



Fishing Post February 2014

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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President's Perspective 2014 Goals And Objectives

Our February meeting has one very important objective and that is to help you connect with fellow members. We thought there is no better way to accomplish this goal than to sponsor a club pizza social which will allow for plenty of time to introduce ourselves to one another. The February meeting is the first meeting after our top

member recruitment source which is the Atlanta Boat Show. We are anxious to welcome in all of the new members that joined us as a result of attending the boat show.

Our monthly meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet new people that share a love of saltwater activities. For those that are new members to the club, we know what it is like to integrate with unfamiliar strangers. It is awkward and uncomfortable. When joining a new group, it's common to feel like an odd man out or feel like an outsider who doesn't belong or doesn't know anybody. One of our objectives is to help you make a transition into the club, feel comfortable, meet new friends, socialize and allow you to connect with people similar to yourself.

So I strongly encourage you to come to our February meeting (what else do you have to do on a cold Tuesday night?) I also encourage you to keep coming to the monthly meetings. When I joined the club, I found that it took a good 4 to 6 meetings before I really started putting names with faces and remembering specific things about certain members. It was about that time that I started to feel comfortable and each meeting just became that much more enjoyable to attend because I didn't feel like such a stranger. And make sure you come up and introduce yourself to me and the other officers. We can help make introductions and connect you with others. Welcome aboard!

Paul Kindzia

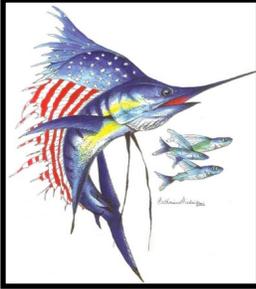
2014 Club President



January Meeting Recap

Our first meeting of the 2014 year was a huge success. We had great attendance, including 8 new members. The meeting started with a quick welcome to all and a great giveaway from our president Paul Kindzia. We thank [BalloonFisherKing](#) for the wonderful donations. **Dan Reese** was our featured speaker. Dan gave a fantastic, informative presentation on the art of kite fishing. Dan is highly skilled in the use of kites. He is from Ft. Lauderdale, FL and has been using kites for over 19 years. If you have any questions, Dan is happy to help. He can be contacted via email at homesdreese@yahoo.com.





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2014 MEETING FACILITY UPDATE!

Next Club Meeting is:

**Tuesday February 11, 2014
7:00pm**

**Holiday Inn at Gwinnett Center
6310 Sugarloaf Parkway
Duluth, GA 30097**

Located approximately 1 mile west from
Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World
Sugarloaf Parkway and I-85

NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND PIZZA SOCIAL

The February meeting will be a pizza social. This is a great opportunity to welcome new members to the club and talk about the year ahead. It is a chance to exchange contact information, share ideas for meeting topics and just get to know one another....AND THERE'S PIZZA !! We look forward to seeing you.



Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

The Havana Restaurant Get Together

Saturday, Feb. 22nd

At 1:00 PM



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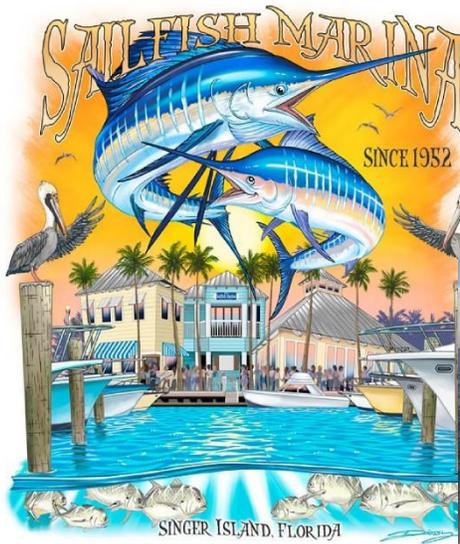
Debbie Bedit along with her son, Eddie Bedit, Jr. Own the Havana Restaurant.
Debbie and her late Husband Eddie, started the Havana Restaurant in 1976.
It is Atlanta's Favorite Cuban Restaurant

We are permitted to BYOB (bring your own bottles)
BE DISCRETE, PLEASE put it in a bag.
Debbie says she will provide Styrofoam cups.

