



## **FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

**February 14, 2024 Celebrate your first fish kiss!**



**Guests are welcome at our meeting this month as always. Come and enjoy the newly enclosed patio, have dinner with friends and share fish stories. Matt Denny's is supposed to offer a 3-course dinner for those interested but you must call and reserve it if you want that.**

**Let them know you will be out on the patio with us.**

**Enjoy Mr. Davis's cake for dessert.**

**CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY February 14, 2024, 7 PM at**

**MATT DENNYS ALE HOUSE RESTAURANT PATIO.**

**SIGN UP FOR TRIPS, PAY DUES, ORDER CLUB CLOTHING, WIN A PRIZE! SPEAKER TBD**

**COME AS EARLY AS 5:30 FOR DINNER**

## President's Message

January ends, and the first Bart Hall show is history. I hope you got your gear or went and heard one of the informative speakers. I had the pleasure of helping over 700 kids learn to cast. The kids' events were great. We had over 600 kids on Saturday alone at the DFW Fishing in the City Casting booth outside of the convention Center. I want to thank all the club members who came out and volunteered in some way to promote fishing, including Jose L and Jose M Dominguez, James Garcia, Denise Davis, Sergio Gonzalez, and Joe Valerio who showed up on his birthday. If I missed you, thank you.

I am repeating the saltwater trips because I added a Triton trip in August AND I will soon open the trips to non-club members, so get your reservations in ASAP! ENOUGH SAID!

The saltwater schedule is out. I know there are some fishing Friday trips. This is because the 1 ½ and 2-day trips to take advantage of the BFT and doubling your limits while not staying out 2 days has become more popular. I chartered 8 trips so far and I am looking to charter our annual twilight trip. The saltwater charter schedule is:

1. Endeavor 1500 Anchors Way Drive Ventura, CA 93001 fishing FRIDAY May 31, 2024, leaving May 30, 2024. 7 openings.
2. Triton 1150 Nagoya Way San Pedro, CA 90731 DAY Trip fishing Saturday June 8, 2024 leaving 5am. 3 openings.
3. Amigo 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Landing 141 W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street San Pedro, CA 90731 fishing Friday June 21, 2024 leaving June 20, 2024 8pm, 1 opening.
4. Fury 34675 Golden Lantern Dana Point, CA 92629 fishing Sunday July 14, 2024 leaving 8pm July 13, 2024, 6 openings.
5. Triton 1150 Nagoya Way San Pedro, CA 90731 DAY Trip fishing Saturday August 11, 2024, 20 openings.
6. Fury 34675 Golden Lantern Dana Point, CA 92629 fishing Friday September 27, 2024 leaving 8pm September 26, 2024 20 openings.
7. Amigo 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Landing 141 W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street San Pedro, CA 90731 fishing Sunday October 13, 2024 leaving October 12, 2024 8pm, 12 openings.
8. Endeavor 1500 Anchors Way Drive Ventura, CA 93001 fishing Saturday November 2, 2024, leaving November 1, 2024 8pm, 12 openings.
9. Betty O 13759 Fiji Way Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 still TBD

Fish and Wildlife announced that the free fishing dates for 2024 will be July 6, 2024 and August 31, 2024. You don't need a fishing license to fish these dates but remember limits apply.

Jose Dominguez is taking shirt, sweatshirt & polo orders. The date to make the order is closing fast. For those waiting, we had to postpone the order date because of orders ahead of our group. The order will be made ASAP.

Now that you've had time to digest the last banquet, I'd like your suggestions for next year's banquet and ways to improve the club. I would like feedback as this is your club and I want you to enjoy it as much as possible. Please let any club officer know how we can make the club better for anyone. In addition, IF you bring in two (2) paid members, your 2024 individual dues will be free. I want to grow the club and ask you to invite your friends and fellow anglers to join us on a charter or freshwater event.

The raffle at the banquet was exceptional. I need to thank David and Elaine Ige for handling it in such a small space. Denise, James Garcia, Jose L and M Dominguez made our first set of major purchases towards the 2024 raffle. I understand an electric reel may be one of the prizes. Or maybe it will show up sooner than later. The lack of raffle space at North Woods Inn in such tight quarters begs me to find a bigger venue. However, we had over 20 reservations received late in the planning stage and 5 others had to be turned away.

Because of the trade shows we may not have a speaker in February. It being Valentine's Day and all they may have other plans. My plans are to bring a cake or two and to invite your significant other to the February meeting. Have a nice romantic dinner with 30 plus of your closest angler friends and enjoy the evening. I hope to see you at the meeting. If nothing else we can get up and trade stories about the one that got away, fish I mean.

So, as you can see, even without the Freshwater events which will be listed by Mr. Speck, there is a full range of activities for you and your family to enjoy. I'm hoping to see each and every club member on the water fresh or salt, at a trade show, Day at the Docks, boat show, or at a meeting, and please bring a friend. The more the merrier.

