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REGARDING OUR COVER: Bill Boyce got this great white seabass shot.

May 18 Dinner Meeting to feature PURE FISHING Reps. Bob Hoose and Jimmy Decker!

Bob has been fishing for over 25 years, starting with the Newport Bait Co. and decking for some of the Newport Landing's six packs. He also decked on the charter boat *Treasure Chest* traveling to Cabo for a number of billfish seasons.

He learned more about tackle while working at Bisbees Sportfishing Headquarters then moved on to 7 strand when Bisbee retired. When they were acquired by Pure Fishing he became manager for their salt-water trade on the west coast.

Don't miss Bob's exciting presentation.

For reservations contact to Mike Godfrey at the dinner hotline 818.808-4909 or email: larrcdinnerrsvp@yahoo.com



President's Message by Scott Schiffman



The Lou Berke Special Needs Trout Derby

was a roaring success. I

would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the event, look at page 4 in the *Chum Line* for more on this story by Steve Simon.

Page 10 has dates for upcoming MLPA related meetings. Try to make some of these!

I want to personally acknowledge the participation of some of our **West Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club** members: **Nick Ekdahl, who has taken on the position of Board Member and Secretary extraordinaire, Barry Cohn, Board Member and as of this month our Membership Director, and Ross Lombard, Board Member. Thank you for standing up and getting involved!**

Make plans now to participate in the **59th Annual Kids Fishing** trip at Pierpont Landing on July 13th. This is our biggest ocean event of the year, and is not to be missed. Be a part of your club and your sport!

One of the "Perks" of the office of the President is having an influence on the dinner meeting guests, and with the help of our Program Director, Calico **Bob Selvin**, we have some excellent guests in the months to come. Capt. David Bacon, one of my favorites, will

have been our guest at the April meeting. We will have **Eddie Dalmau** of Van Wormer Resorts (East Cape, Mexico) **Cody Herman** of Shimano (Fishing in Iraq) and always a favorite—**Bill Boyce**,

Oceanographer/Camera Guru.

Our monthly dinner meeting raffle is always fun, and a lucky member always leaves with a rod and reel. Starting with the April dinner meeting, we raffled off a custom wrapped rod each month. In addition to our normal array of prizes we will now have an additional major raffle prize for meetings with above-average raffle ticket purchases.

Finally, although I have been only a member for a short 6 years, I was given the opportunity to be a Board member, Vice President, and now President of this fine club. Personally, the more I have become involved with the club, and the club's activities, the more enjoyment I receive as a member.

Truthfully, I did not participate in many club activities for the first two years of my membership. I just didn't feel as if I belonged and there was always something else to do the day of an event. My first event was the Lou Berke Trout Derby four years ago, and for me, it was a very special occasion. Being part

of an event that touched the hearts of special needs kids, was the first step in getting involved with the club and some of it's member. Since that day in March, I have come to look forward to the Kids Trips, Mentors Trips and of course, the Club Picnic at Lake Sherwood.

These events reflect the spirit and personality of the club and its members. So check your calendars, mark the dates and get involved in your club! ■

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FISH REPORT—That Marina Del Rey Halibut Derby

Club Members **Rob Masters, Nick Ekdahl and Ross Lombard** chartered the *Tortuga* to fish the MDR Halibut Derby on April 4-5. We were joined by our friends **Joe, Tim and Dale**. The weather was beautiful—cool and clear. For most of us, it was our first time on the water this year so the mood was anxious and confident. Last year, our group had two of the top 15 halibut turned in. Unfortunately the fish were not nearly as co-operative this year.

On Saturday, we drift fished all over Malibu without a hint of halibut. We did hook into a few legal sand bass including a four-pounder landed by Rob. The jackpot fish was a five-pound sheepshead caught by Ross.

On Sunday, we decided to try our luck in the Southbay. The fishing was even slower with highlights being a small octopus and a sand dollar. But Nick saved the day by bringing a 26.5-inch, 7.4-lb. halibut over the rail. That fish was good enough for 9th place, a new Shimano Rod, and a mention in *Western Outdoor News*. Obviously, the halibut were few and far between at this year's derby. But as the old saying goes "the worst day of fishing is better than the best day working". We are already looking forward to next year. PS. The largest halibut caught was a 41.01 monster.



