

# El Cajon Valley Lions

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38 Members and 1 Guests

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## Who's on First...

What in the name of BATMAN is going on here... today was pinch-hitting day I guess. 1st VP Walt Simmons was leading off for Lion Gary Sims as our president while Sims spent the day at the track. Hall of Famer PP Trent led us in song in place of PP Jerry Hollingsworth while he enjoyed the ponies at Del Mar as well. Lion Bob Acker stepped in as the tail twister for PP George Hurst as he plied his trade at the legendary racetrack, too. And PP Phil Smith came out of the pen for bulletin editor PP Ed Waymire as Lion Ed was busy riding a Philly to a narrow victory in the third race, winning by an ear, er I mean nose. And the good thing was there was no discernible drop-off in talent in today's juggled lineup with the notable exception of the last substitution...and that will become painfully obvious as you read on. Hurry back PP Ed. Oh, and Lion John Raymond stood tall and led us in the pledge while Lion PT Tremblay offered our praise and thanks in the daily invocation to start things off.

## Nothing but the truth...

The world according to PP Elmer: "You know you're getting old when you try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any." ...Lion Dan Harley brought his lovely bride Agnes along for lunch today. Always a pleasure to see her smiling face... Lion Walt announced even though our "Day At The Races" event is sold out there are still plenty of tickets available to our Padre night event on Friday August 1st. Tickets are only \$18 each; considering the way the Pads are playing, some in our crowd offered to pay \$18 if they didn't have to go to the game. Plans are to meet up for libations before the game at Dick's Last Resort- and no Lion Walt, Dick's Last Resort is not located in Hillcrest as some in attendance led you to believe-but your welcome to go look for it there nonetheless. ...Lion PP Ron Paris was showing the effects of the annual OTL tournament that just concluded over the weekend. PP Ron was diagnosed with a severe right arm strain from too many 12-ounce curls. And a reporter asked PP Mark Krause for his take of the recent OMBAC event. He was at a loss for words to describe it but was able to capture the feel of it in a clever little drawing that I can't share with you here since this is a G-rated publication...You know times are tough when the BATMAN is forced to drive a Hybrid Batmobile in his pursuit of the JOKER in the latest film adventure in Gotham City. No stinking Hybrid for Lion Bob Acker however. He was boasting after the meeting that he broke out one of his old BMW's- a 1986 classic- from his stable of cars that gets 25 mpg around town...PP Ray Hecklewart reported on the enjoyable time everyone had at the District 4-L6 installation of officers aboard the MIDWAY moored in San Diego Bay last Saturday. There was a good show of El Cajon Valley Lions anchoring the event with the exception of the conspicuous absence of 1st VP Walt Simmons. Seems he was on the Bridge trying to get the old ship started to take it out for a spin when security interrupted his folly and threw him overboard while dressed only in a pair of white BVD's and sneakers ...Lion Lesa Mitchell, modeling a souvenir t-shirt from CAMP OLIVER, stood up to thank all of the EL Cajon Valley Lions who helped make last weekend's outing a resounding success for the local kids who attended the camp. Our mountains never looked better; looked like a great time...Lion PP Stoney encouraged everyone to come to his birthday party on Thursday August 21st out at Sycuan Singing Hills Resort. The festivities begin at 5:30 pm and there is no price for admission- but there will be great silent and live auctions that benefit his Stoney's Kids foundation. Cash donations are accepted as well for the cause...Lion Felina Balistreri is in charge of the El Cajon Valley Lions Family picnic this year. It is scheduled for September 14th out at Santee lakes beginning at 11:00am. It is a free event, so bring a chair and enjoy some wholesome family time together that includes food and drink, our

famous Horseshoe Tournament plus fun and games for the kids. ...and finally, it was reported by PP Roger Stebleton that IPP Mike Mixer has been sequestered and remains on trial in Orange County for the past two weeks and thus has been unavailable to return the CLUB briefcase with the bag of names in it for the attendance drawing. There is no plaintiff wail that will prevent a fine for that petty misdeed IPP Mike...and that's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

## Fines and Happy \$\$

I'm sure if we had more time today Lion Ray Ridlon would have stood up to explain his extended absence from our Club's meetings and activities. Certainly recent trips to Scotland and Hawaii with his family would have been among topics that were discussed by him...Lion Jon Martin proudly chummed the tail twister pot with a handsome sum to celebrate landing a Black Marlin off the coast of Cabo recently that, in his words, was bigger than him. It tipped the scales in excess of 150 lbs he proclaimed which drew sneers and chuckles from Captain Trent's table... Speaking of strangers, Lion Beard Hobbs surfaced today and was happy to have finally secured a building permit from the County for a new room addition at his home after several frustrating months. Turns out the room addition is actually a new bar and den area to display remnants of his Big Game hunting adventures... Lion Mike Carleton tossed in \$5. Seems he was heading back in after a fruitless quest for Albacore off our coastline recently. His party came upon a large pod of dolphins swimming in the gentle ocean current eight miles offshore. That brought a grin to his face. But what happened next was even more amazing according to him. At the helm of his pleasure craft, the Minnow II, he then discovered a very large group of blue whales paired off in two's. He watched in amazement at their acrobatics as they reeled with drunken delight through the salt water surrounding him. Or was it that he watched in drunken delight at their amazing exploits in the salt water...oh never mind but it was a sight to be savored and etched into memory... and a big whale of thanks to all who got reeled in today.

## Program

Lion PP Gary Robinson introduced a trio of speakers from the San Diego County Water Authority. They provided an overview of the East County Treated Water Improvement Plan currently underway in our area. They called on those members in attendance to actively participate in the "20 gallon challenge" as a means to conserve our insatiable thirst for water everyday. Showering with a friend was a hot topic being discussed at the table of PP Mark Krause as a means to meet this challenge. Shortly afterwards, this reporter fell asleep and missed the remainder of the presentation. ZZZZZZZZ---

## Attendance drawing

Once again, a drawing wasn't possible so the group decided to award the monies to PP Phil Smith as a reward for his ever-present charm, wit and overwhelming humility. Aw, gosh, thanks. Shucks.

## Upcoming Programs

July 28 – Federal Communications Commission, Bill Zears, Current Issues

Aug. 8 – Mingei Museum, Martha Ehringer, Origins, m, current exhibits, plans for the future.

Aug. 11 – Open

Aug. 18 – Business Meeting

Aug. 25 – U.S. Border Patrol, Michelle Nund. Gatekeeper and defening our US -Mexican border

Sept. 1 – Labor Day