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May 2017



First off I want to apologize to all members who were looking forward to a newsletter in April. I was slammed working around the clock and assisting as much as I could with the auction although I didn't contribute nearly as much as the other members of the board. I want to thank each of them individually. A big thank you to Bill Peratt corralling the financial numbers as well as the group, Todd Norell pushing new ideas, Bruce Dardis lending out his home and previous expertise, Jesse Goode liaison between several of our new donators, Danny Jones organizing the tentatives assistance, Masahiro Mori showing some skin to draw the crowds, and Brandon Ward putting together killer flyers and a social media campaign. If you've done it before then you understand the responsibility the board takes on. If you haven't trust me when I say it's a pain and thanks are in order.

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Attention Members:

I am running into issues with our email list. Our email list is not entirely up to date. It seems if I try to send out a group email and there are too many outdated emails it will kick back without delivering to anyone. So if everyone could just shoot me a reply once they have received the newsletter. **Please, I need confirmation of the newsletter being received.** I'll have a better idea of who's not receiving it or any of the other club emails we're trying to blast out. If you're reading this because you check the website please email me to inform me you are not receiving the email monthly if you are an active member.

Thank you, Dave



President's Message

Spring is here. Some amazing sea bass have been landed locally and it's feeling like it's all gonna start happening now. As for our club, it's shaping up as an epic year for the Long Beach Neptunes. I'm so proud as your president to have presented Life Member Awards last month to Mori, and Robert Strohbach. Great guys who have always contributed so much to the success of our club. We've got some motivated tentatives and your board is aggressively planning for some innovative angles to our events that lie ahead in 2017. This years auction is in the books and it was a great time. Get ready for those local Tuna and some heroic tales from Panama! Be safe out there, I hope you all have your best year ever.



Long Life Ahead

Todd Norell

2017 Fish Standings

2016 Calico Derby: Scott De Firmian 9.5 lbs.

Biggest Bluefin Tuna (California): They're out there!

Calico: Scott De Firmian 9.5 lbs.

Biggest Yellowfin Tuna (California):

Dorado:

Bonito:

Biggest Tuna (Out of Country/State):

Sheep Head:

White Sea Bass: Mike La Riva 69.05 lbs.

Yellow Tail:

Biggest Pelagic Fish (Non-Tuna) Out of Country/State: Masahiro Mori 20.5 lbs. Rooster Fish

Biggest Reef Fish Out of Country/State:

Halibut:

Lobster:

Abalone:

Kent McIntyre Award: Mike La Riva 69.05 lbs. WSB/ ? YT

Larry Heinrich 65.7 lbs. WSB/ ? YT

Neptunes' To-Do's:

- Pay your dues to Bill Peratt via cash or PayPal. If you choose PayPal make sure you send it to LBNEPTUNESPAYMENT@GMAIL.COM. Let Bill know who is sending the money. Make sure you select the friends and family option.
- Congrats Scott on the 9.5# Calico Derby fish.
- Show up to May's meeting tonight 5/3

- Get your Club T-shirts
- June 24th Bluewater Meet
- Send me your photos of any successful hunts at (949)945-8930.
- If you'd like your photos on the Neptunes' website submit your photos to Brandon. Make sure you choose the option to downsize the pictures' file size.

Mike La Riva with a slug, the 2017 White Sea Bass Leader.



June 24th Blue Water Meet

It's just around the corner guys. Sign up and start picking your boat buddies. It's no wonder Robert Strohbach has 4 wins from aboard the Sea Hunt. It probably has nothing to do with the crew as he thinks, but the karma points he gets every year from doing an outstanding job as the auctioneer at the Neptune auctions. Thanks for your hard work Robert and thanks to Ivan for stepping in to give Robert a couple breathers this year.

