



Fishing Post - March 2011

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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Go Fish!!

Fishing Report by Lenny Pisarski

If you've called my cell, you may have gotten my greeting, "I might be fishing so leave a message". Well, I have been fishing and I gotta' tell you the fishing down here off Englewood FL has never been better. It was cold here the third week of February, but after that it has been the best weather you could ask for.

As the water warmed up inshore to the upper sixties, the sheepshead turned on and we came in with nice catches, like 17 keepers and released many small ones. I'm a bottom fisherman, just love catching fish. It's fun just catching bait fish.....back to the story. March has been incredible. We took a charter out last week with a local Captain, Mike Renoldo, and his 31-foot Contender. We dropped the hook and, being a Saturday morning, within 10 minutes a group of divers showed up in another boat and dropped overboard. With their bubbles coming up under us, we had to get out of there. I said we should all hook on some butterfly jigs and see what we come up with. But our Captain is a nice guy, so we moved to another spot only a 1/2 a mile away. It's a published number so we had other boats show up, but they did respect the fact we were there first and didn't bother us.

Within a couple of hours, we had our limit of AJ's (5) and after the divers left, we moved back to the other wreck and limited out on mangrove snappers. We also picked up about 15 yellowtail snappers. So that was that, 200 pounds of fish and we didn't have to clean them either. It's nice to go out on a charter now and then, and just enjoy the day without the chores.

Yesterday we took my boat, "Dream Chaser" out to one of the wrecks, the Bayronto. The seas were only one-footers so it was a great ride out the 32 miles. On the way, we ran into the largest pod of dolphins we have ever seen. I telling you there had to be 80 of them. Many started riding my bow and I was able to get a nice video of them. I'll run it at the April meeting. The wreck sits in 96 feet of water and is a larger wreck (75X400). Another boat was there first but there is plenty of room to hook up and get down. The guys in the other boat were yelling about all the AJs

swimming around so we dropped 2 lines with pin fish and it wasn't 10 minutes before we had the first of 5 AJs in the boat. Woody, my brother-in-law and also a Club member, caught a large 48-inch barracuda. We lost a couple of rigs to the goliath grouper; as we were bringing up our catch, they would grab it and that was about the end of that. These grouper get to be really large (300 lbs) here and I can attest to that because I have been diving with them, and to see one up close is incredible. Back to the Fishin!!! We didn't catch many mangrove snappers but a lot of nice yellowtail and lane snappers.

It has only been during the last 2 years that we started catching the yellowtails and we haven't caught so many lanes in years. Not sure why the species have changed so much, but one thing's for sure, we have never seen a better fishing season start, and my brother has been here since 1983.

Well that's my fishin' story. I hope to see some of you down here this spring. The Tarpon Run should start mid-



April, but I'll keep you advised..... See you at the next meeting!

Regards,
Lenny

March 2011 Member Profile: Bo Dunn



In 1997, Bo Dunn joined the ASWSC along with his wife Kathy. After spending 6 years in the Air Force (from 1973 to 1979) flying KC135 air refueling tankers, Bo started a 26-year career with Delta Air Lines. During that time, Bo flew 727's, 737's, MD88's, 757's, and L-1011s'. Bo grew up in Miami and started saltwater fishing at the age of 12 yrs. When asked where his favorite spot to fish is, he basically refers to his backyard of the Florida Keys. At this time, the largest fish he's landed is a 36-lb wahoo, although he readily admits that his favorite fish to catch is dolphin. Bo sports around in a 23' Grady White, *Bo Kat*.

Bo recalls a time while shallow-water fishing with his brother in the Keys, they had a whale shark go right under their boat. At one point, they could see both ends of the giant from both sides of the boat. Bo used to do some snow-skiing and now spends much of his time keeping his 1970 GTO nice and shiny. During his time with the club, he registered a win at the Port Lucaya Tournament and his advice is to always be prepared. The fishing part is easy as long as you take care of things like the trailer, bearings, boat upkeep and equipment. When asked about his favorite food, he says that anything cooked by someone else is just fine with him; that is especially true in the case of barbeque. His one favorite saying, especially for his children: "Use it, make do with what you have, wear it out, and learn to do without."

Be sure to say Hello to Bo at one of our future meetings.

- Member Profile by Frank Nicoletti

Welcome New Members!

Nelson and Gwen Dickey

—
and a special welcome to our newest member:

Madison Charlotte Parkhurst
Born on Feb 25th (2:34pm, 7 lbs 5 oz.) to the delight
of proud parents Cameron and Melody Parkhurst



Score Card

2011 Boat of the Year Standings (after West Palm Beach)

Boat	WPB	Apalach	Orange Beach	Penscola	TBD	Destin	Total
<i>Vannish</i>	20						20
<i>Easy Does It</i>	15						15
<i>Where to Next?</i>	10						10

AOY Standings as of March 2011

(7-Way Tie Between Paid Members Catching Sailfish at WPB):

Steve Guntner	50
Jim Vann	50
Brian Newsome	50
Jon Russell (J.R.)	50
Scott Rowe	50
Keith Mozena	50
Steve Kundl	50

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Off The Hook

Lawnmower Trade

A preacher was making his rounds to his parishioners on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher.

"I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle", said the little boy.

After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?"

The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and after riding the bike around a little while said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal."

