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## When Superlatives Fail

FIVE DAYS OF FIRSTS, BESTS AND RECORDS by Phillip Press



Bluefin Alley: Larry Brown, Jack Carlisle, Eric Rogger, Al Scow and Sam Rubenfeld.

I feel completely overwhelmed to be the one to tell the story of our recent five-day trip aboard the Qualifier 105 which started July 15th. I have heard many accountings of sensational fishing trips; most of them pale by comparison with this one. This trip was so outrageously good for all of the 22 LARRC members aboard, I hope my words can do it justice. I had the privilege to be part of this same trip last year at this time, which is chartered and organized by veteran Dan Felger—and you may remember my recount of that trip. This one was much, much better!

I will not begin by “we stopped off at the bait barge for some beautiful sardines...” this trip was much too special for

that. We all anticipated this trip to be a good one, and we were not disappointed. The evening of the first day, Captain Brian Sims gave us his usual seminar, and described the trips just prior to ours, that were quite productive, lots of albacore and some big blue fin—really big blue fin. We were instructed to release any albacore under twenty pounds, we all looked at each other and grinned with delight. He was trying to be as conservative as possible in his depictions, but we could tell in his voice that he was trying to hold back his enthusiasm about the possibilities of this trip. We all had a feeling of what we were in for. We hit the sack early so we could be ready for the onslaught that was to follow the next day.

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The first day began in the usual fashion—jigs going into the water at gray light, the weather was simply perfect, slightly overcast and the seas flat as could be. Hook-ups came almost immediately; albacore of twenty to twenty-five models were coming over the rails with great regularity. **Larry Brown** and I had discussions of some of the unusual baits for fish to slide with, he with the Mega-Bait metal jig, and me with a large buck-tail jig in white and chartreuse. I took one side of the boat, and he the other—one of us were hooked up at each stop all day. Right from the onset, the albacore fishing was stellar, which served as the appetizer for the day, as later on the

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blue fin decided to make a showing. Most of us fished until dark, or until we couldn't move our arms any longer. As the sun was setting, the crew entertained us with the fine art of jack poling. Watching twenty-five pound albacore being flung over the rail was truly astonishing.

**DAY TWO:** Brian had heard some reports of the big bluefin showing in a particular area, and advised us that he would keep us posted. We stumbled onto a few kelp patties where we found some decent size yellowtail, and a few dorado, and yes...more albacore. The team of **Carlisle and Carlisle**, (brothers **Jim and Tom**), had brought their fly rods set up with the newly introduced 20-lb. tippets and caught three albacore up to 20 lbs., and a 15 ½-lb. yellowtail, which will be submitted to the IGFA for world records on this new tippet size. We puddled around making stop after stop, catching fish after fish, it was rough. Tom Carlisle entertained us again by hooking a good-sized marlin. The fish put on quite a show, complete with jumps and flip, not exactly standard for a five-day trip. Then the piece de resistance of the day, as we were cruising around in search of even better fish. Brian's voice came over the loudspeaker in a clear, slow and articulate manner, "this is it, start throwing baits, throw it hard, give it to them, full racks! Heavy gear guys, let's go!" Moments after the chum hit the water we saw the boils, big blue fin jumping full body out of the water like porpoise. I stood in awe as guys pushed me aside to get to the bait tank. Several of us hooked up immediately, fifty-to sixty-pounders were on the deck in no time. The crew frantically set up a kite, and the one lady passenger, **Lynne Ballew** took the first crack at it. She hooked up moments later, and landed a seventy-five-pounder—the largest fish so far. We ended up with a little under a dozen of those and the school split towards the end of the day.

We did it, we caught the big ones, mission accomplished, or so we thought!

**DAY THREE:** Brian decided to hunt the big blue fin, he had heard reports that they were showing fifty miles south of our current position, and decided that since we



Phil Press and Frank Polak with keeper yellowtail.

