



Fishing Post - December 2009

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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Christmas Party 2009 - By Judy Kump

No better way to end a wonderful year of fishing fun and social events, than the Annual Christmas Party, put on by our Hostesses, Galen Forbes, (below) Libby Guntner, Angie Doolittle and with the help of Phil Scarborough handling the Rod and



Reel Raffle. What a huge event it was, every table packed with folks dancing and partying, with some fantastic food provided by the Windfield Hall staff - and many thanks to Steve Guntner for the colossal shrimp to top off the fare. We were all greeted at the door by Scott (our outgoing

President) and Trish Rowe. We were also happy to see our long-time members come all the way from Soddy Daisy, TN, Joan and Dan French.

As the DJ played on, we had lots of raffle winners and would



like to recognize all our donation Contributors on the next page. A special Thank You goes out to each and everyone of them for helping the Club this year.

During the event, all our outgoing officers and helpers were recognized and thanked. Great job all of you, thank you!! The new officers were introduced. Also presented were the annual fishing achievement awards. Angler of the Year awards



Outgoing Officers

went to Scott Rowe (Men's Division), Sandra Boynton (Ladies' Division) and Jonathan Spencer (Junior Division).



2010 Officers



*2009 Angler of the Year
Scott Rowe*



*2009 Junior Angler of the Year,
Jonathan Spencer*



*2009 Lady Angler of the Year
Sandra Boynton*

The crew of Outlaw once again won Boat of the Year, captained by Mike Springer, who was also awarded the cherished Robert Lynn Award by popular vote of the membership. Keith and LC Lynn were there with their own

children (I can remember Keith at that age, when the club formed) and that means our Club's Fishing Family grows with each generation! Congratulations to all for a great year of fishing and fun.



*Mike Springer (center)
with Keith and LC Lynn*

Thank you again Galen, Libby & Angie for another terrific Christmas Party.

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Costa Rica Adventure - By Robert Skyrpek



While searching Ebay for fishing trips, I came across one in Costa Rica. Initially the info regarding the trip was vague. After repeated inquiries, I was developing an interest, but all too soon the auction expired. In the meantime I developed a contact name and email address for the tour owner in Costa Rica. Numerous emails resulted in a seven day package of accommodations and five days of charter boat fishing at a very reasonable cost. It didn't take long to find three other guys to accept the challenge of the "Costa Rican Adventure."

They were Frank Nicoletti, Lenny Pisarski, and my brother Jim who lives in Chicago. We all agreed to go as a group flying Delta from Atlanta to San Jose, Costa Rica's Santa Maria Airport, where we were met by our van driver Jerry.

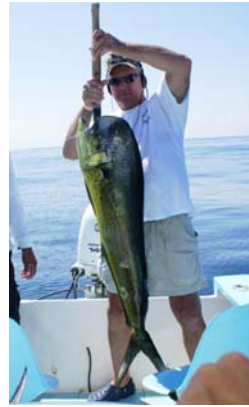
After clearing customs and immigration, we departed for the town of Tambor on the tip of the Golfo DeNicoya, the Pacific coast side of Costa Rica. First we drove two and a half hours to reach the head of the Gulf at Puntarrenas. Then we proceeded onto a large ferry with our van crossing the Gulf arriving at Paquera where a short drive brought us to the Los Defines Golf and Country Club in Tambor. This beautiful facility is brand new and totally secure. We occupied a very clean and modern small two bedroom villa. What a paradise, beautiful golf course greens, with a humongous open air club house with restaurant facilities.

It was at this time we met our hosts Eduardo and Edwin of Pez-Vella Tours. After completing our tour paper work, we were escorted to our Villa where we relaxed for the remainder of the day.

The following morning by agreement we had a leisurely 9AM fishing start. First of all, allow me to give you some background regarding our fishing arrangements. We would be fishing aboard a 28" center console Panga, with a 140 HP O/B motor, and our Captain's name was Juan. He advised us that the hot bite right now was for Mahi Mahi/Dolphin, or as they called it Dorado. And that we would be trolling offshore only about five to six miles in calm waters. Let me just say that the fishing was awesome every day! Each day we caught several Bull Dolphin, nothing smaller than 15 to 20 pounds. We did not catch one Cow Dolphin the entire trip, and every fish fought aggressively, jumping high out of the water at every opportunity. What a sight it was. Stateside we would be accustomed to catching some Dorado, mostly chicken or schoolie size, with an occasional large bull. Here we were catching all good size bulls every day for five days! I was fortunate to catch



the largest Dorado, weighing approximately 38 to 42 pounds. We also tried for Roosterfish, which was why I went to Costa Rica. Frank & my brother Jim both caught one, but alas neither Lenny nor I did. Now that's a reason to go back, and go we will!



