

Marco Sportfishing Club  
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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### MSC Newsletter February 2009

Meeting on the first Thursday at Jewish Congregation of Marco 7PM

#### ***MSC Board of Directors 2009***

##### **Elected Officers**

|                     |                  |          |  |
|---------------------|------------------|----------|--|
| President           | Frank Sroka      | 389-1087 | <a href="mailto:fsroka@marcocable.com">fsroka@marcocable.com</a>         |
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| Vice President      | Jim Maguire      | 394-8696 | <a href="mailto:jtmaguire@aol.com">jtmaguire@aol.com</a>                 |
| Treasurer           | Tony Saputo      | 393-6232 | <a href="mailto:saputot@msn.com">saputot@msn.com</a>                     |
| Assistant Treasurer | Myron Wittlin    | 642-0730 | <a href="mailto:marco34145@earthlink.net">marco34145@earthlink.net</a>   |
| Secretary           | Fred Kouhi       | 642-4645 | <a href="mailto:fred_kouhi@comcast.net">fred_kouhi@comcast.net</a>       |
| Assistant Secretary | TBD              |          |  |
| Past President      | Pete Arcidiacono | 3941136  | <a href="mailto:peterarchie@comcast.net">peterarchie@comcast.net</a>     |

##### **Directors, Committees and Chairs**

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# MSC Newsletter

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Frank Sroka, President



*Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County*

## President's Message

February 2009

What's new, and what's not.

The MSC Board recently elected Frank Sroka, President; Al Musico and Jim Maguire, Vice Presidents; Tony Saputo, Treasurer; Myron Wittlin, Assistant Treasurer; Fred Kouhi, Secretary; and Pete Arcidiacono, Past President.

It's hard to imagine a MSC General Meeting without Pete's leadership--so we won't. Pete has agreed to continue to host our meetings, in addition to several other duties including organizing road trips. While Past President Ed Vesely and club activist Seaweed are leaving the Board, they are not going very far and will continue to have important roles in future club events. It is impossible to adequately thank these souls for all they have contributed to our club. But next time you see one of these guys, try.

In order to tidy up our records, at the February MSC General Meeting we will ask club membership to confirm the staggered terms of our Board as follows:

Messrs. Assaf, Kouhi, Maguire, McIntosh and Rasmussen with terms ending at the first MSC General Meeting in January 2011;

Messrs. Arcidiacono, Musico, Sroka, Saputo, Mueller, Weiss, Hoell, Crane and Walsh with

terms ending at the first MSC General Meeting in January 2010.

Lots coming up. Fishing legends Jim Mueller and Al Musico will conduct a tackle workshop at the February General Meeting. Come see what should be in your boat and tacklebox.

In addition don't forget the upcoming **FeBREWfest** picnic on February 18 organized by Dave Walsh, Ed Crane, and supporting team. Sign up for the **February 19 Sheephead Shootout** organized by our Fishing Committee.

Also please take note of our new Steering Committee on **Public Information and Governmental Affairs** headed by Jim Maguire. We will be playing a larger role in trying to mold future rules and regulations impacting South Florida fishing and fish habitat. If you have an interest in participating, please contact Jim.

We would like greater input and participation by club members in all activities. If you have some thoughts regarding fishing events, contact Al Musico. If you have thoughts regarding governmental regulation and public affairs, contact Jim Maguire. If you just want to complain, go to Helen Wait.

Frank

## ***FEBRUARY EVENTS***

|   |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| General Meeting 7 PM doors open at 6:15           | February 5th |  |
| Ft. Myers Boat Show—carpool with other members    | February 7   | Contact Myron Wittlin                  |
| Board meeting 9:30 AM                             | February 9th | 5 <sup>th</sup> \ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bank |
| Sheepshead Shootout Gulf and Backwater team event | February 19  | Compete for high hook and big fish     |
| FebBREWfest                                       | February 18  | Sarazen Park                           |
| Fish of the Month                                 | Sheepshead   |  |

## ***MARCH EVENTS***

|  |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| General Meeting 7PM doors open at 6:15 | March 5th               |  |
| Board meeting 9:30 AM                  | March 9th               | 5 <sup>th</sup> \ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bank       |
| March Madness Spotted Seatrout Contest | March 3                 | Prizes for Trout by the inch, Snook and Slam |
| Spring Bar B-Q                         | March 28                | Burgers, etc                                 |
| Fish of the Month                      | <b>Spotted Seatrout</b> |  |

## **FISHING REPORT**

## **NORTH vs SOUTH REDUX**

### ***Al Musico-Vice President***

Cold weather did not intimidate the MSC Anglers as 12 boats and 35 fishermen set out for the North vs. South Redux contest. However, the 60 degree water temperature did slow the bite down, and both teams had to work for the few fish to be had. The catch included Red and Gag Grouper, Mangrove Snapper, Sheepshead and Spotted Seatrout. At the end of the 4 day event, the North prevailed over the South by a narrow margin. Winning crew for the North team was Roger Linder, Fred Kouhi, Ed Vesely and Frank Sroka. Lead Boat for the South team was Jim Mueller, Newt Weiss, Doug Bailele and Lee Snyder.

**Don't forget! Pay your dues today!!**

**Form attached**

## 2009 Fishing Contests

### FISH OF THE MONTH

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| January   | Pompano          |
| February  | Sheepshead       |
| March     | Spotted Seatrout |
| April     | Kingfish         |
| May       | Snapper          |
| June      | Permit           |
| July      | Blktip Shark     |
| August    | Snook            |
| September | Tarpon           |
| October   | Redfish          |
| November  | Cobia            |
| December  | Grouper          |

### LEADERBOARD SPECIES

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cobia             | Sheepshead         |
| Black\Gag Grouper | Lane Snapper       |
| Red Grouper       | Mangrove Snapper   |
| Kingfish          | Yellowtail Snapper |
| Spanish Mackerel  | Snook              |
| Permit            | Blacktip Shark     |
| Pompano           | Tarpon             |
| Redfish           | Tripletail         |
|                   | Spotted Seatrout   |

### FISH OF THE MONTH AND LEADER BOARD RULES\*

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**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 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 Meeting.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual FeBREWfest



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon  
Wednesday, February 18  
\$12.50 Each\***

**\*15.00 after Feb. 11, \$17.50 Walk-ins**

**Brats and Sauerkraut, Roasted Chicken,  
German Potato Salad and Red Cabbage  
Catered by Pepper's**

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

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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Cut here                      RESERVATION for FeBREWfest  
MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

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

@\$12.50 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
@\$15.00 after 2-11                \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **MSC**  
**Mail to:**  
Dave Walsh  
1530 Caxambas Ct.  
Marco Island, FL34145

# 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**

**Beer Wine Pop and Water  
Included**

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

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

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

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**NEED separate checks for each event—one envelope OK!!!!**