Thank you  
William Davis

## OPPORTUNITIES WITH KIDS

Anglers, 2024 will have dozens of fishing and volunteer opportunities. You can take our youth fishing and/or volunteer to help mentor the next generation of anglers. Some youth fishing programs are:

1. <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing-in-the-city/LA> free kids fishing and education throughout the year
2. <https://www.laparks.org/aquatic/lakes-fishing-beaches>
3. LA County: Call each LA County Park to inquire when they sponsor fishing events such as the overnight campouts this summer
4. [WWW.danskids.org](http://WWW.danskids.org) Dan Hernandez hosts several kids fishing events during the year and EVERY 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday he has a kids fishing club meeting at Legg Lake aka Whittier Narrows 8am to noon
5. Free Saltwater trips for youth groups <https://captainrollo.org>. Your group can apply for a free saltwater trip for kids by contacting the Captain Rollo organization. This is also our club's charity of choice.

## CCAcalfornia.org

The big news from CCA right now is the California STAR Tournament. This Tournament is open to all California anglers at a very reasonable cost. Prizes are BIG! You can enter it by joining CCA and submitting an entry fee of only \$40. The Tournament runs all summer, Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. No special boat required but the fish must be caught in California waters. With your entry they provide a special measuring device to each person. All the details are online at: <https://ccacalifornia.org/star/>

Eligible fish include:

- Saltwater Bass: Sand Bass, Calico Bass, Spotted Bay Bass (18 inches)
- California Halibut (28 inches)
- Yellowtail (36 inches)
- White Seabass (36 inches)
- Tuna: Bluefin, Yellowfin, Big Eye, Albacore (36 inches)

If you are going to one of the remaining shows you can take advantage of CCA's show package to renew your membership and sign up for the tournament at the same time! This Tournament is going to grow every year. This is a good time to get in at the beginning.

## WHOPPER BOARD

Randy said he did not have any entries this month so there will not be an update. New members please READ THE RULES on the website. It is your responsibility to make sure your fish is not disqualified. You must attend a Club freshwater event sometime during the year before November 1, 2024 to be eligible for any freshwater awards and you must attend a Club Saltwater Charter to be eligible for any saltwater awards. Remember Club events, both fresh and saltwater events fished by Club members, will count as double the points towards fresh and salt water angler of the year.

## January Raffle

Well despite the big December Raffle, David Ige came up with some prizes for the January Meeting. And our speaker graciously added to the list. Thank you to Ryan Candelaria for these additional prizes.

Blue Mahi Mahi Jig- Karl Penson

Green Jig- Dick Guiliani

White Salas Jig-Dick Guiliani

Yellow Knife Jig-Jimmie Garcia

Nomad Red/White Jig- Ron Hall

Nomad Jig Yellow Manny Aguila

Light Blue Jig-Joe Valerio

Rapala FW Trout Lures (2) Denise Davis

Red Striped Nomad Jig- Denise Davis

Hook Assortment- Pete Tuzzolini

HookUp Bait Green-Joe Valerio

HookUp Bait small-Joe Valerio

HookUp Bait orange-Dick Guiliani

Seagar 25# William Davis

Seagar 30# Jimmie Garcia

Donations from our Speaker Ryan Candelaria:

\$150 certificate towards a SlayDay SoCal Rental- Denise Davis

Lobster Attractant: Joe Jones & Bill Sullivan

Grand Prize Lexa 300 HS-P Reel-Jim Sainz

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## CALENDAR

1. Dana Wharf Halibut Derby January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024
2. **February 14, 2024 Club Meeting at Matt Dennys**
3. February 16-19, 2024 Del Mar Bart Hall Show
4. March 7-10, 2024 PCS Show, Orange County Fairgrounds
5. **April 3, 2024 Turner's Board Meeting 7 PM Online**
6. Day at the Docks Festival 2803 Emerson Street San Diego, CA 92106 April 9, 2024 9am to 5pm
7. May 3,4,5 West Coast Outdoors and Sportfishing Expo, Ventura Fairgrounds.
8. CCA STAR TOURNAMENT See [CCAcalfornia.org](http://CCAcalfornia.org) for more details (or Denise).

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## BIG BEAR LAKE WEEKEND

The weekend freshwater event at Big Bear Lake will be May 18th and 19th this year. Fishing will be both Saturday and Sunday. Each day will be a separate fishing event. Big Bear offers a variety of options, you can stay overnight or drive up one or both days. Accommodations are plentiful with advance reservations, including camping.

If you plan to bring your boat, be sure to check the regulations ahead of time. Big Bear Lake is open 24/7 year-round. While we've seen Dick Giuliani out on the lake in his boat during a blizzard, it is not recommended. Denise Davis has contacted the Lodge that many used last year and is waiting for an email with the Club's discounted rates. The Lodge is right on the lake and has docks. She will send out an email as soon as she gets the info. Let her know if you are interested.

## 2024 Saltwater Charter Schedule

Printed date is the date you will be fishing.