On our fourth day we decided to get an early start, getting up at 5 AM; and heading offshore at 6AM. Our charters were for five hours, because we all were having such a great time and tipped well, we usually were out to 6 to 6 1/2 hours. This day we wanted to be adventurous and scheduled a five hour afternoon individual four wheel ATV guided excursion into the Cost Rican jungle and along the coast. During our trek we traveled for miles viewing extraordinary rock formations, jungle foliage, exotic birds, monkeys, iguanas; and a waterfall where Lenny performed acrobatics via a long rope hanging from a tree over a pool at the base of the waterfall. From there we proceeded to Montezuma, the northern most town on our trek, before returning to our villa in time for cocktails on the veranda.

On the last fishing day, our host Eduardo arranged for us to go to Tortuga Island for an elaborate Island Lunch Buffet including an exceptional grilled dorado feast which he prepared, along with our Captain Juan, guide Jerry, and Raul (a friend of Eduardo). We drank Poco Locos an exotic drink where they take fresh coconuts, crack the coconut cap off with a rock, add a generous portion of vodka and a secret ingredient, replace the coconut cap and vigorously shake to blend the mixture. Then the cap is once again removed and a straw inserted - "Wow." what a drink! And I didn't even like coconut or it's milk before.

Let me sum this up for you. Our host and his staff could not do enough for us. They were continuously asking if they could do anything better or if there was anything else we needed or wanted to do. Would I go back again? I sure would. And if you are interested in going, keep in touch, because we are planning to arrange a group trip in the near future. There will only be a limited number of participants that can go. Contact me at rckrypek@bellsouth.net to get your name on the list.

Just to give you an idea of expenses:

- 7 day Adventure II - Villa and 5 day guided charter fishing for four persons = \$2550.00
- Van - airport pickup and return four persons = \$300.00.

That's \$2,850.00 divided by four persons that's \$712.50/person or approximately \$100.00+ person/day!

The only other expenses were:

- Delta airfare non-stop roundtrip = \$375.00 each
- Cost of meals averaged between \$10-\$20 American. However, the Country Club restaurant agreed to cook our Dorado for \$7.00/person. It was prepared three different ways, served with side dishes, salads, and even a dessert.
- Optional Guided ATV Trek \$95.00/person, and it was worth every penny!

2010 Officers & Committee Members

Officers

President: Tom Adrien
Vice President: Tom Mauldin
Secretary: Frank Nicoletti
Treasurer: Steve Guntner

Tournament Committee

Chairperson: Dawn Brady

Elected Members:

Bo Dunn
Jace Spencer
Pat Thai
Tony Wilkins

Appointed Members:

Steve Fritz
Bill Rhodes
Ted DuBose
Norman Bowen

Score Card

2009 Boat of the Year Standings (Final)

Boat	WPB	Destin April	Apalachicola	Orange Beach	Destin July	Pensacola	Total
Outlaw		5	20	3	5	20	53
Glory Days		20			20	5	45
Two Bills			15		15	15	45
Bad Buoys				15		10	25
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Pam's Competition				20			20
Last Bastian		15	3				18
Sweet Surrender		10					10
Close Cut			10				10
Truffle Shuffle				10			10
Lured Away					10		10
Nikki Girl			5			3	8
Instigator				5			5
Fifty Cent		3					3
Salt Rocker					3		3

2009 Angler of the Year Overall Standings - Final

Men's Division

1st Place: Scott Rowe 250 pts
2nd Place: Matt Brown 225 pts
3rd Place: Norman Bowen 225 pts

Ladies Division

1st Place: Sandra Boynton 250 pts
2nd Place: Dawn Brady 175 pts
3rd Place: Annie Woo 175 pts

Junior Angler Division

1st Place: Jonathan Spencer 275 pts
2nd Place: Daniel Adrien 175 pts
3rd Place: Kendall Spencer 150 pts

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



Off The Hook

MEMORY PROBLEMS

An 80-year-old couple are having problems remembering things, so they decide to visit their doctor.

They see the doctor and tell him about the memory problems they've been having. After a check-up, the doctor tells them that they are physically fine but might want to start writing things down to help them remember. They thank the doctor and leave.

Later that night while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair.

"Where are you going?" asks his wife.

"To the kitchen," he replies.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" she asks.

"Sure," he says.

She says, "Maybe you should write it down so you'll remember."

"I'll remember," he says.

"Well, I would also like some strawberries on top," she says. "You had better write that down 'cause I know you'll forget."

"I can remember that," he says, as he begins to lose his patience. "You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I would also like whip cream on top," she adds, "I know you will forget that so you better write it down."

Hopping mad he says, "I don't need to write that down! I will remember just fine." He fumes into the kitchen to get the food.

After about 20 minutes he returns from the kitchen and hands her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "You forgot my toast."

