



Fishing Post March 2018

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018

The annual Christmas party, which gathers more of us together than any other event, is a staple for ASWSC and we are all the better for it.

We ate well, enjoyed beverages from an open bar until 10:00, gyrated on the dance floor and most importantly, relished in warm conversations with fellow members. It was a delightful chance to share fishing stories and become acquainted with good folks with whom we might not see very often throughout the rest of the year.



I had the opportunity to meet Kathryn Harvey, wife of Jeff Harvey. During our conversation we were joined by John Shipp and it turns out that Kathryn and John not only graduated from Georgia Tech but attended the same high school in Americus, GA, but not at the same time. John has a few years on her. My wife, Paula, met Dana Burkhart (George's wife) and made plans for Dana and her young daughter to visit Paula's 100 year old mother, who lives independently in Alpharetta. By the way guys, she was hitting the exercise room at her retirement facility until she was 98.

Officers were established for 2018 with all four incumbents re-elected for another term: President Mark

Mleccko, Vice President Ward Lang, Secretary Jace Spencer, Treasurer Dan Bullard and Tournament Chairperson Keith Mozena. Our appreciation goes to you guys for your work last year and for your effort to come in 2018.



Raffle goodies were won and silent-auction items purchased; among them was a very nice knife made and donated by Craig Antonio. As with every Christmas party's prizes, a big thank you to all who contributed, especially Tom Holt who seems to come through every year with more than his share of donations. Coach Rods again provided 2 rods, each paired with a reel for the big raffle of the evening. Congrats to Craig Antonio and George Burkhart for taking these combos home.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018

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This year's Bob Lynn award deservedly went to Keith Mozena, who takes on a leadership role nearly every year. Well done, Keith.



New awards were, shall we say, "earned" in 2017. Mark Mlezcko garnered the first two awards for "Perfect Attendance at Club Tournaments" and "Worst Attendance at Club Meetings" (in all fairness, Mark warned us about his inability to attend meetings when he was nominated), and Jace Spencer secured "Best Sportsmanship Award".



Raffle Table

Year in and year out many volunteers come together to plan and prepare for this evening. This year several ladies handled the check-in tables and sold raffle tickets: at the risk of leaving out someone, I observed: Laura Lazar, Sarah Bullard, Beth McRae and Galen Forbes got the job done. There were more; thanks to you all.

Spearheading the Christmas Party organization and planning was Valerie Christopher. Valerie put in a lot of time and, as you might have noticed, was quite busy during the festivities. Thank you Valerie for leading the way and taking lots of pictures - great job.



Norman Bowen accepting *Angler of the Year* Award.

The Boat Show 2018

For some of us, The Atlanta Boat Show might be thought of as a precursor to the Miami Boat Show. In a way it is, but there are still enough boats, accessories/etc to kindle our interest and fuel the desire to get out on the water. It also represents an opportunity to showcase our club to others across Atlanta and Georgia, cultivating interest and through sign ups, bringing in new members some of whom will become leaders of ASWSC in the years to come. This year we welcome 11 families who joined during the four day show.



This display of boating equipment and more gives an appetizing glimpse of new boat models and other options in terms of water related products and services available in the Atlanta area. If you have not attended, keep it in mind next year, or volunteer at the ASWSC booth. You'll have the chance to check out boats for fishing, skiing, wake-boarding and cruising. Next to our booth was club member Cefus McRae's new Nuts & Bolts Crevalle, all decked out and ready to go.



West Palm Beach Sailfish Tournament

The 31st ASWSC sailfish tournament was not blessed with the best of weather conditions for stalking and catching this pelagic. Thursday's seas were nearly flat, 1 to 2 feet, whereas Friday and Saturday seas were 2 to 5 feet of sloppy multi direction waves and no large swells coming from the Atlantic.

But that did not stop us from trying. Across five participating boats, ten sailfish were released.

Sailfish Catches:

- Anna Bush - 2 releases
- Ricky Kolman - 2 releases
- Savannah Watkins - 1 release
- Laura Lazar - 1 release
- Bucky Holland - 1 release
- Robin Kolman - 1 release
- Scott Rowe - 1 release
- Richard Vose - 1 release



Congratulations to five anglers for their first Atlantic Sailfish:

Anna Bush, Savannah Watkins, Richard Vose, Ricky Kolman and Robin Kolman.

Tournament Results

FINISH	BOAT	CAPTAIN	RELEASES	POINTS
FIRST	Where to Next?	Keith Mozena	4	
SECOND	Playing Hooky	Ricky Kolman	3	
THIRD	Buckshot	Trey Holland	1	
FOURTH	Lady Carmen	Greg Purinton	1	
FIFTH	Knot Online	Jeff Harvey	1	



INSHORE AT APALACHICOLA

OCTOBER 2017 by John Shipp



I went fishing with a couple of friends on a 24 ft. Pathfinder for 3 days starting Monday Oct 30, 2017. We fished out of Bay City and worked shell bars.

