



## *From the Helm*

*by Marcus Hale, Club Director*

Aloha from the Marlin Club. It has been an awesome month. Bill McLeod hosted the annual Don Blackman Halibut tournament on June 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success. We had over 50 anglers and 25 boats. Don Blackman was a true fisherman, who dedicated his life to fishing and building boats that were quality fishing machines. His wife Shirley and son Steve still hold up his legacy. The tournament saw some nice halibut and early season yellowtail caught. First place went to Mike Stuts with a 29 lb Halibut. He won a 5 day trip for two to the East Cape worth over \$1,000.00. Second place went to Mike Bingham who won a rod and reel combo. A special thanks goes out to Mike for donating the rod and reel combos for the junior division. Mike's fish weighed 26lbs. Third place went to Scott Gallardo with a 14.3 pound halibut. Great job guys! The Yellowtail Jackpot went to Bob James who received a nice cash payout that I am sure more than covered all expenses for the trip and then some. The raffle had many awesome prizes and was also a huge success.

We are starting a new Friday afternoon BBQ with a different theme each week. The first one will be Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July starting at 6pm and every Friday after through out the summer. John Wilson will be hosting the first one with a Hawaiian theme. I believe he is calling it "Get lit to Get bit". The object for these Friday afternoon events is to get club members together prior to the weekend to share the latest info on where the fish are and what is getting bit. Some of the best local fishermen in San Diego will be attending and hosting these events, so if you are interested in getting the latest Intel and enjoying a great BBQ and a beer with friends, please feel free to come down and join us. It is open to all and we look forward to seeing you there.

I want to take a minute to thank all of you who were so very generous with donations during the off season. The club really was in need, and you all really stepped up to the plate when we needed it. The San Diego Marlin Club has been around since the 30's, and is a part of the history of San Diego. This is an unprecedented time in our economy and I know that it isn't easy for any of us, but for you all to step up and help us get back in the black was totally AWESOME! A very warm "Thank You", from all of us, to all of you. There will be a plaque with each of your names on it recognizing you for your generosity at the club shortly.

If you are a boat owner and leave your boat at the club over night, please don't forget to register with the office and get your official numbered decal. Your boat info will be on file and you won't chance getting it towed off the docs. Please remember to follow all dock rules and respect your fellow members by not leaving your boat longer than the 72hr max., conserve water and clean up after yourself.

We will be having a General club meeting where all members are invited to come down to the club and join in. There will be great guest speakers and lots of food and fun for all. The event will be held during the Friday afternoon BBQ on July 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be hosted by Wayne Slahor. I look forward to seeing you all there.

The next tournament is the Couples Tournament scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>. We have changed the format some, as of now, you can fish with as many couples as you can fit on your boat. This will help save on fuel costs and encourage more couples to join in on the fun. Art Ponce is the director of this tournament, so for details please see him or look on the web site soon.

Next will be the Juniors Tournament on August 22<sup>nd</sup> the fishing should be in full swing by then and I am sure a great turnout will be on hand. Fred Larson and Bob James are our hosts for this tournament and already have great prizes lined up for all.

*Marcus Hale*

Club Hours: Friday-Sunday 1pm-5pm (until the first Marlin is recorded)

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Welcome New Member  
Eric Kopp

## Juniors Tournament

**Saturday August 22, 2009**

### Categories

Billfish, Yellowtail, Tuna, Dorado, Killer B's (Barries, Bass, Bonito and Buts )

BBQ & Awards at 5:00 Saturday, August 22nd.

ENTRY FEE: Marlin Club Juniors -Free

IGFA Juniors - \$10

Questions? Call Bob James 760.728.1154 or Fred Larson 619.991.4310

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## Friends of Rollo check -Frank LoPreste was stoked!

Frank said we put 75 kids on the water this year and  
Friends of Rollo has put over 50 thousand kids on the water.



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## A gift for the San Diego Marlin Club

Bill Kiehl stopped by with a gift for the club...an old "roller guide pole" that once belonged to Bill Muntz (of Muntz Realty-Long Beach)

It was donated to the club by son-in-law Chuck Roman and his wife Valerie. Bill Muntz, one of the originators of the Naples Island Boat Parade, passed away this year.

The pole has an old Marlin Club sticker on it...a late 50's model 3/6 trolling rod...18/20#tackle ...so it will hang here at the club.

# THE 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DON BLACKMAN MEMORIAL HALIBUT DERBY

<b>1st-Mike Stutz</b> <b>29.2 Halibut</b> 	<b>2nd-Mike Bingham</b> <b>26.0 Halibut</b> 	<b>3rd-Scott Gallardo</b> <b>14.3 Halibut</b> 	
<b>Bob James - White</b> <b>Seabass/Yellowtail</b> 	<b>Juniors - Dale &amp; Emma</b> 	<b>Junior - Eric</b> 	<b>The Raffle Gang</b> 
			
			
			

## Bullets from our June 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting.

- Financial report was given (looking better)
- Decals for boats overnight were received and are ready for distribution.
- General meeting for all club members on July 31<sup>st</sup> was set up.
- Making sure all club members know they are welcome to join the board at any board meeting. They are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Club.
- The club will be open from 1pm to 5pm Friday Saturday and Sunday but as the season gets going hours will expand and the club will be manned by Volunteers from 12-sunset 7 days a week. We are accepting volunteers now.
- John Wilson and Woody and Marcus volunteered to help with the landscaping monthly or as needed.
- The Scales will be certified this week and we will be having a weigh in meeting for any who wish to attend. (Training on how to use the digital scale and so forth.)
- Looking into getting a mural painted on the building possible Kelp Forest.
- Dock repair was discussed as we are looking for volunteers to help. Please see Marcus or Art.
- New carpet for the club donated by Steve Pitts and family, we need some volunteers to help move everything out of the club to lay the carpet.

## Words of Wisdom

Fish are where you find  
them.....

- Marty Morris

### **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 22, 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
	September 20, 2009
Small Boat Tournament*	August 29-30, 2009
Sundowner	October, 2009 TBD

**\*Open to the public**



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