*Please Com Join US for
an Afternoon of
Great Food!!!*

Call Judy Kump
At 770-477-7500
For information

*Just Hang Out With the
Club Members and See
Debbie and Eddie, Jr.*



27th Annual ASWSC Sailfish Classic by Keith Mozena

What a great way to start your membership with the Atlanta Saltwater Club!! Rick Martin signed up at the ATL Boat Show and fished with me on *Where to Next?* the following week during our 27th annual sailfish tournament. He caught his first billfish ever! Rick is in the two center photos above. As Jim Currin said at the first club meeting on January 14th, if you get involved with tournaments and fishing with club members, you'll have a lot of fun and get a lot out of being a member. I think Rick's well on his way.

Another great moment was Jim Argo catching his first billfish. He was also successful boating his first one during the club tournament. Jim brought his 25ft Trophy down with a couple friends to participate in this tournament for the first time. Jim, his crew, and *Legal Holiday*, braved the blustery conditions of the Atlantic in January AND had a great time. I only wish someone on *Legal Holiday* had thought to take a picture of Jim's fish! Oh well, we do have a photo of Jim with his first sailfish release flag (upper right photo) Congrats!

27th Annual ASWSC Sailfish Classic Continued

Aside from those firsts, all four Atlanta Saltwater Club boats caught sailfish. That's right, 100% of the teams were successful hooking and releasing. That is an impressive result for amateurs and is an example of our club member's skills.

Bo Dunn and his friend on BoKat were 2 for 3 fishing dead bait on the troll. BoKat fished out of Ft. Pierce because Bo has a place in Ft. Pierce and most of the Palm Beach sport fishermen fleet was making the 40+ mile run north. The big Sporties were fishing the Jupiter Billfish tournament which was also going on while we were there.

Easy Does It fished north of Jupiter and south of Stuart all three days and had an impressive hook-up total of 18 fish. Unfortunately, the team of Steve Guntner, Steve Fritz, and Darrin Maietta only got 7 sailfish to the boat where they touched the leader. They had the first fish of the tournament on day 1 with a successful release before 9am. They had multiple chances to get more fish to the leader for a successful release but one issue or another caused them to miss the official "catch".

Day one for the *Where to Next?* team was dismal. While *Easy Does It* went 1 for 3 that day, *Where to Next?* was skunked, 0-0 on sails. Now if we were fishing for sharks, we would have won hands down with about 50 sharks released. (ok, I'm exaggerating). Fortunately, a move to fish off Ft Pierce on day 2 with *BoKat* & the rest of the Palm Beach fleet, along with great teamwork by Rick Martin, Richard Watkins, Ben Lazar, and Keith Mozena brought them a successful 5 for 6 day. Day 3 was a bit less perfect in terms of luck and weather but the crew of *Where to Next?* pulled off a 3 for 6 day. That provided for a total of 8 for 12, besting the *Easy Does It* boys by 1 fish.

Overall, this tournament was a blast with lots of laughing, great sharing of tactics and info, plentiful fish, and perfect January Atlantic sailfishing weather. Give it serious thought to join us next year and kick off the fishing year with a trip to one of the only spots in the SE where we can almost guarantee you can catch a billfish on your own boat!

Angler results:

Steve Fritz — 6 releases

Keith Mozena — 4 releases

Rick Martin — 3 releases

Richard Watkins - 1 release

Bo Dunn — 2 releases

Jim Argo — 1 release

Darrin Maietta - 1 release



VENICE WAHOO

ASWSA member, Jim Currin submitted these photos of a buddy down in Venice, LA. Capt. William Wall of Pelagic Charters is pictured here with a massive 116.2 lb. Wahoo. He reports that during the calm periods between the winter fronts, he has been putting clients on the double and triple digit fish.

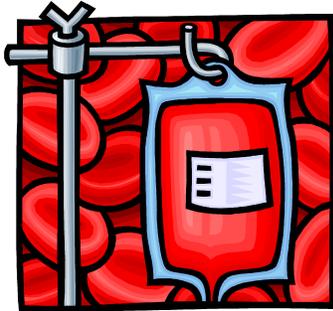
If you have some great fish photos, articles or information that you would like to share, submit them to tatycakes2005@yahoo.com. We love seeing what people are catching!!



Upcoming Club Events, Reminders and Deadlines

BLOOD DRIVE

In honor of the passing of Jace Spencer 's father, ASWSC is asking its members to participate in a Blood Drive being held on March 4, 2014. The location and contact information is below. If you intend to donate, please contact Dennis Daniels at 404-557-1481 for arrangements or you can go to the American Red Cross website to schedule an appointment.



