



Fishing Post - August 2009

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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*Lenny's Report
Destin*

Yet Another Great Destin Trip



Crab Island Madness

It's always nice to come home..... When you have been fishing the same area for a while, it's just nice to get back there.... That's how most of us feel about Destin. This is the venue of my first Club Tournament in 1997, along with Bo Dunn. He had his wife and kids along and we had 33 boats enjoying our sport as well as each other's company....

Steve and Steve did the hosting at the Ft. Walton Sailfish Club....cooked us up some fine dishes...Thanks Guys.

Bad luck showed up early as Pat Thai lost his lower unit just as he was leaving Pirates Bay on the first day of fishing. You all know how much Pat loves to fish so you can imagine how he and his brothers felt, sorry Pat.



Well this turned out to be another enjoyable tournament thanks to Mike Springer, Norm Bowen, Steve Guntner and Steve Fritz.



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I fished with Frank Nicoletti on *Lured Away*, along with my brother-in-law Bill Woodcock (Woody) and new member Gene Payne. We arrived a day early and fished on Thursday. In my many years of fishing, I've never experienced what we did on That day. We fished the Timber Holes and had the typical catch of Red Snapper, Kings, AJs and other miscellaneous species. Then we had the strangest thing happen. A pod of Dolphins - maybe 6 - had been hanging around and before you know it they started grabbing our catches when we where bringing them up. They finally took about 6 of our catches when Frank ended up hooking one and it was off to the races... Hard to stop an 800 pound Dolphin, Frank cut the line as it raced off his reel. Never seen that before. What's up with that???

Friday morning turned out to be a bit windy, so went our plans to go a long way off shore. The bait man didn't have any live bait, so we caught our own at the pass. We fished a few spots close in and worked our way out to the Timber Holes again.

That place has always been good to us. We picked up the usual fare of Snapper, Kings, small Triggers (need to be 14 inch now), along with a couple of nice Lane Snapper and B-liners.

Back at the weigh-in, we pulled in behind Ted and *Glory Days*. They had a mess of fish - isn't that just like Ted? Mike Springer pulled in also; they didn't do a lot of fishing, but enjoyed themselves at Crab Island.



Saturday morning was looking good and a lot of action at the pass getting bait. We chose to buy ours from the bait man and headed out to the Ozark. We arrived and Bill Rhodes was already working the spot, catching mostly small AJ's. We started in the drift pattern and picked up a few Sharks and small AJ's. After that Frank took us to one of his honey holes---don't ask me where. Anyway, we caught a bunch of Snapper and Gene hooked up a nice Cobia that had been hanging around. I almost lost it at the boat and did manage to lose that small gaff--I owe you one Frank. Woody took over and gaffed him into the boat. Turned out to be 19 pounds - not bad for your first club tournament, Gene.

Back at the weigh-in, I was hoping Gene's Cobia would be the Big Fish of the tournament, but Scott Rowe had a big grin on his face as they carried his Wahoo to the scale, yes he did. I have to give credit to his boat captain. Ted ran off shore when the seas laid down in the afternoon and only trolled a short time before the Wahoo hit. Nice going guys.



At the Awards dinner, Steve and Steve outdid themselves again, cooking up Pork Tenderloins and all the fixin's... Boy these guys are something else. In case you didn't know, they came to the tournament and only fished a little, and spent most of their time preparing our meals.... Great Club Supporters - Thanks Guys. Thanks also to our local supporters, including Half Hitch Tackle, Pirates Bay, Kitty Hawk Kites, and the Ft Walton Sailfish Club.

Kendall Spencer took the \$50 Junior Angler big fish prize with his 4.9 pound Mangrove Snapper. Nice going, Kendall!

So goes another Destin Tournament.... All came back safe and had a good time, I enjoyed it.... 'Til next time.....

