

# Chum Line



Good Sportsmanship is Worth More Than all the Fish in the Ocean

MAY 2024

LARRC DINNER MEETING

## LARRC WELCOMES CHRIS LOWE,

MARINE BIOLOGY PROFESSOR, DIRECTOR OF THE SHARK LAB AT CSULB

Back by popular demand, the infamous Chris Lowe is going to be our guest speaker at our May 20 dinner meeting. After receiving his doctorate in zoology at the University of Hawaii, Chris returned to CSULB to oversee the Shark Lab which was founded in 1966. For the last 10 years, he and his students have been studying baby and juvenile white sharks of Southern California as well as gamefish. His presentation will include current special information about the relationship between the white shark and sport fishing angler. New members and long-time LARRC members, do not miss this meeting-Chris Lowe is a wonderful speaker.



**Dinner Meeting  
May 20, 2024**

**Social Hour 5:30pm    Dinner and Meeting 7:00pm  
Lulu's Restaurant • 16900 Roscoe Blvd. Van Nuys**

# What's On My Mind

By John Ballotti

## Participation

Understanding the difference between the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club (Club) and the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation (Foundation) is crucial for our members and the public. Let's delve into it.

The Club and Foundation are two separate and distinct organizations. They have different IRS Employer Identification Numbers (EIN), file individual tax returns, and have different leadership members. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, and the Club is a 501(c)(4) organization. Here is how the IRS defines each category:

### 501(c)(3) Organizations: (Foundation)

- **Purpose:** These are created for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes. They can also be formed for public safety testing, fostering national or international amateur sports competitions, and preventing cruelty to children or animals.
- **Tax-Deductible Donations:** Contributions made to 501(c)(3) organizations are typically tax-deductible for the donor.
- **Political Activity:** These organizations are strictly limited in their involvement in political campaigns. They cannot support or oppose political candidates, and their lobbying activities must be insubstantial.

### 501(c)(4) Organizations: (Club)

- **Purpose:** These are social welfare organizations designed to promote community welfare, charitable, educational, or recreational goals. They are not organized for profit but operate primarily to further the common good and general welfare of the people of the community.
- **Tax-Deductible Donations:** Donations to 501(c)(4) organizations are generally not tax-deductible as charitable contributions for the donor.
- **Political Activity:** These organizations can engage in lobbying and political campaigning as long as these activities pertain to the organization's mission and are

not the organization's primary activity.

With that out of the way, let's look deeper into each organization.

First, the Club. Founded in 1950 by individuals denied membership in existing fishing clubs because of religious discrimination, joined forces and started a club that will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year. The purpose of the Club can be summed up by saying the members enjoy fishing, fun, fellowship, and community service. Community service is vital to the Club's success. Many new members are drawn to us when they learn about our volunteer activities. Providing staffing for kids' trips, special needs kids' trips, veterans' trips, and mentor trips is the core of our volunteer efforts.

The Club has a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian. Seven members on the board of directors are responsible for the club's activities. All active members are eligible to be on the board of directors. Each board member serves a two-year term. Elections are held each fall for board members who are terming out. We are always looking for new board members. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on the board. The Club board members are responsible for appointing the trustees of LARRCF.

This brings us to the Foundation, which was founded in 1951. The mission of the Foundation is to provide children in need with the opportunity to participate in recreational fishing through the various fishing programs sponsored by the Foundation. The Foundation provides these opportunities to encourage and support future generations of anglers. Introducing youngsters to the enjoyment of the sport, the adult volunteers at these programs set high standards for sportsmanship while teaching the youngsters both the skills and ethics of sport fishing. The Foundation encourages and financially supports research and education programs that will ensure the future of recreational angling.

The Club provides the volunteers, and the Foundation provides the money to accomplish the mission of the Foundation. The Foundation has two co-chairs and a total of seven trustees who are responsible for managing the Foundation funds and approving its expenditures. Most of us are familiar with the kids' and veterans' trips. The Foundation also provides grants for education and research to organizations that meet the Foundation's mission statement requirements. In the last ten years, the Foundation has provided grants to-



What's On My Mind cont...

taling approximately \$373,00, with 95% of the funds going to California State University Long Beach (Marine Biology Scholarships), Hubs-SeaWorld Research Institute (White Sea Bass Hatchery), Wild Oceans (Pacific Forage Fish Research), Aquarium of the Pacific (Steelhead Restoration), Friends of Castaic Lake (kids fishing), and Cabrillo Marine Aquarium / Museum (youth education programs).

