



CLUB DEPORTIVO

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Newsletter

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RESCUE ONE HOURS OF OPERATION
7:00 AM UNTIL THE LAST BOAT IS IN !



And just like that, this is the last newsletter of the season. Seems like only a minute ago we started into this new season.

Everyone involved in making this a GREAT season, THANK YOU! Without your participation in all the events and activities Club Deportivo would not be what it is.

A special thank you to Sandie Burnam. For anyone that missed the night under the Big Top you missed a special night. Thanks again Sandie for all you do and have done for Club Deportivo. You are a special person.

There are several members leaving after this season is over and not returning. To those members, you will be missed, and in our thoughts and prayers. I hope you will remember your time here in Kino fondly. Everyone leaving for the season, please have a GREAT summer, be careful, as we want to see you all back here in the fall, so we can start the Kino cycle over again!

Thank you for the support you have given me throughout this past season. It is always nice to hear when someone says "THANK YOU" for being president of Club Deportivo. See you all back here in the fall!!!

Ron Leetch
President
Club Deportivo



What a wonderful benefit event we had, hats off to all the volunteers who made this event a huge success. The Benefit event is always a challenge for the Club Staff. I Would like to recognize the effort that Ricardo and Ale (which was her first benefit dinner) made, both worked so hard during the past few weeks getting the club ready for the benefit event. The winds are calming down and with the arrival of April we can see that the end of our meal schedule is approaching. And I Will like this opportunity to invite you all to be present at the staff breakfast, scheduled for April 14.

However, I would like to remind you that this is not the end of our activities. We continue to have activities for you such as Pot Luck, Trivia, Loteria, Social Hour, Yoga, Bingo, line dancing, etc., which will require your valuable participation. Of course, our courts and library remain open for you on the regular schedule.

Also, we are looking for suggestions of new activities and volunteers for the summer time, bring to us your suggestions

With the arrival of summer also comes our summer projects which are aimed at beautifying and preparing our facilities for you to enjoy the Club in the next season. Feel free to suggest any project you would like to see done at the Club; and if you have time and the desire to help, you can come to the office and choose a project in which to collaborate. Extra hands are always welcome

Rebeca Mendoza Zazueta.

Manager, Club Deportivo

2ND VP REPORT



CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE

This year started well for the Charitable committee, 20 applications and 4 under review

The 2024 Benefit Dinner, Auctions and raffle was a great success with net proceeds of 350,000. Pesos

The Humanitarian Committee has been hard at work. The award will be announced at the April 6th Dinner

*I want to Thank all the
Committee Members for the
great work they do
Harold*

Welcome to our new members

GUTIERREZ	Thelma	Hermosillo
KATICH	Bryan	Nampa , ID
PINELLI PERAL	Sebastian	Bahia Kino
ALDRICH	Zoe	
NEMETZ	Steven	Rio Rico
FLORES	Patricia	Rio Rico
LEE	Mike & Evonda	Colorado
REMMING	Tami	Kimberly, ID
HENN	Carl W	Falls Church, Virginia
OHLE	Alicia & Peter	Lukeville, AZ



MEMBERSHIP

1. Members must be 18 years or older.
2. The board establishes annual dues.
3. All guests must sign the Guest Book to protect our liquor license.
4. Guests of Members are invited to participate in:
Two (2) activities per season, such as social hour, meals, designated games, or sporting events.
5. Members may invite family members (if their stay is limited to no more than two consecutive weeks per season) to participate in all Club activities. Board approved 3/15/24

Dear Members,

We are a private club so please sign your guest in upon arrival. The indoor guest book is located inside the front door of the clubhouse and the outdoor guest sign up sheet is located between the clubs Palapa and the Clubs Pickleball courts.

I took the photos below to help with any other questions or concerns. Thank you for your to participation, Candy Marsters

1. REFRAIN FROM USING FOUL LANGUAGE OR USING OBSCENE GESTURES

2. DO NOT PLAY IF YOUR JUDGEMENT OR MOVEMENT IS IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

3. DO NOT DENIGRATE ANOTHER PERSON

4. PROVIDE COACHING OR ADVICE ONLY WHEN REQUESTED

5. IN ORDER TO PREVENT DISTURBING PLAYER, SIDELINES WILL NOT MAKE HOSTILE OR DISRESPECTFUL COMMENTS

6. LINE CALLS

- Respect your opponents right to make calls at the end of their court and accept your opponents fault calls graciously.
- Call your own shot out if you see that it is out.
- If you defer a line call to your opponents accept their call graciously
- Do not call a ball out unless you see it clearly and are certain it is out – if you are uncertain, resolve the uncertainty in favor of your opponents.
- Call a fault on yourself or your partner as soon as the fault occurs.
- Claim a replay only if a hinderance affects your teams ability to play
- Sidelines cannot make in or out calls or call out game scores.