This is going to be my crew for this year's BWM. Sea Hunt has won four BWM over the years. With a crew of five beautiful women, I am hopeful that the 5th BWM win is in Sea Hunt's future! -Strohbach



Other Important dates to remember:

Family Campout Aug 3-6th

Yellowtail Shootout August 19th

Weigh in on the beach at Rippers Cove

Fall Classic October 14th

Quick Announcement From Dave Freeman

I want to clarify where I left off. I mentioned working around the clock which I've been doing almost non-stop for 2 months. The time has paid off and the reality is it has all been for the club and dive community to have a retail location to satisfy all needs. Petros and I are proud to offer all divers the opportunity to come celebrate our new location in Los Angeles, Spear America South Bay. I look forward to serving all Neptunes. If you live/travel/dive in the area, stop in to say hello, enjoy the shop, and all that we have to offer. I hope everyone can make it out to the grand opening, all are welcome for food and fun.



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& Sunday, May 21st
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with big prizes and discounts throughout the store!

The flyer features a large green fish logo on the left, a location pin icon, and images of a blue diving mask, an orange and black speargun, and a black wetsuit on the right. The background is a dark, textured pattern.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, it's time to recognize a great company that's helping us out. They are producing our Club T's, Bluewater T's, and these amazing Neptune boardies. They donated a bunch of hats, t-shirts, and pins for the club auction. So if you need any other gear, look no further. In addition, they are offering an exclusive deal for the Neptunes. Shop at Katinusa.com and use promo code NEPTUNES25 for 25% off of your order. Still not too late to get a pair of boardies for the summer ask Jesse how to get them.



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A big thanks to all of our sponsors who graciously donated to the Neptune Auction this year. If you made it then you know there were an unbelievable amount of deals and something for everybody. I mean \$20 bags with \$100 retail value inside...AMAZING! Guns selling at half off retail. People lucked out and were very happy with all of the amazing gear. Danny Jones swiped a new tuna cannon 65" Teak Sea, and a dirty water sea bass gun Wong GR 55". All while contributing to the club. Thanks Danny! I want to thank all of the members of the club and tentatives who donated trips on their boats, as well as the non-members like Chris Oak and the Peace boat. Those trips really help the club out and it opens up new opportunities in the community for people to get to know Neptunes.



Attention Tentative Members/Sponsors of Tentative Members/Members!

One big thank you to all of the tentatives that donated to the auction and those that assisted with the event. If you haven't already make sure you go around at meetings and introduce yourselves to all of the members. I know it's tough to remember so many faces and names, but members want to know who you are so put yourselves out there and say hello.

Our tentatives are getting out there and into the fish. We've got a write up from Brian York below on a big calico this month and look forward to hearing about some other tentatives recent adventures out of state and country.

A Quick Ca(t)lico Dive by Brian York

It was the 1st weekend in March when despite a little rain that morning a buddy and I headed around the backside of Cat on my 19' Livingston. Our primary target of this trip was a different kind of bass, however just as I slipped into the water for my first dive something charged at me from out of the green, then just as quickly turned and bolted back into the murky haze. I thought to myself whoa! That was a good sized Calico, but judging the way he fled the scene I doubted that I'd see him again. I decided to make a drop right there and as luck would have it I landed right on top of him, holed up in some rock structure with no exit. Now staring him in the face with nowhere to go he puffed his chest giving me his most intimidating look and in retaliation I gave him the good'ol stone shot with my tried and true Mori gun. I got him on a certified scale later that evening and found him to be a respectable 7.1 Lbs. which got me thinking that I might have a shot at taking the Calico Derby. That excitement lasted until I got the news that I'd have to bow out to Scott D. who smashed my submission with a much larger fish. Hats of to ya Scott...!!!



**SCOTT DE FIRMIAN STONED THIS MONSTER CALICO FOR THE DERBY
9.5#S WE WILL LET THE PICTURE DO THE TALKING.**



Ron Warren's WSB interpreted by Dave

When did you start hunting them this year?

Took a peak in January and February. Ended up shooting a fish in March. First fish I have taken and the only one I have taken.

Give me some insight to the dive?

