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Neptunes Calendar:

Wednesday March 2nd

Awards Banquet

Wednesday April 6th

Meeting - Auction

Wednesday May 4th

Meeting

Wednesday June 1st

Meeting

Saturday June 4th

Neptunes BWM

Wednesday July 6th

Meeting

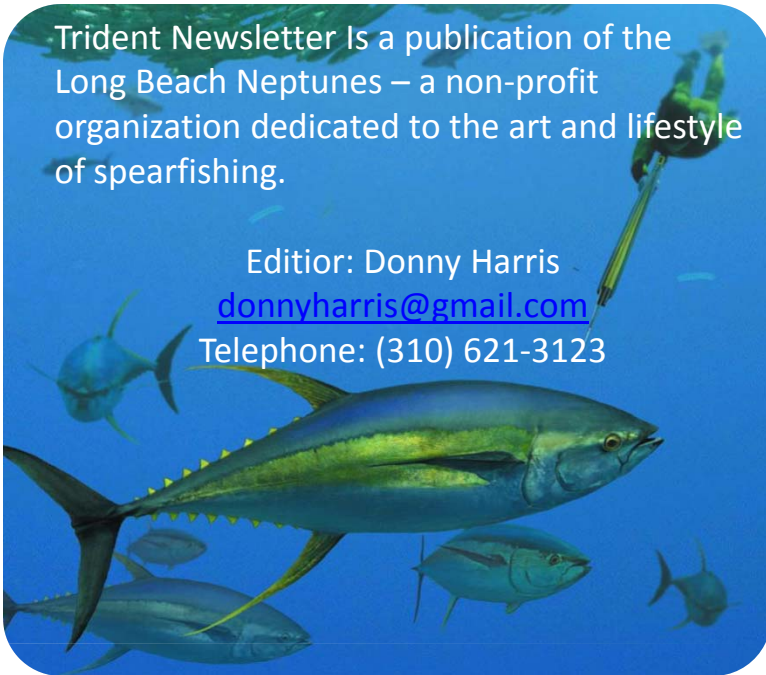
March is a favorite month of many of us and we all know why. But besides the White Seabass, this March had another treat for our members; a new format for the Awards Banquet that was a lot of fun and proved to be a great forum for many of the club's most successful hunters (winners) to pontificate.

Maybe it was the club sponsored pitchers or maybe the packed parlor but it seemed to me that stories were especially animated, inspiring, hilarious and extra inflated with embellishment... in a in a good way, of course. Prez Mark and his Wife Suzanne with the help of the rest of the board really went above and beyond and Me and Ed's probably never looked so nice.

Read on for some pictures of the typical March Madness, the Banquet, Tentative Lou's story with pictures and plenty of other Neptune news.

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2011 Calico Derby –
Seamus Callaghan (7.5#)
Calico Bass of the Year –
Seamus Callaghan (7.5#)
Halibut – open!
Sheephead – open!
Yellowtail – open!
White Sea Bass –
Jeff Benedict (60.4#)
Bluefin Tuna – open!
Lobster – open!
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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Yesterday's news...

Not much to announce for the month of March since it is already over, April's newsletter which should be arriving shortly should have some relevant announcements.

And away they go!

WSB season is here and Neptune Jeff Benedict registers this 60.4 pound beaut.



February Tentative, Lou Rosales

Donny told me that he would call my mommy if I didn't get this in, so here goes....

Hello, my name is Louis Rosales and I am a new tentative member of the Neptunes. I am married, with two kids (9 & 12 yrs) and I have been teaching high school math for the past 23 years.

I have been diving and spearfishing for 15 years or so, but have been in the water for most of my life. I grew up in Manhattan Beach (east of Sepulveda) where I became an avid surfer. In addition to surfing, I participated in Jr. Lifeguards where I was exposed to the underwater world for the first time on a snorkeling trip to Catalina. That first trip, in combination with my love for the ocean, eventually led me to get into diving in a serious way. I was fortunate to meet a few guys and got involved with the Fathomiers, where I met and dove with some incredible people. By diving with guys like Scott DeFirmian and Bruce Dardis, I have been able to learn a great deal about diving and life.

Since leaving the Fathomiers, I have been thinking about joining the Neptunes, but until lately, did not have the time. Like many of you, I still don't have much time but as the kids grow older I am able to find a little more time in my schedule and this past December, with Bruce as my sponsor, I decided to join the Neptunes.

They say every picture tells a story, so I'll tell a few. These are some (obviously not all) of the memorable diving moments.



The first photo is my first good size seabass. The first day that I ever took my new (homemade) game gun in the water I shot a seabass, but the slip tip had fallen off and I did not notice. The shaft hit the fish along the lateral line just behind the dorsal fin and swam off. That fish was probably about 30 lbs and I didn't even see another seabass for about a year.



