

This Month's Program



Our speaker for the Wednesday, January 13th will be Martin Walls from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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A Disappearing Ocean

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Does the ocean make a sound if there is no one there to hear it?

I know that is a somewhat childish dip into the waters of phenomenology, but it begs a relevant question of modern anglers. Are we losing recreational fishing access to our nation's waters? It's a simple question. And if recent federal regulatory action is any indicator, I fear the answer becomes obvious.

In recent months, the U.S. National Parks Service disappointed anglers with plans to close 10,000-plus acres of prime reef fishing area in Biscayne National Park. There is increasing chatter about federal designation of marine monuments and reserves, marine protected areas and other tools designed to remove anglers from the environment by preventing them from accessing it.

Arguably, the most fundamental need of recreational angling is access. If you are prohibited from fishing, all of the complications of tide, wind, feeding patterns and every other nuance in successful angling become irrelevant. If you can't go fishing, it really doesn't matter if they're not biting.

The most popular recreational fishery in the U.S. is largemouth bass. You ask yourself why that is? Is it their sizzling runs? Their non-stop, Olympic-quality acrobatics? Fine table fare? I would argue that although they are an incredibly desirable sport fish to pursue, their unique and ubiquitous appeal largely comes from the fact that an eager angler of any age is rarely more than a short drive, bike ride or even walk from a pond, lake, reservoir or river that houses one of these fine fish. It is access that helps them be the target of hundreds of thousands if not millions of angler trips a year.

The lovable finfish species of our oceans and bays will always have a distinct disadvantage in luring prospective suitors, garnering a fraction of the angler trips per year that freshwater species do. By proximity, saltwater is quite a bit more difficult and often expensive to access. Although favorable improvements in so many forms of transportation have aided the ease in accessing coastal destinations, it is always going to be easier for a landlocked angler to access a largemouth over a saltwater species.

So why would the National Parks Service try to limit recreational angling in a marine-centered national park? Why would there be near-constant rumblings of potential massive marine no-fishing zones being created via the Antiquities Act at the end of virtually every Presidential term in

Treasurer's Report

Report is available from Denise Davis

Welcome New Members

The club currently has 36 paid members. We have 6 Honorary Members

Club Calendar

2016 Club Meetings

Date	Speaker
1/13	
2/10	
3/09	
4/13	
5/11	
6/08	
7/13	
8/10	
9/14	
10/12	
11/09	
12/14	Christmas Banquet

Fresh Water Events

Event	Date	Location
1		
2		
3		
4		

Whopper Board Standings

Final 2015 YTD STANDINGS

Fresh Water

Trout		
1st	Rich Jenkins	7.3
2nd	Mike Maurizio	5.63
3rd	Bill Sullivan	.388

Surf/Pan Fish		
1st	Mike Maurizio	3.5
2n	Don Merrill	2.69
3rd	Warren Harper	2.44

the past two decades? I apparently missed when it was determined that recreational angling was such an imminent and imposing threat to the future of our nation's fisheries and the integrity of federal parks that it needed to be banned. **I find it incredible that so much energy is put into efforts to remove recreational anglers from the marine environment when longlines, trawls and gill nets are not only allowed, but encouraged to clear-cut so much of our nation's coastal waters.**

The above scenario is even more outrageous when you look at the economics involved. **Recently, NOAA Fisheries announced in its annual report on Fisheries Economics of the U.S. that commercial fishing generated \$5.4 billion in revenue in 2014, but there was absolutely no mention in that same report of the amount of money that recreational fishing generated. If you look back at 2011, the last time NOAA produced recreational expenditure estimates, recreational fisheries generated \$23.4 billion in a single year! If you extend those estimates to the 2014 effort estimates presented in the current press release, recreational fishing generated \$24.4 billion in 2014.**

Incredibly, that \$24.4 billion is generated on a mere two-percent of the nation's harvest of marine finfish. The commercial sector generates its \$5.4 billion on the other 98 percent, or 9.5 billion pounds of dead fish. And yet, the federal fisheries management system is regularly trying to promote and perpetuate commercial fisheries by creating privatized harvest rights and subsidies.

