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Pete Arcidiacano, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

President's Message

February 2010



Hey everybody, I'm back!

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to continue on the Board for the upcoming year and to the Board for electing me President again.

I think it's a blast!

Also, thanks to the members who have completed their term and are retiring from the Board. All of you did a great job and it's a better club because of you. We welcome the new Board members who are already showing signs of a year full of fun fishing stuff!

February is **LOADED** with events. We start with the upcoming February meeting where we will have Cpt.. Gene Sipe from Boat US who will speak to us about coastal weather and navigation.

Also in February is our 2nd annual "**Spousal Abuse**" fishing event, where we must fish with our significant other and make it to the luncheon unharmed.

FAT TUESDAY (Feb. 16th) brings us a new theme luncheon. We will celebrate Mardi Gras at Porky's. Costumes are highly encouraged., and may be rewarded.

Following that is our "**SHEEPSHEAD SHOOTOUT**". You can fish anywhere and the one with the most Sheepshead (according to the tourney rules) wins. You must fish alone or with somebody.

Think we're done with events? Not hardly. February 24th is one of the year's featured picnics, "**FeBREWfest**" with great food, great drink and great company.

Upcoming in March is our 3rd "**DEAL OR NO DEAL**". It's our annual tag sale where members can bring in and sell their most prized experienced boating and fishing equipment for others to enjoy. We are also

inviting new equipment and tackle vendors. **Remember cash only, no credit cards.**

As always the Board appreciates anyone who is willing to help out on occasion, whether it means taking minutes at a meeting or helping

with the greeters table just let us know, or pitch in with the crew

This is **YOUR** club. Together we will make it even better!

Remember shrimp don't like the cold either.

See ya' at the bait shop.

Pete

**Pay dues at
February meeting**

**Forgot if you paid? We'll
have a list. Let's get this
process behind us!!!!**

FEBRUARY EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	February 4	Capt. Gene Sipe on navigation
Board meeting 9:30 AM	February 8	5 th 3 rd Bank
Spousal Abuse	February 11	Fish with your mate
Sheepshead Shootout	February 17	Back and front
Mardi Gras Luncheon		
FebBREWfest	February 24	Tradition!!!!
Fish of the Month	Sheepshead	

MARCH EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	March 4	Deal or no deal!!!!
Board meeting 9:30 AM	March 8	5 th 3 rd Bank
Backwater	March 3	
Offshore Fishing	March 18	
SPECIAL New captains Day	TBA	Get your sea legs with help
St. Patrick's Picnic	March 24	
Fish of the Month	Spotted Sea Trout	

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 designed to season more old salts so that more guys feel comfortable taking members on the outings, increasing participation.

Thirty -five anglers and 13 boats made plans for the annual North vs. South fishing competition which took place Jan 21 thru 24. Fishermen were assigned to teams and fished either Backwater or Gulf for the highest score using a point system for each species caught. Prizes of \$240 and \$110 will be awarded to the highest scoring boats on each team.

At the end of the tournament; First prize went to the South team with Jim Mueller, Newt Weiss and Frank Renkel for a total of 111 Spotted Seatrout caught. Second prize went to the North team with Frank Sroka and Seaweed Totos landing 26 Snappers

There was a buddy list outing on Jan 15. It was a pied piper fishing trip to the Coon Key area, but the water was still cold and 17 fishermen caught two whiting and two sand perch. Although the catch was small the camaraderie was large. Many of us met with our wives at Porky's for cocktails and dinner after a day at sea. Overall it was a wonderful day.

LEADERBOARD STANDINGS

SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE	SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE
Cobia			Mangrove Snapper		
Black\Gag Grouper			Yellowtail Snapper		
Red Grouper			Snook		
Kingfish			Amberjack		
Spanish Mackerel			Triggerfish		
Permit			Blacktip Shark		
Pompano			Tarpon		
Redfish	Stevensons	27	Tripletail		
Sheepshead	Aldrovandi	19	Spotted Seatrout		
Lane Snapper					

FISH OF THE MONTH

The Fish of the Month winner for December is Jim Kashetta with a 28 ½ inch Gag. So far in January. NO ONE has submitted a pompano!!

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 Meeting

Details of each catch are available on the website including method, bait, location, tides etc. Learn how the *experts* fish.

Sheepshead Shootout!!
Gulf and Backwater Individual Event
February 17, 2010

Captains can choose their own crew and fish anywhere!!! Passes, rivers, wrecks and reefs are all good. Individuals can enter and fish from the piers, docks, beaches in your canal or pool. Prizes based on individual catches!

Sign up at the February 4 meeting or call Jim Mueller 393-0507 or 513-490-4764
Captains meeting at porky's February 16th at 3:30.

ALL entry fees (\$10.00 per person) must be paid at or before the Captains meeting
Prizes awarded at FeBREWfest on 2-24.

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 at the February 4th general meeting or call Jim Mueller at 239-393-0507 or (cell) 513-490-4764. All pertinent information will be provided at the February general club meeting

BITS, PICS and PIECES

Miami Boat Show

Take a deluxe bus to the Miami Boat Show On Sunday February 14 with the Naples fishing Club-- \$60.

Marco Pickup is at Cracker Barrel near I- 75at 8:30 AM returns at 4PM.

"KAT" 239-417-5867
Info and Reservations

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

WELDING
SMALL JOBS
Chick Murray- 239-642-6930

BOAT FOR SALE

21" Stratos walk with 2006
Optmax, 175 HP warranty
until 4-11

Hull is a 1995, Engine has only
340 hours meticulously
maintained

- Tabs, Livewell
 - Recent electronics: Garmin,
Raymarine, Icom DSC
 - Potti, stereo.
 - Anchors, bumpers, vests etc inc.
- See pix on website, call Mike 389-4526

Your Pictures are Great!!!

The best pictures are taken ON THE BOAT with wet, colorful fish and happy anglers. Back at the dock, the fish still attest to your prowess, but can be UGLY. Action shots are the best, scenery is wonderful!

Take those cameras with you and record your catch, your companions the water and scenery. Please exhibit proper fish handling and LEGAL catches.

Make our newsletter colorful and attractive.

CLUB CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE

CAPS--\$10

POLOS--\$20

WINDBREAKERS---\$27

Going Fast!! Come to the meeting and pick yours!!



Steve Aldrovandi and nice sheepie



Jim Mueller's winter visitor

5th Annual FeBREWfest



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon
Wednesday, February 24**

\$12.50 Each*

***15.00 after Feb. 19, \$17.50 Walk-ins**

**Brats and Sauerkraut, Roasted
Chicken, German Potato Salad and Red
Cabbage**

Catered by Pepper's

**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 FeBREWfest
MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$12.50 each \$ _____

@\$15.00 after 2-19 \$ _____

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**

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MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$12.00 each \$ _____

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

Need SEPERATE checks payable to MSC for each event

One envelope OK!!!!

Mail to Dave Walsh 1530 Caxambas Ct.

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