From the Helm to the Cockpit

During 2008 and 2009 some of the milestones we, the outgoing administration have attained: Over 100 families in membership, more than doubled the cash in the bank, established and funded the "Rainy Day" account, social events brought out hundreds who were not active before, engaged countless new vendors/sponsors/speakers and additional relationships within our industry... Thanks go out to all who made the last two years such a rousing success. Nice Start!

As 2010 rapidly unfolds, the buzz about our new administration's plans is very exciting. Some new tournament venues and upgrades to our more familiar sites promise to make the season one that almost everyone can be involved with. After all, participation is the key to moving ASWSC forward. The hope is to have everyone lending a hand making a great club even greater.

Personally, I would like to state that it has been an honor to serve as President for the past two years. I am pleased with our progress and would like to see the momentum continue. In addition, I am willing to do anything asked of me to help make our club continue to evolve. Thanks to all of you for these opportunities.

Tight Lines,
Scott Rowe
Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club
2008-2009 President

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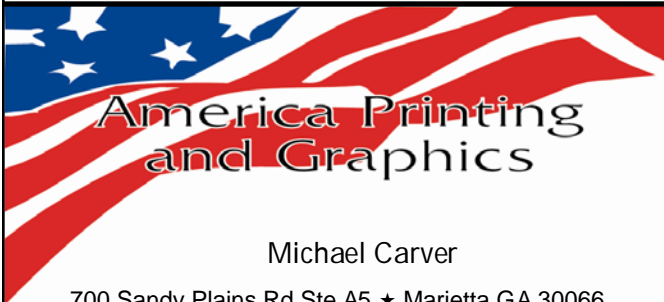
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CONSERVATION NEWS

Recreational and Commercial Fishing Interests to March on Washington - Feb 2010

South Atlantic Red Snapper Fishing Closed Indefinitely / RFA Files Suit to Overturn
http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RedSnapper_120409.pdf

RFA Says 'Fatally Flawed' Science is Killing America's #1 Outdoor Pastime
http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RFA_MRFSS.pdf

Gulf Management Council Contemplates Complete Closure for Gag Grouper in 2010
<http://www.newsherald.com/news/gag-75058-grouper-fishermen.html>

RFA calls for moratorium on recreational closures.
(see news release: http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/Moratorium_060509.pdf)

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It's up to anglers like us to preserve the future of sportfishing!

Chili Cook Off - A Hot Success

By Judy Kump

You could not ask for better chili weather than rainy and cold, we had both. So to warm the spirits and meet the ultimate Chili competition, we now know who is crowned “Queen of Chili” for the very first ASWSC “tournament” of this type, that is **Libby Guntner!!** She lured us all in,

hook, line and sinker, the “WOW” factor was her recipe for “Sunday Beer” and we all loved it. The Secret Cove Clubhouse held all 24 of us



comfortably with tables and comfy furniture. Gordon Fritz, Steve’s father, placed Second, with “Road House” chili. Third Place went to Angie Doolittle, with “Cocktail” as her chili. It was a tough competition and everyone of them



was really unique. Frank Nicoletti won hands down on the wine division, bringing us some of his homemade “Lured Away Wines”.



Galen Forbes brought some wonderful Mexican cornbread and also made the Apple Dumpplings that hit the WOW

factor again. Trish Rowe made some fabulous brownies with big chunks Ghirardelli chocolate. This crew sure knows how to cook, bake and eat well!



Chili judging went off well, with tasting and re-tasting and drinking to clear the flavors and repeat several times. Angie Doolittle

had it all down to a science, actually like a pro judge, with all her sample cups lined up. Every Chili I tasted was truly delicious. We were all full to the brim with some 14 different chilies (about 50 quarts to choose from), desserts and cool brews.

There were 4 generations of the Fritz family with us and a pleasure to meet them all. We have had a



great year of fun events, met lots of new folks and got some new member too. So lets keep the old time club “family tradition”, of gatherings and fun!



Thank you Kim and Steve for having us all and preparing this event for the perfect chili day, great job!.

Upcoming Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, February 9th / 7PM

Winfield Hall

3890 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA - 770.495.8088

(see website for directions: www.aswsc.org)

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

Annual West Palm Beach Sailfish Tournament

Jan 13 - 16

(see website for details and application: www.aswsc.org)

Apalachicola, FL - May 2010 (exact dates TBD)

Abaco Islands, Bahamas - June 2010 (exact dates TBD)

Website Poll Results

The last website poll asked visitors:

Do You Think Fisheries Management Agencies are Doing a Good Job?

The results: **No** - 100%

Current Poll:

Do Marine Sanctuaries (No Fishing Zones) Pose a Threat to the Future of Sportfishing?

(visit the club website to cast your vote)

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