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### MSC Newsletter March 2012

Meeting on the first Thursday at Rose Historical Auditorium

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# MSC Newsletter

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Pete Arcidiacono, President



*Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County*

NEW! The Tackle Box

March 2012



**Peter Arcidiacono 821-7499**

I recently received some sad news. Elmer Peters passed away early February. He was a good friend, good fisherman and a long time MSC member. On behalf of our club I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Peters family. Elmer will surely be missed. By now, those of you who receive the paper newsletter will notice a change. From now on, we will just include current activity information and put all classified, tournament results and basic happenings on the above web site. This change will result in a big savings to our club when it comes to postage and printing. I sincerely hope this small change does not adversely affect anyone.

One other change, rather than have me ramble on for a page we will have small and concise reports from the committee chair people regards their activities.

As always we welcome your feedback.

Remember, sometimes change is good.

**See ya' at the bait shop, Pete A**

## February Meeting Topics

Our second monthly meeting of 2012 was held on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> in our new meeting location- Rose History Auditorium, which is adjacent to the Marco Museum on south Heathwood. We again had over 150 members and guests. Ed Vesely spoke of the January Pompano Passion Tournament. There were 25 boats and 70 anglers. Jeff Erickson won the "pot" contributed by the participants.

The new board was presented to members in attendance. They are noted at top of cover letter. Fred Kouhi updated all on 2012 leaderboard standings. The current info is attached below. We had signup sheets for various fishing tournaments and events. The best way to keep up on club activities is to attend the meeting! Second best is to check website.

## **Weekend Warriors** by Keith Wohltman, [squansurf@yahoo.com](mailto:squansurf@yahoo.com)

Weekend Warrior Update: There are two events scheduled on the weekends in March. Purpose is to allow those that are busy during the week, to partake a head boat trip out of Ft Meyers on Sunday, March 4th and the Marco Buddy Trip scheduled on Saturday, March 17th. Please be sure to sign up for these events at the March 1st meeting - or send an email to Keith Wohltman.

## **February 2012 Buddy List Trip** by Joe Perino [rivpress@aol.com](mailto:rivpress@aol.com)

The February Buddy List Trip was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, too late to make newsletter. Watch for info on website or next month's newsletter. Next outing is scheduled for March 17. If you have any questions/comments or wish to be added to the list contact Joe Perino.

## **MSC Master Angler Award**

The Master Angler Award acknowledges proficiency in catching multiple species over a multiple period of years. One point is awarded each time a member finishes the month with the winning entry for the FOM contest, or finishes the year with the leading entry for a particular species on the Leader Board. A total of 10 points will qualify the member for this special award. Points are tabulated at the end of each calendar year. The limit of this contest is 5 years.

This contest was initiated in 2010 and as Dec 31, 2011 the leading candidate **John Cavanagh** has a grand total of 8 points. He is followed by **Ken Bullock** with 5 points and **Dan Grahl** with 4. Way to go John! Time for the rest of us to get busy!

## **Annual SeaTrout Tournament** by Ed Vesely 642-8294

## **MSC Sponsored Backwater Event March 22, 2012**

Captains can choose their crew and fish your **Secret Spots**. Just let me know where they are, I will keep your secret. This is a team event. All captains are to select and sign up their own crews, if a captain needs additional crew members, we will try and help him. Separate signup sheets for captains with boats/ crews and angler members who need a ride will be available at the March 1 General meeting.

There will be a Sign up table (With a BIG SIGN) at the start of the "Deal Or No Deal" sales event starting at 6:30PM. Based on the great numbers we saw in the Sheepshead Shootout this should be a heck of an event.

The Kickoff Captain's meeting will be 4PM on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March at Porky's. All entry fees (\$10.00 per Angler) must be paid at or before the Captain's meeting. The club is contributing \$\$\$ to this event, so there should be some great prizes. All contest prizes and contest rules will be presented the Kickoff Captains meeting. Prizes will be awarded at the post event Captain's meeting to be held on Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> at Porky's.

