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Chum Line



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President's Message. . .

Time goes by so fast that a year is not enough time to accomplish all the things one hope to do. But, a lot has been accomplished and this was done with the help of the Board of Directors and a lot of hard working members. It takes the efforts of many to keep the LARRC going. . . getting projects started and seeing them through to their fruition.

As this is the season to give thanks and praise, I fully intend to do just that.

The entire Board of Directors deserves a well earned pat on the back. Dan Felger worked hard making sure that our Fishing Tournament and Calcutta was successful; also a wonderful party at his house.

Norm Carabet not only did a bang-up job of secretary but came up with new ideas to spark the membership. He also caught a 100 lb. sturgeon this year.

Joe Palty kept the books straight according to the rules of creative accounting. Yes, we do have some money in the bank. As Chairman of Goodwill and Sunshine, he took the time to send letters to members and families who suffered illness or the loss of a loved one.

Jay Flanzig spent lots of time and effort getting interesting and informative programs. We can all thank Jay for the free Triline line in October and more coming up in January.

Marv Reznick--From President to charter master; tell me, is there anything easier? And special thanks for publishing the October ChumLine.

Joe Stern--Your work recruiting new members is paying off. I also appreciate your willingness to help whenever and at whatever I asked.

Don Lee--From the Fiesta at Dan's house to the boys' trip you could always be counted upon. Just one suggestion--**TAKE SOME TIME OFF AND GO FISHING.**

Bill Adams--Thanks for your help with the phone committee and all the other effort that goes along with being a member of the Board.

A special thanks to a new member (this year) of the LARRC. Otto Painter, since his admission has been a great help to me and the Board, and I take this opportunity to announce that he is the new editor of the CHUM LINE.

Jack Baker, Al Cadis, Marty Dimond, Jeff Ellis, Harold Goodman, Irv Harris, Ted Hammock, Henry Levy, Bill Naython, Sey Rimland, Leon Zalbin and a good many more who, when called upon to help, came through. I appreciate it and the LARRC is indebted to you.

To the entire membership, I thank all of you for a wonderful year as president. May you have health and happiness in the New Year. Pearl and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah.

Bill

LARRC DINNER MEETING

Monday, January 28

Andre's Restaurant

Cocktails: 6:30 Dinner: 7:30



Curt Dills, who represents Ande line will present us with an interesting program. Through the efforts of Jay Flanzig, Curt and Ande lines any member bringing a conventional or spinning reel will have it filled with either 16 lb or 20 lb tournament line. One reel per member. Be sure the reel is stripped.

These of us who fished with and remember RUSSELL
ANDERSON will appreciate this letter sent in 1970.

*Have this in good story
around the time back in 1952.
Western's time back in 1952.
Cindy*

RUSSELL M. ANDERSON

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July 9, 1970

Mr. Lupi Saldana
Times Staff Writer
Los Angeles Times
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles, Calif. 90053

Dear Lupi:

It couldn't happen to me but it has! My application to International Game Fish Association for the 12 pound class record for my 381 pound black marlin has been rejected because of line overtesting.

The line I was using was Gudebrod Bros. Silk Co. G-6 white braided dacron bearing the bug "I.G.F.A. Class 12" which carries the factory certification that it is manufactured to conform with I.G.F.A. line class specifications and is sold at a premium because of its claims.

Usually I buy line in quantities of 10 - 500 yard spools at a time as I will use an average of 500 yards each two days of fishing. I fish with the front end one day, reverse it on the reel the second day and then discard it. So, in two weeks I run through about 5000 yards of line.

In preparing for the March trip on which I caught the 381 pound black, I bought 5000 yards of this certified line and, on a store line tester which has proven to be accurate within a couple of percentage points, pretested each spool of the line. All tested well within the allowable or from 10.9 to 11.5 pounds.

Then you can imagine my consternation when I received a letter from I.G.F.A. to the effect that my application for record for the 381 pound black had been rejected because of line overtest.

Immediately, I contacted the line manufacturer who promptly said that the line was "Certified" and that an overtest could not happen. It requested a sample of the line used which it ran through its laboratory and found that it tested 11.2 pounds using the same testing procedure as did I.G.F.A., which is "Method 4102 of Federal Standards 191".

The manufacturer then contacted I.G.F.A. with its test results, requesting I.G.F.A. to reconsider.

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I.G.F.A., in order to be sure that the independent testing company which had run the original tests on my line had not made an error in its first tests, ordered the line retested with the same results.

In answering the manufacturer, I.G.F.A. reaffirmed its rejection of the line stating only that on the two separate tests it went over 12 pounds by a slight fraction of a pound and therefore could not be reconsidered. It suggested that the manufacturer might be overlooking some detail in its testing procedure and recommended that the latter do some retesting for its own edification. This the manufacturer did and came up with the same results as previously. It has given up any hope of changing I.G.F.A. and wants to drop the matter.

So, I find myself caught in the middle of a Mexican stand-off. Sombbody goofed.

I cannot blame I.G.F.A. because it uses a nationally recognized independent testing laboratory which is accustomed to testing lines to a standard Federal procedure. And it did run a corroborating series of tests.

Also, it would be difficult to hold the line manufacturer liable, because of my own pretests on the line and its extensive laboratory tests supporting the qualification of the line in the 12 pound class.

Consequently, I find myself wiped out by the above situation. The catching of this particular fish involved six 2 week trips to Panama over a period of 2 years at a cost of approximately \$5000 per trip or \$30,000. To have it all wiped out by some stupid goof-up on line tests leaves one a bit cold. But that is the way the ball bounces. Evelyn still has both the men and womens records for black marlin in the 12 pound class which dismays her no end.

