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# Chum Line



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## EARLY EDITION

The CHUM-LINE is out a little early this month to give you time to adjust your schedules. The monthly dinner meeting will be on Monday night, March 21. A WEEK EARLY

Because the response was so positive to last year's beer-bust and pizza feast, your board has decided to do it again. All you can eat and drink and there's more than just pizza. The club is picking up the tab for paid-up members. There will be a ten dollar charge for guests if you'd like to bring one. Formalities will be held to a minimum but there will be a film and a door prize: a trip on one of Danny Felger's charters.

Place: Shakey's Pizza at Olympic and Fairfax.

Time: 7 P.M., March 21.

Cost: FREE

## MITCHELL LIPSETT 1918-1983

We lost our good friend and LARRC past president Mitchell Lipsett on February 19, 1983. A liberal gathering of LARRC members were present at his funeral on February 22 to pay our last respects.

The LARRC membership takes this means to express condolences and deep sympathy to his wife Adele, his son Stuart, his daughters Lynda and Suzanne and the other family members.

The club has made a donation to the LARRC Foundation in honor of Mitch's memory.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All of the members who did not attend the gala dinner dance and installation missed the affair of the year. Sey Rimland, et al, worked very hard as usual, with the usual results. It was certainly a grand success. The food was excellent and the band was good.

As incoming president I should have had a great deal to say. I did. I forgot it all as I was dumbfounded by all the glitter of the evening. It was as if I were receiving an Oscar.

I never owned my very own gavel before and now I do. It is a very special one. My name is on it together with, "President, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, 1983". I am very proud.

I also received with as much cherished pride, the perpetual trophy, a special plaque from Sey Rimland and a trophy for the Marlin I caught last year. It took two trips to the car.

My wife, Iris, was radiant that evening and her eyes sparkled every time my name was called. You'd think that it was her name being called and that the trophies were hers. She makes a great first lady.

Ben Susman did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies but I think he paid Milton Berle too much for the jokes. He even looked great in his rented tux.

I can only say in conclusion that the evening was certainly a highlight in my life. I sincerely thank the membership for their vote of confidence in me.

Marvin Reznick

## TROPHY DINNER DANCE HUGE SUCCESS

We are happy to report that the Trophy Dinner Dance went off smooth as silk. At least, so it seemed from our table stuck away in the farthest corner of the Waterfall Room at Sportsman's Lodge. It seems to this writer that Schwartz, Wolf and Sears, bad repute notwithstanding, have enough seniority in this club to get a spot closer to front and center. My spouse and I don't mind too much having been placed with them but why should their ladies have been punished? Maybe George Mio had a hand in the table arrangements. That would make sense where Schwartz, Wolf and Sears are concerned but what did my spouse and I ever do to George? George doesn't even know my spouse and I've been nice as pie to him down through the years. Never fail to order breakfast when aboard and never fail to pay for it. I never called a phony "Hook-up" which gets him angry. Matter of fact, I even ran and told him it was Julie who did it. I even sent him a "Happy Pearl Harbor Day" card last December. Chances are George didn't do it.

The turn-out was very good. Filled the room.

That brings me to Seymour Rimland, ex-president Seymour Rimland. He had the power and the opportunity but where's the motive? I've been nice as pie to Rimland. He wants fishing tips? Just ask The corner of the stern?. Take mine. He never has to take home Gerry's left-over chocolate cup-cakes. I take care of that. No. It wasn't Seymour.

Vogel is Veep but he was home sick and I've been nice as pie to him.

The music was danceable and the food was very good.

Susman passed out the trophies so he was involved but I wouldn't accuse him 'cause I'm on his Albacore charter and I don't like to upset him. By the way, he wore a smashing red bow tie with his formal evening suit. I thought he looked wonderful. He did a fantastic job as M.C.. I know that he must have been a marvelous attorney when he was still working and I just

hope he keeps inviting me to be on his charters. You're lucky to have him, Mimi, and I think he's one of the best charter-masters in the whole club. Maybe the best.