Eventually I shot a few smaller fish but the first good size seabass was shot in PV and weighed in at 44lbs gutted. That was probably in the late 90's.



The next photo is of the first fish ever shot off of my panga Olivia. I bought the bare hull in Mexico and Scott DeFirmian spent many hours helping me rig the boat. On her maiden dive trip, Scott, Cody and myself dove one of the local secret spots that nobody knows about and the first fish came on board in the first 30 minutes and weighed in at about 43 lbs gutted.

The next two photos are from an opening night (actually the day after) when we got incredible 100ft+ visibility and some very nice yellowtail action. Definitely one of those memorable days spent with good friends on a beautiful day doing what we all love to do. The fish just made it that much more special. Again, it's a secret spot ;)





The last photos are of my two kids. They were taken at ripper's last summer...the summer that wasn't. I wanted to take my wife and kids for a nice day trip at Catalina.... It turned into a three hour tour. Of course when you are travelling with the family, expect to start late...we did. When we got to rippers at about 11:00, the weather was real nice, but the wind came up and by 1:00 was blowing 25knts or so with whitecaps and a little blowing spray at times. Instead of stopping by Avalon for lunch, as planned, I decided that we better get out as soon as possible. The ride home was very wet and nasty. We made only about 12 knots for about 7 miles before it smoothed out a little and we could do about 15 or 16 knots. I don't know if my wife will ever forgive me!

I already know a few of you, and am looking forward to meeting and diving with more of you through the next few years.

Neptune Tentative,

Lou Rosales

Neptunes 2010 Fish Awards

Recap:



The March meeting was re-classified by the board this year as the annual "Awards Banquet" and though a few doubts may have existed before the doors were open, it is safe to say that after "all was said and done" it was a an undeniable success!

Congrats 2010 Fish awards winners!



There was definitely no shortage of "things said" thanks to Neptune brethren Robert and Larry.



First Lady, Suzanne, really went above and beyond with the pictures and decorations.



Happy Birthday Jay!

"Hey Jay, remember the time I...?"



Something new, something cool...

I'll preface this by saying I must be getting old and soft. I just can't seem to kill those big bugs anymore and the last few seasons, I prefer to just grab a quick picture and let them go over 7lbs or so.

So at the end of last bug season I found myself with an empty freezer from giving all my lobsters away and needed a few to get me through the offseason. Thought I'd head off to a secret spot a pillage a quick limit freediving. Unfortunately, the big guys were out playing that day and all I managed were 4 before I gave up hopes of a few small tails for the freezer. I ended up with 3 over 8lbs and although I look happy about it in the photos, I really didn't want any part of these big bugs and was planning on throwing them back.

At that point, I remembered the California Science Center was doing a huge expansion and had been installing a gigantic saltwater exhibit. A friend of mine is the main diver over there and was doing the collections for the exhibit and I gave him a call. After coming to the conclusion that he still didn't have any big bugs for the tank, I told him I'd hang a few off the dock and he could come make the pickup at his convenience.

Well, he made the transfer successfully and after the acclimation process he told me how well the biggest bug (somewhere around 10lbs) had been doing. He said it was one of the most active lobsters he'd ever seen and was climbing all over the tank and how the kids loved it! I was stoked!

Well, last month I called my buddy talkin about his latest Baja trip and happened to mention that if that same bug ever molted I'd be really interested in the molt for my house. Timing is everything they say, and he told me it had just molted that week and they were preserving it using the same process the Cabrillo Aquarium uses which entails soaking it in some chemicals for a month and I could have it when they were done.

Really stoked the way those guys did the taxidermy. The **lobster** isn't all stiff and hard like they are when I cook them. You can actually move the parts around and they don't break off.

Anyways, thanks to my buddy who kicked the molt my way, he's got a new home and it makes for great conversation when my guests come over and everybody loves it!



John's unique flexible lobster mount debuted at February's meeting



Neptunes Fish Pictures

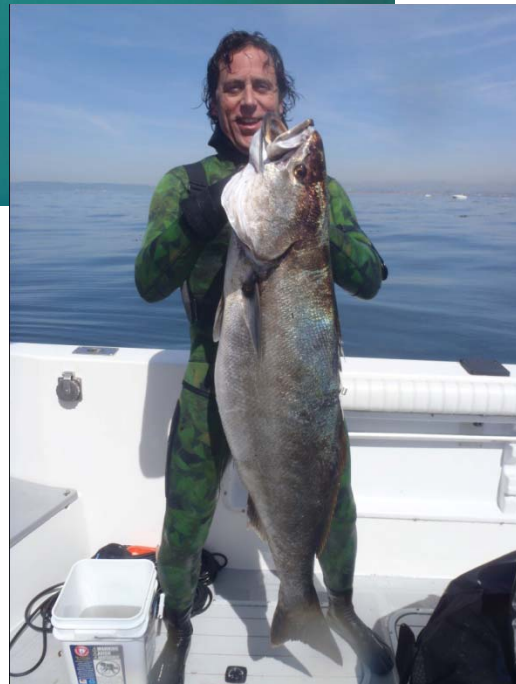


Holy "COW!!!" who let this guy in the club??? Tentative Hobie Ladd shows his sponsor Jeff how it is done.

