

# Chum Line

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## LARRC 49th Annual Banquet Huge Success!! by Joel Zide

While the sun was shining and the breeze was blowing, history was made one again in the LARRC... 96 anglers, friends and family attended the 49th annual banquet at the Braemar Country Club—the largest attendance ever!

Joel Zide, newly elected President along with the 1999 Board of Directors were installed into their offices. Members received awards and all were gratefully thanked for their hard work throughout the year.

We look forward to next year's banquet celebrating the Club's 50th year of existence. Hopefully we will break the attendance record again!

Congratulations and thanks go to the award recipients:

### PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARDS:

Tony Mindlin  
Randy Sharon  
Al Spievak  
Joel Steinman  
Tammy Steinman  
Norm Weinstock  
Joel Zide

### PRESIDENT'S CITATIONS:

Larry Clark  
Larry Edwards  
Carolyn Felger  
Mardell Fields  
Joan Fischer

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**BANQUET**

## President's Message by Joel Zide

### A Monumental Year

Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine marks the 50th year of LARRC's existence, and what a year it will be. With the help of numerous motivated committee chairs, there are many exciting charters and events planned for 1999 that you are encouraged to be a part of. Those events include and are not limited to the following:

#### KIDS' FISHING TRIP 50:

Michael Grossman, along with many other key members, are in the midst of planning a kids' trip extravaganza. One of the goals to this year's Kids' Fishing Trip is to take over 500 underprivileged children fishing. That's more than double last year's trip—what an accomplishment this will be. Michael is also trying to get permission from the Long Beach Aquarium for these children to be guests of the Aquarium on the same day, giving them a chance to experience ocean life from another perspective. The Kids' Fishing Trip will be held on July 12, 1999. Please mark your calendars (your help will be needed and greatly appreciated).

#### INTER-CLUB "CALICO BASS" TOURNAMENT:

Danny Zide and Jamie Smith will be tag teaming this year's Inter-Club Tournament against the San Fernando Valley Rod and Reel Club. In 1998 we gained control of the perpetual trophy by a narrow margin. We have every intention of maintaining control of this trophy in 1999. Please watch your *Chum Line* for the specifics on this event.

#### BILL ALPERT KING OF THE CALICO'S:

Richard and Michael Lapidus will be heading up this year's Bill Alpert King of the Calico's Tournament. As of now, it is their intention to go back to the five-man team format. The tournament will be held on two boats (three members of your team on one boat and two members of your team on another boat). This keeps the outcome of the tournament a surprise until the boats reach the dock and weights can be tallied. The tournament is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 1999 on the vessels, *Seahawk LXV* and *Stardust*, out of Santa Barbara. Please see future *Chum Line* for the specifics on this event.

#### MULTI-DAY CHARTERS:

This year's long-range charter will be handled by Larry Diamant on the *Qualifier 105*, out of Point Loma Sport Fishing. This trip usually produces excellent scores of tuna and yellowtail. This charter has a tendency to fill up early. Please see the *Chum Line* for further details regarding this charter.

*Editor's Note: This charter has been sold out.*

#### WEDNESDAY CHARTERS:

Arnie Cohen will continue running Wednesday charters this year on the *Seahawk LXV* out of Santa Barbara. For those of you who have not fished on the vessel, you must do so in the near future. Captain Merit McCrea has the luxury of fishing over 50 miles of coastline virtually

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

### EDITORIAL By Dan Felger

By the time the millennium arrives the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club will have been around for half a century. Of the 100 plus "gentlemen anglers" who joined in 1950, and, therefore were automatically classified as "charter members", there are only 6 of us left. Not many organizations can lay claim to 50 years of continuing operations. But, the LARRC is very unique. Perhaps one of the Club's strongest attributes has been its ability to continually attract new members who are willing to devote their time and energy to the advancement of our sport and the Club. I have been fortunate to have been an active member from day one, and have witnessed the LARRC's evolution. It seems that every decade the Club re-invents itself.

