



## MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### BEN SECREST RETURNS TO TURNER'S ROD & REEL!



Ben Secrest has coined the saying "Fishing through life, Life through fishing" which reflects his mission in life. Born and raised in California, his father taught him to fish freshwater lakes and streams. As a teen he added saltwater fishing to his repertoire. He has worked in the fishing industry for over 35 years, for AFTCO, Shimano & more recently, Accurate. His career has given him the opportunity to fish globally. He has traveled to Australia, Thailand, New Zealand, Japan, Fiji, Panama, Mexico, Guatemala, Indonesia, Norway, the Middle East, Oman, Dubai, the Red Sea, the Straights of Gibraltar and the Mediterranean Sea. Ben has passed on the passion to his children and enjoys educating the public any way he can. He is frequently a headliner as a speaker and he welcomes the opportunity to share his vast knowledge of fishing. Have your questions ready for a true expert this month.

Also, check out [Bensecrest.com](http://Bensecrest.com)

**MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2025, 7 PM**

**AT MATT DENNY'S ALE HOUSE RESTAURANT**

**TURNER'S ROD AND REEL CLUB SHIRT NIGHT**

**WEAR YOUR OLDEST TURNER'S T SHIRT OR TURNER'S HAT**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2025**

Well hello all. As you know I am rehabbing as quickly as possible so I can return. I have depended on the club and you have responded beautifully. Moving forward, I have requested any suggestions about boats and trips. I changed the day trip boat from the Triton to the Sport King. The Sport King leaves a half hour later and returns a half hour later but both boats fish the island usually next to each other. I need signup for the Sport King and when you compare prices as some people have (and texted me), remember we fish limited loads on ALL trips except the Amigo which is closely a limited load boat to begin with. As such, our prices may be a few dollars more BUT you will not be on a boat with an excessive number of anglers. The club is not trying to make money on trips, breaking even is my aim. Every year I will ask for your opinions on boats and trips both fresh and saltwater. This is your club. You have a voice in how it is run. I've had the honor of guiding the club over the years, past covid and my recent illness but I believe the club is in good shape

I'm doing my best to complete rehab so I can at least attend meetings but the board and our club members have made me proud by your participation in both club and volunteer events.

It has been months since I have seen more than 4 or 5 people in a room and I admit when I come back it will take a moment to get used to being out and with a group of people, so please bear with me. I am getting stronger but this too has a way to go. I hope to be on a boat soon as I miss the excitement and fellowship of fishing with my fellow club members. ENOUGH about me. I will leave Randy Kroll and James Garcia to list the numbers on the upcoming charters.

Finally, I want each of you to take care of yourselves and look out for each other. I thank you all for your phone calls, texts, cards etc. and I appreciate you all! See you soon, on the water or at a meeting or me just driving by to say hello. God Bless and keep you all.

William L Davis, President

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## **CLUB CALENDAR**

**Monthly meeting May 14, 2025 7PM**

**Sierras Freshwater Trip May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (See details page 5)**

**Sport King Charter, Full Day Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Monthly meeting Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 7 PM**

**Amigo Charter, O/N leaving June 21, 2025**

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## **APRIL DRAWING**

Congratulations to our winners!

Calcutta Tackle Bag w/3 boxes – John Eddy

Mustad Backpack Dry Bag – Denise Davis

Seaguar Leader Feeder bag – Jazzy Jackson

Seaguar Gold Label Fluorocarbon 20 lb – Jimmie Garcia

Seaguar Gold Label Fluorocarbon 50 lb – Robert Lopez

Custom jig by John Eddy – Joe Jones

Custom jig by John Eddy – Oscar Dominguez

ProLine spinnerbait gold spoons w/60 strand skirt – Denise Davis

Mystery Prize West Coast Jiggerz jig and \$10 Turner's gift card – Jimbo Sainz

GRAND PRIZE: Phenix 8'2" rod – Randy Kroll

Thank you to those who donated to the raffle:

John Eddy, Mike & James Kikkawa (West Coast Jiggerz), and William Davis for the Phenix rod.

