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**Sunday, February 22, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

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**Braemar Country Club
4001 Reseda Blvd.
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FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The LARRC Foundation was created in 1951 to allow members opportunities to help underprivileged and physically challenged kids in annual fishing activities. Over 26,000 kids have been helped over the years and considerable funds have been granted to organizations involved in perpetuating our favorite pastime. It is a registered charitable organization and deductions may be taken under our exempt organization status.

Every July we host over 450 such kids out of Pierpont Landing in Long Beach. Tackle, food and prizes and boat trips are given at no charge to the participants. For many of these kids it will be their only annual outing on the water and a great day for them to remember.

Our annual (February 22nd) luncheon banquet, at Braemar Country Club, features, in addition to the social get together, awards

and a major auction to benefit the Foundation. This fundraiser helps us carry on the Kids' Trips, Marine Mentor Trips, the Hansen Dam Lou Berk Trout Derby, the granting of scholarships to students of marine life and other worthy causes.

We need your help to keep this good cause going!

In the past we have received some of the following for our major auction: Gift certificates from stores, trip and travel vouchers, memorabilia, all manner of electronic devices, sports and theater events, food and wine baskets—even fishing gear!

Please act now...contact the Foundation with your donations by calling: Steve Simon, Trustee, (818.980.7470)—he will arrange for a pick up.

Items that can be mailed should be sent to 11640 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA 91601.

DO IT NOW! THANKS....

CALLING ALL FISHERMEN!

Volunteers are needed for our 6th Annual Lou Berke Trout Derby for Special Needs Children.

April 3, 2009 at
Hansen Dam Recreational Park
7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.

**For information call
Steve Simon at (818) 980-7470
email:
simonmurphy08@sbcgloabal.net**

CALLING ALL DECKHANDS!!!

Paul Varenchik, AKA as Pablo, notes that the 2009 Kids Trip has now been scheduled for July 13...out of Pierpont Landing. Please reserve this date now.

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OFFICIAL CLUB CHARTERS

Please note that official LARRC Charters - official meaning that the club has a financial commitment to the boat owners are enclosed in a blue box on this page. Members signing up for a club trip are obligated to pay the full fare in case they cannot make the trip for some reason. We will attempt to fill your space - or you may do the same - in a timely manner.

ALL PACIFIC DAWN TRIPS—both Ventura and San Diego—are Chartermastered by Jim Carlisle. Information and confirmation questions should be addressed to him as follows: Jim Carlisle (562) 598-0940 (H), (310) 332-9770 (W)—EMAIL jamesnc@earthlink.net (H), jamescarlisle@ngc.com (W). Co-chartermaster is Jan Howard (949) 837-1431, EMAIL saltwaterwoman@cox.net.

Pacific Dawn Weekend Charters 2009:

VENTURA, Ventura Harbor Village

1 Day Overnight Fishing

**Sat., March 14; Sat., April 11; Mon.,
May 4**

- 1—Departure: 9-10 pm. evening prior to fishing.
- 2—Return: Approximately 7 pm.
- 3—Cost: \$185
- 4—Not included: fish cleaning, food & drink, tips.(15-20%), license and fuel surcharge if required.
- 5—Limited Load: 16. chartermaster may overbook by one.
- 6—Deposit: 100% payment required to reserve spot.
- 7—Call or email to confirm if spots are available.
- 8—Checks: payable to LARRC. Send to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803.

Pacific Dawn Tuna Trip 2009: SAN DIEGO, Fishermen's Landing

1.5 Day TUNA TRIP

Fishing Sunday, August 23.

- 1—Departure: Leaves Saturday evening 8/22 at 9 pm.
- 2—Return: Monday am. 8/24 at 6 am.
- 3—Cost: \$420 includes Mexican permits
- 4—Not included: fish cleaning, food & drink, tips.(15-20%), fishing license and fuel surcharge if required.
- 5—Limited Load: 16. chartermaster may overbook by one.
- 6—Deposit \$210 required to reserve spot. Balance \$210 due 7/15.
- 7—Call or email to confirm if spots are available.
- 8—Checks: payable to LARRC. Send to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803.