The decade of the 90s has produced about 75% of our present membership. Most of the officers, board members, Foundation Trustees, and committee chairpeople joined this decade. This past year 33 new members joined. I know from past experience that some of you new members will drop with the excuse that you had a hard time fitting in. The response is simple—the Club has a variety of activities, committees, projects, etc. Contact any of the officers, directors, or committee heads and GET INVOLVED. The pleasure that you will derive from this Club will be in direct proportion to what you put in.



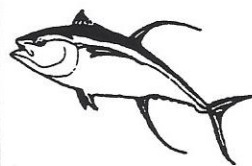
Michael Lapidus

**Michael Lapidus**  
**LARRC Foundation Trustee**  
**Co-Chairperson, Bill Alpert King of the Calicos**

Michael Lapidus was born on January 7, 1954 in Los Angeles. At the age of 13 he was expelled from junior high school for playing poker in the boys' room. He graduated from Reseda High School in 1971 and majored in business administration in college. In 1978 Michael rejoined the family business (Chic Wide Shoes) and has been there ever since.

Michael's brother, Richard, introduced him to saltwater fishing when Michael was only 12. On his first fishing trip he remembers getting his pocket picked, but can't recall if he caught any fish that day. It wasn't until the mid 80s that Richard was able to talk him into fishing again.

It was Rita Zide who introduced him to the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club. Most of the regulars on the Wednesday trips were terrific anglers, and were more than willing to help a newcomer. After one trip on the old *Sea Hawk*, he was sold on the Club.



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(818) 782-5409

Mick's Occ: Sales/Automotive  
Distributor  
14650 Calvert St.  
Van Nuys, CA 91411  
(818) 781-6850  
Fax: (818) 978-1717

### PLATNER, STEVE AND ANDREA

Res: 5393 Lake Crest Drive  
Agoura, CA 91301  
(818) 991-9576  
Fax: (818) 991-3863

Steve's Occ: Pool and Spa Care  
Bus: same as residence

Andrea's Occ: Homemaker

### SCOW, A.L.

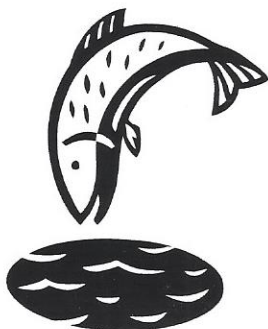
Res: 5302 Baybridge Rd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
CA 90275  
(310) 791-4196  
E-Mail: ASCOW@ix-NETCOM.COM

Al's Occ: Retired

The LARRC has awarded honorary membership to the following persons:

**TOM RAFTICAN**, President  
United Anglers of Southern California

**BOB FLETCHER**, President  
Sportsfishing Association of California



## Health, Welfare and Happenings

**Abe Cohen's** wife, Jodi, will be honored at the Ariel Hadassah as Women of Valor for over 35 years of service on Saturday, March 21, 1999 at the Friar's Club.

*Club Members — If you know of someone who is in ill health or recovering from surgery, we'd like to know about it. Similarly, if you have a happy event you'd like to share with us, please call Pamela Warren at 818/222-6025.*

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B.J. Greenfields'



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# The Great Stogie Debate!

by Eric Rogger

The January issue of the *Chum Line* had a half-page picture of some of our stalwart Club members happily waving their stogies at the camera.

As you may recall, while in my fifth year of acting as Charter Master for the annual 5-day trip, I had suggested to participants that they NOT bring their stogies on this trip. This was because quite a few of the players voiced objections to the smoking of cigars. Important: This was not done because of some personal vendetta I have against their consumption.

Nevertheless, the *LA Times* carried a story (February 1, 1999, page S3) concerning the banning of Cigar Vendor Ads from the Phoenix Open Golf Tournament. Arizona health officials kicked in \$39,000 to replace sponsor fees. This in support of their anti-tobacco stand supposedly one of the most aggressive in the nation.