filled the sacks on prior days, it was worth exploring this area, a few quiet hours went by, and I had the opportunity to spend some time in the wheelhouse. For those of you who have yet to experience a trip as this, it is truly astonishing how hard these crews work. Seemingly endless days with little or no sleep. The success of the trip, is their first priority. The intensity of how these guys scanned the horizon for breaking fish was impressive, as if their very lives depended on the success of finding the fish. **Frank Polak** joined me in the wheelhouse, we were chatting as the guys

were looking, when another boat about a mile away was hailing us. Brian yelled, "Quiet, I need to hear this!" The two captains chatted in their own language, and Brian ended the conversation with, "I owe ya dinner". I watched him put the throttles down, and felt the boat speed up. He became silent and stared at the water in front of the boat, and in an almost symbiotic fashion, the deck hands ran from the wheelhouse without even a word being spoken in preparation of what they saw. I grabbed a pair of binoculars and scanned the water, and saw nothing. I asked Brian, what do you see, he looked at me out of the corner of his eye, and dashed for the deck. Brian once again gave the order, "throw it hard, watch for the boils, and tell me what you see". There were boils, big ones, and when the first five-foot-long blue fin jumped clear out of the water, all our hearts skipped a beat. **Dan Felger** was the first to hook up but no dice, the fish came unbuttoned. Then it was **Larry Brown's** turn. He put himself into his harness and went to work. The intensity with which this man fishes is to be admired. The crew followed him around the boat, and made certain that they would land this fish, keeping out of tangles and clearing his way. Roughly thirty minutes later, the crew using two gaffs pulled the beast into the boat, WOW!, a 125-lb. blue fin, the biggest tuna I had ever seen. I just stared in awe at this beautiful creature, and was thankful that I had the opportunity to witness such a thing.

The school took off, and Brian was in hot pursuit. A short time later he found them again, and this time all hell broke loose! Several people hooked up almost right away: **Sam Rubinfeld, Eric Rogger, Jack Carlisle, Al Scow**, and guess who? **Larry Brown!** Boom! Five fish easily over 100 lbs. on the deck, incredible! We ended the day with yet another stop on the blue giants, this time **Frank Polak, Brad & Dan Felger**, and you guessed it, **Larry Brown**, added four more to the list. Mixed in with the big blues, amazingly enough were several big

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eye, some over 70 lbs.

**DAY FOUR:** We fished Guadeloupe Island until 10 am for a few yellowtail, calicos and a large mako shark courtesy of **Jim Carlisle** as well as a black sea bass (released), time to head for the barn. Most of the anglers on this trip were veterans with many years of experience. Ten different species were caught and the fishing for this relative newcomer was nothing but spectacular. I consider myself fortunate to be a member of this club and having the opportunity to learn from the veterans and make new friends and renew old relationships. Just a word about a couple of awesome octogenarians. One is **Tom Polliard**. I had an occasion to discuss worldly matters with him and he's by far the most intelligent person I have ever met and at age 84, can fish circles around me. **Pete Giannini**, a former California judge, was also unstoppable, at age 82, and he just wouldn't quit.

On the last day of the trip, **Michael Rosberg** and I, were sitting on the back deck enjoying a cigar. I told him I had the huge task of trying to put this adventure into words, he laughed and looked at me and said, "we went fishing, and it was good!" Everyone who got one of the bigger BFT achieved a personal best. **Jackpot winners: Al Scow at 148.5 lbs., Larry Brown at 145.2 lbs., Eric Rogger at 138.9lbs.** (Larry had 3 fish over a 100 lbs.) Me....I'm happy with my Phil-Press 4-species-grand-slam.

*P.S. EDITORS NOTE: Don't let all this blue fin business go to your heads....Salt Water Sportsman reported in their 8/03 issue - that Ron Roland, of Plano, Texas fishing out of Louisiana's South Pass, caught a 1,152-lb. giant blue fin. Tackle used was a Shimano Tiagra 80W spooled with 100-lb. line and it took him 5.25 hours. Unable to get the fish into the boat they towed it for 7 hrs. to Port Eads LA. It measured 130 inches and had a girth of 98 inches. ■*

## KIDS' TRIP REPORT...from the Aztec

REPORT by Phil Bell



Two on the Kids' Trip

The kids had a ball, The LARRC deckhands, cooks, and co-captains had a great time too aboard the good ship *AZTEC* during the annual LARRC Kids' Trip. The a.m. group arrived on time, and after the boat was loaded with food and drink, the kids and their counselors boarded. The LARRC crew included **Phil Bell** and **Sam Rubinfeld**, co-captains, **Bob Jones**, **Steve Simon**, **Stan Snyder**, cooks/deckhands, **Royal MacNair**, **Bob Selvin**, **Stan Richstone**, and **Dave Levinson**, deckhands/rod, reel and tackle fixer-uppers.