Nick Ekdahl with 26.5 inch, 7.4 lb. halibut.

FRANK POLAK, guru of audio media reports: (Cellphone Division)

A British Newspaper reported that a local businessman lost his phone a week ago while lounging on the beach. He thought he had lost it for good but some time later his girlfriend received a strange call from the phone. A fisherman reported he had found the phone in the belly of a 25-lb. cod.

After drying the Nokia handset out it worked but eventually the circuit board had to be replaced.

The moral of the story—fish will eat almost anything; cell-phones are more resilient than we think.

This exciting tid-bit originated with the Yahoo Tech Blog. ■

FOUNDATION NEWS

Another Trout Derby for the Record Books

April 3rd—the skies opened up to give us a beautiful day for the **6th Annual Lou Berke Trout Derby** for children with special needs. On hand were 25 students from **Sven Lokrantz Special Education Center** and 25 more from the **Leichman High School**—both from Reseda.

It was an honor to have with us **Mrs. Elaine Berke** with her son **Michael** and daughter **Susan Fogel**. Mrs. Berke, a gracious lady with a philanthropic outlook, assured the LARRC Foundation that her family would continue to support this annual event with her generous donations.

As in previous years, this event enjoyed the participation of 100 individuals to volunteer as staff for the various activities. It required people to not only help the kids fish but also to prepare the tackle, filet their catches, and shepherd them through the food and help all to enjoy the snacks. Supplies had to be collected, signs mounted etc. etc.

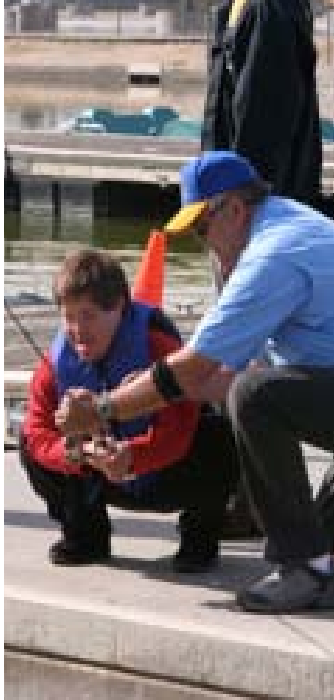
Steve Simon, who currently heads the LARRC's Foundation's efforts wants to thank all who participated. In addition to the LARRC members, there were **Geronimo Mens Division, Mattel employees, Sierra Pacific Fly Fishermen,**

FishingNetwork.net, Team 57, and friends and family, along with the **Fish & Game** volunteers. Additionally, Steve is grateful to our sponsors **Daiwa Corporation, Eagle Claw Fish & Tackle and Maxima Fishing Line Co.** A donation was also made to the Foundation from **George and Ruby Mio in memory of Harold Price.** Finally, a special thank you to **Dana Rea** who outfitted each kid with a Team 57 T-shirt.

Come and see us again next year.
—*Steve Simon, Chair LA Rod & Reel Club Foundation*

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**Contact Steve Simon at
818.980.7470 or
email: simonmurphy08@sbc.net**

The Foundation wishes to acknowledge receipt of about 100 rods and reels from a small non-profit run by a gentleman named Mickey Frankel. It appears he had been working with some of the same groups entertained annually by LARRC. Maturity and health reasons have caused Mickey to abandon his efforts in favor of LARRC's. Teaching children fishing was done under the aegis of The Children's Cast-A-Line Foundation. Address any inquiries regarding this to Steve Simon!



Ixtapa-Zihuatenejo Roosterfish Adventure

Club members **Nick Ek Dahl** and **Ross Lombard** recently traveled with their wives, **Lori** and **Diane** to Ixtapa-Zihuatenejo, Mexico. They stayed at the Capella Ixtapa, a brand new five-star, cliffside resort just north of Ixtapa. The resort was wonderful, the views, the staff, the suites, the dining and other amenities were all “over the top”.

