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June 2016 Newsletter

June is here and with it the 2016 Blue Water Meet!! I hope you all have been getting in the water and scoring some fish to warm up for the meet! Looking forward to the best spearfishing competition in the world! Teams are squaring off and some friendly trash talk has been thrown around. With conditions like this, some tankers are bound to be dragged out of fish bags and coolers! See you there!

Rumors of big Seabass persist! Many of our brothers have ventured to exotic destinations and scored some personal bests!!

Please enjoy this month's Newsletter!

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Neptunes to do list:

- Pay your dues for 2016.
- Send in your registration for the 2016 Bluewater meet.
- Sign up for the Camping trip 7/21-24

Attention all Fish Slayers!!!

It is imperative that if you get a quality fish that is worthy of a fish Application that you get your app turned in timely. If you have even a hint of a question or think that there may be something that could affect a successful entry call or E-mail Todd Norell. He will be there to help you sort it out. (562) 309-3308

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Be sure to see what is at our web site at:

LongBeachNeptunes.com



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2016 Fish Standings

California

Barracuda: Open
 Bonito: open
 Calico Bass: Robert Strobach 5.8 lbs
 Calico Derby: Robert Strobach 5.8 lbs
 Dorado: open
 Halibut: Open
 Lobster: Dave Freeman 13 bs
 Sheepshead: open
 Tuna: open
 White Sea Bass: Jesse Goode 61.5lbs

Yellowtail: Dave Freeman 40.8lbs

Abalone: open

Kent McIntyre:

Out of Country

Reef Fish: Pelagic (non tuna):

Di Giosa - 42 lb Rooster, 38 lb cubera snapper



Photo by Terry Maas

The 2016 Neptune Calendar

- June 10-12 Blue Water Meet:
- July: 7/6/16: BWM results/trophies. Member videos and slideshow.
- July 21-24th: Neptune family Camping Trip.
- August: 8/3/16: Diver Safety meeting.
- September: 9/7/16: Manufacturer's night.
- October: 10/5/16: Tac Medical training.
- Fall Classic: 10/15/16

Kent McIntyre Award

Kent McIntyre Award: Largest Combined weight of WSB and YT

Year	Name	WSB	+	YT	=	Total Weight	Ranking
1996	Todd Anderson	78.0	+	62.0	=	90.0	8
1997	Ron Mullins	60.0	+	43.1	=	103.1	3
1998	Jim Russell	54.0	+	19.8	=	73.8	16
1999	Larry Heinrich	62.8	+	21.0	=	83.8	11
2000	Doug Ulmer	43.0	+	43.0	=	86.0	10
2001	Dale Cote	51.0	+	24.0	=	75.0	14
2002	Seamus Callaghan	53.9	+	21.0	=	74.9	15
2003	Ethan Smith	50.2	+	25.0	=	75.2	13
2004	Lyle Davis	60.9	+	27.0	=	87.9	9
2005	Jim Matsukas	57.5	+	28.5	=	86.0	10
2006	Robert Strohbach	60.0	+	41.2	=	101.2	4
2007	John Carpenter	53.3	+	41.7	=	95.0	6
2008	Lyle Davis	60.0	+	32.2	=	92.2	7
2009	Joe Prola	68.6	+	26.4	=	95.0	6
2010	*****No fish applications submitted for both categories*****						
2011	Eric Scholbohm	48.0	+	31.2	=	79.2	12
2012	Lyle Davis	67.4	+	38.9	=	106.3	1
2013	Rick Hadley	64.5	+	40.5	=	105.0	2
2014	*****No fish applications submitted for both categories*****						
2015	Jeff Billhorn	69.5	+	31.3	=	100.8	5

TOTAL WEIGHTS	878.6	+	525.9	=	1404.5
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AVERAGE WEIGHTS TAKEN	56.25	+	33.21	=	89.46
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73.8 ----- 79.2 (5 years) 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2011
 83.8 ----- 87.9 (4 years) 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005
 90.0 ----- 95.0 (4 years) 1996, 2007, 2008, 2009
 100.8 ----- 106.3 (5 years) 1997, 2006, 2012

Clearly, the combined weights are getting larger according to the records. Who will be the first diver to break the 110 pound mark? Lots of big WSB have been shot this year (make sure you submit your timely fish applications). Good luck finding that 50 pound Y!!