We gathered the kids on the stern and explained the proper way to use a spinning reel, bait a hook, and catch a fish. **Captain Eric** took us to a spot just outside the Long Beach Harbor. With the personal help of the LARRC crew, the kids put their instructions to good use and started

## THE 54th KIDS TRIP Another one for the books!

Memo to LARRC Volunteers from Jim Port, Chairman!

The 54th annual Kids' Trip has come and gone...but wait...I think I can still see those faces coming off the boats, smiling and laughing...I think I can still hear them saying "Thank You" for everything...I think if I listen hard enough, I can hear all the stories (I caught fish...this big!!!) being told to those who could not make the trip this year (but will make sure they do next year) by those who did.

And if I was really listening. I can hear your voices reliving the day... Yes it's a lot of work, and yes, a lot of things could be fine tuned....yes...I can hear those stories about one or two special kids saying: this one day may have changed the course of my life."

So to each and every one of you...I would like to say "THANK YOU" for all the hard work and effort you gave to this year's event. Without you this day would not have been possible. ■

catching fish including mackerel, sand bass, and a few rock fish. The smile on each face after catching a fish, most for the first time, was worth the entire trip. The boys and girls were extremely courteous and respectful. Prizes were handed out at the end of the trip and kids thanked us for a great day.

The same scenario took place in the afternoon. We had a variety of groups including kids from a first grade class in East L.A. to young adults from a residential facility in the valley. The youngsters were very appreciative of the opportunity to spend a half day fishing and many said they would love to go out again. It really felt good to give back to our community by helping less fortunate youngsters have a great time. ■



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## MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2003

Club Members please note: LARRC guarantees the boat operator the contracted number of passengers and payment for each charter trip. Your commitment to go makes you responsible for your fare and that of your guests.

### ALASKA – KINGFISHER LODGE

June 3-7, 2004

Price is \$1595 and includes all meals, filleting, and packaging for shipment, Alaska Fishing License, only 10 spots left, no money needed until September. Fares do not include tipping and air transportation (about \$510) to Sitka.

Contact: Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking St. Northridge, CA 91326, 818- 366/3300 Home: 818 368/5834 Make checks payable to Arnie Cohen.

### QUALIFIER 105—Baja Skiff Trip

7-DAY TRIP—June 5-12, 2004

Price is \$1800, reservation requires a \$300 deposit. LARRC participants in the 2003 trip have first priority 'til August 31st. Limited load is 18. Not included are soft drinks, beer, tackle, tips, jackpot, any fuel cost increase and mexican permits. Subsequent deposits due (\$500) Nov. 15, 2003, Feb. 15, 2004 and April 15, 2004.

Barry Brightenberg was our generous sponsor in 2003 and has agreed to redo it in 2004.

Contact: Dan Felger 805 370-1632 or fax 805 370-1483. Address is 860 Hampshire Rd., Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Make checks payable to LARRC

### QUALIFIER 105—Albacore/Bluefin Trip

5-DAY TRIP— July 14-19, 2004

Departs NOON, July 14

Price is \$1675. Limited load of 22, Not included are tips, drinks, tackle, mexican permits and fuel surcharge if any. LARRC participants in the 2003 trip will have priority through August 31st 2003. An initial deposit of \$475 must accompany reservation with additional payments (\$400) due Nov. 15, Feb.15 2004 and April 15 2004. Checks are payable to LARRC.

Contact: Dan Felger 805 370-1632 or fax 805 370-1483.

### QUALIFIER 105

5-DAY TRIP—Sept. 18 (Thurs)-23 (Tues), 2003

Please don't hesitate to send in your deposit to: Richard Stone, c/o Richard Stone & Associates, 22611 Barbacoa Dr., Saugus, CA 91350, (661) 295-6669.

This trip is currently sold out but there are occasional cancellations.

### RED ROOSTER TRIPS 2003

3-DAY TRIP

Departs September 10th (Wednesday) at 1 p.m.  
Return September 13th (Saturday) at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$795, \$100 deposit to reserve your spot.

Mail checks to:

Arnie Cohen

11101 Viking Street, Northridge, CA 91326

Phone ofc: 818.366.3300

Home: 818.368.5834

### Albacore on the Pacific Dawn

August 23-23, 2003

A 1½ day albacore trip—the fish are within range.!

\$315 per person.