It is 'back to the mines' for me. I am just now setting up plans for our next trips to Panama, which will be sometime in January and again in March. I will be in touch with you shortly regarding the finalized plans.

I am forwarding this information to you promptly so that you will know the answers in the event that you begin to receive inquiries on the matter due to the previous publicity given to the 381 pound black catch.

Sincerely,

R. M. Anderson

RMA:mc

bcc: Mr. David Lippey

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Announcing the schedule of the Club's fishing Charter for Spring, 1985.
Chartermaster - Joseph M. Stern

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Boat</u> | <u>Landing</u> | <u>Departure time</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3/20 | New Hustler | 22nd St. Landing, San Pedro | 10:00 PM |
| 4/3 | " | " | " |
| 4/17 | " | " | " |
| 5/1 | " | " | " |
| 5/15 | " | " | " |
| 5/30 | " | " | " |

The Charter policies will be as follows:

1. Selection of fishing areas and time of return to be at the discretion of the Skipper.
2. Cost of the trips will be:
 - Catalina -----\$ 62.00
 - San Clemente -----\$ 67.00
3. The above prices include the trip, bunk, fish sacks, soft drinks and beer. Not included are food, fish cleaning and tips.
4. The New Hustler will be limited to 16 fishermen.
5. The fish caught that are in excess of each fisherman's largest legal limit will be distributed among those who do not have limits.
6. Commitments will be accepted on a first come , first serve basis, with priority considerations in the following priority:
 - a. L.A.R.R.C. members and their families.
 - b. Guests.
7. No deposit will be required. However, if you are unable to make a trip after committing, it will be your responsibility to obtain a replacement or pay for that trip.
8. No bunks will be assigned. They will be available on a first come first serve basis.

9. At the end of the year, any surplus money will be turned ovr to the Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club.

To ensure your charter reservation, it is suggested that you return the enclosed reply form to Joe Stern as soon as possible. Remember, reservations are on a first come basis and we have only 16 spots.

REPLY FORM

TO: Joseph M. Stern, Chartermaster
5222 Ventura Canyon Ave.
Van Nuys, Ca 91401

I hereby commit to the following Spring, 1985 Charter (s)
Please initial the appropriate dates.

Mar 20 _____

May 1 _____

Apr 3 _____

May 15 _____

Apr 17 _____

May 29 _____

Participants NAME

Participants SIGNATURE

SAVE THIS DATE!

- FEBRUARY 23, 1985 -

35th ANNUAL LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL CLUB
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND TROPHY AWARDS DINNER DANCE



WATERFALL ROOM
SPORTSMEN'S LODGE
12833 Ventura Boulevard
Studio City

COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES - 7:00 PM
DINNER - 8:00 PM

- \$35.00 -

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR



- FEBRUARY 23, 1985 -



BEWARE THE GHOST OF ROBERT MARGULIES

Once upon a time, in the old, old days, when LAX was a three-counter shack in the bean fields, when the only other way into town was by Route 66 or the Super Chief and when you could catch albacore off the pier a small group of high-minded citizens got together one night over a game of whist. Poker had not yet been invented. California had not yet been admitted to the Union. However, they had a vision of the future. They saw the time coming when schools and churches and synagogues would be built, when the town could afford its own sheriff to keep the riff-raff in the saloons and off the streets making them safe for decent women-folk and children. The time of the six-gun was passing and Indian raids were few and far between. In other words, civilization was coming to Los Angeles.

These high-minded young citizens said to each other, "Let's do something high-minded, like form a fishing club for gentlemen fishermen which will add to the softening touches of the coming civilization." We believe it was Max Fenmore who said this but we're not sure. Legend has it that Irv Harris said, "Yes. Now that I've hung all those stage coach robbers and the decent womenfolk and children are safe on the streets, let's turn our attention to the more genteel sport of fishing." His side-kick, Maury Levy, added, "Don't forget, Your Honor, who prosecuted them thar robbers and made it possible for you to sentence them to hangin'." Bunny Cohen put in that he had arranged for their divorces before they was hung thereby protectin' the interests of their poor widders and children. Bob Thompson, who had defended the stage coach robbers and lost the case had nothing to say on the subject and tried to turn the conversation back to fishing.

As you can see, dear reader, most of these high-minded young citizens were lawyers which kind of begs the question of high-mindedness but, nevertheless, the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club was born.

What, you may ask, does all this have to do with Robert Margulies? Well, here's the story. It seems that the club later did land a true gentleman, Bob Margulies. He had gone to the happy fishing grounds long before this writer joined the club and I never had the pleasure. However, the stories about him are still around and he was so well loved that a special trophy was created in his honor. It was a perpetual trophy to be passed on from year to year to the man nominated by the board as the member most typifying the spirit of "FUN". Evidently, Bob was not only a nice guy but had a talent for laughter. The trophy, we are told, was in the shape of a giant bass. I've never seen it because somewhere, somehow it disappeared.

The other evening your board was kicking around the names of those who will be selected for special trophies this year. Someone recalled the BIG BASS trophy and he got a lot of blank stares. Most of us had never heard of it.

Obviously, the newer members (ten years or less) are innocent. If you never got a trophy you can't hang on to it. Right? We, the younger, high-minded members would like to ask the older gentlemen to search their mantles, trophy shelves and consciences for the BIG BASS.

They tell me that Bob Margulies had a keen sense of humor and was capable of the unexpected. He may, in the tradition of LARRC, have been the hangin' type. I would not sleep well if his trophy were on my shelf.

Harold Goodman



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