

OCEANSIDE SENOIR ANGLERS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 6, 2019

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

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

**Treasurer:** Mike Forward reported the Foundation got \$536 in raffles, majority was from Club raffle and the \$5 raffle (Make a Wish Raffle). We received an anonymous \$900 donation, expressly for Anglers 4 Military. We had seven Kids trip this year and have paid out \$9,900 in July with just over a \$1,000 for trophies, food and incidentals. The Foundation account balance after expenses is \$16,800.

General account report. \$275 in picnic income and some charter income. Charter deposits are \$2,500 and \$6,400 (Poseidon trip) which leaves account of \$44,000 and Mike added the net, net is \$6,300.

**Social Director:** Greg Thompson reported that Frenchy's July 18<sup>th</sup> picnic had a great turnout. Greg gave the picnic schedule starting with August 15<sup>th</sup> Pork Sliders, hosted by Lynn /Vickie Howell. Next is September 25<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry picnic hosted by Jim Mauritz, October 16<sup>th</sup> Mexican Fiesta, hosted by Jim Mauritz and November 14<sup>th</sup> 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>. This month's after meeting lunch will be at the Oceanside Broiler and a \$25 gift certificate will be raffled at the end of today's meeting.

**Membership Director:** Larry Knight announced Club Membership now stands at 239. The latest new Member is Jeff Potter. New Members should see Hank Mabrey for Club Directory photos.

**Program Director:** Larry Cusack said our guest speaker is scheduled to be Joel Gamester from Tomahawk Sportfishing. Unfortunately, Joel did not appear.

OSA participates in the Oceanside Harbor Days that will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> and we need Club volunteer support for this function. The Club will be there both days from 9 AM to 5 PM, with three-hour shifts. The Club's primary goal is to inform the public about what we are about and Membership recruitment. Parking is a problem for this event, so car pool if possible. There is shuttle service from the Oceanside Transit Center Garage starting at 8 AM. to the Harbor Days location.

Wayne Kotow spoke favorably about the vessel Tomahawk, formerly the Cat Special, saying it is owned by Joel Gamester and Eric Sauerwein. Wayne referred to it as an excellent "fishing platform". It's docked at Fisherman's Landing in San Diego and charters mostly 1 ½ to 2 ½- day trips.

Wayne began a discussion about the San Diego Port Authority's Master Plan is for the harbor. The plan has been in work since 2013. Just before the final plan was going to Commission for approval, last minute changes were made. Shelter Island ramp where \$10,000,000 was spent in redesign and is the busiest ramp in the State with over 10,000 launches a year will be affected. There will be a reduction in trailered boats parking, because landscaping is being introduced. The Port wants to make the Island attractive to tourist instead of the maritime use it was designed for. Shelter Island was specifically designed for boating and fishing. The San Diego Port is for maritime interests, for commercial and recreational activity and that should be the primary interest. The Port plan is also reducing Scott Street from four lanes to two lanes.

**Program Director continued:** This is to accommodate diagonal parking on one side and a bicycle lane on the other side. This design will severely handicap commercial traffic. The San Diego Marlin Club has been in existence since 1931 and their space is jeopardized because the “plan” rezones their location and not for recreational fishing. Ken Franke, President of the Sportfishing Assoc. of California, a harbor tenant, was involved with the original “plan” and he was caught off guard with these changes. The CCA, yacht clubs, commercial fleet, sportfishing fleet, are all working together to stop the revised plan. Recently we’ve received over 1,000 letters of support. If the Port Authority goes around us then we’ll be at the Coastal Commission to insist they stop it.

Last year CCA got the gill net legislation passed at the State level and this year CCA is working on Federal gill net legislation. Bluefin tagging operation will begin on August 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> in the San Clemente Island area. This area has been active with big Bluefin and about ten boats will be tagging these fish. This is a study to ascertain where they’re spawning and how they’re migrating. The cost of the satellite pop-up tags being used is \$6,000 each.

CCA just completed five banquets in four months. These banquets are important, they give us funding for sustaining our operation. The ICAST 2019 International Trade Show just occurred, which is sponsored by manufacturers of boats and fishing tackle. The show reviews everything that’s new for 2020. CCA got the support of organizations such as the National Marine Fishing Service, National Marine Sanctuary Group with NOAA, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the American Sportfishing Association to perpetuate recreational fishing. CCA is currently working on the R3 Program; Recruit, Retain and Reactivate. This program is to encourage more people into hunting and fishing. The Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) was the originator of this type of program. The RBFF is going across the Country trying to get more people fishing and creating fishing clinics, but the RBFF found out they don’t have the skill to do fishing clinics. They have ability to make policies, get funding, but don’t have the local resources, and they don’t know where or how to fish. We, CCA, know what to do, we have the people, clubs, resources and we have the tackle. These organizations will be partnering with us and we’ll be working across the Country promoting fishing.

