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Our Jan 31 Dinner Meeting will feature Marc Mills. Marc is the Regional Marketing Manager for Shimano, Power Pro and G.Loomis. He's been fishing pretty much most of his life with freshwater adventures in Northern California and saltwater years out of Dana Wharf. As marketing specialist he got opportunities to fish all over the world. He says travel takes up about 60% of his time and tournaments are included. He proudly notes being ranked 3rd overall angler during the SBWA this year. He will discuss new products and techniques to become a more successful fisherman.



Marc with Grouper.



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CLOSURE MAP RELEASED BY DFG ON DEC. 16TH
 See page 4 for details.

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MAGDALENA BAY BIG TUNA

By Wayne Caywood

The last couple of years the lower Baja banks have been good for BIG TUNA... with tuna over three hundred pounds popping up, one bank being named the "300# Bank" because of the number of over 300 pound fish that have come off that bank. **JJ Gerritsen**, the owner and operator of the sportfishing charter boat *Apollo*, had received the needed Mexican and US permits to make trips out of Magdalena Bay, Baja Mexico. It was to be a JJ trip—seven days, Nov. 30-Dec.7,2010. I haven't had a chance to spend much time with JJ in the past few years and this would be a chance to catch up. (JJ is my son-in-law) My birthday is Dec. 3rd and just maybe I could catch my personal best Yellow Fin Tuna, I have to go!

The trip is a fly-down-fly-back, flying into Loreto from LAX on Alaska Airlines, pick up at the airport by a ten-passenger van and being driving across the peninsula to San Carlos, Magdalena. After a two-hour drive, the group jumped on the *Apollo*. Within thirty minutes of boarding we cast off lines and head out of the bay. Our course set for the Lower Banks, just seventy miles southwest, we would have our lines in the water at first light. The lower banks have had unprecedented scores of huge yellowfin tuna the last several years. At first light we were anchored about 1000 feet from the *VAGABOND*. JJ had talked to Capt. **Mike Lackey** during the night and was told that they already had some huge cows on board and one had taped out at a conservative 390-lbs., but it took a lot of rail time for hookup. We are ready! The fish showed on the electronics and the surface, every ten or fifteen minutes you see the frigate birds dip down



Caption "Wayne's Big Fish" Congratulations!

to the surface, one or more huge explosions and cascading water and a classic "wooo!" was heard. Mike was right—lots of rail time, nine fishermen, six full days of fishing, twenty-plus hookups, seventeen landed mostly by anglers getting their personal bests. The fish were selective as to what they would eat...all our fish came on sardines, would not bite the kite or balloons (well, one fish on a double sardine rig on kite at around 150 lbs.) Most fish were caught on 100-lb. braided line. My personal best came

on a Shimano Terez TZC69XHA rod with a Shimano Talica TAC2511 reel with 100# Power Pro Braid with 30-ft. Izor. 100-lb. mono, topped with a 4-foot flourocarbon tippet. My fish was hooked around 7:00 a.m. and landed around 12:00 p.m. yes, five hours! Three hours on top and seven trips around the boat, to the spool twice and ready to back up twice, another two hours up and down, ten trips around the boat, ten times under the anchor before the fish was ready to be gaffed. The fish taped seventy-nine inches in length with a fifty-five inch girth = 300.6 lbs. One other fish on the trip was eighty inches length with a fifty-four inch girth = 298.6 lbs. Lots and lots of rail time beautiful sunrises and sunsets. JJ always has great crews **Jessica, Robert & Dan with Nick** in the galley keeping us well fed. Thanks to the crew for a memorable trip.

I am donating a five day Magdalena Bay Big Tuna Trip on the Apollo, December 2011. This will be auctioned off at the Club Brunch/Auction February 27, 2011. It may be your chance to round up a Cow.

IT HAD TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER!!!

In the can-you-top-this category, **Mike Livingston**, a 63-year-old, ex-school administrator, set a new yellow fin tuna record on December 6th. Fishing aboard the *VAGABOND*, he boated the fish after a 2-hr., 40-minute fight. It scaled out at 405.2 lbs.



Mike Livingston and his new record fish.

