



Liar's Corner

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President's Corner by Tom Fitzgerald

We had an excellent turnout for our first meeting of the year. Thirty-five members renewed their dues and 3 new members joined. I understand that more have renewed since the meeting. Our guest speaker, Dennis Groat, sent us a letter thanking us and correcting some of the information he presented at the meeting. I will send that letter out as a separate email.

At the January meeting we presented the slate of officers and board members up for election. With the exception of Vice President, all positions ran unopposed. By a voice vote the unopposed candidates were approved. We will have an election for Vice President at the February meeting to decide between Dan Keck and Eric Huizar. The following were elected to a three year term:

President	Tom Fitzgerald
Treasure	Steve Berczik
Director	Rob Provost
Director	Mario Flotte

In addition to voting for Vice President, we will be voting for the **Mala Suerte (bad luck)** and the **Stern Hog** awards. The awards will be write-ins on the ballot but if you would like to nominate someone ahead of the meeting you can email me with the name of the award, the individual's name, and why they should be considered. I will announce the nominations and reasons for selection at the meeting before we vote. The winners will be announced at the Banquet. My email is tfitzge324@aol.com.

Our web page fishiswac.com has been updated thanks to **Jim Padilla**, **Sarah Padilla**, and **Steve Berczik**. A new and exciting update is to see space availability on individual trips. Steve will be updating the site as spots fill. In the future we will include the speaker's schedule and boat bunk layouts, all this will be on the website instead of in the newsletter. Our first trip of the year in February still has one spot open. Our target species will be rock cod, lingcod, and possibly yellowtail. We should have a better idea as we get closer to the date. Please continue submitting posts to our face book page which **Rob Provost** has volunteered to monitor. Please send pictures from fishing trips to be included in the newsletter to **Art Richardson** art_richardson@verizon.net for use in the newsletter. We are looking into a presence on Instagram. More information to follow.

Our **banquet** is coming up on **March 9th** at the **Sycamore Inn**. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. We have included a flyer along with a registration form to reserve your spot(s). Please turn these in as soon as possible so we can give the restaurant a head count. You will see that we have included some special tickets for this year's **Big Raffle**. The grand prize is **\$1500.00 credit** towards US based club trips or **\$1000.00 cash**. The tickets are **\$5.00** apiece. You can turn your money and tickets in at the banquet or if unfortunately, you cannot make the banquet you can send your money and tickets with your name and phone number on each ticket to **Steve Berczik**. Please make sure you allow enough time for mail delivery. Just as a reminder, dues are due. New members are **\$70.00** and renewing members **\$45.00**.

Our guest speaker for the February meeting is Wendy Tochiara from Izorline. The following is a biography that I found online:

Wendy Tochiara is an expert fisherman and outdoor enthusiast. Many in the sportfishing industry know her as the National Sales Manager for Izorline International and as a host on the popular Rod and Reel Radio show. She is very active in the outdoor community as the President of the Chuck Byron Youth Art Foundation,

representative of Big Hammer Swimbaits, SKB Cases and Gary Yamamoto Custom Baits. Wendy is also a State Board Member for Coastal Conservation Association of California (CCA CAL), IGFA Southern California Representative, IGFA world record holder, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fishing Ambassador, member of Huntington Beach Elk's Lodge, Board member for California Youth Adventures (CYA), Member of Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club (LARRC), and member of California Waterfowl Association.

What many do not know is that Wendy was also a child actress featured in commercials as well as popular televisions series like Anna and the King of Siam, The King and I, Kung Fu, Medical Center and The Roseanne Show. While she kept busy as a youngster working in TV or playing sports, the times she looked forward to most were family camping and fishing trips. She is a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

Wendy has served as a Southern California Regional Stakeholder for the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative under Governor Schwarzenegger. She also collaborates with the Orange County Marine Protected Area Council and is currently working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's R3 program.

Wendy has fished and hunted all over the country and very active in all outdoor activities.

Our next meeting is on February 7th 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

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

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