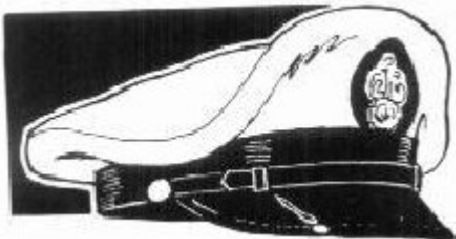


Bluewater Bulletin

April 5, 2007

Meeting: April 5th, '07

- Happy Hour at 6:30
- Meeting 7:00 Sharp



**From the Helm,
President
Sarah Roach**

Dear Fellow Club Members:

I wanted to thank everyone that showed up to helped with our FIRST, and definitely not our last, Children of the Troops Fishing Trip. I have heard nothing but good things from the military base, the parents, the kids, and the club members/board members that attended. We want to make sure that we make a special "THANK YOU" to Friends of Rollo, Sea Forth Sport Fishing and the Sea Watch. Without them, we could not have had such a wonderful event for these kids. Almost every kid on the boat caught fish and very, very few got sick. It was a little windy and sprinkled a bit, but all of them were troopers, and a very respectful group of kids at that. We had a wonderful BBQ of fish tacos and hot dogs. We had a drawing and every child went away with something. The largest fish for a girl and for a

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boy each got a Fishing Rod and Reel. In addition, the Grand Prize was a \$400 pedal car that was donated by Robby Parker from Bob Baker Ford specifically for this event. Seeing all of the happy faces on the kids, the parents and the club members is what makes these events so worth it.

I also want to thank everyone that showed up at the Del Mar Fred Hall show. I know it made for a very long week and weekend for most of us, including the board.

The March Swap Meet meeting went well. Huge thanks to Paul Alexander, President/Owner of Mahi Custom Fishing Rods for putting on a wonderful rod-building seminar. I know that it was difficult for some to hear since he could not hold the mike and wrap a rod. The board is looking for a new headset that will be able to tie in with the Bali Hai's PA system so that we do not have this issue in the future. Paul has also graciously donated the rod that he was wrapping during the seminar for our April meeting.

Please keep track of up coming events that you can come and volunteer for. All help is greatly appreciated and the kids thank you as well. Just a reminder, we will be keeping track of club members that come out to help with the events we have lined up throughout the

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remainder of the year; such as, Day at the Docks, Lindo Lakes Kids Cat Fish Derby, the Children of the Troops fishing trips, and many more.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Robert Watson has decided to step down from the board. As you are all aware, all of our positions are on a voluntary basis and we as board members love what we do, but we also have to be able to balance life, work, and family. Due to Robert's hectic work schedule these days, he felt that this was a choice he had to make at this time. We will miss his input at the monthly board meetings, but we are confident that we will see him back with us once his schedule permits it.

Our April meeting speaker will be from Aim Marine. With fishing season right at our doorstep, especially with the record breaking heat we've had, it would be nice to have some insight in regards to boat up-keep and maintenance so we can be on the water more than in the shop. So, please bring your questions and hopefully they will all be answered.

If you have any suggestions or comments, you can always call, email sarah@sandiegorodandreel.com or speak with me at any time. If it is something I cannot answer or make a decision on right away, then it will be brought in

front of the board at the next board meeting. Please remember that our room at the Bali Hai is donated and the server and the bartender volunteer to work our meetings. Please remember to tip them for all of their hard work and time they spend with us.

Until next month,

Sarah Roach



Vice President:
Jason Scheiner

Things are off to a great start for our club events. Thanks to all that helped at the “Children of the Troops Charter”. Capt. Brian did a great job putting those kids on fish. A little birdie even told me the kids out fished the other ½ day boats 10 to 1.

We had some sign up’s at the March meeting for the Fred Hall Show in Del Mar. If you are able to attend and give out information about the club & activities we do, please let me know. I will get you on the schedule and we will make sure a pass is available for you to get in at no charge.

The yearbooks are available for you to pick up at any of the club

meetings or events. They will not be brought to the Fred Hall Show. This is to ensure that they do not “disappear” to non-club members. We want to make sure everyone in the club gets theirs. Please see any of the board members for your copy.

Regarding Robert Watson’s resignation as Sergeant at Arms ... It takes a lot for someone to step away from a board position from a club they have been a part of for so many years. He will still be part of the club and we appreciate all the hard work he has done.

