



The Gaff Line

March 2011

Behind the Wheel

by Marcus Hale, Club President

March is here and the season is just around the corner. We had a great showing at the Awards dinner thank you all that came. Thank you Steve Williams for being a great MC. Be sure to ask Steve about the special award he got that night when you see him. We gave away some great new gear, a Gold reel, rods, lots of jigs and other fun fishing garb. 2010 was an unusually slow year for fishing in general and Marlin well let's just say it's been many, many years since we only had 15 fish caught.

Thankfully we had some great White Seabass and good Halibut fishing. Looking back at history, many bad years were followed up by great ones. There is tons of bait out there right now and Catalina is just starting to heat up. The latest reports are that there is lots of squid out there and there have been some solid reports of Seabass thus far. So it's time to get your gear tuned up, and new line on your reels. Fuel up and let's go fishing.

The board of Directors has voted for the new officers as of February 2011.

President – Marcus Hale

1st Vice President – Bill McLeod

2nd Vice President – Jon Wilson

Secretary and Treasurer – Jim Konzal

The Marlin Club is looking for a couple of people who are interested in working at the club. It's part time work and not too hard but lots of fun. Especially when we start to catch fish. Right now, it would be just 3 days a week for 3-4 hours a day. Flexible schedules until the first Marlin is caught. Then it becomes 7 days a week from 2-6pm. At that time, we will need two people to share the time. It's a good time talking to fellow anglers, helping weigh in fish, keeping the fish reports up and doing some minor office work. Lil will remain doing most of the books but she will need some help keeping things up to date. If you or someone you know is interested please send me an e-mail at mholdblue@gmail.com or call me at 619-301-3648. We could really use the help and want someone who would enjoy hanging out at the club.

The Annual General Member Meeting is fast approaching (April 5th first Tuesday) and we will have a great guest speaker Gary Graham. For those of you who may not know of Gary he is well renown for his extensive knowledge of fishing in Baja. Gary will be talking about his experiences in Baja with an emphasis on Mag Bay. I want to really encourage all members to make this one. Tell all your friends that are members it should be a great time had by all. It has been brought to my attention that it may be easier for our members to attend if it was to be held on a Friday or Saturday night. As it is tradition, we set it up for the 1st Tuesday of April. My question is, would it be easier or better if we changed days to the first Friday or Saturday of April to increase attendance or should we stay with the traditional Tuesday. Please e-mail me back your thoughts when you have time. We will have some great give aways in our free raffle. We have some important topics to cover that will need members to vote on. There have been some proposals to amend the by-laws that will be voted on, so if you feel passionate one way or the other please be sure to be there. The proposals are as follows;

- 1) New Members shall be required to have a sponsor. New members will be required to volunteer for two events in the first year of membership.
- 2) Any member can qualify to be an active member by catching a Button Fish.
- 3) Article 4 "Election" Section 1 to be altered from "6" to "not less then 4 and not more then 6". (this speaks to the election of new board members)

These will be voted on in our General Member Meeting on April 5th.

The repairs to the dock's are moving forward, by the time you read this the main doc should be completely done and installed. Thank you Dan and crew, very appreciated. The work will begin on the gangway going to the small doc's March 12th. The small docks will be closed from the 12th through the 27th of March. We are sorry for any inconvenience but they are in dire need and you all will be very happy when it is done. Continued on page 2

Marcus Hale

President of SDMC

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We also have some new signs at the club so if it has been a while since you have been down be sure to come by and see the great work being done and check out our new signs. We will be having monthly General Meetings with Guest speakers that will help keep you all tuned up with the latest and greatest Intel. Be sure to stay tuned to the Gaff Line for dates and times. I also want to take a poll on who enjoyed the Friday Sundowners we had during the fishing season last year. So when you see me or a board member please chime in on your thoughts. Remember this is your club so we are here to represent you and your ideas.

The tournaments are closing in quick and we need committee members for most of our tournaments as well as someone to head up the Small Boat tournament in September. It's fun and a good chance to help the club. If you are interested in being a Committee member or heading up a tournament, please e-mail, me at mholdblue@gmail.com call the club or come on down and talk to one of the board members or tournament chairs to see what it is all about. We will also be at the Del Mar Fred Hall show for any who want to come by and say hi.

