



The Marlin Club  
Since 1931

## *The Gaff Line*



September 2008

### *From the Helm*

*by Art Ponce, Club President*

Greetings club members. The marlin season is finally upon us. There have been 25 fish caught so far. Most have been released to fight again.

The big surprise has been the appearance of albacore and yellowfin inside the inner banks, along with an occasional marlin. The close proximity of these schools of fish to our coast is a welcome relief to those of us who are having to budget fuel expenses.

The heart of the tournament season will be underway starting with the Labor Day Club Tournament. I hope to see most of you competing on the water.

The very next weekend is the "Make a Wish Tuna Tournament". This charity tournament is the biggest in Southern California and many club members will be fishing, representing the Marlin Club.

The next big event will be ILTT Gene Grimes Memorial Tournament on Sept. 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. We have been making constant improvements to bring this tournament back to its glory days of years past. We need to maximize our efforts to keep the Trophy in our trophy case.

The Juniors Tournament was a huge success. No marlin were caught or released, but plenty of action was seen on the water. Fred Larson and Bob James deserve many thanks for their hard work. A big thank you also goes out to all the members who volunteered to take some juniors out on their boats.

A big salute goes to John Plaziak who landed a marlin on light line to become a voting member.

The plaque is in place at the docks, so when you arrive please sign in.

*Arthur J. Ponce*

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## **Invitational Light Tackle Tournament and Club Challenge Gene Grimes Memorial**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Awards BBQ, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 pm at The Marlin Club**

[www.themarlinclub.com/2008/ILTT/2008-ILTT-Flver.htm](http://www.themarlinclub.com/2008/ILTT/2008-ILTT-Flver.htm)



## The Marlin Club & IGFA 2008 Juniors Tournament Winners

Ashley Polk (right) - 1st Place  
39lb 12oz Bluefin Tuna

Erik McKee (left) - 2nd Place  
5lb 4 oz Barracuda

John Campbell (Center)  
IGFA

### 2008 Marlin Catch

R	Date	Angler	M	WT/R	Test	Boat	M	Skipper	M	B/L	Location
1	7/13	Joe Lops		106	30#	JIGGER JOE		Walter Gutjahr	M	L	5m outside the 43
2	7/22	Mike Fitzgerald	M	130	50#	MIL-SO-MAR	M	Rich Hamilton	M	L	94m 160d Pt Loma
3	7/27	Kris Kinsella	M	•R•	60#	HALF SCOOP	M	Carl DeMello	M	L	S of 371
4	7/29	Jon Pendarvis	M	163	60#	SWEET MACHINE		Mark Holzman		L	3m w Upper 9
5	7/31	Rick Maxa		•R•	50#	PARKER	M	Doug Kern	M	L	32.16.5 x 117.19
6	8/2	Tom Maher		189	80#	CHINGON		Ramon Cazares		L	425
7	8/2	Rich Johnson	M	•R•	30#	SEATREK IV	M	Carl Smith	M	L	2m W Coronado N Island
8	8/2	Bob Woodard Jr	M	•R•	50#	DROP BACK	M	Mark Woodard		L	Mid 9m Bank
9	8/1	John Ashley	M	•R•	50#	LANAI KAI	M	Millie Velez		L	18m 178d
10	8/1	Millie Velez		125	50#	LANAI KAI	M	John Ashley	M	L	39m 150d
11	8/3	John Ashley	M	•R•	50#	LANAI KAI	M	Millie Velez		L	24m 188d
12	8/4	Nathan Rayle		96.5	50#	DROP BACK	M	Bob Woodard Jr	M	L	Lower/Middle 9
13	8/3	Sean Burke		•R•	40#	ENCOUNTER	M	Ken Yasuda	M	L	9 mile bank
14	8/1	Harry Okuda	M	•R•	50#	ALFRESCO III	M	Lan Tran Okuda	M	B	Lower 9
15	8/9	Cris Lahr	M	•R•	20#	LEGACY	M	Matt Monise	M	B	1m S of Church Rock
16	8/9	Way Chen		91	80#	FISH MACHINE		Steve Hollinger		B	425
17	8/16	Al Stasukevich		93	60#	NANA B		Al Stasukevich		L	32.25/117.45
18	8/17	John Plaziak	M	117	30#	THUMPER	M	Mike McGrath	M	B	182-9m
19	8/17	Blake Smith		90	80#	FLYING FINGERS		Steve Turner		L	9 Mile Bank
20	8/15	Dave Welldon		•R•	50#	SAFARI		Rich Hamilton	M	L	8m off Oceanside
21	8/23	Richard Keesee	M	•R•	30#	CONCUBINE	M	Skeet Simmons	M	L	1.5m off Pukey Point
22	8/25	Kevin Bohannon	M	•R•	30#	THE OZ		Martin Curtin Jr		B	Osborne Bank
23	8/25	Martin Curtin Sr		•R•	50#	THE OZ		Martin Curtin Jr		L	Osborne Bank
24	8/26	Kevin Bohannon	M	•R•	30#	THE OZ		Martin Curtin Jr		B	Osborne Bank
25	8/28	Matt Mullanny		123	50#	\$c		Matt Mullanny		L	9 Mile Bank

### Welcome New Members

Chuck Largin BLUE EYES II  
 Sy (Seymour) Radack COMPROMISE  
 Rick Maxa LET'S TALK HOOK-UP

Billy Savell – 109 pound Opah

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 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.  
 Official weighing station

FISH OPAH DATE 8-13-08  
 ANGLER BILLY SAVELL  
 WEIGHT 109 TIME 40 MIN  
 TACKLE 25# ~ BAIT  
 BOAT DA KINE  
 CAPTAIN BILL SAVELL  
 GAFFER GEORGE TOTH



### Attention Small Boat Owners!

The Small Boat Tournament is just around the corner, just one month away - September 27th and 28th.

The way the season is shaping up, we should have prime fishing for the tournament. Who would have thought... just a week ago a trip to the 302 would have you catching bluefin, yellowfin, albacore, yellowtail, dorado and marlin...just 30 miles from the point. WOW!

So come on, make plans to fish the tournament.

**Rock Cod Rick** of team "Let's Talk Hook-Up" will be out again to defend his title.

There is going to be a great raffle and prizes...along with a special dinner ticket raffle.

Check out the website for updates on the tournament, prizes and registration forms.

Tournament Contact is **Don Wroncy** at 858-204-9621.

The Marlin Club is having a season long raffle in order to generate some additional funds for the club. We are raffling off a Penn 30tsx and a custom trolling rod which was generously donated by [M&M Custom Rods](#). The raffle tickets will go for \$5 and the drawing will be held at a sundowner in late September or early October.



**2008 Yearbooks are in. Drop by the club to pick up your copy!**

**We are now on Summer Club Hours – Daily 2pm – 6pm**



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## Words of Wisdom

There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home.

~Roderick Haig-Brown

### DATES TO REMEMBER for 2008

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 9, 2008
General Membership Meeting	April 1, 2008
Club Clean Up Day	April 12, 2008
Open House/Day at the Docks	April 20, 2008
Sundowner	May 4, 2008
Spring Shootout*	May 24, 2008
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June 7, 2008
Juniors' Tournament	August 16, 2008
Presidents' Tournament	August 23, 2008
Labor Day Tournament	August 30-31, 2008
ILTT Tournament & Dinner Awards Banquet	September 12-13, 2008
Small Boat Tournament*	September 27-28, 2008

\*Open to the public



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