7. ROTATE ON AND OFF COURTS FAIRLY AND COURTEOUSLY

- Don't jump ahead of others who are waiting to play.
- Don't call a lower score or start another game to avoid leaving the court.
- Be prepared to play when it is your turn.

8. SAFETY

- Avoid hitting the ball with excessive force especially above the chest as this may cause serious injury.
- Avoid slamming the ball **INTENTIONALLY** at the other players.

9. ORDER OF OPEN PLAY

- Paddles are placed on the board; first 4 players start on the new court. The winners stay and split sides then 2 new players come in. Each player can only play 2 consecutive games.
- If 8 players or more are present then the second group of 4 will play on the old court, winners stay and split, new players come in for 2 consecutive games.
- To ensure that everyone gets to play on the new court at the end of each game players exchange courts.
- If you don't want to play the next player or players in line, you forfeit your position and put your paddle at the end of the line

THESE RULES ARE IN ADDITION TO USA PICKLEBALL RULES

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

March has been another busy month for outdoor activities.

Putt Putt Tournament:

30 teams entered (60 people) Club earned 1,800 pesos

Thank yous:

Marla Anderson, Bonnie Hattenburg, Mari Evans -food vendor (Outdoor Activities Committee members)

Bartenders: Mark Gagnier, Randy Hattenburg, Carl and Susan Buesing

Sandra Johnston – photos

All the scorekeepers

Ricardo- daily prep for the venue and for painting and repairing the course.

Rebecca and Ali for daily support



1st Place: Richie and Becky Crockett

2nd Place: Ron and Nancy Leetch

3rd Place: Howard and Gloria Verbeek

Ladies Most Holes in One = Darlene (11) (might be a tournament record)

Mens Most Holes in One = Tie: Richie Crockett and Ron Leetch (8)



Ladies Bocce, organized by Anne Stern, on Wednesday mornings is now over for this season. Ladies who want to continue to play are welcome to come to the club Wednesday morning at 8:30 and organize their own games. Thank you Anne for all your time keeping us organized.

Goat Head Golf Tournament was held on March 14th: 32 players

Thank yous:

Marla Anderson – mulligan sales; Bonnie and Penny Hattenburg - closest to the pin; Mari Evans – Bartender; Louisa Thompson and Judy Campbell – beverage wagon; Bill Stern – handicaps; Ali and family for delicious lunch

1st Place: Richie Crockett

Anne Stern

Marvin Pickle

Jim Rainey

2nd Place: Robert Burnam

Francine Bailey

Dan Salmen

John Cowens

3rd Place: Bill Stern

Jeannine LaFontaine

Gayle Lenihan

Jerry Menefee

Closest to the pin:

Ladies : Shauna Smith

Mens: Lester Keute



The Pickle Ball Courts are open daily for Social Play

Play on the pickleball courts seems to be less active most mornings. Be sure to sign in your guests on the court Bulletin Board. A gentle reminder; You must have a paid membership to Club Deportivo when playing on the courts. Also, Temporary Members may not bring a guest. These are Club rules.

Ladies Putt Putt will return in the Fall, it will be Monday morning at 9:15. All ladies with a paid club membership are welcome. All you need is a putter and a golf ball.

Diane Ackerman

Outdoor Activity Director





**EVENTS ARE
WINDING DOWN
FOR THE SEASON**

GOATHEAD GOLF

LAST TOURNAMENT OF THE
SEASON WILL BE APRIL 11th

MEALS

DINNER - APRIL 6th

BREAKFAST - APRIL 14th

GRILL YOUR OWN DINNER - APRIL 27th





BIG TOP BENEFIT 2024

LADIES & GENTLEMEN THANK YOU!!!

We built and you came and made another Club Deportivo Benefit a huge success. The preliminary numbers are in.....drumroll please....Net proceeds are \$350,000 pesos.

Again, it takes a village to make this work, I'd like to list everyone who helped, but that's impossible.

