

**LYLE HALL WINS THE RICHARD THOMAS MEMORIAL GRAND PRIZE (TOP ANGLER) IN THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION FISHING TRIP**



LYLE HALL CATCHES A 50.8 LBS YELLOWFIN TUNA FROM THE “REEL EZE” BOAT to win the top spot in one of the most prestigious tournaments. He beat out 394 anglers who fished on 91 private boats and one charter boat. Of the 394 Anglers, there were 21 lady anglers and 16 junior anglers. Collectively they caught a total of 98 fish : 61 Yellowfin Tuna, 25 Albacore, 6 Bluefin Tuna, 4 Yellowtail (which includes Lyle’s whopper), 1 Released Marlin. Lyle’s fishing buddy wrote this message suggesting that Lyle is both strong and generous in his victory: “ You handled it like a pro! By the way I know you were just trying to be a good host when you offered the fish to me and it had absolutely nothing to do with that burning sensation in your arms. Good job, with that jig it was probably equivalent to a 100lbs fish on a normal jig. You pushed thru the burn and won the battle. Few people will ever catch a fish that big you should be stoked. “

Another notable winner, Meagon Shea, finished in 2nd place (with an albacore that was only .2 from the first place winner Jonathon Baskin). She is mentioned because she was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma and recently finished her chemotherapy and is in remission, which allowed her to fish on the family boat Ehukai! Great story of a Make-A-Wish kid triumphant over cancer. The Tuna Challenge volunteers work so hard to make this tournament happen because it raises money for the make a wish foundation helping many children who face the challenges of serious illness.

RFNL Reporter Francie Sorem had this to say:


Lyle won us a \$9000 trip to Alaska by catching the biggest yellow fin tuna this past weekend in the "make a wish" tournament held in San Diego. He made a wish alright and as long as it gets me free travel I am totally onboard. check out the link for the specifics

<http://tunachallenge.org/>

*Fishing aboard the Reel E-Ze, Team Top Fish accounted for the High Boat, Large Boat Division Team Total, the Richard Thomas Memorial Grand prizes, as well as the top three spots in the Large Boat Division individual standings. Team members Dan Brown, Gary Burke, Connor Burke, Lyle Hall, and Jeff Steward are in the picture with Lyle.*



# The Riel Family Newsletter

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## Time To Update your Connect Information on the Riel Family Newsletter Site



### Francie says "WATCH OUT"

Make sure you register address changes, or suffer these crazy fines I fortunately will not fine you but would like new address changes for this years family list. I will be happy to post for you to the RFNL Google site as well. You can kill two birds with one quick toss. --Me.

Francie then forwarded the following information because it suggested that you might have to pay either \$214 or \$178 (#2, & #21) if you did not report a change of address in 10 days. It suggested you better beware - drive carefully and obey all rules as the State of California was broke and looking for new sources of revenue. The editors of the RFNL could not agree more that one should drive with care. It also might be reasonable to raise the fines as one has a choice, if you don't want to be charged, don't break the law. But even with this, the amount of fines (in red) did not seem to be consistent with what one thinks is reasonable. So your editors did some checking to see what they could find out about this list. We share the result of our investigations.

The amount of money that one is fined for an offense is determined by all sorts of variable including, time of day (i.e. during rush hour traffic), place of infraction (i.e. near a school, hospital), conditions (i.e. raining, fog) and driving record of the person. That being said, we discovered that there is both a state and country "bail" or starting amount that is used by the courts to determine fines. These were at odds with the rates listed in the message so we have amended the message to include the ones from San Diego. One officer said that higher fees are sometimes used to bring people into court so that they can better understand the problems with their behavior (or get yelled at). The judge has the power to readjust the fine to whatever he or she thinks is fair.

1. Failure to obey license provisions **\$214**  
SD Courts – (too many to compare)
2. Failure to notify DMV of address change within 10 days **\$214** --S.D. Courts =\$25
3. Failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility (insurance) **\$796**--S.D. Courts =\$200
4. Failure to stop at a red signal. **\$436**--S.D. Courts =\$100
5. Unsafe Speed, 1 to 15 miles over the limit. **\$214** -- S.D. Courts =\$35
6. Unsafe Speed, 16 to 25 miles over the limit. **\$328**-- S.D. Courts =\$70
7. Failure to stop at a stop sign. **\$214**--S.D. Courts =\$100
8. Passing a school bus with flashing red signals. **\$616**-- S.D. Courts =\$150
9. Drive using wireless phone not hands free, First offense **\$148**--S.D. Courts =\$20 subsequent offense. **\$256**--S.D. Courts =\$50
10. Drive while wireless device to send, read or write text. **\$148** --S.D. Courts =\$20
11. Minor driver using wireless phone. **\$148**
12. Parking in a bus loading area. **\$976**
13. Violation of disabled parking provisions, first offense. **\$976** --S.D. Courts =\$300 second offense. **\$1876** --S.D. Courts =\$500
14. Unlawful material on vehicle windows. **\$178** --S.D. Courts =\$25
15. Adequate muffler required **\$178**--S.D. Courts =\$25
16. Mandatory use of seat belts. **\$148**--S.D. Courts =\$50
17. Mandatory use of child passenger restraints **\$436**-- S.D. Courts =\$100
18. Headsets/Earplugs over both ears. **\$178**--S.D. Courts =\$25
19. Motorcycle safety helmet requirements. **\$178**--S.D. Courts =\$25
20. No evidence of current registration. **\$256**--S.D. Courts =\$25
21. Notify DMV of change of address within 10 days. **\$178**--S.D. Courts =\$25
22. Display of license plates. **\$178** --S.D. Courts =\$25

