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What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



HAPPY NEW YEAR!:

From my family to yours we wish you a safe, healthy and prosperous new year. As the New Year rings

in, it brings with it hope and opportunity, the hope that the world will finally be at peace and the opportunity to make a difference. Making a difference is what defines us in this world. Little or big, changing things for the better leaves a legacy of accomplishment that never will diminish over time. There are many ways each of us can make a difference in our lifetime. Sometimes we are not even aware we are doing it. With our families and friends just going about your daily business in a decent and caring manner sets the example that others, especially children, will emulate. At other times, making a difference requires a concerted effort, a willingness to overcome obstacles and optimism in the face of overwhelming odds—the greater the pain the greater the gain. Most people I know are willing to work hard. They are willing to overcome obstacles in order to achieve a

goal. This is especially true when the outcome is controlled by the effort expended. The greatest challenge for most is conquering the hopeless feeling of not making a difference because of past negative experiences. This is often the case when working with others that do not share your point of view or being in a situation that appears to be already decided. We all must resist the tendency to give up when feeling this way. We often judge others based on our experiences without taking into consideration their experiences. Communication and collaboration are essential to succeed. We never seem to have the time or interest to get to know the people we must work with to reach agreement, yet we expect them to know all about us, our needs and our expectations. In the coming year we will face the greatest crisis to Southern California sport fishing in the history of recreational angling. All of us will be called on to make a difference and in order to do so it will require great effort, overcoming obstacles, optimism and yes, even sitting down and getting to know everyone at the table. I hope this is the year you will make a difference. ■

January 28 Dinner Meeting to Feature the Ultimate Ocean Predator: Great Whites

Freelancer Jenna Robbings and Shark Diver Patric Douglas will be on hand for an exciting presentation. Call in your reservation now.

Hotline: (818) 808-4909

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Additional details on page 2. ■

New Venue Announced for the Annual Awards Brunch

2008 Awards Brunch and Auction

10:00 AM Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008

Woodland Hills Country Club
21150 Dumetz Road
Woodland Hills, CA

SAVE THE DATE!

Additional details on page 8.



The GREAT WHITE SHARK Story

Program Chair **Bob Selvin** has asked **Jenna Robbins** and **Patric Douglas** to entertain us with a visual presentation of their experiences at Guadalupe Island. Most people consider the Great White the ultimate predator, and thus not needing species protection. However, over the last few decades, while shark populations worldwide have been vanishing; estimates range between a 70-90% decline of its global population size. Though they are protected in Australia, the US, and South Africa, the Isla Guadalupe population is in Mexican waters. Great whites are listed as endangered in Mexico; however there are no resources to dispatch park rangers in small enforcement vessels to protect them. Patric and Jenna will share their findings from the Guadalupe fund. This was established in early 2007 by the members of the scuba diving and eco-community to support and raise money to help the Government of Mexico protect the shark population of Isla Guadalupe and to channel money from growing white shark tourism into local conservation-related projects on the island.

Jenna Robbins is a freelance writer with extensive experience in editing and writing. Most of her efforts have been travel related and she is currently working as a senior producer for Disney Family Travel.

Patric Douglas recently moved to the west coast from the Virgin Islands after experiencing a number of hurricanes. Currently engaged by a medical travel company he now conducts expeditions worldwide. Areas visited include Asian Countries, New Zealand and some South American adventures. Patric loves fly fishing and also skeet and trap shooting all over the Bay Area. ■



Top: Jenna in a shark cage.

Right: Jenna at the rail with Patric holding a tuna that has been cut in half by a shark.



ON THE BLUEFIN FRONT —

The IGFA reports that these tuna just seem to be getting bigger off New Zealand. Kiwi angler **Murray Winks** of New Plymouth, NZ subdued a 667-lb. Pacific bluefin last August. It took him a tough hour-and-a-half to battle the fish.

Saltwater Sportsman reports a 828-lb. bluefin tuna caught off Massachusetts. Angler **Howdy Emery** also caught a 724-pounder a week later. He admits it was a catch of a lifetime by about 500 lbs. The fish were landed on 300-lb line drifting a live bluefish for bait about 70 feet below the surface. (1/08)

ON THE WAHOO FRONT—

Also from *Saltwater Sportsman* a story of a new Delaware State record wahoo. The 106.4-lb beast was caught at Wilmington Canyon by angler **Will Stahlgren** (1/08)

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION UPHOLDS PINK SHRIMP TRAWL CLOSURE IN STATE WATERS

The **California Fish & Game Commission** announced (Oct. 11) that it would move forward with the state's bottom trawl legislation and close the pink shrimp trawl fishery in state waters on January 1, 2008. The decision was announced at the October meeting after reviewing testimony from a wide range of stakeholders representing varying viewpoints.