I understand from a report by the National Institute of Health (NIH) that there has been a 50% rise in cigar consumption since 1993. Smoking one or two a day can raise the possibility of oral, larynx and esophageal cancer.

As is the case of our charters, golf attendees can still light up outside...just no cigar sponsors! Hopefully this will end the debate.



# 100-Day Fishing Tournament

by Eric Rogger

United Anglers is planning a 100-day fishing tournament from Memorial weekend to Labor Day weekend. They are targeting six popular species: barracuda, tuna, calico bass, halibut, yellow-tail and white seabass. Generally, the largest fish in each category may win large prizes. However, UASC is also offering additional prizes for 6 (out of 20 white seabass released with special tags) caught. It is expected that UASC may have up to \$100,000 worth of prizes. Sponsors are still being lined up.

Entry forms will be available at the March 17 - 21 Fred Hall Del Mar Show and April 8 - 11 Ventura Show (at the Fairgrounds). You can sign up there or you can call the UASC office at 714/840-0227 to learn about the rules and entrance requirements.

UASC's increasing activities suggest that they expand their membership base. Similar tournaments have been run by some of the Gulf Coast fish environmental organizations, and last year Texas added about 10,000 members to their organization. Entry fees are \$15.00 if you are a United Anglers member and have a current valid membership. The \$15.00 will go toward the tournament overhead and the \$25.00 (basic annual UASC membership) will help them get more projects done.

LARRC members wanting more information can phone me at 310/476-5936.



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## MEET GUEST SPEAKER

J.J. Gerritsen,  
Captain of *The Apollo*,  
at the  
March 29th  
Dinner Meeting.

J.J. will be speaking about his transition from the *Tracer* to *The Apollo*, and, of course, FISHING.

## Kids' Trip 50—July 12, 1999

by Michael Grossman

KIDS TRIP 50 will be held out of Pierpoint Landing in Long Beach. Owner, Don Ashley, has given us an outstanding opportunity to use the landing for our trip. We will have the use of four excellent boats for the trip: *Azteca*, *Enterprise*, *Southern Cal*, and *Toronado*. Each boat will make two half-day trips. These are all excellent roomy fishing platforms which will make our goal, to taking 500 kids and counselors fishing, a possibility that can be realized. Many thanks to Don Ashley and his co-owners, Kurt and Veronica Wegener, for making this possible.

If you have not been to Pierpoint Landing yet, I would encourage you to go see this facility and give it a try. It is all brand new, clean as a whistle and looks more like a resort than the usual sportfishing landing. There is ample parking in their main lot plus a provision for overflow. Pierpoint is located just behind the new Aquarium of the Pacific, across from the Convention Center.

We are still looking for a person to head up the food procurement committee. Thanks to Earl Warren and Bob Beaver who handled this in the past, a lot of the contacts have already been established and need only to be followed up on. However, we need a volunteer to take charge of this important task this year. Any takers? Our goal remains one hundred percent participation. No matter how much or how little time you can devote, your efforts will be greatly appreciated—by your Chairman and by those that matter most—the kids!



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## Trophy Contenders as of February 24, 1999

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<b>OCEAN WATERS</b>				
Ling Cod	12	Norman Weinstock	17	0 *
<b>FRESH WATER</b>				
Trout, Rainbow	4	Jeremy Warren	11	4