The Foundation has provided over \$130,000 in fishing experiences to at-risk youth in the last ten years, funding multiple trips each year. And there is more.

The Foundation funds disabled Veterans' fishing trips multiple times yearly, helping those who have given everything to keep us safe.

The last ten years were selected because of easy digital access. In its long history, the Foundation has given much more than was reported in the previous ten years.

Where does all the money come from? The Foundation has multiple sources of funds. Each year, the foundation holds a silent and live auction at the Annual Banquet and Fundraiser. The money received goes directly to the programs described above. LARRCF also receives grants and donations from individuals and organizations who support its mission.

Two organizations intertwined, the Club and the Foundation, serve the members and the community. Here's looking forward to another 75 years.



## TWILIGHT TRIP DINNER MEETING

(No regular dinner meeting in June)

**MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024**

**ABOARD BETTY-O, DOCK 52, MARINA DEL REY**

**TIME: TBD (5 PM ISH TO ?)**

**COST: UNBELIEVABLY LOW \$40**

(Includes crew tip- It does not include food and fish cleaning)

**LIMITED TO 22 ANGLERS (10 SPOTS AVAILABLE)**

**Notify and send checks payable to LARRC to:**

**John Ballotti**

**1751 B Andreo Ave**

**Torrance, CA 90501**

**johnballotti1@gmail.com**

**310-995-3592**

This trip will sell out fast. Do not get left on the dock.



## EARN MONEY for LARRC Foundation By Shopping at Ralphs!



Here's How:

**Step #1:** Enroll in the Ralphs Reward Program if you are not currently enrolled.

**Step #2:** Print out this page and take it with you the next time you shop at Ralphs.

**Step #3:** At check-out, have the LARRC barcode swiped by the cashier together with your Ralphs Rewards Card/phone number.

*Notice: The Ralphs LARRC Barcode needs to be swiped only once to link your Rewards Card to LARRC. Future shopping trips will help raise money for LARRC when you use your Ralphs Reward Card at check-out.*



# Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club

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## **23rd Annual Lou Berke Trout Derby**

### **WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS Friends, Family, Club Members**

Put on by.....Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club and Foundation

Place .....Hansen Dam Aquatic Center (Fish Pond) Lake View Terrace

Date.....May 17, 2024

Time.....7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Participation. Students from LAUSD Lassen Elementary & McClay Middle School

(All these students are special needs)

This will be the 23rd year that we have taken these schools for the annual fishing derby for their students.

The event takes over 100 volunteers to make the magic happen. The ratio is 1-1 with each of the approximate 96 students who participate. We need volunteers to do tackle prep, food prep, serving of the food, and fish cleaning

Free T-Shirts, Breakfast, and Lunch is served to all volunteers and once the students arrive, we start preparing lunch for all students, teachers, parents, helpers, and all volunteers.

All fish caught are cleaned immediately and put on ice for each student  
to take home.

Contact Steve Simon- [bigfish1944@yahoo.com](mailto:bigfish1944@yahoo.com)

# CONSERVATION MATTERS

By Theresa Labriola ~ May 2024

## Peeking into the Ocean's Microscopic Baby Boom

The northeast Pacific Ocean is home to an astonishing array of marine creatures—spiky urchins, multiarmed sea stars, soft sea slugs the color of lemons, and barnacles with their heads glued to rocks. Strolling the seashore or diving below the ocean's surface, we can see the adult forms of these creatures, but what about their earlier stages? Before they settled down—literally—and moved to the seafloor, almost all started life as zooplankton, marine fauna adrift on the ocean's currents. The photographs of zooplankton in the waters off Quadra Island's eastern shore reveals a biologically bountiful region where the nutrient-rich outflow of glacial fjords meets the northern extent of the Salish Sea. <https://hakimagazine.com/videos-visuals/peeking-into-the-oceans-microscopic-baby-boom>

## Fisheries Management: The Problem of Perception

One of the most frustrating aspects of fisheries management is the fact that two people—or, more often, two groups of people—can look at the same set of facts and come to two very different conclusions. It's not unusual for scientists who manage fish stocks to look at a particular population of flounder or snapper or cod, compare its current condition to the population's historical state, and decide that it's badly depleted, while fishermen look at the same population and insist that it's doing well.

