



Liar's Corner

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President's Corner by Tom Fitzgerald

Greetings Saltwater Anglers,

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

We had a tremendous last club trip of the year on the Spitfire this past weekend! I will let **Bob** tell you about the trip below. We still have a couple of spots available on the **Puerto Vallarta 3.5-day trip**. Contact **Steve Berczik** if you are interested. The board is working hard on setting up our charter schedule for next year and hopefully will have a tentative schedule to announce at our January meeting. We have identified possible dates and await confirmation from the boats. Stay tuned.

A slate of people wishing to run for office was presented to the board at the December meeting. The following is the list of offices and people running for the positions.

President	Tom Fitzgerald
Vice President/Secretary	Dan Keck (Rex has decided to retire from the position)
Treasure	Steve Berczik
Director	Rob Provost
Director	Mario Flotte

If you want to run for any of the above positions and meet the qualifications, please contact **Marty Levy** at luv2fish007@gmail.com. The qualifications are as follows:

The candidate must have been a club member for the preceding three years and have attended at least seventy-five percent of the board meetings for the preceding year.

At the January meeting of the general membership, the slate of officers and directors shall be submitted for consideration. Any nominations from the floor shall be received provided: (1) the nominee meets the qualification as outlined in Section 8a, and (2) there is a second to the nomination.

Our **banquet** is coming up on **March 9th**. This year, we are going to be at the **Sycamore Inn**. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. Look for the flyer coming soon.

Just as a reminder, dues are due. New members are **\$75.00** and renewing members **\$45.00**.

Our guest speaker for January is **Dennis Groat**, Creaky Tiki. He is the author of **The Inside Guide to Long Range Fishing**. **Dennis** spoke to the club last year and was very informative. The following is a brief biography from his book:

Growing up in Southern California, "Creaky Tiki" was introduced to fresh and saltwater fishing at a young age. After successfully hooking and landing a big bluegill all on his own when he was seven, he was "hooked" on fishing for life. For over 60 years, he has been fishing in California and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Several of his articles have previously been published in outdoor magazines.

He resides with his wife and two rescued dogs in Redondo Beach, California. Whether local or long-range, he still enjoys the challenges, unpredictability, and sheer joys of hook-and-line fishing.

Future speakers

3-Jan	Dennis Groat	Creaky Tiki
7-Feb	Wendy Tochihara	Izorline
6-Mar	Void	
3-Apr	Mike Shane	Hubbs
1-May	Ben Secrest	Accurate

Our next meeting is on **January 3rd 2024**, at **Brandon's** at **370 N. Mountain Ave.** in **Upland**—the meeting starts at **7:00 pm**. Many of us come **early** to have dinner and **socialize before** the meeting. Newcomers are always welcome.

Tight Lines,
Tom

Dec Twilight Spitfire trip report by Bob Eades

We had 21 eager fishermen show up for the Spitfire Trip Report on Saturday December 16th. The weather could not have been any nicer. A slight breeze, comfortable temperature, and smooth seas.

We headed up the beach to the Topanga and Santa Monica reefs to start our evening and the fish started biting soon after we dropped anchor. We were dealing with some wind verses current issues, so we needed to resent the anchor a few times throughout the evening.

Fishing was good and everybody had a bag full of fillets to take home with them. The total count for the evenings fishing was 96 Sculpin, 54 Sand and Calico Bass, 1 Sheepshead and 3 Lobster which were happily released back into the water.

The big deal was that **Marty Levy** and **Jim Padilla** were tied for the Fisherman of the Year points, with the tie breaker going to **Jim Padilla** with Big Fish of the Year Honors. **Marty** needed to score one more point than Jim to take the lead but no bueno.

First Place Jackpot went to a guest with a 3.50-pound Sand Bass with **Steve Berczik** taking second with a 3.45 lb Sandie.

This was the last club trip of the year, so we'll see everyone at the Next Club meeting

Monthly Club Meetings

Brandon's Diner
370 N. Mountain
Upland, CA
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

First Wednesday of the month

Board Meetings

Brandon's Diner
370 N. Mountain
Upland CA
Time; 6:00–8:00 PM

Third Wednesday of the month

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Board Members

Eric Huizar 3 yrs., Marty Levy 3 yrs. Jim Padilla 2 yrs. Steve Spenser 2 yrs. Rob Provost 1 yr. Mario Flotte 1 yr.