The 12-month State fishing license legislation was introduced a couple years ago and Fish and Wildlife are dragging their feet on this legislation. This year it was tied to the R3 Program in hopes to get it passed, but the R3 Program didn’t pass. CCA went back to the F&W and negotiated a two-year Senate Bill. Nothing will happen this year, but next year its licensing will be tied to the R3 Program. It’s presumed there’s a better chance for the 12-month license because the whole licensing system is up for renewal. There are fewer licensed fishing folks than in the past and the reason F&W income hasn’t decreased is they keep increasing license fees. Certain portions of our license fees are budgeted for hatchery programs, artificial reefs. Example, 20% of license fees is supposed to be spent on the artificial reefs and right now there is no artificial reef program. There is a Federal excise tax on imported fishing tackle and California gets a portion of that, where’s that funding. We believe our money isn’t being used for the programs they were intended for. We, CCA, have asked for a F&W audit and make them accountable on how the funds are being used.

**President Remarks:** Gerry Graf has rack of OSA men’s clothing plus some shirts for ladies available for Members to purchase at his cost. Individuals have asked if he can get items for them, however until the present inventory is reduced, he won’t buy anyone clothing. Sam Vanderveer, a past Member, donated an electric smoker to the Club to sell and Peter Kastorf bought it for \$100.

OSA will be faced with higher room fees at the Senior Center in 2020. Gerry has made an area search for other meeting locations and at every site they are more expensive than this site. Gerry will be meeting with the Center’s management today after our Club meeting regarding next year’s use. Gerry is also writing a letter to Oceanside City Council expressing and how our Club contributes to Oceanside, hopefully this approach will give us a break in rent.

**President Remarks continued:** Currently, Center management here wants us to move our meeting into the cafeteria. If we do that our meeting time changes to 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. It was suggested to contact LP Fishing Supply in Oceanside, because they have a meeting area for about 120 people. Gerry called upon the Nominating Committee for candidates for Head charter Master for 2020. We nominate this month and elect next month. Lee Mueller, Nominating Committee, is now taking names for that position, at present we have only Jim Mauritz. We are also open for nominations for next year's Board. This will be a topic at the October meeting and those nominees will voted on at the November meeting. Gerry stated to the meeting attendees, if anyone is interested in any Board positions, please don't hesitate to volunteer.

**Foundation Report:** Jeff Routsong announced today is the Make a Wish Raffle drawing for the 2 ½ day fishing trip on the Oceanside 95. Jeff is moving to Arizona and is stepping down as the Foundation President resulting in changes. Tom Fukuhara will assume take over the Club meeting raffle(s), see him for future donations. Larry Knight will be taking charge of the Club Directory. The OSA Newsletter needs someone to take over. If anyone is interested contact Jeff or Gerry Graf. In the meantime, Jeff will continue creating the Newsletter. The Foundation Board elections are near and the Foundation by-laws states the current Board selects a candidate for President. This submitted to the general Membership for a vote. The Board has chosen Ken Harrison as nominee for President and the vote will occur at the September general meeting. If Ken is elected, he will relinquish his Anglers 4 Scouts position and Lynn Howell will lead that program. Gerry Graf expressed his thanks as well as the Club for Jeff's service as Foundation President and his leadership help in creating the Foundation.

**Anglers 4 Kids:** John DeWitt reported five trips have occurred so far and we have served 125 kids. The groups taken fishing thus far are, the Vista Boy's and Girl's Club, Pro Kids, Camp Pendleton YMCA, Bishop Rec Center, Girl Scout Troop 1044, Boy Scout Troops 708 and 722. This year we are doing a CPR program, which translates to, "Catch", "Photograph" and "Release". This was initiated and used on the five kid's trips. It seems the kids care more about catching the fish than keeping them. John estimates that over a 1,000 bass have been caught on these five trips. Our purpose is to get these kids started in fishing and teach them the art. Also teaching them the principals of conservation and that you don't have to keep everything you catch. John emphasized the last Kids trip will be the Bob Porter Memorial. This trip was made possible with the help of the Porter family donating \$1,000. With just two donations, Anglers 4 Kids Program has received \$8,000 of the \$12,500 budget. It's impressive to have this much financial support for our program.

**No Tackle Left Behind:** John Dewitt featured a pair of Seeker rods, a six and seven-foot and thanks to Jim Mauritz for getting these rods. One is a graphite "black steel" rod and this used rod would list for \$350 on the internet. The other is rod is seven-foot, which is great for casting small light baits. The Seeker seven-foot rod is selling for \$150 and the six-foot rod for \$100. There's also a Penn rod with a 4/0 reel, spooled with 80# line and a tied trolling lure for \$65. Two more lures will be tossed into the deal.

**Anglers 4 Scouts:** Ken Harrison introduced Jim Howell, the Scout leader for Troop 722. Jim was on the Troop 722 trip and was impressed with our program. Ken thanked Wayne Kotow of CCA for being our only guy with direct contact with Sacramento. Wayne is constantly in the fight for better recreational fishing and support legislation. Wayne has a multitude of contacts in government and industry. Our Club is fortunate to have him as a Member. Through Wayne we were able to be 60% underbudget for new rod/reel combos for Camp Mataquay. Wayne got Okuma to donate 25 rods and reels for the Scouts. This event was published in the Log, Union Tribune and other publications.

