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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### MSC Newsletter March 2010

Meeting on the first Thursday at Jewish Congregation of Marco

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Pete Arcidiacano, President



*Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County*

## President's Message

## MARCH 2010



### Spring is on the way!

It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February and still no sight of warm weather. It makes for tough fishing.

March's meeting will bring "DEAL OR NO DEAL" back. That's where our membership can call and register for a table to sell their experienced equipment. If you are one of the people who would like to have a table please notify me ASAP so we can have it set up. Also, there should be a few outside vendors with real bargains. **Starts at 6 PM**

**Our member Joe Mealy has set up a fishing trip to the Dry Tortugas** on a boat out of Fort Myers on April 23 There can be only 16 anglers on the vessel and food, bunk, equipment and bait can be supplied. This is Joe's sixth consecutive trip. If interested please contact me ASAP for additional details.

**Our March Madness Trout Tournament** will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> (before meeting day) so if you haven't signed up yet **NOW IS THE TIME!**

We are in the process of developing a "Fishing Clinic" for the April event. Here are some of the clinic tables, knots, equipment, charts, tackle and knots for boating. If anyone has a specific topic they would like to have explained please let me know and I will find the resident expert.

**We are planning two NEW events: BACKWATER AID and NEW CAPTAIN OFFSHORE EVENT.** Many of you have

- **Pay dues by 3-15 or get dropped**
- **Trout Tourney is before the next meeting- call Jim Mueller**
- **Next meeting starts at 6pm not 7 for deals**

requested help with fishing spots both offshore and backwater. So you will sign up your boat and an experienced angler will ride and hopefully guide you

to new fishing spots. The date is to be announced and feedback welcomed for this event. Let us know what you think.

**In May we have lined up CALUSA CASTNET** to come to our meeting and give us a first class cast net demo. If these people can't teach us we are in big trouble! I expect this to be a first rate class.

Hopefully by the time you get this it will be warm and your shrimp will be sweating.

See ya' at the bait shop.

*Pete*

## ***MARCH EVENTS***

General Meeting at 6:00- great deals on tackle, etc	<b>March 4</b>	Deal or no deal!!!!
Board meeting 9:30 AM	<b>March 8</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bank
Backwater Fishing—Marco Madness!!!	<b>March 3</b>	Spotted trout tournament
“SPECIAL” New captains event--Offshore -	<b>March 18</b>	Go deep!!
St. Patrick’s Picnic	<b>March 24</b>	
Fish of the Month	<b>Spotted Sea Trout</b>	

## ***APRIL EVENTS***

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	<b>April 1</b>	Fishing Clinic
Board meeting 9:30 AM	<b>April 12</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bank
Offshore Fishing— KINGFISH KLASH	<b>April 15</b>	SMOKERS!!
*SPECIAL* New Captains Aid- Backwater boats	<b>April 7</b>	<b>How to’s of skinny water</b>
Chili Cook Off	<b>April 21</b>	
Fish of the Month	<b>Kingfish</b>	

## **FISHING NOTES**



We have lots of fun fishing ahead of us as the water warms up. We have planned is a “**New Offshore Captains**” event and A “**New Captains Backwater Aid**” designed to season more old salts so that more guys feel comfortable taking members on the outings, increasing participation.

Cold weather put a damper over the Spousal Abuse event with only 2 of the 7 boats signed up able to venture forth for a days fishing. Luckily, it warmed up for the luncheon at the Old Marco Lodge in Goodland. In addition to the fishing catch, special 'Bonus Points' were awarded, and the winning gift certificates to DaVinci's were taken home by Ginny Mueller and Linda Olbrych.

## LEADERBOARD STANDINGS

SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE	SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE
Cobia			Mangrove Snapper		
Black\Gag Grouper			Yellowtail Snapper		
Red Grouper			Snook		
Kingfish			Amberjack		
Spanish Mackerel	Bristow	20 1/2	Triggerfish		
Permit			Blacktip Shark		
Pompano	Bristow	13 1/2	Tarpon		
Redfish	Stevensons	27	Tripletail		
Sheepshead	Wittlin	20 1/2	Spotted Seatrout		
Lane Snapper					

## FISH OF THE MONTH

The Fish of the Month winner for January is Alan Bristow with a 13 ½ inch Pompano. So far in January, Myron Wittlin leads with a 20 ½ “ 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](http://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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **BACKWATER TOURNAMENT 3-3**

**CALL NOW!!**

### **MARCO MADNESS SPOTTED TROUT MARCH TOURNAMENT**

The trout tournament will be held on March 3rd. Due to the early March date, sign ups will be BY PHONE call Jim Mueller at 239-393-0507 or ( cell ) 513-490-4764. WE URGENTLY NEED CAPTAINS. **Jim Mueller will give navigational instructions as well as secret fishing spots to volunteer captains!!!!!!!**

### **BITS PICS AND PIECES**

**Rod and Reel Repair**  
**Capt. Pete 239-821-7499**

**WELDING**  
**SMALL JOBS**  
**Chick Murray- 239-642-6930**

### **CLUB CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE**

**CAPS--\$10      POLOS--\$20      WINDBREAKERS---\$27**  
**Going Fast!! Come to the meeting and pick yours!!**

### **FOR SALE**

1995 STRATOS WALK AROUND CUDDY-2006 MERC OPTIMAX 175  
340 HOURS WARRANTED UNTIL 4-30-2011  
Price reduced--\$11,500

Garmin 440 -Raymarine 500 series fishfinder- Icom DSC radio  
Stereo, porta potti ,live well, cockpit cover etc.

Call Mike 239-389-4526



**Newt Weiss with Nice bonefish**

**(ed. note- great picture-  
Nice scenery, beautiful fish)**



**Big black drum  
w\odd coloration  
(not so good picture,  
fish looks dead  
even though it was  
released alive ,  
I shoulda picked it up—ed.)**



## St. Patrick's Picnic



**Sarazen Park  
Wednesday, March 24**

**Set up at 11:30, gather at noon**

**\$12.00 Each\***  
**\*\$14.50 after March 19**  
**\$17.00 at the door**

**Ham and Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Mixed  
Vegetables, Rolls and More**

**Beer (including canned Coors and Bud  
Light) as well as  
Wine, pop and water included**

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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RESERVATION for St Patrick's Picnic

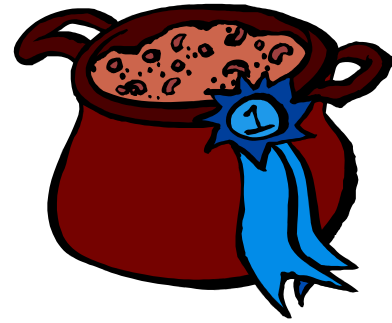
MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

@\$12.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@\$14.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ after 3-19

## Chili Cook-off



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon  
Wednesday, April 21  
\$10.00 Each\***

**\*12.50 after April 16, \$15.00 Walk-ins**

**Over 5 Chilies, Johnnie Cake, Jalapeño  
Corn Bread, and other Southwestern  
side dishes**

**Beer (including canned Coors and Bud  
Light) as well as  
Wine, Pop and Water Included**

**Contact Dave Walsh if you would like to  
participate as a cook (ingredients will be  
reimbursed)**

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

@\$10.00 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@\$12.50 after 4-16                \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Need SEPERATE checks payable to MSC for each event  
One envelope OK!!!!  
Mail to Dave Walsh 1530 Caxambas Ct.  
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