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Frank Sroka, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

President's Message

April 2009



Looking back and looking forward

The team of Jim Mueller and Newt Weiss came in first place in our March Spotted Sea Trout tournament. Second place went to Ed Brown and Jim Malerba. Third

place went to Pete's boat. In case some of you folks haven't noticed, there are some guys in the club like Jim Mueller, Newt Weiss, Ed Vesely, and a few others who seem to regularly appear as top finishers in these tournaments. What do they know that you don't? For the price of a beer or two, you might be able to find out.

Special thanks to Myron Wittlin for arranging the outside speakers from Garmin and West Marine at our March General Meeting. These guys were extremely knowledgeable and demonstrated state of the art GPS and Fishfinder equipment. Perhaps now some of our members will be able to associate those red, blue and green marks with something of import.

Looking forward---after Gulf water temperatures as low as 61 degrees F., spring has arrived with warmer daily temperatures and plenty of sunshine. Warmer water should bring bait, Spanish and King Mackerel, Tarpon and Permit to our area. With any luck, the Kings should arrive in time for our one day King Mackerel tournament on April

16th. A special punishment will be provided for those participating in the tournament--I'm cooking afterwards.

Also, the Grouper season will be open both in Federal and State waters, so we can visit the Grouper haunts to see who is home.

Please mark the April 2nd General Meeting on your calendar. We have the good Doc and Nurse coming to teach us how to treat common first aid issues on the water, and to explain what we should have on-board to deal with these issues.

Fish can be caught in the backwater. Fish can be caught off-shore. None are caught at home, in church, or at Porky's. **Get on the water and tell club members how you did.**

The Fourth Annual Steak Cook-Out is on April 15th. Dave Walsh says anyone who hasn't finished their taxes can gather around the keg after lunch and we'll all give advice to help you finish. Due to scheduling issues, the Cinco de Mayo picnic is being held on May 27 and will be called the Cinco-Plus de Mayo Picnic. Veintisieste de Mayo is too hard to spell. It will be a Fajita buffet, catered by Big C's, the same people who did the Taco buffet last year.

Frank

APRIL EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	April 2nd	1 st aid on the water
Board meeting 9:30 AM	April 13th	5 th \3 rd Bank
Kingfish Klash	April 16	Party following at Sarazen park—5:30
Annual Steak Cook Out	April 15	No walk-ins -- reservations only
Fish of the Month	Kingfish	

MAY EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	May 7th	
Board meeting 9:30 AM	May 11th	5 th \3 rd Bank
Offshore Fishing- find 'em and fish 'em	May 14th	
Backwater Day---“Pied Piper”	May 22	Follow the leader—or not
Picnic—Cinco plus de Mayo	May 27	fajita cookout
Fish of the Month	Snapper	All Kinds

FISHING REPORT

Al Musico-Vice President



The annual Marco Madness Spotted Seatrout Tournament was held on March 3 with eight boats participating. Despite a chilly 45 degree morning with wind gusts to 20 kts, fish were caught in the deep holes. First palce went to the Meuller/Weiss team with 12 trout. Brown/Malerba and Arcidiacono/Anderson were second and third place with 7 and 2 trout respectively. Free eats and beer at Porky's, join us next year for a great time

Eleven couples ventured out for the Spousal Abuse Tournament. An overcast morning turned into a nice day. Fishing was competitive with a mix of trout, pompano, spanish, whiting and even a blacktip being turned in. A luncheon was held the following day at the Old Marco Lodge. At the end of the tally, dinner certificates were won by Ginny Mueller and Nancy Sroka. It was a fun day, and we will schedule this event again for next year.

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	Renkel	31	Yellowtail Snapper	Zilch	26"
Kingfish			Snook	Shudes	37
Spanish Mackerel	Kaskow	24"	Blacktip Shark		
Permit			Tarpon		
Pompano	Wittlin	18"	Tripletail		
Redfish	Kropp	35.5"	Triggerfish		
Spotted Trout	J. Mueller	21"			

FISH OF THE MONTH

The Fish of the Month for February was won by Myron Wittlin with a 21 1/2" Sheepshead. The leader for March at this writing is Newt Weiss with an 18 1/4 " Spotted Seatrout.

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 alanmusicco@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 APRIL

King Mackerel are fun to catch and good eating! But only fish for Kings where they are. If you don't get any hits in 30 minutes, move. Kings often relate to structure such as reefs and wrecks, and also to bait schools not associated with structure. They are fast predators and will follow the smaller bait such as blue runners and white bait. They can be a few hundred yards off-shore or 50 miles out.

Common methods for fishing KM include:

1. Anchoring up on structure and fishing live or dead bait on the surface, mid-water, or on the bottom.
2. Drifting across structure or bait pods and fishing live or dead bait on the surface, mid-water, or on the bottom
3. Slow trolling of live bait on the surface, mid-water, or on the bottom
- 4 .Fast trolling of lures (large spoons, large full bodied lures*)

Kings have **very** sharp teeth, are extremely aggressive, and oftentimes attack bait by biting the bait in half from the side.