## 2025 Saltwater Charter Schedule

Here are the dates for the 2025 trips. **The date listed is the date you will be fishing.** There may be additional fuel surcharges for 2025 that you can pay in cash on the boat. Plan to pay tip, optional JP, Galley and fish cleaning with cash also.

Saturday June 7, Sport King 6A-6P LA Harbor Full Day Load of 20 \$175	Available Spots 17
Saturday June 21, Amigo O/N 22 <sup>nd</sup> St Landing Load of 15 \$275	Available Spots 2
Sunday July 20 Fury Dana Landing Load of 20-21 \$250	Available Spots 6
Saturday August 16, Sport King 6A-6P LA Harbor Full Day Load 20 \$175	Available Spots 18
Saturday September 27, Amigo O/N 22 <sup>nd</sup> St Landing Load of 15 \$275	Available Spots 9
Saturday October 11, Fury Dana Landing Load of 20-21 \$250	Available Spots 18
Saturday November 29, Endeavor, Ventura Landing Load of 20 \$265	Available Spots 15

The number of available spots may change daily. The Betty O Twilight trip is not under contract yet.

No alcohol, drugs or ice chests are allowed on the boats. You will board in the order in which you make your reservation. If you have issues with bunk location, write it down on your reservation. You are not to hold additional bunks for your friends who have not boarded. If you need to be that close together, get a room. Fishing will be for the best available according to the captain that day. Reservations are open to your friends and they do not have to bring you.

See the Charter Reservation Form for additional information.

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## 2025 Board Members

President-William Davis  
Secretary-Cindy Dominguez  
Treasurer-Denise Davis  
Membership Chairman-Jose L Dominguez  
Programs Co-Chairmen Dick Guiliani & Jazzy Jackson  
Saltwater Co-Chairmen-William Davis, Randy Kroll, James Garcia  
Whopper Board-Randy Kroll  
Freshwater Chair-Vince Sainz  
Raffle Chair-David Ige  
Online Meeting Chairperson-Elaine Ige  
Facebook/Website-Terri Cobal  
Sargent at Arms-Karl Penson  
Newsletter Editor-Open, volunteer needed.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

2025 annual dues need to be paid to participate in the 2025 Whopper Board and Angler of the Year, as well as voting privileges in the club.

For those of you who have family and friends who want to join, Jose has a membership special. Sponsor 2 new members who join on separate individual or family memberships and you will receive \$60 dues back. See Jose if you want some Club business cards to help spread the word. This special is only good until June 1, 2025.

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## 2025 FRESHWATER SCHEDULE

May 17th and 18th – Sierras  
June 21st Prado  
September 6th – Surf fishing  
October 4th, Big Bear, one day only for the Club.

## FRESHWATER EVENT UPDATE SIERRAS

We are just a few days away from the Sierras event and just a few days removed from the season opener up there! A lot of big fish were caught on the opener, including many 7+ pound brown and rainbows caught from the June Lake loop.

I will be staying in Mammoth. There are still a lot of rooms available in the Mammoth area and Bishop which is just 40 minutes south.

Check in for next week can be by text message, just to let me know you're there and fishing. We won't do a meet up in the morning since people might be staying in different areas. We will meet after fishing Saturday at John's Pizza Works in Mammoth from about 6pm-8pm.

John's Pizza Works  
3499 Main St  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Looking forward to fishing with everyone who can make it out. I'm hoping the Mammoth Lakes will thaw out by the time we go; it will be close. The June Lake loop is being heavily stocked with trophy size trout as well as Convict Lake. The Cutthroat Trout will be making their way up the Owen's to spawn so there will be a good chance to get a trophy Cutthroat as well.

Hours for fishing will be from Saturday morning 6am to Sunday at noon. We will do a prize for largest fish of the weekend (whopper board rules, picture with fish on a scale) and a winner for most species of trout. For most species we will only need a picture of each fish, no weight required. There will be a chance to get rainbows, browns, cutthroats, and brook trout. Please text me your pictures. I do understand there are issues with service up there, be mindful when it's time to send your fish in. Convict Lake has zero service when you're up at the lake. Make sure you head down the hill in time if you're fishing there on Sunday.