There are always a few who went above and beyond and here they are -

ABDON BERRELLEZA...what a talent! We gave him an idea and he transformed our Club into an exciting circus. BRAVO Abdon!!

ROBERT BURNAM AND JOSE DE LA RE made sure we all had a great time at the Carnival Games. Bill Stern, Tavi & Sheila Kristjen & Ichy Navarro assisted. Proceeds were \$9100p in just 2 1/2 hours and the Bar did very well.

LYNNE CURTIS, my right hand assistant, worked countless hours to ensure the Raffle and Silent Auctions were ready for your bids.

RALPH COPPOCK and his crew...Esteban & Jose de la Re, Mariana Ochoa, Anne Stern and April and Billy Bernard with little Amara.

RENATA FARFAN DE LE RA our acrobat!!! She amazed us with her beauty and artistry!

Finally, REBECCA MENDOZA, Club Manager. I'm convinced nothing could have been accomplished without her enthusiasm. Ale and Ricardo are also to be commended.

This was my "swan song"! Since I'm known as the "Club Clown", I thought it appropriate that I go out on a theme that expressed my clownishness! It's been a great 8 year run, but it's time someone else controls the reins. As "Old Blue Eyes" says, "I did it my way" and am happy to report that it resulted in over one million pesos for the Club and community.

My heart is bursting with love and appreciation for all of you that hung in with me!

One last thing...Did you have fun?? If the answer is yes, my work here is done.

Love & hugs, Sandie Burnam



FROM THE KITCHEN

Smokin good meat loaf was the word I got on your Saturday March 2nd dinner organized by the Hattenburg family team, Scott & Penny, Randy & Bonnie, and Russ & Michelle. Along with Smoked Meat Loaf those delicious garlic flavored mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, and apple crisp.

Entertainment was by our local favorite Chayo and Thomas.

Sponsors included President and first lady Ron & Nancy Leetch, Diane Ackerman, Bill & Judy Kidd, Tom & Norma Veazy.

Sunday March 10th was a Breakfast Burrito morning those who attended, enjoyed Joan Fairweather's cooking talents. Always a great way to start the day.

Sponsors were Barb Pope, and Margaret and Harold Becker.

Sunday March 17th yes Back-to-back breakfasts with freshly made Cinnamon Rolls, scrambled eggs, and bacon. Organized by Diane Ackerman and Mari Evans.

Sponsors were Patty Runner and Kim & Rusty Aiken.

The Big Benefit dinner was once again a huge hit. I'm not involved with this event but from where I sat everything was wonderful, great, and very successful.

COMING UP SATURDAY APRIL 6TH

Maggy and Harold Becker are baking up a club favorite "Cottage Pie Dinner" with all the goodies inside. Also enjoy a wonderful dessert of blueberry lemon cheesecake with whipped cream and a chocolate garnish.

Sponsors of this meal are Bill & Judy Kidd, Karen & Dick Anderson, Joan & Maurice Fairweather and Kim & Rusty Aiken.

SUNDAY APRIL 14TH

The Club staff is organizing a classic Mexican breakfast that will certainly be a crowd pleaser. "Divorced eggs", a delicious Mexican dish similar to Huevos Rancheros. It is unique and gets its name from using two separate salsas, red and green.

Sponsors are Dick and Karen Anderson, **Needing one additional sponsor.**

GRILL YOUR OWN - APRIL 27TH

The last meal of the year will once again be "Grill Your Own". Sheila has volunteered to organize this final meal, but all her regular team players are going to be gone. She is asking for help so please contact her. The club will provide a potato dish of some kind, a green salad and dressing. They will figure out some kind of dessert.

This is an outside event; the BBQ will be hot with local mesquite charcoals. This meal will take place Saturday April 27. **4 sponsors are needed for this event at 50.00 each**

This will wrap up another fun and enjoyable season of delightful dinners and breakfasts. We will be working on next years meal calendar here shortly and it will be posted by mid month. Sheila and I will be contacting our current organizers to give them first choice of dates. Anyone wanting to be involved contact either one of us and we will be happy to answer any questions and be happy to get you involved at any level.

Once again, thanks for all who involve themselves with our meal program. From those who attend the meals, organizers, sponsors, staff, and volunteers.