Are our shared oceans disappearing? They are not. But if access is denied to anglers through no-fishing zones or woefully misguided management regimes, the answer is inevitably a resounding Yes.

What I have long referred to as "GOAL ORIENTED SCIENCE" IS A DECADES OLD PHENOMENON. True "Science" in the past, has always compiled all relative data concerning a particular study. They then digested and assimilated all that data, and reported their findings. "GOAL ORIENTED SCIENCE", Largely practiced today by **radical environmentalists**, may indeed in some cases actually compile all related evidence and data. They however no longer consider data, that does not support or promote, their preconceived hypothesis or agenda, as appropriate to be used in their finalized report. We are therefore provided with a false and totally irrelevant and biased study, which actually has no scientific value other than to promote the radical agenda of the progressive left environmentalists. We must also remain aware of the greens relentless pursuit of their agenda, understanding, they have infinite patience, survive with incrementalism, and seemingly have limitless financial resources. If we fail to challenge them in every manner available, we will surely lose our right to utilize our natural resources and our ability to fish.... ..dick



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January 2016 President's Message

Well 2015 is in the rear view mirror. HAPPY NEW YEAR. 2016 looms large with the promise of El Nino and good fishing. I want to thank all who participated in club activities last year. I need to thank the former board as we lost Pierre and Mike, both long serving members of the board. We added Jose Sr. and Luke this year and I am excited for the coming season. The Saltwater trips have been scheduled and we will begin taking reservations at the January meeting.

Congratulations to Jose Dominguez as our Freshwater fisherman, Don Merrill aka Luke Fitzpatrick as our Saltwater and Carolyn Duncan as our Sportsperson of the Year. She had an unbelievable year of fishing and adventures

Large / Small Mouth Bass

1st Rando Mindoro 3.12
2nd
3rd

Striped Bass

1st Karl Penson 6.75
2nd Luke Fitzpatrick 2.44
3rd

Catfish

1st Don Merrill 8.06
2nd Laney Hackman 5.0
3rd Randy Mindoro 3.06

Salt Water

Calico / Sand Bass

1st Ernie Branch 5.31
2nd Dick Giuliani 5.0
3rd Karl Penson 4.25

Bonito / Barracuda

1st Don Merrill 15
2nd Luke Fitzpatrick 9.87
3rd Ernie Branch 9.18

Yellowtail / Dorado / White Sea Bass

1st Ernie Branch 36.56
2nd Laney Hackman 26.63
3rd Warren Harper 24

Tuna

1st Glenn Bummer 266
2nd Dick Giuliani 44.15
3rd Karl Penson 38.81

Bottom Fish

1st Ernie Branch 54.5
2nd Carolyn Duncan 48.6
3rd Mike Maurizio 15.56

Angler of the Year

Final 2015 Salt Water Standings

#	Name	Points
1	Don Merrill	769
2	Ernie Branch	630.66
3	Karl Penson	540.08
4	Mike Maurizio	505.68
5	Luke Fitzpatrick	491.38
6	Dick Giuliani	428.7
7	Warren Harper	304.4
8	Glenn Bummer	266
9	Laney Hackman	253.04
10	Allison Ige	149.7

MEETING LOCATION

last year.

The Board was zeroed out in November and now the chase for 2016 is on. Good Luck to all.

Luke Fitzpatrick, our new freshwater chairman should have several good trips this year. I am hoping to repeat some of the Tauber trips we scheduled last year.

Friends of Rollo raised \$576.00 at the Awards Banquet. We already submitted the check to Friends of Rollo and look forward to another Kid's trip this year.

As the year begins you should mark your calendar for the following events.