Qualifier 105 Tuna Trip 5 Days—7/20 - 7/25/09

“New Pricing” This trip with 24 participants will be \$1995 per person (includes Mex.permits), with 23 anglers price will be \$2095, with 22 anglers price will be \$2195, with 21 anglers price will be \$2295.

All repeaters from the 2008 trip will be given first choice at spots and extra consideration when it comes to stateroom assignments. Commit now to secure your spot as we expect another sellout. Send a deposit of \$500 ASAP—additional deposits of \$500 will be due in December and March 1, 2009. The final deposit will be due June 1st 2009. **For additional information call the charter master. Dave Levinson at (818)785-1776 or email dajplevin@roadrunner.com**

Comments from National Marine Service's acting administrator, James W.

Balsiger: “I expect the new leadership (in Congress) to be very supportive of our conservation efforts....NMFS will continue to protect vulnerable species and habitat and continue research on climate changes. It is completely clear that the world's wild capture fisheries are unable to meet the growing demands for seafood. Imports account for about 85% of the seafood we consume and about half of that comes from aquaculture.”

Excerpted from National Fisherman 2/09.



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More Fishing Opportunities

Special EXCEL 7-day trip

Dan Felger writes... Please join fellow LARRC members **Dan Felger, Al Scow, Jan Howard, Jim Carlisle, Tom Carlisle and Chas. Schoemaker** aboard the *EXCEL*, September 9-16, for the annual Cirks/Turis open charter. Kenny Cirks and Tim Turis are excellent fishermen and are available to share their knowledge with fellow anglers. The 2008 trip was absolutely great, and there were numerous tackle give aways from various sponsors. The trip cost is \$2,245, exclusive of permits and a fuel surcharge. For reservations please contact the *EXCEL* office at (619) 223-7493.

POLARIS SUPREME 5-Day Tuna Trip, August 8-13

This trip is offered by **Eric Rogger** who has been running this prima albacore season trip for a decade. We travel with a limited load of 20 anglers—some LARRC members are going. The trip sells for \$1975. Tommy Rothery will be the skipper. For reservations or information please call Eric at (310) 476-5936 or email wstridge@aol.com

WLARR TRIPS OPEN TO ALL

The following trips were organized by WLARR but are open to all. The price includes the trips, galley, tips and fish cleaning. The asterisk indicates prior night departure. Double asterisk refers to special charter conditions listed below.

<u>FISHING DATES</u>	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>LANDING</u>	<u>ANGLERS</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COSTS</u>
April 27*	Pacific Dawn	Ventura	15	White SB, Rock Fish	\$295.
May 20*	Ultra	Newport	8	YT, WSB, Calico	\$395.
June 13-14*	Ultra	Newport	8	Alb. YT, WSB	\$595.
July 3-4*	Limitless	Newport	6	Alb. YT, WSB	\$630.
July 8-12	Vancouver**	QC Safaries	12	Salmon, Halibut	\$4000.
Aug.7-8*	Limitless	Newport	6	Alb.YT, Calico	\$630.
Sept.7-8*	Pacific Dawn	Fishermen's	15	Albacore, YFT	\$550.
Sept. 28	Highliner	Redondo	6	Calico, YT	\$280.
Oct. 17	Highliner	Redondo	6	Calico, YT	\$280.
Nov.7-12	La Paz**	David Jones	12	Tuna, Dorado	\$1500.

Please contact Barry Cohn for additional information and to book local trips. First come first serve (310) 479-9600 xt 221 - Mail deposits (25%) to Barry Cohn, 11400 W. Olympic #630. LA 90064

**SEE BLUE BOX BELOW.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS - 7/8-7/12

10-hour fishing days, all meals and drinks, 2 men to a boat. Trip cancellation and medical insurance are included. Airfare on Air Canada and gratuities are extra.

