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MARCH 30 DINNER MEETING TO FEATURE MARINE BIOLOGISTS

Chris Lowe, Phd. and Carlos Mireles, engaged in writing a masters thesis on nearshore reef fishes. Both recipients of grants from LARRC Foundation. They will present a program of interest to all fishermen.

Phone in your reservations to Mike Godfrey at the dinner hotline 818.808-4909 or email: larrcdinnerrsvp@yahoo.com. See page 2 for additional details...



DINNER SPEAKERS



Professor Chris Lowe

Dr. Lowe grew up on Martha's Vineyard, where he spent much of his youth fishing and diving. Coming from a long line of commercial fishermen, he says he chose to cross over to the "dark side" and go to school for marine biology rather than fish for a living. He received a B.A. in marine biology at Barrington College, a M.S. in biology at Cal. State Long Beach, and his PhD in zoology at the University of Hawaii. In 1998, he was hired as a professor of marine biology at Cal State Long Beach where he runs the shark lab. Over the last 20 years he has used and developed acoustic telemetry techniques to study movements, behavior and physiology of sharks, stingrays and gamefishes. Much of his recent work has involved quantifying the ecological importance of offshore petroleum platforms, the effects of catch and release practices on gamefishes, and techniques to optimize MPA design.

Carlos Mireles

Carlos is currently working on his Master's degree in biology at CSU under the advisement of Dr. Chris Lowe. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2005, where he majored in Ecology and Systematic Biology with a concentration in Fisheries Resource Management. His main research interests are in fisheries ecology, relating primarily to the environmental factors and life history characteristics that influence movement patterns and home ranges of gamefish species. He will be presenting the preliminary findings from his masters' thesis "Site Fidelity and Depth Distribution of nearshore reef fishes on San Pedro Shelf Offshore Petroleum Platforms". He is currently using acoustic telemetry to investigate the site attachment and ecological roles that these platforms play. Findings should affect decisions on Rigs to Reef issues. ■

Regarding our March cover:

Spring migration of rays off Yucatan.



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CONSERVATION NEWS

PUBLIC PROCESS???

Don Benninghoven—Chair of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force—has released the following comments responding to questions whether the State has sufficient funds to effectively complete the current MLPA process (i.e. enforce and monitor the project).

“The California Natural Resources Agency and California Department of Fish & Game have partnered with the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation (RLFF) to achieve our goals.

This public-private partnership combines both state and private funding etc etc.”

Excerpted from a Memo dated 1/29/09....RLFF - Is this not Pew and or Packard Foundations funds? ■

The PSO (Partnership for Sustainable Oceans)...

has questioned the future of recreational fishing, which supports more than 20,000 jobs and contributes more than \$2 Billion to our economy. They wonder how with budget cuts scientific monitoring and enforcement can be carried on.

The PSO is challenging comments by Natural Resource Chair Mike Chrisman.

Excerpted from a 2/23 Long Beach Post editorial. ■

MLPA—AND THE BEAT GOES ON

FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THIS PAGE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MLPA PROCESS. NOTHING COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF RECREATIONAL FISHING.

John Ballotti writes: The next meeting of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder group is in our backyard in Long Beach on March 3-4. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Long Beach Executive Center, 701 W. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach. Public Comment is scheduled for approximately 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday the 3rd and 8 a.m. on Wednesday the 4th. Having a strong, informed fishing interest contingent at the upcoming meeting is critical. Up to now, public input has been dominated by those who do not have our interests at heart. It is time for the whole RSG to hear from those whose lives and livelihoods will be affected by the recommendations made by the stakeholders. After moving the meeting to Long Beach, I would hate to think of the consequences of a fishing interest “no show”. It is hard enough to get our message across now, but an embarrassing lack of interest by fishermen will add fuel to the closure fire. Time is set aside for public comment. We need those comments! ■

NOTE:

To the consternation of all fishermen the next MLPA meeting had originally been scheduled with a Ventura County venue. This would have conflicted directly with the popular Hall Show. Many of the folks critical to the process would not have been able to attend the meetings. A great deal of push and shove resulted in a change of meeting sites. Hopefully, many will respond and become engaged. ■

THE BILLFISH FOUNDATION AT WORK

TBF reported that three commercial boats were seized in Baja Sur, Mexico for fishing dorado illegally. The TBF noted that efforts to maintain the recreational fisheries there is funded by fishing license fees. For more information on the Billfish Foundation and their good work go to: www.billfish.org.

