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HSV Anglers News

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The new competition year is almost here. Whether you fish just for recreation or you love the competition, or both, this should be a very challenging new year. We will kick off the tournament schedule with a wild card tournament that will probably see most people fishing Balboa. The lake is scheduled to reopen March 1. We are also going to be returning to Lake DeGray for the second consecutive year

We will also be participating in numerous “outside” activities. Our first will be the Outdoor Expo at the Coronado Center Monday February 27th . It is a great time to recruit new members or just spend a few hours talking shop with other fishing enthusiasts. The Expo will be from 1 to 5 P.M. so come on by. We’re also going to be selling “Electric Shock” warning signs at the Cortez and Balboa pavilions on March 11. Time of sell will be from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Be sure to spread the word to your lake-front friends.

I would like to continue to encourage seasoned members as well as new, to find the time to volunteer for our various projects and programs. We are not a service club in the vein off Rotary or Lions but we do provide for the health and wellbeing of our fishing environment. That includes programs that encourage young people to participate in the sport we all love.

There will be many opportunities to contribute to the success of your club. Participation in club meetings and discussions of various fishing related topics are just a few. Our most visible project will be the Military Fishing Day to be held on Friday May 19th. Dave Keith has done an outstanding job putting this together the last four years and he needs your help. It’s not a matter of if it needs doing. It’s a matter of who will help. Let’s all show our active military folks just how much they mean to us and the freedom we enjoy through their efforts.

Until then, get out there and wet a line and I’ll see you at the club meeting March 7.

2017 MILITARY FISHING DAY

We’ve got the go ahead for the 2017 Military Fishing Day on Balboa. The date has been finalized as Friday the 19th of May. We will need 25—30 boaters and additional help. Dave Keith will present more detail at the upcoming club meeting.

Inside News

- The next Anglers club meeting is 7 pm Tuesday March 7th at the Coronado Center room 5. We’ll have Brad Meredith, POA Lake Manager to talk about 2017 plans.
- Remember if you haven’t already paid your club dues of \$25 they were due the end of February. Pay Darrell Graham at the club meeting 3/7 or send your check made to HSV Anglers to—Darrell Graham , 15 Mujeres Lane , Hot Springs Village, Ar 71909
- We will have club hats and decals on sale at our club meetings. Hats are \$6.50 each and decals \$2 each. Exact change would be appreciated.
- Don’t forget to bring your aluminum cans to the meeting. Steve Wastel will collect the cans.
- Sign-up for tournaments will be prior to the Club meeting. Tournaments are scheduled for Monday 3/20 and Thursday 3/30.

MARCH FISHING TIPS FOR LAKE BALBOA

Traditionally one of our March tournaments is on Lake Balboa, however since we didn't know when the Balboa ramp would be opened we don't have a Balboa tournament until June. A few days ago the POA announced that the Balboa ramp would open March 1st. I thought I would review the baits that were successful in our March Balboa tournaments the last two years. Last year thirty members fished the tournament weighing in 83 bass with a total weight of



166.5 pounds and in 2015 thirty two members fished the tournament weighing in 63 bass with a total weight of 112.25 pounds. The majority of the bass were caught on the baits pictured to the left in or on the edge of dead water willow beds, off main lake points or secondary points. The wacky worm (upper right) accounted for many fish with the wacky rigged finesse worm being the favorite although several fish were caught with wacky rigged trick worms or senkos. Flukes (upper left) and spinner baits also produced bouncing them off rock walls or through the

dead water willows. The chartreuse/ white skirt spinner bait with a willow blade and red Colorado blade (upper middle) was the most productive although other combinations also caught fish. The old jig and trailer combo work well along the edge of dead water willows with the black/blue football head finesse jig (1/4 or 3/8 ounce) with a green pumpkin trailer (lower right) producing better than other combinations. Texas rigged green pumpkin ultra-vibe speed craw (lower left) and green pumpkin swamp crawler (lower middle) fished along the edge of dead water willow beds, across main lake or secondary points produced good catches.

Fishing Report

Lake : Cortez 2/24

Date: 2/24/17 Time: 9:00 to 11:30 Air Temp: 58-60 Water Temp: 58-59

Weather Conditions: Cloudy Wind: WSW @ 10-15 mph changing to WNW @15-20

Water Color: Clear

Area Fished: Main lake and secondary points with jerk baits, jig, drop shot with green pumpkin finesse worm and wobble head with green pumpkin ultra-vibe speed craw

Results: Caught 6 bass in 13-16.5" range and 1 dink. Caught 5 and a dink on a 3/8 oz black/blue finesse jig with a NetBait Paca chunk trailer in Bama red. Also caught 1 on a wobble head with a green pumpkin Zoom ultra vibe speed craw. All fish were caught in 8 - 12 feet of water.

PINEDA HABITAT PROJECT

Wednesday February 15th a group of volunteers from the Anglers club and Baitcasters put 8 loads of cedar brush into Lake Pineda. Thanks to all who helped especially Brad and Katy.

