



# Fishing Post - August 2010

## Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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*Lenny's Report  
Apalachicola/July*

### Apalachicola - Take 2

Tournament Report by Lenny Pisarski

We are all too aware of the oil tragedy that has hit our favorite Gulf fishing spots, but it's not the end of the world. The fishing off Apalachicola couldn't get any better....

I was invited to fish with Mike Springer, (Outlaw) along with Frank Nicoletti, Steve Fritz, Pat Thai, and Dawn Brady. Great crew when you can fish together for days and never a harsh word is spoken, except in jest. And we had a bunch of them...LOL. Mike took first place in the funny times, when he dove over-

board chasing his \$300 prescription glasses, and saved them...

You all know how many times I have spoken to new members and told them that I joined so I could learn how to fish better in salt water. Well, I gotta' tell you, the friendships are my best catches.



We arrived a day early, on Wednesday to get an extra day of fishing in. We lodged up at the Water Street Hotel & Marina. Great accommodations. Mike went looking around town for a place to eat and possible locations for follow-up trips to the area. We got together at the Owl Café, located on "D" street just off the river. Delicious meal and fine service, check it out.

Thursday A.M. we headed out to the Bait man, picked up our pinfish and headed west. Mike had a few places for us to checkout. We managed to pick up a few grouper and one nice American Red Snapper and the miscellaneous species too.... A good start for sure.

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# Apalachicola - Take 2

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Dawn opened up the Captain's meeting at Papa Joe's and explained how we ended up back at Apalachicola for the second time this year. Good, I say. We know the waters and the location and how to set up for fishing, so not a problem. We all would rather be fishing at Orange Beach, but that's out of the question for now. We had 5 boats and an enthusiastic group of fishermen. All the locals were working for BP, and making some nice money doing almost nothing, looking for oil. So the waters were all open to us...and we had good weather for Friday.

We kicked out at first light to run out to the ledges in 200+ feet of water. Mike started us out by jigging up a nice AJ on his 7th pull of the dropped jig. Inside an hour most all of us had also boxed a keeper AJ, then baited up for some deep drops for Grouper. By the end of the day, we had several nice grouper, a Mangrove Snapper, an American Red Snapper, Snowy Grouper, and several Scamp Grouper. Great table fair.

Jim Mason and crew brought in a nice catch for Kings, Snapper, Grouper and Flounder too.

Jace Spencer drove over from Carrabelle to weigh in a nice Cobia his son Kendall brought in. Not a bad showing for the first day. Running out 60 miles makes for a long day. It was 10 P.M. when we sat down to a wonderful dinner prepared by Kim, Steve Fritz's wife. We hit the sack with plans to go off shore about 40 miles for Snapper and Grouper.



At first light our plans had to change, it was storming with winds from the SE at 20+ miles an hour. Not a great day for the crews. We stayed inshore and tried for Tarpon up the intercoastal. We had them in sight but couldn't hook up. Frank I have fished for them at Boca Grand Pass too, they do frustrate the fishermen. That's another story.

So went our fishing days for the Outlaw team...That evening we had the Awards Dinner at Papa Joe's.

Kendall Spencer picked up my \$50 Junior Angler reward for his 26.8 lb. Cobia. Mike Springer got the \$100 for his 39.6 pound AJ. Some members get tired of seeing Mike's boat coming in First Place with his great catches; I'm not one of them. This was the first time I fished with him on a bottom tournament and it was great. Mike puts a lot into each trip, his equipment, his boat, and his strategy. True, not many boats in the Club can keep up with Mike's, but there are boats capable of going out to the hot spots 60 miles out, and doing just as well. He will have competition in the future, you can bet on it. In 2005 I awarded Denny Gibbons Boat of the Year. Denny



has a single engine, 20 foot Pro-Line. I'm sure you have heard the phrase "It's not the size of the boat", well it applies here too.

So goes another great time with My Club. Thank you Dawn for your efforts as Tournament Committee Chairperson. I spoke to her during our trip and told her the BP accident sure made things hard for the committee this year. She's done the best anyone could do with the situation. The rest of our season is still uncertain but things are looking up with the cap on the leak. Apalachicola will still be fishable, so tournament or Club Event, we might be back in the near future. I'll be there, and hope to see you too.....