1. Endeavor, Ventura Landing, May 31 O/N \$240
2. Triton, LA Harbor, June 8, Full Day \$155
3. Amigo, 22<sup>nd</sup> St Landing, June 21 O/N \$270
4. Fury, Dana Wharf, July 14, O/N \$240
5. Betty O, MDR, TBD, Twilight TBD
6. Fury, Dana Wharf, Sept 27, O/N \$240
7. Amigo, 22<sup>nd</sup> St Landing, Oct 13, O/N \$270
8. Endeavor, Ventura Harbor, Nov 2, O/N \$235

Printed date is the date you will be fishing. Overnight trips load the night before. Full payment is required to reserve a spot. Prices subject to change if surcharge is charged to the Club. Make checks payable to William Davis. Expect to pay cash for your own food, tips and fish cleaning on the boats as always.

Questions: William L Davis 626-390-7673 phone or text.

Email: [WilliamLDavis7@gmail.com](mailto:WilliamLDavis7@gmail.com)

Checks payable to William Davis. Mail to 897 W Huntington Dr #D, Arcadia CA 91007. Please write the trip number in the memo on your check. Verbal reservations will not be accepted from anyone.

Departure times are tentative. They can change if everyone shows up.

I ask that younger more agile members and guests take the upper and lower bunks leaving the middle bunks to the more senior(age) members and guests.

Due to limited tackle box space, please consider bringing smaller or soft sided tackle box.

THE CHARTERMASTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OVERBOOK THE TRIPS BY ONE PERSON TO ENSURE THE CLUB DOES NOT LOSE MONEY.

Each trip stands alone. By that I mean each trip is a separate entity. You can write a check for multiple trips.

Bring your own bedding on trips. Do not show up sick.

All Club members and guests are expected to abide by the Department of Fish and Wildlife rules.

I will contact you prior to each trip. Each trip is best fishing available so don't call and ask.

### 2024 Saltwater Charter Reservation Rules:

1. All club charters are available for reservation immediately.
2. Full amount will be required to confirm your reservation for any trip.
4. No refunds until the Charter is full & the Club has been able to sell your reservation. The Club makes no guarantee that we will be able to fill your reservation once the Charter is full. Changes MUST go thru the Charter Master.
5. All charters are open to members and their invited guests.
6. If you need to cancel a charter reservation it must be done in writing, text or email to William Davis. Once you cancel you cannot change your mind and show up for the trip.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is now open for 2024. If you have not yet paid dues, please get them in. They were due in January. Your dues must be paid in order to participate in the Whopper Board before you can submit any fish.

### 2024 MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL OFFER

Jose is again offering a limited time special for those members who recruit new paid members for the Club. This is for new members only, people who have never been in the Club previously. For anyone who recruits 2 new members, you will receive your \$60 membership cost back. Help us grow. Jose has business cards for recruitment purposes if you request them. Jose reserves the right to revoke this offer at any time, so get these new folks active ASAP.

### CLUB SHIRTS, POLOS AND JACKETS

You can order club clothing through Membership Chair Jose L Dominguez right now. We do not keep a stock of items but we do an order only once a year, so get your order to Jose ASAP. You will see samples of items being worn at the meetings. Items include printing or embroidery. [Jdominguezjr22@gmail.com](mailto:Jdominguezjr22@gmail.com) is Jose's email or you can TEXT him at 323-356-1507. He does not answer phone calls from unknown numbers. Or you can talk to him at the meeting. All orders require prepayment to Jose. If you have items that require special separate shipping you will be responsible for shipping costs both ways. Club hats are WON on Charters or Freshwater events and are not usually for sale.

We do not submit orders for one or two items. Our vendor is very busy and prefers larger orders. Once you submit an order it may take several months to get it in, because we wait until we have a decent sized order.

In the meantime, sign up for a Charter!



**Policy for disabled members:**

At the discretion of the Charter master, disabled individuals may be required to provide their own assistant for saltwater fishing events. The assistant will be counted as part of the full load, will be charged full fare, and must have a fishing license. As the purpose of the assistant is to assist the individual with a disability, the assistant may be allowed to fish when the individual with a disability is not fishing or has been deemed independent by the Charter master. If the assistant is not at the rail to assist, the disabled person may not fish. The disabled individual will provide their own gear/tackle or will be required to rent it. In the event that the assistant is not available at boarding time, the disabled person will not be allowed to board and they will not receive a refund unless the 2 spots are filled. If additional equipment is needed for accommodation, it must be cleared with the Charter master and boat before the reservation is accepted. For a free/reduced-fee California fishing license, Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to visit the Website [https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Fishing#44521417- free--reduced-fee](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Fishing#44521417-free--reduced-fee) at least four months in advance of the trip to allow for processing time.

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**More great photos from Karl Penson**

**Member Karl Penson has already got on the Whopper Board with this December Halibut.**

**Thank you, Karl, for submitting these photos for the newsletter.**