The fish was caught on 100-lb. line using a Penn 30-W reel. His best fish prior to this was a 100 pounder. The new record was established after a 32-year span and if accepted by the IGFA represents a possible all-time record.

Photo and text credit Bill Roecker/Daily News

MORE SQUID SCOOP

Maybe there's more under the ocean that we don't know about than we do have knowledge of. There's a 10-year project underway involving 2700 scientists in 80 countries. They are mapping "where we haven't been". This according to senior scientist **Ron O'Dor**. Using old sub-

mersibles and old menus (from vessels) they produced 2600 papers, the highlights were released last October in a 64-page report.

Among other items is the secret of midwater depth—way below the surface but above the sea floor. Researchers have evidence of big-fin, videotaped squids, with extremely large undulating fins and long thin arms and tentacles that can grow as long as 22 feet. These have been glimpsed in four different oceans.

From an article in the NY Times 12/19 Magazine section.

PS In February 2007 a New Zealand Fisherman landed a colossal squid close to 1000 lbs.

IGFA PENDING RECORDS

From Sportfishing Magazine

- A 28-lb. yelloweye rockfish was caught by a 15-year-old from Seal Beach while fishing Seward, Alaska this past August. **Jace Heller** of Seal Beach is applying for a record on 50-lb. line.
- A Japanese fisherman from Tokyo used 8-lb. line trolling for a Pacific bluefin tuna. He wound up with a 526-lb., 14-oz. Pacific bluefin tuna. It was boarded after a two-hour, 54-minute battle.
- Lady angler **Fiona Stallard** from Perth, Australia caught a 46-lb, 4-oz wahoo trolling at the Fiji Island using 6-pound test line. It took 23 minutes to boat the fish.



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END OF THE LINE?

The DFG had a news release dated 12/16/2010. It announced adoption of 36 new MPAs in Southern California. These encompass approximately 187 square miles. The DFG also certified the environmental impact report made pursuant to the California Environmental Quality act. These are in addition to the restrictions already in effect at the Channel Islands.

The **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** has been released by the DFG. This covers hundreds of pages, many beyond the understanding of this writer. You can access this yourself by going to:
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/finalimpactscomments3.pdf>

The map of the new restricted areas can be viewed at:
www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/scmpas121510pdf

Meanwhile there is a well-informed comment on the EIR by **Professor Ray Hilborn** of the school of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Hilborn is a respected marine authority with many peer review articles (over 200) and several books to his credit. As a man with many qualifications for the

job he served on the MLPA science advisory teams for the North Central and South Coasts. He lists the following deficiencies in DEIR assessments and feels these need to be addressed.

ENFORCEMENT—"Most of the world's MPAs have not achieved their objectives" because they were not enforced. (Based on a study of 1306 MPAs) The EIR does not give sufficient weight to the necessary enforcement resources. Non- or ineffective enforcement of MLPAs appears to encourage poaching. If key species actually build up in the reserves they will make a tempting target.

FISHERIES DISPLACEMENT—The DEIR assumes that displaced fishing effort will aggregate on the edges of the reserves. This is a simplistic assumption since tagging studies show that some species move very little. Those species that do move and create "other hot spots" will only be followed to renew the cycle. The EIR ignores the fact that many species decline in abundance when reserves are put in place. This was found in a study done at the Channel Islands.

Actually the density of targeted species declined by about as much as the densi-

ty inside the reserves.

DEPLETED, DEPRESSED AND OVERFISHED SPECIES—A prime impetus for the MLPA was the concern about the status of the demersal species (bottom dwelling). The EIR ignores the abundance of these fish in Federal waters. The federal management systems under way in regard to the demersal species, actually show they are not seriously depleted in the aggregate. A chart in Dr. Hilborn's report indicates that these bottom dwellers are in fact rebuilding under Federal (NOAA) guidelines.

In a prior *Chum Line* report it was noted that estimates of enforcement of the MLPAs might run from \$30-\$40 million dollars per year. Does the California Dept. of Fish & Game expect this kind of money during the current major deficits in our budget? Perhaps, of the three deficiencies in the EIR as suggested by Dr. Hilborn, this could be the one that renders the entire program moot.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS:

Two years of hearings, including more than 50 days of meetings, input by the various stakeholder groups resulted in decisions being made behind closed doors. This was underlined when a Superior Court ruled in favor of the Ocean Access Protection Fund (OAPF). Transparency was not there and private funding helped the process along. Our best hope now appears to be the legal challenge to the decisions made. (And the lack of funds for enforcement!)