Regards, Lenny

### Tournament Results:

1st Place	<i>Outlaw</i>	Mike Springer	780 pts
2nd Place	<i>Last Bastian</i>	Jim Mason	270 pts
3rd Place	<i>Fish Tale Too</i>	Tony Wilkins	175 pts
4th Place	<i>Bad Buoy's</i>	Jace Spencer	150 pts

# Luau Picnic

by Judy Kump

Lake Lanier's Club Island was host once more for an Island Luau, and we ALL HAD FUN!! There were 31 folks (on 11 boats) joining us for a hot day with cool island breezes. Steve Fritz and Steve Guntner prepared some delicious hot dogs and Hawaiian chicken with pineapple trimmings. Deborah and Jace Spencer made the BEST home-made salsa, fresh out of their garden; wow, we all devoured it. We had Hawaiian coleslaw, potato salads, baked beans and desserts. Galen Forbes made us yummy home-made cookies and superb peach pound cake & Kathy Dunn brought a fabulous pineapple upside down cake. It was enough to break anyone's desire to diet.

The reef was just the right depth to allow easy access to the picnic site, from your boat. We had plenty of shade and a fan going to cool us. The water was excellent to cool you after you got out, but very warm when floating in it. Tarps kept us dry when a late afternoon rain shower came and

cooled everything off, making for a cool evening, under bright colored flamingo, parrot and fish lights. The perfect day ending.

Many thanks to our cooks & supply haulers, Steve & Steve. Also thanks to Phil Scarborough, Galen Forbes, Judy & John Miller for helping break camp.



## Lenny's Corner

A club member once said to me, "You get out of the club, what you put into it," Very true. So, as the year winds down, it will be time to look for next year's committee members. If you're a new member, I'm talking to you. Get involved!!!! The friendships you'll make are the payback, and a good one. If you have ideas to improve the club, get involved. Items for the newsletter, get involved!!!! Enough said...See you at the next meeting, God willing and the creeks don't rise. I can still say "God", right?

## Baja on a Budget!!!!

International Fishing Report by Lenny Pisarski



Love Fishing for Marlin??? Tuna??? Dolphin??? And Roosterfish??? Me Too.

– Just got back from a trip to the East Cape in Mexico, along with Frank Nicoletti, Bill Woodcock (Woody), Scott Mercer, and 2 of his friends. It's 50 miles north of Cabo San Lucas on the eastern side of the Baja peninsula (Sea of Cortez). We stayed at Hotel Punta Colorada, ([www.vanwormerresorts.com](http://www.vanwormerresorts.com)).

The package included 7 nights lodging, 3 meals a day, and 5 days of fishing(3 days on Cruisers, 2 days on Pangas). This is a fishing trip - not a shopping trip. Except for the locals who come by each afternoon to sell Ironwood figurines, jewelry, and T-shirts, there are no shops here. Anyway, our package cost about \$1,100 plus \$150 for boat tips and bait, plus air fare. I could go on and on about the trip, but no way to sum it up in a few words, just impossible.

What'd we catch??? Well, 2 Striped Marlin ain't bad, 30-plus Yellowfin to 45 pounds, Roosterfish to 50 pounds - a couple of Dolphinfish, too...and you can have a lot of fun on light tackle catching needle fish 'til the sun comes up if you have a mind to. I'll have more pictures for the next meeting.

Now, if you've traveled outside the states fishing, you're aware of what you can expect in a (3rd world) for accommodations. In other words, it ain't the Ritz, but it's clean and comfortable. I'll be happy to talk more to you about it anytime, just give me a call (678-472-6608).

Regards, Lenny



## **Off The Hook**

### **BRIDGE TO HAWAII**

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden, he said out loud, "Lord grant me one wish."

Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii, so I can drive over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing', and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

### **BREAKDOWN**

There are four engineers traveling in a car (a mechanical engineer, a chemical engineer, an electrical engineer, and a Microsoft computer engineer.)

The car breaks down.

"Sounds to me like the pistons have seized up. We'll have to strip down the engine before we can get the car working again," says the mechanical engineer.

"Well," says the chemical engineer, "it sounded to me as if the gasoline might be contaminated. I think we should clear out the fuel delivery system."

"I think it's a grounding problem," says the electrical engineer, "or maybe a faulty plug lead."

They all turn to the Microsoft computer engineer who has said nothing and ask, "Well, what do you think?"

"Ummm - perhaps if we all get out of the car and get back in again...?"

# Score Card

## 2010 Boat of the Year Standings

Boat	WPB	Apalach #1	Abacos	Apalach #2	Destin	Apalach #3	Total
Outlaw	10	20	10	20			60
Glory Days		10	15				25
Easy Does It	20						20
Where to Next			20				20
Last Bastian		3		15			18
Bo Kat	15						15
Two Bills		15					15
Bad Buoys		5		5			10
Fish Tale Too				10			10
Fish Dancer	5						5

## 2010 Angler of the Year Overall Standings

(After Apalachicola Encore Tournament)

(see website for individual & category standings: <http://www.aswsc.org/scoreboard/>)

### Men's Division

1st Place:	Mike Springer	325 pts
(Tie)	Keith Mozena	150 pts
(Tie)	Tony Wilkins	150 pts
(Tie)	Lenny Pisarski	150 pts
(Tie)	Ken Barnhart	150 pts

### Ladies Division

1st Place:	Margaret Taylor	350 pts
(Tie)	Dawn Brady	100 pts
(Tie)	Patty Wilkins	100 pts

### Junior Angler Division

1st Place:	Kendall Spencer	100 pts
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## Put A Plug In It!