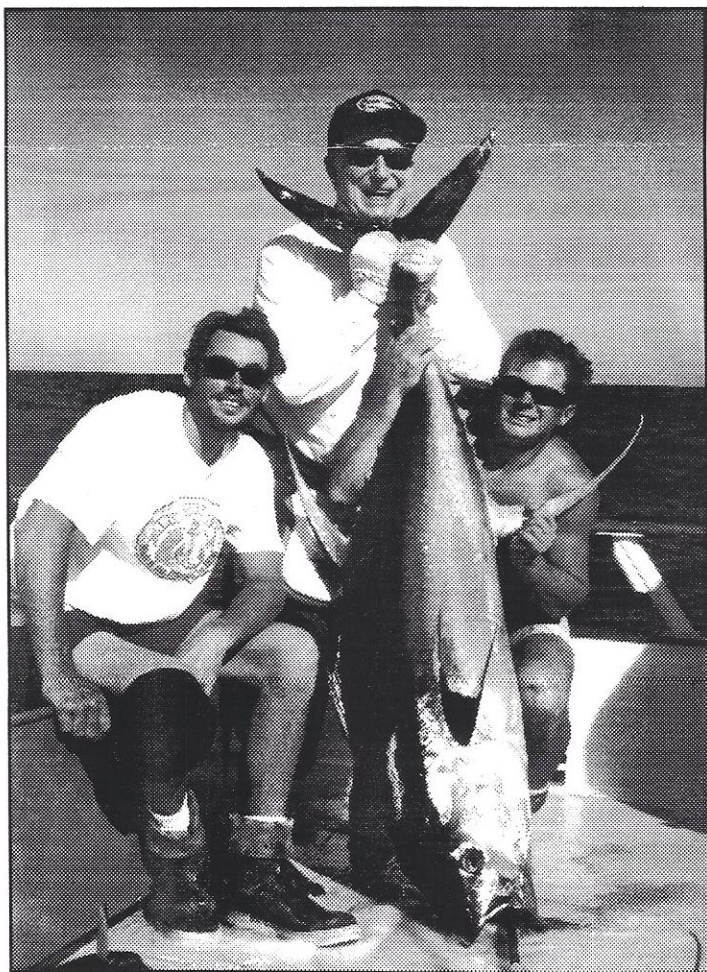
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**PLEASE NOTE: To be eligible for a trophy, the catch must exceed 60% of the applicable line test category.**

*Weight certificates must be signed by a witness to the catch and witness to the weight, other than the angler.*

*Weight certificates must be postmarked within 15 days of the catch, unless a written explanation is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval*

**Send Weight Slips To: Dan Felger, 5530 Corbin Avenue, Suite 120  
Tarzana, California 91356, FAX: 818 708-3657**



Dan Felger with his 147-lb. yellowfin tuna caught at the Clarion Islands aboard the *Polaris Supreme* on a recent trip.

## BANQUET

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BJ Greenfield  
Iris Lapidus  
Bernice Mahfet  
Justin Warren  
Sandi Weinstock

### THE HONOR OF MEMBER EMERITUS WENT TO:

Don Lee  
Jim Port  
Bill Vogel

### MARTY LASKOWITZ TROPHY:

Awarded to the angler who catches the first game fish:  
Larry Dinovitz

### MAX FENMORE TROPHY:

Awarded to the angler who catches the first albacore of the year:  
Royal MacNair

ROBERT MARGULIES FUN TROPHY: Awarded annually to the member who catches the largest calico bass in local waters:

Richard Lapidus

### BILL ALPERT KING OF THE CALICOS TOURNAMENT:

Awarded to the tournament winners:

Joe Mahfet  
and  
Jamie Smith

### DR. SYLVAN GOLDBERG DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

AWARD: Awarded annually to a member who gave willingly and unselfishly to the various Club functions. This member is a worker:

Richard  
and  
Michael Lapidus

BEN JACOBS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Awarded annually to a member for unselfish assistance to others and for conduct befitting the true definition of "sportsman":

Frank Polak

### MURRAY JONAS

#### LEADERSHIP AWARD:

Awarded annually to the outgoing President in recognition of the tremendous time and effort required to fulfill the responsibilities of that office:

