

# ROD & GUN Chatter

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As anticipated, new schools of the elusive long fins moved up to the west end of San Clemente, where action is top. Still quite a boat ride, about five hours, but takes have been well worth the trek.

Action swung upward at the border city about the same time. Anglers scamped for passage when catches of albacore were 106 to 200, so it's easy to imagine their eagerness with the amount over 800 Monday. At least with long fins at San Clemente, local anglers aren't likely to be making the three hour drive. Besides, blue fin tuna are keeping the waters of Tayan Bay at Catalina, churning. Sunday most of the boats accounted for 20 to 40 tuna. Action expected to remain in high gear as all skippers are on the look out for purse seiners which were the cause of the vanishing school last year. Remember? Two or three went in and wrapped the whole school, leaving the sport fishermen with nothing.

Horseshoe Kelp yielding fair takes of good sized barries with a mixture of Spanish Jack and barracuda off Rocky Point, plus good catches on halibut from Redondo on up to Santa Monica. All in all, now's the time for those once in a while fishermen to take a stab at it. Don't see how they could miss with action in every direction.

Shotgunners are oiling up their shootin' irons in preparation for the opening of dove season Sept. 8. Blythe and the Imperial area, as usual, promise the most action. Lancaster, Palmdale and vicinity always good at the opening, but after a week or two of being blasted, birds get spooky. Who wouldn't!

Taking a go at the blue fin last week on the Happy Jack with Skipper Carl Hanni, Chick Hill, Jim Snyder, Dean and myself saw plenty of action. Even had three brought to gaff by Carl, Jim and Chick, topping 27 pounds, out of 15 hook-ups. Average not so good, but at least we think we know why so many were popped off. Most were on for an hour, light tackle consisting of 10 and 15 pound monofilament usually calls for babying them in, but with a strain on the monofilament like that put out by a big blue fin, it wears at the hook, eventually breaking. Thought we would try fairly long wire leaders next time. Same day Ray Beedle and Helen and Marcella Smith were aboard the Hurricane skippered by Charlie Davies. Each had hook-ups but were involved with too many tangles. Forty aboard boated 18. Ray getting lucky on two of them.

Chasing long fins off the west end of San Clemente, Sunday, 14 members of the Gardena Rod and Gun boated 44. Looks as though the heavier line is paying off. Only two were farmed, most unusual. One thing, albies ran small. Jackpot was split between Abe

## Smith's Poke Puts Legion Over Longren

Gordy Smith blasted a two-run homer in the last inning Monday night as the American Legion pulled one out of the fire, 3-2, from Longren Aeros.

It was the first hit of the evening for Smith who corralled one of Don Stickle's fast balls and sent it out of reach with Gene Holloman on base for the Legion team.

The outcome of the tilt opened the possibility of a three-way tie for first place when the season winds up Monday. The Legion and Pittsburgh Paint teams both have eight-four records, while Longren still leads the pack with a nine-three mark.

Pittsburgh tangles with Longren Monday and if the Painters upset the Aeros and the Legion nine tops Walteria in the nightcap, all will have nine-four records.

Each team got four hits in Monday's fray.

In the scheduled second game, neither the Walteria Businessmen nor Dow Stron could field a team and both took double forfeit losses. Each squad will be credited with half a win and half a loss in the standings.

Legion ..... 000 100 3-3 4 2  
Longren ..... 200 000 0-2 4 0  
Ohradovich and Bennett; Stickle and Merrill.

National Minor League Plays at New Diamond

Semi-final and final games in National Little League minor league play offs will be played tomorrow and Saturday at the Little League Park, between Western and Cabrillo on del Amo.

## Basney Top Choice for Cycle Race

Some of the midwestern and southwestern motorcycle racing standouts, who came to the West Coast for the recent Bay Meadows National Cycle Championships, are expected to be on hand tomorrow night at Gardena Stadium for the 17-event racing program.

Favorite for the main event, however, is Santa Ana's Chuck Basney, 39-year-old speed demon. Basney has been in the winner's circle after more than half of the main events during recent Gardena programs.

Racing director Bill McKay reports the race course is on the way to establishing a record attendance mark of cycle racing in the Southland. Crowds have been averaging about 4000 persons, he said.

Time trials start at 7 p.m. with the first race set for 8:30.

## Bertolets Hold Seals on Top

Tony Bertolet went four for five and brother Mike pitched the win as the Seals held their slim Babe Ruth League lead Saturday by pasting the Angels, 17-7.

The Seals had 13 hits to the Angels 10 in racking up the victory. They still hold a game lead on the pressing Oaks.

In other Babe Ruth action, The Oaks clobbered the Beavers, 12-2, and the Padres slipped by the Stars, 5-3, in a doubleheader Sunday and the Stars won out over the Angels Monday, 8-6.

All games were played at Babe Ruth Park.

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## League Sets Dance

American Little League officials announced Tuesday they have scheduled a public dance tomorrow night at the Western Club in Gardena, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

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