Such divergent opinions often lead to bitter conflicts at meetings of regional fishery management councils and other management bodies, as fishermen feel themselves wrongly burdened by unnecessary regulations, while fishery managers insist that additional restrictions are needed to ensure the health of the stock. Looking at such conflicts from the outside, it can be difficult to understand how two groups of people, both intimately familiar with the fish stock in question, can reach such different conclusions. Recently, a team of researchers conducted a study to determine what underlies such very different perceptions. The results of a recent study concluded that while scientists and fishermen might look at the same population of fish, they are seeing it through very different lenses. Scientists and fishermen don't share the same sources of information, and so come away with differing perceptions of the state of the stock. <https://conservefish.org/2024/04/25/fisheries-management-the-problem-of-perception>

## Shark Species That May Be World's 'Largest Predatory Fish' is a Rare Sight, NOAA says

A mysterious shark that may count as the world's largest predatory fish appears to be in decline off the U.S.,

prompting a rush to gather as much information as possible about the secretive species. So little is known about Pacific sleeper sharks that experts don't know how many exist, the extent of their movements or how they reproduce, according to a newly published study. Adult Pacific sleeper sharks are rarely encountered. No pregnant female has ever been retained. This has led scientists to believe that mature sharks may live in abyssal habitats, 3000-6000 meters deep (9,842 feet to 19,585 feet). Very large sharks — up to an estimated 23 feet — have been caught on submersible cameras at great depths. Pacific sleeper sharks are most often encountered as bycatch in the nets of Alaska's commercial fisheries, and few survive the trauma, experts say. They're considered "the most vulnerable of all managed fish stocks in Alaska waters," yet no management plan exists. <https://www.aol.com/shark-species-may-world-largest-120308768.html>

## What Does Recreational Fishing Really Mean?

I think to some extent, the general public grossly misunderstands recreational fishing. It's often at a cocktail party or something, when one of my wife's friends finds out what I do. "Oh, that must be so relaxing," and "you must eat a lot of fish." Uhm, no. When I explain that most of 'em go back, there's almost always a look of confusion. And if I try and explain that it's more about adrenaline than relaxation, well, they've mostly lost interest by then. The truth is that fishing isn't really about killing a bunch of fish, "boxing up" and going home. It's much, much more about the experience. There's something unmistakably meaningful about immersing yourself in the marine environment and actually becoming part of an ecosystem. Fortunately, we're at the top of that food chain, ahem, most of the time. I mean, seriously, sometimes you're in the middle of it all. Hundreds of blitzing striped bass or tuna. They're trying to kill/eat baitfish, you're trying to kill and eat them, or simply act that whole process out without the killing part by catching then releasing them. If you get out on the right day? You might just find yourself hand-feeding yellowfin tuna behind the boat. It isn't so much about getting that fish in the boat and killing it, it's the entire experience of being on the water, or on a beach, and not just witnessing it all, but immersing yourself in it. Not just as a bystander, but as an active part of the food chain. Maybe that makes sense to some, and maybe to others it really doesn't. But if you've been there, I'm sure you understand how profound such experiences are. Anyone who thinks you just go out kill a few fish then come home is greatly underestimating the experiential nature of fishing. <https://conservefish.org/2024/04/18/what-does-recreational-fishing-really-mean>

*Conservation Matters cont...*

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is hosting a workshop to discuss expanding options for highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. I encourage you to attend if you are concerned about building a sustainable HMS fishery in Southern California. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday and Friday June 6-7, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Diego-Mission Valley.