Aloha for now and see you all at the General Meeting April 5th.

Marcus Hale

President of SDMC

TROPHY AWARDS

2010

John Ashley

THE MARLIN CLUB YELLOWTAIL TROPHY - Largest Yellowtail of the season 39.5 lbs.

Michael Berry

THE MARLIN CLUB SMALLEST MARLIN TROPHY - Smallest Marlin of the season 150 lbs.

THE MARLIN CLUB SINGLE DAY CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY - Highest accumulated Championship Points 215 points

THE MARLIN CLUB 20 POUND LINE TROPHY - Largest Marlin on 3/6 (20-lb) tackle 150 lbs.

THE MARLIN CLUB 1ST MARLIN BY MALE TROPHY - 1st Marlin by a male 150 lbs.

Mark Henwood

THE MARLIN CLUB LARGEST SWORDFISH TROPHY - Largest Broadbill Swordfish of the Season 174.5 lbs.

THE MARLIN CLUB 50 POUND LINE SWORDFISH TROPHY - Largest Broadbill Swordfish on Medium Tackle 174.5 lbs.

THE MARLIN CLUB LARGEST MARLIN TROPHY - Largest Marlin of the season 157.2 lbs.

THE MARLIN CLUB LAST MARLIN TROPHY - Last Marlin of the season 157.2 lbs.

THE KEN DENTON LARGEST MARLIN BY MALE TROPHY - Largest Marlin by a male 157.2 lbs.

THE MARLIN CLUB 30 POUND LINE TROPHY - Largest Marlin on light (30-lb) tackle 157.2 lbs.

Robb Lane

THE MARLIN CLUB ALBACORE TROPHY - Largest Albacore of the season. 33.4 lbs.

Donna McKee

THE SHIRLEY BLACKMAN TROPHY - Largest Halibut of the season 31.5 lbs.



Golden Cow Chip Award



Mark Henwood

A trip of a lifetime!

Red Rooster report...

The ride down was pure torture to all as we could not wait to get to the grounds... We passed time with lots of movies and Poker for 5 hours plus a day. Andy gave some good seminars and we tweaked our gear for the last couple days. Took 4 days to get there...

First morning I was stoked to be first on fishing my 30 2 speed topless Makaira with a Sardine fished under a balloon with 30 feet of lead line. WE had a little flurry every morning and would pick all day on Tuna and Wahoo. Had a blast with the little Andros reel catching wahoo on a 8 ft trigger stick for bait. Fished the new Cedros star drag with the Makaira 8 foot jigstick for my Iron fish. The new Makaira rods really did the job you can check them at the upcoming Fred Hall shows. Everyone on the boat was really impressed with the amount of drag these Makairas are capable of. The other bonus is they freespool better then most reels out of the box so no need to send them out for blueprinting. This was a huge advantage as I could cast a sardine quite a ways while fishing 130lb test...That is saying a lot. I would recommend the Red Rooster III to anyone as they put on a great trip with 5 star cuisine and attention to detail. Captain Andy Cates is a wealth of knowledge and makes the journey enjoyable, memorable and comical.

I will be doing a feature article on him for Pacific Coast Sportfishing in an upcoming issue so stay tuned for that. Signing off for now.
Bob



Photographer Captures Giant Mako Biting Tail Off Marlin

When photographer Al McGlashan jumped into the Pacific Ocean off Port Stephens, Australia, earlier this month, his assignment was to film a textbook release of a striped marlin. But a 10-foot mako shark that had been stalking the shoot flipped the script as McGlashan captured the ferocious attack from a few feet away. *Field & Stream* got a U.S. exclusive on the photos, video and the story behind them.



Words of Wisdom

It matters not how many fish are in the sea
- if you don't have any bait on your hook.

-Anonymous

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2011

Awards/ Trophy Dinner	February 12, 2011
General Membership Meeting	April 5, 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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