For reservations and Information call Arnold @805-857-3171

The LARRC has scheduled five weekend charters aboard the 60-foot *PACIFIC DAWN*. Three trips will leave from Captain Hook's Landing in Oxnard and two will leave from San Diego. Pat Cavanaugh recently purchased the *PACIFIC DAWN* and is planning extensive renovations, including new sleeping accommodations (20 individual bunks), larger bait capacity, and fish hold. Pat grew up in Ventura County and spent nine years as deckhand and operator of sportfishing boats in the Port Hueneme, Oxnard and Ventura area. The past six years he has been operator of the *EXCEL*. The details of the charters are as follows:

**SAN DIEGO** Departure Time: 11:00 p.m. (Saturday)

Return Time: 7:00 a.m. (Monday)

Cost per Person: \$315.00

Dates: August 23-24

**NOTE:** THE EXCEL HAS A FEW OPENINGS ON THE 17-DAY BRAID TRIP 11/28 THROUGH 12/14 WITH A FLY BACK OPTION 12/11. JOIN LARRC MEMBERS AL SCOW, DAN FELGER AND JACK CARLISLE....EXCEL OFFICE # IS 619- 223/7493.



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## Trophy Winners as of JULY 24, 2003

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.	OCEAN	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.	OCEAN
<b>WATERS</b>									
Albacore	16	Tom Carlisle	32	3 *	Bonefish	10	Raymond Yu	Released	
Albacore	16	Tom Carlisle	29	0	Bonefish	12	Don Lee	Released	
Albacore	25	Joel Steinman	19	10 *	Bonita	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	13	0 *
Albacore	30	Eric Rogger	26		Cobia	20	Eli Livnat	28	0 *
Barracuda	20	Joel Steinman	9	0 *	Dorado	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	15	0
Bass, Calico	4	Brad Stich	3	0 *	Grouper	20	Eli Livnat	4	6
Bass, Calico	6	John Ballotti	2	8 *	Sailfish	20	Pam Warren	Released	
Bass, Calico	8	Richard Lapidus	2	3	Sierra	20	Eli Livnat	5	4 *
Bass, Calico	8	Eric Rogger	6	0 *	Skipjack, Black	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	6	0 *
Bass, Calico	15	Warren Hoberman	6	11	Trevally, Blue	12	Don Lee	Released	
Bass, Calico	16	Al Scow	7	2	Tuna, Blackfin	20 Tippet	Eli Livnat	25	0 *
Bass, Calico	20	John Ballotti	8	0	Yellowtail	20 Tippet	Jim Carlisle	15	6 *
Bass, Calico	25	Bob Selvin	8	4	<b>FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Sand	16	John Ballotti	6	8 *	Bass, Peacock	20	Michael Grossman	17	0 *
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	26	4	Bass, Striped	2	Steve Greanias	6	8 *
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	35	6	Bass, Striped	4	Royal MacNair	8	0 *
Halibut, CA	20	Brad Stich	37	2 *	<b>MENS RELEASED</b>				
Halibut, CA	25	Tom Carlisle	26	0 *	Sailfish (8)	30	Earl Warren		
Pargo	40	Joel Steinman	16	0 *	Seabass, Black	20	Barry Cohn		
Pargo	50	Joel Steinman	17	0 *	Sturgeon	80	Al Scow		
Salmon, King	10	Eric Rogger	16	0 *	Sturgeon	100	Al Scow		
Tuna, Bigeye	80	Tom Carlisle	70	13 *	Sturgeon	100	Tom Carlisle		
Tuna, Bluefin	16	Jim Carlisle	35	0	<b>WOMEN'S</b>				
Tuna, Bluefin	60	Frank Polak	118	0	Albacore	25	Jan Howard	31	5 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dan Felger	171	3	Tuna, Bluefin	60	Jan Howard	110	2
Wahoo	50	Dan Felger	37	8	Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Jan Howard	115	6
White Sea Bass	20	Jim Carlisle	50	2	Wahoo	40	Jan Howard	35	0 *
Yellowtail	20	Michael Lapidus	26	14	<b>WOMEN'S RELEASED</b>				
Yellowtail	25	Brad Stich	31	3 *	Trout	4	Harrison Hunter	2	8
Yellowtail	30	Don Lee	26	3	<b>* New Club Record</b>				
Yellowtail	40	Paul Varenchik	44	6 *	<b>First Game Fish of the Year</b>				
Yellowtail	50	Don Lee	27	14	Jim Carlisle—White Seabass, 20 lb.—4-12-03				
Yellowtail	60	Jonathan Varenchik	43	4 *	<b>First Albacore of the Year</b>				
					Eric Rogger—2-13-03				
<b>FLY ROD</b>									
Albacore	20 Tippet	Tom Carlisle	22	0 *					
Albacore	20 Tippet	Jim Carlisle	21	8					
Bass, Striped	12 Tippet	Eli Livnat	19	0 *					
Blue Fish	12 Tippet	Eli Livnat	9	0 *					
Blue Fish	20	Eli Livnat	5	2 *					
Bonefish	8	Raymond Yu	Released						

