



The Marlin Club
Since 1931

The Gaff Line



May 2009

From the Helm

by Art Ponce, Club President

Hello club members. I would like to thank everyone who helped out in one of the many events we had this month. We also extend a very special “thank you”, to the *Silver Gate Yacht Club* for hosting our Annual Meeting on April 7th. It was a very informative meeting. We were treated to a great presentation from Bob Hoose about fishing in general and about the White Sea bass bite during the spring months. We also had a talk from Buck Everingham about the MLPA process. This process is under way, and it will affect all of us. It is imperative that we become involved during these critical months, when the plan will be formulated. The Marlin Club supports the conservation of pelagic fish stocks that are endangered. How, who and why these fish stocks are endangered are subject to much debate and misinterpretation. This is why our input as recreational sportsmen, needs to be heard during the fact finding process.

The *Day at the Docks Festival* brought a lot of folks to our “Open House” that day. We treated many children to a fishing contest on our docks, and talked up our club to their parents. This required a lot of work from our members who provided food, bait, prizes and their valuable time. I thank you all.

Our next event is the Spring Shootout on May 16th. This tournament will benefit the “*Friends of Rollo Foundation*”. This tournament will have many species categories, so there will be plenty of opportunities to land a winner. The *Friends of Rollo Foundation* sends kids fishing. Though they concentrate on sending kids that are disabled, at risk, or disadvantaged, they take kids from all walks of life. There is nothing better than to see these kids have “the best day of their life”, as they catch their first fish, see dolphins on the boats bow, or witness sea lions on the bait barge. Please look for the sign up sheet at the club, or online at our web site.

We will be ordering new club and boat decals. These will be required for boats that will be using our docks during the summer season. They will be serialized with a number that will be recorded in our files. They will be given out only when vessel documentation, insurance information, and a dock rules compliance form is signed. The cost will be \$5.00 per decal. This will make it easier to identify boats and trailers that are left on our premises.

We have started to receive donations as a result from the letter we sent out last month. We are extremely appreciative and we will reply to everyone who has contributed. We will be contacting members who are requesting a particular trophy shortly. Your contributions are setting us on course to reverse the financial problems we are having, but we still have further to go. We will be looking into everything we can do to assure a sound financial standing.

The first club *Sundowner* will be May 31st, at 4 pm. Please bring a dish to share. We will have a special guest who will speak on a related topic.

Arthur J. Ponce

New Members

Robert Lau – HAMMERTIME
Daniel M. Walkoe – HAMMERTIME
Michael Farris - IGFA

Annual Meeting on April 7th



Art Ponce



Bob Hoose



These are some pictures of the kids who benefited from our donation to the Friends of Rollo. The *Friends of Rollo - U.A.* is a non-profit organization that sends kids fishing. Though we concentrate on disadvantaged, disabled, at risk, and inner-city children, we take kids from all walks of life.



The San Diego Marlin Club's
Spring Shootout Fishing Tournament - May 16th

Sign up at the San Diego Marlin Club 2445 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

or

Download an application at www.themarlinclub.com

1st Place WSB/Yellowtail Division Custom Trolling rod and Prize Package

1st Place Albacore Division Custom Trolling rod and Prize Package

Side Jackpot for Halibut optional \$10 per person Split between 1st (75%) & 2nd (25%)

Entry Fee is \$65 for adults Includes T-Shirt & Dinner

Awards Dinner and Giant Raffle at the San Diego Marlin Club 6PM, Saturday, May 16, 2009

San Diego Marlin Club's
Spring Shootout Fishing Tournament

May 16th
2009

Proceeds from this event benefit
"Friends of Rollo" kids fishing foundation

\$WANTED\$
M.R. Yellowtail
M.R. Albacore
M.R. White Stripes
Over \$3,000
in Prizes and
Raffles
(based on 100
Members)

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Come join us for the Marlin Club's first Sundowner of 2009 on Sunday May 31st at 4 pm....let's get the fishing and summer season going in one fell swoop...call Penny @ 619-742-8225 if you have questions regarding the potluck...or any club questions in general. See you there.

Words of Wisdom

The two best times to fish
is when it's rainin'
and when it ain't.

- Patrick F. McManus

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2009

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 21, 2009
General Membership Meeting	April 7, 2009
Club Clean Up Day	April 11, 2009
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 19, 2009
Sundowner	May 31, 2009
Spring Shootout*	May 16, 2009
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 13, 2009
Juniors' Tournament	August 1, 2009
Presidents' Tournament	August , 2009 TBD
Labor Day Tournament	September 5-6, 2009
	BBQ September 7, 2009
ILTT Tournament & Dinner Awards Banquet	September 18-19, 2009
Small Boat Tournament*	September 20, 2009
Sundowner	August 29-30, 2009
	October, 2009 TBD

*Open to the public



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