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MSC Newsletter April 2012

Meeting on the first Thursday at Rose Historical Auditorium

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Pete Arcidiacono, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

NEW! The Tackle Box

April 2012



Peter Arcidiacono 821-7499

Our "season" will be winding down, but not without some "Smokin" MSC events. If you ever wanted to fish with the best, now is your opportunity. "Beat the Pro" will happen at the end of April and you could win the opportunity to be Capt Ron Hueston's partner and compete against the rest of the field. Imagine the bragging rights you will have if you win. See below in Newsletter for details.

Mid April is our Rootin Tootin Super Red Grouper tournament. We are at maximum contestants and ready to go. Good luck to all!

April 1st starts Grouper season and we are celebrating the opening with a three boat charter out of Rose Marina. I would hope many of us will be on the dock welcoming our anglers back from a hard day of fishing on April 2nd at 4ish pm. This would also be a good time for an adult beverage at the dock, I'll be there for sure.

Next meeting is April 5th!

April will also bring the end to the March winds and influx of Tarpon, Snook, Permit and more Reds. Those of us with a sense of adventure will head to the Keys for some offshore excitement. Spring is a great time to be here, fishing explodes with excitement and I am looking forward to it. Remember, water is getting warmer and the fish are biting, time to get off the couch!

See ya' at the bait shop, Pete A

March Meeting Topics

On March 1, we held the 4th annual **DEAL OR NO DEAL** table top sales at our monthly meeting. We had our largest meeting attendance in history! We will hold another next fall when visitors return. The best way to keep up on club activities is to attend the meeting! Second best is to check website.



Entry For the ROOTIN' TOOTIN' RED GROUPER SHOOTOUT is Officially Closed!

There are 76 Anglers and 22 Boats! The Tournament and All Activities will be Discussed at the APRIL 5th Meeting!

Weekend Warriors by Keith Wohltman, squansurf@yahoo.com

Weekend Warrior Update for April: There are three weekend events scheduled in April. The Buddy Trip will once again be held on Saturday, April 14th - Contact Joe Perino (rivpress@aol.com). A 6-pack Charter is scheduled on April 15th with 2 boats - Contact Bob Trento (BTrento@aol.com) and the monthly club picnic will be held as part of the Rootin'-Tootin' Grouper Tournament. If you want to join the Weekend Warriors, please email Keith Wohltman (squansurf@yahoo.com).

Please be sure to sign up for these events at the April meeting - or send an email to Keith Wohltman.

March 17, 2012 Buddy List Trip by Joe Perino rivpress@aol.com

The outing consisted of ten boats and thirty two fishermen. The weather was warm with high winds and strong tides. We started fishing at the end of the river by Coon Key and were able to catch some fish there. We moved to Cape Romano and fished a few different spots. Our final destination was at Sugar Bay and the surrounding areas. The catch consisted of ladyfish, whiting, snappers, sheepshead, silver trout, pompano, speckled trout, redfish and, of course, a good number of catfish. In addition, Bobbie Ordija caught and released a nice 16.5 inch pompano. The trip was enjoyed by all and as usual, the trip ended with 40 people attending a great social event with cocktails and dinner at *The Islander*. Although the service at the restaurant was terrible it was a great day to be among fishing buddies. The next Buddy Trip is Saturday, April 14, 2012. 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.

Annual SeaTrout Tournament March 22 by Ed Vesely 642-8294

The 2012 Seatrout Tournament was held a clear but blustery day. Wind, waves and Stained water proved challenging to all. Though the 23 teams tried all their tricks, the total Seatrout caught was down from previous years. Not to worry, the Wild Card fish chosen for the event (Snook) were even harder to come by. But though chosen fish were hard to come by, there were fish to be caught.

Carl Bressan's boat had the best day, landing 199 inches of trout with everyone on his team finishing in the money. Jeff Erickson's crew came in in second place with 88 inches. Three anglers tied with 17 inch Seatrout(Jim Mueller-Garry Zera-John LaPrise) as the largest Speckled Seatrout caught. Jim Mueller had the longest Snook at 20 inches while Bruce Elinberger came second. In total \$750 in prizes were awarded to the participants.

