

Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean AUGUST 2016

LARRC DINNER MEETING

STATE OF THE CLUB

This month's dinner meeting will be hosted at the home of club members Cathy and Steve Needleman. Social hour begins at 6pm and dinner 7pm. Club President Donald Goldsobel will deliver a State of the Club presentation to bring all members present up to date with the going ons of the club.



Please make sure to RSVP as soon as possible to Michael Godfrey so we can give Cathy an exact number for seating. His email is mgodfrey2@socal.rr.com

Please RSVP — ASAP!

Email your RSVP to
LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com
or magodfrey2@yahoo.com

Please state your name, and if you are bringing a guest, state your guest's name.

Kids Trip 2016

And a Good Time Was Had By All

By Donald Goldsobel

Coordinating the Kids Trip was a first for me. The work was extensive, the behind the scenes preparation by many volunteers was arduous, but the result...when you see the smiles on the kids' faces when they walk up the ramp from the dock and receive their trophies is so rewarding. It brings volunteers back year after year. I heard many say, "I wouldn't miss this for anything!" "can't wait till next year"

About 70 volunteers brought those smiles to 154 kids. They were all divided up onto four boats. There was the Victory, captained by Sophia Huynh, City of Long Beach by Brett Goldberg, Tornado by Mike Godfrey, and Enterprise by Mike Hartt.

The fishing was incredible. The reports were all the same. Every time you dropped a baited hook, WHAM! You hooked a fish...almost all undersized calicos. The catching was so good that the kids did not care about their fish being released.



Preparation for this trip starts months in advance. Paul Varenchick gets the boats and insurance, Tom Speirs and his crew put new line on all

the reels and readied them for action, Steve Simon and Chas Schoemaker got the T-shirts and terminal tackle... how about those bright purple and chartreuse logos?! Mike Godfrey and his helpers piloted the truck containing everything we needed at the dock and on the boats. They picked up the truck and started rounding up tables, chairs, pavilions, food for the boats and the Sunday night BBQ, and the gear to set up our headquarters and outfit the kids.



Steve and Paul shopped for all the food. John Vowels, his brother Jerry and friend Joel prepared the food for each boat's galley in record time...great organization!

The volunteers were rounded up and organized by my crew and me. There were many volunteers too numerous to list here. My heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one of you. I received many compliments on behalf of the efforts of the many generous volunteers who made this the "smoothest run event in



many years." When I hear remarks like that, I can look back at the efforts and frustrations that are part and parcel of such events and say that it was worth it and I

can't wait to do it next year. Thank you everyone.

Here is the link to see all the pictures from this great day!

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CALENDAR

Board Meeting

AUGUST 15, 2016

Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm
The Daily Grill
2501 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, CA



Dinner Meeting

AUGUST 29, 2016

Dinner: 6:00pm Meeting: 7:00pm
Hosted by Cathy and Steve Needleman
Their address is in the Yearbook
Please RSVP



SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 14th

LARRC Family Picnic

AUGUST 15th

Frank Polak Memorial Marine Mentors Trip

AUGUST 28th

Family Trip on the Monte Carlo



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King of the Club Tournament

By Randy Sharon

On July 18th, 19th and 20th, the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club had its annual "Bill Alpert King of the Club Tournament". We chartered the Island Tak out of Channel Islands Sportfishing and each fisherman fished on one of the three days of the tournament.

Team A consisted of Earl Warren, Ron Ashimine, Merit McCrea, Wendy Toshihara, Steve Digiuseppe and Randy Sharon

Team B consisted of Tom Trainer, Rob Baldwin, Steve Simon, Andy McDonald, Paul Varenchik and Larry Dinovitz.

Team C consisted of John Ballotti, Michael Godfrey, Charles Schoemaker, Dave Levinson, Joe Digiuseppe and Jamie Smith.

Team D consisted of Sandy Winger, Doug Winger, Michael Dickter, Robby Cohn, Joel Zide and Brett Goldberg.

After the tournament, many of us talked about the "good old days of calico bass fishing" - and each of us said that the fishing during this year's tournament was better than the "good old days of calico bass fishing". The fishing got better and better for each day of the tournament.

On day #1, John Ballotti and Michael Godfrey (of Team C) were the top fishermen. They had 10 fish (2 limits) of calico bass totaling 43 lbs (a 4.3 lb average calico bass) and one yellowtail. I can not recall a tournament where a team had calico bass averaging 4.3 lbs. The other teams were not far behind - and each team had a limit of big calico bass and a yellowtail.

On Day #2, the fishing was even better. Merit McCrea and Wendy Toshihara (of Team A) were the top fishermen on this day. They had 10 fish (2 limits) of calico bass totaling 49.5 lbs and one yellowtail.