LA Paz MEXICO 11/7-11

8 hours per day of fishing. Two to a panga. All meals and beverages, all gratuities and transportation to and from the airport & beach.

For information re: these out of country trips contact Bert Serden: (310) 278-3439 or email bertserden@sbcglobal.net

TROPHY WINNERS 2008

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER			
Albacore	20	Dan Felger	43 8
Bass, Calico	6	Joel Steinman	6 6 *
Bass, Calico	16	Donald Culbertson	4 12
Bonito	4	John Ballotti	4 11 *
Bonito	6	John Ballotti	4 8 *
Bonito	12	Steve Ex	9 4
Bonito	16	Steve Simon	9 9
Halibut, Pacific	25	Al Scow	60 0
Halibut, Pacific	80	Justin Fleck	150 0
Ling Cod	40	Barry Cohn	36 0 *
Roosterfish	30	Earl Warren	32 0
Roosterfish	50	Earl Warren	51 0 *
Salmon, King	25	Jason Fleck	36 0
Salmon, Silver	30	Brad Felger	12 0
Sheephead	16	Barry Cohn	10 8 *
Sheephead	30	Chas. Schoemaker	16 0
Snapper, Cubera	30	Earl Warren	33 0 *
Snapper, Cubera	50	Earl Warren	52 9 *
Tuna, Bigeye	130	Dennis Saylor	50 2 *
Tuna, Bluefin	30	Barry Cohn	12 8
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dennis Saylor	251 0
Tuna, Yellowfin	150	Al Scow	303 0 *
Wahoo	30	Brad Felger	37 10
White Seabass	30	Jamie Smith	38 0
Yellowtail	12	Steve Ex	23 9
Yellowtail	25	John Ballotti	40 6 *
Yellowtail	30	Barry Cohn	28 4

MEN'S FLY ROD

Bass, Small Mouth	12	Tom Carlisle	1 4 *
Trout, Brown	8	Rob Baldwin	10 3 *

FRESH WATER

Bass, Large Mouth	12	Joel Steinman	3 6
Bass, Small Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	2 0 *
Bass, Small Mouth	8	Curtis Hunter	1 0 *
Bass, Striped	4	Scott Schiffman	6 9
Catfish	4	Scott Schiffman	5 10
Pike, Northern	12	Joel Steinman	4 3
Trout, Lake	12	Al Scow	26 8
Trout, Lake	16	Jim Carlisle	24 8
Trout, Rainbow	4	Paul Varenchik	9 8

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.
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MEN'S RELEASED

Marlin, Striped	30	Randy Sharon	
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WOMEN'S

Bass, Small Mouth	6	Robin Hunter	1 1 *
Halibut	8	Jan Howard	4 0
Pike, Northern	12	Robin Hunter	4 12 *
Salmon, Kokanee	8	Robin Hunter	1 0 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	12	Jan Howard	23 8 *
Yellowtail	30	Jan Howard	33 6 *

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Bass, Johnny	20	Christian Hernandez	2 9 *
Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	2 0
Bass, Small Mouth	6	Samantha Hunter	1 0 *
Bass, Small Mouth	6	Harrison Hunter	1 0 *
Bass, Striped	4	Arthur Schiffman	8 10 *
Bonefish	6	Marco Uribe	1 8 *
Bonito	10	Arthur Schiffman	8 4 *
Corbina	6	Anthony Williams	4 0
Croaker, Yellowfin	6	Jack Uribe	1 8 *
Grouper, Salmon	30	Oliva Sharon	9 0 *
Rockfish, Olive	20	Christian Hernandez	2 10 *
Salmon, Kokanee	8	Harrison Hunter	1 0 *
Salmon, Kokanee	8	Samantha Hunter	1 0 *
Trout, Rainbow	4	Samantha Hunter	2 0 *
Trout, Rainbow	4	Hunter Barney	1 0
Whitefish	20	Christian Hernandez	3 1 *

*Possible Record.

FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR

Steve DiGuiseppe—May 23
White Seabass—32 lbs. 0 oz.

FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR

Barry Cohn—June 29
24 lbs. 4 oz.

THE LAST COW

By Dan Felger



Brad Felger left and Dan Felger assisted by Joel Fleck.

Tuna over 200# are referred to as “cows”, and for decades this has been a “benchmark” for long-range fishermen. I began my long range fishing in the mid-90s, so I can’t comment on what took place in the 80s and early 90s. However, my long range experience really has 2 distinct time frames. Part one was prior to the closure of the Revillagigedo Islands, and the second part post closures. Prior to the closures, the long-range boats usually made a bee-line to the Islands, and a normal trip consisted of many tuna in the 100-175# range, plus a handful of “cows”. Cows were so scarce that it took a superb fisherman, Al Scow, 20-25 trips to get his first.

The closures forced the San Diego based long-range fleet to seek other fishing grounds. These include The Shamada Sea Mount, AKA “Hurricane Bank”, the lower banks above Cabo, the buffer zone 6 miles outside of Clarion, Puerto Vallarta, and

Clipperton. Prior to the closures, I recall numerous trips when the *Excel* would stop at Hurricane Bank, and skipper (Pat Cavanaugh) would get impatient after only ??? day and head to Clarion, 180 miles away. When the closures went in effect, numerous long rangers were so discouraged that trips had to be cancelled. Surprise! These so-called alternate areas produced an abundance of cows. In reality, more cows have been caught since the island closures.

In last month’s *Chum Line* Tom Carlisle expertly described the *Braid* 16-day trip that departed on November 28 and returned on December 14. This was a great trip, I got to spend quality time with son, Brad (who got his personal best—227#), and I was fortunate to capture my 25th, and last cow. That is correct, this is it for me. There is a time for everything, and it is now time for me to say “adios” to long-range trips. The ailments that come with age, 2 recent bouts with cancer

With this *Chum Line* issue, LARRC invites members to send in their letters to the editor. Your masterpiece should be about fishing or club issues. Keep it clean and concise and forward any art material which is pertinent and technically good.

OTHER “COW” NEWS!

January 5th was without a doubt one of the most notable days in San Diego’s long range history when a number of boats returned with phenomenal catches. Six boats returned with a total of 82 cows as well as 20 “supercows” (over 300 lbs.). A potential new IGFA world record may go to **Dennis Williams** who fished on the *Royal Star*. His super cow weighed 381 lbs. The fish was caught on 130-lb. line while the boat was anchored at the Finger Bank.

(when this is published I will be recovering from my second surgery in less than 14-months), and the discomfort associated with 16-days on a fishing boat speak loud and clear—it is time to walk away. However, fishing is in my blood, and I expect to see many of you on shorter trips.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Is funding of MLPA process now in doubt?

Memo from Partnership for Sustainable Oceans (PSO) dated 1/22/09 reports Gov. Schwarzenegger signed an executive order, designed to help prevent a state budget shortfall. Among the cuts: suspension of funding for the marine life protection act oversight. Proposed cutbacks relating to MLPA implementation total more than \$6 and three quarter million (\$6,756,000).

WON's Rich Holland quoted from a phone conversation with DFG Commissioner Dan Richards.

He expressed concerns about approving anything that cannot subsequently be funded by the state. The state recently had to cancel contracts to establish baseline monitoring for the Central Coast MPAs. Richards was quoted, "I don't know that the South Coast project will ever be completed, although the private money is there so far," he was referring to the strains of the current money crunch. "I do know the public needs to participate in the process. I can assure the environmental community is fully involved, and recreational and commercial fishing organizations are to some extent. It's the people who actually fish and use the resource that need to step up."