LARRC has made a significant contribution to help fund the legal challenge. Hopefully others will follow suit! In any event these restrictions will probably take a year to become effective.

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Report by Chas. Schoemaker

The Foundation Makes a Grant for the Study of Humboldt Squid

Humboldt squid: voracious sea monsters that may wipe out all local species of fish, or misunderstood Cephalopods? Are they responsible for wiping out the Huntington flats sandbass bite this year?

Commercial fishermen off Washington report that their nets are increasingly filled with Humboldt squid during their trawls for hake. Is this commercially important resource at risk from an invader that grows from fingernail size larvae to up to 100-lbs. in one year, then spawns and dies?

Exactly how much of the forage fish resource is consumed during this feeding frenzy? Will there be a ripple effect, so that any local fish that escapes being consumed by the multi-tentacled invaders starves to death?

Where did these guys come from? Historically, populations were known off Chile, and then Baja. Are they moving northward due to global warming or climatic shifts in ocean conditions? Do they migrate up to San Diego and Dana Point, where the 20- to 40-lb. inksters support local half-day runs when nothing else is happening? Or have local breeding populations been established?

What is the reaction of the novice angler used to 6" market squid when the 40-lb. line recommended for Humboldt squidding starts sizzling from his reel and he is about to spooled by a...squid!

Humboldts have been observed near the surface in Baja in 89-degree water, and have the ability to swim



\$7500 Check being handed over by Steve Simon to Steve Blair of the aquarium.

through two thermoclines to 57 degree water. They have reportedly been observed in Alaska, though not in any numbers and looking rather poorly. Is the Arctic the only safe refuge from these menacing creatures? How are Humboldts different from colossal squid, which thrive in the chilly Antarctic seas?

Or is all the hype an urban legend fueled by the internet? Is it really necessary for divers to use chain-mail armor and tie themselves to the boat so a really big one can't drag them down into the deep? Is the beak of one of the really big models strong enough to break a wrist?

(For those who like to resort to a common reference source banned for serious research at many esteemed institutes of higher learning, note that the article in one section indicates that they are docile intelligent creatures only a threat to humans when they are confused by artificial lights, while another section of the article notes numerous accounts of

Humboldt squid attacking divers and fishermen.)

The answers to some of these questions are known anecdotally to some divers and fishermen. Other questions require more than a passing observation or sea tale, and are worthy of rigorous scientific research.

Surprisingly, there is no large database of published works to go find the answers. Maybe it is because the squid have only recently made themselves known in great numbers in multiple areas. Maybe they were always there and just stayed out of sight. Maybe, maybe, maybe.

The Long Beach Aquarium will be conducting research on the Humboldt squid aimed at trying to find some of the answers. The research will try to determine the impact of the Humboldt migration, if that's what it is, on the local fishery. Local fishing is where most youngsters get their first taste of saltwater fishing. The potential effects of access to the resource by future generations of anglers is an important issue that is worthy of committed scientific inquiry. The Foundation is pleased to financially support this research program into an issue necessary and important to the future of recreational fishing.

OFFICIAL CLUB CHARTERS

Please note that official LARRC Charters—official meaning that the club has a financial commitment. 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.

Pacific Dawn Weekend Charters

The board has asked that the price of charter trips be adjusted to more inclusive so as to minimize out of pocket expenses once aboard. The Ventura overnight trip price now includes food, fish cleaning and crew gratuities. The only additional out of pocket expenses once aboard are beverages and the optional jackpot. The San Diego 1.5 day trip price now includes food, Mexican permits, and crew gratuities. The only out of pocket expenses once aboard are beverages, fish cleaning and optional jackpot.

