



Fishing Post - October 2011

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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Orange Beach Encore

Tournament Report by Bill Rhodes



As usual, Orange Beach was a great tournament. We had a total of seven boats competing, and a good time was had by all. We stayed at the Cotton Bayou Condos and kept our boats in the adjoining marina. At the end of the day, there was a lot of good natured bragging, joking, (and maybe a little drinking) at the docks, and there were a lot of good fish caught and weighed. Some of the more notable catches included a **47.4 pound Amberjack** caught by Bill Rhodes/ *Two Bills*/ (Big Fish Award), a **30.5 pound Amberjack** caught by Bill Pate/ *Two Bills*, a **15.2 pound**

Grouper caught by Darrin Maietta/ *Outlaw*, an **11.1 pound Grouper** caught by Ed Hahn/ *Two Bills*, a **12.8 pound Dolphin** caught by Steve Guntner/ *Outlaw*, and a **17.8 pound King Mackerel** caught by Frank Nicoletti/ *Lured Away*. Also, a very impressive catch of **Tuna, Wahoo, and other species** caught by the wild and crazy guys on *The Last Bastian* who braved the less-than-ideal seas to go all the way out to the Petronius Rig. Of course, a lot of fish were caught which had to be released as well.

Other notable catches included:

9.2 lb Dolphin: Marty Miller/ *Lured Away*

12.5 lb King Mackerel: Mike Rhodes/ *Two Bills*

30.3 lb Wahoo: Mark Mieczko/ *The Last Bastian*

16.3 lb Blackfin Tuna: Mark Mieczko/ *The Last Bastian*

50 lb Amberjack: Mike Rhodes/ *Two Bills*

(caught on Thursday before the tournament)

Tile Fish: On Thursday Mike Springer (*Outlaw*) was checking out a floating tree when he noticed something on the bottom 500 feet below. He dropped down a bait on a conventional outfit and caught a very nice Tile Fish.

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The Awards Banquet was held at Flippers Restaurant and the food was excellent. Raffle Prizes were contributed by J&M Tackle, Sam's, Top Gun, and Voo Doo Lures and Baits.

- Bill Rhodes



Tournament Results:

- 1st Place: TwoBills, 545 points**
- 2nd Place: Outlaw, 440 points**
- 3rd Place: The Last Bastian 395 points**
- 4th Place: Lured Away 260 points**
- 5th Place: Bad Buoys, 95 points**

President's Message

Never did I realize some 60 years ago when I first picked up a fishing rod, exactly how much influence the government would have on what species I could catch, how many, when, what size, and even dictate what kind of hooks we can use and require things like venting tools and hook removers. Life on the water has changed for most of us and the sport we hold near and dear to our enjoyment has become, for lack of better words, encumbered by lobbyists and Washington bureaucrats. While some of the regulations in past years have been valuable to all fishermen, God only knows when at times we all came home with a boat load of too many fish. Meanwhile, our friends in Washington continue to suppress our sport to the extent that in the not-too-distant future it will simply become too much of a hassle to pick up and go out for an enjoyable day on the water.

I mention the above, much of which you are aware, to encourage you to do your part in writing to your state and Washington representatives and senators, just to let them know your dissatisfaction with the lack of science behind all of the current regulations. Your voice counts; to sit back and do nothing is a poor choice of action.

Our year is coming to a close, and overall we had a reasonably good fishing season with the exception of some bad weather conditions. And it is a credit to our club captains that we came through the season without any serious injuries. We also had a year where we were able to develop more lasting friendships and to build on the fishing knowledge we possess.

As we begin to prepare for next year's fishing season, I would encourage all to take advantage of our new venue for our Christmas Party. Please be sure to get your tickets early on. We also have a super gift for our raffle this year and ticket sales will be limited. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party, I remain,

President Frank



ATLANTA FACTS

Atlanta is composed mostly of one way streets. The only way to get out of downtown Atlanta is to turn around and start over when you reach Greenville, South Carolina. All directions start with, "Go down Peachtree" and include the phrase, "When you see the Waffle House." Except that in Cobb County, all directions begin with, "Go to the Big Chicken."