One of those days with fairly decent clarity and have been swimming and swimming and swimming. Covered a lot of ground and had gone in shallow. I was on the outside beds and about 50 feet and the water was pretty clear 25 ft or so. I saw two fish that were swimming along the bottom. They were moving pretty quick so I did a quick dive. The larger one was in the front and it had passed me by already. The smaller one was right in front of me but I wanted the larger one so I knew I had to take a long shot. I connected with it, but it was a far shot so I swam with it. I swam as fast as I could under the kelp and it dragged me a little bit and I tried not to put too much pressure on it. When I swam up to it, it was upside down and it had exhausted itself. My slip tip had past only on one side of the fish. It hit it on the right side and stayed on the right side. When I got to the fish, it was hanging by the skin. I grabbed it by the gills and dispatched it immediately. I was pretty fortunate to have landed it.

What gun were you using?

My dirty water gun wong 55 hybrid. Float line.

Did it seem like the fish had spawned?

The fish was a female full of roe.



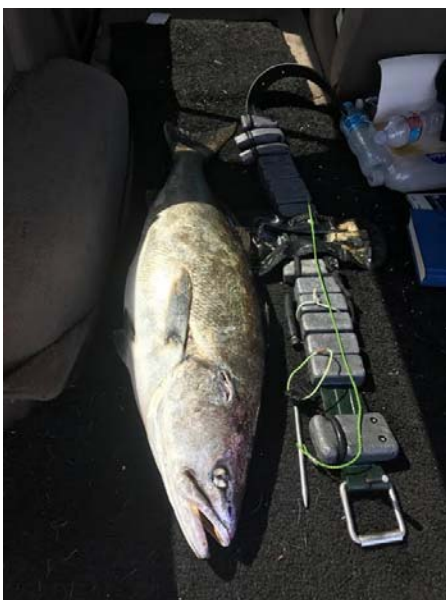
John Hughes Blue Water Meet Prep 101:

Step.1 Open can and dump. Step.2 Rub out the skunk



Step.3 RINSE Step.4 Learn humility in case skunk remains because you may be open to mockery.

Don't let him sucker you in...here's what he's been up to:



Shot a 20lb in the first ten minutes of my first dive after my big work run. All my friends laughed at me because that was the week all the big fish were coming in. I was so sick from working 100 hr weeks I didn't care. I called it a victory having one on the board after almost passing out from just walking DOWN the hill. LOL



I got back to my car and found this written on my window. I get no respect here on MY SPOTZ. I wore it with pride the whole last month on my vacation. It's probably the reason I never shot another fish locally here. Hahaha

I got some payback at the islands with a few nice yellows though and even snuck in a nice 50ish pound seabass right before dark during the magic hour. Overall, it was a great month with plenty of time with my awesome family and plenty of time in the

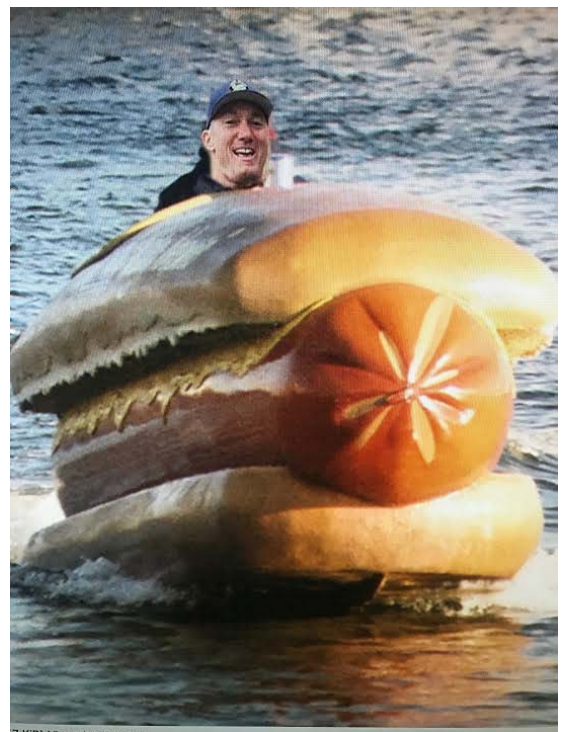


with my friends laughing at me and ending my vacation with my son laughing at me, but one thing is certain. The skunk surely must be gone and none of your fish categories are safe. Hahaha!