Lines will go in the water at 8AM and be out at 3PM. High tide (Marco River) will be at 1:48 PM. We Are starting later than normal to take advantage of the high tide. The later start should also be more acceptable to other family members who wish to fish this event. All contest results need to be reported by the Captains to Ed Vesely at [Evesely@aol.com](mailto:Evesely@aol.com) or called into Ed at 642-8294. See info Below. You don't want to miss out on this event!

## March 1 "Deal or No Deal" Tabletop Sales by Pete A

Sign up for a table at March meeting before they run out! We are space limited and can make some additional room if know far enough in advance.

If you have EXPERIENCED fishing or boating equipment that you would like to get out of your garage or are looking to for more tackle, Now is the TIME!

**REGISTER NOW FOR A TABLE AT OUR "DEAL OR NO DEAL" MEETING MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

This will be our 4th annual DEAL OR NO DEAL. DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:30 PM

Call Pete or Carl Bressan. Their numbers are at top of newsletter.

## Kayak Fishing Returns! By Vic Ordija 494-6741

Kayak fishing is an excellent way to enjoy fishing the backwaters of Southwest Florida. We are planning eight kayak fishing events in 2012 to be held at several different locales. This is cheap-n-good fishing at its best and you can't get closer to the water unless you're in it. The most recent outing was on February 23, 2012 and report was unavailable at print deadline. Watch for report next month and an update on **April's event on April 6.**

## In search of Mr. Red Fish-Fish outing on Feb 18th

Conditions were great, very light wind warm temps and nice clear water once we got south of Coon Key. As you would expect **"Another Fine Group of ATHLETES"** was assembled for this adventure. Leo Satera jumped in the bow on the flats boat. While **"Hall of Fame fisherman"** V8 Jim took the helm. They first stopped near Coon Key in hope of finding a few trout but most importantly some Lady Fish for bait. See website for photos. They then headed South to Red Fish spots and hit Pumpkin Bay near the flood tide. The spots that "always" hold Reds, didn't, at first. They started picking up jacks and then the reds showed up but were short. V8 Jim snagged a legal 22" and after another short, they moved again. They made the best of it. They worked the points and garages hard. The fish they did catch were VERY deep in between the mangroves and tough to get the fish to come out of the mangrove roots, even chumming Lady Fish and shrimp!

Finally, Leo gets lucky and hooks up a HOG redfish. Even though the fish is kicking his butt, he never left the bow chair! Leo is screaming to Bobby to get the net and together,



they got the 24" fish in the boat.

Fish tasted Great!

## MSC Volunteers at “FronD Day” At Marco Museum by H. Laskau

The Marco Sportfishing Club was out in force again at FronD Day, held at the Marco Island Museum, on Saturday, February 18th. Students at Tommie Barfield Middle School displayed their works of “FronD Animal Art” that were created on palm fronds. Some of those pieces really deserved to be shown in the museum! In addition to that, a few real zoo animals (a lion cub and a tiger cub) were there for the kids to admire and pet. Yes...they were petting the lion and tiger cubs! With materials provided by Bryan Fluech, our Club members did what they do best...showing kids (and their parents) the joys of fishing. Learning tables covered tackle box contents, good angler ethics, fish identification and knot tying. And, the kids also got a chance to try their luck at casting. It was a great day, and thanks again to all who volunteered!

## Valentines Day Charter on “Pro-Fish-in-Sea”

Due to high winds on Monday, the trip was rescheduled for Tuesday with the blessing of their significant others! Forecast called for temps in the high 70's sea's and 1 ft seas.... Another "**Fine Group of ATHLETES**" was assembled for this adventure. Clarence "The Trigger", "Federal Reserve Joe", " Papa Leo", "Quiet George" and “Trophy Fish” Doug” were off in search for Mr. Snapper! Ride out of Marco was nice until we hit the gulf. The 1 ft seas turned into 3 ft sea's and gave us a bumpy ride. Lots of chop left over from the 3 days of high winds and seas! They traveled about 25 miles and started fishing in 60 ft of water, over hard bottom. It was still rough and had to hold on a little, but they are Athletes! The bite started very lite. Small Lane snapper, grouper (out of season), grunts etc were caught. Capt. Mike doesn't stay on a spot long. They kept moving in search of snapper. They started putting fish in the cooler slowly, with mostly lane snapper and couldn't seem to find any Mangroves. They kept a few nice and fat yellow tail snapper. Capt. Mike worked hard to find fish. As the day went on, temps warmed and the sea's flattened out! Tons of BIG blue runners at every stop and were catching BIG ones 2 at time, plenty of pull but none going to the cooler. Then the big game hunter,” Doug snagged an out of season but HUGE 34” Gag grouper. They then struck paydirt, putting nice big fat lane snapper in the cooler one after another. All 13-15".The bite slowed down to a pick of snapper and short grouper, etc. Then Clarence the "Trigger" hauls in a 19”(pinched tail) Trigger Fish! Everyone went home with fish fillets and already are signed up for March 12 trip with Jodi Weiss. See photos on Website.