Day #3 was the best of the three days of fishing. The skipper, John Fuqua, told us that we might not be able to fish the area that they fished on days 1 and 2 due to rough weather - but that we would give it a try. We drove by the area and it was clearly too rough to fish. So we opted to make the move from Anacapa Island to Santa Cruz Island. The skipper said that he expected the fishing to be much tougher than the previous days - his prognosis was wrong.

To give you an idea of how good the fishing was on day #3, consider this: Paul Varenchik and Larry Dinovitz (of Team B) had 10 fish (2 limits) of calico bass, including bass weighing 7 lbs 1 ounce, 6 lbs 13 ounces, 6 lbs 1 ounce, 5 lbs 14 ounces and 5 lbs 5 ounces, and one yellowtail - and they

were not the top team on that day. Steve Digiuseppe and Randy Sharon (of Team A) had 10 fish (2 limits) of calico bass weighing 59 lbs (almost a 6 lb average).

The tournament literally came down to the last minutes. In the last 15 minutes of the tournament, Steve Digiuseppe caught the largest calico bass for the tournament, weighing in at exactly 9 lbs, and the very last fish of the tournament was a 6 lb 14 ounce calico caught by Randy.

During the 3-day tournament, we caught approximately 400 calico bass - and each and every one of them was released.

About 25 years ago, our Club had a custom made fishing rod that was to be given to the person who catches the largest calico bass in the tournament - but it must be a minimum of 7 lbs. We have never given out that prize - because no one has ever caught a 7 lber in the tournament. The last day of fishing in this year's tournament had 4 fish over 7 lbs, including Steve Digiuseppe's 9 lber. We will finally be able to give out this prize.

The winning team for the tournament was Team A - Earl Warren, Ron Ashime, Merit McCrea, Wendy Toshihara, Steve Digiuseppe and Randy Sharon.

There is no doubt that all of us who fished during this year's tournament will remember the fishing as the "good old days".



Backyard Bluefin

By Cathy Needleman

The set of conditions—thank you El Nino! —We as a club have experienced the last two seasons as it has become it's own lore. Our grandchildren may never see anything like this. And, almost as a send off, giant bluefin tuna within 20 miles of the San Diego coast have been this El Nino's final gift. I wanted to catch one, but it seemed overly intimidating.

I was scared that I would actually catch one of these big, bad, 200-plus pound bluefin.

I absolutely loved the four days we spent hunting for the fish. Loved chasing the whales, the birds and the miles and miles of bait that was leading us all in the hopes of catching a bluefin trophy.

But I was scared—even after 20 plus hours of warm up that only resulted in quick sightings of these fish that last showed during Zane Grey's era. Scared that I would catch one on a spinning reel and popper. (Did that in Panama and that was not fun!) I was frightened that I might catch one on a flat fall, knowing that after two hours it just might unhook itself at the boat.

I was frightened because Brandon Hayward's boat is not the Independence or the Royal Star. They have rails where I can leverage my weight in a way that brings the fish in easier and at my pace.

I was afraid to fail.

Lucky me that the fish bit a mackerel that was being trolled by hand and that the fish was on 80lb flouro with 80 spectra on a Talica 20, sitting on a Calstar 765 and that I was on Brandon Hayward's boat.

After getting bit 200 yards from the boat Brandon yelled "OK Needles, time to crank; this might take two hours. Get comfortable ..."

That made me mad and I went all over the boat, trying to keep the rod tip high and the line tight. I found leverage on the bow and in the stern. Brandon the whole time was yelling encouragement and direction.

Thirty-five minutes later the fish began its big circle.

Sidebar: it is very strange to have a fish that size, circle under you in a 23-foot boat.

Brandon gaffed the fish and looked at me and then the fish and then at me again. We didn't say it, but our brains locked: how are we going to get this fish on his boat. I weigh 108 on a good day. He gave me a gaff to use but I was pretty useless with a fish that was so mad and so hot to get away.

Luckily there was a boat that came over to help lift the fish into Brandon's boat. Brandon took one of his blankets, dipped it in the ocean and covered the beast. I looked down. The hook was right in the corner of the mouth.

