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Neptunes BWM

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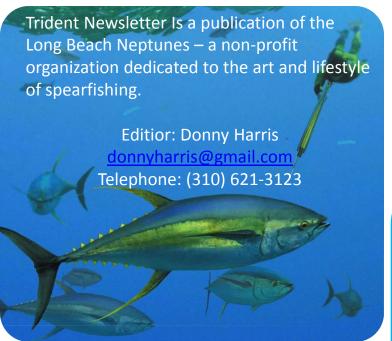
Meeting

Wednesday September 7th

Meeting

It's that time again

April has come and gone and now the event we all look forward to is almost upon us. The Blue Water Classic. The newly revised application is included in the back of the newsletter so please feel free to complete it and drop it off at the next meeting. Since we will be at the Isthmus the board is trying to mitigate any possible issue related to securing a floating can. I have done some research and apparently there is supposed to be a system in place by Memorial Day for internet reservations of moorings. The board will try to keep members and participants updated with the details but in the mean time the Harbor Master has offered to help if I can provide them a list of boats that would like a mooring. I am not sure what help we will get but if interested please email me or put your name and your vessel's name and description on the sign up sheet I will pass around at the next club meeting. See you all Wednesday!



2011 Calico Derby -

Seamus Callaghan (7.5#)

Calico Bass of the Year – Seamus

Callaghan (7.5#)

Halibut -

Mark Hultgren (15.7#)

Sheephead - open!

Yellowtail - open!

White Sea Bass -

(John Hughes (64.5#)

Bluefin Tuna - open!

Lobster –

(John Hughes (10.55#)

Big Tuna Out of Country (Yellowfin) – open!

Big Fish Out of Country (Pelagic)

open!

Big Fish Out of Country (Reef)

open!

Kent McIntyre Award - open!



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It's been a busy few months for me but I think I'm starting the downward trek onto easy street now that the Awards Banquet and Auction are over. First off, I want to thank this years board and all the members for the great turn out we had in March. I've only been in the Neptunes for about 4 years but I think we had the largest attendance at an awards banquet since I've become a member. Granted it may not have been the most desirable of venues but you have to admit, we all had a good time. We also had an event where members didn't have to worry about RSVP'ing or paying extra for the event. This years awards banquet was "ON THE HOUSE" and there was no shortage of beer or pizza. For those of you who couldn't make it, we also sang Happy Birthday to Jay Riffe who still proved his breath hold prowess by blowing out all of his candles. There were some very impressive fish shot last year and every award winner received a large print of their award winning fish along with their plaque. There are already some potential winning fish speared that may hold off the competition till the end of the year this year.

Earlier this month we held the Annual Auction. The house was packed with not only frothing spearos waiting for a killer deal on gear and trips but there were also so many items donated there was almost no room to display these items. Next years board (Notice I'm taking myself out of the equation already?) might want to check into a larger venue (Long Beach Convention Center) if the trend continues. The Board and members did a great job in securing donated items. Thank you to all the members that either donated their own gear, or secured items from manufacturers. Jay brought so much rubber and shafts that he made Trojan Condoms jealous. Seamus donated a ton of gear along with Stevo who brought enough clothing from Pelagic to open his own clothing store. Tom brought some great gear from his former shop (Now Deep Blue Scuba) and Danny/Bruce secured items from New England Divers. We had huge donations from Mori , Guy Skinner at JBL, Damien from James & Joseph and many other companies including but not limited to DivenSurf, JMJ, Surf Fur, Banks Boards, Phil Herranan, WON, Clevland Golf, Knives of Alaska, E-Sea Rider, Spearfishing World, Pelican, Addiction Spears, Wong Spearguns, Amadeo Bachar, Aries Sportfishing (Capt. Leo), Sand Dollar (Capt. George), Mako, Freedive n Spear, and many more. Lil Al from the Fathomiers even graciously donated one of his Turtle Bay trips.

