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Message from the New President

by Charles Schoemaker

It is with a great sense of enthusiasm and joy that I look forward to the next year as president of the LARRC. Initially, I would like to thank outgoing President **John Ballotti** for providing such an excellent example of what it means to be the club president. During the last two years as a Board member I have come to recognize that this club is composed of a number of selfless individuals who give much time and energy to make sure that the club functions. I view my primary task as keeping these people in place and on target.

This is a fishing club, and the charter masters have arranged for a number of trips throughout the year for all types of fishing. There are overnight trips leaving out of Oxnard, a 7-day skiff trip on the *Q105*, the official club 5-day offshore tuna trip out of San Diego, as well as overnight trips out of Newport Beach. Several club members also run private charters, which offer additional angling opportunities.

Watching the participants at the annual trout derby is certainly a

highlight for anyone in the club. Helping out in the July kid's trip is a fulfilling experience. Working one-on-one as a marine mentor is a great sense of joy.

We are fortunate to be part of a historic club, in existence since 1950. A larger segment of the club has concentrated on long-range trips, and there are certainly many long-rangers within the club. One of our charter members, **Dan Felger**, was on the Bill Poole trip which is generally considered, at least according to a recent book, as the first long-range trip of the post WWII era.

This was an LARRC charter, for which Dan was the charter master.

The club has kept up ties with the long-range industry in San Diego and club members are regulars on trips on the *Qualifier 105* and the *Excel*. The fish reports from members at the dinner meetings during the summer months include reports from virtually every long-range and overnight boat out of San Diego. At our yearly banquet, four *Excel* crew members, who are also members of the club, were present, as well as the owner and two skippers from the *Q105*.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Board has decided that following the LARRC March dinner meeting, reminder cards will be forwarded via EMAIL only! If you wish to keep receiving these postcard reminders, please contact Mike Godfrey at 818/363-2974 or via email mgodfrey2@socal.rr.com

During the next year it will be necessary to speak frequently about the MLPA process. We must do all we can to implement constructive input into this process. The exact nature and approach has been the source of vigorous debate during the last year at the board meetings. There are many different attitudes and suggested approaches with the main lobbying organizations, which, hopefully, will reach agreement at some time at some point for a concerted effort to represent the best interests of the sportfishing community. Otherwise, a few years from now, the only members left in this organization will be people who at one time, years ago, caught a fish while it was still legal to fish off the coast of California.

It will be an exciting year, both from the perspective of angling activities, and political activities that will effect the future of fishing in California. **Don't miss your chance to be an active participant! Thanks for listening.**

—Charles Schoemaker ■

MAURICE LEVY

Class of '50— an Obituary

The Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club lost one of its' three founding members and second President. He died February 8th at age 97.

Maurice joined with several other "young men" in 1950 to form our wonderful fishing club which has thrived now for 57 years.

He practiced law in Los Angeles for many years, and after retiring continued to serve the law community as Judge Pro Tem in Los Angeles courtrooms. Fishing was his middle name. The sound of "hook up" meant that everyone on the boat had better take cover and get out of the way—the rail was a war zone when Maurice was fishing.

As a long time member of the Hillcrest Country Club, he spent his retiring years playing bridge and gin rummy almost every day.

Maurice is survived by his beloved Shirley, Son Stephen and his wife Nancy, daughter Karen and her husband Kim Ho, daughter Susan and her husband Drew Pauly as well as two grandchildren.

LARRC has lost a superb fisherman and a wonderful friend!

—Submitted by Bill Pearlman, a close friend...class of '58.



MAY 21 Dinner Guest Speaker: George "Tunabelly" Valenzuela



George, who lives in Irvine is Director, General Services Department, Facilities Division, of the Aerospace Corporation. His passion is fishing and www.Senortuna.com

Tunabelly grew up in Redondo Beach and in the 1950s, as a kid, fished the old Monstad pier and Sacramento Barge. He has fished his whole life and owned and operated San Simeon Landing and Morro Bay Sportfishing from 1989 to 1994. While operating San Simeon Landing there were several fishing shows that filmed at this central coast location to take advantage of the outstanding fishery and spectacular scenery the area had to offer. In June, 2003 George launched his sportfishing website Senortuna.com, which now has over 2100 members.

Senor Valenzuela is a retired Police Lieutenant, graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Va. and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. ■

HUGE STURGEON CAUGHT in OREGON!



Norman Weinstock forwarded this fish story. This fish was caught on the Willamette River below Oregon City a couple of weeks ago. It weighed over 1000 lbs and measured 11'1". It was

56" around the girth and took over 6.5 hrs. and 4 guys taking turns, to land it. Note that his fish was alive when picture was taken and was released. Sturgeons over five feet must be released as breeding stock. ■



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MLPA MATTERS - Lawsuit Rejected! A blow to Recreationals!