Kind and Thankful regards,

Kim and Rusty Aiken

Kitchen Director

Communications

Send your articles for Weekly Bulletins,
Calendar and Newsletter to Cyndi Rowley

clubdeportivonewsletter@gmail.com

Daily Radio announcements to Anne Stern

annestern47@hotmail.com

If you want to receive Club news via WhatsApp,

send your WhatsApp phone number to

clubdeportivonewsletter@gmail.com or

WhatsApp 662 307 1714

You will then receive an invite to join



Advertising Guidelines for Club Events

1. Organizer to work with the director to get approval for an Event to be added to the calendar from Club Office (Indoor, Outdoor, Meals)

2. The director/Organizer will organize advertising – the designer of Advertising will send ad to the Director & Organizer, Office Manager (rebecca.club.d@outlook.com) and Communications Director (clubdeportivonewsletter@gmail.com) for approval.

If you included Office Manager, Communications and Organizer in your original email to Ad designer, everyone can then “REPLY TO ALL” this can be completed seamlessly.

3. Once approved by Office Manager OR Communications Director the advertisement can be published on all platforms. KBN Net News, Membership Bulletins, Facebook and WhatsApp

Indoor Activities



Mugs Comedy Night



Good morning everyone! Welcome to the month of April, month that ends the Club Deportivo season but we stay in town, "The Survivors of the Summer" and we will continue with indoor activities such as Loteria, Trivia and Social Hour. To my friends who return to the United States, I ask you to take care of yourselves and have a safe trip and we will wait for you to return next October and to those who stay in town, I also ask you to take care of yourselves and continue supporting the club, as always. Thank you and be happy, ¡Life is short!

Elena Garcia Andrade
Indoor director





April 2024

March '24							May '24						
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31													

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 BINGO	2 Line Dancing	3 Trivia	4 BINGO	5 CALENDAR MEETING 2024/25	6 COTTAGE PIE DINNER
7	8 BINGO	9 Line Dancing	10 Loteria	11 BINGO EQUIPMENT TRAINING GOAT HEAD TOURNAMENT	12 BOARD MEETING	13
14 DIVORCED EGGS BREAKFAST 	15 BINGO	16 Line Dancing	17 Trivia	18 BINGO	19 	20
21	22 BINGO	23 Line Dancing	24 Loteria	25 BINGO	26 	27 GRILL YOUR OWN DINNER
28	29 BINGO	30 Line Dancing	1	2	3	4

Bingo		2:00 PM	Bar Opens 1:30	Line Dancing		8:30 AM	8:30 AM		8:00 AM	Social Hour	
Loteria		3:00 PM	Bar Opens 2:30	Weight & Stretch		8:15 AM	9:30 AM	Breakfast	TO 9:30 AM		5:00 PM Bar Opens 4:30
Trivia		5:00 PM	Bar Opens 4:30	Yoga		10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Ladies Bocce Ball	6:00 PM		
				Chair Yoga		11:00 AM		Dinner	Bar Opens 4:30		

Club Deportivo Saturday Night
April 6, 2024 6p Bar 4:30p \$200

Maggy's "she's a bonnie Lass"
Cottage Pie Dinner
w/ Medley of Steamed Vegetables

DESSERT
Blueberry Lemon Cheesecake
with Whipped Cream and
Chocolate Garnish

Organizers:
Maggy & Harold Becker

Sponsors:
Judy & Bill Kidd, Karen & Dick Anderson
Joan & Maurice Fairweather, Kim & Rusty Aiken

WEDNESDAY

Team Trivia

Wednesday April 3 5p

Yes, FREE POPCORN

FUN and PRIZES, too!

Join a Team or Bring your own!

Moderator Nancy Berg

Full Bar Open 4:30p

Changing our email deliver system!

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Folders**

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to your contacts will fix the issue of going to your Spam**

**Thank you for your patience as we transition
to the new system, I will continue to post
through google groups as well until May 1st**

**Thank you
Cyndi Rowley**

FISHING REPORT

Reporting Period: February 25, 2024 to March 25, 2024.