Robert Strohbach

LONG BEACH NEPTUNES

— 53RD ANNUAL BLUEWATER MEET —



This meet is held by the Long Beach Neptunes at Santa Catalina Island on **SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016** and is **STRICTLY INVITATIONAL**. All entries will be verified. To participate, you must qualify under one of the following conditions:

1. Any Tentative, Full or Life Member of the Long Beach Neptunes in active standing on the 2016 roster.
2. Any Tentative, Full or active member of the LA Fathomiers, San Diego Freedivers, and other invited clubs.
3. You must be officially sponsored by an active Full or Lifetime Member of the Long Beach Neptunes to compete. Each Neptune can only sponsor one person and the Neptune **MUST** sign and submit the entry form of the individual sponsored.

Divers may begin at dawn but must conclude their diving and be at the Two Harbors weigh-in site by 3pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. All fish entries not inside the weigh-in circle will be disqualified. The eligible fish are: **YELLOWTAIL, WHITE SEABASS, BARRACUDA, BONITO, CALICO BASS, HALIBUT, DORADO, and TUNA family. NO SCUBA DIVING IS PERMITTED.**

The diving area will include all waters WITHIN 4 MILES of Santa Catalina Island.

WEIGH-IN AT 3PM SHARP!!!

YOU PROVIDE: 1) Entry Fee 2) This SIGNED Entry/Liability release. 3) Your own transportation. 4) Meat, veggies, etc. for BBQ. 5) Cooking utensils 6) Game Fish

WE PROVIDE: 1) 1ST thru 5th place trophies for largest fish taken the day of the meet (only one person). 2) The winning diver's name will be placed on the "Big Jim" perpetual trophy. 3) Beach pit BBQ with salad, mashed potatoes, baked beans, BEER, soda, water, paper plates, cups, napkins, and **THE BEST GAME FISH MEET IN THE WORLD BETWEEN SOME OF THE WORLDS BEST GAME FISH HUNTERS!**

LONG BEACH NEPTUNES BLUEWATER MEET WAIVER

DIVER'S SIGNATURE REQUIRED. If under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian must sign. One entry per application.

I assume entry into this event at my own risk. In consideration of my participation, I intend to be legally bound. I do hereby assume all risk for myself, heirs, executors, administrators, and assign, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages I may have or hereafter accrue to me against the sponsors, Long Beach Neptunes or any other individuals and/or groups involved in coordination of this event, for any and all damages and/or injuries which may be sustained by me in connection with participation in the Long Beach Neptunes Bluewater Meet. I further attest and verify that I am physically fit, enjoying good health, and have sufficient expertise for participation in this event. Parent and/or Guardian agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above sponsors of any and all damages received in the event the entrant is a minor.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE EMAILED TO bruce.dardis@verizon.net. REGISTRATION FORMS WITH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS BELOW AND POST MARKED **NO LATER THAN JUNE 8, 2016. PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED VIA **PAYPAL** AT THE ADDRESS BELOW. PAYMENTS AND FORM SUBMISSIONS WIL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL CLUB MEETING, JUNE 1, 2016.**

INVITATION TYPE: Neptune Club Member Invited Club (Specify): _____
 Neptune Sponsor (Print Name): _____
 Neptune Sponsor Signature: _____

Name of Diver (Print Name): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Diver Signature: _____ **ENTRY FEE: \$40** (Official Bluewater Meet t-shirt included.)

Please indicate t-shirt size (standard mens tee): Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large (T-shirt pick-up will be done at weigh-in.)

If diver is a minor, please indicate age: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Please submit additional entries on a separate app. Make check payable to, **LONG BEACH NEPTUNES** and mail, along with signed entry form, to: **Bruce Dardis, 6776 E Parapet St, Long Beach, CA 90808. PAYPAL** payments can be made to: Lbneptunespayment@gmail.com. Include **FULL NAME** and **BWM 2016** in **DESCRIPTION FIELD**. Choose the, "I'm sending money to family or friends" option when sending payments. After Paypal payment has been made, scan and email signed application to: bruce.dardis@verizon.net.

