

# Whopper Board Tournament and Angler of the Year (11/1/24)

## Tournament Rules and Regulations

Our Tournaments will be annual events running concurrently for a 12-month period. For Whopper Board, Freshwater Angler of the Year, and Saltwater Angler of the Year, the year starts November 1st and ends October 31st. Tournaments give club members the opportunity to be recognized for their catches.

A point system has been developed which will enable all of the species caught to be weighted fairly. Point totals will be maintained by the Whopper Board Chairman during the year and published in the monthly newsletter. Freshwater and Saltwater Angler of the Year standings will only be published in the newsletter through the September newsletter. After that, there will not be any news of the results until the winners are announced at the December Awards Banquet. The rules for both tournaments are similar, with explanations to follow.

## General Rules

1. Only current Turner's Rod & Reel Club members will be eligible to enter the tournaments. They will need to have their membership renewed by the January meeting to be considered a current member. New members can participate after dues have been paid, but fish submitted must be caught after dues were paid. Each individual of a family membership may participate by having their own point count.
2. Members will be allowed to enter as many times as he or she likes in any of the categories, but only his or her largest fish from each category will be used to determine the point total. Size and possession limit must be observed for all fish. All fish must be legally caught per the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations or the state it was caught in. Fish caught at Pay lakes receive half the points while fish caught at Private lakes cannot be entered. (i.e., Private Lake: Fin & Feather, where it is not open to the public.)
3. To be eligible to participate in the Tournaments, a club member must support the club by participating in one Turner's Club sponsored fishing event during the eligibility period. Any member not participating will have all of their entries removed from the records for that year. Whopper Board prize winners must attend at least one Turner's Club event, either saltwater or freshwater, depending on the species of their entry. Saltwater Angler of the Year must be on at least one Club Saltwater Charter. Freshwater Angler of the Year must attend at least one Club Freshwater Event.
4. There is a Long-Range designation for some, not all, of the categories. Long-Range is defined as being 100 miles from the California shoreline or anywhere out of state. This is to allow for fair competition among the weight of some fish caught in different parts of the world.
5. All entries must be weighed on a digital scale with a decimal readout. Results must be recorded in a photo clearly showing the angler, weight, and majority of the fish so it may be positively identified.

\*\*\*There is just one exception. Taping Method. To estimate the weight of a Bluefin/Yellowfin Tuna, the following universally recognized formula will be accepted: Measure fork length; multiply by the girth squared; then divide by 800. This method may be used only when the catch is over 50 pounds,

and a digital scale is unavailable. The weigh-in process must be photographed. It must be performed by a qualified crewmember, and the results recorded in a dated signed statement which must be submitted with the entry.

6. Members must submit their entry to the Whopper Board Chairman within 30 days of their catch. They will need to supply the Whopper Board Chairman with the following information:

Name and membership number

Species of fish

Date of catch

Weight on a digital scale in decimal format

Location of catch

Bait or lure used

Photo of angler with fish clearly showing weight

Must indicate if the fish was caught at a Turner's Club event!

### **Whopper Board Specific Rules**

1. Each season, prizes will be awarded to the top 3 fish in each category based on their weight. These prizes will be Turner's Outdoorsman gift certificates: \$50.00 for First place, \$25.00 for Second place, \$10.00 for Third place.

2. Each member will be allowed to win just one prize from each category. Every family member will be competing separately and are eligible for their own individual prizes.

3. All prizes will be awarded at the Awards Banquet.

4. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final.

### **Angler of the Year Specific Rules**

1. This tournament will allow all club members the opportunity to enter fish that might not qualify for the top three places in the Whopper Board Tournament. A member will accumulate points for the largest fish caught in each category. The member with the most points at the end of the year will be declared "Angler of the Year" for either Freshwater or Saltwater, or both.

2. Double points will be given for fish caught at Club Freshwater Events and Club Saltwater Charters. It must be designated in the information provided by the angler at time of entry that the fish was caught at a Turner's Club event.

3. A perpetual trophy will be awarded at the December Awards Banquet for Freshwater Angler of the Year and Saltwater Angler of the Year. The trophies are to be returned to the Club at the October meeting before the next years banquet.

4. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final.

### **Saltwater Categories & Points Scoring Per Pound**

Rockfish/Whitefish/Sheephead/Sculpin - 8 Points/2 Points Long Range

Lingcod - 8 Points/2 Points Long Range

Bonito/Barracuda - 20 Points

Halibut - 4 Points/1 Point Long Range

Surf Perch/Corvina/Croaker/Corbina - 40 Points

Kelp Bass/Sand Bass/Spotted Bay Bass - 20 Points

Yellowtail/Dorado - 6 Points/4 Points Long Range

White Seabass - 4 Points

Tuna/Wahoo - 2 Points/1 Point Long Range

Salmon/Striped Bass - 4 Points/2 Points Long Range

### **Freshwater Categories & Points Scoring Per Pound**

Channel/Blue/Flathead/Bullhead Catfish/Carp - 10 Points/5 Points Pay Lake

Rainbow/Brown/Brook Trout - 20 Points/10 Points Pay Lake

Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass - 20 Points

Crappie/Bluegill/Sunfish/Perch - 40 Points

Striped Bass/Salmon - 10 Points/5 Points Long Range

\*\*\*Double points will be awarded to all members for fish caught at Turner's Club Freshwater and Saltwater Events and Charters. This information must be designated at time of entry.