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2021 CALENDAR

- May 5th - Monthly Club Meeting 7PM
IN PERSON at Me 'n' Ed's Pizzeria
- June 5th - Blue Water Meet
- June 15th - Limit on White Seabass (*Atractoscion nobilis*) increases to 3 per day
- July 31st - Deadline for Picture Submission
- October 2nd - Spiny Lobster Season Opens
- October 9th - Fall Classic
- November 25th - Thanksgiving
- December 25th - Christmas

FISH STANDINGS

CALIFORNIA

Calico Derby	Open
Calico Bass	Juan-Carlos Aguilar - 5.62lbs
White Seabass	John Johnston - 57.5lbs
Yellowtail	Open
Halibut	Open
Sheephead	Open
Bonito	Open
Barracuda	Open
Dorado	Open
Bluefin Tuna	Open
Lobster	Open

OUT OF STATE/COUNTRY AWARDS

Yellowfin Tuna	Open
Reef Fish	Open
Pelagic, non-tuna	Open

Kent McIntyre Award

Open

Perpetual Big Fish Trophy

Open



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

MAY 5th 7:00 PM



This month's club meeting will be held IN PERSON, at Me-n-Ed's Pizzeria

4115 Paramount Blvd, Lakewood, CA 90712

We have reserved 50 seats outdoors, social distancing and masks are REQUIRED

Let's get together and have a good time!



PRESIDENT'S



LETTER

Happy Spring everyone!

Seabass fever is in full swing. It has been fun and challenging diving like always but that's why the reward is so good. I've seen a few members out there and it's always good to say hi. I love to hear the fish stories and as always the rumors floating around. Fun times!

I'm looking forward to the May meeting and seeing all of you.

The Blue Water Meet is right around the corner. I can't wait to dive and host the event back on the island. We will have the weigh in and BBQ at Buffalo Park where it was pre Covid.

It's going to be great!

Be safe out there everyone!

Paul Zylstra

EDITOR'S NOTE



Back when I was young and skinny, I came across the biggest White Seabass I had ever seen.

I managed to put a good holding shot, pull it up from the deep, and slap it on my kayak.

As I headed home, I had a moment of realization.

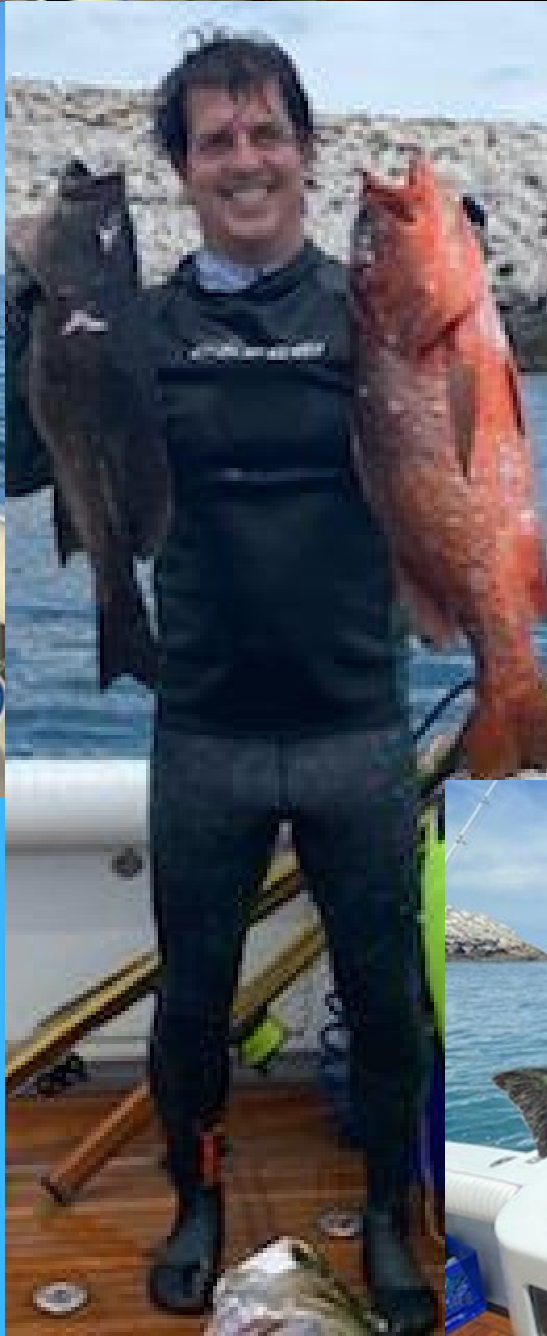
This sport was everything to me. I'm sure everyone reading this has had a similar moment. As we plunge into the future, take a second to remember that feeling.