## M e m b e r s h i p   N e w s

### LARRC welcomes the following new members:

**Dennis Saylor**, Active Membership  
3843 Canhill Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90808 502 425-2531  
Email: d.saylor@verizon.net

**Michael Jordan**, Non-resident family Membership  
2420 Medcliff Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109 805 965-4281  
Email: mjordan@ohins.com

### The following have applied for membership:

**Jason Boyd** has applied for non-resident membership  
4928 Tilden Dr.  
San Jose, CA 95124

He is a director of engineering for a San Jose firm.

**Vince Shriver Jr.** has applied for non-resident membership  
207 Menlo  
Buellton, CA 93427

Vince is a student.

**Congratulations to Barry Brightenburg**, Fish Trap Lures, 4901 Moreno Blvd., Suite 910 San Diego, CA 92117, who has been made an honorary member of LARRC.

**NOTE: Earl & Pamela Warren** inform us that their address as shown in the yearbook is not correct **Please send all mail to: 26602 Country Creek Lane Calabasas, CA 91302.**

C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2003

AUGUST	6 Wednesday	21 Thursday
SEPTEMBER	17 Wednesday	
OCTOBER	8 Wednesday	22 Wednesday
NOVEMBER	12 Wednesday	
DECEMBER	10 Wednesday	



1. Departure time will be 5:00 AM SHARP, from Cisco Landing in Oxnard. However, some trips may depart earlier. These earlier departures will be at the sole discretion of the Charter Master after consultation with the Skipper.
2. The trips will be planned for local surface calico bass; however, opportunities to fish for exotics, such as white sea bass and yellowtail or salmon, will take precedent. Also, several trips will be for light tackle rockfish and/or halibut at Santa Rosa or San Miguel.
3. Return time will usually be 4:00 - 4:30 PM, but could be earlier or later depending on fishing conditions and weather, and will be determined by the Skipper.
4. Sleeping accommodations will be assigned by the Charter Master. Please note that this boat has 3 staterooms and 7 bunks.
5. This is a 6-pac charter. Loads will be limited to 6 people, including juniors. There will be no over-booking and juniors will pay full price.
6. Cost: \$140 Earlier departures will cost additional.
7. Charter price includes trip, bait, fish cleaning and tips. Not included are soft drinks, beer and food.
8. Reservations should be made through Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave., Northridge, CA 91326. Phone-msg. ctr. 818/366-3300, home phone 818/368-5834, fax 818/366-4945.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE to MR. LARRC!

"Give a kid a fish and he will eat for a day, teach a kid to fish and he will eat for a lifetime"

When I was six years old my dad started taking me fishing on the half-day boat at Redondo Beach where he began to teach me how to fish. By age 8 we were fishing together on overnight trips to Catalina on Russ Izor's boat *Truth*. We made many overnight trips on the *Truth*, *Indian*, *Peace*, *Cat Special*, *Maverick*, *Toronado*, *New Hustler*, *Cortez*, and other boats. At age 10 I caught my first albacore on the boat *Patrician*.

Together we have fished the High Sierra, the Uinta Mountains of Utah, Great Bear Lake in the Arctic (and in the early days at Sportsman Lodge in the San Fernando Valley). We have fished from Morro Bay to Cabo San Lucas and the Revillagigedos to all of the Channel Islands.



Brad and Dan Felger

Together we have caught almost all of the species of game fish that exist in the areas we have fished.

It now is 5 pm July 19, 2003 and we are heading back to port on the *Qualifier 105* on what was one of the greatest fishing experiences of my life! We caught albacore, yellowtail, and bluefin tuna until I thought my arms were going to fall off. Then, the last afternoon, jumbo sized bluefin tuna were jumping all around and my dad and I each caught one. What an experience!