Representatives of **United Anglers of Southern California** (UASC), an Irvine based sport fishing organization pledged to protect the marine environment and the interests of recreational fishermen, heralded this as an important decision for the health of our coastal waters.

"Stopping this destructive commercial fishery is a big win for all of us" commented **Tom Raftican**, President of UASC. The bottom trawl bill SB1459 signed into law by Gov. Schwarzenegger in 2005, established a timeline for examining and potentially stopping destructive bottom trawl practices in California state waters. Another meeting, held in December, was to decide on similar action for the halibut trawl fishery.

Source: *WON*

LARRC Members Go Gourmet

Good Food, Good Friends, What a Night

Hearing a hot rumor about a mysterious bite through his legendary underground sources, LARRC member **Jamie Smith** put together a short notice, one-of-a-kind, special trip to unchartered waters.

The plan was for an early evening (8:30 pm) launch at the 5955 Melrose "Landing" on a boat called the *Providence*. Many of you club foodies know of *Providence* and that it has earned widespread acclaim with a 27 Zagat rating and recently also earned one star from Michelin.

Of course, there were many LARRC members present when **Captain (Chef) Michael Cimarusti** gave his most interesting and enlightening talk about handling fish, processing fish and keeping fish fresh, at the Club's October dinner meeting.

Leaving nothing to chance on this trip, Chartermaster Smith had already forged room at the rail (bar), awaiting the arrival of yours truly and soon to be commanding officer, **Chas Schoemaker**.

Shortly thereafter, we were led to our spots on the stern where we could survey the action on deck. Great service on the *Providence*. They spare no expense with deckhands.

Chartermaster Smith boiled on the menu and decided that the targeted species for the trip would be the "Chef's Tasting Menu". The three of us were like a hot tuna school boiling on chum as SIXTEEN COURSES were artistically presented and absorbed. It was sheer culinary artistry in the presentation of each course and absolute delight in savoring the various contrasting and complementary food tastes, textures and sauces.

The night bite started in earnest at 8:30 pm lasting until past midnight, leaving the delirious anglers sated, exhausted and limited out. Simply put, a good time was had by all of us—**Jamie, Bob Selvin and Chas Schoemaker**.

Congratulations and thanks to Jamie for a once in a lifetime experience. ■

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Halibut Story



Mike Godfrey with halibut.

Early in September, Bob Selvin (Charter Master), John Ballotti, Eric Rogger, Chas Schoemaker and Jim Petrellas joined a few other non-club members on the *Pacific Dawn*, to try our luck at Sacramento Reef to catch and release giant calico bass. The weather was not too cooperative, although for one-and-a-half days we were able to release some pretty feisty fish. The biggest was about 9 lbs., not mine, but I learned a lot about fishing for the big calicos. While the pangas were away at the kelp beds, the anglers on the big boat fished for halibut. To our surprise, we landed approximately 30 halibut averaging 20 plus lbs. The one in my picture was one of three I got. It was a good trip and I hope to be able to repeat it in the future.
Happy Holidays, Mike Godfrey ■

Record Lingcod Caught in Alaska

California Angler **Robbie Hammond**, of Discovery Bay, California, managed to set a new record of 82 lbs. while fishing out of Captain Steve's Fishing Lodge in Ninilchik. The guide, Capt. Steve Smith, noted that the fish might turn out to be a new world record. The group also landed a 210-lb. halibut. ■