The purpose of the workshop is to identify approaches to increase landings of HMS on the West Coast through the use of exempted fishing permits. For years, recreational and conservation voices in Southern California have been advocating for gear that increases catch while reducing bycatch. We want to ensure that new fisheries coincide with our conservation values and recreational opportunities. Your voice is important. Please consider attending. Registration is required at <https://form.jot-form.com/241266218843155>

## **Heartfelt Thanks for Your Support at Fishing & Fun Day for Kids Event**

*Scott Schiffman received the following from the Friends of Castaic Lake Vice President.*

*Dear LA Rod and Reel Team,*

*On behalf of Friends of Castaic Lake, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous donation and volunteer support at our recent Annual Fishing & Fun Day for Kids event.*

*Your contribution truly made a significant difference in the success of the event, and we are immensely grateful for your ongoing partnership and support throughout the years. Your dedication to our cause has helped us create memorable experiences for countless children in our community.*

*We deeply value the relationship we have built with LA Rod and Reel, and we look forward to continuing to work together to make a positive impact in the lives of children and families.*

*Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our cause. We truly appreciate everything you do.*

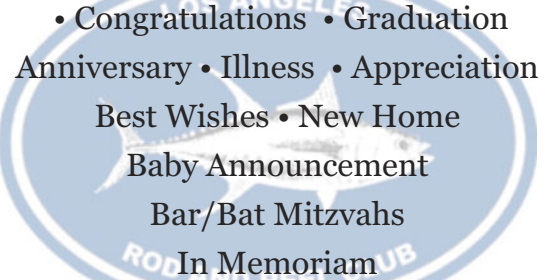
*Warm regards,*

*Courtney Tole-Schmitz  
Vice President / Event Coordinator  
Friends of Castaic Lake*

## **Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Foundation**

### **Tribute Opportunity**

Tribute Cards are available when you want to send your thoughts or feelings for

- 
- Congratulations • Graduation
  - Anniversary • Illness • Appreciation
  - Best Wishes • New Home
  - Baby Announcement
  - Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
  - In Memoriam

Your LARRC Foundation is a charitable organization. Donations maybe deducted. Tributes will be posted in the Chum Line. Tribute cards will be sent to recipient.

Information Request and Donations may be addressed to:

Mrs. Tammy Steinman  
1941 Majorca Drive, Oxnard, CA 93035  
818-987-2645 • 818-345-6104 Fax  
[tammy2508@socal.rr.com](mailto:tammy2508@socal.rr.com)

The Foundation Acknowledges this  
Tribute Received to Honor

*To Keith Heerdt  
In Memory of his father, Bob Heerdt  
Need Financial Services*

## **Health and Happenings**

Linda Simon is our contact for "Health and Happenings" Please contact Linda either by phone (818-980-7470) or email ([simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simonmurphy08@sbcglobal.net)) for any information about our club members/ family - i.e., happy or sad news; health issues; graduation or congratulations, etc.

# Meet & Greet

## Scott Schiffman

I have lived in California most of my life, raised in the San Fernando Valley, and live in Chatsworth. Fished on and off as a child and young adult but was reintroduced to fishing when my son, Arthur turned 5 years old. He wanted to deep sea fish, so we started with ½ day, and worked our way up to 5-day tuna trips, which is how I met members of the LARRC.

I joined the club in 2003, club president in 2009, and served multiple terms on the board of directors, Foundation, most recently as Co-Chair of the Foundation.

I am currently Vice president of the club again, manage the raffles, communications, and the website.

I have a 17' Tracker fishing boat, and still fish with my son, generally at Castaic, where we bass fish, and Striper fish.



My favorite target species in the ocean is Calico Bass, with Yellowtail a close second. But I will fish any water, for any species!

In the 20 plus years in the club, I have made several good friends, and lots of fishing buddies.

Life is Short~~Lets Go Fishing !



# LARRC FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

By Pamela Warren

I write to you as a Trustee of the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Foundation, delegated as the liaison between the Foundation and applicants for the student scholarships the Foundation grants on a yearly basis. Last year the Foundation voted to give California State University Long Beach (CSULB) \$10,000.00 in funds for their graduate marine sciences scholarship applicants. The University reviews the student applications and awards the scholarship funds to the students they have chosen. In 2023, four students received

the Foundation funds. In the next four months, beginning with this issue, the Chumline will be highlighting each student. The gratitude for these funds expressed not only by the students, but the University liaison as well, cannot be understated. It gives me much joy to be able to represent the Foundation in one of many meaningful ways in which it supports and nurtures the future of the marine environment and sportfishing.