Pacific Coast Sports Fishing Expo February 19-21, 2016

Fish for Food Ventura Harbor Tuesday March 15, 2016

Fred Hall Long Beach March 2-6, 2016

Fred Hall Del Mar March 17-20, 2016

Day at the Docks San Diego April 17, 2016

The Saltwater schedule was sent out separately. Plan to make it to an event this year.

If you did not sign the Release form at the Awards Banquet, please get a copy from Denise, Ernie or me so we can keep our records up to date.

To date I am still awaiting word from the State of California regarding our incorporation. Until complete, please continue to make checks payable to William Davis, Denise Davis or Ernie Branch. I am told the State is now beginning to process applications from November and we should come up soon. I am sorry for the inconvenience but it is a necessary evil to continue as a club in California.

I hope to see as many members as possible on the water this year. The more trips we fill the more we will book. We still have the possibility of booking trips out of 22nd street this year. I hope to have an additional Kids trip in addition to our friends of Rollo trip. I am discussing a joint family night charter with other clubs to help defray costs and fill the boats. As always I am open to suggestion and hope to hear from members to express what they would like to see our club accomplish.

Finally, I need to thank Turner's Outdoorsmen for their continued support over the years. When you spend your gift certificates or use your 10% discount. tell the manager or cashier you are a member of their fishing club. I send the newsletter to the local stores and ask each of you to carry a Turner's Club card and give it to non members you meet on charters and at stores. A strong fishing membership is the sign of a strong club. Thank you for belonging and I eagerly await the coming Season. See you on the water.

Your President
William L Davis
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2016 Salt Water Charters

Trip	Date	Landing	Boat	Departure	Price	Spots	Open Spots
1	Fri April 22	Oxnard	Island Tak	Fri 4:30 am	130	11	8
2	Sun May 15	Ventura	Pacific Dawn	Sat 10:00 pm May 14	195	19	8
3	Tue May 31	Oxnard	Island Tak	Tues 4:30 am	130	11	9
4	Fri June 10	Ventura	Pacific Dawn	Thurs 10:00 pm Jun 09	195	19	6
5	Wed June 22	Oxnard	Island Tak	Wed 4:30 am	130	11	3
6	Thurs July 21	Oxnard	Sea Jay	Thurs 4:30 am	130	11	1
7	Thurs Aug 4	Oxnard	Island Tak	Thurs 4:30 am	130	11	2
8	Fri Sept 2	Oxnard	Island Tak	Fri 4:30 am	130	11	8
9	Tues Oct 11	Oxnard	Island Tak	Tues 4:30	130	11	8

Mimi's Cafe
500 W Huntington Drive
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Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at Mimi's Restaurant in Monrovia. Mimi's has accommodated us with separate checks, an open menu, and they start taking orders as we arrive. (As early as 6PM sometimes.) We want to keep this in balance. Please continue to purchase dinner during our meetings. If you are unable to purchase dinner or prefer your wife's cooking, please consider dessert and a beverage at least. Remember that your check does not include the tip so you need to add on the tip. And please be generous in your tip. We are not the easiest group to work.

2016 Membership Drive

The 2016 Membership Drive is on!!!! Sam will have **pre-printed forms**. Just bring your check or cash and validate your personal information on the pre-printed forms. The data on the pre-printed forms comes from the club database. This is the best time to verify and update your information. (Please make every effort to use the pre-printed forms rather than fill out a blank form. I have had instances when people supplied "new" or "revised" information (or I couldn't read their writing), only to have to change the information back at a later date! Thanks for your consideration and cooperation.)

The dues for 2016 are the same as last year: \$45 for an individual and \$60 for a family membership.

Membership Card Reminder

All members are reminded that your club membership entitles you to a 10% discount on NON-SALE fishing tackle items at Turner's Outdoorsman stores. This discount is not available for guns or ammo. You are also reminded that after January 1 2016, your 2015 membership card is void. In order to receive the discount, a current 2016 membership card will be required. All store managers are aware of this and there are **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Website Update

All of the updates have been entered into the Website. If you have anything you would like to add, e-mail it to newsletter@turnersrodandreeclub.com.

