



# Fishing Post - July 2009

## Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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### **HOT** Fun at Orange Beach

Article by Norman Bowen



Orange Beach, AL, an ASWSC favorite, was the location for our 2009 week long event. The tournament got started poolside at Cotton Bayou on Sunday with Mike Springer on the grill for the Captains meeting. The offshore water conditions did not cooperate for trolling for pelagics, so most captains focused on rigs and reefs and many notable catches were recorded.



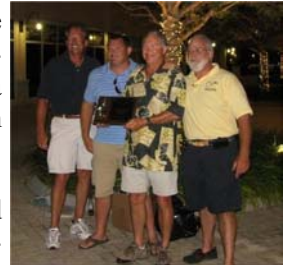
Pam's Competition had an excellent show for their efforts. Some of their catch highlights are Tom Holt's 39.5# cobia and 42.2# mackerel, which also took the big fish honors; Sandra Boynton's 25# amberjack and 10.4# red snapper; Scott Rowe's 18.6# mackerel; and Jon Russell's 20.2# red snapper. Other

Pam's Competition beat the summer heat by staying offshore overnight. Outlaw and others beat the summer heat by rafting up and swimming at the Sugar Bowl. Guess who caught fish?

notable catches include Carrie Springer on Outlaw with a 17.6# mackerel and Annie Woo's 19.9# gag grouper on Truffle Shuffle. Manuel Magana and Tommy Bowen on Instigator put on a red snapper seminar each day weighing in fish from 10 to 15 pounds.



The real stars of the show were the junior anglers (see Page 2). Jonathan Spencer caught a 40.3# cobia to take the Junior Angler big fish award.



Thanks to Guy Harvey's Island Grill for hosting the Awards Banquet and, as always, thanks to our great local sponsors: J&M Tackle, Sam's and Top Gun.

#### Tournament Results:

1st Place	Pam's Competition	Tom Holt	1565 pts
2nd Place	Bad Buoys	Jace Spencer	430 pts
3rd Place	Truffle Shuffle	Jason Craig	415 pts
4th Place	Instigator	Manuel Magana	400 pts
5th Place	Outlaw	Mike Springer	95 pts

# *Summer is the Time for Junior Anglers to Shine*

Aside from generally calmer seas, one of the best things about the summer months is the opportunity to include the kids in the fishing fun. And this June at Orange Beach was no exception.



*Carrie Springer with a 17.6 lb king mackerel - the biggest Junior Angler mackerel of 2009 so far.*



*Daniel Adrien with a big Crevalle Jack - this one was just for fun, but Daniel caught plenty of other fish - enough to put him in the current 1st Place position for Junior Angler of the Year.*



*Kendall "Cuda" Spencer with a huge 38 lb. great barracuda.*



*Jonathan Spencer with the Junior Angler big fish of the tournament - a 40.3 lb. cobia (Jonathan's not as strong as he looks in this photo - the scale is hanging from the T-top)*

# 4th of July Summer Picnic

by Judy Kump

This was our first ever club picnic held on the 4th of July and it was spectacular, with 45 in attendance. Big thanks goes out to Libby (who we missed a bunch) and Steve Guntner, who put the picnic together with food, supplies and a bunch of trips across the lake getting it all to the Club Island. Thanks goes to Mike Springer for running the shuttle to the Harbor Lights Inn and Club Island. Norm Bowen, who helped with the heavy duty yard work, nice golf swing too. Phil Scarborough made his famous Boston Butt for Fri. night's dinner and Galen's delicious Bean Salad. We would like to thank, Burr Taylor of Atlanta Beverage Co., for our 2 Budweiser club banners for the picnic, they looked terrific. Also, thanks to John Miller for helping with the first round of tarp hanging and Phil and Galen for the second round of "Hang Gliding" tarp hanging, Skeets very much appreciated the HELP!!

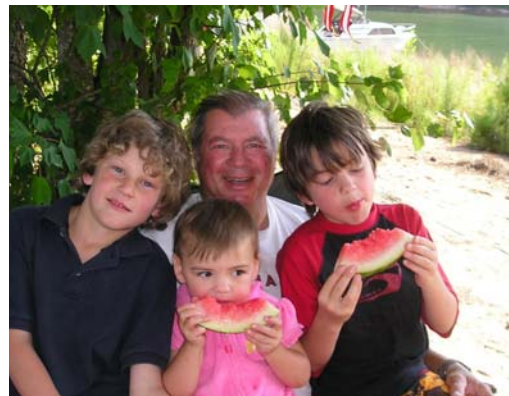


Most of us did not know that Mother Nature did a number on our Club Island, with trees falling and weeds growing up on our pretty beach, but the day's weather more than made up for the loss. The children enjoyed the water and all was well in Paradise on Club Island and a great time was had by all.

If you missed the picnic, you missed a very perfect day of weather and wonderful food served up by our fantastic Club Chef, Steve Guntner and his Assistant Chef, Steve Fritz. They work great together and turned out hot dog, brats, scrumptious burgers and onion rings to die for. Thank you for keeping the group happy with fresh hot food all day long! We had 365 degrees of fireworks to watch Sat. night.