### **January-February Fish of Month Standings as of 1-31-12**

Mike Kropp took January 2012 with a 16” Pompano Congrats to all who entered!

Feb Leaderboard Not Avail at Press Time

Impromptu Fishing Events are Encouraged to be organized by members.		Contact Pres to get word out.
<b>General Meeting</b> 6:30PM “Deal or No Deal” Table top “yard” sale and Info.	Mar 1	Rose Auditorium at Marco Museum on S. Heathwood
<b>CCA Naples Chapter Dinner and Fundraiser</b>	Mar 3	610-442-9698
<b>Headboat Trip-Ft Meyers</b>	Mar 4	See Website for Details
<b>Walkers Marine Bald Eagle Open House</b> 5-8 PM	Mar 7	Contact Pete if going.
<b>Goodland Birthday Party&amp;Fishing Clinic</b>	Mar 10	Goodland Boat Landing Park
<b>MSC Board Meeting</b> 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15.	Mar 12	5th\3rd Bank
<b>6 Pack Outing-Capt. Jodi Weiss’ Boat.</b> Contact Pete	Mar 12	Marco Marina
<b>Combined Weekend Warriors/Buddy List Trip</b> Dinner afterwards at “Islander”	Mar 17	Contact Joe Perino or Keith Wohltman
<b>Captains Meeting - Seatrout Knockout Tourney</b>	Mar 20	TBA
<b>Picnic- St Patrick’s Day-Sister Kate performing.</b> <b>Don’t miss this one!</b> See Flyer attached.	Mar 21	Noon @ Sarazan Park
<b>Backwater-“SeaTrout Knockout” Tournament.</b> <b>\$\$Big Prize Money!</b> Contact Ed Vesely	Mar 22	Backwater
<b>Offshore-“Snapper Platter” Tournament.</b> Contact Keith Wohltman or Ed Shebert	Mar 29	Offshore
<b>Fish of the Month</b>	March	Spotted Sea Trout

## *APRIL EVENTS*

Impromptu Fishing Events are Encouraged to be organized by members.		Contact Pete to get word out.
<b>6 Pack Charter Trip.</b> Contact Bob Trento at Mtg.	Apr 2	Marco Marina
<b>General Meeting</b> 7 PM. Grouper Guide to Discuss Tactics.	Apr 4	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
<b>Kayak Trip.</b> Contact Victor Ordija at <a href="mailto:vicord1@comcast.net">vicord1@comcast.net</a>	Apr 6	Rent one or bring your own!
<b>MSC Board meeting</b> 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15.	Apr 9	5th\3rd Bank
<b>Combined Weekend Warriors/Buddy List Trip</b> Possible Dinner Afterwards	Apr 14	Contact Joe Perino or Keith Wohltman
<b>Kickoff-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout</b>	Apr 16	Bistro Soleil Restaurant 5:30-7:30 pm.
<b>Offshore Fishing Tournament-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout</b> April 16-21. See Flyer Attached		Can Win Unless You Fish It!
<b>Weighin-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout</b> 4:30-7:30 PM	Apr 19	Olde Marco Lodge
<b>Awards Picnic-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout.</b> @ Walkers Coon Key Marina-Goodland.	Apr 21	12 Noon to 2 PM
<b>Naples Kids Fishing Clinic-Rod Building</b> @Naples Yacht Club in Prep For Kids Contact Howard Laskau	Apr 22	Be a Volunteer!