Hello Keith, thank you again for allowing me to demonstrate the Powerheart G5 for the LONG BEACH NEPTUNES SPEARFISHING CLUB. Your public endorsement of the Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 AED means a lot. Combining your dedication to your community and your spearfishing family, with Cardiac Science's passion and purpose to save lives, we would like to offer the following special pricing for the month of May:

****PLEASE NOTE: This is a ONE TIME and unique offer for you and your club.****

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G5 AED dual language: \$1295 (G5A-80A-P)

Powerheart® G5 AED Pelican Carry Case: **FREE** (\$365 value) Part No. XCAAED003A

*This exclusive pricing provides your diving family a great opportunity to secure an Annual Service Agreement for only \$300 per year. ****2 Year Minimum up front**** (9940-001)*

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As we discussed, due to the popularity of this revolutionary lifesaving device and the strict testing conducted to ensure they are each Rescue Ready, delivery times are looking like 8-10 weeks.

Thanks again for the support and invitation to come to your meeting.



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Panama!!!!

By Robert Strohbach

Diving for YFT tuna in Panama

After a lack luster trip to Alijos Rocks in search of tuna last November, the elite dive team (over 50) from Riders of the Storm reunited for a Panama tuna trip. Mel Mitchel's used the background music "Riders of the storm" in his last video of our Alijos Rocks trip which was quite fitting. Our last boat's name was the M/V Storm which we later learned had previously sunk and was held together by lots of rusty screws and few prayers. Fortunately we survived some pretty nasty seas so the best way to get over an ordeal like that is to plan another tuna trip. As many of you know, tuna trips are expensive, unpredictable, hard to plan, can be plagued with organizational problems. Fortunately Del White and Tim Hatler (owner of Palpas Ventana) worked out all the details for our adventure to Panama. Our dive team included all the divers from Riders of the Storm, Steve Parkford, Mel Mitchel, Del White, John Carpenter and me (Robert Strohbach). Tyler Rameson from Santa Barbara took Bill Peratt's spot (big mistake for Bill). Steve, John, Tyler and I shot our personal best tuna on this trip. Mel and Del also shot some impressive tuna.



Panama!!

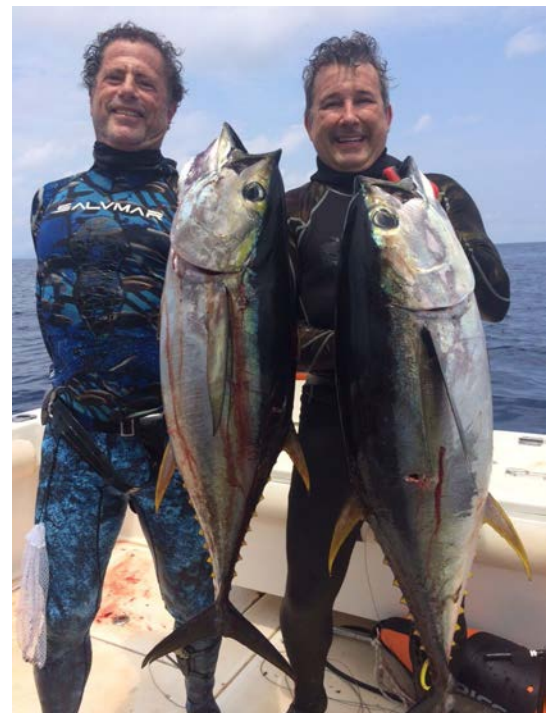
We flew to Panama City and spent a relaxing day at the Hard Rock Hotel dreaming about our upcoming adventure. Tim Hatler scheduled a van to pick up our dive gear since our next flight/leg of the trip (Panama City to David only allowed 25 pounds of check on luggage). After a forty-five minute flight to David and another hour drive in a van, we finally reached our fishing lodge. Everyone was happy to see that our dive gear/guns survived the seven hour road trip. The driver filled our 3 ATM Riffe floats, unfortunately he did not realize that Tyler's float was not a 3 ATM (blew up)! Our mother ship was a 78 foot motor yacht with a crew of five (did I mention that we had our own personal massage therapist)! We also had two chase boats with Captains and deck hands to assist divers with their float lines, floats and guns. This dive program was looking a whole lot more promising than the trip to Aliso Rocks aboard the M/V Storm. Mel was elated since he spent his last five trips to Panama living on an island infested with mosquitos, clearly AC and a gourmet chef aboard would be greatly appreciated! We left the fishing lodge on the 78 foot mothership, Devotion (none of us missed the M/V Storm...hope she is still afloat). We traveled about 50 miles to Cobia Island (which happens to be a reserve loaded with salt water crocodiles). Our Captain had a briefing with us and informed us that a diver was eaten by the crocodiles several years ago and that they grow to five meters! Fortunately the M/V Devotion would be anchored here in a quiet cove and we would be diving about 12 miles away at Hannibal Bank in our two chase boats.