I personally would like to thank the members that stepped up and either handled the 50/50 or did the auctioning. The tentatives worked their butts off either collecting money, running items to bid winners or selling our BWM t-shirts. Between Danny, Michael & Robert we sold an enormous amount of items from the start until closing. We literally got kicked out of the joint 30 minutes after closing and had to blow items out in the end just to sell everything. Robert even made it special dramatic with a possible bow out 2 days prior to the event due to a major cold. He of course showed up in hero fashion and toughed it out all night and even cross contaminated poor Mike & Danny when they traded off the microphone. Danny , Sandi and Bruce did a great job with the 50/50 drawing with the additional help of Roberts G.L.O.W girls (Gorgeous Ladies Of Spearfishing) that no doubt helped boost raffle ticket sales. We couldn't have done it without your help and the Board definitely appreciated all of your efforts. Can you imagine my boring monotone voice auctioning off the items for 3 hours? I was pretty much done after a day of diving that morning, travelling time, and then picking the last donated item up at 5:30 pm. Cody & I have a new respect for past presidents and board members after spending 80% of our days off writing letters, making phone calls and e-mails, etc begging for items.



Speaking of that, I think a big reason for this years success from sponsors was due to the fact that we promised a percentage of our proceeds were going to 2 organizations fighting to keep our "Secret Spots" open to do what we love. Many of these sponsors have been hit prior to our event by other dive clubs, yet were still willing to donate very generously. After tallying up earnings and potential costs for the remainder of the year, the Board met and decided how much we were going to donate to these organizations. Two checks have been cut and donations of \$2,000 each have been made to both the Watermen's Alliance and The Ocean Access Protection Fund. These two organizations are fighting and have recently won some of the battles in reversing or stalling the MLPA's. Both organizations were extremely grateful and our Club has received positive praise for our efforts in protecting our coastline.

Next months meeting is also going to be special. On May 4th at 1900 hours, our monthly meeting is going to be assisting a very special person. This person is an 8- year old boy (Kai) who is fighting a very rare blood disease. Only 1 in 1 million people have this disorder and he needs help in finding a bone marrow donor. A few of our Neptunes have already done their part and gave cheek swabs at an event held last month in hopes of being a match for this young boy. Kai happens to be the nephew of Byron Quinnonez who is a fellow freediver/spearfisher and a good friend of Mark Lozano (FII) who is going to be our guest speaker for the meeting. At approximately 1900 hours a representative from Be the Match will be giving a brief 5 minute video and approximate 15 minute speech regarding Kai, his battle with the disease and ways one can volunteer to assist him. After she is done, Donna will have a table on the outskirts of our meeting area where willing participants can sign a form and give 4 cheek swab samples for possibly finding a match for Kai. Interested volunteers can read all about Kai's battle on his web page Kaispage.com and additional information about the procedure at bethematch.com.

After the usual fish stories (Which I'm sure there are some good ones), Mark Lozano from Freedive Instructors International will be doing a presentation on diver safety and his companies many certified classes. We will also be selling the BWM t-shirts and holding an additional 50/50 raffle that paid out approximately \$500 last month. Should be a great event that once again will be for a good cause and should bring some positive light on our dive club.

Oh and by the way, I haven't shot a seabass since February. I was too busy asking for donations on my days off while all of you were shooting 40-64 lb. fish (Shame on you!). That's it in a nutshell, see you at the next meeting...

Mark Hultgren

Long Beach Neptunes President 2011



April DFG calendar of events

4/1 -- Red abalone season opens north of San Francisco. For more information, please see

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/invertebrate/abalone.asp.

4/1 -- Recreational lingcod season opens for all shore-based anglers and spear fishermen in all Groundfish Management Areas. The lingcod fishery is still closed for all boat-based anglers north of Point Conception (Santa Barbara County) to the California/Oregon border. For more information please visit the Groundfish Central Web page at

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/groundfishcentral.

17 -- Day at the Docks in San Diego, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at San Diego Sportfishing Landings in Point Loma. The West Coast's largest public celebration of sportfishing signals the official start of Southern California's spring saltwater fishing season. Marine attractions for the whole family, especially sportfishing enthusiasts. Details at

www.sportfishing.org/DAD00/dad2010.ht ml.

23 -- Trout Season opens in the Sierra District, waters on the east side of the Sierras, and some other areas. For details, please see the California Freshwater Fishing Regulations for 2010-2011 at www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations.

Fresh Water Nationals

Lake Powell, September 16th - 17th, 2011

Briefing: Sept 16th at the picnic pavilion 5pm -MANDATORYDiving Sept 17th: Sunrise – 3 p.m. (approx. 9 hours dive time) time bases on gps or cell phone.

See the attached flyer for more info.

Neptune's Annual Bluewater Meet

No Ripper's Cove this year; Two Harbors here we come!!!

June 4th.

See the attached sign up form for more info.