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Fresh Water Event Update

Most of you know I took over freshwater responsibility from Mike this year and I hope I can do as good of a job as he has done.

My plan is to have a few trips with our friend Rich Tauber this spring and summer at Lake Casitas along with some surf fishing at Hollywood beach in Oxnard and at Sunset/Bolsa Chica.

If anybody has any ideas or would like to do something please feel free to give me a call.

See you at the meeting *Luke Fitzpatrick*
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SECRETARIES REPORT

DINNER MEETINGS

We are still able to meet at Mimi's Restaurant in Monrovia. It becomes more and more difficult to find meeting space as time goes on. We have strived to make this relationship work.

In order to maintain a good working relationship with Mimi's each member needs to continue to purchase food at our Dinner meetings. Yes, these are dinner meetings. Mimi's has accommodated us with separate checks, an open menu, and they start taking orders as we arrive. (As early as 6PM sometimes.) We want to keep this in balance.

If you are unable to purchase dinner please consider dessert and a beverage at least if you eat dinner at home. Also please remember that your check no longer includes the tip so you need to add on the tip. And please be generous in your tip. We are not the easiest group to work.

CLUB ROSTER

Club Rosters is available from Membership Chairman Sam Zanrosso if you need one. Just ask Sam Zanrosso for an updated 2016 Roster.

December Raffle

NOTICE OF CLUB T SHIRT CHANGE

Is anyone working on a design for the Club Tee shirt?

The plan is to have a Club tee shirt available for purchase by the members. Once we have our own design, we may be able to expand it to other types of shirts and clothing items. I know some have been asking for a jacket also. By using a digital printing process, the design can be kept on file for many years without the need for "making new screens" and without the additional cost of new screens every year. Also this allows a faster turnaround time as digitalized companies have only a 10 day turnaround time on orders.

This is where the members are requested to participate. We need to have a design for the back of the shirt that is representative of this fishing club. We want to be able to identify the Club on the back of the shirt as well. The logo above the pocket will remain the same, except the year will no longer be there. We are asking those members interested to submit their own original designs for the club shirt. 1 design will be chosen. Please do not submit any copyrighted designs. Let's get a really awesome design of our own.

If you are currently working on a design please let Denise Davis know. This is your chance to be part of the Club History book!

Denise Davis,
Secretary
From the Secretaries Office of Denise Davis
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2015 Club Recap

2016 Trip Winners

These are the lucky people who won 2016 trips at our 2015 banquet.

4/22 Island Tak-Sam Zanrosso

5/15 Pacific Dawn-Warren Harper

5/31 Island Tak-Ron Hall

6/10 Pacific Dawn-Alex Perez

6/22 Island Tak-Ron Coleman

7/21 Sea Jay-Ron Coleman

8/4 Island Tak-William Davis

9/2 Island Tak-Don Udlock

10/11 Island Tak-Mike Maurizio

Reminder: Please present your certificate at trip signups in January or February. Trips won at the Banquet are not to be exchanged, transferred or sold. There are no refunds. If the trip is cancelled & not rescheduled there is no refund. If the trip is rescheduled & you can't make that date, there is no refund or exchange. Members who cannot go on prize trips are requested to return the trip to the Club so the spot can be filled.

Membership Drawings at December Banquet

Quarterly Membership Drawing-Jose M. Dominguez

New Member Drawing- Alicia Blodgett

Early Renewal Drawing- Ron Hall

Friends of Rollo Raffle

The 2015 Friends of Rollo Raffle featured a custom rod made by Wil Fitzpatrick of Wil's Sport & Tackle in Monrovia. Turners Club members once again showed their support for the Rollo organization by donating \$576 to Friends of Rollo. Friends of Rollo have provided over 100,000 kids with the opportunity to go fishing as of 2015. Not only does Turners Club support this organization with funding, but several members also volunteer for the Rollo trip for Eagle Rock Elementary each year. We appreciate Wil Fitzpatrick's participation in this worthwhile project as well as the support of the membership.