I am 43 years old now and have been happily married for 21 years and we have two daughters (20 and 18 years old). My dad's name is **Dan Felger** and I wrote this to tell him thank you did for teaching me how to "eat for a lifetime". I look forward to many more fishing trips together!

Love, your son Brad. ■



Dinner Meetings

August 25

September 22

Please note the HOT LINE number for future reference. Be sure to call it if you intend coming to our dinners. HOT LINE (818) 808-4909

THE VALLEY INN  
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

August 18

September 22

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Paul Varenchik at 818/285-4645 at least 2 days prior to the meeting to confirm attendance and if you will be having dinner. Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

THE VALLEY INN  
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Other Events

July 12, August 30, September 20  
RFA 2003 Calico Bass Classics  
Call 805 497-2333 for info

August 4 & 25  
Marine Mentors' Trips

February 21, 2004  
Annual Awards Dinner

Foundation Meetings

September 1st

December 1st  
All at 6pm at the Valley Inn

Upcoming Speakers

August 25  
Cal Sheets, The Reel Conversion Man

Sept 29  
William Boyce  
Noted Outdoorsman

## BOARD BUSINESS

by Jim Carlisle

### SKIFF TRIP

The recent skiff trip on the Q105 was a real success. The 2004 trip is now officially a LARRC Charter. The dates in 2004 are June 5-12. Barry Brightenburg will again sponsor.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The board is looking for volunteers to take over the following positions in 2004: Membership Chair, Year Book Chair, September Q105 Charter Master. Contact Paul Varenchik or Brad Stich if interested.


### EMAIL ADDRESSES

Mike Godfrey reminded us that for rapid communications, it is important to keep the club's email list updated. If you change your email address, make sure that Mike Godfrey knows.

### 2004 BOARD ELECTIONS

It's time to start thinking about candidates for the upcoming Board of Directors elections. A nominating committee will be formed in September, If you are interested in running, please contact any of the current board members.

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# King of the Calicos Report

## An Intra-club Catch and Release Tournament

**B**elieve it or not, **Arnie Scherpenborg** is the new reigning monarch of the 2003 LARRC Intra-Club catch and release tournament. He is DA KING! Against very intense competition from 15 other anglers divided into 7 two man teams, Arnie amazingly won all three major categories including: 1) biggest calico, 6.8 lbs., 2) heaviest 10-fish count with 30.0 lbs., 3) with teammate **Karl Forster** team total combined weight 20 fish, 49.5 lbs.

**Tom Carlisle** had the second biggest fish at 5.9 lb. and **Brad Stich** took third place with a 4.5-lb. fish. Second place in the team competition were **Al Scow** and **Tom Carlisle** at 37.5 lb. Arnie never thought he had a chance when he saw Brad's fish come up. Then when he saw Tom's fish he knew it was all over. But during the last 1/2 hour of the tournament, using a yellow lead head with a piece of squid, Arnie caught and released the calico whopper.

The team players were **Paul Varenchick - Royal MacNair, Phil Bell -**



Arnie Scherpenborg with the winner!

**Sam Rubinfeld, Brad Stich - Tom Balotti, Arnie Scherpenborg - Karl Forster, Steve Simon - Stan Snyder, Bob Jones - Stan Richstone, Norm Weinstock - Barry Cohn, and Al Scow - Tom Carlisle.** The tournament was organized by **Bob Selvin**. Paul Varenchik did an outstanding job of pinch hitting for Bob and directing the tournament on board the *Aztec* out of Pierpont Landing. At 6 am Paul sounded the horn to begin the tournament on the backside of San Clemente. For the next seven hours, team members rotated between the "hot zone" on the stern and the front 3/4 of the boat. No plastics or jigs were allowed in the "hot zone".

The seas were calm, and the weather was beautiful, and the fishing was wide open, as the fish were caught, weighed, and released. A special thanks to John Turner of Mondo Jigs for acting as tournament judge and correctly weighing and recording the weights in their proper slots. Paul V. ended the tournament promptly at 1 pm with a powerful blast. Sixteen weary, but happy anglers hung it up for the five hour ride back to Long Beach.

This was my first club tournament in a year of fishing firsts for me. It was well organized, well run, and lots of fun, especially the camaraderie among the anglers. We are truly blessed to be a part of a great fishing club.

—Phil Bell, "Designated Stringer" ■

B.J. Greenfields'



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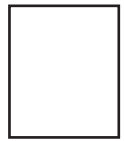
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