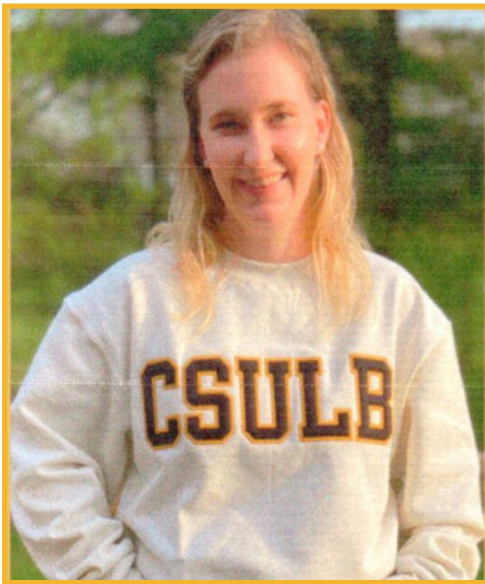
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

**LONG BEACH**

College of Natural Sciences  
& Mathematics

2023-2024

## Los Angeles Rod & Reel Foundation Scholarship



**Alyssa Taylor**  
**Biology, M.S.**

*"With your support, I hope to conduct research that can be used to inform wetland restoration efforts in the future and help preserve our fisheries for generations to come."*

### Why I chose my field of study

I have always been passionate about biology and the environment throughout my schooling. During my first semester of my freshman year, I was taking an introductory ecology class. The professor asked for volunteers to help set up turtle traps in the lake after class so we could retrieve them for lab the following day. I was one of the 3 people who volunteered to help out of the entire class. At the end of that year, the professor extended an offer to do summer research for his project and I immediately accepted. We did turtle population tracking and wetland restoration monitoring. Since then, I have been hooked on ecology and environmental science. By working towards my master's in biology, I am continuing to further my interest in ecology, the environment, and specifically wetlands.

Dear Ms. Warren,

I want to express my sincerer thanks and appreciation at being selected for the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Grad Research award. I just finished my second year of graduate school as I work towards my master's in biology. My research focus is on marine biology, specifically wetland restoration. My thesis project involves monitoring a living shoreline restoration that was constructed in Upper Newport Bay. I am interested in how the fish communities in the area are impacted by the eelgrass and oyster beds that were installed for the restoration. To monitor these fish, I deploy baited remote underwater video cameras, or BRUVs. My BRUVs consist of a Go-Pro mounted to an apparatus for deployment around the restoration site.

Thanks to your generous contribution I will be able to buy several of the newest Go-Pro models to aid in my research efforts. The old cameras that I currently use are experiencing declines in battery life. The new cameras will allow me to monitor the fish for longer stretches of time and in better resolution. With your support, I hope to conduct research that can be used to inform wetland restoration efforts in the future and help preserve our fisheries for generations to come.

With gratitude,  
Alyssa Taylor

# King of the Club

Pick your partner for a 2 person team and compete in this year's Bill Alpert King of the Club!

The trip will on the Amigo out of 22nd St. Landing and will depart June 3rd, 8pm and return June 4th 8pm.

There will be 9 - 2 person teams. Winning team will receive a Club jacket!!

Trip cost is \$250.00 (per person) includes tip, there might be a possible fuel surcharge.

Not included are food, fishing cleaning, and fishing license.

Spots are going fast. If you are game, please send check to John Ballotti.

Any question call Joel Steinman or Steve Simon



LARRC Foundation donated 15 fresh water rod/reel combos to the Orange County Social Services Summer Santa Program.

## CALENDAR

### Board Meeting

May 13, 2024  
Via Zoom • 7pm

Please email the Club President for link information if you would like to attend the Board Meeting.

### Dinner Meeting

May 20, 2024  
Lulu's Restaurant

16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406  
Social Hour - 5:30pm Dinner & Meeting 7:00pm

### Lou Berke Fishing Derby

RESCHEDULED May 17, 2024

### Veterans' Trip

May 30, 2024

### Annual Kids' Trip

July 8, 2024

### Marine Mentors' Trip

August 5, 2024

### Veterans' Trip

August 15, 2024  
October 17, 2024



THE NAVAGANTE IS 65 FEET LONG WITH A GENEROUS 20 FOOT BEAM. SHE HAS A 160 SCOOP BAIT TANK, SIDE SCAN RADAR, RSW HOLD TO KEEP YOUR CATCH SUPER FRESH. THIS IS A COMFORTABLE BOAT WITH A FINE GALLEY, MEALS ARE INCLUDED! THE BUNK ROOM HAS 24 COMFORTABLE BERTHS.