Ok where can we weight this guy? Brandon went to three places and each place could not handle a fish this size. The fish bottomed out a 200-

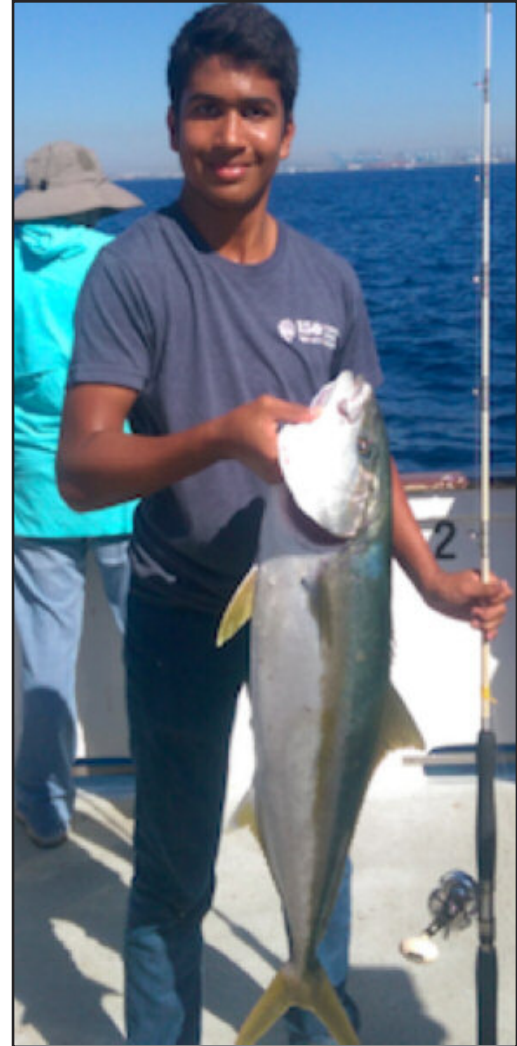
pound scale at Ken's Custom Reel. Brandon did the next best thing and measured the dimensions and we were able to ascertain that the fish weighed approximately 229 pounds.

I think I was happier for Brandon, as my philosophy is that the true fisherman is the one who found the fish. Brandon makes me look good. I caught my 60- and 68-pound WSB on his boat and a 42-pound yellow that really tested my strength and now a trophy-fish of a lifetime bluefin! Thank you my friend.



Come Join Us!

Second Annual Family Fishing Trip on the Monte Carlo
Parents/Grandparents/Teens/Kids



Sunday, August 28th

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*Not included in fare: galley and fish cleaning



Donald Goldsobel's

CALLING ALL COOKS

Submitted By Pamela Warren

It's salmon season and I wanted to share my recipe for Dill Sauce to accompany your favorite salmon preparation. This sauce is also excellent along side salmon cakes or crab cakes. It is easy to make and so much better than store bought. Also, I am sharing a great recipe for preparing baked salmon. ~ Enjoy!

Dill Sauce

1 cup mayonnaise*
1/4 cup Dijon mustard
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 tbs sugar
2 tbs canola or vegetable oil
1 tsp dried dill

Combine all ingredients and enjoy.

** The organic mayonnaise sold at Trader Joe's really adds wonderful flavor to this sauce.*

Baked Salmon with Tarragon Pesto

1 1/2 lbs salmon fillet cut into 4 (6 oz pieces)
1/2 cup lightly packed fresh tarragon leaves, minced, plus tarragon sprigs for garnish
6 tbs panko crumbs *
3 tbs olive oil
1 1/2 tbs tarragon vinegar or white wine vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 tsp salt
1/8 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
lemon wedge for garnish

Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with oil or non stick cooking spray. Place the fish fillets on the baking sheet, skin side down, evenly spaced, without crowding. Set aside while preparing the pesto.

In a small bowl, mix the minced tarragon, panko crumbs, olive oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and red pepper flakes. Spread evenly over the tops of the salmon fillets, pressing down with the back of a spoon to help the topping adhere to the fish.

Place the fish in the oven and cook 8 to 12 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets, until the fish just turns opaque.

To serve, divide the fillets among the individual plates and garnish with lemon wedges and tarragon springs. Dill sauce is a wonderful paring with this fish.

** Japanese bread crumbs that are found in the Asian section at grocery stores.*

Chum Line Advertising

Do you have a business that fellow members would be interested in? If so, place an ad in the monthly Chum Line!!

Advertising Pricing

1/8 page: \$20 per month or \$240/year
1/4 page: \$40 per month or \$480/year
1/2 page: \$80 per month or \$960/year
Full page: \$160 per month or \$1920/year

Buy 12 months and get one month free!

Checks should be made payable to LARRC. The ad will be published once payment and graphics are received.

Contact Sophia (fishnsoph@gmail.com) or Donald (donald@dgoldsobel.com) for more information.

Thank you!!