**Anglers 4 Scouts continued:** This Saturday Lynn Howell Peter Rohrich, Hal Reeser and Ken are going to the Fiesta Island Boy Scout Summer Camp. This will be OSA's 8<sup>th</sup> year of involvement with this program. When the Club began support, the Scouts had some of the worst used tackle and today they have some of the best. Eight years ago, Ed Dennis and I came up with the program and pitched it to the Board, who were hesitant at first. When Ed stated he would pay for it, the Board reconsidered and here we are today. There is approximately 3,000 Scouts that use our tackle during this summer camp and when it's over we pick up the tackle and refurbish it for next year's use.

**Anglers 4 Military:** Jim Mauritz reported a trip going out of August 14<sup>th</sup> with 20 Marines from the Wounded Warrior Battalion. We also have all of our support volunteers signed-up. We are having a good year and for the remaining trips we'll have WWs from Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms filling the trips. There are three trips left and if you'd like to be on these trips contact Jim.

**Head Charter Master:** Jim Mauritz introduced Peter Rohrich to give the July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> trip report on the Voyager. Peter stated only four Yellowtail were boated. There were probably thousands of Bluefin and Yellowfin boiling during our time on the water, but none put on board. Peter hooked the only tuna on a Rapala jig. It missed the gaff and never got on board. The tuna was never interested in our sardines or for that matter anything thrown to them, they were gorging themselves on small anchovies. The jackpot fish was a 18½ lb. Yellowtail caught by Chris Bentley and Bill Vogel. When the fish came on board, two hooks was in the fish's mouth so the jackpot was split.

The ¾-day July 16<sup>th</sup> trip on the Chubasco netted 120 Rock Cod and 19 Calico with about 80 released Bruce Rudolph won the jackpot with a 5.5 lb. Vermillion. The ¾-day August 1<sup>st</sup> trip on the Electra was the Youth trip for children. We had that trip filled; however, we had some cancellations and we filled it with eight Marines. We fished in waters of 450 feet and the fish were plentiful. Thirty-nine Reds were caught with 28 over 5 lbs. and the jackpot fish was a 9 ½ lb. Red. We fished the shallow water and caught 21 keeper Calicos and released about 85. Other fish caught were 19 Salmon Grouper (Boccaccio), 16 various rock fish and two Cow Cods, they were released. Our trip skipper was Joey Helgren and his son Joseph helped crew. The skipper commented he had more than he has had in years on this trip. With the remaining time left on the charter, Captain Joey said he would give two ½-day charter tickets to the jackpot winner and one ½-day charter ticket for second place. Jim won the jackpot and has donated them to the Club raffle. Jim called Bruce Rudolph, Chris Bentley, Bill Vogel and himself to receive a Club Jackpot pin. We have three trips to be filled and they are September 10<sup>th</sup> ¾-day on the Sea Trek, 10 anglers needed, September 23<sup>rd</sup> ¾-day on the Sea Trek, 12 anglers needed and October 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> on the Poseidon, one angler is needed. The Poseidon trip although full can take an additional three more anglers.

Jim received a complaint about the Voyager trip crew not gaffing properly. The problem was anglers getting in the way of the gaffer. The fish on the gaff has the right of way, anyone near has to move and or reel in and move. You must move so the gaffed fish can get on board.

**Note;** the Mexican Oficina de Pesca in San Diego is closed. To purchase an annual license now you have to go online. One day licensing is still available through the charter boats.

**Other Fishing Reports:** Rancho Bernardo fishing club has a 1½-day on August 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Deek Takacs and Ed Dennis will soon be fishing Cedros. Gerry Graf is off to Alaska on a fishing trip. Bill Vogel is also fishing Cedros in October. Gerry told of a one-day fishing trip he made with Baja Fishing Convoys (BFC) into Baja that cost \$125, plus tips. This would be good for bottom fishing in January and February when that fishing is closed in California, but not closed in Mexico. You drive to Brown Field and be there by 6 AM. You are picked by a BFC van and driven to the border to get your visa, which is free when entering Mexico via car. Then you're driven to Ensenada and board the Gamefisher (Offshore 48) with a total of eight anglers and a crew of three. After fishing you're driven back to Brown Field and arrive about 7:30 PM.

Make a Wish Foundation Raffle: Jeff Routsong reported that 207 raffle tickets were sold, totaling \$1.035. The winner of the drawing for the 2 ½ day fishing trip on the Oceanside 95 was Bob Reid, currently a non-Member.

**Sunshine Report:** It was reported that Tim Johnson, a longtime OSA Member, has been struggling with cancer and is presently under hospice care at home.

**Conservation:** See Program Director's report for Wayne Kotow's report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Dip Stick:** Larry Cusack was awarded the illustrious dip stick.

**Raffle and Lunch Drawing:** Ken Harrison was the lunch drawing winner and received a gift certificate for the Oceanside Broiler. Club Raffle followed the lunch drawing.

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

Michael McIntire, Secretary