

Have fun with friends...

# CLUB NEWSLETTER #1

LAGUNA WOODS

## ROD & GUN CLUB

*Our mission is provide fellowship and access to skill development to members who enjoy fishing, target shooting, hunting, archery, and other forms of outdoor recreation.*



Established 1965

*To keep our Members updated about Club activities and stuff of interest, the Board authorized a monthly Club Newsletter. Do you have something to share? Let us know.*

*A special monthly feature highlighting our Membership will be a Member Profile. We have many interesting people in the Club and I'd like to know them better. Wouldn't you? Who do you want to know more about? Please let us know.*

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE FOR 2021-22

Current members should renew their Club Membership by May 15. A Membership Renewal form is attached as a PDF. Please complete and return today!

Completed forms from Current Members ARE NEEDED to verify current data and several common changes: address, phone number, email address, spouse name.

Please keep us up to date!

**Feeling caged in? Tired of sitting at home? Break out! Our Social Hour (or longer) is back with a new, casual format.**

4:30 p.m. next Wed, April 21  
Lounge Balcony at  
19 Restaurant

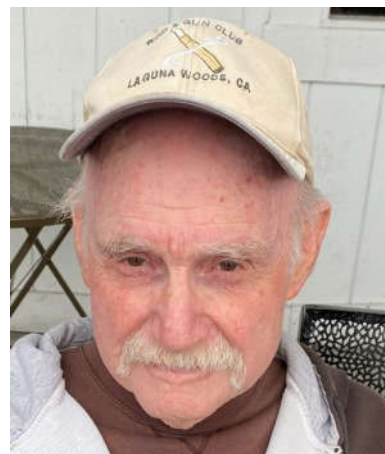
① This is a casual meet up with friends. Informality rules! Follow the usual, routine

COVID-19 guidelines for mask and social distancing.

- ② As before, we will be on the balcony outside the Lounge at 19 Restaurant, but seating is open. Find a table (you might have to share with a golfer for a while).
- ③ There is NO buffet so there is NO cover fee. Instead, order your own beverages and appetizers. Appetizers can be shared or have dinner. Specials for us???
- ④ Start time is now 4:30. You can get home before too late or too dark.
- ⑤ These are casual get togethers, your choice to attend if you want.
- ⑥ Being informal, we will now have TWO PER MONTH, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday s, through Oct 20.

### Member Profile: Mel Otterman

Interview by Ross Willard



Mel was born in 1942 in Whittier, Ca. He graduated from Whittier's Cal High in 1960. One year later he married his high school sweetheart, Judy. Their daughter Lynn was born in 1964. Sadly, Judy died in 1988 of Myofibroma.

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patrol for 10 years, and was then promoted to Detective for the next 20 years. He worked homicide his last 15 years and retired in July 1996. Mel then began working for the Orange County DA's Office. He spent the next 9 years in the Welfare Fraud and Child Support units.

Eventually Mel remarried. His wife Bridget still works giving Mel lots of free time. They live in Whittier, but he likes to spend time at their home in SJC. He also spends time on his 35-foot diesel powered Tiara yacht moored at Dana Point.

Mel has been a Rod & Gun Club Member for 12 years. He loves to fish. It began in the 70's as a charter boat deckhand in San Diego. He's fished from Cabo to Alaska and once caught a 180 lb Alaskan halibut.

Mel's favorite reel is a Daiwa conventional 3/0. His favorite tackle set up for bottom fishing is a ganion (dropper loop) with 2 hooks and bait. He brings a minimal tackle box about the size of a workman's lunch box. He limits its contents to spare line, a couple of dropper loops, extra hooks, pliers, various types of weights & sinkers, and anything else that's a basic essential. He only brings 2 poles, one set up for bass and the other is for bottom fishing.

Mel supported the Club by re-wiring our tuna charter boat, the Fury. This was a great benefit to Members needing power for CPAP machines. It provided greater safety so that long extension cords aren't needed. And his work generally improved the safety of the boat.

## CLUB GUIDE & MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR 2021-22.

The new Club booklet will be bigger & better than ever. More color, more articles and info you need! But...

We could use more ad sponsors. We have Dana Wharf, Turner's, Hogan's, 19 Restaurant, and my dentist covered so far. A few more ad sponsors would help. Sponsor ad fees go to the booklet for more pages, more content, more color. If you know of a likely sponsor you can contact, please do so. A full page ad (or two 1/2 pages) is \$100. The current booklet is a great sales tool and we have a rate sheet with ad pricing/size options and details.

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### Calendar & Announcements

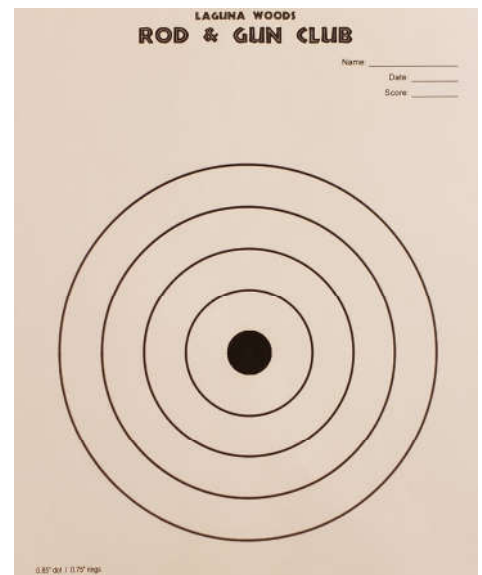
- April 19, Mon: 1/2 Day Charter on the *Sum Fun*
- April 21, Wed: Social Hour, at *19 Restaurant*
- April 28, Wed: Target shooting at *On Target*
- May 3, Mon: 1/2 Day Charter on the *Sum Fun*
- May 5, Wed: Social Hour, at *19 Restaurant*
- May 12, Wed: Target shooting at *On Target*
- May 15, Sat: **CLUB NEWSLETTER #2** With updates on the 1 1/2 days charters

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### New Target for Club Shooting

Our own target for Club Shooting at **OnTarget:**

Shooting for Score Rules and scoring method next time.



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**Use the Club's Website!**

For the latest Club info.

[www.lwvrodandgunclub.com](http://www.lwvrodandgunclub.com)

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