Western Outdoor News Jan. 16, 2009.

MLPA—AND THE BEAT GOES ON

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE BY JOHN BALLOTTI WHO IS ONE OF THE SOUTH COAST REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES. HE REPRESENTS THE RECREATIONAL COMMUNITY AT MEETINGS AND SUBMITS PERIODIC REPORTS FOR OUR CONSUMPTION. THANKS JOHN...

On January 13-14 the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSO) met in San Diego in final preparation prior to breaking into three working groups to propose draft Marine Protected Area (MPA) Networks in the South Coast Region. After adopting the regional objectives in support of the MLPA goals, general presentations were made by members of the Fish & Game Department, The Science Advisory Team (SAT), and the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Team (MLPA I-Team) designed to prepare the group for their task of proposing MPAs in the South Coast Region.

The MLPA I-Team then revealed the three working groups that are charged with the task of developing MPA proposals. The teams consist of cross interest, cross regional representatives that mirror the composition of the entire SCRSO. Working sessions are scheduled for January 29th and February 10th to develop the draft proposals. At the next full SCRSO meeting scheduled for March 3 and 4, the working teams will present their draft proposals to the entire group. Additionally, any external proposals received by February 18th submitted by the public that meet the guidelines will also be presented. By design this is an iterative process. Each proposal will be reviewed by the SAT, commented on, and adjusted until compliance to the guidelines and consensus is achieved. No one expects unanimous adoption of any one proposal. In the end there will be a number of proposals forwarded to the Blue Ribbon Task Force. By the March dinner meeting we will know the extent of the differences in the proposals. Stay tuned.

Future Meetings are Scheduled:

February 10th

Long Beach - SCRSO

February 24

Los Angeles area

Master Plan Science Advisory Team

February 26

BRTF

locations to be announced.

To get on their email list access:

MLPainitiative@lists.ceres.ca.gov

BUYING FISHING GEAR?

This humor was sent along by a fishing, friend John Warner

A woman goes into a sporting good store to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. A sales associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, "Excuse me Sir, can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?"

He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes." She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway.

He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-lb. test line. It's a good around combination; and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00"

She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it." As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.

"Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says.

She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes the blind clerk could no way tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know she was the only person around. The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please."

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you just tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00? How did you get to \$34.50?"

He replies, "Yes, Ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20.00. but the Duck Call is \$11.00 and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50."

REMINDER HELP IS NEEDED

Next April 3rd
to staff the
**6th Annual
Trout Derby**
at Hansen Dam
7:30 AM TO 2 PM

For info Call
Steve Simon
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818.980.7470

Member news

SAD NEWS

Dick Helgren, So.Ca Fishing Pioneer, died Dec. 28 as a result of an autoAccident. He was 75.

Carl Newell, known mainly for his Innovative reels also passed away this Month.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Dan Felger** recently released from the hospital. See you on a future trip!!

CALENDAR

DINNER HOTLINE
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Dinner Meetings

**No Dinner Meeting
Annual Banquet February 22**

Next: March 30

Use the hotline for your reservations (818) 808-4909 or email LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com. RSVP at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

4557 Sherman Oaks Ave
Note: We are back at Valley Inn

Board Meetings

February 16

Next: March 23

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Chas Schoemaker at 818/300-0311 at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.
Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

4557 Sherman Oaks Ave
Note: We are back at Valley Inn

Other Dates

February 22, 2009
2009 Annual Awards Banquet

March 4-8
Fred Hall Tackle & Boat Show
Long Beach Convention Center

March 25-29
Fred hall Tackle & Boat Show
Del Mar Fairgrounds

April 3, 2009
Lou Berke Trout Derby
(Volunteers Needed)

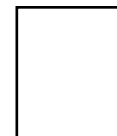
April 4-5
Annual Marina Del Rey
Halibut Derby

July 13
Annual Kids' Trip, Pierpont
Landing

August 9, 2009
Family Picnic

Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

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