And the winner was...Dave Craig!

Pictured below is Wil Fitzpatrick at his shop in Monrovia and the prize rod



2015 Angler of the Year-Don Merrill.

Don Merrill was the 2015 Angler of the Year for Turners Rod & Reel Club. The Award was presented by Whopper Board Chairman Warren Harper and President William Davis based on accumulated points during the year. In an unusual turn of events, Don took to the podium and said he was sharing the award with fellow fisherman Luke Fitzpatrick. Don indicated that he thought he would have been beaten in points by Luke if Luke hadn't made the unfortunate mistake of accidentally deleting some of his pictures from his phone. Don went so far as to send the trophy home with Luke, instructing him to win the award next year. What an incredible display of sportsmanship by Don Merrill!



Freshwater Angler of the year

Jose M. Dominguez was the recipient of the Freshwater Angler of the Year Award for 2015 presented by Mike Maurizio, 2015 Freshwater Event Chair. Also pictured is Warren Harper, 2015 Whopper Board Chair. This award is based on accumulation of points from the Turner's Club Freshwater events. Jose has been an active participant in the 2015 Freshwater events as well as fishing saltwater in the US and Mexico this past year. He has been fishing since he was very young according to his Dad, Jose Jr. Jose also participates in the Whittier Narrows Junior Fishing Club and gives his time and energy to a youth fishing foundation as a volunteer also. Congratulations Jose!



2015 Sportsman of the Year Award

The 2015 Sportsman of the Year Award was presented to Carolyn Duncan by President William Davis. Carolyn is one of our newer members, having joined in 2014, yet her enthusiasm for fishing is remarkable and she actively participates in most of our Club trips. She always displays a great attitude on and off the boat, with or without fish. She participated in the Fish for Food event for the first time in 2015 and likely caught more fish than anyone else on the boat that day. (20+). Congratulations Carolyn!

This Award has been presented annually since 2009. Mr. Davis felt that members often deserved special recognition for their efforts in addition to the awards presented by the Club for fishing. While some awardees have been recognized for their work within the Club, others have been recognized for their volunteerism in the fishing community. Other times the award is presented for good sportsmanship. This award is presented at the discretion of the Club President. The recipient receives a personal engraved plaque and has their name engraved on the perpetual plaque as well.



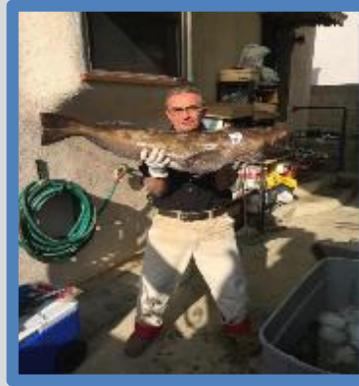
Members Report

Last Trip of the Year By Mike Maurizio

As the year ends, I try to get one more shot on the deep blue sea for those tasty rockfish. Keeping an eye on the weather and the Pacific Dawns schedule, there was an opportunity early December so I booked a trip, got my gear ready and was set to go. Got a call the next day, trips cancelled due to lack of people, rats. Ok, there's one more trip in a couple of days so I book that one. Get a call again, this time the weather so bad it the boat won't be going out. This is serious here, will I get a chance to go out being close to the holidays? The weather settles down in several days, and a high develops, this is Dec. 17th. The boats' going out, I'm ready again. At the landing office I check in, my # is 10, lucky number. I was born on 10-10- 55. Only 16 anglers on board, nice lite load, plenty of elbow room. Fishing by San Miguel Is. the ling start to bite down very deep. My first hook-up is very heavy. As I see deep color I call for gaff, maybe two or three, it's pretty big. Just kidding, one will do. The ling weighs in a little over 19 pounds, wow! Turns out to be the J.P. this trip. Lucky #10. The boat loads up on the rockfish as the day ends, and a smooth ride back to port. Oh yeah I don't want to forget, caught the bad boy(female) on my famous rock cod bomb,true to form. One more trip maybe, Dec. 31st. last try at the surf. I go to the warm

water channel at Seal Beach where I fished growing up as kid on the rocks. No luck in two hours so I go home, stop by Turners in Norwalk, buy 2016 license, I'm ready