AMERICAN RED CROSS
MARCH 4, 2014
11 AM - 3 PM

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DULUTH GA 30096

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: Member Tom Mauldin is organizing a group to attend the Saltwater Sportsman National seminar in Columbia, SC on March 1st. This is a good opportunity to attend this well-known and informative annual seminar series and a great way to meet other members and share the transportation and lodging expense! More information on the seminar can be found at <http://www.nationalseminarseries.com/instructors.php>. You can also contact Tom directly at 404-558-5447.

FISHING OPPORTUNITY: Member Ben Lazar is organizing another international **Tuna Frenzy** trip to fish for cow yellowfin tuna. The trip is this October 8-12th on the venerable Maximus-Puerto Vallarta. As of February 4th, there is only ONE spot remaining. The cost of the trip is \$1540 for 3.5 days of fishing (includes bait and use of their Accurate rod/reel) Last year participants had an epic time and most brought home over 100 lbs. of fish. Contact Ben for more info: 404-310-9869 or ben.h.lazar@gmail.com.

Something Missing?

We welcome your input, photos, news items, and suggestions about the content of the ASWSC Fishing Post Newsletters. Forward your information or digital photos to: info@aswsc.org



BOB LYNN AWARD
Members in Action—By Paul Kindzia,
2014 President

Our club had a very special member who is now only with us in spirit. Bob Lynn gave his time, effort and energy in support of our club over many years. To honor Bob and all of his efforts, our club recognizes each year one member who demonstrates the ability to go above and beyond the call of duty in support of our club with “The Robert Lynn

Award.” It’s my pleasure to highlight certain members for their dedication and service to the club during the calendar year. If you would like to highlight the contribution of a club member, please feel free to contact me at

paul@kindzia-investments.com

Previous Robert Lynn Award Winners:

- 2007: Lenny Pisarski
- 2008: Lenny Pisarski
- 2009: Mike Springer
- 2010: Bob & Nancy Michael
- 2011: Skeets & Judy Kump
- 2012: Jace Spencer
- 2013: Jace Spencer



Jace Spencer (left), the 2013 Robert Lynn Award winner with Keith Mozena 2013 club president (right)



Judy Kump

Two things always come to mind when I think of Judy; First, what would the club be if we had 100 members as dedicated as Judy and second, what would happen if we didn’t have Judy anymore?

Key 2014 Contributions; Event Captain on the Holiday Party, 4 club socials, newsletter articles, and awesome team spirit.



Dennis Daniel

Invested an incredible amount of personal time on locating a new facility for club meetings (far more than people realize), Event Captain for the Florida Keys Club Tournament, Tournament committee member, and assistance on club initiatives for recruitment and retention of new club members.

BOB LYNN AWARD CANDIDATES CONTINUED
Members in Action—
By Paul Kindzia, 2014 President



Tom Holt

Tom Holt was our event coordinator for all things related to the Atlanta Boat Show and our club booth that is set up as our major recruiting tool for new members. This includes setting up the booth, breaking down the booth and scheduling all of the volunteers to man the booth during the long weekend.

Have you paid your 2014 club dues yet?

[Click Here for Application](#)

Mail Application to:

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club
P.O. Box 956513
Duluth, GA 30095

2014 Atlanta Boat Show Georgia World Congress Center

We had a great turnout for the 2014 Atlanta Boat Show. We want to thank all of the club members who volunteered to staff the booth and recruit new members. We certainly want to thank Tom Holt for leading the charge and being the captain for



Cefus McRae, a Club member and host of the TV show [Nuts & Bolts of Fishing and Boating](#) was on hand showing off his rig to fellow fisherman. You can check out his show of FSN South. Check your local listings on with your cable provider.



Keith Mozena, Ted DeBose, and Ben "Tunaboy" Lazar manning the club booth



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2014 PRELIMINARY CLUB CALENDAR