VENTURA - Harbor Village

1-Day Overnight Fishing Sat. March 12; Sat. April 09; Mon. May 02

- 1) **Departure:** Trips depart 9 p.m. the evening prior to fishing
- 2) **Return:** Approximately 7 p.m.
- 3) **Cost - \$260. Includes:** Food, Fish Cleaning and crew gratuities
- 4) **Not Included:** Beverages (Beer, Soda, water) & optional jackpot
- 5) **Limited Load:** 17 Anglers
- 6) **Deposit:** 50% deposit (\$130) required to reserve spot. Balance due no later than 30 days prior to trip.
- 7) **Checks:** Payable to LARRC. Send to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Dr. Long Beach, CA 90803

SAN DIEGO - Fisherman's Landing

1-Day - Fishing Sunday Aug. 21st

- 1) **Departure:** Trip leaves Saturday evening 8/20 at 9 p.m.
- 2) **Return:** Monday morning 8/22 at approximately 6 a.m.
- 3) **Cost - \$510. Includes:** Food, Mexican Permits, and crew gratuities
- 4) **Not Included:** Beverages (beer, soda, water) fish cleaning & optional jackpot.
- 5) **Limited Load:** 16 anglers
- 6) **Deposit:** 50% deposit (\$255) required to reserve spot. Balance due no later than 30 days prior to the trip.
- 7) **Checks:** Payable to LARRC. Send checks to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Dr. Long Beach, CA 90803

For more information, contact the charter master: Jim Carlisle
(562) 598-0940 (H) jncarlisle@verizon.net
(310) 332-9770 (W) james.carlisle@ngc.com

Qualifier 105 5-Day Tuna Trip

July 16-21, 2011

- 1) Price is \$2095 which includes tips & Mexican Permits - actually cheaper than the 2010 trip.
 - 2) Limited Load of 24.
 - 3) Only extras will be beverages.
- Sign Up Now! Call Dave @818 785.1776
email: dajplevin@roadrunner.com

BERT SERDEN INFORMS THAT THE BRITISH COLUMBIA AS WELL AS THE FLORIDA ADVENTURE ARE CURRENTLY SOLD OUT. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT BERT AT bserden@roadrunner.com

Blue Fin News....report from the "National Fisherman" (12/10)

Prince Edward Island's 2011 bluefin season began at 5 a.m. on Oct. 4 with 294 eligible fishermen. Each was allowed one fish per day. Total quota 291,340 lbs.

At the end of day one, 217 fishermen had landed a tuna. At 1 pm on the second day of the fishery, Canada's Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans consulted with representatives of the tuna fishermen and announced all lines had to be out of the water by 9 pm. In total, the fleet caught 394 fish. The two-day fishery mirrors the results of the bluefin fishery in Nova Scotia the previous week.

Colin MacIsaac, DFO chief of resource management for Prince Edward Island, says it appear the total added up to between 129-132 metric tons.

We are still finalizing our numbers but the small quota remaining would be hard to split between 294 fishermen. The fishermen noted the fish averaged 600 lbs per fish.

The high catch rate has some fishermen wondering why bluefin tuna is on the endangered species list. Last month grocery giant Metro with 600 stores in Ontario and Quebec, announced they would no long sell bluefin tuna. MacIsaac said the majorityh of the Prince Edward Island catch is sold to Japanese buyers.



LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL CLUB 2011 CHARTERS

DEPART	RETURN	VESSEL	DESTINATION	CHARTERMASTER	PRICE	PLAYERS
3/11, 9pm	3/12, 6pm	Pac Dawn	Channel Islands	Jim Carlisle	\$260 (1)	16
4/8, 9pm	4/9, 6pm	Pac Dawn	Channel Islands	Jim Carlisle	\$260 (1)	16
5/1, 9pm	5/2, 6pm	Pac Dawn	Channel Islands	Jim Carlisle	\$260 (1)	16
5/5, 9am	5/9, 6pm	N/A	Florida/Keys	Bert Serden	\$1800*	6
TBA			King of the Calicos	Earl Warren		
6/26, 9pm	6/30, 7am	Limitless	Newport/Tuna	Barry Cohn	\$735(2)	6
7/1, 9am	7/5, 9pm	No. King Ldge	Halibut/Salmon	Bert Serden	\$4400*	12
7/16, 9am	7/21, 9am	Q105	San Diego/Tuna	Dave Levinson	\$2095	23
7/24, 9pm	7/26, 7am	Limitless	Newport/Tuna	Barry Cohn	\$735(2)	6
7/26, 9pm	7/28, 7am	Limitless	Newport/Tuna	Barry Cohn	\$735(2)	6
8/20, 9pm	8/22, 6am	Pac Dawn	San Diego/Tuna	Jim Carlisle	\$510(1)	16
8/28, 9pm	8/30 7am	Limitless	Newport/Tuna	Barry Cohn	\$735(2)	6
9/10, 9pm	9/13, 7am	Pac Dawn	San Diego/Tuna	Ross Lombard	\$800(1)	16
10/22, 5am	10/22, 4pm	Highliner	Redondo/Local	Nick Ekdahl	\$285(2)	7
11/19, 5am	11/19, 4pm	Highliner	Redondo/Local	Nick Ekdahl	\$285(2)	7

