



Fishing Post - September 2011

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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Supporters Recognized

One of the club's ongoing projects for 2011 is to say Thank You to the many supporters of the Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club. To achieve that goal, President Frank Nicoletti and Vice-President Lenny Pisarski, assisted by several other members, have been making the rounds. In some cases, a plaque or certificate was included, but every supporter receives the sincere appreciation of our membership. Below are photos from just a few of those visits.



Darrin Maietta with James Fink of Outcast Fishing & Hunting



Frank Nicoletti with Lanny Deal of Mann's Baits



Frank Nicoletti at J & M Tackle



Frank Nicoletti at Top Gun Tackle



Frank Nicoletti with Lynda Fogle of Cotton Bayou Condominiums

Our club wouldn't be what it is today without the help and contributions by all of our supporters. So remember to support them as well whenever possible!

Sat.-August 20th

Luau Picnic

On Club Island, Lake Lanier
By Judy Kump

The annual Club Picnic, Luau, this year broke a few records: The **most** attended, 50 folks, since the 1994 picnic, with 15 boats. The **most** beautiful weather, with cool breezes honored us the entire weekend. The **most** served for the least amount of Club Money. Can you imagine the total cost, for the 50, served up at **Under \$100**, that is amazing?? Our fabulous Chefs **Steve Fritz** and **Steve Guntner** prepared

yummy Kalua Pork, white rice and green cabbage, along with Hawaiian style hot dogs. **Great Job, Steve and Steve!!** We had a great assortment of smoked fish dips, snacks and delicious deserts. Someone said **Galen Forbes** made deviled eggs and they disappeared instantly, just cannot move fast enough when good food gets out. **Thanks to**



Skeets Kump, we had tarps to shade us from the sun and protect us from a few stray rain drops that dared to spoil our perfect day, but they were actually a welcomed cooling off. A big thank you to **Phil Scarborough** and **Galen Forbes** for helping with the picnic area, cleanup after the picnic and taking the tarps down, Skeets & I really appreciate it!!!



of thanks to **Mike Springer** for helping with the island preparations and also for running our water taxi for us! **Jim Mason** whipped up some delicious

homemade ice cream for us and a welcomed cool treat, thank you Jim. Thanks to **Elizabeth Bakos**, for the wonderful photos!!



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WORDS OF WISDOM:

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and then call whatever you hit the target.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

A diplomat is someone who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

President's Message

There are many aspects of our club that have enabled the Atlanta Salt Water Club to endure over the past twenty-five years. One of the keys to our longevity is that our love of the water and of fishing has given us a common thread to share in past memories/experiences, as well as in building new friendships and generating memories for tomorrow. Our membership comes from all walks of life, yet once we meet or get to share time on the water, most, if not all, of those differences become insignificant within our passion for fishing. Discussions abound on issues of what bait to use, how fast to troll, engine issues, electronics and how to use them, maintenance, and specific species tactics. You name it and we discuss it. It is the common thread that holds us together. I for one am impressed with our adherence to issues of conservation and regulations. It is also pretty obvious that we are continually welcomed back to the many places we fish in Florida and Alabama. In many places, we are on a first name basis with the local suppliers and fellow resident fishermen. This is certainly a definite credit to our reputation. Perhaps I have mentioned this in previous messages, however it is worth mentioning again: As members of ASWSC, our individual actions when interfacing with our vendors or when visiting area restaurants and establishments create a tremendous reflection on us as a total club. That goes a long way in being welcomed back and maintaining our reputation. I would ask you all to keep this in mind when you introduce yourself as being affiliated with ASWSC.

Our 2011 season is quickly winding down with, as of this writing, only one tournament remaining. Hopefully, weather permitting, I will see many of you in Orange Beach. Soon, we will be sending out surveys and your input is important as plans for 2012 are developed, so please be sure to complete and return the questionnaires. We are also establishing our ballots for next year's officer slate. This is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in club activities and I encourage you to volunteer. Lastly, this year's Christmas party will be held at a Marriott and it is shaping up to be a super event. Please be sure to get tickets early on, as this will allow better preparation by event organizers. Hope to see you all there.

Regards,

Frank

September 2011 Member Profile: Robert Waters



This month's featured member is Robert Waters, who has been with the club since 2009. A native of Tifton Georgia, Robert grew up fishing the flats in the panhandle of Florida with his folks. Robert married his wife, Paula, 32 years ago and they have three children.