The day after I wrote the last editorial lamenting the lack of progress towards plugging the Deepwater Horizon well (before many readers had even received the newsletter), BP and the Coast Guard made strategic moves to cap the leaking oil pipe, moves which were ultimately successful in stopping the flow of oil from the ocean floor. In the days that followed, I joked with a few friends, saying, "Wow, my editorial really got results! I'll bet President Obama got hold of a copy and it spurred him to decisive action!" Yes, I'm being sarcastic. The only fishing-related decisive action we've seen lately from our illustrious president was his signing of the Ocean Protection Policy, which will translate into still more recreational fishing restrictions in the future.

But the oil seems to have been stopped. And I, for one, am extremely relieved (although there are all sorts of rumors floating around about cracks in the sea floor, a huge bubble of methane waiting to burst forth and cause tsunamis, additional leaks in the area, among others). However, my relief is analogous to someone finally pulling a bear trap off of my legs (after watching folks scratch their heads and mop up the blood around me for a few months); it's a long overdue first step, but now comes the lengthy recovery process. I'm over the initial shock and happy to know that at least things are finally moving in the right direction, but I have yet to discover the full extent of the damage. And wondering if things will ever get back to normal again.

Even though news services report that most of the oil has been cleaned up and there are still very few incidences of contaminated fish, as of this writing much of the near-coast federal waters are still closed to fishing. And that has many of us wondering where that leaves the recreational saltwater angler. I, like virtually all of my fellow anglers, am a conservationist at heart; my priority is to protect the resource for long-term use; it is my hope that my children and their children will enjoy fishing as I have. If there is significant and demonstrable damage to the fisheries, then I support whatever measures are necessary to help them recover. Yet I have to wonder, will this tragic oil spill and its lingering effects play into the hands of those fanatical groups determined to put an end to recreational saltwater fishing? I can only hope that somehow sanity will prevail.

– JS, Editor

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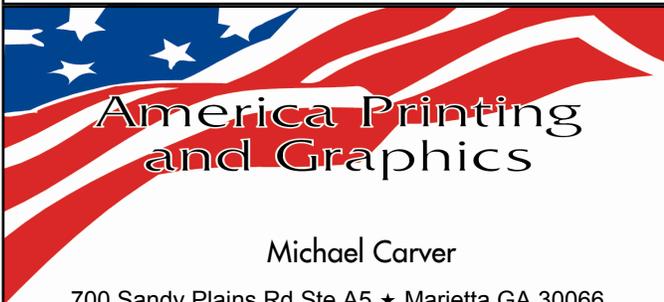
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# CONSERVATION NEWS

Gulf Council August Update (includes details on extended red snapper season)

[http://www.gulfcouncil.org/news\\_resources/Press%20Releases/August2010CouncilUpdate.pdf](http://www.gulfcouncil.org/news_resources/Press%20Releases/August2010CouncilUpdate.pdf)

Current federal fisheries closure area due to oil spill:

[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater\\_horizon\\_oil\\_spill.htm](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm)

Should we be worried about misguided agencies and environmental groups closing fishing down?

<http://www.saltwatersportsman.com/article/Species/Creeping-Protectionism>

South Atlantic Red Snapper Fishing Closed Indefinitely / RFA Files Suit to Overturn

[http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RedSnapper\\_120409.pdf](http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RedSnapper_120409.pdf)

RFA Says 'Fatally Flawed' Science is Killing America's #1 Outdoor Pastime

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# Upcoming Events, Reminders and Deadlines

## NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, September 14th / 7PM**

**Winfield Hall 3890 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA 770.495.8088**

See website for directions: [www.aswsc.org](http://www.aswsc.org)

## NEXT CLUB TOURNAMENTS:

**Destin, FL: September 2 - 5**

**Apalachicola, FL: September 30 - October 2**

## NEXT SOCIAL EVENT:

**Chili Cook Off**

**October 23rd / Sugar Hill, GA**

(note: *Low Country Boil* event has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts)

More info for club tournaments/events available on website:

<http://www.aswsc.org>

## Federal Water Fisheries Closure Map

[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater horizon oil spill.htm](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm)

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