



# The Gaff Line

## February 2011

### *Behind the Wheel*

*by Bob Woodard JR, Club President*

With February upon us we are rapidly approaching the annual awards dinner at the Bali Hai on February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been to the Bali Hai since the renovation you will certainly be impressed. We need your reservations now! The event starts at 6 PM. Once again the entertaining Steve Williams will be the MC for the awards presentations. You can phone Lil direct and she can take a Credit Card over the phone. The cost is only \$40 for adults and \$15 for Kids meals. Her number is (858) 278-1513 if get an answering service leave your best contact number she will get right back to you. As our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary we invite you to bring friends family and any prospective members you may think would be a good fit for the club.

We need all members to take a more active role in volunteering club events. This year we are striving to pre-organize our entire tournament schedule. The same people end up doing 90% of the work here at the club and it's time for this to change. If you would be willing to be Chairperson or volunteer for an event contact us ASAP at [sdmarlinclub@gmail.com](mailto:sdmarlinclub@gmail.com), Remember along with all the tournaments we have monthly membership meetings / BBQ's that will begin again in May. As last year these will be held all season on the second Wednesday of each month and start at 5:30. We will have a sign up sheet at the Awards Dinner and Membership Meeting.

The repairs to our dock continue and Thanks to a very...very...generous donation from a long time Marlin Club Family who wishes to remain anonymous, the entire costs approximately \$5,000 will be covered! We send a huge Thank You to this generous family!

Fishing remains slow however a couple of rare spotting of breezing yellowtail have been reported out by South West kelp in La Jolla. There is till lots of squid here on the coast. Up in Dana Point Jimmy Kingsmill connected to a pair of 40 and 49lb White Seabass in late January.

Your New Board members are:

Kris Kinsella  
Carl De Melo  
Fred Larson

The new officers will be announced at the annual Membership meeting.

See you at The Bali Hai!

*Bob Woodard JR.*

### 2011 Awards Dinner

Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island, Point Loma

<http://www.balihairrestaurant.com/>

Saturday, February 12 - 6 pm

# Port of San Diego DAY AT THE DOCKS<sup>TM</sup>

January 26, 2011



*The 32nd Annual Port of San Diego's Day at the Docks will be wrapped up in a new package as a result of the \$3.5 million redevelopment of San Diego's Sportfishing Landings.*

Held Sunday April 17, 2011, Day at the Docks celebrates the beginning of the sportfishing season and showcases what is recognized as the world's largest, most modern sportfishing fleet at America's Cup Harbor on San Diego Bay. The fleet is famous for its first-class accommodations and access to some of *the* best saltwater sportfishing.

Many of the fleet's vessels will be open for inspection and others will offer introductory boat rides on the bay.

Onboard seminars with Captains and crew plus an all-star lineup of experts will present 'how-to' seminars covering every aspect of sportfishing including catch preparation demos for everyone from first timers to seasoned veterans. A backdrop of more than 200 exhibits, manned by experts in their respective fields, will display Fishing Tackle, Marine Art, Clothing, Accessories, Services, etc.

There will be raffles of thousands of dollars of fishing equipment donated by sponsors and exhibitors plus live entertainment featuring some of San Diego's finest. There will be casting competition, a Captains' Dunk Tank, plus kid's fishing and art contests.

Admission is Free! Plan to come early and stay late for California's largest sportfishing exposition and the only event of its kind!

#### Sponsors include:

- **West Marine**- Sponsoring Kids Fish Free Month of May during the entire month of May the San Diego Bay based sportfishing fleet will take kids fishing FOR FREE on any open party ½ day, ¾ day or full day fishing trip when accompanied by a paid adult with promotional coupon available at West Marine stores. Hosting a three seminar series at the Rosecrans store in weeks prior to [D@D](#)
- **Berkley Fishing products**
- **Penn Fishing Tackle**
- **Okuma Fishing Tackle**
- **Everingham Brothers Bait Co.**  
Both of these are sponsoring the Kids Fishing Adventure & Kids Fish Free
- **Douglas Insurance**
- **Catalina Offshore Products & Specialty Produce**  
Sponsoring the Cooking Demos with some of San Diego's top chefs
- **Pauma Casino** – Newest event sponsor.

[For more information](http://www.sportfishing.org/DAD00/dad2010.html) - <http://www.sportfishing.org/DAD00/dad2010.html>

## Michael Farrior, Accidental Historian

In 1972 Michael Farrior, a San Diego businessman, attended a small flea market at the Rancho Bernardo Winery. On a table strewn with silverware and dusty china dishes from another era, the warm afternoon sun glinted on an old fishing reel.

Not realizing it was a life altering event that would lead him on a remarkable journey. Farrior picked up the reel and after a bit of haggling, purchased it for a few dollars.

After doing some research, he discovered that the small, unusual star dragged reel was a "Casteey" named after the builder Dalmo Casteey, who operated out of a small work-shop in Santa Monica.

Focusing on saltwater tackle dating from the Civil War to the 1930s, Farrior began looking for new discoveries. He acquired all the research material he could lay his hands on catalogues, old books, magazines, even brochures all were a wealth of information. This material provided detailed firsthand information about the way reels really worked and how tackle was rigged, why certain items were important and others weren't.

Today Farrior's interest in antique tackle is well-known, and he receives leads often. While many of the calls he receives are dead ends, leading to what he considers useless items, those calls are not discouraging to him because he knows occasionally there will be a remarkable lead which will uncover a significant article.

With approximately 350 reels, 60 rods and 250 books (200 of which are collector-quality dating as far back as 1638), Farrior's entire collection is one of the largest in the world. His definitive collection demonstrates the development of saltwater fishing, and includes many items that were custom made by individuals who had performed significant fishing achievements.

The collection he has assembled and the research he has shared is Michael's way of giving back to a sport that he loves.

"Making Californians aware of the fact that big-game fishing was born here and getting California indelibly recognized as the birthplace of big-game fishing, is one of my proudest achievements," Farrior said. "It had literally just been lost to time."

Farrior's impact on West Coast sportfishing is also indelibly written in the history which he has preserved and which has consumed him throughout the years.



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## Words of Wisdom

"The only reason I ever played golf in the first place was so that I could afford to hunt and fish."

Sam Snead

### DATES TO REMEMBER for 2011

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 12, 2011
General Membership Meeting	April, 2011
Club Clean Up Days	April, 2011
Open House/Day at the Docks	April, 2011
Spring Shootout*	May, 2011
Sundowner	May, 2011
Don Blackman Memorial Halibut Derby*	June, 2011
Presidents' Tournament	August, 2011
Juniors' Tournament	August, 2011
Small Boat Tournament*	September, 2011
Labor Day Tournament	September, 2011
BBQ – 5pm	September, 2011
ILTT Tournament	September, 2011
Dinner Awards Banquet	September, 2011
Holiday Party 6pm	December, 2011

\*Open to the public



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