The following memo was received by Chum Line from Jim Martin, Regional Director for RFA. You might recall that the scientific advice being given to the Blue Ribbon Task force has been challenged by sport fishing as well as commercial interests, on the issue of objectivity and impartiality for some time. As a result, decisions made regarding new fishing restrictions were challenged in court by the Coastside Fishing Club which has a vast membership in the north central area. The notification reads:

On January 14th, 2008, the First Appellate District Court handed down a decision against the Coastside Fishing Club, et al. in the club's attempt to challenge the funding of the MLPA initiative by the Resources Legacy Foundation (RLLF), a private environmental group. Essentially, the plaintiffs contended that the RLLF was buying a rulemaking process.

The court found the MLPA statute explicitly allows the Department of Fish & Game to seek private-public partnerships, and the legislative record bears this out. The court found that their exercise of this authority did not violate the doctrine of separation of powers between the different branches of government. The opinion states, "The Legislature was made aware of the Agency's and the DFG's anticipated use of private matching funds to support MLPA

implementation and endorsed those efforts." The court further found that the rulemaking process was not the MLPA public stakeholder process, but consisted simply of two public meetings and a decision by the California Fish & Game Commission.

The lawsuit has made it difficult for the Coastside Fishing Club to argue that it was offering a "middle Ground", or that that it was acting as a collaborative partner in the public stakeholder process. The MLPA initiative staff has made frequent reference to the lawsuit when representatives of the club spoke before the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force and the Fish & Game Commission.

The Recreational Fishing Alliance supports working within the stakeholder process alongside other affected parties through the California Fisheries Coalition. The RFA's legal counsel had advised our leadership against this type of lawsuit. To learn more about the MLPA and RFA visit www.JoinRFA.org, www.fishpolitics.com, or www.cafisheriescoalition.org. ■



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NEW LARRC ONE DAY TRIPS ON 8-pak CHARTER BOAT "ULTRA"

Revised conditions for these trips are listed below.

Note that trips #1 and #3 will be 1.5-day trips. Trip #1 is going to be slighter higher since this will get us lots more fishing time. Could be a free lance trip to Catalina or San Clemente; Catalina to fish seabass or San Clemente for yellows. We would be able to fish both islands with this revised plan or possibly hit the albacore.

Return time might be as early as midnight or as late at 4-5 a.m. The later returns will make the drive home easier. All these trips allow you to bring a cooler (No beer) Food is

not included, nor are tips and fish filleting. We have been told that there will be no fuel surcharge.

Trip #2 will be a standard one day surface freelance trip.

Trip #3 is also a 1.5-day trip. Lots more fishing time. With the prime target being Cortez Bank, weather permitting. Fishing in the fall at the Cortez can be fantastic. The skipper determines return time.

For information and reservations contact Bob Selvin, Chartermaster.

ULTRA TRIP #1 (ONE OPENING)

1- LEAVES:

Sunday night, July 13 (9 PM)

2- RETURNS: OPEN—REPEAT—OPEN

3- LIMITED LOAD: 9 anglers

4- COST: \$280. Does not include food, beverages, fish cleaning or tip.

5- GALLEY: Galley has basics on board

6- BUNKS: First come first serve

ULTRA TRIP #2 (3 OPENINGS)

1- LEAVES:

Monday night, Aug. 11 (9 PM)

2- RETURNS: Tues, Aug. 12, 7PM

3- LIMITED LOAD: 9 anglers

4- COST: \$225. Does not include food, beverages, fish cleaning or tip.

5- GALLEY: Galley has basics on board

6- BUNKS: First come first serve

ULTRA TRIP #3 (6 OPENINGS)

1- LEAVES:

Sunday night, Oct. 5 (9 PM)

2- RETURNS: OPEN—REPEAT—OPEN

3- LIMITED LOAD: 9 anglers

4- COST: \$280. Does not include food, beverages, fish cleaning or tip.

5- GALLEY: Galley on board has basics

6- BUNKS: First come first serve



Largest Turnout Ever at Annual Banquet Brunch

Over 150 guests attended this year's—the 58th—Annual Awards Banquet



and Auction held at the Woodland Hills Country Club. The event was enhanced this year with the excellent piano playing of Jerry Antonelli while Magician Adam Grace entertained the kids. All were impressed by the slide show highlighting the events of the past year including photos from the

Hansen Dam Trout Derby, Kids Long Beach Fishing trips, members fishing trips, and the Club picnic at Lake Sherwood. Photos were submitted by members including our new President, **Charles Schoemaker**.

In addition to our annual awards, Councilman **Dennis Zine** presented **Steve Simon** with a special appreciation certificate in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the LARRC and Foundation.