CONDITIONS FOR CHARTER MEMBERS: 50% is due with reservation. If you cannot go we will attempt to fill your spot but you are responsible for the total charter fee. (1) indicates food, fish cleaning and gratuity are included. (2) indicates fish cleaning and gratuity are included but you must bring your own food. (*) indicates a price estimate at this time. Checks should be made out to LARRC and sent to Ross Lombard at 3619 San Gabriel River Parkway, Pico Rivera, CA 90660.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT CHARTERMASTERS:

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TROPHY CONTENDERS 2010 AS OF DEC. 25

SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB.OZ.

MEN'S OCEAN WATER

Albacore	20	Wayne Caywood	31 0
Albacore	25	Earl Warren	33 8
Albacore	25	Barry Cohn	21 0
Bass, Calico	20	Chas. Schoemaker	5 2
Bass, Calico	55	Joel Steinman	3 8 *
Ling Cod	80	Barry Cohn	26 8
Rockfish, Copper	50	Nick Ekdahl	6 0 *
Roosterfish	17	Chas Schoemaker	6 10 *
Roosterfish	25	Andy MacDonald	23 7 *
Roosterfish	40	Paul Varenchik	47 0 *
Roosterfish	65	Mike Grossman	80 0 *
Roosterfish	80	Joel Steinman	80 0 *
Salmon, Coho	30	Bert Serden	11 0
Salmon, King	25	Allan Gorden	26 0
Salmon, King	25	Dave Levinson	23 0
Salmon, King	30	Bert Serden	26 8
Snapper, Cubera	65	Joel Steinman	26 0 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Wayne Caywood	300 6 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Sherwood Kingsley	216 0
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Al Scow	112 8
Yelloweye Cod	80	Barry Cohn	10 0 *
Yellowtail	20	Sherwood Kingsley	15 0
Wahoo	40	Donald Culbertson	37 0
Whitefish	6	Joel Steinman	7 10 *
White Sea Bass	25	Arnie Stein	30 3

MEN'S RELEASED

Black Sea Bass	65	Nick Ekdahl	Released
Jack Cravelle	6	Chas Schoemaker	Released
Jack Cravelle	6	Steve Simon	Released
Marlin, Striped	80	Carl Ekdahl	Released
Roosterfish	8	Steve Simon	Released
Roosterfish	15	Nick Ekdahl	Released
Roosterfish	17	Chas Schoemaker	Released
Roosterfish	25	Chas Schoemaker	Released
Roosterfish	20	Kristofer Ekdahl	Released
Roosterfish	30	Andy MacDonald	Released
Tarpon	20	Merit McCrea	Released
Tarpon	40	Merit McCrea	Released
Tarpon	40	Earl Warren	Released
Tarpon	50	Earl Warren	Released
Tarpon	65	Earl Warren	Released

SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB.OZ.