Regards,
Lenny Pisarski



Tournament Results:

1st Place	Glory Days	Ted DuBose
2nd Place	Two Bills	Bill Rhodes
3rd Place	Lured Away	Frank Nicoletti
4th Place	Outlaw	Mike Springer
5th Place	Salt Rocker	Skip James

Score Card

Boat of the Year Standings

(After July Destin Tournament)

Boat	WPB	Destin April	Apalachicola	Orange Beach	Destin July	Outer Banks	Pensacola	Total
Glory Days		20			20			40
Outlaw		5	20	3	5			33
Two Bills			15		15			30
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Pam's Competition				20				20
Last Bastian		15	3					18
Bad Buoys				15				15
Sweet Surrender		10						10
Close Cut			10					10
Truffle Shuffle				10				10
Lured Away					10			10
Nikki Girl			5					5
Instigator				5				5
Fifty Cent		3						3
Salt Rocker					3			3

Angler of the Year Overall Standings

Men's Division

1st Place: Norman Bowen 225 pts
2nd Place: Matt Brown 200 pts
3rd Place: Jon Russell 200 pts

Ladies Division

1st Place: Sandra Boynton 250 pts
2nd Place: Annie Woo 200 pts
3rd Place: Dawn Brady 150 pts

Junior Angler Division

1st Place: Jonathan Spencer 275 pts
2nd Place: Daniel Adrien 175 pts
3rd Place: Carrie Springer 100 pts

[\(see website for individual & category standings\)](#)



Off The Hook

DOOMED THROUGH STUPIDITY

As further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, here are some actual label instructions found on consumer goods:

On a Sears hair dryer: **Do not use while sleeping.**
(Oh well, it's hard to sleep with all that noise anyway)

On a bag of Fritos: **You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.**
(The Shoplifter Special!)

On a bar of Dial soap: **Directions: Use like regular soap.**
(as opposed to ?)

On a Swanson frozen dinner: **Serving suggestion: Defrost.**
(But it's just a suggestion)

On a hotel-provided shower cap: **Fits one head.**
(Yeah, but *whose* head?)

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert, printed on the BOTTOM of the box: **Do not turn upside down.**
(Oops, too late!)

On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: **Product will be hot after heating.**
(Are you sure? Let's think about this.)

On packaging for a Rowenta iron: **Do not iron clothes on body.**
(Whose body?)

On Boot's Children's cough medicine: **Do not drive car or operate machinery.**
(We could do a lot to eliminate traffic accidents if we could just keep those 5-year olds off the roads.)

On Nytol Sleep Aid: **Warning: May cause drowsiness.**
(I hope so!)

On a Korean kitchen knife: **Warning: Keep out of children.**
(And yourself)

On a string of Chinese-made Christmas lights: **For indoor or outdoor use only.**
(As opposed to outer space or underground)

On a Japanese food processor: **Not to be used for the other use.**
(Now I'm curious.)

On Sainsbury's peanuts: **Warning: contains nuts.**
(So does the management of Sainsbury's apparently.)

On an American Airlines package of nuts: **Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts.**
(What is going on here?)

On a Swedish chainsaw: **Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals.**
(As if you would try to stop *anything* with your genitals!)

On a child's superman costume: **Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly.**
(Talk about destroying a child's fantasy!)

From the Helm to the Cockpit

...Excitement, Adventure, Challenge, Success are some of the words I would use to describe what drives us as ASWSC members. "But Master, that's what I do". This opportunity is provided to us, the ASWSC members, by the commendable efforts of a dedicated "core group" of volunteers. Not only do we need to recognize these members, but as a whole we need to consider what each of us can do to insure the future success of our club. Are a couple/few hours a week too much to ask? Write, call, or e-mail your willingness to volunteer and become a "core member"; give back, just a little, to make our great club even greater.

Wide open friendly competition describes this year's tournament activities. BOY and AOY are as tight as we have seen in recent times. With our season ending in September this year, the races are at their peak and the opportunities to win in a category is attainable by many. How is success judged? Just participating makes you a winner.

Two weeks after our season ending Pensacola Tournament we have an opportunity to do something good for someone else. **The C-Quarters Marina Kingfish /Grouper Shootout.** ASWSC members are not only invited to participate in this benefit tournament for leukemia/lymphoma research, but will be offered several discounts on storing your boat, dockage during the tournament and living quarters - just to touch on some. Information on the tournament is available at the meetings and/or feel free to call Nathan Murphy (770-656-0561) or me (404-840-0533) for more details. Tournament Rules are also available on the club website (www.aswsc.org). 100% of the proceeds are donated to this research and as you review the rules, you'll be fishing for substantial prize dollars (also donated). This opportunity helps others while we have fun catching Grouper and Kingfish. Oh, it is also very good publicity for the club. Please join in supporting this effort.