Avoid Casting Accidents

By Larry Brown

Safety is extremely important on every sport boat. We will have safety and tackle seminars and you will hear the captain and crewmembers explain the correct way to cast a bait, jig or bomb. Please don't think because you have been fishing for 30 years the advice and teaching does not apply to you. I see many experienced anglers turn their head away from the jig or baited hook during their cast and/or not yell a warning to other anglers, such as "going out, casting, heads up." Sharp hooks, rocking boats and unaware or careless anglers are a very dangerous combination. If everybody follows the safe casting practices we can avoid serious injuries. If one angler hooks another it may end the trip for all of us.

So, when casting please **ALWAYS**:

1. Look around deliberately to assure a crew member or fellow angler is not in or walking towards the path your hook will be launched.
2. Give a "LOUD" call out, "casting, low bridge or going out" before you start your cast.
3. Make sure your shout has been heard and acknowledged by anglers or crew members immediately in or approaching your casting radius.
4. Never take your eyes off your jig or hooked bait. This means your head will be facing backwards, AWAY FROM THE WATER, until the jig or bait has passed over the rail. You will never miss the water.

Two other important safety habits:

1. After your fish is gaffed, immediately put your reel in free spool and point your rod straight up to the sky. Do not have any tension on your line and follow your gaffed fish to the back of the boat still with your rod tip pointed up. This will avoid poking eyes out and having a hook under tension rip out of the fish and hook an angler or crewmember.
2. When storing your rod in your designated rod holders along the side of the boat secure your hooks and jigs in back of your reel to avoid hooking anglers and crew members in the arms as they walk or run up and down the side of the boat.

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation

Tribute Opportunity

Tribute Cards are available when you want to send your thoughts or feelings for –

- Anniversary
- Appreciation
- Baby Announcement
- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- Best Wishes
- Congratulations
- Graduation
- Illness
- In Memorandum
- New Home

Your LARRC Foundation is a charitable organization. Donations maybe deducted.

Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

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TROPHY CONTENDERS 2016

As of July 31, 2016

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	
MEN'S OCEAN WATER					MEN'S RELEASED				
Amberjack	100	Barry Cohn	31	0*	Drum, Redfish	25	Steve Simon	Released	
Bass, Calico	50	Steve DiGiuseppe	9	0*	Drum, Redfish	25	Joel Steinman	Released	
Bonefish	6	Nick Ekdahl	2	3	Drum, Redfish	25	Steve Simon	Released	
Catfish, Salt	20	Nick Ekdahl	5	3*	Marlin, Pacific Blue	30	Earl Warren	Released 4	
Catfish, Salt	20	Carl Ekdahl	4	8*	Red Devil	8	Joel Steinman	Released 4	
Dorado	20	Kris Ekdahl	15	1	Roosterfish	50	Earl Warren	Released 4	
Dorado	20	Nick Ekdahl	14	4	Roosterfish	50	Chas Schoemaker	Released 3	
Dorado	20	Carl Ekdahl	18	3	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Chas Schoemaker	Released 6	
Dorado	30	Earl Warren	82	0*	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Earl Warren	Released 9	
Drum, Redfish	12	Steve Simon	9	4*	Shark, Black Tip	40	Carl Ekdahl	Released	
Drum, Redfish	25	Joel Steinman	10	13*	Shark, Black Tip	40	Nick Ekdahl	Released	
Grouper, Black	60	Nick Ekdahl	32	2*	Shark, Black Tip	40	Kris Ekdahl	Released	
Grouper, Black	60	Carl Ekdahl	28	3	Sheephead, Sout	25	Joel Steinman	Released	
Grouper, Black	60	Kris Ekdahl	15	7	Sheephead, Sout	25	Steve Simon	Released	
Shark, Nurse	20	Nick Ekdahl	5	3*	Sheephead, Sout	25	Joe Mahfet	Released	
Sheephead, So	25	Joel Steinman	4	12*	WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER				
Snapper, Cubera	50	Chas Schoemaker	23	13	Barracuda, Atlantic	6	Lori Ekdahl	1 2*	
Snapper, Mullet	50	Earl Warren	22	9*	Drum, Redfish	15	Cathy Needleman	33 0*	
Snapper, Yellowtail	6	Kris Ekdahl	1	9*	Drum, Redfish	20	Cathy Needleman	30 0*	
Snapper, Yellowtail	6	Nick Ekdahl	1	4	Flounder Arrow T	30	Cathy Needleman	57 0*	
Snapper, Yellowtail	14	Carl Ekdahl	2	2*	Golden Eye	30	Cathy Needleman	15 0	
Trigger Fish Atlantic	6	Kris Ekdahl	2	6*	Halibut, Pacific	30	Cathy Needleman	45 0*	
Trout, Specal	25	Joel Steinman	3	9*	Lingcod	30	Cathy Needleman	30 0	
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Ron Ashimine	51	11	Salmon, Coho	30	Pamela Warren	12 6	
Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Ron Ashimine	97	2*	Salmon, King	30	Pamela Warren	26 8	
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Barry Cohn	135	0	Tuna, Bluefin	35	Sophia Huynh	29 0*	
Wahoo	30	Chas Schoemaker	30	2	White Sea Bass	35	Sophia Huynh	25 0*	
White Sea Bass	30	Joel Steinman	59	0	White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	55 0	
White Sea Bass	60	Jim Carlisle	68	8*	White Sea Bass	50	Wendy Tochihara	42 0	
White Sea Bass	60	Jess Chuang	63	0	White Sea Bass	60	Jan Howard	39 0	
MEN'S FLY ROD					Yellowtail	35	Sophia Huynh	19 0*	
Trout, Brown	8	Joel Steinman	Released	1	WOMEN'S FLY ROD				
Trout, Rainbow	8	Joel Steinman	Released	50	WOMEN'S FRESH WATER				
Trout, Rainbow	8	John Ballotti	Released	50	Bass, Peacock	8	Robin Hunter	3 5*	
MEN'S FRESH WATER					WOMEN'S RELEASED				
Bass, Lg Mouth	5	Joel Steinman	6	0*	Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Robin Hunter	Released 3	
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	6	11	Red Devil	8	Robin Hunter	Released 6	
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Mark Manculich	6	1	Sailfish, Pacific	30	Pamela Warren	Released 4	
Bass, Lg Mouth	10	Tom Trainer	8	3*	Tilapia	8	Robin Hunter	Released 1	
Bass, Peacock	8	Joel Steinman	2	5*	JUNIOR MEMBERS				
Catfish, Channel	6	Mark Manculich	9	8	Trout, Rainbow	3	Brooke Warren	3 2*	
Trout, Rainbow	2	Earl Warren	3	14*	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Trout, Rainbow	3	Steve Simon	4	8*	White Sea Bass	50	Cathy Needleman	55 0	
Trout, Rainbow	4	Earl Warren	3	4	FIRST ALBACORE				
Trout, Rainbow	4	Earl Warren	3	8	25-Jan-16				
MEN'S RELEASED					FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR				
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	Released	4	FIRST ALBACORE				
Catfish, Channel	8	Joel Steinman	Released	3	25-Jan-16				
Drum, Black	25	Joel Steinman	Released						
Drum, Black	25	Steve Simon	Released						
Drum, Black	25	Joe Mahfet	Released						
Drum Redfish	25	Joe Mahfet	Released						