Nick and Ross fished from the rocky beach cove at the base of the cliff on which the resort is built. They caught giant hawkfish, Mexican goatfish, tiger

Ross chartered through the resort's personal assistant. They were seamlessly transferred from the Capella to dockside in Zihuatenejo and boarded the *Cobra* and met Captain Pio and deckhand Angel. The decision had been previously made to fish inshore rather than offshore. Hoochie skirts were in the trolling pattern before leaving the bay. The plan was to head towards the sandy stretch of beach just north of Ixtapa. The arrangement was that Ross and Nick each held a rod while a second rod for them was set in a holder in the stern.

Captain Pio comfortably guided them along the rocky shoreline and around the many islets along the

shore. Several species were caught; notables were Sierra mackerel, black tuna, yellow tail snapper and crevalle Jack. Another highlight was the small pod of whales that was encountered on the northward leg of the trip.

Once they arrived at the sandy coastline a slower

Right: Nick's first roosterfish.

Bottom: Ross' first roosterfish.



Roosterfish.

grouper and flag cabrilla—all in the three- to five-pound range. The effective lures were Krocodiles, Kastmasters and Lucky Craft hard baits.

This was all just icing on the cake as the real fishing adventure was on a Super Panga that Nick and

trolling speed was employed as the search for pez gallo (roosterfish) began. It was not long before Nick felt the strike of an angry pez gallo! After a couple of jumps and powerful runs his first ever roosterfish was on board. Soon after that, Ross was hooked up to his first ever roosterfish as well! While not giants, these fish provided a great fight and represented a significant species to cross off Nick and Ross' lifetime lists. Captain Pio had located a trough that was holding fish and worked it back and forth in 4 feet of water. Nick and Ross alternated the hookups between them and ended up with an outstanding catch (by Captain Pio's standards) of eight roosterfish a piece. Fishing inshore was certainly a good decision. Time was

up so Captain Pio put his Super Panga in high gear and headed back towards Zjuatenejo. Nick and Ross relished a celebratory cerveza or two on the way back. The success of the trip was evidenced by the huge grin on Capt. Pio's face as he proudly announced the catch to his amigos back at the dock. Nick and Ross thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were soon recounting their adventure to Lori and Diane over margaritas back at the Capella resort while enjoying the awesome sunset. (Note: all roosterfish were released.)

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 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**

RE Q105 TRIP: Please note that an additional price incentive has been graciously granted by owner John Klein. We will take up to six students at \$995 each. This is a great opportunity to take that son and daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew on a great trip at a great price. This will be first come/first serve! Thanks John!!! ■

RE PACIFIC DAWN! The 4/11 charter was cancelled due to bad weather. We've rescheduled This trip for Monday, June 1st. If you are interested in joining this trip contact Jim Carlisle or Jan Howard. Contact numbers are in the left column.



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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.**

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>
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. **4 SPOTS OPEN ON 4/27 TRIP. ONE SPOT OPEN ON 5/20 TRIP.**

CALICO TRIPS CONTEMPLATED

The 2009 King of the Calicos tournament is scheduled for Wednesday October 7th. Departs night of the 6th. Several boats are being considered with an approximate price of \$175. Final choice to be made soon. Ten sign-ups so far! Need a bigger boat? If interested contact bcohn@cohnhandler.com; (310.479-9600) ASAP

LARRC CALICO EXPRESS 1 1/2-Day Charter

Exclusively for Calicos. Will leave Sunday night Nov. 1st. Returns Tues. about 6:30a.m. We will depart from Cisco's Landing in Oxnard aboard the Coral Sea and fish San Nicolas Island. Cost of \$325 includes all meals. Beverages, fish cleaning and tip are extra. Contact Bob Selvin via email calicobob1010@aol.com. This trip will fish San Nicolas only. In case of cold water, adverse wind conditions or Navy closures, this trip will be cancelled. Rockfish will only be targeted if there is a lull or possibly during the final hours of the trip. A full refund will be given if trip is scrubbed.