Keep an eye out for me running hot in my new boat out there this summer!

water. Back to work now where my boss is telling me my next day off is sometime in July. OUCH.

I squeezed in 16 dives in 4+ weeks off and only got 2 seabass which wasn't as many as I had hoped. It was a lot of hours in the water. Just to make sure I didn't have the dreaded skunk on me, I did what any dedicated (read desperate) diver would do and got the stink off me. Now when I get back in the game I'm coming back with a vengeance. I'm not sure how I feel about starting my vacation



Ivan Sanchez Social Dreaming



When did you start hunting white seabass this year? In late January, Todd Farquhar and I started hunting for them. It wasn't until March that I got my first fish. Todd found them that week and shot a couple. I went out with Sabrina because I wanted to get in the water. I was out there with Sabrina, she was tanning on the boat. I got in the spot and ended up shooting a fish. That same day I saw Robert Strohbach.

How deep were the fish? It was in 25 feet of water. A big school came by and there were fish in the school that were easily up to 60s or maybe high 60s. A few weeks after that there were a lot of big fish

being taken in the 60 pound range. There were 3 in the school that must've been huge girls. Mine was a 45 # male.

What gun were you shooting? 61 Mori with a float line. I go back and Sabrina is freaking out. On the way out I saw Seamus boat, the Sundancer, and borrowed their scale. I pointed the guys in the boat in the right direction. President Todd Norell saw a fish but wasn't able to get a shot off.

What about your second fish?

The second fish I was on a different spot and was seeing a ton of smaller fish. I got tired of chasing them around and around in 10-15 feet of shallow water. On the way back to the boat, this fish comes up over the reef right at me. I shot it through the gill plate and the shaft ended up balled up on the other end and the fish was going ape shit. It wrapped me and my fins and I almost dropped my Mori.

How big was the second fish? Didn't weigh it but I'd say low 30s it wasn't as big as my first fish.



Todd Farquhar, Predator or Prey?

How's it going?

I've been working on my boat like a madman. The heavy ugly stuff is over and it's starting to get exciting. It's like anything it takes longer than you thought.

Seabass?

Well I've shot four. One was 40 or 42 pound, I think I can't remember.

When did you start sneaking away?

It was a while back. I've actually had a dry spell. I've been out several times and I've either not seen them or I've seen them and not been able to get a shot. The fish I shot before the 40 pounder was like a defense shot. I parked outside of the kelp bed and the first kelp room I entered this seabass swam out aggressively right at me and just turned sideways and looked at me. It was wondering what I was doing. I



was taking it home. It's been really easy slipping out when I get a hair. I've got a little boat that I don't even have to anchor. I clip it off to the kelp and slip in and if I don't like the area I can get out and move really quickly. So I've been checking a lot of spots.



Have you seen any of the monsters out there? I had one come in on my right and by the time I saw it, it didn't bolt but it eased away nice and slow and the viz was poor enough he sort of just went away even while I was kicking at it.

Will Withers and a Fish for the Kings

What was your day like?

Donny, Ivan, and I launched out on the SeaBastard. Ivan had the spot where he had shot a fish earlier in the week. Got in the water by 8am with an incoming tide at 9am. I was in first, less than ten feet of vis, saw two small fish and dove straight down on them and they scurried off. Donny swam over and I was excited to tell him I saw fish. He told me he saw some bruisers over 50-60#s and that made me start diving harder.

So same vicinity you guys are seeing completely different grade of fish?

He saw them on his first dive on the outside edge. I was in 20ft of water so different area just the first time we had come across each other. Switched to the outside edge and eventually ended back up in 25-30ft of water. I was on the bottom and two tankers came in from my left to right and I picked one. Plugged him, perfect shot, took off like a bat out of hell with my 100 foot floatline. Tied up pretty shallow and the rest was uneventful. I was back on the boat drinking a beer by 9:30.

What were you doing on the bottom, aspetto?
Just laying on the bottom, the bottom third was the only place that had any visibility. As soon as I hit and picked my head up two bruisers were cruising in.

What gun were you shooting?
57" Ulusub with floatline.

