and Peter Graves. Thanks to Peter Rohrich, Ron Casapulla and Annie Mabrey for making this event special. The March 19<sup>th</sup> picnic will be celebrating St. Patties Day with corned beef and cabbage or sandwich, Jolene Thompson will be the host. Today's after meeting lunch will be at the Beach Break Café, which has provided a gift certificate.

Ron Casapulla has organized a Club trip to the Bass Pro Shop on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at the Oceanside Sr. Center, carpool leaving at 8:00 AM. The tour will begin about 10:00 AM with a lunch after the tour. Greg mentioned a \$5 reservation/security fee. Contact Ron for information if required.

The Club has been invited to join the Senior Anglers of Escondido's monthly fishing tournaments. The first one is on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Bay fishing pier fishing, probably Shelter Island. There will be another tournament in early May, date to be announced, and that will be surf fishing near the Carlsbad Power Plant. Another surf fishing event will be at Cardiff State Beach on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Beach Break Café has given us a \$25 gift certificate to raffle however, it cannot be used today, but on a subsequent day(s). The lucky winner today is John Lopez.

**Membership Director:** Larry Knight stated as of today we have 186 Members. We have 4 new Members and they are; Larry Hansen, Frank Moton, Jim Fittinger and Thad Shelton. We receive many questions regarding the OSA website Photo Gallery password and it is: **OSAfishing**. All new Members see Diane Dawson for name tags and Hank Mabrey for directory photos. Larry gave a special thankyou to Justin McTeer who is the artist that created the cover art for the OSA Directory. If you feel so inclined to send him an email of appreciation, his email is: [ninj001980@gmail.com](mailto:ninj001980@gmail.com).

**No Tackle Left Behind:** John DeWitt thanked long time Members like Ed Robinson, Ron Casapulla and Lee Mueller for donating tackle. However, today was one of those special days. Larry Hansen just brought in donated containers filled with lures, jigs, weights and Sebile jerk baits. John said it's all good stuff and it will take a while to sort it, but it will be on sale today. John asked if anyone was going on the March Cortez trip and if they were to take an assortment of 6X jigs for the Yellowtail. John stated right now is the best time for jigging yoyo style. A like new pressure cooker was brought in that belong to Tim Johnson, which is for sale. These are great for canning fish. John is offering a Phenix 707ML, Black Diamond 10 to 30 lb. rod (Don Kay custom wrapped the rod) with an Abu Garcia Revo Toro NaCL 50 5.9 ratio level wind reel. This combo would retail for around \$550 and is offered today for \$300.

**Head Charter Master:** Jim Mauritz commented on a recent Escondido Fishing Club (EFC) tournament and the jackpot winner was Randall Mattes. Randall is an OSA Member and set an EFC, Class 1 record. The February 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> charter to Punta Banda was a success and the Charter Master, Kelly Kissinger got the jackpot with a 6.8 lb. Lingcod. The boat returned with 2 Lingcod, 35 Reds, 28 Sculpin and 95 various rock fish. That trip picked up 2 new OSA Members. Note:for charter trip reports go to OSA website to "Fish'n News" and go to the Report column. Find the past trip in question and click on that report. In November 2019, we had a side trip to Castro's in the Baja. On that trip Peter Rohrich caught a 13 lb.-12 oz. Cow Cod, which broke the Club's Class 2 record. All charter on the posted schedule are now open. The April 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 1.5 day trip to San Clemente Island needs 8 anglers to fill the trip, see Peter Rohrich. The May 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 3.5 day trip to Channel Islands on the 8 openings and the cost is \$785. This trip is having problems filling the slots and may have to be turned into a 2.5 day trip.

Jim said he been running picnics for the past 2 years and at every picnic there has been one person who is always there to help in any capacity. Jim announced that person is Felicia Scimo and called her to the podium. Jim awarded her a special Club shirt with the following inscription:"Felicia Super Social Server".

**Anglers 4 Military:** Jim Mauritz thanked Peter Rohrich, Gerry Graf and Don Kay for helping acquire 15 rods with Penn Warfare 30LW reels for the military. Don Kay will spool the reels. Two special vests were purchased for those Warriors who may have inadequate arm strength. The funding for this came from donations. Jim pointed out that all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. Jim said raffle tickets are also deductible, but check with your tax consultant to be sure.

A website committee has been established and Jim is a member. If anyone has an issue with the website email Jim with the issue and it will be addressed. Jim's email is: [mauritz6@gmail.com](mailto:mauritz6@gmail.com).

Jim thanked everyone who brought diapers for the Marine families, your support is appreciated.

