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Welcome to West Coast KickBoats

Welcome to the first issue of West Coast KickBoats. We hope to be able to cover all kickboat and float tube news in West. The mission behind this publication will be to bring you a monthly update of what is going on in the kickboat community in the state of California. Tournament news and results will be included in every issue along with interviews of the top sticks concerning how they did it. Each month we will be highlighting a specific person either as stick of the month for consistently performing well on the water or kickboat of the month for designing sweet modifications to their ride. We hope that you will bear with us as we get this newsletter into shape over the next few months so please don't hesitate to send in questions, ideas, or suggestions that will help turn West Coast Kickboats into another avenue for growing the sport of kickboating and float tubing. Although it is still January the start of the season is just around the corner, so patch those waders, respool your rods, tie on your favorite lure and let's go kickboating.

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Tips, Tricks, & Mods

The focus for this section in West Coast Kickboats is intended to be a place where kickboaters can share fishing tips and rigging tricks and mods that have made their kickboats into efficient fishing machines. If you have any advice to fellow kickboaters or want to show off how tricked out a kickboat can be and want to share how you did it. Submit your ideas to kickboatbass@comcast.net and your tip, trick or mod will be used in a future issue.

SpinnerBait Tips

Pound the bank! To catch those active aggressive fish on the bank, toss the spinnerbait right up against the shoreline. Get the blades turning immediately and hold on.

Keep your bait in the strike zone! Use angles to your advantage. Cast at an angle to the bank to keep the bait in the strike zone longer to increase the odds of getting bit. Putting your kickboat right against the bank and making parallel casts to the shoreline is an excellent way to keep the bait in that narrow strike zone



Middle River Blade fish

By Mitch Teman

Stick of the Month

Chris Zaldain



While it was a tough decision to do either a stick of the month or kickboat of the month for the first issue of West Coast Kickboats it was quite easy to decide who the stick of the month would be when it was determined that West Coast Kickboats would honor an angler for their recent achievements. While Chris Zaldain surely is a threat at any of the

kickboat tournaments that happen in the state of California, whether it's a Delta region event for Bass-n-Tubes or the SCBBBC Invitational fall event at Clear Lake now called the State Classic. Chris is earning stick of the month because of the fantastic season he had fishing BASS opens as an amateur.

At the start of '05 Chris declared that he would win a boat before the year was over and he not only won a boat, but had three fantastic finishes. The first BASS Western open for 2005 on the California Delta, Chris fished extremely well and was able to make a top 10 finish. The next event at Clear Lake ended up being the one. All the stars and planets seemed to line up in Chris's favor and he was able to bring home the bacon, well actually a brand new Triton, way to go dude! Chris finished the season strong earning a check at Lake Shasta and was even able to represent the west coast and those of us that fish out of tubes when he got the opportunity to compete in the BASS Open Championship in Alabama.

Chris fished his first Bass-n-Tubes tournament at Middle River in the California Delta on August 27, 2000 at the ripe young age of 16. Chris managed a 4th place finish that day in the delta and since then he has proven to be a force to be reckoned with at each and every tournament he enters.

Chris Zaldain is West Coast Kickboats first Stick of the Month because of his passion for the sport of kickboating! Even after winning a boat Chris promised that he would be fishing the Bass-n-Tubes Delta Region again this year. Because of this drive to be the best on the water and for all his efforts Chris Zaldain is the "Stick of the Month"!!!

Upcoming Kickboat Tournaments.

The first tournament of the year is currently scheduled for Lake Sonoma being held by the Sonoma Belly Boat Bass Club. This event should be an interesting start of the season with the current high waters, it doesn't seem like people have been able to go prefishing yet. The Bass-n-Tubes season kicks off on the 12th of February at Beacon Harbor, a great location for kickboating on the Delta, its close proximity to Frank's Tract means there is always the chance of some big fish coming to the scales. Later in the month the Travelers region and the new Central Region for BNT will be starting the year off with a dual event at Lake Nacimiento. Naci is a great spotted bass lake and limits can be the norm on a decent bite although if someone catches a 3lber on day one it is their tournament to loose on day two.

February 4 Lake Sonoma - Yorty Creek – SCBBBC
Febraury 12 California Delta - Beacon Harbor - BNT- Delta Region
Febraury 25-26 Lake Nacimiento - Marina Ramp - BNT Travellers Region & Central Region

March 4th Lake Berryessa - Capel – SCBBBC
March 4-5 Lake Shasta - 4th(Packers Bay) 5th (Jones Valley) - BNT Shasta Region
March 12 California Delta - Mildred Island - BNT Delta Region
March 18 Lake San Antonio - Harris Creek Ramp - BNT Central Region
March 18-19 Lake Berryessa - Steele Park - BNT Travellers Region

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