Note: Missing dates normally mean that the wind contributed to boats not going out to fish.
Send me any fishing news or pictures: lyncurt0@gmail.com

02/25/2024 HILL BILLY YACHT trolled around the Turner area, saw some birds and surface fish action, but no bites. Then tried Colorado Risco bottom fishing and caught Rockies, Goldies, and Mother-in-laws.
02/26 SAND DOLLAR went to Punta Willard and caught nice Goldie's, Sheephead, and a Grouper bottom fishing (275 -325 feet deep), and reporting 62 degree water. GATOR BAIT caught nice Goldies at Turner.
02/28 GATOR BAIT went to Turner to try bottom fishing but only had small catch of Goldies.
03/01 GATOR BAIT caught nice Goldies at Pedro Matir. EL SUENO went to Isla San Esteban and caught Goldies, Salmon (Pacific White Fish), and a 60 pound Baqueta Grouper (see below). Also SAND DOLLAR caught limits of Goldies bottom fishing. Photos below represents a typical day of bottom fishing, with Goldies, Rockies, Suegra (Mother-in laws), Trigger fish and Salmon.



03/02 NIGHTWINGS tried jiggling at the south end of Turner but only caught a few Goldies, then did better on a higher grade of Goldie's at Dead Man before moving on to Colorado Risco for one decent Yellowtail and filled limits of larger Goldie's and Rockies to 5.5 pounds jigging (see above picture). GATOR BAIT caught a nice Fortune Jack (related to Yellowtail), a mess of sand sharks, and other bottom fish at a Pedro Matir. FIREFOX fished Dead Man for 9 Yellowtail and limits of Rockies and Goldies. An unidentified group of Hermosillo fishermen had a nice catch of Yellowtail and various bottom fish.
03/03 MONTANA KIDD'S inflatable had a good catch of Rockies, including one 2.5 pounder.. They were fishing the bay and near Cerro Prieto.
03/05 FIREFOX was fishing Dead Man and followed diving birds to catch 9 Yellowtail and some bottom fish. They were Northwest of Deadman jigging and trolling. Turner was reported as "Dead" for trolling.
03/06 EL SUENO fished the Turner area for Goodies, Salmon and a Yellowtail.
03/11 SAND DOLLAR fished Eagle's Nest and Willard Point for limits of Goldies, Suegra, and a Yellowtail.
03/12 DOS PRIMOS caught one Yellowtail and bottom fish at Turner. Other boats were out but did not report, so fishing must have been really slow.
03/13 SAND DOLLAR fished around Turner for limits of "BIG" Goldies. EL SUENO got limits of Goldies but reported not sign of any Yellowtail.
03/19 EL SUENO fished Dead Man, Turner, and the Cross-Roads for bottom fish.
03/20 TZGIANE had a "nice boat ride" from the San Nicholas area towards Turner but saw little sign of fish. However they did have a Grey Whale breach a short distance in front of them. DOS PRIMOS had a great day bottom fishing for Goldie's, Rockies, Salmon, Triggerfish and four nice grouper, species unknown. They also caught two "bright orange fish", possibly Scorpion fish, Pop-Eyed Catalufa, Threadfin Bass, or maybe a "Gold form of Sardinera".
03/21 SAND DOLLAR good limits of Goldies in Turner area (?).
03/22 EL SUENO caught the usual bottom fish suspects. Same with SAND DOLLAR, not sign of Yellowtail or Grouper.

Since April and May are excellent fishing months, especially for some species. I thought that I could cover some of the species that become more available as the waters warm. Sea Surface Temperatures are slowly rising (4/23 data):
Local coastal and channel at
Tiburon reaching 68 to 69 (degrees F, 8 day avg.), 70 degrees (3 day avg.)
Tiburon West: 65 to 66 degrees (8 day avg.), 66 two 68 (8 day avg.)
Esteban West: 62 to 64 (8 day avg.) and 67 to 68 (3 day avg.)

TIDES
This April there are two periods of high tide ranges; 4/6-4/11, and 4/22-4/27, and low tide ranges (slow drifts): 4/1-4/4, and 4/14-4/17.
Moon Phases: Solunar Table predictions 0 to 3: (poor to excellent activity) For believers
Third Quarter: 4/3 0 - 1 4/3 to 4/6 First Quarter: 4/17 0 - 1 4/19 to 4/22
New Moon: 4/10 3 4/9 to 4/11 Full Moon: 4/24 3 4/24 to 26