I filled in two spots on one of Felger's chartes, the new secretary, so he owes me and I haven't paid him yet. He's out.

The girls got two favors: ice buckets and bud vases. Very nice. With red roses that held up for a week. Very, very nice.

Why would Reznick place us with Schwartz, Sears and Wolf at a back table? I've been nice as pie to him. Didn't I accept this job on the CHUM-LINE? Go ask me for something again, Marv.

Everyone had a real nice time..

H. Goodman

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## GENERATION UNTO GENERATION

Danny Felger has volunteered son, Brad Felger, to organize an Anchovy-Sardine class auxilliary to LARRC. Danny, a grandpa for only three months, first came into LARRC as an Anchovy and can't wait to get an outfit into the little one's hands.

Anyone with youngsters who are ready to be initiated into the mysteries of our sport is invited to contact Brad.

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## 1983 ROSTER

The new roster should be going to press very soon now. The dues came in right on schedule. This outfit is finally beginning to shape up.

The roster will again be printed in loose-leaf form with convenient pocket size binder. The by-laws will be included. Over the years many changes have been proposed. If you have strong and cogent suggestion to make get them before the board for its consideration.

By Dan Felger

If ever a trip was destined to be a real bummer, the Pacifica charter had all the earmarks! First, the weather reports before departure were terrible; 7 to 10-ft seas pushed by 15 to 30 knot winds were predicted. No anchovies were available, and although the moon was in its darker phase, none of the boats were able to get any squid. Also, during the night, one of the guest fisherman had a medical emergency and had to be transferred to the Bay Watch boat when we arrived at the Isthmus. Fortunately, his problem was not very severe and was flown home.

After several hours of unproductive fishing along the lee of Catalina we went to the backside. Although rough, we did find areas that were fishable. So fishable, that with only frozen cut squid for bait, we ended the day with limits and near limits of nice calico bass.

In closing, special mention is made regarding the refreshing attitude of our skipper, Guy Ashley. At 1:00 PM, I asked Guy what time we would head for home. He responded by saying it was entirely up to me and that he'd stay all day if we desired. We took a straw vote and decided to leave about 2 o'clock...the end of a PERFECT DAY!

Openings on this charter are available on selected trips. Call Dan Felger 783-7255 or Phil Greenfield 782-2746.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR 1982

The following Special Awards were given during our Trophy Dinner Dance to the following members:

The MURRAY JONAS LEADERSHIP TROPHY was awarded to Marvin Resnick.

The DR. SYLVAN GOLDBERG SERVICE TROPHY was awarded to Seymour Rimland.

The BOBBY PLATT FELLOWSHIP TROPHY was awarded to Dan Felger.

The SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR TROPHY was awarded to Bill Vogel.

Special Service Awards were also given to Jeff Ellis, Bill Vogel, Ben Jacobs, Marv Resnick and Harold Price.

ANNUAL LARRC FOUNDATION MEETING

The Board of Trustees held meeting Feb. 12 at Brentwood Country Club. After much discussion regarding its various projects in the past and its future activities, it was voted to take the following actions:

1. A contribution of \$1,000 to the National Coalition for Marine Conservation (NCMC) was approved. This contribution entitles each member to a free membership in NCMC and the monthly publication SEAWORD. Also, it supports the very important efforts being conducted by NCMC in behalf of recreational angling in our local waters.

2. The Foundation will again sponsor the annual fishing trip for handicapped and underprivileged children. The date has been set for June 20 and the fishing will take place on the Redondo Beach barge. We are fortunate to obtain the use of this barge which is very large and very modern with all required conveniences. Dr. Epstein will again conduct this activity with the help of Shelly Balzac and other members. Further details will be forthcoming soon.

3. The Chairman was directed to locate or develop a new research project that will improve and/or protect sport fishing in local waters to be sponsored by the LARRC Foundation. Our interest will continue in the reforesting of kelp and the transplant of fish to new kelp areas.