So, at this point, the “Board” has voted to let Paul Alexander (Mahi Rods), temporarily hold the position of acting “Sergeant at Arms” until the position can be filled on a permanent basis. If you are interested in the position or you would like to nominate someone for the position, please let us know by the next club meeting on April 5th. If we do have others interested in the position, the current “Board” will vote on it at the April “Board of Directors” meeting held on April 10th.

The club cannot stress enough that we always need club member participation. If there is any event that you would like to help with, please get in touch with any of the board members.

Thank you,
Jason



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Master:
By: Fox Ludwig

We had an excellent turn out at the last meeting. Glad to see some new faces there!

A lot of people stated they had weight receipts to turn in – remember, you only have a month after you catch the fish to turn the weight receipt in. Pictures are greatly appreciated for bragging rights and for the monthly newsletter.

We have changed Cowcod on the weight receipt chart to Rockfish in order to accommodate the numerous rockfish weight receipts I have received and to accompany the Rock Cod Tournament on the 14th of April. Besides, we all know Pepe loves Rockfish!!!

Good luck everybody and remember,
Tight Lines and Sharp Hooks,

Fox



Tournament Master:
Lee “Doc” Fleming

The Rock Cod Team Tournament will be held April 14th. Each team will weigh in its’ five heaviest fish. All red type rock cod, cow cod, and Boccaccio will count. Lingcod, sculpin, and any non-red rockfish will not count as rock cod, (current DFG and Mexican rules will apply). The team with the heaviest bag wins. There will be no 2nd or 3rd places paid out. Each angler will weigh his heaviest fish and it will count toward the “Sportsman’s Points”, men’s, women’s, and juniors. DFG rules permitting the side- pot will be the largest lingcod, \$10 per angler

San Diego Bay Bass Tourney

- **Saturday April 14th**
- **Lines in** @ 6:00am
- **Weigh-in** between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. @ Shelter Island Wave
- **Species:** Red type rock cod, cow cod and Boccaccio
- **Tournament Rules:** each team may only weigh in 5 fish bag. 1STplace prize money only. Winners will be

determined by the weigh master for mens, womens, and juniors.

- **Sports Points:** sports points will be awarded to the three winners in mens, womens, and juniors.
- 1st.place 5 Points, 2nd.place 4 Points, 3rd.place 3 Points
- **Side pot:** Largest Lingcod takes all!!!!
- **Cost** \$10.00
- **Weigh Master:** (Fox Ludwig) any and all protests must be made at the scale during the weighing of any fish, all ties will go to the angler / team who weighed in first, & final time is determined by the weigh master’s watch.
- **Tournament Master:** (Lee Fleming) may call off any tournament due to small craft warnings or postpone at his discretion. Any questions call Lee @ (858)382-2629
- **Tournament Channel** = 72

Upcoming Tournaments:

May 12 - Triple B bass.
June 16 - Yellowtail and Calico bass (open to the public at \$20 per entry).
July 14 - Tuna tournament.
Aug 18, Big Fish
Sept. 14 - Dorado / Yellow tail.
Oct. 27 - Spotted Bay Bass.
Nov. 10th Chuck Byron Bay Bass Memorial and inter-club tournament.

Get Bent! Lee



Clothing Master
Jay Perez

Thank you once again for all your interest in the new items at the clothing table. We once again took pre-orders on the new jackets that I had on display. I hope all of you look at what we have to offer and if you do not see something that you would like, just let me know. I can have it for you by the next meeting.

We see more and more members buying San Diego Rod and Reel logo items; this is a very good way to get our club name out in the public, which is a, effective way to get more new members to join. We are very proud of our club and by wearing our logo apparel helps generate others to get excited about being a member of such a great club.

We are now offering a newer style of jacket that offers a hood instead of the collar style. The pricing will continue to be the same. We are now stocking our 6 pack, 12 pack, and 18 pack soft coolers to get you ready for this summer’s fishing events. Additionally, added to our baseball caps are the “Sure Fit”

style and our "Bucket Floppy" caps.

Thank you,
Jay Perez



Raffle Master:

Billy Roach

March's raffle went well and a big Thank You to Paul Alexander, President/Owner of Mahi Custom Fishing Rods who will be donating the rod that he was building during the March meeting for the April raffle. We also gave away not 1, but 2-rod blanks that will be custom done by Paul Alexander, President/Owner of Mahi Custom Fishing Rods. There will be more of these in the up coming months.