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

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2009 AS OF APR. 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	3	Andy MacDonald	3	13	*
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

Bass, Lg Mouth		Miles Rosberg	3	2	*
Trout, Rainbow	4	Alexis Warren	6	5	*

*Possible Record.

CALENDAR



Dinner Meetings

MAY 18

Next: **JUNE 29**

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

MAY 11

Next: **JUNE 22**

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

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Other Dates

May 2
Annual AFTCO Parking Lot
Sale & Tackle Show
Info: 949. 660-8757

July 13
Annual Kids' Trip, Pierpont
Landing

August 3
Marine Mentors' Trip
Marina Del Rey/ Betty O

August 9, 2009
Family Picnic

August 17
Marine Mentors' Trip
Marina Del Rey/ Betty O

October 7
King of the Calicos

OBITUARY

We are sad to have to report the passing, on April 11, of Harold Price. Member Emeritus, Past President and member since 1955. Former *New Hustler* skipper George Mio and wife Ruby made a donation to the foundation in memory of Harold.



NOTE CORRECTION

Bert Serden has a new "correct" email address.
BSERDEN@roadrunner.com



CONSERVATION NEWS

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

John Ballotti has reported dutifully to the LARRC membership since assuming the mantle of of SCRSR (South Coast Regional Stakeholder Rep). The stakeholders representatives are one of the groups advising the Blue Ribbon Task Force—which is politically appointed—and which ultimately makes recommendations to the Fish & Game Commission. The other influences are the SAT (Scientific Advisory Team), staff from the Dept. of Fish & Game, MLPA Initiative staff, contractors and sometimes even the public. You get the MLPA picture!

Originally passed in 1999, the act languished for want of funding which was remedied by an infusion of millions (\$18 was the last number heard) from an outfit called the Resource Legal Fund Foundation (RLFF). The source of these funds are known to be from some well to do NGOs such as the Packard Foundation.

Ed Zieralski, an outdoor writer for the *San Diego Union Tribune*, in an April 12 column, has estimated that the MLPA process, as it applies to the South Coast, is now in the fourth inning.

He notes that the cost for this legislation to be passed was estimated in 1999 to be at \$250,000.

Now the implementation and operating costs are quoted to be from \$9 million to \$40 million bucks a year.

During a most recent meeting in Lodi some of these issues were discussed. Key members of the Fish & Game Commission challenged the fig-

ures. Commissioners **Kellogg** and **Richards** were especially vocal—Kellogg suggesting that in view of the current financial state of our state it might be necessary to go back to the legislature and have it take another look at the MLPA.

Commissioner **Michael Sutton**, who is a former Packard Foundation officer, and who now works for the Packard Funded Monterey Aquarium, felt that sufficient money would be available through a number of programs. Others from the environmental sector supported his stance.

State Senator **Dean Florez**, D-Shafter, among others, have been made aware of the burden that these programs would impose on the state budget. He will lead an investigation in the State Senate, and also inquire into

a conflict of interest of which Sutton has been accused. The PSO (Partnership for Sustainable Oceans) has talked of a lawsuit against the commission on the conflict of interest grounds.

Also, SAT reports were widely criticized as being flawed science advanced for political reasons.

We can only hope that Sen. **Darrell Steinberg** is convinced sufficiently to let these hearings go forward. He is the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate. Recent solicitations for support of this course, via e-mail, faxes and emails have been so successful that we were asked to stop sending messages. Let's hope for the best.

—This update by Eric Rogger.



FUTURE MLPA MEETINGS

STAKEHOLDER GROUP

May 20-21, August 4-5, Sept. 9-10

BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE

June 4, July 28-29 Oct 20-22, Dec 10

SCIENCE ADVISORY TEAM

May 5, June 18, Oct. 6

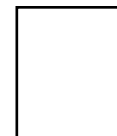
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS (So. Coast)

June 29 & 30, July 1, 7, 8 & 9

Locations to be announced!

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