The differences are proportional so maybe there is some truth to these assessments but this is the best we can do in terms of fact checking. Best just not to find out by driving within the limits of the law. By the way, if you drive over 100 miles per hour the fine is-\$300 and if you fail to stop give a blind person the right of way--\$500





## Mystery device contest answer at last

Last spring we became aware, through Birdy, of a strange looking device shown in the adjoining picture. We invited any who

wanted to qualify for a prize to guess its function. We received three replies, as follows:

(1) *Hi grandpa- I'm putting in my two cents for the mystery item in the photo from the May newsletter. I think that it is a head (and/or scalp) massager. love,Michelle*

2. *Hi Grandpa, It looks like a decretive light fixture cover, like for a chandelier. That's my best guess. Love you, Katy Riel*

3. *Hi Grandpa, Dustin and I guess its an avocado picker.Did we win?? ~Lauren and Dustin*

Unfortunately, none of these guesses were correct, and we were forced to declare the contest as closed; now we will reveal the answer you all were looking for. According to Birdy, the device is used in a medical procedure where the patient's head must be held perfectly still for some period

of time, such as a scan or some type of radiation treatment. It was used in some sort of treatment Bruce received some time ago. Better luck next time!



**Don't forget Birdy's November deadline for Riel Bowl video !!!**

Okay gang,  
We are now getting down to the wire. I am giving out a Thanksgiving deadline.....so many of us have it off. Please send me a video for the final Riel Bowl at Robert's by the end of November. If you need me to take a movie of you ....let me know. I will come to your place and tape it.  
thanks  
Birdy the movie builder...  
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## Bob Gillingham sends news item to Parker "Parents Did You Know" newsletter

**Dear Lower School Parents and Friends:**

I've worn many hats at the Lower School over the last 35 years including that of a bus driver, Lower School teacher, Middle School teacher, Lower School principal and parent of 3 great graduates, with a collective 47 years at this wonderful institution.

During the last 20 years, I've been party to Grandparents' Day on the Mission Hills campus, and I've always enjoyed the occasion. The day is invariably punctuated with priceless glimpses of unconditional love, and there is always a very special feeling which lingers even after the last grandparent has left campus.

Each and every time we've held this event, I've been relegated to the roles of host and observer. And, it's not that I mind, but I've always thought that grandparents are members of perhaps the coolest club ever. That said, the membership criteria are pretty inflexible, and for someone who tends to be goal-driven and organized, completely out of my control.

However, the membership committee relented a couple of week's ago when my eldest, Kristy, now an English teacher at the Middle School, announced that she and her husband, Seamus, are expecting in June. It's still a conditional membership, not fully vetted until next year's Grandparents' Day, but my wife, Listy, and I have definitely got a foot in the door.

I found the hat, tried it on, and I think it's going to fit really well.

Sincerely,



Bob Gillingham

**YES!!!** It's official, as you can see from Bob's announcement to the Parker parents and friends. It was not the best kept secret of the year, since hints and admissions were put out by both Listy and Birdy from time to time.

The picture was taken In June, 2009, at the housewarming party put on by Kristy and Seamus. We look forward to the new arrival next June, and we certainly congratulate the soon to be proud parents. Look for more news on this subject in future RFNL editions.

## The Riel-Mehans go to Washington in search of sanity.

Margaret, Bud, Megan, Michael and Ashley all left the routines of their everyday lives to join the hundreds of thousands of people at the October 30th Rally to Restore Sanity. The rally was a non-partisan event led by Jon Stewart, comedian on "The Daily Show." Stewart said the extremists on both sides were not invited. Instead, it was an event to call out to the media to stop broadcasting pseudo-news that stretch the truth to the outer edges of "truthiness". Stephan Colbert's (from "The Colbert Report") contribution was to satire fear and encourage us to not get trapped into fearing each other or the future.



It was quite an experience to be in a mass of so many people. However, there was no protest screaming, no anger, no effort to drown out the voices of others.

Instead there was humor and an honest concern to find a way to return to respectful political discourse where people with different views can talk with one another without name-calling and fear mongering. And the irony of this event is that it was the court jesters of



present day-- the comedians-- that were leading the call for this return to sanity.

Margaret shares this quote:..."The press can hold its magnifying glass up to our problems and bring them into focus illuminating issues heretofore unseen or they can use that magnifying glass to light ants on fire and then host a week of shows on the sudden, unexpected flaming ant epidemic. If we amplify everything we hear nothing." (<http://tinyurl.com/sanityjs>)

The next day they explored the Mall and the Museum of American History which was fun. They also had to maneuver around a group of marathon runners-- now there are some people who could use some sanity!

## Ed celebrates 62nd birthday

Ed and Jan celebrated Ed's 62<sup>nd</sup> with Kevin and Nicole on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, hence were not available in San Diego. However, on their return we invited them out to dinner, as a second celebration. We dined at Obistros, in O.B. Francie picked us up, and we were joined by Chris and Nathan. Since it was a cool and rainy night we dined indoors, by the fireplace, and enjoyed a great meal. The house contributed a special dessert, and we all wished Ed many happy returns.



A few days afterwards Ed got an unexpected business gift. Some months ago he had bid to the City of Coronado a contract to perform various small maintenance tasks not of sufficient size to be bid as separate tasks. In the original bid Riel Construction was the second low bidder. The winner's bid was about half of Ed's, so the low bidder was the winner. A few days ago Ed was informed that the low bidder was not performing, hence the contract was awarded to Ed. It is not a large award, but it provides

continuing work without re-bidding. Also, it opens up continuing contact with various city officials on potential for other jobs. So, CONGRATULATIONS AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY..