As we all know, the banquet also serves as the Foundation's primary fundraising event with a silent and live

auction. The silent auction included a large array of new and different items. We had items such as round trip airline tickets donated by Southwest Airlines, a two night luxury stay in a two bedroom villa at San Marcos Lake Resort in Carlsbad and numerous food, restaurant and entertainment items. We had our usual assortment of toys for the kids donated by **Arnie Cohen** which were snapped up in record time. Of course, we had numerous tackle items donated by **Will Ebersman**. **Joel Steinman** acted as auctioneer of the live auction which was highlighted by a kayak donated by member **Jim Carlisle**.

Our treasurer, **John Rhind** is still working on the tabulations of the results but it looks to have been very successful.

Submitted by Jack Genero PH.D. Foundation Chair.

THANK YOU
MIKE GROSSMAN,
FOR THE PICTURES!



FAR LEFT: Outgoing president, John Ballotti and incoming president, Charles Schoemaker.

LEFT: Councilman Dennis Zine, left presents certificate of recognition to Steve Simon.

Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

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 Limited Load 24. Currently 2 openings!

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. Mar. 15, Sat. Apr. 12,
Mon. May 5, and Sat. Nov. 1**

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.

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.

SAN DIEGO-Fisherman's Landing

**1.5-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.

8-Checks: Payable to LARRC. Send to: Jim Carlisle at 7128

Seawind Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803

More Info: Jim Carlisle (562)598-0940 (H), (310)332-9770 (W)

Email jamesnc@earthlink.net (H) james Carlisle@ngc.com (W)

Jan Howard (949) 837-1431 saltwaterwoman@cox.net

Pacific Dawn Additional Trip Announced OXNARD-Capt. Hook's

Two Days, Fishing Mon. June 2-3

1-Departure: Sunday Night—Approx. 10 p.m.

2>Returns: Tues. June 3rd—Approx 6 p.m.

3-Cost: \$350, includes all meals but not a possible small fuel charge

4-Not included: beverages, fish cleaning or tips

5-Limited load: 16

6-Checks: payable to LARRC and send to Bob Selvin or give him check at next meeting.

NOTICE TO CHARTER PARTICIPANTS

At the Feb. 18 Board Meeting, Charter participants who cannot honor their commitments, were discussed. The bottom line is that if you sign on, or cause a friend to sign on, you are responsible for the fare unless you can find another person to take your place or the Chartermaster has a standby. This is the club rule!

Fishing trips can be very pricey these days and if you want travel insurance it is widely available. New Board Member Arnie Stein did some research for us. His travel agent referred him to CSA Travel Protection or contact Michaels Travel Centre Inc. to get a quote.

He suggests you call 800 873-9855 and reference agent #05766025. Arnie deals with a gal named Susan Flame who works at Michaels Travel. (818)859-2246 Ext 206. You take it from there! Thank you Arnie Stein.

NOTE:
The APRIL 4TH Trout Derby is Still in Need of Additional Volunteers.

CALL...
Steve Simon at (818) 980-7470
EMAIL...
simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net

New Membership Applications

Mike Ramirez
Residence: Oxnard
Occupation: Sportfishing Boat Capt.
Type of Membership – Active

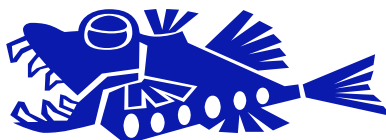
Good Will and Cheer

Arnold Scherpenborg is the proud father of a baby girl born Jan. 7 named Erika. Mother and baby doing well... Sorry Arnie, this slipped through cracks in February!

Congratulations to Paul and Francine Varenchik, on the birth of their 4th grandchild, Riley Grace Covas. Born on Feb. 11 to happy parents Marcus and Kim Covas. ■

THE IGFA REPORTS (2-08)

Sportfishing Magazine – A whopping 32 lb. 12 oz. California Sheepshead was caught off Catalina Island. **Phil Dang**, of El Monte, was the angler and brought the fish up in only six minutes. He's waiting for approval of this world record catch. ■



CALENDAR



Dinner Meetings

March 24

Next: April 28

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

March 17

Next: April 21

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
THE VALLEY INN
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Other Events

- 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. Berke Annual Trout Derby Hansen Dam
- April 5-6** Marina Del Rey Halibut Derby
Contact: www.halibutderby.com
- April 6** Super Tackle Swap meet to benefit the Foundation. Items still needed. Contact Steve Simon at 818.980.7470 Email: simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net
- July 7** Annual Kids' Trip-Long Beach
- August 4 & 18** Marine Mentors' Trips



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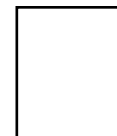
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