FLY ROD

Bass, Striped	10	Rob Baldwin	8 0 *
FRESH WATER			
Bass, LG Mouth	6	Marc Manculich	4 1
Bass, LG Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	3 15
Bass, LG Mouth	10	John Ballotti	6 3 *
Catfish, Channel	6	Earl Warren	10 0 *
Pike Northern	4	Ben Susman	12 8
Salmon, Kokanee	6	Tom Speirs	2 6 *
Trout, Lake	8	Ben Susman	44 0 *
Trout, Mackinaw	8	Tom Speirs	14 8 *

WOMEN'S

Salmon, Silver	10	Helayne Sharon	12 0 *
Sheephead	30	Pamela Warren	12 2 *

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Albacore	20	Blake Rosen	21 2 *
Bass, LG Mouth	6	Montana Manculich	3 13
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Ian Sharon	2 9
Bass, Lg Mouth	6	Dylan Varenchik	2 1
Bass, LG Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2 15
Bass, LG Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2 13
Bass, LG Mouth	8	Holden Rosberg	2 1
Catfish, Channel	6	Montana Manculich	3 0
Pike, Northern	4	Jake Susman	16 0 *
Salmon King	40	Doug Smith	32 10 *
Salmon, Silver	10	Ian Sharon	10 0 *
Salmon, Silver	10	Olivia Sharon	10 0 *
Sheephead	25	Adam Jussila	6 0
Sierra	20	Mitchel Weinstock	3 8 *
Trout, Lake	10	Jake Susman	29 0 *
Trout, Rainbow	6	Hailey Varenchik	2 0 *

First Game Fish of the Year

Yellowtail	65	Randy Sharon	20 0
June 11, 2010			

First Albacore of the Year

July 19, 2010	Earl Warren	33 8
July 19, 2010	Sherwood Kingsley	20 Est.

FOUNDATION REPORT by Steve Simon

With 2010 behind us, we have had a spectacular year of Foundation activities.

- A grant to Long Beach State grad students and under graduates - \$6500
- Long Beach Aquarium - Humboldt Squid Research Project - \$7500
- National Coalition for Marine Conservation - \$2500
- two Mentors Trips, the annual Long

Beach kids' trip and the Lou Berke Trout Derby.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED OUR EVENTS THIS PAST YEAR.

I would also like to thank the Foundation Trustees for their assistance throughout the year; specifically—**John Ballotti, Will Ebersman, Dave Levinson, Charles Schoemakers, Marv C. Smith and Paul Varenchik.**

For those of you who are new to the LA Rod & Reel Club, in February we have our annual auction/ award banquet where we raise funds for the upcoming year's activities. WE HAVE SOLICITATION LETTERS AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO SEND TO YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS, TRAVEL AGENCIES AND VARIOUS BUSINESSES YOU FEEL MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER A GIFT CERTIFICATE OR SOMETHING TANGIBLE FOR THE AUCTION.

**Please communicate with me:
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Our outings for the kids during the Berke Trout Derby have been so successful that the principals of the two schools have asked us to accommodate 20 more students. This is only possible if we can get sufficient numbers of volunteers.

**HELP WANTED - VOLUNTEERS for
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APRIL 8th!
BRING YOUR friends, relatives, ex's,
in-laws, out-laws ETC.**

**We will need 100-PLUS
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**PLEASE SIGN UP NOW - CALL STEVE
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CALENDAR

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Dinner Meetings

JANUARY 31

Next: FEB. 27, Awards Banquet

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to: Mike Godfrey 818.808.4909; or email larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
**At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks**

Board Meetings

JANUARY 24

Next: FEBRUARY 21

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Frank Polak at 818/881.8634, email frankpolak@wolveshockey.net at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
**At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave,
Sherman Oaks**

Other Dates

- February 27**
Annual awards Banquet
Braemar Country Club
- March 9-13**
Fred Hall Tackle Show
Long Beach
- March 15**
White Seabass limit goes to 1
daily through 6/15
- March 24-27**
Fred Hall Tackle Show
Del Mar
- April 8**
Lou Berke Trout Derby,
Hansen Dam
- May 14-15**
Marina Del Rey Halibut Derby
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*In Memory of
Joel Silverstein*

