



Fishing Post *March 2015*

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

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The Sonesta Gwinnett Place was the site of our 2014 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet, with 70 in attendance. Our raffles and silent auction were a major success, with John Burrell (CEO and President of High Adventure Co) donating 3 nights, 6 beds to the Club's biggest raffle ever. Our DJ was Kent Colbert and made for a fun night of dancing.



Our outgoing President Paul Kindzia announced our incoming President Ken Barnhart, with Cefus McRae as Vice President, Jace Spencer as

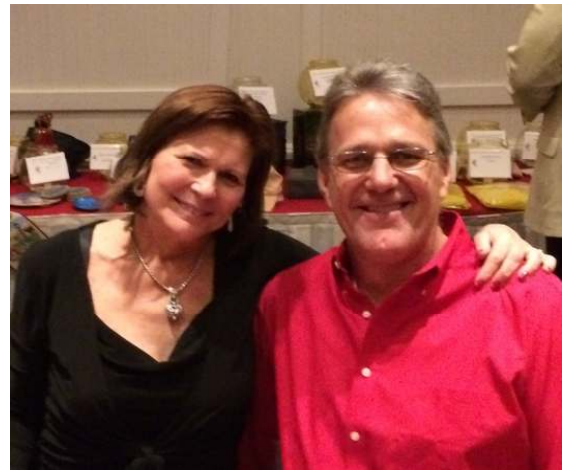


Secretary, and Ted DuBose as Treasurer. The Robert Lynn Award went to Norman Bowen. Angler of the Year Awards: Men's Division - Rick Martin; Ladies Division - Stacy Currin; Junior Division - Kendall Spencer.

Boat of the Year went to Outlaw, Mike Springer, and his crew.



More Christmas Party Pictures



More Christmas Party Pictures and Thank You to Elves



Tom Holt



Steve Guntner with
Mother-in-law Ruth



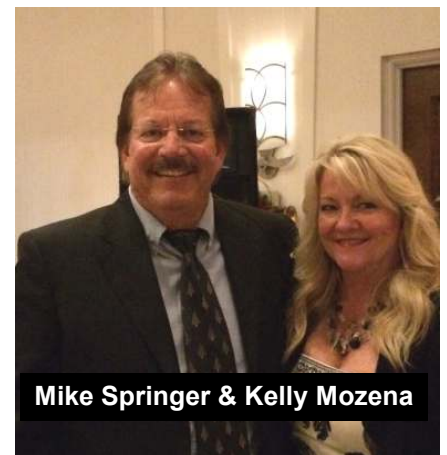
Steve Fritz & Libby Guntner



Phil Scarborough
& Galen Forbes



Bob & Nancy Michael



Mike Springer & Kelly Mozena



Keith Mozena

I also want to THANK my Elf Helpers, that made this party a major success: Mike Springer loading and using his warehouse; Tom Holt, for donating and helping run the raffles and silent auction; Libby Guntner, for running the front desk, collecting tickets and greeting folks, sorting the raffle items, & collecting money; Galen Forbes for selling tickets, setting up raffle items, and training me for the Christmas party years ago; Nancy & Bob Michael, for donating and helping with raffle and silent auction; Skeets Kump, for helping and transporting me, also having late dinners; Keith Mozena, for procuring Big Raffle items and selling Port Eads tickets; Hattie and Kim Fritz, for helping set up raffle tables; Sarah Bullard, for being the most fabulous salesperson of tickets

ever (no hustling, not the word) at meetings and at the party; Steve Guntner, for helping unload; Dan Bullard, for helping set up raffle tables; Steve Fritz, for helping unload raffle items, Jace Spencer, for all the printing of tickets, raffle & party flyers, and doing this very time-consuming newsletter; Dan French and Galen Forbes, for all the pictures taken at the party, *thank you* to both of you! If I forgot anyone, please forgive me. Thank you ALL AGAIN!!



Skeets & Judy Kump

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Tournament Score Card

2015 Boat of the Year Standings

(after WPB Tournament)

BOAT	WPB	Destin	Apalachicola	Orange Beach	Morehead City	Port Eads	TOTAL
<i>Where to Next?</i>	20						20
<i>Chillin & Reelin</i>	15						15
<i>Easy Does It</i>	10						10

Angler Of The Year Standings

(after WPB Tournament)

Men's Division

ANGLER		POINTS
1ST	BILL HESKETH	150
2ND	JOHN ROCHE	150
3RD	KEITH MOZENA	100

Ladies Division

ANGLER		POINTS
1ST	WENDY COATES	150
2ND	LAURA LAZAR	50
3RD		

Junior Angler Division

ANGLER		POINTS
1ST		
2ND		
3RD		

28th Annual ASWSC Sailfish Classic by Keith Mozena

You have to love our sport to make an 11-hr haul south to Palm Beach and choose to fish in the Atlantic during a winter day with the wind blowing 20 knots out of the NNE & seas up to 6-7 feet. However, we had five intrepid captains and fishing teams make the trip as we held the 28th Annual Sailfish Classic Jan 29-31, 2015.