**Dates:** June 30 – July 2, 2024

**Cost:** \$440 for LARRC member, non-members \$455. Non-members please enquire.

- Note: A \$20 fuel surcharge, at this time, will be charged and paid individually per angler at the day of the trip to the boat directly.
- Snacks, drinks and fish cleaning are an additional charge per angler.

**Anglers:** 16

**Charter Master:** Dustin House, [cph\\_bass@yahoo.com](mailto:cph_bass@yahoo.com) (714) 904-5789

**Location:** Redondo Beach Sportfishing, 140 International Boardwalk, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**Trip Description:** Departs 10:00 pm, Sunday, June 30, returns Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, early morning. The target for the trip will be Tuna and Yellowtail at offshore fishing grounds. Redondo Beach is ideally located to go where the fish are. Your fare includes all meals. Tip is not included but is customary by each angler.

- Arrival is 1 hour prior to departure to check-in, sign the boat manifest and show proof of fishing license
- Please bring your own bedding – pillow and sleeping bag/blanket

Make your check payable to **LARRC** and mail to John Ballotti, 1751 B Andreo Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501.

Please contact Dustin to check availability at [cph\\_bass@yahoo.com](mailto:cph_bass@yahoo.com)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Welcome New Members

Chuck Shapiro  
 Doug & Lori Wagner  
 Mike Ruffino  
 Michael Shiroyan  
 Kenneth Robbins  
 James Fynes  
 Michele Stetz  
 Todd Stetz

have been approved by the Board of Directors as new members of the LARRC.

### Advertise Your Business or Service in the Chum Line

The monthly prices are as follows:

1/8 page: \$20	1/4 page: \$40
1/2 page: \$80	Full page: \$160

The page format is 8.5 x 11 with 3/4" margins all around

**One month FREE with 6 months of paid advertising!**

Contact John Ballotti  
[johnballotti1@gmail.com](mailto:johnballotti1@gmail.com)

# Charters 2024

## RULES REGARDING CLUB CHARTERS

All LARRC charter participants signing up for club charters are obligated to pay the full fare to reserve a spot. In the event a participant cannot make a trip, the club will attempt to fill the space once a waitlist forms. A participant may try to fill their space prior to departure. There may be surcharges this year based on fuel price increases. Bunk preference is assigned by the charter master based on the order received. So book early! If you have any special needs please make the charter master aware of them at the time of booking.

June 4 King of the Club  
Amigo

Contact Steve Simon ~  
[bigfish1944@yahoo.com](mailto:bigfish1944@yahoo.com)

June 30 - July 2 Navegante

Contact Dustin House ~  
[cph\\_bass@yahoo.com](mailto:cph_bass@yahoo.com)

## TROPHY CONTENDERS 2024

as of April 30, 2024

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LBS.	OZ.
<b>MEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>					<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER</b>				
Hailbut, California	30	Ed Liberman	15	0	Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	17	3
Halibut, California	40	Merit McCrea	30	0*	Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	15	4
<b>MEN'S FLY ROD</b>					<b>WOMEN'S FLY ROD</b>				
<b>MEN'S FRESH WATER</b>					<b>WOMEN'S FRESH WATER</b>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	John Ballotti	6	12*	<b>WOMEN'S OCEAN WATER RELEASED</b>				
Trout, Rainbow	8	Steve Simon	2	8	<b>JUNIOR MEMBERS</b>				
<b>MEN'S RELEASED</b>					<b>FIRST GAME FISH OF THE YEAR</b>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	3	Paul Varenchik	Released		Halibut, California	25	Wendy Tochiara	17	3
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Steve Simon	Released		<i>February 24, 2024</i>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Scott Schiffman	Released		<b>FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR</b>				
Bass, Lg Mouth	15	Joel Steinman	Released						



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