Panama!!

Everyone was up at 5:30am every day (no time to relax and drink coffee); crew was up at 3:30am preparing breakfast and our lunches for the day. The food was incredible, fresh papaya, pineapple, watermelon along with eggs, bacon and toast daily. We left at 6:15am and were at the bank diving by 7:00am. We dove all day until 5:30pm and then headed back to the mothership for showers, great dinners and a massage!

Day one: Everyone was excited; Tim ordered plenty of chum and had chum bags for all of us. The crews would throw chum and all the divers had the options when to deploy their chum as well. Water visibility was 40-80 feet depending on the currents and time of day. We dove near a high spot (140 feet) on Hannibal bank. There were schools of Horse Jacks at 35 feet with schools of Mutton and Colorado snappers underneath them. Rainbow runners were present as well; a few of them had bite marks on them (clearly signs of some large tuna)! Surface temperature was around 83 degrees and we hit a thermocline around 40 feet, the cool water was definitely refreshing. I was in awe of the snappers and rainbow runners and excited to finally be in the water. I dropped down another ten feet and suddenly I was surrounded by yellowfin tuna, clearly they were 20-25 feet away from me and moving fast. I tried to line up for a shot but the school of tuna disappeared into the depths. I tried to relax as I hit the surface and looked over at Steve (he looked at me and yelled Tuna)! My heart was racing, clearly we were in the right place! It wasn't long before Steve, John and I landed our first Panama tuna! The fish were 40-50 pound range. We later learned that Mel, Del and Tyler also landed tuna on their boat as well! I continued to dive and was able to close the gap on another 61# tuna, what a day! Several hours later, I dove down and glided to 50 feet, I looked to my right and saw a giant YFT coming in my direction. I stretched out and quickly swam towards it and took my shot. I was ready for the battle but quickly realized that I missed! I believe that I shot at the mid body (huge mistake) that would haunt me for the rest of the day!



61.12 Seabass

By Lyle Davis

Day Two: We are in the water at 7am, I am still visualizing the giant YFT I saw the day before. I quickly rehearse the plan in my mind what to do when I see another giant YFT. It requires discipline and determination to maintain your focus when it's game time! Several dives later, I am suddenly surrounded by 40-60# YFT, I decided early on that I was going to wait for a trophy fish since I was fortunate enough to land two tuna the day before. Several dives later without seeing any fish, I start to reconsider my game plan....maybe I should have taken a shot at that 60# YFT. Once again, I dive down and did the Superman glide, I saw a large single tuna in the distant. I power towards the fish closing the gap to 20-25 feet and take downward shot to my left. I shoot and suddenly I see my float line racing by me....adrenaline rushes into my brain as I grab the float and get pulled through the water. Several minutes pass and the line goes slack....my shot was obviously not good enough! Two sightings of giant YFT and no success in landing one! As I load my gun again, I convince myself that I will have another opportunity if I stay focused and relaxed! I dive for several more hours with a few sightings of 40-60# fish. We moved the boat up current and reload our chum bags one more time. We drop Steve off first, and then John and I jump in shortly afterwards. I once again start to set up a chum ladder (one piece every five seconds) and watch my chum drift down to 25 feet in the deep blue. I suddenly see this huge YFT come up from the depths to eat my chum at 25 feet and it quickly moves up to 20 feet and 15 feet swallowing more chum. I lay motionless looking at this fish head on when he suddenly does a U-turn below me and heads for another piece of chum. Instinctively, I lunged forward and point my gun straight down aiming at his back behind his head and pull the trigger. I see the fish flex as the shaft hits him and watch him go from zero to 50MPH as he disappears into the depths.