Steve Fritz and Steve Guntner



Vladimir Melnik and Grandchildren

# Score Card

## Boat of the Year Standings

(After Orange Beach Tournament)

BOAT	WEST PALM	DESTIN	APALACHICOLA	ORANGE BEACH	DESTIN	MOREHEAD CITY	PENSACOLA	TOTAL
Outlaw		5	20	3				28
\$EA \$ICKNE\$\$	20	0	0					20
Glory Days		20						20
Pam's Competition				20				20
The Last Bastain		15	3					18
Two Bills			15					15
Bad Bouys				15				15
Sweet Surrender		10						10
Close Cut			10					10
Truffle Shuffle				10				10
Niki Girl			5					5
Instigator				5				5
Fifty Cent		3						3

## Angler of the Year Overall Standings

### Men's Division

1st Place: Norman Bowen 225 pts  
 2nd Place: Matt Brown 200 pts  
 2nd Place: Jon Russell 200 pts  
 2nd Place: Tom Holt 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: Daniel Adrien 300 pts  
 2nd Place: Jonathan Spencer 250 pts  
 3rd Place: Carrie Springer 100 pts

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

# Off The Hook

## It's All In The Attitude

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the TV was too loud, the other claimed the volume needed to be turned up. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom & gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on the twins' birthday their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly. "Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read the all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken." answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy by the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "With all this, there's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

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## Observations

Only in America....

.....can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

.....are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.

.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

.....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

Why don't you ever see the headline, "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why is it that, to stop Windows, you have to click on "Start"?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

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## Day At The Races

A guy was sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a frying pan.

"What was that for?" he asked.

"That was for the piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Mary Lou written on it," she replied.

"Two weeks ago when I went to the races, Mary Lou was the name of the horse I bet on," he explained.

"Oh honey, I'm sorry," she said. "I should have known there was a good explanation."

Three days later he was watching a ballgame on TV when she walked up and hit him in the head again, this time with the iron skillet, which knocked him out cold.

When he came to, he asked, "What the heck was that for?"

She replied "Your horse called."

## From the Helm to the Cockpit

...I'm just sayin', the 2009 ASWSC fishing season is half way through and the bottom fishers are ruling the scoreboard. A full Moon in January and "not so good blue water" within 130mi. from shore has put a damper on the "Trollers". Maybe Hilton's Offshore can provide some insight? With all appearances to being the tightest race for BOY and AOY in years, we are preparing for what is shaping up to be a great fishing season. It's anybody's game to win, so "Go Catch-em up".

Sport Fishing is relaxing. HA! I remember being that exhausted after weeks of two-a-day's for football practice a long time ago. It's no wonder several crews didn't make it (wimps). The economy is a good excuse, but that is why we extended the week long through Saturday to allow a three day for the weekenders. Maybe next year's week long can garner a few more boats? Oh by the way, everyone who made it had a great time in OB. All the scuttlebutt and dock talk indicates that Destin is going to be a great turn out. So if you are looking to go and need crew to share expenses or want to be on a crew get that info in to us ASAP and we'll do our best to match everybody up. The same goes for the Outer Banks and Pensacola upcoming tournaments. Time flies, so get the requests in as early as possible.

Last but not least, my "hats off" to our returning and new members who participated in this year's events so far. Welcome Aboard! The fun is just getting started.

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

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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](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](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](http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RedSnapperRelease_030409.pdf)

Visit [www.aswsc.org](http://www.aswsc.org) for links to State and Federal Fisheries Management Agencies websites.

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# 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](mailto: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, July 14th / 7PM**

**Winfield Hall - 3890 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA - 770.495.8088**

### Scheduled Speaker: Erik Albright

Erik has been working with a mother-ship operation that travels the world looking for record marlin and sailfish. He will tell us about some of his exploits and share some great fishing stories.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

**Duel at Destin - July 16 - 18 ♦ Morehead City - Aug 13 - 15**

[\(see website for details and application\)](#)

## Discounted Charts Available for Upcoming NC Tournament

Capt Chip Berry of **Maps Unique Inc** is offering club members a huge discount on his comprehensive and recently updated Morehead/Cape Lookout/Hatteras chart. If you're planning to fish the Morehead City NC tournament next month, you need one of these charts. The chart regularly sells for \$49.95 but is available to members for only \$29.95 until August 15th. To receive the discount, you must order by phone (**910-233-1931**) and identify yourself as an Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club member.

### Other Resources You Might Need Before the NC Tournament:

NC fishing license: <http://www.ncfisheries.net/recreational/NCCRFL.htm>

HMS/Tuna Permit: <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/initialapp.asp>

## Website Poll Results

The last website poll asked visitors, "What is your favorite way to prepare fish for eating?" The answers:  
1) **Grilled** - 36.8% 2) Blackened - 26.3% 3) Deep Fried - 21.1% 4) Ceviche - 10.5% 5) Broiled - 5.3%

Current Poll: *What Type of Line is Best for Bottom-Fishing (main line, not leader)?*  
(Monofilament, Co-filament, Braid/Spectra, Fluorocarbon, Dacron, Other)

## NEXT SOCIAL EVENT:

**River Float at Galen Forbes' in Ellijay**

**Saturday, August 22nd**

(see Page 10 for details)

## 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](mailto:info@aswsc.org)

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