David Lippey was re-elected Chairman, Gus Rich graciously picked up the lunch tab and the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD MEMBERS NOTE

The March board meeting will also be a week early.

March 14 at Canter's. Drinks on Harold. That's right. Believe it or not !!

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MONEY TALKS

Bill Adams, our mint-fresh, virginally enthusiastic new treasurer announces that as of Feb. 28, 1983, the club had \$12,469.00 in the bank. That's how come we can be so generous with the pizza and beer.

OPEN LETTER TO SEYMOUR RIMLAND

Dear Seymour:

While driving home from the Trophy Dinner Dance on the evening of February 19, Carolyn and I decided to submit our suggestions for improvements that could be made to enhance the overall enjoyment of future dinner dances. These suggestions are itemized below:

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Appreciatively,

Dan Felger

P. S. We extend our sorrow to those who missed a most superb evening!

Farewell to Fred Rupp

We are sorry to announce that Fred Rupp will not be able to continue membership in LARRC. Family circumstances have forced him to move back to Missouri where, we understand, the stream fishing can be fine.

Anyone wishing to contact him can write to:

14045 Baywood Village Drive  
Chesterfield, Mo. 63017

Good luck, Fred. We'll miss you.

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We unhappily report that Dave Trimble and Lou Roloff remain in poor health

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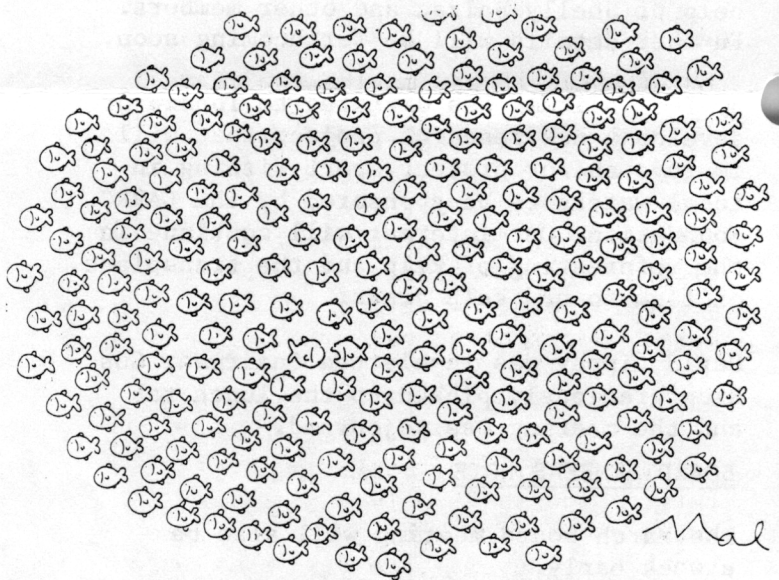
Thirty-four year old Marty Owen of Playa Del Rey has been voted into membership. Marty is in the meat business. He was sponsored by Seymour Rimland and Bob Selvin. Welcome, Marty, and good fishing.

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THE "EL NIDO" EFFECT

Unusually warm waters off the So. Calif. coast are drawing varieties of marine life that seldom winter here, according to scientists, who said fishermen have reported seeing seahorses and marlin off Huntington Beach this month; jumbo squid and anchovies spawning along the coast; red crabs as far north as Santa Barbara and yellowtail near Los Angeles.

Herb Frey, senior biologist of the Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game, said this area is "in the middle of a warm water cycle. The last time we experienced this was between 1957 and 1959." Oceanographer Joe Reid of Scripps Institute at La Jolla said it is all the effect of "El Nido" which happens every two decades or so, warming up the ocean between the two tropical circles and making its way north.



"Damn it, Mortimer, can't you do anything right?"

FIRM SPECIAL EVENTS

Bar-B-Que at Andy Weiner's house on August 21, 1983. Details later.