CHARTERS 2016

DATE	DESTINATION	AVAILABILITY	CONTACT
Aug 21-26	Red Rooster Five Day! Shared Charter Larry Brown and LARRC Shared Charter Perfect dates, boat, and crew targeting Bluefin, Yellowfin, Yellowtail and Dorado	WAIT LIST Cost: \$1,995.00*	Red Rooster III www.redrooster3.com 619-224-3857 Christina
Aug 28	2nd Annual LARRC Family Fishing Trip Join your fellow Club members and their families on this half day trip aboard the Monte Carlo.		Ted Feit tedfeit@gmail.com
Sep 7-10	Royal Polaris Malibu Fish'n Tackle and LARRC Details: Depart 10am Sep 7 / Return Sep 10 6pm Fisherman's Landing, San Diego *Gratuities, Snacks, Drinks & Mexican Permits NOT included.	SOLD OUT Cost: \$1,275.00*	Wayne Caywood www.malibufishntackle.com 805-496-7332 Tom Trainer
Oct 21	Pacific Dawn Overnight Ventura Sportsfishing - Trip leaves night before Possible Yellowtail *NOT INCLUDED - Fish cleaning, drinks. Fuel surcharge may apply. Cost: \$284.00*	SOLD OUT (Limited Load - 17 max) Email for Wait List	Reza Malekzadeh drpdlmalek@yahoo.com 562-824-7727
Dec 3	Pacific Dawn 2016 Ventura Sportsfishing - Trip leaves night before Target Species: Rock Cod, Lings Spawning, Yellowtail, Halibut, Sea Bass *NOT INCLUDED - Fish cleaning, drinks. Fuel surcharge may apply.	SOLD OUT (Limited Load - 17 max) Email for Wait List Cost: \$284.00*	Reza Malekzadeh drpdlmalek@yahoo.com 562-824-7727

NOTE:
LARRC members signing up for club charters are obligated to pay full fare in the event they cannot make the trip. The club will attempt to fill your space and you may try to do the same in a timely manner. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunks are assigned by the charter master in order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.
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