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MSC Newsletter March 2009

Meeting on the first Thursday at Jewish Congregation of Marco 6:30PM

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Frank Sroka, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

President's Message

March 2009



Month two. So far so good.

We had a terrific turnout at our February General Meeting. Crowds gathered around Jim Mueller's display of his preferred in-shore tackle, and Al Musico's display of his preferred off-shore

tackle, both Jim and Al handling intense and prolonged question and answer sessions. Jim and Al, thanks for downloading many years of hard learned fishing knowledge and experience to these guys. Now let's see what they do with it. They are running out of excuses.

It was also great to have our former newsletter editor and longtime MSC member, Art Segel attend our meeting and be recognized for his many contributions. From time to time, we will recognize those who helped build this club.

For those socially inclined, remember the upcoming picnics at Sarazan Park on February 18th (FeBrewFest) and March 25.

For those angling inclined, we have passed the average coldest day of the year, and things will be changing and improving. Local waters will be warming and fishing will continue to improve with more species on the way.

Sheepshead and Trout have moved in and will be targeted in our February 19th Sheepshead Shootout and March 3rd Marco Madness (Spotted Seatrout) events.

While Grouper are subject to certain closed seasons in State and Federal waters, snapper and some king mackerel are around. Kings will be the target species of an April event, probably preceded by a workshop on useful techniques.

By the way, please note the new regulations regarding grouper, different in each of Federal and State waters. We do not want to see a picture in the Eagle of someone receiving a ticket and fine, while wearing a MSC shirt.

Again looking forward:

A Garmin representative will be conducting a workshop at our March 5th General Meeting on how to get more valuable information out of your fishfinder;

Pete is working on a possible road trip to the Keys this summer, with a related workshop to get us ready; and

Some things are lookin' up.

Frank

MARCH EVENTS

General Meeting 6:30PM doors open at 6:00- early start for “hands on” segment	March 5th	Garmin Rep Q&A
Board meeting 9:30 AM	March 9th	5 th 3 rd Bank
March Madness Spotted Seatrout Contest	March 3	Prizes for Trout by the inch, Snook and Slam
Spousal Abuse-fish with your mate and see who the real captain is	March 19	Luncheon on 3-20
Spring Bar B-Q	March 25	Burgers, etc
Fish of the Month	Spotted Seatrout	

APRIL EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:00	April 2nd	1 st aid on the water
Board meeting 9:30 AM	April 13th	5 th 3 rd Bank
Kingfish Klash	April 16	
Picnic	April 15	
Fish of the Month	Kingfish	

FISHING REPORT

NORTH vs SOUTH REDUX

Al Musico-Vice President



The weather cooperated for the Sheepshead Shootout event. Calm seas and a sunny day were a welcome change. 13 boats and 30 fishermen competed for the largest fish and high hook. Backwater boats did much better than those fishing the gulf. Myron Wittlin hooked a 21 ½ Sheep fishing with Bill McIntosh for a bag of 7 keepers, and first place. Ed Brown and Ralph Crowell took high hook with 16 fish to 19 ½ inches; followed by Ed and Joanne Vesely with 9 fish to 18 ½ inches Next month, we'll be looking for this guy!



LEADERBOARD STANDINGS

SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE	SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE
Amberjack			Sheepshead	Wittlin	21.5'
Cobia			Lane Snapper		
Black\Gag Grouper	M. Mueller	31"	Mangrove Snapper		
Red Grouper			Yellowtail Snapper	Renkel	23.5"
Kingfish			Snook		
Spanish Mackerel	Seaweed	23"	Blacktip Shark		
Permit			Tarpon		
Pompano	Mordecai	11"	Tripletail		
Redfish	Kropp	35.5"	Triggerfish		
Spotted Trout	J. Mueller	21"			

FISH OF THE MONTH

Fish of the month for January went to Brian Mordecai with an 11" Pompano. The leader for February at this writing is Myron Wittlin with a 21.5" Sheepshead.

FISH OF THE MONTH AND LEADER BOARD RULES*

Fish either gulf or backwater, anytime, for any species. Fish must be caught on hook and line within 60nm of Marco, no charters, and use of guides is prohibited. All fish must be either boated, or immobilized alongside the boat and measured with a tape or ruler. Swim by guesstimates are not accepted. Fish are to be measured either with pinched tails or fork length as per FWC size limit rules. Fish not specified as pinched length will be measured to fork length (e.g. shark).