Did you know you had checked off your King Neptune WSB when you got back to the boat?

Donny was underwater when I shot it and had jammed over to me. He asked if I shot it and I said Ya and he asked how big it was and I said big 50+. I knew when I threw it on the deck it was over 50 it's just a different grade of fish I just wasn't sure how big.

How long have you been working on your King Neptune Fish? Ummm, 3 years?

What's next on the list?

Tuna, or Big Grouper over 100, I shot the YT earlier last summer.

Or the impossible task of a 32# halibut? (Laughs)Ya, maybe I'll luck out at Clemente and swim over one.



Kory Bersuch: (Baby)Mother May I Go, For One Little WSB Dive



Let's talk sea bass and new fatherhood. When were you expecting the baby? April 19th is when the doctor estimated the delivery.

How did your wife let you go diving when she was about to give birth? That's a good question. I asked her and since we had a little bit of time assuming April 19th she said ya. I thought I had a little bit more time, but I still got a fish!



Who was the crew?

Jesse and I talked to Steve at the meeting and asked him when we were going to get out on the boat and he said this Sunday he had a day off. We talked Friday and Jesse Good, Steve Parkford, and I went out on the Wild Cat.

Was it wide open like rumors had said about that time?

No, my first dive when I went in I was diving for about an hour or so and I got cold. I had my 7mil on doing like 40ft drops for an hour or so and then we got back in the boat and moved spots. My core temp had dropped and I decided I was going to sit this one out.

Does the Wild Cat have hot water?

Ya, it does but I decided I was just going to sit this one out and see what happens. Another hour went by and the sun popped out and I was starting to warm up and I was about to put my suit on and Jesse swam by and gave a cut throat sign. So I decided to wait for him to get back to the boat. He got in and said the vis was getting worse, Steve got back and was like man I found this spot inside that was almost top to bottom vis. Steve decided to move the boat towards that area and while he and Jesse moved the boat I started suiting up again. Steve said something like I'm going to get you on the fish Kory! So I got in and started kicking around looking for the clear water Steve had found. Kicked around head on a swivel until I was in about 40ft water zone came around a kelp stalk and looked to my left and this fish was kinda sitting there sleeping. I'm a left handed shooter, fish on my left hand side and had to kick away from the fish and slowly swung my gun around to my left. I wanted a good shot so if it spooked then it spooked. Got the gun just behind the gill plate and pulled the trigger. Got a good shot on it. It took off and it was shallower than I thought it was going to be when I dove down and could see the shooting line.

Did you string it? Sounds like you were right up on it? Ya I did. The shaft strung the fish but came back through leaving a big hole in it. I had the fish up and Steve and Jesse were still on the boat. I was literally in the water for 5 minutes.





What gun were you shooting? SeaSniper 130 with reel. Jesse and Steve didn't see anything at that spot. We moved and Jesse had some sightings but couldn't get a shot off. Came home Sunday went to work Monday, and Tuesday morning woke up because I heard some noise and thought someone had broken into the house.

I found my wife in the shower and she told me she thought she went into labor. Went to the hospital and had our baby girl Beverly at 5:18. That was



my first wsb in 2 years, an awesome couple days and a special fish. My killer wife let me go and I got to make her a wsb dinner that night she came home from the hospital.

Larry Heinrich Pick and choose? Works for some.

How many dives did you put in before you spotted your first fish this season? For white seabass, spotted one before I started looking. I was out for lobster closer with John Johnson. I told him let's bring our white seabass guns. Let's look for lobster in the morning and white seabass in the afternoon. I left my gun on the boat and I'm out there working the water looking for lobster and it is 50 foot viz. I start working into shore focused on getting into about 20 feet of water for lobster. I'm keeping an eye out for white seabass. I dive down and I'm looking at a lobster and I'm hearing grrraaappp grrraaappp. I'm in pretty shallow and I can't believe the croaking. I ended up in an area with poor viz and as I was



coming up off a dive and approaching the surface, I looked down and saw big black seabass tail. All of a sudden that tail turns into 25 tails. I realized they were white seabass tails and they were huge. The fish looked like they were in the

70# range. I went back to the boat and got my gun and did not see another fish that day.