Peachtree Street has no beginning and no end and is not to be confused with Peachtree Circle, Peachtree Place, Peachtree Lane, Peachtree Road, Peachtree Parkway, Peachtree Run, Peachtree Trace, Peachtree Ave, Peachtree Commons, Peachtree Battle, Peachtree Corners, New Peachtree, Old Peachtree, West Peachtree, W. Peachtree, Peachtree-Dunwoody, Peachtree-Chamblee, or Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Atlantans only know their way to work and their way home. If you ask anyone for directions they will always send you down Peachtree.

It's impossible to go around a block and wind up on the street you started on. The Chamber of Commerce calls it a "scenic drive" and has posted signs to that effect, so that out-of-towners don't feel lost...they're just on a "scenic drive."

The 8:00am rush hour is from 6:30am to 10:30am. The 5:00pm rush hour is from 2:30pm to 8:30pm. Friday's rush hour starts Thursday afternoon, and lasts through 2:00am Saturday.

A native can only pronounce Ponce De Leon Avenue, so do not attempt the Spanish pronunciation. People will simply tilt their heads and stare at you. (The Atlanta pronunciation is "pahns duh LEE-on").

Atlantans are very proud of our racetrack, known as Road Atlanta. It winds throughout the city on the interstate highways, hence it's name. Actually, it's called I-285, the loop that encircles Atlanta and has a posted speed limit of 55mph (but you have to maintain 80 mph just to keep from getting run over). Georgia 400 is our equivalent of the Autobahn. You will rarely see a semi-truck on GA 400, because even the truck drivers are intimidated by the oversized SUV-wielding housewives racing home after a grueling day at the salon or the tennis match to meet their children at the school bus coming home from the college prep preschool.

The last thing you want to do is give another driver the finger, unless your car is armored, your trigger finger is itchy and your AK-47 has a full clip.

The falling of one rain drop causes all drivers to immediately forget all traffic rules; as will daylight savings time, a girl applying eye shadow in the next car, or a flat tire three lanes over. If a single snowflake falls, the city is paralyzed for three days, and it's on all the channels as a news flash every 15 minutes for a month. All the grocery stores will be sold out of milk, bread, bottled water, toilet paper, and beer if there is a remote chance of snow, and if it does snow, people will be on the corner selling "I survived the blizzard" tee-shirts, not to mention the fact that all schools will close if the word "snow" is mentioned in the forecast, even if preceded by the words "little or no chance of".

If you are standing on a corner and a MARTA Bus stops, you're expected to get on and go somewhere. Construction on Peachtree Street is a way of life and a permanent form of entertainment, especially when a water line breaks and Atlanta's version of Old Faithful erupts. Construction crews are not doing their jobs properly unless they close down all major streets during rush hour.

"Sir" and "Ma'am" are used by the person speaking to you if there's a remote possibility that you're at least 30 minutes older than they are.

Atlanta is the home of Coca-Cola. That's all we drink here, so don't ask for any other soft drink unless it's made by Coca-Cola. And even then it's still "Coke."

The closest gate at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport is 32 miles away from the Main Terminal, so wear sneakers and pack a lunch.

The pollen count is off the national scale for unhealthy, which starts at 120. Atlanta is usually in the 2,000 to 10,000 range during the springtime. All roads, vehicles, houses, pets etc. are yellow from March 28th to July 15th. If you have any allergies, you will die.

But other than that, it's a great place to live!

October 2011 Member Profile: Marty Miller



Meet Marty Miller, our featured member for October. Marty and his wife, Christine, have two teenage girls. Marty joined the club in 2010 and is a graduate of Georgia Tech. He has been involved in the development of software technology for the last 20 years and currently works for McKesson. Marty grew up fishing on Long Island Sound for striped bass, so naturally when asked for his favorite spot to fish, he quickly returns to his roots and childhood memories. Marty started fishing at the age of five and has fond memories of catching brim, catfish, and bass in a pond within walking distance from his home. Living less than one mile from saltwater, Marty would take his small Boston Whaler out in search of his favorite catch, striped bass. Marty has been in three club tournaments thus far and has enjoyed the bottom fishing for grouper, amberjack, and snapper. His most memorable experience so far has been with yours truly on *Lured Away* while fishing out at the elbow. Spotting a periscope from a submerged submarine proved to be “the sight of the day”.

