This was our 20th annual trip and co-chairs John Kett and Jack Richardson worked on it for a full year getting ready. It showed as it went off perfectly. 136 fishermen and lots of beer and no arguments. Jey Strong came again this year and took a lot of pressure off John and Jack. Everyone stepped up and helped when asked.

The big winner was the V Foundation which we donated close to $19,000 to for Cancer research. Steve Avon gave a very touching speech (from his heart) on his current episode of cancer. The Jimmy Valvano speech was played and you could have heard a pin drop for miles away.   
We made a second fund raising for 2 long time Hotel Palmas employees. One with a Heart condition and one on dialysis.   
A big thank you to everyone that came to the tournament and those at home who really helped out.  
  
All in All it was an amazing trip as we had 50 new fishermen going. We had fishermen from 10 different states and Canada.  
Here are our fishing results:  the guys caught 455 yellow fin tuna, 197 Marlin, close to 100 dorado and 11 Wahoo.  
Byron Crutcher caught his first Marlin in his life along with 7 more and was the Top Fisherman for the “Trino’s Panga Shootout”.  Jeff Nath was the top fisherman for the main tournament.  Both these guys took home Engraved Gold Penn Reels.  
Top team for the main tournament was Rich Navarro aka (sleep walker) and Joe Cuesnza. Top father/son team was Tate & Preston Viehweg. Top brothers’ team was Aaron and Nick Kimbers who also loaded up on cases of wine from our raffle.  
8th place in our main tournament was Jim Mayoral and Dave Pasila who will be joining up with last year’s winners Steve Avon and his Uncle Bill and going to Alaska to fish with one of our great sponsors —Widespread Fishing.  
  
We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their donations to our raffle. We will be inviting all of our sponsors to our Wild Game Dinner on Saturday January 18th in Petaluma.  Please show up and show you appreciation to them.   
We will be pulling the winning ticket for the trip for 2 to King Pacific Lodge in BC for a spectacular salmon fishing trip along with another raffle prize for a hunting trip to Africa with the proceeds going to the kids fishing tournament.  
  
We are starting up the father/daughter tournament but will change it to a family event with each team of 2 having minimum of one lady on it. There will only be 18-2 person teams. JUNE OF 2026  
Signups will start shortly.  
For information call  or text Jack Richardson at 707-326-3776 or email at  
[abalonej@aol.com](mailto:abalonej@aol.com)  
Watch for updates on our emails to you.  
We will be taking deposits at the Wild Game Dinner.  
I have 16 people already showing interest so if you are interested please get ahold of me.

The dates for the Father/Daughter/ Family is June 3-7, 2026  
June 3rd Wednesday.           Arrive  
June 4th. Thursday               Fish  
June 5th    Friday.                 Free Day  
June 6th.   Saturday.             Fish  
June 7th.    Sunday.              Leave  
  
June  9th.    Tuesday.            Father/ Son fishermen arrive for 22th annual  
  
AGAIN A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
  
JOHN AND JACK