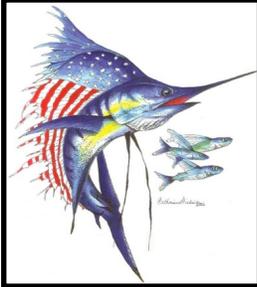
Jan 9—12	Atlanta Boat Show (Event Captain: Tom Holt)
January 14 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
January 15-18	West Palm Beach Sailfish Tournament (3 Day) Tournament Director: Keith Mozena
February 11 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
February 22 (Saturday)	Havana Restaurant Get-together (Event Captain: Judy Kump)
March 11 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
March 15 (Saturday)	Swap Meet & Chili Cook-off Event Captain: Mike Springer
April 7 (Monday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
April 12 (Saturday)	Spring Fling Striper Event and Luncheon Aqualand and Fish Tales Restaurant Event Captain: Paul Kindzia
May 3 (Saturday)	Cinco De Mayo Picnic on Lake Lanier Event Captain: Judy Kump
May 13 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
May 25—31	Florida Keys Fishing Tournament Tournament Director: Dennis Daniel
June 10 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
June 18-21	Destin, Florida Fishing Tournament (3 Day) Tournament Director: Andy Durden
July 6-12	Orange Beach, AL Tournament (week-long) Tournament Director: Mike Springer
NOTE	No July Club Meeting GO FISHING IN ORANGE BEACH!!!!



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2014 PRELIMINARY CLUB CALENDAR Continued

July 17-20	Lake Lanier Poker Run Event Captain: Keith Mozena
August 12 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
August 16 (Saturday)	End of Summer Picnic on Lake Lanier Event Captain: Judy Kump
August 21-23	Apalachicola, FL Tournament (3 Day) Tournament Director: Norm Bowen
September 9 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
September 18-20	Perdido Key, FL Tournament (3 Day) Tournament Director: Lewis Woodruff
October 14 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
November 10 (Monday)	Club Meeting Holiday Inn GWINNETT CENTER
December 6 (Saturday) (Tentative)	Holiday Party and Awards Banquet Event Captain: Judy Kump



Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

2014 Officers



2014 Officers (Clockwise from upper left);

Paul Kindzia, President
paul@kindzia-investments.com

Jace Spencer, Vice-President
jkspencer@nmsmail.com

Ted Dubose, Treasurer
t_dubose@bellsouth.net

Stacy Currin, Secretary
tatycakes2005@yahoo.com

Mike Springer, Tournament Committee Director
mspringer@liquidhandlingspec.com





Paul Kindzia's 2014 Presidential Fishing Challenge

We have a wide spectrum of members from the Atlanta region and beyond that all share a common passion; a love of saltwater fishing. Some of our members are older. Some are younger. Some with big boats. Some with small boats. Some with no boats of their own. Some of our members enjoy fishing a variety of locations. Others prefer a consistent port or keep their boat at a permanent location.

Some prefer inshore, others offshore. Some prefer bottom fishing, others prefer trolling. Some of us have a fondness for the pursuit of just a few particular species. Others love the pursuit of a variety of sport fish.

My challenge to this year's members is simple; Get out and fish and chase the fish of your dreams. It doesn't matter to me if you are on a big boat, or small boat, or fishing from shore. It doesn't matter to me if you fish club tournaments or are fishing on your own with your best friends or family. It doesn't matter to me if you are fishing a weekend in January or on your annual summer vacation. I just want to see you fishing and catching saltwater fish.

I want to see your catches. And I want you to submit your catches to me with any sport fish your desire pursuing. The challenge will be tracked by fish length, tip of nose to the fork of the tail to the 1/8th of an inch. No need for certified scales and excellent for those who prefer catch and release. And you will need to submit the following for your catch to be entered into the 2014 Presidential Challenge;

- 1. The fish must be caught during the 2014 calendar year and provide the date of the catch.**
- 2. You must have a clear photo of your catch (vertical photo).**
- 3. You must record the length of the fish (furthest tip of fish to the fork of tail, no pinching of the tail). Girth and weight data is an excellent bonus submission. If you can't obtain an accurate measurement, the fish cannot be entered. Length guesses and estimates don't count.**
- 4. Your species must be clearly identifiable and stated to enter the fish.**
- 5. We will be tracking the largest three fish in each saltwater sport fish category with updates each and every newsletter so you will know the fish size to beat as we proceed throughout the year. (Striped bass caught in freshwater will count for those fishing locally as well.)**

Good luck and let me see your whoppers!!!

2014 Presidential Fishing Challenge

Category: Blackfin Tuna



1st Place

Length:
15 5/8 Inches

Angler:
Paul Kindzia

Date Caught:
January 27, 2014

Location:
Marathon, Florida

Caught On:
Deep Water Speed Jig

Girth:
N/A

Weight:
Approximately 3 lbs

Beat these beasts TUNABOY
Ben Lazar!!!

