

OOPsLINE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ken Yasuda

2004 has started off quickly, and here we are, already into March! Our annual Awards Banquet this past January, at Bali Ha'I, Shelter Island, was a huge success. We were pleased to see so many people come out for this event – over 70 members attended! It was a beautiful night to be out, and the view was awesome.

Everyone enjoyed the great dinner prepared by Bali Ha'I, and our presentation of awards followed. Congratulations to all of the award winners! And, even if you weren't there, you will be able to see photos and a list of all the outstanding award winners in our upcoming club yearbook.

Our Early-Early Bird winner for a free annual membership went to junior member, Miles Steinhardt. The Early Bird winner for the Shimano Torium reel went to member Kevin Koch, and, Trish Carlin was the lucky winner in our raffle drawing for the Trinidad 20 reel!

We also had our annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 21st, at Marina Village. We had a great turn-out with over 50 members (new and returning) attending. This is the first time in many years that our club has had a full board at the start of the year. These people were introduced at the meeting, and they include:

President:	Ken Yasuda
Vice President:	Shawn Kaus
Secretary/Membership:	Gary Schotz
Treasurer:	Jeff Steinhardt
Tournament Directors:	Steve Jellison, Shawn Kaus & Kevin Weber
FOMs, Statistics & Social Events Director:	Kevin Weber
Charity Heart Tournament Chairman:	Joe Hudnall
Opsline Editors:	Jerry Lively & Larry Oberti
Yearbook:	Gerry Charest
WebMaster	Charlie Watson

Our new Tournaments Directors, Steve Jellison, Shawn Kaus and Kevin Weber were on hand at the Membership Meeting to talk about the Tournament Schedule they've got lined up for this year; and to go over the procedures for Fish-of-the-Month and your weigh-in's. Tournament weigh-in slips will be collected at Dana Landing. All Fish of the Month (FOM), non-tournament weigh-in's, angler of year, largest of species, and catch-and-release info should be faxed to Kevin Weber, Weighmaster, at (858) 459-1579.

I was very proud to also introduce two club members at this Membership Meeting who have volunteered to handle two other crucial responsibilities for our club. First of all, club member Joe Hudnall, who has volunteered to chair our annual fundraising efforts. We've been so fortunate with the amount of contributions

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CLUB

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT - MARCH 20-21**
- ◆ **SEMINAR - MARCH 27 "KELP BED FISHING AND CURRENT"**
- ◆ **SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE 30th CHARITY HEART MARLIN TOURNAMENT**
- ◆ **MBMC WEB SITE COMING SOON**
- ◆ **2004 YEARBOOK COMING IN MAY**

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and support that we have had in the past. This is going to be our 30th anniversary, hosting the Charity Heart Marlin Tournament that benefits the American Heart Association; and, your board has had considerable discussion about making this year's charity fundraising a very special tournament and banquet event. Joe is already getting a head-start on this project and you'll see some enclosures from him in this Oopline issue.

Charlie Watson has volunteered to create a new Mission Bay Marlin Club website for us. I'm really excited about what he has in mind for the club, and, to have someone like Charlie on board to tackle this. (Charlie developed the Blackman Boater website!) Once this site gets underway, he'll be asking fellow members to contribute photos, stories, and information. Get up-to-date fishing reports by fellow members, and, post your own too! You'll even be able to read your club newsletter online (this will help us save on printing expenses and postage!)

Out-going board members Jerry Lively and Mike Bratton were also recognized at the Membership Meeting. They have served on the board for many years, and have decided to take a much-needed break! I'd like to mention that Mike, with the help of his wife, Tammy, have been responsible for our club newsletters for many years. We're still counting on hearing from Tammy's Corner when she's got some time to hit the keyboard! Thank you for all your help, Tammy!

AND, for those of you who weren't able to come to the Membership Meeting, you missed an opportunity to hear yours truly conduct the first club seminar of 2004. I was really happy to see so many of you come early to listen to me talk about squid/white seabass; and have had good feedback since then. As I have mentioned in previous messages, your board is intent on having a lot more seminars this year. Maybe with all the public speaking experience I will chalk up this season, I might even be considered as well-spoken as our own Mike Bratton.

I think the Board is off to a great start for 2004. They've been working really hard to promote the Club's activities, and its really been evident by the last two functions. There's been a lot of interaction among the members. Its been great to see, and we intend to keep it that way.

See you on the water!!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As we entered the New Year, our MBMC membership roster included a total of 75 members. As of the middle of February, that number has increased more than a whopping 17% to 88 members, which includes several new juniors!

MBMC MEMBERSHIP STATS
88 members

Please talk to fellow fishermen on your dock, your friends and fishing guests, business associates, and neighbors about joining for the 2004 fishing season. Our expanded seminars and club events will provide opportunities for all levels of fishermen and fisherwomen.

