



Fishing Post - October 2009

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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Pensacola Ups & Downs *Tournament Report*

by Norman Bowen



Flat calm seas and sunny skies greeted the ASWSC members that made it down to Pensacola for the Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, the club tournament wasn't until the following weekend. A low pressure system was developing and the outlook was worsening for the weekend.

The tournament was based out of the Island Cove Marina and kicked off Wednesday evening with the Captain's meeting in the upstairs club house. Smoked fish dip and gumbo were served and Mike Springer

and Lenny Pisarski gave an update on what's happening in the area.

Glory Days, Captain Ted Dubose, filed their float plan with the tournament committee at the Captains' Meeting and headed offshore around midnight for a 70-plus mile run to the dumping grounds. Their bold strategy had them trolling at daybreak but the marlin bite they had hoped for never materialized. They did save the day with a nice blackfin tuna; Scott Rowe was the angler. Lured Away also landed a blackfin tuna with Bob Skrypek as angler. The Outlaw crew also went deep but, based on the trolling reports from the other ASWSC boats, they decided to deep drop instead and ended the day with four amberjack, five vermillion snapper, and fourteen scamp grouper. Matt Brown's 38.2 pound amberjack ended up taking big fish for the tournament. The sea conditions on day one started out just as NOAA predicted - 2' to 3'; however seas built up throughout the day to about 5' to 7'.

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Pensacola Tournament

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On day two we awoke to rain and wind so the Outlaw crew left the dock at the crack of noon and trolled all the way to the Oar House. After cheeseburgers and po boys, they trolled the bay and caught a couple of really nice Spanish mackerel (4.6 and 3.7 pounds). Mike Rhodes on Two Bills weighed in a 34.4 pound king mackerel caught at Bill's secret spot in the bay. Nikki Girl charged offshore and found a great red snapper reef. Unfortunately snapper season is closed but they did also find the mackerel and weighed in a nice limit of kings and Spanish.

Everyone was out early on day three and fishing hard, although the only thing big on this day were the stories told on the radio. Bad Buoy's did manage a couple of sea trout and Kendall Spencer got the \$50 Junior Angler big fish award. Glory Days and Two Bills were the only other boats to weigh in on Saturday. The



tournament wrapped up at the Awards Dinner at the Shrimp Basket.

A big Thank You goes out to all of our club members, vendors and sponsors that made this a great tournament; Mike Springer for running another successful tournament; Lenny Pisarski for his generous Big Fish Reward; Island Cove Marina for the excellent accommodations; Outcast for their raffle donations; and Ashton Inn for the discounted room rates.

- Norman Bowen



Tournament Results:

1st Place	Outlaw	Mike Springer	650 pts
2nd Place	Two Bills	Bill Rhodes	210 pts
3rd Place	Bad Buoy's	Jace Spencer	100 pts
4th Place	Glory Days	Ted DuBose	65 pts
5th Place	Nikki Girl	Pat Thai	60 pts

Score Card

2009 Boat of the Year Standings (Final)

Boat	WPB	Destin April	Apalachicola	Orange Beach	Destin July	Pensacola	Total
Outlaw		5	20	3	5	20	53
Glory Days		20			20	5	45
Two Bills			15		15	15	45
Bad Buoys				15		10	25
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Pam's Competition				20			20
Last Bastian		15	3				18
Sweet Surrender		10					10
Close Cut			10				10
Truffle Shuffle				10			10
Lured Away					10		10
Nikki Girl			5			3	8
Instigator				5			5
Fifty Cent		3					3
Salt Rocker					3		3

2009 Angler of the Year Overall Standings - Final

Men's Division

1st Place: Scott Rowe 250 pts
2nd Place: Matt Brown 225 pts
3rd Place: Norman Bowen 225 pts

Ladies Division

1st Place: Sandra Boynton 250 pts
2nd Place: Dawn Brady 175 pts
3rd Place: Annie Woo 175 pts

Junior Angler Division

1st Place: Jonathan Spencer 275 pts
2nd Place: Daniel Adrien 175 pts
3rd Place: Kendall Spencer 150 pts

(see website for individual & category standings: <http://www.aswsc.org/scoreboard/>)



THE DANGERS OF BREAD

Horrifying statistics have been released about a previously unknown threat to the health and well-being of American citizens:

- More than 98 percent of convicted felons are bread users.
- Fully HALF of all children who grow up in bread-consuming households score below average on standardized tests.
- In the 18th century, when virtually all bread was baked in the home, the average life expectancy was less than 50 years; infant mortality rates were unacceptably high; many women died in childbirth; and diseases such as typhoid, yellow fever, and influenza ravaged whole nations.
- More than 90 percent of violent crimes are committed within 24 hours of eating bread.
- Bread is made from a substance called "dough." It has been proven that as little as one pound of dough can be used to suffocate a mouse. The average American eats more bread than that in one month!
- Primitive tribal societies that have no bread exhibit a low incidence of cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, and osteoporosis.
- Bread has been proven to be addictive. Subjects deprived of bread and given only water begged for bread after as little as two days.
- Bread is often a "gateway" food item, leading the user to "harder" items such as butter, jelly, peanut butter, and even cold cuts.
- Bread has been proven to absorb water. Since the human body is more than 90 percent water, it follows that eating bread could lead to your body being taken over by this absorptive food product, turning you into a soggy, gooey bread-pudding person.
- Newborn babies can choke on bread.
- Bread is baked at temperatures as high as 400 degrees Fahrenheit! That kind of heat can kill an adult in less than one minute.
- Most American bread eaters are utterly unable to distinguish between significant scientific fact and meaningless statistical babbling.