**Foundation Report:** Ken Harrison thanked Larry Knight for the great job he did on the Club Directory. The Foundation sold \$850 in directory ads. Remember when you shop the various stores advertised in the Directory, you can receive a 10% discount by just showing your OSA Membership card. We have fully funded the 7 Kids trips, the 4 Military trips and \$1,500 for rod/reel combos for the Scout Program. FHS may bring in \$2,000 plus for Foundation support.

**Foundation Report continued:** OSA has window stickers that will be placed in shops and restaurants that OSA visits and promotes, as well as to our advertisers. If you go into one of these establishments, go to the manager and thank them for their OSA support.

Bill Vogel kicked off his Bill Vogel Challenge, which is to match his \$100 donation to the Foundation. The sole purpose of this Challenge is to help fund the Foundation's 3 programs; Anglers 4 Kids, Military and Scouts. Remember, this is a tax-deductible donation. Ken Harrison commented the Challenge target amount is \$1,500 and \$200 has been collected thus far.

Bill is selling the "X" wrench for \$25, as opposed to CharkBait's price of \$30. Bill's fisherman's harness is also available for \$25 and the reel attachment is \$12.

Bill's annual La Paz, Mexico trip will be July 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> and the cost is \$1,150 and is all inclusive. On this trip you'll have 4 days of panga fishing, with only 2 anglers per boat. There are still trip openings, if interested contact Bill.

**Anglers 4 Kids:** Fred Kaczmarek and John DeWitt met with Fish and Wildlife gave a presentation and made a funding request of \$10,000. A letter was received from F&W stating we will only receive \$1,500. In June there is another opportunity to re-apply for additional grant money. Note, the money that funds grants comes from fines (violations) collected. If F&W collects "big money" by June then Fred feels confident we'll receive the balance of the needed funds. Fred has contacted other possible funding sources, like Katherine Saxon of the Saxon Foundation. Katherine has already financed one trip and is trying to get their Foundation to sponsor more. Ester Sanchez, who served on Oceanside City Council, will be contacted. She has arranged for trip sponsorship in the past. Fred contacted Captain Joe, of the Sea Center, and was given a number of organizations that may help. Ken Harrison stated the Foundation has reached out to Pure Fishing, Shakespeare and Berkley for a \$1,500 grant(s). Gerry Graf has spoken to the Vista Elks Lodge and they seem interested in helping with some funding. However, the Foundation Board has committed to 7 kid's trips this season.

**Anglers 4 Scouts:** Lynn Howell and Ken Harrison recently met with Henry Hall and other senior Scout leaders from San Diego County BSA. Henry Hall is associated with the Fiesta Island Camp. We met with people that may be able to help in future funding efforts for the Scout program. The Girl Scouts effort is ongoing and Lisa Hildreth, Scout leader and a February guest speaker, has 10 to 20 other Troops interested in this fishing program for girls. Lynn thanked Peter Rohrich, Hal Reeser and others for repair and maintenance of the fishing equipment used at Camp Fiesta Island. There is a label attached to all poles stating OSA donated and maintains the equipment. On the same label it is states the reels are donated by Pacific Coast Bait and Tackle and rods donated by Penn Pure Fishing. The Foundation has donated 15 new rod/reel combos to Scout Camp Big Horn at Lake Arrowhead.

Ken Harrison addressed the recent Boy Scouts of America lawsuit dealing with molestation. This has caused the BSA to file bankruptcy and the reorganization of BSA. This is to protect their current assets, but they have also set aside millions of dollars in anticipated claims that occurred prior to 1995. After 1995 BSA brought into practice some extreme guidelines that prevent future issues. This National BSA issue does not affect our Scout program. We've learned that for the first time in 35 years the San Diego Imperial Council is operating in the "black". The Mormons have officially removed themselves from BSA because allowing girls to join. This is against their LDS doctrine, but they still publish the Scout events and encourage their boys to join if they chose to. They are now called the Saint Scouts. Our programs are growing and thriving.

**Sunshine Report:** No report

**Conservation Report:** No report.

**Old Business:** Luis Camarena and an appointed committee will be reorganizing the OSA website. If any Member has any suggestions or input contact Jim Mauritz.

**New Business:** Peter Graves asked Members to get involved in the OSA activities, which are low cost activities.

**Dip Stick:** Since there are no candidates Peter Graves will hold it for another month.

**Foundation Raffle:** Raffle for Members occurred, marking the end of the meeting.

**Meeting Adjournment:** President Peter Graves adjourned the meeting.

Michael McIntire, Secretary

**Any time a man ain't fish'n, he's fritterin away his life...**Patrick McManus