That's not to say there weren't some good fish caught, Tarpon were fought, Big Reds were landed and 30 inch Black Drum was netted during the event. The best news was that we did not lose any of our valuable members in the course of the contest and all returned home safe but damp.

Kayak Fishing Returns! By Vic Ordija 494-6741

Clark Griswold, aka Mike Mueller, tells this tale.

"I flipped the Kayak and will probably stick to offshore fishing. It is much more expensive but much less strenuous. I also learned to not bring two rods in a Kayak. I was getting the first rod unstuck so I would save the \$1 jig and gulp; when the wind pushed the Kayak into the next mangrove tree and then the backup rod behind me stuck while I was trying to get the first one unstuck.

Then, I had the first one free and could not turn around to free the second rod. So I proceeded to get the first rod stuck again and since I was getting blown under the tree by the wind and current. Feeling like I was tied up and unable to move I used my quick thinking and fantastic coordination to reach behind me and try to free the second rod which was about to break in the tree and flipped the Kayak landing me and both rods under water and providing lasting entertainment to all that witnessed the ordeal. I knew I was lucky when the result was not two broken rods but just saltwater saturated reels which required a complete strip down when I got home for another hour of work.

Damn it would have been better to have no one see this spectacle but alas if Ken was not there I would have had to drag the damn Kayak back to the dock since it was full of water! He helped me lift it up and get all the water out since one person couldn't lift it full of water. Another fine fishing tale that will live in Mueller history, and I did not even keep any of the Red fish, no justice ". Mike, Thanks for sharing this with rest of us! Ed.

SIGN UP FOR APRIL 6TH KAYAK EVENT!

This kayak fishing event at 830 am on April 6th, will focus on Goodland Bay. Access to Goodland Bay for kayaks is at the north end of the Goodland Bridge located on County Rd 92 (San Marco Rd). Fishing around the bridge may be an option, but should not be attempted if currents are too strong.

Drop point for kayaks is on the northeast side of the Goodland Bridge. Parking is somewhat limited but should be adequate for the outing. Goodland Bay is shallow but is thought to hold Redfish and Snook in good numbers.

After the event, we can partake in a late lunch and/or beverages at a nearby Goodland restaurant if anyone is interested. In the event of bad weather and the trip is cancelled, the alternate date is April 10, 2012.

Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net or call 239-494-6741 (home) or 230-906-7328 (cell) to sign up for the trip.

Bike Ride Outing by Carl Bressan

Bike Ride II was run on February 29. Weather was nice with a welcome breeze. Ten riders started at 10:00 am and rode 10 miles. They were then joined at 11:00 am by another 16 riders to complete the second ten miles, so we had a total of 26 riders. The tour ended at Toucans restaurant where 30 people enjoyed lunch. Thanks to all and to Victor Ordija for setting the pace on both legs. Watch for next outing!

Beat the Pro Tournament by Victor Ordija

Another exciting MSC event is brewing. Our own Captain Ron Hueston has graciously offered to take a MSC member on a fishing trip on Monday, April 23, 2012. The chance to fish with Ron will be raffled off at our next general meeting to be held on Thursday, April 5, 2012. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5/each and there is no limit on the number of tickets that can be purchased; however only MSC members are eligible for the drawing and the winning ticket is not transferable. This is a great opportunity for a lucky MSC angler to fish with one of the best backwater guides in Southwest Florida. The winner will be announced at the end of the general meeting.

We are also planning to hold a tournament around the date (April 23, 2012) that Ron Hueston and the winning MSC member will be fishing; they will be considered the "pro team". The tournament is named "Beat the Pro" and MSC anglers in two man teams will attempt to out fish the pro team. The winner will be the team with the highest total inches of the two largest fish caught by each boat from three target species (Redfish, Snook and Speckled Trout). Anglers will be allowed to use any of two largest fish species combinations as their individual boat entries. Moreover, MSC teams will be able to add an additional 6 inch handicap to their individual two fish boat total. The Hueston pro team will not have that advantage.

