

# SDJC at the Padres

Article by hard-hitting sports reporter Stick Holmes



*Our gang of Padre supporters*



*Hosts Jay (front) with Ann (in white) with friends Sam and Mie*



*The Holmes family*

When the umpire hollered “Play Ball” at the top of the first inning (and his lungs), the **San Diego Jaguar Club** had no idea what it was getting into. I will have to reluctantly admit, Jay Stamets sure knows how to get his money’s worth. Jay got the Club tickets in the exclusive Kona Cove section of Petco Park for the opening series against the Toronto Blue Jays Friday, May 31st. He not only got us great seats down the third base line, free hot dogs, popcorn, peanuts, and soft drinks, but we got to watch baseball for 17 innings! That’s like watching 2 games for the price of 1! Way to milk a buck, Jay!



*Bob Proctor, Vic Chang, and Harvey Williamson*

It all started with 33 Club members and guests socializing and dining in the Kona Cove. If a member should happen to want an adult beverages, there was a Kona beer stand within crawling distance and a full-service bar just outside the Cove. (Everyone knows my favorite inning is the bottom of the 5th). So there we were, blithely chatting and enjoying the game when the Padres tied it up 3 to 3 in the seventh.



*Dick Kearney enjoys popcorn with Phyllis Yates*



*Vic enjoying a hug from Karen Holmes*



*Jorgene with Beverly and Heather*



*Carlos Quentin digging it out*



**Go Padres!!!**

There were a lot of ensuing fantastic defensive plays, but no one was able to mount anything offensively until the bottom of the seventeenth when Jedd Gyroko (pronounced Jerko) reached on a 1 out single, and pitcher Clayton Richard bunted him to 2nd. Then, in the wee hours of Saturday morning, 4 hours and 58 minutes after the first pitch, Jesus Guzman slapped a sharp ground ball scoring Gyroko from second and ending the seemingly perpetual ball game.



*The "Boys of Summer"  
Nick, Tom, Tim, and Sean*



*"Looks like we got seats in the front row!"*



*Haley and Beverly*



*Heather, Tom and Sean*

How many Club members were left standing for the walk-off single? Seven. That would include the stalwart and die-hard fans Vic Chang, his lovely daughters Heather and Beverly, Heather's husband Tom, and her son Sean, Haley Holmes, and your reporter.

One heck of a night in the old ball yard! Thanks a million, Jay, for setting all this up for us. Next time, let's shoot for a double-header!!



*A win after 17 innings!*

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