Please help me...

figure out which fish is the current year's best. The emails from John Hughes never seemed to end the month of April. I assume one of them is 64.5#, hopefully John can clear it up at the next meeting.



April Tentative, Mark Navas

Fellow Neptune's,

I recently joined the Long Beach Neptune's as a tentative member. Michael DeGiosa is my sponsor and a great dive buddy. Donny recommended I write up a bio to introduce myself to other Neptune's who don't already know me.





I started free diving in northern California in 1987 mainly for Abalone and spear fishing rockfish. Over the next three years I took SCUBA courses up to PADI Rescue Diver. I've logged over 400 dives over the past 23 years in the warm & cold waters of many countries.

I never liked free diving in Nor-Cal mainly due to the freezing water, low vis, wash machine conditions and GWS. In other words, I could never mentally relax in the water so my bottom time suffered. I moved to So Cal in 1998 and met a few SCUBA divers who also free dove. Soon after I enjoyed learning the mental game of free diving and practiced it often. In 2002 I made a few wooden guns and shot my 1st WSB. It's ON!

In 2003 I joined the L.A. Fathomiers. As club Recorder for two years, I was tough on enforcing tournament rules to keep the meets fair and honest. After this WSB photo landed on the cover of the 2006 California DFG Regs book, I earned the nickname "Mr. DFG". It was fitting since I was such a "Rule Nazi" LOL!! After some unbelievable issues tore the club in half, I left the Fathomiers in 2008. Diving all these years has given me a true respect for the ocean especially while on my boat. The risks of free diving came clear with the death of my dive buddies, Steve Seo & Clint Koberstein who were diving solo.



As you can imagine, I don't promote solo diving. If you think your buddy spooks your fish, get a better buddy. Not only is my buddy there to back me up but also to share the excitement of each other's catch when that prize fish comes along. Having a buddy near by actually extends my bottom time 30% because I can totally relax, mentally and physically. Opps, that's one of my best secrets....

I look forward to sharing my knowledge of diving & hunting with you all.

Dive Safe, Mark Navas



Neptunes Fish Pictures









Neptunes Fish Pictures



That's a lot of fish

Neptunes out of the water...



Sighting in!



John J posing with his best friend



Team Johnston



Team Neptune



Our group of divers

Notice the smiley face Mark shot out at 7 yds

Here are some recent pictures from Front Sight, firearm training facility in Pahrump, Nevada. We had a handful of Neptunes out there, honing there skills. Timing worked out fine, rain and heavy winds in L.A. = no spearfishing so defensive handgun skills sounded like a great idea. A good time was had by all. If anyone is interested in the future, contact me upesce@msn.com and I might be able to get you a free four day course.

Michael De Giosa President 2003



Thank you for the donations...

Neptunes,

Still catching up with the newsletters but getting closer so thanks for putting up with me. Keep the emails, stories and pictures coming! I promise to do my best to make you famous.

Luckily the newsletter editor has no responsibilities related to the auction (at least as far as I know), the rest of the board really stepped it up big and with the help of board members past pulled of quite an event. Big thanks and congrats to them all and all you members for showing up and contributing. Before I sign off, just in case there are any men's volleyball fans out there, ESPN2 Thursday 4pm. Go Gauchos!

Donny Harris



Spearfish Baja's entire West Coast for 10 days

Ride-down from Ensenada Nov 10th 2011/ Fly-back from Cabo San Lucas Nov. 20th 2011

Aboard M/V Islander



Divers will board chartered motor coach in San Diego Nov 12th and board Islander the same morning for a 9am departure from Ensenada. The first day will be a travel day and we will be diving the remaining nine. Islander will arrive in Cabo San Lucas noon on the 20th.

Destinations will include Benitos, Cedros, Asuncion, Hippolito, Uncle Sam Bank,
Alijos Rocks, Thetis Bank and Magdalena Bay.

Fish species to be expected will be Yellowtail, White Seabass, YellowfinTuna, Dorado, Wahoo, Marlin, Halibut, Pargo and Grouper.

Our one-way format unequivocally maximizes diving time and allows for any necessary adjustments to the itinerary for poor vis, inclement weather or just freelance exploration.

Trip Price is \$3300 and includes all meals, non-alcoholic drinks. Trip does not include Mexican fishing permit or transportation from Cabo San Lucas.

For more information, please contact Damien at James Joseph

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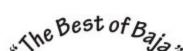




























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