An entry fee of \$10/angler (excluding the pro team) will be required to enter the tournament. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team and to two runner-up

teams. Winning teams will be announced on the same day at the post-tournament meeting at 4 PM to be held at Porky's. Sign up sheets and tournament rules will be available at the April meeting. Any questions can be directed to Victor Ordija @ Vicord1@comcast.net or call 239-494-6741 or 203-906-7328.

MSC Kids Fishing Clinic by Howard Laskau

The Marco Sportfishing Club "Kids Clinic Squad" was at it again on Saturday, March 10 in conjunction with the annual Goodland Birthday celebration. In addition to the learning tables and casting lessons the kids had the opportunity to participate in 2 fishing contests. Many of the kids caught fish, they all won prizes, and all had a great time. As an added bonus, the mullet tossing took place right next to our tables! Thanks to all the members who helped out. The next "kids clinic" event is the big one...the Naples Kids Clinic. That is being held at the end of April. Signup at April 5th meeting.

"Weiss Guy Charters" Outing - Sunday April 15th 7:30AM

Hi Gang! we are looking for another fine group of athletes Off shore charter aboard "**Weiss Guy Charters**" out of the Marco River Marina, Bald Eagle Drive Marco Island's top captain!! We need a max of 6 fine Athletes to fill both boats! **\$240 per person** includes, fare, tip, fish cleaning, bagging. Please note if you make a commitment (including bad weather date) and you should cancel and **we or you are unable** to find someone to take your place, you are responsible for the \$240. **Reservation Process:** YOU are **not** on the Charter **until** we receive your check. Make out to **Weiss Guy Charters. Send to: Bob Trento, 14325 Manchester Drive, Naples FL, 34114-phone 239-352-5418** **What to bring**, lunch and something to drink. You are welcome to bring your own equipment, but the Capt. provides good quality equipment, tackle, bait etc. No large coolers please, small lunch cooler only. Large cooler available on board to keep your drinks and lunch cool. Normally the Capt. has bottled water on board for our use. **Eligibility.** First 6 to sign up *in the order of receiving a confirming email or phone call.* **Bad weather** date Monday April 23rd if boat is available.

Important Newsletter Update!

The newsletter printing and mailing is a major cost item to the club. That was the driving force in changing the format to a shorter newsletter and fewer photos. To help offset the cost of the newsletter, we have obtained our first corporate sponsor!

David Caruso of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney's Marco office is working with the MSC board to work out the arrangements. Starting in June there will be a MSSB banner ad template that runs on the bottom of the first two pages of the newsletter. They will also be the titled sponsor of our Triple Crown Fishing Tournament! Thanks to Allan Bristow for making this happen!

APRIL EVENTS

Impromptu Fishing Events are Encouraged to be organized by members.		Contact Pete to get word out.
Red/Black Grouper Season Re-Opens!	Apr 1	Not Open 4 GAGS!
6 Pack Charter Trip. Contact Bob Trento at Mtg. Welcome Back Party at Dock for Anyone.	Apr 2	Marco Marina. Contact Pete for Party!
General Meeting 7 PM. Grouper Guide Capt. Mike Avinon to Discuss Tactics. Seatow will have a table.	Apr 5	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
Kayak Trip. Contact Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net	Apr 6	Rent one or bring your own!
MSC Board meeting 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15	Apr 9	5th\3rd Bank
“Beat the Pro” Challenge	Apr 12	
Combined Weekend Warriors/Buddy List Trip Possible Dinner Afterwards	Apr 14	Contact Joe Perino or Keith Wohltman
Weekend Warriors 6-Pack Charter is scheduled with 2 boats - Contact Bob Trento (BTrento@aol.com)	Apr 15	Marco Marina Two Boats!
Kickoff-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout	Apr 16	Bistro Soleil Restaurant 5:30-7:30 pm.
Offshore Fishing Tournament-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout	Apr 16-21	Can't Win Unless You Fish It!
Weighin-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout 4:30-7:30 PM	Apr 19	Olde Marco Lodge
Awards Picnic with Weekend Warriors-Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout. @ Walkers Coon Key Marina-Goodland.	Apr 21	12 Noon to 2 PM
Naples Kids Fishing Clinic-Rod Building @Naples Harbor Yacht Club in Prep For Kids Contact Howard Laskau	Apr 22	Be a Volunteer!
Naples Kids Fishing Clinic @Naples Harbor Yacht Club Contact Howard Laskau	Apr 28	Half Day of Fun. Be a Volunteer
Fish of Month	April	Rootin Tootin Red Grouper!