HALIBUT DILEMMA

A recent report in *Western Outdoors* (12/08) tells of an unfair decision on the part of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC). This body, mostly representing commercial interests, voted to reduce the recreational halibut take to one per angler starting in 2011. This despite the fact that the Alaska Charter Halibut Task Force says that commercials take 89 per cent of the species vs. just seven percent for the guided recreational anglers.

Message from a Cow Catcher

By Ger Steinberg

The big fish was caught on the "Lusitania Bank" off the southwestern portion of Baja California, where most of the large tuna have been taken by the San Diego long-range boats since last November. The tuna appear to be feeding on large Humboldt Squid which are evident at night. Although they did take the sardines, but ignored the mackerel and the small squid we caught at night baitfishing.

I was fortunate enough on this 15 day *EXCEL* trip to have won a ticket offering me a \$1200 discount on this trip. Along with me was club member **Al Scow**. We both found the 2 days of fishing the Hurricane Bank, before our move to the "beach", very rough—although I was able to land four fish between 100 and 200 lbs. while there, Al waited out the rough weather. The move to the "beach" was terrific, entering calm waters, calm wind and blue skies. The bite was picky by the tuna who have been fished hard by many boats, but the quality of fish was superb. They ranged from 100 to 300 lbs., were in excellent health, and beautiful to look at. Al Scow still talks about the big one that spooled his 50 wide at 25-lb. drag without stopping, and the biggest fish on the boat came from a crew handoff to the



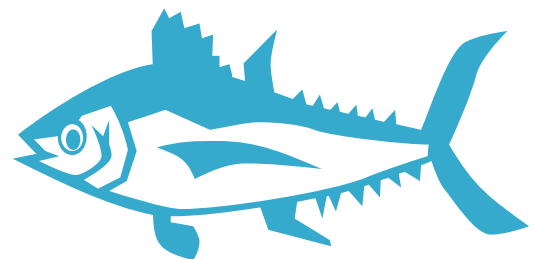
Ger with his 242 cow.



Tuna Sandwich anyone?

only passenger who hadn't landed a tuna the last afternoon, a 356-lb. fish, considered the largest tuna ever to be landed by the *EXCEL*. The boat with its huge bait volume was also in a good position to chum up the big fish like no other long ranger and we had the added benefit of not having to make bait in the middle of the night. I ended the trip with 10 tuna totaling 1485 lbs. A very "alta cucker" of a fisherman. ■

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.



FOUNDATION NEWS, STEVE SIMON SEZ:

The February 22nd banquet and auction were an outstanding success. We wish to thank **Councilman Dennis Zine** for his participation as auctioneer. The combined silent and live auctions “scratched up” over \$15,000. for the Foundation. 105 Adults and 15 kids attended!

It should be noted that we also sold 28 raffle tickets for the Cove Lodge in Alaska. Member **Wayne Caywood** drew the winning ticket!

Thanks to all the individual members/wives for helping out with this event. Special kudos to my wife **Linda** and many others for making the centerpieces and “fish/ocean” chocolates and organizing all the silent and live auction items creating catalogs and signs.

Special thanks to **Scott Schiffman** for putting on the power point presentation and more thanks to **Dave and**



Jack Genero 08' Foundation Chair with “Auctioneer” Councilman Dennis Zine.

Shelley Permut for all their help.

The club wishes to thank past Foundation President **Jack Genero** for all his efforts organizing the 2008 Foundation agenda and his help for this successful banquet. ■

1000TH GIANT BLUEFIN TAGGED!

A 10-foot bluefin tuna weighing more than a 1000 lbs. was tagged last fall off Nova Scotia.

The tagging was the result of a collaboration between scientists from Stanford (Dr. Barbara Block) and Dalhousie University and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The tagging program has helped reveal the history of the threatened bluefin as its commercial value soars and the population has sunk to historic levels prompting a moratorium on commercial fishing in the Atlantic.

www.tagagiant.org will give you more information.

Reference: Sportfishing News 1/09



REMINDER: Still Needed—Volunteers for our 6th Annual Lou Burke Trout Derby

This annual event, which takes place at Hansen Dam is for the benefit of special needs children. The date is April 3. The time is 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. **Please call in your anticipated presence to Steve Simon at (818. 980-7470) email:**

simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net ■

Mike Godfrey welcoming **Sherry Bloom** and **Pauline Ferman**. These ladies are Principals from the **Leichman High School** and **Lokrantz School**. Both send kids with special needs to our Hansen Dam trout derby.

Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

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 jncarlisle@verizon.net. 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**

Now There's an Angler!

A possible new record may land Vick Sommers in the IGFA record books. The light line fisherman landed a 46.96-lb. white seabass after many tries—on 6-lb. test. It was noted that this was his only white seabass catch for 2008. ■



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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** for this September 9-16 trip. The 2008 trip was great. The trip cost is \$2,245, exclusive of permits and a fuel surcharge (if any). Please call the EXCEL office for reservations at (619) 223-7493.

Albacore Prime Time 5-Day Trip

This is a charter offered by **Eric Rogger** aboard the *Polaris Supreme*. Limited load of 20. The trip sells for \$1975. For information please call Eric at (310) 476-5936 or email wstridge@aol.com.

Arnie Cohen Charter aboard RED ROOSTER

This five-day trip is scheduled for Aug. 18-23rd. Cost is \$1700. Make a call to Arnie to get availability information at 818.368.5834. Deposits of \$300 go to Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave, Northridge, CA 91326

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

Queen Charlotte (Q.C.) Safari—Our past experience at the Queen Charlotte area has been outstanding. As a result of a personal inspection trip, we are using a new lodge (Queen Charlotte Safaris) this year. It accomodates 26 with two to a room, lounge area, buffet service for breakfast, packed lunches for the fish days. Two to a boat fishing, 10-hr. days on boats with enclosed cuddy cabins (w/ port-a-potty). Tackle is provided. The quoted price is an all included estimate which breaks down as follows: Charter: \$2950, trip insurance \$130, est. air fare \$650 via Air Canada through Vancouver, gratuities about \$250. Twelve signups so far.

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. Quoted La Paz price includes air transportation.

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

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2009 AS OF FEB. 25

SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB.OZ.

MEN'S

OCEAN WATER

Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Dennis Saylor	140	5
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dennis Saylor	174	8
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dennis Saylor	182	2
Tuna, Yellowfin	125	Al Scow	237	0

FRESH WATER

Bass, LG Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	3	9 *
Bass, LG Mouth	10	Joel Steinman	3	8 *

WOMEN'S

Marlin, Striped	50	Jan Howard		Released
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JUNIOR MEMBERS

Trout, Rainbow	4	Alexis Warren	6	5 *
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*Possible Record.

CALENDAR

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Dinner Meetings

MARCH 30

Next: APRIL 27

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

MARCH 23

Next: APRIL 20

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Scott Schiffman at 818/341-7528, email schifty57@sbcglobal.net 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

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

Chum Line Distribution Announcement PLEASE READ THIS!

For a number of years the *Chum Line* has been distributed to LARRC members via the Internet. Those not using a computer or not having access to one have been receiving separately mailed black & white hard copies via regular mail. Because of the extra handling we need to verify that you wish to keep receiving these hard copies. Please let the editor know! See address on title page.

GOODWILL & CHEER

Stan Richstone is the proud grandfather of a great granddaughter minted on 2-1-09. Weight reported to *Chum Line* was 7lbs. Congratulations!

Rob & Jennifer Baldwin also celebrating the birth of a newborn girl...Cheers!





UNITED ANGLERS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

To: LARRC Club Members

From: Jan Howard, UASC Board Member

United Anglers of Southern California (UASC) has a new President, Steven Fukuto, who has great credentials in the industry. There are several new members on the Board of Directors including Pat McDonald, Harold Davis and myself. Steve is doing a great job leading UASC and coordinating UASC's participation in the MLPA process. He has a full plate and needs our help and he needs it now. We all need to help even in these difficult times. Please consider assisting in the following areas.

UASC is in need of volunteers for their 3 booths at the Fred Hall Tackle Show. Anyone able to assist, please call Dan or Lenny at the UASC office (:949 863-9447. This is a great opportunity to volunteer your talents and visit with fellow anglers.

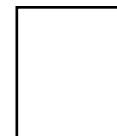
UASC has other opportunities for talented professionals that want to give something back to the sport they love. Needed are an attorney, treasurer, and lobbyist who ideally would work pro-bono. Anyone interested in one of the positions should contact Steven Fukuto at (949) 863-0447. This is a great opportunity to be involved in bringing UASC back as a strong representative organization for recreational anglers. Thanks for your assistance.

Jan Howard

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