Pamela Warren

### BOBBY PLATT FELLOWSHIP

AWARD: This is the most prestigious and coveted award of the Club. It is not necessarily awarded annually, but, when awarded, it is given to the member whose continuing efforts have resulted in the advancement of sportfishing and the LARRC in general:

Michael Grossman  
and  
Dan Felger

### TED HAMMOCK FRIENDSHIP

AWARD: Awarded to a member of LARRC for donating time and effort to another member who may be handicapped in some manner. In short, a friend in need:

Al Spievak

### MYRON J. GLAUBER ROOKIE

OF THE YEAR: Awarded to a first or second year member who "gets involved" through service to the Club:

Jamie Smith

DR. HERMAN EPSTEIN SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD: Awarded to this member for his long-standing service in furtherance of the Foundation and/or the annual Kids' Trip:

Earl Warren  
and  
Eric Rogger

ABE ZIDE MOST VALUABLE PERSON AWARD: Awarded to the individual who has been of exceptional assistance to the President during the year. It is not necessarily awarded annually and it is the most prestigious of the Presidential Awards:

Earl Warren



## 3-Night Long-Range Charter

- BOAT:** Red Rooster III from San Diego
- DEPARTURE:** 1:00 pm, Thursday, September 30, 1999
- RETURN:** 9:30 am, Sunday, October 3, 1999
- COST:** \$580
- INCLUDED:** Food, Snacks, Coffee/Cocoa, Stateroom, Bait
- NOT INCLUDED:** License, Beer, Soda
- CHARTER MASTER:**  
Arnie Cohen  
11101 Viking Ave.  
Northridge, CA 91326  
818/366-3300 (office)  
818/366-4945 (fax)
- 818/368-5834 (home)  
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**To secure your spot, please forward your initial deposit check in the amount of \$80 to the Charter Master.**

# One word of caution: Be careful what you pray for!

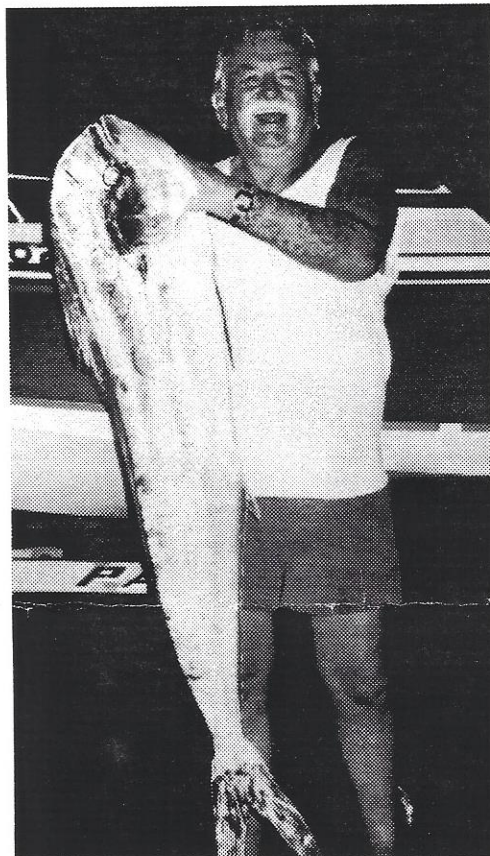
by Dave "The Pirate" Neufeld

There's only one thing to do on a day off during the week. You guessed it—fishing with your brother, Andy Schor, and his 6-year-old son, Kevin.

We set out in the afternoon about 2:30. Andy pointed his 15' Boston Whaler in the direction of South Point. As we trolled our killer trolling lures, we prayed for a favor from the Lord. Please Lord, all we need is one fish! (Didn't want to appear greedy.)

About halfway there, Andy had a hunch and we turned west as we circled between Kaho'olawe and Molokini. We were soon joined by the *NO KA OI III*. We gave way and took the outboard tack. We kicked back and lil' Kevin was at the helm. All I said was, "Hey, Andy, wouldn't it be too good if we got hooked up just as we passed this beautiful 32' boat?"