2nd Place

Length:
15 3/8 Inches

Angler:
Paul Kindzia

Date Caught:
January 27, 2014

Location:
Marathon, Florida

Caught On:
Deep Water Speed Jig

Girth:
N/A

Weight:
Approximately 3 lbs

I'm going easy on you guys be-
cause it is still winter time.

3rd Place

Length:
14 1/2 Inches

Angler:
Paul Kindzia

Date Caught:
January 27, 2014

Location:
Marathon, Florida

Caught On:
Deep Water Speed Jig

Girth:
N/A

Weight:
Approximately 2.5 lbs

The best way to actually catch
fish is to get off the couch.

2014 Presidential Fishing Challenge

Category: Yellowtail Snapper



1st Place

Length:
14 5/8 Inches

Angler:
Paul Kindzia

Date Caught:
January 28, 2014

Location:
Marathon, Florida

Caught On:
Deep Water Speed Jig

Girth:
N/A

Weight:
Approximately 2 lbs

2nd Place

Length:
14 3/8 Inches

Angler:
Paul Kindzia

Date Caught:
January 28, 2014

Location:
Marathon, Florida

Caught On:
Deep Water Speed Jig

Girth:
N/A

Weight:
Approximately 2 lbs

3rd Place

Length:
12 1/2 Inches

Angler:
Paul Kindzia

Date Caught:
January 28, 2014

Location:
Marathon, Florida

Caught On:
Deep Water Speed Jig

Girth:
N/A

Weight:
Approximately 1.5 lbs

Tournament Score Card

2014 Boat of the Year Standings

BOAT	WPB	FL KEYS	DESTIN	ORANGE BEACH	APALACH	PERDIDO
Your boat here!						

Angler Of The Year Standings

Men's Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST	YOUR NAME HERE 1000
2ND	YOU HAVE TO GO FISHING
3RD	

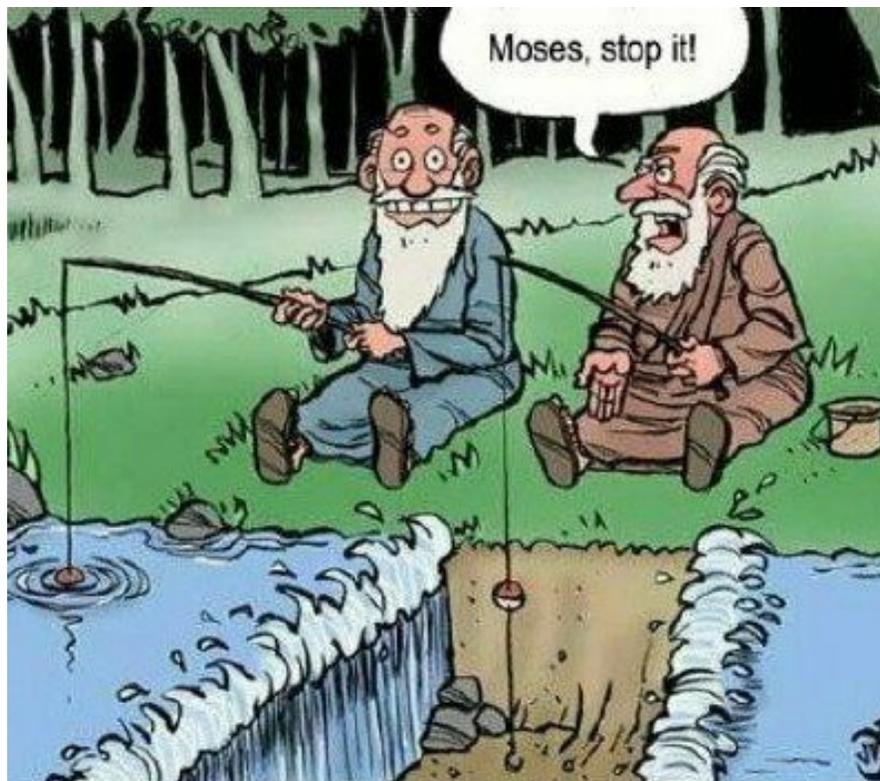
Ladies Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST	
2ND	
3RD	

Junior Angler Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST	
2ND	
3RD	

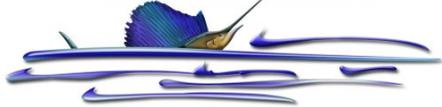
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