1. If you're trolling a lure, use a wire leader (40# is fine), and if you're trolling a spoon, make sure you are using a ball-bearing swivel to reduce line twist.
2. If you're using a non-wire protected sinker, don't be surprised if KM attack your sinker and cut your line from time to time.
3. If you're using dead bait (frozen sardines) or live bait (blue runners, sometimes with the lower half tail trimmed to slow them down), use KM rigs which are made of wire and have a trailer treble hook to be placed at the top of your bait half way between head and tail. If you are using very large blue runners, use KM rigs which have two trailer treble hooks. These rigs are available at most bait stores. Most of your hookups will be on the trailer hook.

Some anglers feel that treble hooks can provide the fish the ability to use one imbedded hook for leverage to pull out another imbedded hook of the same treble. Consider trolling a gold Mann's "Big Stretch 25" with the trailing treble hook replaced using the same size single hook.

One technique is to use a wire-protected sinker on one of the rods to get the spoon off the surface. In this case the sequence would be spoon, 4 ft wire, swivel, 1 ft wire with sinkers on it, swivel, standing line on the spool of the reel. Use **only** black swivels and no beads!! Troll at about 4-6 knots. Try varying speeds while trolling to get spoons to drop and come back up within the water column. Many hits occur as you accelerate back up to trolling speed.

Typical Kings this part of the gulf are 35-45 inches in length, and are lots of fun to fight on light spinning equipment (reels should have 300 yds of line). Of course, if you are trolling



full bodied lures or you must match your rod/reel/line to the resistance of the lure.

Here's Dave Rasmussen with your target for April. Nice fish Dave!!

AWAY ALL BOATS

The Trout Tourney left 18 anglers in dry dock—without a ride. We have more anglers without boats and we really need those with a boat to get in the game and take guys out. We had a buddy list on the web that wasn't used. If you don't feel like you are a captain, that's OK—the more experienced guys will be there with advice. The Captains' meetings are very helpful. In most of our events all types of boats can compete. Your editor is as guilty as anybody- My boat is neither a big offshore rig nor a flats boat- but I should be thinking about its versatility rather than its drawbacks. I bet a couple of guys would rather have been crowded on my boat that at home. So bring what ya got and let's make it work!!

BITS, PICS AND PIECES

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

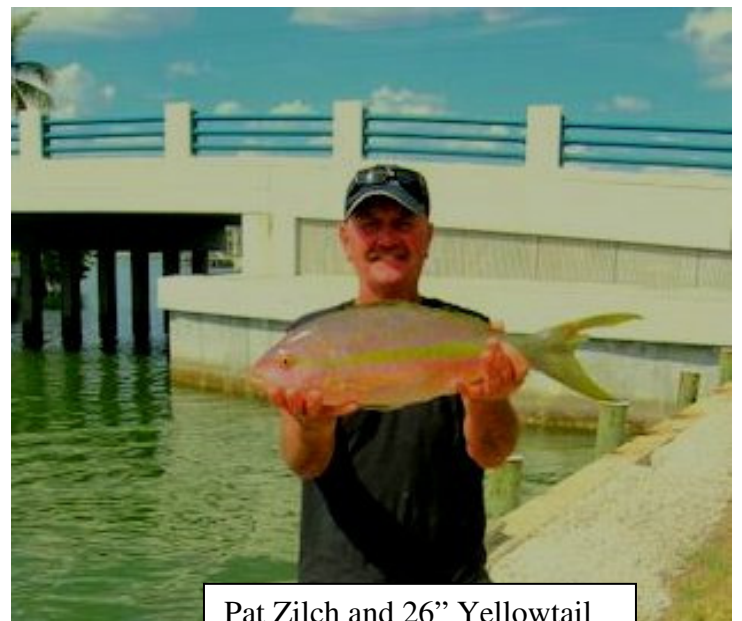
SAVE MONEY-BE SAFE

Members get a discount on SEATOW membership. Members report fast and courteous service. Don't leave the dock without it. Details at meeting reception table

**Correction!! Naples pier Kids Clinic is April
25. Please contact Myron Wittlin if you can
help**



Pete's nephew with nice Spotted Seatrout



Pat Zilch and 26" Yellowtail

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 \$ _____

Cinco-Plus de Mayo (Veintisiete de Mayo hard to remember)



Sarazen Park
wednesday, May 27
Set up at 11:30, gather at noon

\$12.50 Each*

***\$15.00 after May 22 or**
\$17.50 at the door

Fajita Bar Catered by Big C's
Specialy Seasoned Chicken and Beef,
Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Tortilla
Chips, Big C's Seasoned Salsa, Lettuce,
Tomatoes, Cheese, Sour Cream & Warm
Flour Tortillas

Beer, Wine, Pop and Water Included

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

Cut here RESERVATION for Cinco-Plus de Mayo

MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$12.50 each \$ _____
@\$15.00 after 5/22 \$ _____

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