I went to the Long Beach Fred Hall and the Del Mar show in hopes of finding some great new items for our raffle table. Guess what? I did! There will be some new items that are out there that we will have on the table in the up coming months. I spent a lot of time talking with the vendors in regards to our raffles and the majority of them seem extremely interested. So, look for some new items to pop up on the table.

We also have a wonderful new contest going. I have donated a Pro-Gear Reel to the raffle table and the lucky person that pulls their own ticket after coming up to the table wins the reel! Therefore, the more tickets you buy, the better chance you have of pulling your own ticket. Just ask your President who pulled her own ticket, but she donated the reel back since she helped donate it in the first place.

As always, we will maintain the \$1000 minimum in raffle prizes. **I STILL WANT YOUR OPINION** on what you want to see on the raffle table. Do you want themed raffles targeted toward the tournament we have that month, mostly terminal tackle, more rods & reels? Please email me at billy@sandiegorodandreel.com with your suggestions & I will do my best to make the most out of the raffle. If you do not have email just come talk to me at the monthly meeting. Every month the book will be out so that you can put your two cents in regarding what you want to see on the raffle table. I have received many good ideas so far and I will make every effort to accommodate our members with the changes and suggestions that have been brought up. Please remember, if you purchase \$100 at any of the meetings, we will give you an extra \$20 worth of tickets. That is 180 tickets instead of 150!

Until then,
Roll the Barrel!!!!!!

Billy Roach



Big Fish Director:
Brent Koerting

At this point, we are still working on updating and adding to our sponsor lists prior to the mailing. We have plans to include some extra mailings to key sponsors and businesses to keep them more in the loop with The San Diego Rod and Reel Club. The Club is also working on a smaller tournament that will be open to the public, I am in hopes the attraction to this tournament will help with the turn out at the Big Fish Tournament. This smaller tournament will be held on Saturday, June 16th and we will have a flyer available at the San Diego Fred Hall show, as well as at the April meeting.

We have many nice pictures from our First Children of the Troops fishing trip and we will be creating some very nice postcards to be sent to our sponsors to let them see how their donations brighten the lives of these kids and their parents. We are also looking into getting some nice banners

put together that will also show what we do. There is a lot of work still to be done for our tournament, but we are off to a great start.

Things are changing with the Club as time goes on, but often that is what it takes to be successful in the world today. Tell me now if you would like to see anything different or have any ideas for this year's tournament. Please email me any suggestions you have for the tournament as soon as possible, Brent@sandiegorodandreel.com or see me at the next meeting. All suggestions will be taken seriously and I will personally put it before the board as a proposal and vote. **Remember, you are the club, so tell us what you would like.**

As of today, we do have the dates of the Big Fish Tournament:

- Thursday, August 2, 2007**
Big Fish Seminar at the Bali Hai with BBQ
- Friday, August 17, 2007**
Captains Meeting
- Saturday, August 18, 2007**
Tournament
- Sunday, August 19, 2007**
Tournament and Awards Banquet at the Bali Hai with a Luncheon

Tight lines
Brent Koerting
Big Fish Director
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Membership:
DJ Ludwig

I am very excited to report that we had four new members sign up and four guests at last month's meeting. This year I encourage everyone to bring guests. As an incentive, if you bring a guest and that guest gives us their name, address, and hopefully email, then you will receive 10 free raffle tickets. If that guest becomes a member that night, you will receive 20 free raffle tickets. Let's watch the club grow! Your guest will also get a complimentary bulletin sent to them for 2 months.

It is so easy to be sidetracked as we come in the door, but please make sure to sign the membership book as you arrive. I know last month we had more people at the meeting and not all were signed in. Do not forget to wear your badge and get your badge raffle ticket. Last month, Helen Chesney won. Who will it be this time????? Also, the yearbooks are here and if you didn't receive one at last month's meeting, please be sure to see me. The yearbooks will be available at the membership table.

See you at the meeting,
DJ Ludwig



The Children of the Troops Aboard the SeaWatch out of Seaforth Sportfishing. Thanks to all the club members who helped make this event a success!



Jason and his San Quintin Cod

Along with his version of a Mean Joe Green ...