As a career, Robert handles insides sales for Tengco Inc, a company which deals in imported specialty metal products. Robert has fished a number of charter boats and his preference is to fish the northern Gulf of Mexico and, most specifically, Destin. If he had his choice, he would love to fish for grouper, but certainly wouldn't turn down a decent size red snapper. His largest fish thus far has been a 20-lb amberjack.

In addition to fishing, Robert enjoys reading, watching sports events, and occasionally tries his hand at tennis and golf. Believe it or not, his favorite food is fish and when it comes to a beverage, he will admittedly go for water . Robert has participated in club tournaments and remarks at the camaraderie he sees during these events; he can fondly remember staying up late at one of our Apalachicola tournaments just shooting the bull and socializing.

At one of our club meetings, Robert won four times at our raffle. A short time later I received a call from Robert; he was feeling uneasy about what he viewed as "taking more than my share". Robert re-donated two of his raffle prizes back to the club to give someone else a shot at the items. That says a lot about Robert. Please be sure to say hello to Robert, a relatively new, but very valuable member.

- Member Profile by Frank Nicoletti

Score Card

2011 Boat of the Year Standings (as of Sept 20th)

Boat	WPB	Apalach	Orange Beach #1	Orange Beach #2	Total
Vannish	20		5		25
Lured Away		5	20		25
Outlaw		20			20
Easy Does It	15				15
Two Bills		15			15
Salt Rocker			15		15
Where to Next?	10				10
Nikki Girl		10			10
Bad Buoys			10		10
Fifty Cent		3			3

AOY Standings as of Sept 2011

Men's Division

ANGLER	POINTS
1ST Tom Mauldin	175
2ND Steve Guntner	150
3RD Scott Rowe	150

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/NEWSLTR06-2011.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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Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club

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Club Members \$10.00 Each
Non Members \$15.00 Each

Call Galen Forbes:

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404-625-4071

Tickets on sale at

Oct 11th meeting

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Upcoming Club Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, Oct 11, 2011 / 7PM

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

See website for directions: www.aswsc.org

Scheduled Speaker: Henry Cowen



Henry has been pursuing striped bass for over 30 years in both salt water and fresh water. He is currently guiding on Lake Sidney Lanier, Lake Allatoona, and the Chattahoochee River. He fishes approximately 200 days each year for landlocked stripers, hybrids, spotted bass, carp, and other fresh & salt water game fish. Henry is an accomplished fly designer and his trademarked fly patterns are sold nationally through Umpqua Feather Merchants. His patterns are available in the Orvis catalog, as well as Cabela's, LL Bean, Bass Pro Shops and all fly shops across the United States that carry Umpqua flies. He is a contributing writer to various magazines, *American Angler*, *Fly Fishing in Salt Waters*, *Fly Fish America*, *Fly Tyer*, *Fly Fisherman* and *Eastern Fly Fishing*. His articles on fly fishing techniques and tactics appeared regularly in *Salt Water Fly Fishing Magazine*. Henry was recently named to the esteemed Yellow Dog Fly Fishing field advisory staff. He is an FFF certified casting instructor. Henry continues to give seminars on salt water fly fishing, also fresh water light tackle and fly fishing for striped bass, hybrids and carp. Henry has appeared as a guest on a number of nationally and locally televised outdoor shows, including *The Orvis Sporting life*, *The Reel Guys*, *One More Cast w/Shaw Grigsby*, *O'Neill Outside*, *Georgia Outdoors* and *Growing Up Outdoors*. He was featured as the fishing personality on the video entitled "*Fly Fishing for Landlocked Stripers*". Henry is currently on pro staff with Humminbird Electronics & on guide programs for Ranger Boats, Yamaha Marine, G3 Boats, Johnson Outdoors (Minn Kota trolling motors), Sage, TFO, Simms, Tibor, Renzetti, RIO Fly Lines and Orvis. You can visit his web site at:

www.henrycowenflyfishing.com

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/>

SURVEYS & BALLOTS COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX

Before the end of October, you should be receiving your 2012 Officers and Committee Ballot, as well as the 2012 Planning Survey. Be sure to complete both and return promptly. Your vote and your input are needed and appreciated. This is also a good opportunity to go ahead and renew your membership for the coming year.

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

For latest club information, check out www.aswsc.org