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MEN'S OCEAN WATER				WOMEN'S			
Albacore	16	Barry Cohen	27 0	Albacore	25	Jan Howard	31 2
Albacore	30	Barry Cohen	29 0	Bass, Largemouth	6	Robin Hunter	1 6
Albacore	40	Donald Culbertson	40 6	Bass, Largemouth	6	Robin Hunter	Released
Barracuda	10	Larry Martinez	8 5 *	Bass, Sand	15	Robin Hunter	2 6
Bass, Calico	4	John Ballotti	3 13 *	Salmon, Coho	20	Pamela Warren	9 10 *
Bass, Calico	8	Joel Steinman	7 3 *	Salmon, King	20	Pamela Warren	17 0
Bass, Calico	30	John Ballotti	7 9	Yellowtail	30	Jan Howard	31 4
Bonefish	12	Dan Williams	1 0	JUNIOR MEMBERS			
Bonito	30	Bob Selvin	12 11 *	Albacore	25	Sophia Perriseau	42 6
Grouper	40	Paul Varenchik	35 0	Albacore	30	Hannah Ballew	25 0
Halibut	4	John Ballotti	6 4 *	Albacore	30	Noah Hauptman	24 0
Halibut	6	John Ballotti	6 5	Barracuda	15	Olivia Sharon	7 0
Halibut	6	John Ballotti	10 4	Bass, Calico	12	Miles Rosberg	1 8
Halibut	25	Al Scow	32 6 *	Bass, Calico	12	Dominique Perriseau	4 8
Halibut, Pacific	80	John Ballotti	135 0	Bass, Largemouth	5	Samantha Hunter	1 6
Perch, Rubberlip	15	Steve Simon	2 7 *	Bass, Largemouth	6	Ian Sharon	2 10
Salmon, Coho	25	Michael Dickter	7 0 *	Bass, Largemouth	8	Olivia Sharon	2 5
Salmon, King	25	Al Scow	37 0	Bass, Largemouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2 2
Salmon, Pink	25	Michael Dickter	5 2 *	Bass, Largemouth	8	Holden Rosberg	2 0
Sargo	2	Dan Williams	1 0 *	Bass, Largemouth	12	Anthony Scherpenborg	2 3 *
Seabass, White	30	Joel Steinman	16 0	Bass, Sand	15	Harrison Hunter	5 9
Shark, Mako	80	Steve Ex	82 6 *	Bass, Sand	15	Samantha Hunter	2 6
Shark, Thresher	80	Joshua Burnham	211 0 *	Bass, Sand	15	Amanda Chamberlain	1 5
sheephead	20	Michael Feinberg	14 7 *	Bass, Sand	20	Holden Rosberg	5 3
sheephead	25	Paul Varenchik	14 0 *	Bass, Sand	20	Robbie Stein	2 7
sheephead	30	Scott Schiffman	12 6	Bass, Sand	20	Gianna DiGuiseppe	2 5
Tuna, Bluefin	25	Charles Schoemaker	39 6	Bass, Sand	20	Jenny Stein	1 8
Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Bill Vogel	62 6	Bass, Spotted Bay	6	Anthony Williams	1 8 *
Yellow Eye Cod	100	Al Scow	22 0 *	Bass, Striped	4	Arthur Schiffman	4 7
Yellowtail	20	Randy Sharon	27 0	Catfish, Channel	2	Arthur Schiffman	1 12
Yellowtail	25	Charles Schoemaker	29 3	Catfish, Channel	6	Arthur Schiffman	20 0
Yellowtail	30	Scott Schiffman	50 0	Corbina	6	Anthony Williams	4 8 *
Yellowtail	40	Larry Martinez	36 0	Croaker, Spotfin	6	Marco Uribe	2 8 *
Wahoo	40	Bill Vogel	55 4	Croaker, Yellowfin	6	Anthony Williams	1 0 *
Wahoo	50	Jim Carlisle	52 0	Halibut, Northern	80	Mitchel Weinstock	55 0
Wahoo	60	Dennis Saylor	60 0 *	Halibut Pacific	30	Arthur Schiffman	5 0
FLY ROD				Ling Cod	15	Olivia Sharon	Released
Bass, Peacock	40	Don Lee	2 9 *	Ling Cod	20	Miles Rosberg	Released
Whitefish, Lake	4	Jim Carlisle	4 8	Ling Cod	20	Dominique Perriseau	11 4
FRESH WATER				Ling Cod	80	Mitchel Weinstock	40 0
Bass, Large Mouth	2	Jason Fleck	4 1 *	Perch, Black	6	Jack Uribe	2 8
Bass, Large Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	3 1 *	Salmon, King	25	Mitchel Weinstock	23 0
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Andy MacDonald	3 8	sheephead	25	Dominique Perriseau	17 7 *
Bass, Large Mouth	12	Jason Fleck	6 6 *	Whitefish	30	Christian Hernandez	6 7
Bass, Peacock	65	Don Lee	8 3 *	Yellow Eye	80	Mitchel Weinstock	20 0
Bass, Striped	4	Scott Schiffman	4 6	Yellowtail	30	Arthur Schiffman	36 0
Pike, Northern	20	Al Scow	18 0 *	* New Club Record			
Trout, Lake	6	Ben Susman	30 8 *	FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR—Joel Steinman			
Trout, Lake	16	Al Scow	40 0 *	May 16, 2007—White Seabass, 16 lbs.			
				FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR—Barry Cohn			
				June 30, 2007—27.0 lbs.			

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OFFICIAL CLUB CHARTERS

These trips are private charters and have been contracted for by LARRC. Therefore the club is committed for the full price of the charter. If you sign up you will be responsible for the full price of the trip in the event that you cancel and a replacement is not available. LARRC members will be responsible for the conduct and the financial obligations of their guests.

7-Day Skiff Trip aboard the Q105

June 14-21

Cost \$2200—limited load of 18

Contact: Chartermaster is John Ballotti (310) 618-2004

john.Ballotti@mattel.com

A \$600 deposit will hold your spot. \$600 due 9/15/07 and \$500 each due on 12/15/07 and 3/15/08

5-Day Tuna Trip aboard the Q105

July 19-24 Only 4 spaces left...Book NOW!