In light of these frightening statistics, the following restrictions have been proposed:

- No sale of bread to minors.
- A nationwide "Just Say No To Toast" campaign, complete with celebrity TV spots and bumper stickers.
- A 300 percent federal tax on all bread to pay for all the societal ills we might associate with bread.
- No animal or human images, nor any primary colors (which may appeal to children) may be used to promote bread usage.
- The establishment of "Bread-free" zones around schools.

Editor's Note: New Beginnings

Another great tournament season is over. Many members are busy getting their boats ready for winter storage. The weather is turning cooler and retail stores are already digging out Christmas decorations. I can't complain about the cooler temperatures, but this time of year has always seemed a bit sad to me. For the most part, my fishing opportunities are gone for the year. Outdoor fun is winding down; ahead lies the prospect of another cold and wet Georgia winter, along with the tasteless commercialism that now seems to dominate the holiday season. The kids are back in school, this year's fishing memories fading into the background beneath the mental burdens of homework, pop quizzes, and book reports. After a brief display of color, even nature turns brown and dormant. The renewal of Spring and next year's fishing season seem light-years away.

But the off-season gives us a chance to spend more quality time with family and to strengthen our friendships. It's also a good time to make repairs, get organized, and plan for next year. With a little effort, this time of year can be full of joy, hope, and renewed opportunities. This concept holds true for our club as well; invest a little effort now in order to improve your club experience next year. Get involved in club administration; volunteer to help in some small way; provide suggestions for improvement; and make your voice heard by answering the annual survey. Just as our attitude and positive efforts shape and improve our personal lives, our club is shaped and improved by the positive input, energy, and efforts of its members. Step up and make a difference.

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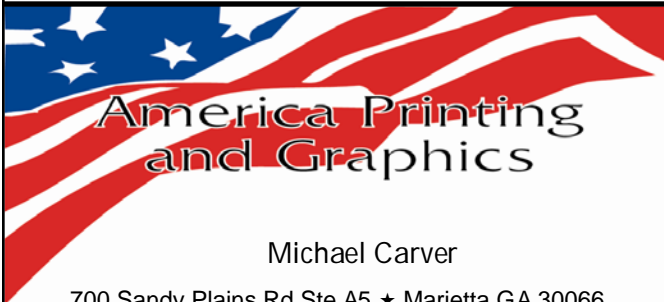
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CONSERVATION NEWS

RFA Says 'Fatally Flawed' Science is Killing America's #1 Outdoor Pastime
http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/RFA_MRFSS.pdf

Gulf Management Council Contemplates Complete Closure for Gag Grouper in 2010
<http://www.newsherald.com/news/gag-75058-grouper-fishermen.html>

RFA calls for moratorium on recreational closures.
(see news release: http://www.joinrfa.org/Press/Moratorium_060509.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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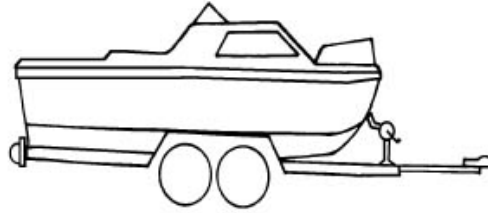
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It's up to anglers like us to preserve the future of sportfishing!

Tips & Tricks

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Fresh Dip For Your Boat & Trailer

(courtesy of Denny Gibbons)

While towing your boat home from a tournament or fishing trip, stop at a freshwater boat ramp and take a dip. Remove your transom bilge plug and leave your transom straps in place, then back your boat and trailer into the freshwater, being careful not to back in too far (you want freshwater to enter the bilge area, but you don't want to flood the batteries or electrical connections.) Your bilge pump(s) should start up automatically once the water enters the bilge. Once in position, lower the engine (if necessary), start the motor and run for at least 5 minutes. While the engine is running, turn on your raw water pump, baitwell pumps, and fishbox pump-outs (as applicable).

Some of the advantages:

- Saltwater and salt residue is flushed from the engine as it runs in the freshwater; water throughput/volume is much better than what can be achieved with a garden hose.
- The freshwater rinses the salt from your pumps, hoses, connectors, and baitwell components.
- This is a great way to make sure your automatic bilge pumps are working properly.
- Corrosive salt residue is rinsed from the bilge area.
- The freshwater soak reaches saltwater-laden crevices that can't be reached by rinsing.
- The dip removes salt from exterior metal trailer/boat parts.