I just got the last word off my tongue when "Zzzzzzzz" not one rod, but two! I grabbed a rod and looked back just as a 4' female and a 5'+ male mahimahi were airborne. During the melee that followed, yelling and laughing, we were dangerously close to Molokini. Kevin, our 6-year-old captain at the wheel, got us out of trouble and in the clear.



We all agreed that it was more fun when you catch fish and have prayers answered.



## BANQUET

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free of competition from other fishing vessels. Please see the *Chum Line* for times and dates.

## SUNDAY CHARTERS:

Alan Dunn will be running the Sunday charters this year on the *Seahawk LXV* out of Santa Barbara. The calico bass fishing on this vessel is outstanding. Last year's Sunday charters produced limits of calico bass on all four trips. This charter has become increasingly popular and is one where early sign ups are recommended. Please see the *Chum Line* for dates and times.

## PROGRAMS:

This year's dinner meeting programs are off to an excellent start thanks to Jamie Smith and Danny Zide. At March's dinner meeting we will have the pleasure of listening to J.J. Gerritsen, owner and operator of the long-range sportfishing vessel *The Apollo*. In April we will hear from Captain Terry Tamminen, A.K.A. "The Santa Monica Bay Keeper". He will inform and update us on the current state of the Santa Monica Bay. His responsibilities include reducing Santa Monica Bay pollution and the planting and monitoring of new kelp beds. For March and April's dinner meetings we will also be joined by Mike Burns and Don Drummond of the Seafood Source in San Diego. They specialize in smoking fish for anglers after long range fishing trips and will be bringing several platters for our sampling during cocktail hour (yellowfin, bluefin, wahoo, etc.).

As you can see, the year is filled with many exciting events and charters. We look forward to your participation. Please see the *Chum Line* for any modifications or updates to the above events or charters. Thank you.



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## Tackle Tips of the Month

 Cuts and blisters on your hands, or more importantly fingers, can really make it hard to fish. The best product we've found for this is called Flexx Rap. It's a waterproof material that is self-adhesive. It doesn't cut off circulation and it still allows your fingers to flex. This product prevents line cuts from checking you drag or pulling line off your reel. It prevents burns and blisters caused by casting dry line or the "no no" thumbing your spool. It will also greatly improve your grip. There's probably a lot of other uses for this stuff that we haven't found yet.

—Wayne and Linda Caywood, Malibu Fish'n Tackle

 Sharp hooks are important. More fish are lost because of dull hooks than one might realize. The super sharp hooks like Owner, Hyabusa, and Gamagatsu are expensive but do not need sharpening. The best value is the Eagle Claw Laser Sharp hook which also does not need sharpening, but is far less expensive than the "designer" hooks. If using standard hooks, keep a four-inch, fine, metal file in your tackle box and give the hook a couple of passes on each side of the point prior to use.

—Michael Grossman, Executive of Action Rods

## Mark your Calendars NOW!

*The annual United Anglers Banquet and FundRaiser has been scheduled for Saturday May 11th at Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach*

Last year we had sell-out crowd when over \$60,000 worth of prizes were auctioned off. These included long-range trips, local fishing adventures, vacation trips, works of art, tackle and many other unusual gift items.

This event honors, annually, that person who has contributed, in the opinion of the board of directors, most to the perpetuation of our marine environment. This year's recipient will be Tom Pflieger!

Last year two tables of LARRC supporters showed up to have a great dinner, enjoy short speeches and have a shot at the many bargain items being auctioned off. There will be a silent, as well as a live, auction.

The dinner, preceding the auction, will be \$85 a person. Since UASC is a non-profit, this may be partially deducted while you are helping preserve our marine environment.

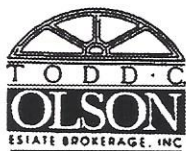
### The fight to maintain our fisheries continues!

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## Executive Action Rods



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