Mike Maurizio



December 27th on the Amigo By Luke Fitzpatrick

After having not fished since the week before Thanksgiving I was really looking forward to just being on the water. I got to the landing early and met up with Jeff Cribben of Cribbs Jigs, Andres Perez and Capt. Bill Cavanaugh for some pizza and laughs. After stuffing ourselves with pizza we made our way back to the landing and loaded everything on the boat and got settled in for a cold night headed out to San Miguel.

4:30am came quickly but most of us were awake already and ready to catch something. It wasn't until my second cup of coffee that I realized sunrise wasn't until around 7:30, so we spent the couple hours laughing and telling fish stories.

Finally the sun came up and from our first drop we knew it would be a good day. The few of us that dropped jigs were immediately bit, and it stayed that way for the next couple hours. Over and over again our jigs got bit by large 6-8lb reds and chucks with a few short lingcod thrown in just to tease us. It was one of those rare trips where the baited hooks weren't getting bit nearly as well as our jigs and the fish that were eating bait were half the size.

At around 11:30am Bill hollered at us to reel up, that we were going to go a couple miles away to try and get some bigger lingcod and that we would finish up our rockfish in the shallows. This would normally be where I tied on a 8-9" swimbait but I did something different and I grabbed an orange/red/brown/black 8oz jig the my friend made for wahoo and I stuck a 6" scampi on the 8/0 Owner siwash hook he had put on.

Finally, the boat stopped. Swimbait and jigs went flying out and as soon as I hit bottom I was bit. It was either tail hooked or it was a very nice fish, either way I'll never know because half way up it popped free and I was left crying on the rail. I regained composure quickly and I dropped my jig back down.

BAM! I was bit again. This time I landed the fish but instead of being the 10-15lb fish that everybody else was landing it was about 8 inches and looked like it should be in an aquarium.

Finally, it was time to get set up again for another drift and this time I was going to be ready. The boat circled around and I heard the engines slow down. I lobbed my jig out and let it sink.... and sink..... and sink.... and sink! Finally, I hit bottom again and this time rather than bounce the jig I yoyo'ed it and didn't make it 6' off the bottom before I was bit. This time my 9' Calstar 690J stayed bent as the fish held its ground and didn't want to come up.

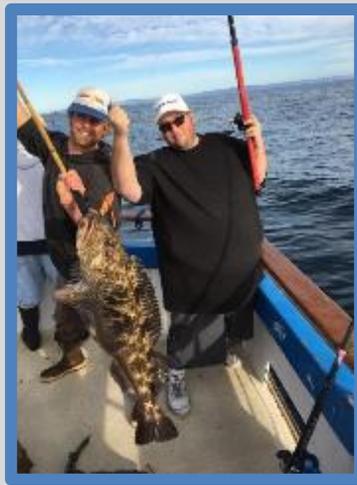
I set the rod on the rail and slow cranked the fish up to the surface. It dogged me the entire way and tried to pull me around but it never tried to head back to the bottom so when I got it to the surface I didn't think it was nearly as big as it was.

I yelled for a gaff and Shane was on it! The fish was gaffed and as it came over the rail it was clear that this fish was my biggest lingcod and would probably be a jackpot fish.

Shortly after we moved into the shallows and fished light tackle for some amazing quality rockfish and ended the trip with limits of rockfish and lingcod, 15 sheepshead and 1 rocksole for 20 people.

On our way in we took some pictures and got the weights of our lingcod. Just as we thought, mine was the biggest at 20lbs and then we had another 30+ that were 14-15lbs.

All in all it was a phenomenal way to end what might be the best fishing year in SoCal history!



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