Notes:

- Make sure the freshwater will not reach any water-sensitive component, such as electrical connections or insulation that can be damaged by exposure to water.
- If there is fuel or oil in your bilge, it is illegal to allow those fluids to drain into a body of freshwater.
- Even if you are unable to expose the bilge to the freshwater, you can still take advantage of the benefits for your engine, trailer, pumps, hoses, etc. If you leave the drain plug in, you may wish to remove the transom straps so the trailer isn't forced to float along with the boat.
- Each boat is different. Use some common sense when exposing the interior of your boat to water.

Got a Tip to Share?

If you've got a helpful tip about boating, fishing, tackle, gear maintenance, trailering, cooking the catch, or any club-related activity, send to: info@aswsc.org, along with your name & phone number (in case we have questions).

LOW COUNTRY BOIL

BY JUDY KUMP

I have heard it said: "that gale force winds can not keep the ASWSC group of members from having a good time", after all, we are all fisher people and we get out in all sorts of weather to fish. So "wet" does not bother us and traffic, oh well that's Atlanta for us. Well rain or shine Sat., there was not a hurricane in sight to dampen the spirits of us from having a good time and "chowing down" on some fantastic Low Country Boil. Our gracious hosts Pat and John Williams had the perfect home for 14 of us to enjoy the day and scrumptious food they both prepared. The shrimp were like mini lobsters, just perfectly juicy, outstanding sausages, with some well-kept family secret seasoning (finally shared with us), chicken thighs for more wonderful flavoring, corn melting off the cob, WOW, wonderful cooking John. There were some helpers, 2 Steves, to assist if needed, but John had the cooking down to a perfection. He even designed a special 2-manned lifter for the big boil pot—need to patent that, John. Of course we had appetizers: artichoke dip, King fish dip, with a history, (of who caught it, on what boat, who filleted it and whose recipe) and more delicious dips and crackers. We had cheese potatoes with pineapples casserole, what a yummy combination. Galen brought some huge Ellijay apples for us to take home. For dessert, there was chocolate cherry, double fudge cake, (I think it's called Black Forest cake) cookies and extra chocolate brownies, we sure got our chocolate fix! Diets later folks. We all toasted to those members, officers, who could not make it (sick or otherwise), we missed you and you missed a really great casual fun time!



Pat and John's large carport kept us all dry and shared the tantalizing cooking aromas, with their neighbors. Pat had plenty of pretty tables to eat on inside too, adorned with fresh ginger flowers. Pat had to show us girls what they looked like growing, as we all wanted to take some plant home with us (they are perfumed like a gardenia blooms). We were all comfortable wherever we went and loved the home remodeling John has done, we all wanted to hire him.

We heard various stories on fishing and past events: of "fish on", "bottoms up", "cheeks up" and "you should have been here to fish yesterday" or "you missed a fun event". But most of all, we are all glad, Pat and John are here with us in Atlanta and a BIG Thank You for sharing your beautiful home with us. We all had a wonderful time, enjoyed the hospitality and wonderful food cooked!! Thank you Pat and John!!



Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club

Chili Cook -Off

Oct. 17th, Sat., at 3 PM.

Secret Cove Clubhouse
1035 Secret Cove Drive
Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Please bring:

Your favorite Chili recipe already prepared. Bring adult beverages if you wish. Soft Drinks and paper goods will be provided.



Chili Cook Off
Judging at 4 PM.

Winner will be determined by popular vote and a First Place prize will be given.

Directions: From I-985 get off at Exit #4, Turn LEFT (North-West) onto SR 20, US 23, Buford Hwy., go 1.4 miles and Turn LEFT (South-West) onto US 23 and SR 13, go 1.2 miles, Turn RIGHT (North) (second light) onto Old Suwannee Rd. NE, go 0.4 mile, Turn at first LEFT (West) onto Secret Cove RD, go to 1035 Secret Cove Dr.—Clubhouse is on LEFT and parking is in the front.

Please RSVP:
Steve Fritz
With Name of
your Chili or
Boat name
404-702-5558 or
sfreact@aol.com

Upcoming Events, Reminders and Deadlines

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 13th / 7PM

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

This is the most important meeting of the year. We will be nominating officers and committee members for 2010. It is also a great chance to volunteer a small amount of your time to help improve our club.

Debbie Kolar will give a more detailed presentation about the Bay Point Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Panama City (a potential tournament venue for 2010).

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

Chili Cook-Off at Secret Cove Clubhouse

Saturday, October 17th, 3pm

(see previous page for details)

Happy Hour at Pancho's Mexican Restaurant

Thursday, November 19th, 6pm

(see website for details)

Christmas Party / Awards Ceremony

Saturday, December 12th - Winfield Hall

Website Poll Results

The last website poll asked visitors, "What is the ideal number of club tournaments per year?" The results:

1) **Six** - 30% 2) *More than 10* - 25% 3) (Tie) *Seven / Eight / Five* - 15% each

Current Poll: *Do You Think Fisheries Management Agencies are Doing a Good Job?*

(visit the club website to cast your vote)

Something Missing?

We welcome your input, photos, news items, and suggestions about the content of the ASWSC *Fishing Post* Newsletters. **Forward your information, boating/fishing tips, or digital photos to: info@aswsc.org**

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