Within seconds my 100 foot float line is gone and my one 3ATM float is suddenly by my head. I grab the end of the float and I am suddenly being pulled through the water with tremendous force. I knew I had a great shot and was ready for the sleigh ride. Thirty seconds into the sleigh ride, I realize that I am being pulled down with my float and am forced to let go at 15 feet. As I get to the surface, I watch my float disappear into the depths (80-100 feet) in front of me.

Panama!!

. I quickly thought about the first two giant YFT I lost and reassure myself that I have another float and shaft on the chase boat. I could not believe the power that tuna had, I laid on the surface and thought why I didn't use two or three floats (another critical mistake)! Several minutes passed as I looked around me hoping to see my float again, then magically I saw a float pop up 100 yards in front of me (yes, yes and yes...the fish Gods were looking out for me). I quickly swam towards my float and yelled at the chase boat that I needed more floats. They quickly tossed me two more floats and I quickly attached them to the first float that was being pulled down. I certainly felt a lot better once those floats were attached. Now I could focus on pulling this fish up (at least that was my plan). Several pulls on the float line sent a signal to the fish that I was still there and he was not ready to surrender. This YFT proceeded to go full throttle and pull me in the water for another 20 minutes. I was looking at my watch and was wondering how long this fish could continue. He slowed down and once again I pulled on my float line for about one minute before the fish took off again for 10 minutes (unbelievable). This scenario happened more time before I finally was able to start pulling him up (took me another 20 minutes). I was exhausted but I signaled the chase boat that I needed a second shot gun. I left out about five feet of bungee just in case he decided to make one final run. I tried to relax and breathe up for that final dive. It was an incredible sight as I glided down to take my second shot on this magnificent fish. As I was surfacing, a rush of adrenaline hit me as I held my arms up in victory. I finally landed a giant YFT! As I pulled the fish up, I could not believe how heavy and difficult it was to bring it to the surface. It was pretty exciting to watch this beast get pulled up through the transom door while I was still in the water. Tim Hatler was in the water getting photos and video of the whole process (thank you). The fish was taped out at 74 inches long with a 50 inch girth, we weighed the fish on a certified scale at 210#! I was elated that I finally shot a YFT that weighed over 200#'s and was taller than I was.

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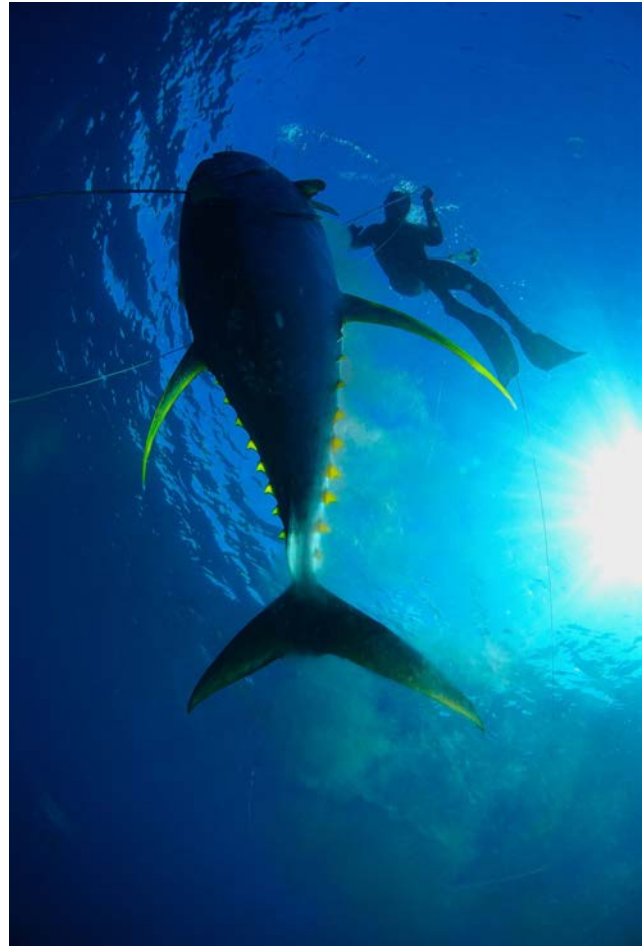
Panama!!