by Patricia and Richard Cunha

*In Memory of
Jeff Lough's Grandmother*

by Tammy and Joel Steinman

*In Memory of
Dan Felger*

by Helayne and Randy Sharon

Mimi and Ben Susman


Joan and Dave Levinson

Joan and Andy MacDonald

Phyllis Paul

Dr. Paula Schoen and Michael Grossman

Goodbye Dad....By Brad Felger

 I still remember our first overnight fishing trip together. It was on the original vessel the *Truth* with **Captain Russ Izor** at Catalina Island (a.k.a. Izor Island). I was 6 or 7 years old and my Dad had been taking me fishing on the half-day boats along the coast since I was 5. That night we filled the bait tanks with squid that the crew brailed from under the lights in the dark of the night. I remember catching a lot of calico bass that day. Needless to say I was hooked. I caught my first albacore with my Dad when I was 8 years old on the "Patrician" (now the Sea Biscuit). Over our lifetime together my Dad and I fished together thousands of days on many different boats at many different locations for many different species of fish. The captains and crew on each of these boats knew my Dad well and we were all good friends for many years. I also remember our last fishing trip. It was October 26, 2010 (my 51st birthday) on the *Pacific Dawn* with **Captain Pat Cavanaugh**. It was an LARRC trip and we went to San Miguel Island. It was an unusual day for San Miguel, a greasy calm ocean with NO swell. My

Dad and I have fished there many times before and we know how often it is a very rough sea at San Miguel Island. We both limited out on Vermillion Red Rockfish and Lingcod and my Dad looked great! He and **Al Scow** threw a birthday party for me on the way in and we enjoyed the company of several of you, our friends. My Dad also knew that his cancer had come back and that in just a few days he would begin chemotherapy to try and fight this disease. My Dad was a true fighter and a mentor for me in many aspects of my life. At 2 pm on Friday, Nov. 19th my Dad lost his fight and passed away with **Carolyn, Tracy, Michael, Karen, Katie,** myself and others from our family by his side.

On the following Monday, my wife Valerie and I drove down to attend the monthly LARRC dinner meeting to visit with all of you, my Dad's friends (& also my friends!) I got up and spoke to you wearing my Dad's *Excel* jacket with all the 200+ patches and 300+ patch on the sleeves. This jacket was his pride and proof of the many great tuna he has landed. After I spoke many of you stood up and told stories of some of the many good things my Dad had done for you. I was very touched by your stories and also by Frank's statement about my Dad "On

the outside, sometimes he's soft like a pussycat, sometimes he's prickly like a porcupine, but on the inside he always had a heart of gold!" Thank you Frank, what a wonderful description of my Dad! When all you were telling stories I remembered one that only the two of us knew about. So you are about to hear a story from the Felger secret files! I brought the picture to the meeting, one of our favorites of both of us smiling with a large 180-lb. tuna in front of us on the deck of the *Q105*. In the 1990s my Dad and I were on an 8-day trip, a ride down from San Diego and a fly back from Cabo. We had enjoyed great fishing at the rocks and the ridge on 60- to 80-lb. tuna and good wahoo fishing. The last day of the trip we ended up anchored at a bank about 60 miles above Cabo. We were anchored next to the *Red Rooster*, the *Searcher*, and a couple of other long range boats. All around us were 200-lb.-class tuna breaking the surface and jumping. But they were very picky biters! Very few were being hooked. My Dad could see that I had been out on the rail all day going for the long soak on a different scad mackerel (bait). It was mid-afternoon and I was very tired and frustrated! My Dad came over to the rail next to me as he

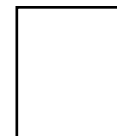
was also soaking a big scad and tells me that he is tired and can I take his rod. He takes mine and reels it in. As I take his rod I realize that his bait has been picked up by a large tuna! 45 minutes later I landed a 180-lb. tuna that at that time was bigger than any tuna that my Dad and I had ever caught. (After that trip my Dad and I have caught many tuna bigger than that one). Those of you who knew my Dad are well aware of how competitive he was (just ask **Al Scow**) He never told me this, but I know that he handed me that rod because his bait had been picked up by a large tuna and he could see my persistence, but also my frustration. So he handed me his rod so I could hook and catch that big fish! That moment really changed my life because Dad saw what I really needed and did it without me knowing it at the time. And my Dad was really great at that! Goodbye Dad....

On behalf of the Felgers, the Rosbergs, the McAdams and the Moureauxs. Thank you from all of us for being such a big part of our Dad's life and our lives. See you soon, Brad



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