I was looking forward to learning how to fish the Bay and got some good lessons. We fished shell piles and hard bottom as opposed to the grass flats and rocks I am used to further south. Fish bit all baits with cut bait predominant on Sand Trout and small curly tailed grubs (white with green tails like Robert had with me on the previous trip). I had them in Gulp juice and they were so effective on Specs that one of my fishing buddies switched to them the last two days.

Each morning we went directly to a spot about 300 yards west of the St. Georges Island Bridge (\$2 bridge) halfway out the north end, perpendicular to the highest hump on that section (not the inter-coastal hump). There were several guide boats there each morning and all boats caught a lot of fish. First day I caught only one with the other guys pulling in 20+. I had the wrong tackle. You need 20-30 lb braid with a 2 oz or heavier sinker and a jig head on a 20 lb leader tipped with shrimp or cut bait. Cut bait was small, about 1 inch square. You throw onto the shell pile and have to be able to feel the sinker "rolling over the oyster shells". If you cannot feel the shells you are in the wrong place. We were anchored and fished pulling the bait against the tide. Trick is to be on the bottom, over shells, with a tight line back to the meat tipped jig. You have to set the hook like a bass. I got used to the tactic by the second and third day and began to catch fish like everyone else.

People were also fishing west of the power line to the east of the bridge. They mixed in with the oyster boats. We went to a spot on the north side of the 98 bridge but did not fish after several other boats who were there reported no bites. We drifted under the 98 bridge pilings and caught the largest flounder I have ever seen on one of the white and green grubs under a cork.

Other Fish

The Apalachicola River breaks into about 4 "rivers" and numerous creeks as it passes through the delta and dumps into the bay. We went up the Apalachicola River and cut through to the Little St Marks via a creek just below Bay City. We moved down the river to fish the hard bottoms and ledges where these estuaries dumped into the bay. We anchored at points in the river and threw jigs into the deep holes that had hard bottoms and bumped the jigs up the sides. We caught enough trout to stay busy and several undersized redfish. We also caught two black drums. Fishing was steady as we moved if we did not catch anything within 15 minutes. My friends already knew where the holes were. The tide was always moving swiftly and fish tended to bite in groups. This was similar to winter fishing I had done in smaller creeks and smaller rivers but with much more water flow and the fish were not concentrated. We were always miles from solid ground, fishing in the marsh areas in the river delta. We did some drifting but tended to be anchored with the pole when we caught fish. It appeared that schools of fish were moving with the tide. The trolling motor was broken or we would have used it to work the sides. The redfish were caught on the edges and trout on the sides of the troughs.

We also went out into the bay and fished several spots that were hard bottom oyster shell piles. We only caught one keeper trout doing this, but it was the biggest of the trip. This was a great trip and taught me a lot of techniques and locations for fishing the bay. It was definitely much different from what I had done in the past.



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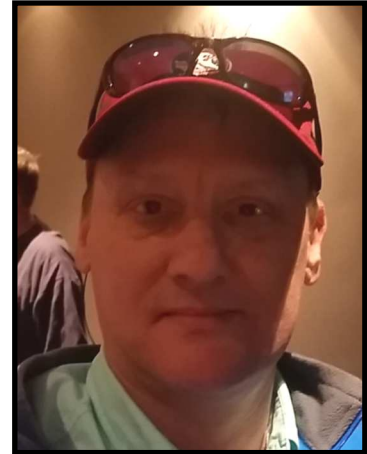
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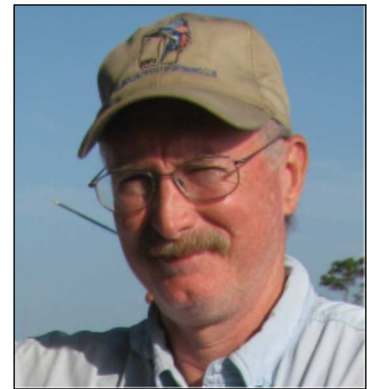
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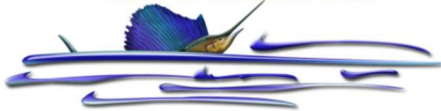


Keith Mozena

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UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

March 10	Swap Meet at Rick Martin's
March 13	Club Meeting, Hilton at Peachtree Corners
April 14	Get-together at O'Shucks in Winder
April 28	Spring Fling on Lake Lanier
May 3 - 5	Savannah GA Tournament
May 27- June 9	Abaco, Bahamas
May 31 - June 2	Apalachicola FL Tournament
July 11 - 14	Orange Beach, AL Tournament (& Blue Angels)

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