May Events

General Meeting 7 PM. – Dr. Cohen dermatologist speaker.	May 3	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
MSC Picnic Cinco de Mayo. See flyer.	May 5	Sarazan Park
MSC Board meeting 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15	May 14	5th\3rd Bank
Kayak Trip. Contact Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net	May 16	Rent one or bring your own!
OffShore Tournament Holy Mackerel Tournament (Kingfish) - \$300.00 club contribution. Capt. Meeting TBA	May 17	Contact Howard Laskau
InShore Tournament Domestic Harmony Outing (formerly “Spousal Abuse”) – Ed Vesely running	May 24	Contact Ed Vesely
Fish of Month	May	King Mackerel

2012 LEADERBOARD STANDINGS-as of 3-25. Changes in **RED Italic**

SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE	SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE
Cobia	Bill Laimbier	48	Mangrove Snapper	Bill Laimbeir	20.5
Black\Gag Grouper	Steve Aldrovandi	35.5	Yellowtail Snapper	Bill Laimbeer	18
Red Grouper	Ron Linn	30.2	Snook	Ken Robertson	39
Kingfish			Amberjack	Newt Weiss	43
Spanish Mackerel	Ken Bullock	24	Triggerfish	Keith Wohltman	15
Permit			Blacktip Shark		
Pompano	Mike Kropp	16	Tarpon		
Redfish			Tripletail	Steve Aldrovandi	26
Sheepshead	Ken Bullock	23	Spotted Seatrout	Ron Shudes	28.2
Lane Snapper	Ron Linn	16	Gulf Flounder	Leo Sutera	18
			Black Drum	Bob Trento	28

January-February Fish of Month Standings as of 3-25-12

Mike Kropp took January 2012 with a 16" Pompano

The winner of the February FOM is Ken Bullock. He caught a 23" Sheepshead

March Final in Next Month's Issue or Online. Congrats to all who entered!

Buy-Sell-Trade More Info on MSC Website

2006 PROLINE 26' Offshore Center Console Boat

Twin Evinrude E-Tec 200 H. P. motors (320 hours) with transferable warranties, T-top Garmin GPS/Fishfinder. \$42,500. Call Dan Moll at 773-368-7200 (cell)

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 and let me know how I can make it better!



**Rootin' Tootin'
Red Grouper
Tournament
Awards Picnic
Saturday, April 21st
12:00 Noon**

Walker's Marina, Goodland

If you are in the tournament, you are already registered for the picnic, and so are any guests you paid for. This registration form is for MSC members and their guests not in the tournament, who want to attend.

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Questions? call Howard: 201 704 0788

Member (name) _____

Member (name) _____

Guest (name) _____

Price: \$12/person (\$15/person after 4/6)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to MSC

Mail to: Howard Laskau

1739 Hummingbird Court

Marco Island, FL 34145

Cinco de Mayo



**Sarazen Park
Saturday, May 5**

Set up at 11:30, gather at noon

Note: Saturday (Cinco-D'uh!)

\$13.00 Each*

***\$16.00 after April 28 or**

\$19.00 at the door

**Mexican Fajita Bar by Big C's
Olga is Back**

Seasoned Chicken and Beef, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Sour Crème, Tortillas, Corn Chips and Salsa

**Beer,
Wine, Pop and Water Included**

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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RESERVATION for Cinco de Mayo

MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$13.00 each \$ _____

@\$16.00 after 4/28 \$ _____

**Need SEPERATE check payable to MSC
for May event**

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