This was definitely an incredible trip, 27 YFT were taken by six divers that collectively weighed over 1700#. All the divers took home an ice chest full of tuna and the majority of fish was donated to our crew and other families that lived nearby. We were very fortunate with our timing which included great visibility, lots of schools of tuna and flat seas. I am certain that most of us will be dreaming about this trip for many years.

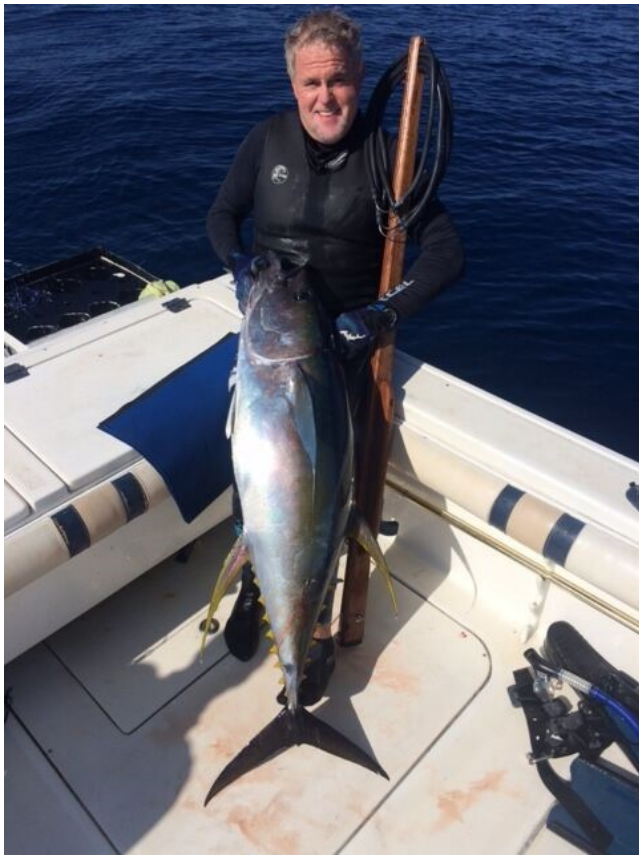
Robert Strohbach



Panama!!



Panama!!



There are yellowtail at the islands! Even a few kelp paddies already holding out there! Go get them!

Thank you to those of you who sent in content for this edition of the Trident!!

**Send me your stories and Pictures!! See you at the BWM!
Sincerely,**

**Chris Malloy
Newsletter Editor**



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*Diving for a Cause
Photo by Terry Maas*

Boat for Sale

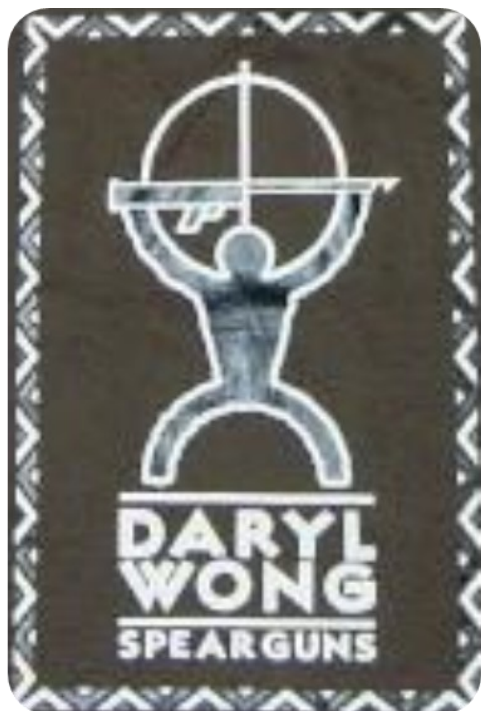
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