Use MSC Website, www.MarcoSportfishingClub.com, to report your catch. In case of a tie, the first entry reported will win. Use of the website is the preferred reporting method since it will time stamp all entries and automatically send you an email confirmation. Entries reported by other means will be recorded when they are received and acknowledged, not when they are sent. If you do not have access to the website, you can send your entry to alanmusico@embarqmail.com or call 239-642-9729. The following information is needed: Name, Email Address (or phone number), Species, Size in Inches, Bait or Lure Used, Location (ex. Cape Romano, 5Mile Reef etc.), Fishing Method (ex. Casting, Drifting, Anchored, Chumming etc.), Tide (ex. Incoming, Outgoing etc.). Entries with incomplete or missing information will not be eligible. Entries are counted toward both contests.

Entries must be reported by 12 Noon on the 1st day of the month following the catch .Winners of both the Fish of the Month Contest and the new Leader Board entries will be announced at the following Monthly Members Meetin

Details of each catch are available on the website including method, bait, location, tides etc. Learn how the *experts* fish.

EXPERT ADVICE FOR MARCH

Trout are fun to catch and not that difficult—sometimes!. The most famous trouting grounds are south of Cape Romano through Gullivan Bay ,all the way down to Lostman’s River. They prefer shallows (about 4 -6 feet) and seagrass beds on the bottom. But there are a lot to be had around points, mangroves and oyster bars when the outgoing tide is bringing food past their nose. At times, especially low tide, the deep cuts around bars hold trout. All trout like shrimp. Big trout like minnows. Live bait works well I’ve caught them on a finger mullet imitation plug and traditional tipped bucktail jigs. The catchiest anglers however swear by a plain jig head with a soft plastic or Gulp tail. Red or chartreuse for the head- white or root beer for the tail is the most popular.

BITS, PICS AND PIECES

America's Boating Course



United States Power Squadrons



Improve Your Boating Skills and Knowledge

Four Thursday Evenings:

February 12, 19, 26, and March 5

with an optional charting class March 9

Safe Boating Course offered free of charge as a public service.

*For Information and to Register,
Call Bob Mueller at 239-389-2714*

Florida State Boater Safety Education I. D. Card issued to all Graduates
www.marcoislandsailandpowersquadron.org

HELP NEEDED

Kids fishing clinic on 3-25 at Naples Pier at 8:30. Also for a rod rigging day TBD. Please volunteer. Contact Myron Wittlin.

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Boating Education Seminars



United States Power Squadrons



2009 Seminar Series

Marine Chart Reading -	Monday	February 9
Boat Handling under Power -	Wednesday	February 25
On-Board Weather Forecasting -	Wednesday	March 4

**All seminars will be held in the evenings 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Call Carl Thieme 394-4236 for reservations**

FOR SALE

**17' Master Angler w/115 Yamaha and
Motorguide trolling motor-\$14,500
Only 220 hours.**

Extras include VHF, GPS, Compass,
Push pole\platform, canvas, tackle locker

Call KATHY JOHNSON
389-4155

Spring Bar-B-Q



**Sarazen Park
Wednesday March 25
Set up at 11:30, gather at noon**

\$10.00 Each*

***\$12.50 after March 21 or
\$15 at the door**

**Burgers, Dogs, Sausages, Beans,
Salad and More
2 flavors of beer 3 flavors of wine**

Bring chairs & folding tables if possible

**Beer Wine Pop and Water
Included**

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

Cut here RESERVATION for Spring Bar-B-Q

MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$10.00 each \$ _____
@\$12.50 after 3-21 \$ _____

4th Annual Steak Cook-Out



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon
Set-up at 11:30
Wednesday, April 15**

\$15.00 Each*

***17.50 after April 8, NO Walk-ins
(We don't buy extra steaks)**

**Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Salad,
Baked Beans and More**

Beer, Wine, Pop and Water Included

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$15.00 each \$ _____
@\$17.50 after 4-8 \$ _____

**NEED separate checks payable to MSC for each event
One envelope OK!!!!
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