The preacher took the mower and began to try to crank it. He pulled on the string a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start."

The little boy said, "That's because you have to curse at it to get it started."

The preacher said, "I've been a minister for twenty-five years. I don't even remember how to curse."

The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that string. It'll come back to ya."

Letter to Dad

Dear Dad,

School i**S** really great. I am making lot**S** of friend**S** and **S**tudying very hard. I **S**imply can't think of anything I need, **S**o if you would like, you can just **S**end me a card, a**S** I would love to hear from you.

Love,
Your **S**on

Dear Son,

I **kNOw** that astro**NO**my, eco**NO**mics, and ocea**NO**graphy are e**NO**ugh to keep even an ho**NO**r student busy. Do **NOt** forget that the pursuit of **kNOw**ledge is a **NO**ble task, and you can never study e**NO**ugh.

Love,
Dad

President's Message

The one thing we can all count on is change. After a long working relationship with Winfield hall for our monthly meetings, we will be meeting at a new location in April. Greg lost his leasing arrangement with the building owner and was asked to vacate immediately. We have a new location to try and you should have received a mailer giving details and location. I have been in contact with the RFA and have been informed some credible new science has been made available that would indicate fish stocks in the Gulf Of Mexico are healthy and plentiful and that a bill will soon be presented to Congress to relieve current restrictions. That is the good news. The bad news is that, as you all are probably aware, the approval process in government circles can be slow. I will stay tuned and be sure to keep you posted so that at the appropriate time, you can help with political letter writing.

Gasoline prices are certainly higher than I would have expected and one good way to help defray the extra cost would be to line up an extra angler or two for our up and coming tournaments to help share in the costs. It would also give an opportunity to some of our non-boat-owner members to get out and enjoy a day on the water.

Looking forward to seeing you at next month's meeting.

Regards,
Frank

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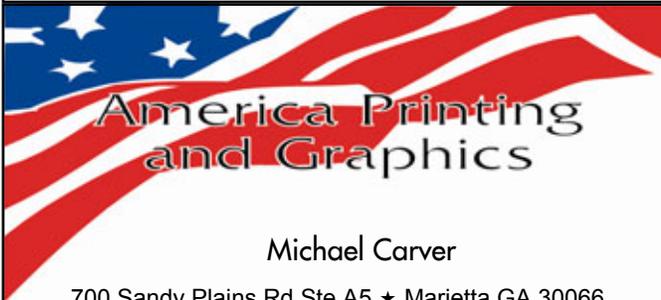
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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT NEWS

Gulf Council still hasn't decided about Summer closure for Amberjack

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/bulletins/pdfs/2011/FB11-022_Reopening_of_Comment_Period_on_GAJ_Season_Proposed_Rule.pdf

Gulf Council considers delayed opening (Sept 16th) for Gag Grouper in 2011

http://www.gulfcouncil.org/news_resources/Press%20Releases/FebruaryUpdate.pdf

Gag Grouper closed in Gulf (federal waters) until June 1, 2011 (see pg 5 of Regulations)

http://www.gulfcouncil.org/Beta/GMFMCWeb/downloads/rec_brochure_2011.pdf

Sportfishing Industry Applauds EPA's Decision to Reject Lead Ban Petition

http://www.keepamericafishing.org/news_epa_rejects_ban.html

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

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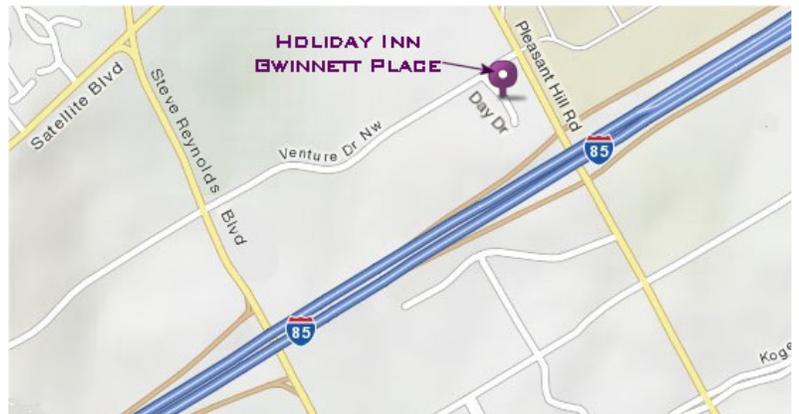
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Meeting Room will be on the right past the bar



Upcoming Club Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 / 7PM

Holiday Inn Gwinnett Place / 1948 Day Drive, Duluth / 770-814-2800

See website for directions: www.aswsc.org

**Scheduled Speaker: Lanny Deal of Mann's Baits
has some new gear for us to look at.**

NEXT SOCIAL EVENT:

Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival

April 16th, 2011 / 10am - 4pm

Hartwell Marina

See website for additional information: <http://www.aswsc.org/social-events/>

NEXT CLUB TOURNAMENT:

Apalachicola, FL

May 12 - 14, 2011

Application and Tip Sheet available on the website:

<http://www.aswsc.org/tournaments>

Dates Finalized for 2011 Middle Grounds Overnight Charter Trip

Departs Sunday Evening July 24th

Returns Tuesday Morning July 26th

Information/Application available on the club website:

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