If you need extra membership forms or have questions about club membership, call Gary Schotz at (858) 792-0373.

Your Secretary, Gary Schotz aboard Mattaray

FISH OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to: Ken Yasuda, Fish of The Month Winner for January 2004! Ken weighed in a nice 21.5 lb, lingcod caught on the lower end of the Nine Mile Bank.

Gary Reichling, Fish of The Month Winner for February! Gary weighed in a nice 7.9 lb salmon grouper caught on the lower end of the Nine Mile Bank.

JANUARY	KEN YASUDA	21.5	LINGCOD	JULY			
FEBRUARY	GARY REICHLING	7.9	BOCCACIO	AUGUST			
MARCH				SEPTEMBER			
APRIL				OCTOBER			
MAY				NOVEMBER			
JUNE				DECEMBER			

Largest Fish Weighed to Date

SPECIES	JUNIOR		WOMEN		MEN	
	NAME	LBS.	NAME	LBS.	NAME	LBS.
BARRACUDA						
BONITO					GERRY CHAREST	2.2
CALICO, SAND, SPOTTED BAY BASS						
HALIBUT					ROY LIVELY	5.8
WHITE SEA BASS						
YELLOWTAIL						
LINGCOD					KEN YASUDA	21.5
ROCKCOD					GARY REICHLING	7.9
DORADO						
ALBACORE						
BLUEFIN TUNA						
YELLOWFIN or BIG EYE TUNA						
MARLIN						
SWORDFISH						

DANA LANDING FUEL DOCK SCALE— 6:00AM TO 6:00PM—(619) 226-2929
KEVIN WEBER, WEIGHMASTER— Phone (858) 459-3539 Fax (858) 459-1579

2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday	March 20-21	MBMC Rock Fish Tournament	Points
Saturday	March 27	SEMINAR– Current and Kelp Bed Fishing, Ken Yasuda	
Saturday	April 3	<i>Southwestern Yacht Club Rock Fish Tournament</i>	
Saturday	April 17	SEMINAR- “Ask the Experts” Open Forum	
Saturday & Sunday	April 17-18	MBMC Halibut-White Sea Bass Tournament	Points
Saturday	May 8	MBMC Cinco de Mayo Draw Tournament, Dinner and Awards Banquet	
Saturday & Sunday	May 22-23	MBMC Calico - Sandbass - Spotted Bass Tournament	Points
Saturday	June 5	<i>San Diego Marlin Club-Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Tournament</i>	
Saturday & Sunday	June 19-20	MBMC 'Whats Hot' Tournament	Points
Saturday & Sunday	July 24-25	MBMC Yellowtail Tournament	Points
Sunday	July 25	MBMC Annual Luau	
Saturday & Sunday	August 21-22	MBMC Potpourri Tournament	POINTS
Saturday & Sunday	August 21-22	<i>San Diego Rod & Reel Club BIG FISH Tournament</i>	
Month-long	September 1-30	MBMC Month-Long Marlin Tournament	Points
Saturday & Sunday	September 18-19	<i>Make-A-Wish Tuna Challenge</i>	
Saturday & Sunday	September 25-26	<i>San Diego Marlin Club-I.L.T.T. Tournament</i>	
Saturday	October 2	MBMC Charity Heart Marlin Tournament	
Sunday	October 3	MBMC - 30th annual Charity Heart Marlin Awards Banquet	
Saturday & Sunday	October 16-17	MBMC Tuna Tournament	Points

MARCH 27 SEMINAR— “Current and Kelp Bed Fishing” by Ken Yasuda

Learn about how important current is when fishing kelp beds or inshore. The seminar will be held at Marina Village Conference Center, room to be announced. H’ordourves at 6:00 pm, Seminar at 6:45 pm. No host bar and raffle for a Shimano Torium Reel.

RSVP— Yasuda Landscape (619) 276-5280 by Thursday, March 25.

Don’t forget about the Club’s clothing !!! We’ve got t-shirts, jackets, and hats for sale; and *new* this year, we’ve got club stickers, too. Available at all club functions or contact Shawn Kaus.

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JUNIOR'S CORNER

Hook up!!

What a feeling it is when a fish hits your reel! I first experienced this thrill as a seven years old on our a 26 foot Monterrey cuddy cabin, when a little skipjack ate my sardine. I'm Matt Schotz, now fifteen, the smaller half of a die-hard father-son fishing duo who has been bestowed the honor of writing the new Oops! Line Juniors' Column! I'll be on the prowl for fun and helpful tips to share with my fellow junior anglers, so stay tuna-ed!

Good luck on the upcoming tournaments and have fun! Matt Schotz, aboard **Mattaray** on Mission Bay

FROM THE EDITOR'S BRIDGE

Appologies for not getting out the OOPsLine last month. Next month - Look for fish report (when they start biting), recipe of the month, tournament report and more.

Calm seas, warm sun, and good fishing.

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