Family fishing trip on The Condor out of Santa Barbara. Details later

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MEMORIES OF MITCHELL LIPSETT

How does one describe over twenty-five years with Mitch? He was my close friend, client, fishing, gin-playing and poker companion. More than twenty-five years at the Monday night poker stand with Harry Ditlove, Bill Pearlman, the three Bens (Baron, Susman and Costanten), Jay Flanzig, Norm Rehm, Al Cadis and Eddie Gordon.

More than twenty-five years of fishing on Ben Varon's Saturday charter on the New Hustler with many other members of the club. These were always preceded by "for blood" gin games. You could always tell when Mitch was losing. Instead of the usual two decks it would be a four, five or six deck game as Mitch tore up one "bad" deck after another. We played gin on airplanes, boats or anything that would move. I remember one trip back from San Diego by bus when Mitch threw his hand out the window. A car passed us with cards plastered all over the windshield. It was moving too fast for me to count Mitch's losses. One night on the New Hustler he was way behind. We called a halt to hit the sack and I stuck the score in my shirt pocket. The next morning it slipped out and fluttered overboard during a cast. "What score?", he asked. No proof-no pay.

How do I describe him? Watching him take a Marlin at Pinas Bay, Panama, using a trout reel borrowed from Bernie Mayers. It only took three hours and a fast boat. Watching him teach his son, Stu, to fish as a very young boy.

I knew him for his marvelous reputation as a business man. For his many charitable activities.

Above all, I knew Mitch as a loving husband, father and grandfather. His family and his friends were his life.

He was a gentleman and we will miss him.

Maurice Levy, Jr.

FRESH IDEA

The April dinner meeting is shaping up to be a little different. There's going to be a swap meet. The mechanics of this thing are not yet worked out but this will be a chance to bring some of your surplus gear and see if you can't unload it in exchange for an item or two you can use. Maybe the club will be a middleman. Who knows?

Sounds like a Middle-East Bazaar. "I'll give you five sheep and a camel for one night with your mother."

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COUPLES TRIP?

The board would like to explore the possibility of organizing a couples fishing trip some time this summer. This would probably be out of Santa Barbara to assure that the uninitiated catch fish. If the idea interests you, contact Marv Reznick.

Speaking of Reznicks, the first Marlin of the year award goes to Iris Reznick. Marv got the Leadership Award, right? He lugged his trophy back to the dinner table and proudly set it down in front of his bride. He bent to kiss her and knocked the Marlin off the top. It landed in her wine glass and both ended up in her lap. Red wine, silver Marlin, white dress.

Klutz.

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GENTLEMEN, PLEASE,

The season is now upon us. You're going fishing? You're going to send in trophy cards? Isn't every one of those worth a report in the CHUM-LINE? Tell us what happened. You do it at the meetings. We don't want to fill this paper with social items wild imaginings. HELP!!

THE CHUM-LINE

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ANCHOVY SPAWNING BIOMASS ESTIMATE ONE  
FOURTH OF OLD ESTIMATE

As noted in these pages a year ago, the anchovy population off California may be in serious jeopardy. The true population level of this important prey species has been debated as a result of different population estimates provided by the two estimating techniques being used.

National Marine Fisheries Service scientists recently provided evidence that the egg production estimating procedure provides the most dependable estimate of anchovy abundance. The spawning biomass estimate of 2,000,000 tons (based on larvae surveys) on which this year's federal harvest quota was based, is, therefore, approximately four times as great as the new estimate of 500,000 tons.

Federal harvest quotas for the last two years have been 408,000 tons and 235,000 tons for the U.S. fleet. The uncontrolled Mexican harvest of the species, however, has predominated in recent years. It is now believed that approximately 250,000 tons were taken by the Mexican fleet in 1981, compared to 50,000 tons for the U.S. fleet. The total take from the 500,000 tons available was approximately 300,000 tons, or 60% of the spawning biomass estimate. At biomass levels this low an unfavorable environmental change might be the crowning blow to the anchovy resource. Many believe this was the combination of factors that doomed the Pacific sardine fishery earlier in this century.

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