We'll see you all at the monthly meeting and if you have any questions feel free to text (626) 224-8084

Vince Sainz

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## VINCE SAINZ ADDRESSES HS FISHING CLUB





Whopper Board/AOTY 2024-2025 Current Saltwater Standings	AOTY PTS.
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Rockfish, Whitefish, Sheephead, Sculpin - 8 Points/2 Points Long Range

1. Tom Loy Rockfish 6.87lb. 4/25/25 Endeavor Club Event Double Points	109.92
2. Karl Penson Rockfish 5.84lb. 1/3/25 San Clemente Island	46.72
3. Don Merrill Rockfish 3.92lb. 4/25/25 Endeavor Club Even Double Points	62.72
4. Davy Schweickert Rockfish 3.32lb. 4/25/25 Endeavor Club Event Double Points	53.12

Surf Perch/Corvina/Croaker/Corbina/Sargo – 40 Points

1. Robert Lopez Corbina 2.03lb. 12/13/24 Long Beach	81.20
2.	
3.	

Saltwater Angler of the Year Standings	Pts.	Entries/Club Events
1. Tom Loy	109.92	1/1
2. Robert Lopez	81.20	1/0
3. Don Merrill	62.72	1/1
4. Davy Schweickert	53.12	1/1
5. Karl Penson	46.72	1/0

Whopper Board/AOTY 2024-2025 Current Freshwater Standings	AOTY PTS.
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Channel/Blue/Flathead/Bullhead Catfish/Carp – 10 Points/5 Points Pay Lake

1. Mark Rubio Carp 11.39lb. 4/11/25 Jess Ranch Pay Lake Half Points	56.95
2.	
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Rainbow/Brown/Brook Trout – 20 Points/10 Points Pay Lake

1. Tom Loy Rainbow Trout 2.73lb. 4/21/25 Lake Gregory	54.60
2. Don Merrill Rainbow Trout 1.63lb. 4/13/25 Lake Isabella	32.60
3.	

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass – 20 Points

1. Mark Rubio Largemouth Bass 2.78lb. 2/26/25 Jess Ranch Pay Lake Half Points	27.80
2.	
3.	

Crappie, Bluegill, Sunfish, & Perch – 40 Points

1. Don Merrill Crappie 2.13lb. 4/13/25 Lake Isabella	85.20
2.	
3.	

Freshwater Angler of the Year Standings	Pts.	Entries/Club Events
1. Don Merrill	117.80	2/0
2. Mark Rubio	84.75	2/0
3. Tom Loy	54.60	1/0

## CONNOR AND GREG COHAN ENJOY HAWAII VACATION FISHING CHARTER

Connor and I had a great Oahu fishing experience. Connor caught two dodos, a 34-pounder and an 86-pound yellowfin. I caught one smaller mahi, another 81-pound yellowfin, and a 160-pound blue marlin at the last minute. My first bite was an accidental catch of an 8-foot silky shark, which I released in the water, so no picture of that. Overall, it was a trip we will both remember.







## ENDEAVOR CHARTER

April 25<sup>th</sup> was the first Endeavor trip of 2025. Off the dock with 14 aboard. Members on board included Charter masters Randy Kroll and Jimmie Garcia, Tom Loy, Dennis Thys, Don Merrill, Mike Maurizio, Davey Schweickert, and guests Victor Zuniga, Jose Gonzlaez, Nick Moseman, Paul Pennello, James Garcia Jr, David Smith and Joey Gaglione.

They reported that the rough seas had them fishing fairly shallow all day. The fish count was 130 Rockfish, 100 Ocean Whitefish, 4 California Sheephead, and 4 Lingcod. Jackpot was won by guest David Smith with the Sheephead pictured on the right.

**From Jimmie Garcia Sr:** On the Endeavor making memories with my son James Junior our first time fishing together in 15 years. He had a great time fishing with Turner's Fishing Club. Together we caught about 20 rockfish. We both had a great time making new friends. Just would like to say anybody that has kids take them out fishing on a boat, pier, or lake. Make great memories and have a great time.