In addition to fishing, Marty likes to bicycle, play tennis and golf. Marty was quick to recognize the enjoyment of “mixing it up” with fellow club members at our tournaments. He is a steak-and-potato man, especially when accompanied by Meyers Rum. Marty quotes Van Halen’s lyric, “Live today like there’s no tomorrow” and his father, “Life is no dress rehearsal.” Marty enjoys traveling to far away places to fish and fondly remembers trips to Alaska and Costa Rica.

Please be sure to introduce yourself to Marty at one of our up and coming meetings.

- Member Profile by Frank Nicoletti

Score Card

Final 2011 Boat of the Year Standings

Boat	WPB	Apalach	Orange Beach #1	Orange Beach #2	Total
<i>Outlaw</i>		20		15	35
<i>Two Bills</i>		15		20	35
<i>Lured Away</i>		5	20	5	30
<i>Vannish</i>	20		5		25
<i>Easy Does It</i>	15				15
<i>Salt Rocker</i>			15		15
<i>Bad Buys</i>			10	3	13
<i>Where to Next?</i>	10				10
<i>Nikki Girl</i>		10			10
<i>The Last Bastian</i>				10	10
<i>Fifty Cent</i>		3			3

Final AOY Standings

Men's Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST Steve Guntner	250
2ND Mark Mleczko	150
3RD Tom Mauldin	125

Ladies' Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST Lynn Carver	150

Junior Angler Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST Kendall Spencer	225
2ND Jonathan Spencer	100

See Website for Complete Breakdown by Category

Club Caps Still Available

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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT NEWS

Latest newsletter from the Gulf Council

http://www.gulfcouncil.org/news_resources/Newsletters/NEWSLTR08-2011.pdf

FL plans to close Gulf Gag on June 1; Fall season will be Sept 16 - Nov 15

http://myfwc.com/media/1367589/HotSheet_MAY2011.pdf

2011 Gulf Red Snapper season set for June 1 - July 18 (see pg 1 of Regulations)

http://www.gulfcouncil.org/fishing_regulations/regulations_matrix/Site/Regulations_Matrix.html

Gulf Amberjack officially closed during June/July 2011 (see pg 12 of Regulations)

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

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

http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RedSnapper_120409.pdf

Visit www.aswsc.org for links to State and Federal Fisheries Management Agencies websites.

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Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club



Christmas Party



Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 7:00PM

Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place

1775 Pleasant Hill Road

Duluth, GA 30096

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Non Members \$15.00 Each

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706-276-3366 or

404-625-4071

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Oct 11th meeting

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Nov. 30th, for the
FINAL head count

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Year End Awards Given Out
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Upcoming Club Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, Nov 8, 2011 / 7PM
Holiday Inn Gwinnett Place / 1948 Day Drive, Duluth / 770-814-2800

See website for directions: www.aswsc.org

Scheduled Speaker: Jim Klug

Jim began working in the fly fishing industry at the age of 14. Over the years, he has worked as a guide, sales rep, travel coordinator, and as a National Sales Manager for Scientific Anglers. He has guided extensively in Montana, Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon, and has fished throughout the world in over 25 different countries. In 2000, Jim founded Yellow Dog, a fly fishing booking company based in Bozeman, Montana, (www.yellowdogflyfishing.com) that has grown to become one of the largest entities in the fishing travel business. As Yellow Dog's Director of Operations, Jim spends a lot of time scouting and researching destinations in the Caribbean, Central and South America. Jim is also the co-founder and executive producer for Confluence Films, a film production company that released the fly fishing movies DRIFT (2008) and RISE (2009). Confluence's new film – CONNECT – will be released Nov 4, 2011 and early reviews are already calling the new film the best ever from Confluence. Jim's writings and photos have appeared in dozens of magazines and publications, and his photo work can be viewed at www.klugphotos.com.



Jim currently serves on the national board of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, Belize's Turneffe Atoll Trust, and is the current Chairman of the American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA).

NEXT SOCIAL EVENT:

Christmas Party - Saturday, Dec 3, 2011
Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place

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

NEXT TOURNAMENT:

Annual Sailfish Classic in West Palm Beach, FL
January 11 - 14, 2012

(Application and Tip Sheet Available Soon)

SURVEYS & BALLOTS RETURNED?

You should have received your 2012 Committee/Officers ballots, as well as a ballot for the 2011 Robert Lynn Award, and the annual survey. Those are due back by November 7th, so get them in the mail right away if you haven't already. If you did not receive your ballots/survey, contact us immediately at: info@aswsc.org.

Something Missing?

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