April Fishing
White Sea Bass (Cabricucho) have already been caught in March but I feel like April into early June are good times to target them. November-December is also productive but that is a long ways off. They are extremely popular because of their size, fighting quality and as excellent eating fare. I have seen them from 10 to 80 pounds in this area. They feed on bait fish like sardines, mackerel, small croakers and squid if available. Live bait of the species mentioned are desirable live bait but those are not often available in this area. Jiggling with heavy lures from 4 to 11 ounces work well in styles like Tady, Salas, and Shimano work well in chrome, chrome and blue, red head-white, "Scrambled Egg", "Angry Squid", and Mauve Squid are dependable colors as are the larger P-68 in white and glow in the dark. WSB are most often found over or near reefs, especially near sandy bottoms in many places near Kino. Most I know of have been caught in over 100' to 200' depths, but they have been caught regularly to less than 50' and deeper than 350'. They do have tender mouths, so a steady slow, steady rate of retrieving is important because you could lose a nice one if you reel in too fast or try to "horse" them in. I know because I have lost them that way. The main thing to remember if fighting a big one is to get their head turned and get them off the bottom, where you usually hook them. They usually have one good run like a freight train then a long tough resistance to coming to the boat. That first run is very tough to stop with a big one but just hold on. I usually have my drag set pretty tight to help keep them off the rocky bottom. When jigging, drop to the bottom, take a couple of turns to get off the bottom and raise and lower the rod at a moderate rate. If nothing bites, reel up about 10 feet and continue your jigging motion until about 20 feet off the bottom. A decent drift helps to cover more territory if not too fast or you may need more weight to get to the bottom. Top locations have been on the south end of Turner, north from Playa La Cruces on Tiburon, Deep Reef, and near 14 Mile, and possibly at Dead Man.

BUT, remember that the endangered Totuava are sometimes caught when fishing for WSB and keeping them is illegal. The best way to differentiate is to look at the caudal (tail) fin. WSB have a concave, inwardly curved tail, while Totuava have a convex, outwardly curved tail (See photo).

Cortez Halibut also return to the shorelines from March into May, although I think late November through December has always been the best time for catching them. I have caught most off sandy beaches like at "Christmas Tree" (Estuary Santa Rosa), Red Rock Beach, and other beaches near Kino. I use spinning rods with 12 to 17 pound test mono with Kastmaster and Krocodile spoons and Striped Bass lead head jigs like Stump-jumpers or Holographic Stripper Jigs, especially in blue and white or chartreuse and white (see below). I work the jigs across the bottom, jerking them up and dropping down along the bottom at a moderate rate. The spoons work best if cast out and allowed to sink then retrieve them at moderate speed, allowing to sink to the bottom every so often. I have usually not had to cast out a very long distance and have often had them follow the lure near to the shore. Sometimes I just stop reeling to allow the lure to sink, then strike hard to hook the fish when it settles over the lure (more with the jigs than spoons). Then just reel in steadily without jerking until you reach the shore, and try to slide it up on the sand, hopefully with a little help from a wave. Sometimes they will fight hard and make a few runs back out, but I do not keep the drag any tighter than necessary. Once I had a halibut over 20 pounds to the shore three times before it broke off, but the second one (23.5 pounds) was beached successfully, despite "help" from the two Dalmatians in the foreground.



Corvina, or "sea trout" are often caught with the Halibut and both of these are often caught at the same time of year, just in different places. Corvina are also found off sandy beaches and near estuaries, but often in deeper water such as off San Nicholas Beach ("14 Mile") along with Spotted Bay Bass "Sandies", and Yellowfin Croaker's. These fish will hit bait or lures like the ones mentioned for the halibut. They do travel in large schools and are constantly on the move. Again, I just cast out, let the lure settle, then reel it in with an occasional jerk. You do need to reel faster than when after halibut. By the way, Corvina are relatives of



the larger White Sea Bass and endangered Totuava, as well as the Yellowfin Croakers, all members of the "Croaker" family. Below, the Yellowfin Croaker is on the right and Corvina on the left.



One last species I must mention is the Leopard Grouper or "Sardinera" (aka "Brownies" or Cabrill). They spawn in the late Spring from mid-April into June, usually very near rocky shores and reefs where there is a lot of weeds. We have used metal jigs for them but many catch them casting close to shore with medium sized Rapala X-Raps, for by trolling. They can reach weights well over 20 pounds and fight hard, are beautiful fish, especially if in the "Golden" phase, and one of the best eating fish. Sardinera are usually caught in waters 25 feet to 150 feet. They are a sought after fish for these reasons, but are a slow growing, long lived species that are easily over exploited and populations are at risk, so please keep to the limits of five fish per fisher-person.



Next month I will cover a few other species that show up later in the Spring into June.
Matt Curtis