Cost \$2195—Includes Mexican Permits and substantial (\$600)

Jackpots. A \$500 deposit will hold your spot. \$500 due 12/1/07, \$500 due 3/1/08. Final payment of \$695 due 6/1/08.

For details and availability contact Chartermaster Dave Levinson (818) 785-1776 or email dajplevin@roadrunner.com.

Pacific Dawn Weekend Charters 2008: OXNARD-Capt. Hook's Sportfishing

1 Day, Overnight

**Fishing Sat. 3/15, Sat. 4/12,
Mon. 5/05 and Sat. 11/01**

1-Departure: Trips Depart 9-10 pm night prior to fishing.

2-Return: Approximately 7 p.m.

3-Cost: \$170 (includes estimated fuel surcharge)

4-Not Included: Fish Cleaning, Food & Drinks, Tips (15%) Fishing License and additional fuel surcharge if required.

5-Limited Load: 16

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.

SAN DIEGO-Fisherman's Landing

1 Day Fishing

Sunday, August 24

1-Departure: Leaves Saturday night 8/23 at 9 p.m.

2-Return: Monday a.m. 8/25 at 6 a.m.

3-Cost: \$420 (Includes Mexican Permits, estimated fuel surcharge.)

4-Not included: Fish Cleaning, Food & Drinks, Tips (15%)

Fishing Licenses and additional fuel surcharge if required.

5-Limited Load: 16

6-Deposit: \$210 required to serve spot. Balance \$195 due 7/15.

7-Call or email to confirm if spots are available.

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NOTE:

2007 PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE FIRST CHOICE ON THESE TRIPS. Chartermasters have the right to overbook by 1. Not included on these trips are drinks, filleting, fuel surcharge if necessary, Mexican permits. Departures are usually by noon but CM will notify in case of early departure. Checks should be made out to LARRC and sent to CM. Important! Fishing in Mexican waters in 2008 will require a valid passport.



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Meeting dates for 2008

	Board	Dinner
Jan.	21	28
Feb.	18	25
Mar.	17	24
Apr.	21	28
May	19	26
June	16	23
July	21	28
Aug.	18	25
Sep.	15	22
Oct.	20	27
Nov.	17	24
Dec	15	--

New Membership Applications

Vince Otani of Point Hueneme has applied for active membership.

Jordan Richard has applied for associate membership. Jordan is a member of the *Excel* staff.

Pacific Tuna Stocks Labeled "Fully Exploited"

The Pacific Tuna fishery hauled in near record landings of 2.2 million metric tons in 2006, and yellowfin tuna stocks are now considered fully exploited. The stocks could drop by 25% over the next five years if current catch rates are maintained. Those are among the conclusions presented to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) by its scientific committee last August. Previous recommendations by the committee included requiring member nations to cut catches of yellowfin by 10% and big-eye tuna by 25% to avoid changing the status of these stocks to "overfished". However, the WCPFC did not follow that advice. More information is available at www.wcpfc.int
Source: Sport Fishing Mag. 1/08 ■

C A L E N D A R



Dinner Meetings

January 28

Next: Februariu 25

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.

THE VALLEY INN
 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

January 21

Next: February 18

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Ballotti at 310.252.2258 at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
 THE VALLEY INN
 4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Other Events

February 24, 2008
 Annual Banquet and Foundation Fundraiser
 Woodland Hills Country Club.
 See page 8.

March 5-9
 Annual Fred Hall Show, Long Beach

March 26-30
 Annual Fred Hall Show, Del Mar

April 4
 LARRC Foundation's Louis K. Burke Annual Trout Derby Hansen Dam

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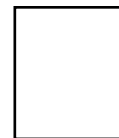
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NEW VENUE FOR ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH ANNOUNCED

The 2008 Awards Brunch and LARRC Foundation Auction will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2008 at the Woodland Hills Country Club. The new venue is larger and will accommodate the brunch **and** the auction in the same room and offer beautiful views of the golf course. Mark your calendar and watch your mailbox for your invitation.

LARRC's own **Mel Stein** will perform magic to entertain all! **Be There!**

Sunday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

Auction Items Will Include: Airline Tickets on SW Airlines, Disneyland Tickets, Arthur Murray Dance lessons, Cooking Classes at Gelson's, a 10-day trip on the Q105, Jewelry, SD Zoo Tickets, Fishing Tackle, Toys, Spa Treatments, Restaurant Certificates, Pasadena Playhouse tickets, Ronald Reagan Library Tickets and much more.

**Woodland Hills Country Club
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