The next time I spotted three fish probably 70# and and looked at me next week I went 46 pounder and really dirty. I more than 8 feet. I surface and we a couple of hours. of whites came in so I shot a fish. started being more lot of sightings, anything big. I of fish in the 30s none of the big

I got some intel where the big fish to the area and for I worked the area



right time of day. John shot a big fish and unfortunately had lost it, so I decided to work a different area. I started working back towards the boat and the croaking was getting insane so I was pretty confident that they were out there and I was deep. I took three dives in the area and on the third drop I see silver on the edge of visibility. I see a ton of silver I can barely make it out, they must know I'm there. So I looked to see if there was a big one. The visibility was so bad that you couldn't see the whole school. I'm looking at barely visible outlines of fish just at the edge of shooting distance. So I picked one out and shot it. As soon as I pulled the trigger they all disappeared. When they moved two feet further, they were out of visibility. My reel starts peeling out. I reached down and

went out, I that were they rolled over and bolted. The out and shot a the water was couldn't see was working the had been out for An entire school on the surface, went again and picky and had a but did not see kept seeing a lot and 40s, but ones.

from my buddy were. So I went a couple of hours waiting for the

locked the reel and grabbed the line with my hand. Thank god, I had just bought new carbon fins from Mori and I needed them. I kicked up with everything I had for ten minutes. The fish wrapped up at 35ft on one piece of kelp. But 35ft might as well have been 80ft I was super exhausted. I took a ten minute break on the surface. John came by and saw the fish and I was more worried about the seven gills. That was my main concern with keeping it off the bottom I didn't want a seven gill grabbing it. Went down, took one good look at him, and it was still pretty hot. Went to the surface and waited a couple of minutes. I decided to try my riffe popper float. I put it on and it was pretty easy from that point cutting kelp and the float seemed like it would keep the fish from swimming down deeper although it didn't really lift it up. I like to cut the gills and bleed my fish out so I don't like to kill them on the dive and the popper was pretty cool I attached it to the slíptip.

What gun and length were you shooting? One of my own custom made guns. 65" with a 5/16 shaft and four 9/16ths and my original designed epoxy and graphite enclosed track.

Was this a PB/did you know it was a big fish? When I was

swimming it back to the boat I could feel it wasn't a really big fish by the girth around the tail of the fish. But you know it was a PB by a couple of pounds. I was hoping for one of the fish in the 70s hopefully this year I'll get one or bigger. You know everyone in their dive carrier has seen one of those 100# class wsb.



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1. May 18-20 in Lake Mead , Las Vegas the US will sponsor its first World Spearfishing

meet: www.freshwaterworlds.com

Could you please see if any of your top senior divers might be interested in competing. 60 year+ The Master division. There are 4 spots and 1-2 are taken.

We also have opening on the women teams as well.

2. As the Neptune's is one of the oldest and most prestigious clubs in the world I would like to extend the opportunity for your group to be involved in any part you

would like to help with. Weigh in, food, safety, logistics, awards.....We could also use several boats to supports foreign teams coming in.

3 The AOY, Athlete of the Year, Award has found a new home with the USOA and needs to be up dated and needs a face lift.

Glen McGuire is getting the last 6 years awards figured out as we speak. I am giving the award / web site a face lift.

I am looking for missing pictures and to replace poor pictures. This is a process that has been going on for 40 years now and we need to finish it.

Your club has the history and contacts to help with at least 4-5 of these photos, Please get a committee to dig in and find them so we can finish this off.

<http://rockymountainspearfishing.org/athlete/index.html>

I just finished the Zumwalts from Florida, but there are a few from Ca where we need help—PLEASE—

Once the photos are up dated I hope to get bios from each athlete to put with there photo and then get Roman Castro to do an interview with them to also tie to there

photo. If you have ever listened to the Spearo Nation and heard the interviews with Rene or Terry Lentz, you would understand how great a project this really is.

You can contact me any time.

I truly appreciate your help with these projects, our goal is to build a safer and stronger spearfishing tribe.

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