Tight Lines,
Scott Rowe
Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club
2008-2009 President

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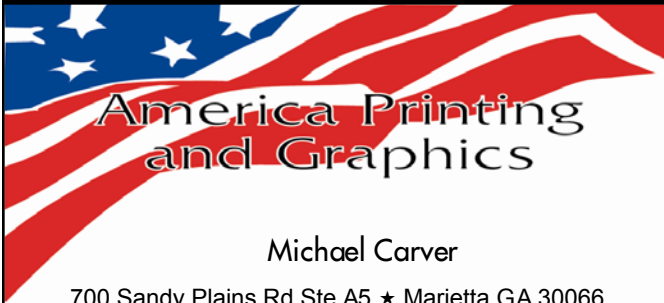
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CONSERVATION NEWS

Red Snapper Season to Close Early in Florida and Federal Waters

<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/bulletins/pdfs/2009/FB09-030%20Red%20Snapper%20Closure.pdf>

RFA calls for moratorium on recreational closures.

(see news release: http://joinrfa.org/Press/Moratorium_060509.pdf)

RFA disagrees with CCA's proposed non-reusable tag approach to red snapper management (see RFA news release online: http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/PrivatizedFish_042909.pdf)

USA is world's largest importer of billfish for food. Learn more about how to stop the slaughter: <http://www.takemarinoffthemenue.org/home>

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council requests an interim 180-186 day complete closure of the red snapper fishery for NC/SC/GA/FL Atlantic coasts. Article:

<http://www.safmc.net/News/NewsReleases/NewsReleaseMarch92009/tabid/606/Default.aspx>

Yet another recent study disputes the science behind federal snapper legislation:

http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RedSnapperRelease_030409.pdf

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

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It's up to anglers like us to preserve the future of sportfishing!

Atlanta Salt Water Sportsmans Club

River Float at Galen Forbes' in Ellijay

Sat., August 22, 2009

Gathering 11:00 til noon at Galen's
2639 Highway 52 East
Ellijay, GA 30536

Float time 3 1/2 hours
Local outfitter can provide canvas covered tubes
and shuttle back to cars for \$10.00

Dinner at Galen's by 5:00
Meat & soft drinks provided
Sides dishes or desserts would be appreciated



Please RSVP Galen: 706-276-3366 or
404-625-4071 or gkf@ellijay.com
For food planning and tube reservations

For local hotel or cabins, for staying
overnight, please call Galen for phone
numbers or any other information.

Directions to Galen's : Take I-75 North to I-575 (which becomes Hwy 515, just south of Jasper) for @60 miles from Marietta. Once in Gilmer County, come to the third traffic light (Hardee's on left) and turn left. Continue a few hundred feet to the "T" onto Hwy. 52 E. Turn right and drive 1.7 miles to Galen's house on the left. See sign in driveway.



Upcoming Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 11th / 7PM

Winfield Hall

3890 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA - 770.495.8088

**Great Raffle Prizes this month:
Rod/Reel combo, sets of trolling lures,
deep-drop lures, Gulp! baits - and much more.**

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT:

Pensacola - Sept 9 - 12

(note that the Pensacola Tournament has been extended to a 'best 2 out of 3 fishing days' format and the Captains Meeting has been moved up to Wednesday Sept 9th.)

(see website for details and application)

Website Poll Results

The last website poll asked visitors, "*What type of line is best for bottom fishing?*" The answers:
1) **Braid/Spectra** - 62% 2) [Tie]: **Monofilament** - 15% / **Fluorocarbon** - 15% 3) **Dacron** - 8%

Current Poll: *What is the ideal number of club tournaments per year?*
(visit the club website to cast your vote)

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

River Float at Galen Forbes' in Ellijay

Saturday, August 22nd

(see Page 9 for details)

Low Country Boil at John/Pat Williams'

Saturday, September 19th

(details to be provided prior to event)

Something Missing?

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