<b>Naples Kids Fishing Clinic @Naples Yacht Club</b> Contact Howard Laskau	<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>Half Day of Fun. Be a Volunteer</b>
<b>Fish of Month</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Rootin Tootin Red Grouper!</b>

## Buy-Sell-Trade More Info on MSC Website

### **2010 KEY WEST 1760 Stealth Backwater Boat**

Yamaha F115 4-stroke (320 hours), engine warranty till 1/2013 In spectacular condition, lift-kept and well-maintained Contact Mike Ludwig 610 334 6752 cell

**2006 TWIN VEE 26 Ocean Cat Offshore Boat** with twin Suzuki 140 4-strokes Contact Dr Roland Werres or local broker, Chris Judd at 239-417 2896

### Comments on New Newsletter Format?

Contact me, the editor, David Rasmussen at 518 859 7033 cell or [drasmussen@mdaturbines.com](mailto:drasmussen@mdaturbines.com) and let me know how I can make it better!

## **SEATROUT TOURNAMENT 3/22**

**Captains**, sign up your SeatROUT Tournament team now and get a jump on the crowd. Just e/mail me ([evesely@aol.com](mailto:evesely@aol.com)) and I will sign your team up. Skip the crowded sign up line at the General Meeting. **All I need to know is:**

- \* Captain's Name-
- \* E/mail address-
- \* Phone Number-
- \* Boat Call Sign
- \* Crew members names
- \* Do You Need Additional Crew Members?

The contribution is \$10 per angler and the rules and Prizes will be discussed at the Captain's meeting at 4PM on the 20th of Mar. Remember, this is a Backwater event which is partially Funded by our Club.. Sign up now while there are still some hot spots available. This is going to be fun.

Ed Vesely 239-642-8294 [evesely@aol.com](mailto:evesely@aol.com)

**St. Patrick's Picnic  
With Sister Kaite**



**Sarazen Park  
Wednesday, March 21**

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

**\$15.00 Each\***

**\*\$18.00 after March 14**

**\$20.00 at the door**

**A To Be Announced Irish Menu**

**Beer, Coors Light, 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

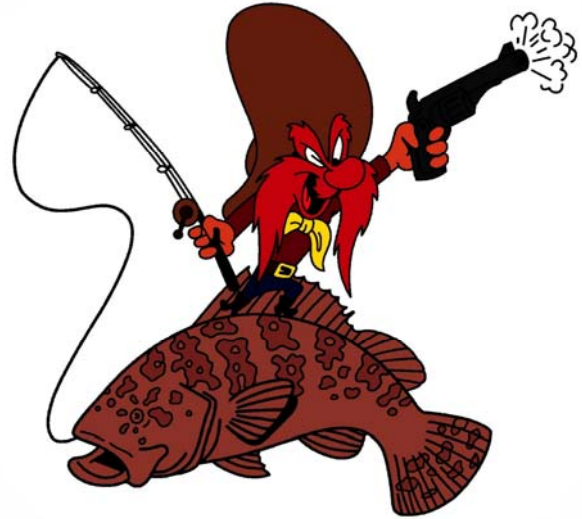
Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

@\$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@\$18.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ after 3-14

Make check payable to **MSC**  
**Mail Separate Checks per event to:**  
Dave Walsh  
1530 Caxambas Ct.  
Marco Island, FL 34145

**Rootin' Tootin'  
Red Grouper  
Tournament**



**Saturday, April  
21<sup>st</sup>**

**This picnic will be open to  
all MSC members and  
their guests!**

**Information and  
reservation/sign-up sheet will  
be available and sent out in  
March**



# WANTED

Anglers for the



- Open to MSC members and their guests
- Competition in two separate divisions: 15 miles / 50 miles
- More than \$1,500 in “Cash Rewards” plus raffle prizes at events
- A week full of fun you won’t want to miss!
  - Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Rootin’ Tootin’ Kickoff Event / Southwest Florida Style
  - Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Fishing Day: Rootin’ Tootin’ Red Grouper Shootout
    - Special “weigh-in” activities after fishing
  - Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Rootin’ Tootin’ Awards Picnic
    - MSC members not entered in the tournament can attend the Awards Picnic
    - Separate sign-up and admission will be required. Details to be sent via email
- Entries are being accepted now! See website for details

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