Happy hunting,

Juan-Carlos Aguilar



**Rusty,
Doug and
Mori
killing it in
Mexico**



**WAY TO
GO
GUYS!**



Freshwater Nationals 2021



After winning the event by a landslide in 2006, and being nicknamed "Koi Boy" by Tom Murray, I had somewhat avoided participation again, as didn't want to give up the ability to torment and ridicule the other competitors that I kicked their asses up and down some Lake in UT all those years ago!

Isn't gloating and chest pounding what spearfishing is all about?

Well, after 15 years of Mike McGuire nagging me to come back and participate again, this time as his team mate, I decided to see if a repeat might be in the works.

Team Silver Spearos was born and entered the 2021 Fresh Water Nationals.



I suppose I should have known this would be a tough meet when I was told Shad would be the target species, to which I replied, "What are Shad? What happened to shooting CARP?"

Scouting day helped with identifying the target, but then it was D-Day, and we were meeting in a parking lot at 6 AM for the pre-event close to the Lake Pleasant venue. Total turn out was 45 teams of 2, 90 Spearos total from various parts of the domestic US and HI.

The shooting began at 7 AM sharp and ended at 2 PM, 7 full hours of shooting, stringing, and loading!

Out shot by my teammate, but holding my own so I thought, Mike and myself felt we may have a chance on getting in on the team trophies, 1st - 3rd place. Winning team is the total combined points, points earned 1 for a fish, weight is not taken in account, so simple, shoot as many fish as you can, large and small!



Well, the Silver Spearsos were soon to be totally humiliated and put in our rocking chairs. Our combined score of 170 points was out done by this year's winners, Fernando Gutierrez & Darvil McBride of the OC Spearos, by almost 100 points/fish. What a couple of wankers!!!

Mike McGuire's son Kelston alone shot/scored 145, winning him the individual 1st place trophy and title of US National Champion. No wonder he didn't want to team up with his dad! Did I mention I held the title once upon a time!?!

Ok, Ok, so we are has-beens, but we did show, and actually came in 5th overall, out of the 45 teams, so will have to live with that.

I do want to give a shout out to this year's hosts, Copper State Free Divers, Joe Scheurn and Jonathan Vildosola, both did a hell of a job organizing a safe and fun event, and making sure the fish went to a good cause. Which this year was a reptile farm in Scottsdale. The year I won, (in case I forgot to mention that) the fish were donated to a mink farm, so the minks could be fattened up, skinned and fur coats made. Responsible conservation always being a priority!

They were let down somewhat this year by one of the dump truck drivers, who must have been running late for a hot date and decided to dump 1000 lbs of fish at the side of the road in North Phoenix! Was quite amusing, being reported on all the local news channels. The driver was arrested and charged!



There were a number of other categories, as I was not winning, I took off in a huff and didn't stick around to see, but overall, was a great event, hell of a work out, and must take my hat off for the wankers, I mean winners, as it is no easy feat!!! Certainly wasn't when I won, in case I didn't mention that!!!

Nicely done!
Seamus Callaghan



**John, Larry
and Mori
found the
ghosts!**



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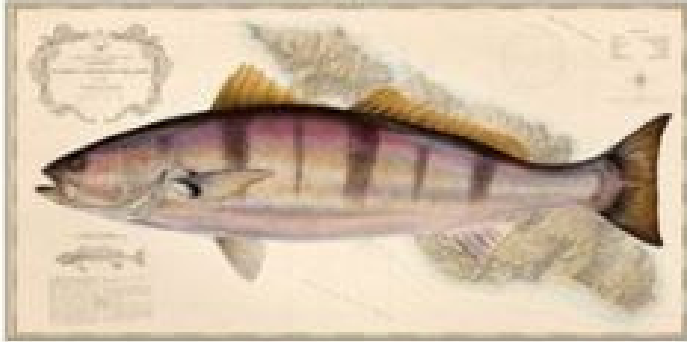


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