Neptunes Fish Pictures



Member Eric Schlobohm checking in



Nate captured this cool panoramic of little G in early, early spring. (I wish I could figure out how to make this image bigger on the page, I'm not doing it justice)



My mother used to say...

Better late than never. Well, maybe my mother never said that but I'm sure I have heard it plenty of times in the past from someone or someones and my mom sure had many occasion to say it.

Yes, it is April right now and no, you didn't miss the March newsletter... Here it is! Truth be told I have been busy but I'm sure so has everyone and besides we all know what excuses are like.

Another truth is that I got a whole lot of fish pictures in March and April and some spectacular fish were taken. Also we had a great Awards Banquet and a great auction. So great and spectacular were these things that I needed two newsletters to give them their due and didn't want to short anyone or anything out of their 15 minutes. The plan is to get the April newsletter out ASAP so thanks for your patience thus far and hold tight then next one won't be so long a wait.

Now that you all are reflecting back on the good times we had in March I would like to take a moment to reflect, and also get back to that excuse; I had the opportunity to travel to Japan immediately after the recent disaster to try and help out. The limits of this catastrophe were unimaginable and the will and civility of the people of Japan in the face of all this was hard to believe. No looting, no lounging around, they all were moving forward and doing what they could to help each other out and put the pieces back together. I now understand why this little island with no natural resources is the third most powerful economy in the world. Many lost everything including family but, as powerful as the forces of nature are, they were all working together to push back harder and rebuild and recover. In short, it was very inspiring and a reminder to cherish the life we have and the comforts we enjoy. Okay that's my thought for the month, I've got another newsletter to work on!

Donny Harris



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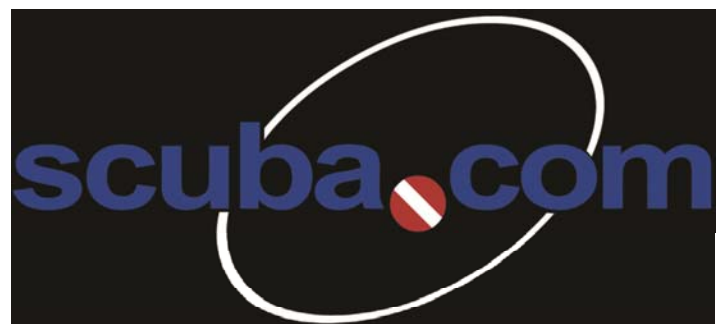
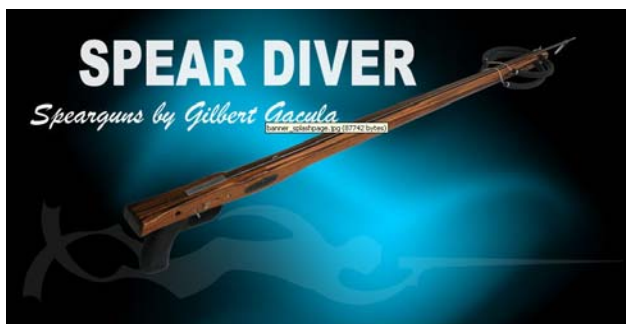
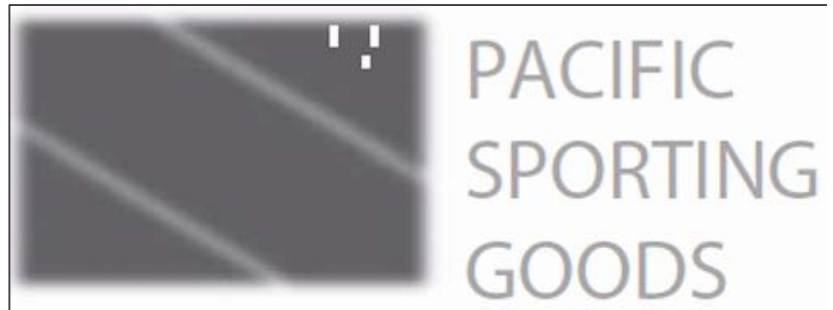
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