But before we talk fishing, we have to award Dan French, captain and owner



of *French Quarter*, won the “I survived the trip” trophy. Dan had a trailer tire blow out, a shift cable that had to be adjusted because his boat wouldn’t go in reverse, and a trailer wheel bearing burned up on the way home. Needless to say, we’re very glad Dan, Hattie, Phil Scarborough, and Galen Forbes fought through the pain to enjoy the weather, water, fishing, and adult beverages!

Along with *French Quarter*, Steve Guntner - *Easy Does It*, Bo Dunn—*Bokat*, Keith Mozena—*Where To Next?*, & John Roche—*Chillin’ & Reelin’* all made the trip with their teams who did all they could do to chase up the sailfish. John Roche is a newer ASWSC club member, having joined the summer of 2014, but he pulled together an eclectic team to make his first sailfishing / billfish adventure memorable.

John personally caught his first 3 sailfish, or billfish for that matter, of his life on this trip. One of his crew, Wendy



Coates, spouse of a good friend, Ryan Howard, also caught the first 3 sailfish of her life. Ryan and Wendy joined the ASWSC even though they live in Savannah.

28th Annual ASWSC Sailfish Classic (Continued)

Heck, Ryan is such a rabid fisherman, he's been a mate for yrs and now has his captain's license, he invited all of us in the ASWSC to come fish in Savannah with him. Can anyone say "Roadtrip!" Between Ryan's knowledge and other members, like Cefus McRae, we have everything we need to organize a trip and hold a tournament. Who will run it? Aside from those two angler's first Sailfish, one of



Steve Guntner's friends, Stan, came down with an old ASWSC member, Randy Bass, to enjoy the Atlantic in January. Stan was able to keep his sea legs, drink a cold miller lite or two and successfully catch & release his first Sail. We were glad to see more folks from Tennessee, Randy and Stan live in the greater Soddy Daisy Metro area (outside of Chattanooga for those who are geographically challenged) along with Dan French & Hattie Duro.



Easy Does It came in third in the tournament, going 5 for 8. Unfortunately, day 1 of the tournament killed their chances as they could not get a hook stuck in a fish.

I should point out that we got super lucky on the weather for the trip. There was a small cold front which pushed down through Palm Beach on Wednesday so the



winds (from the N-NE) and seas (big 6 ft swells with wind chop) were perfect for sailfishing Wednesday, practice day, and Thursday. Friday the winds shifted significantly to the west and the seas calmed substantially to 1-2 ft's. I think it turned the bite off because team *Where To Next?* was only 1 for 2 on Friday. Saturday the winds shifted back to the N-NE and stood the seas up again.

Chillin' and Reelin' came in second going 6 for 11 with sailfish released every day. Heck they even got some meat fishing in and put Mahi, king mackerel, and a 22-in Cubera Snapper in the box to feed the hungry crew.

28th Annual ASWSC Sailfish Classic (Continued)

Where to Next? won the tournament going 9 for 14. We saw another 5 or 6 sails ripping through the waves or wandering by our kite baits but could not get them to bite. I will say that my team worked hard every day to get their mojo working. Laura Lazar, Bill Hesketh, and Darrin Maietta made up the *Where To Next?* Crew. Ben Lazar even joined us one day, Friday, so maybe I could blame the low number of fish we saw that day on him, but I can't. The wind shift completely made the fish lethargic.



The final day of the tournament was a blast as fish being caught and released had the radio buzzing early in the day with first releases coming in around 7:30am. The bite was not steady, so making the most of each hookup was a critical aspect of coming out on top. I will also acknowledge that I had to "buy" 5 goggle eyes from *Easy Does It* one day by giving them a kite rod and reel to use for two days of the tournament. They had killed the kite reel drag they were using and detonated their kite rod on day one. We needed the bait and it helped team *Where To Next?* get a couple of Sails one day. On Saturday, we were 1 for 3 in the morning and then the bite went away. Beginning around lunch, team *Chillin' & Reelin'* started reporting a fish release hourly until their bite turned off. They were within 1 fish of us. Finally, we were down to our last two baits. We hung them on the kite and waited for 'em to scare up a Sailfish or 2. Well they did their job perfectly. We had a double header to end our day around 4pm. Darrin Maietta and I were the anglers. Darrin's fish was stubborn and took off. I was able to get mine to the boat in a few minutes for Laura Lazar to leader the fish. Bill Hesketh was on the wheel and did a great job to put us in the position to release one fish quickly, chase down Darrin's fish, and NOT drop the kite in the water! I was so excited to end the day with a successful double header after what seemed like two long slow days, I screamed in joy once I leadered the last sail of the day.



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Many sailfish were caught in fairly shallow water, 90 ft or so. Several in the 118 to 128 ft range, & a handful in 150 ft or more. Overall, this tournament was a blast with lots of laughing, great sharing of tactics and info, plentiful fish, and perfect January Atlantic sailfishing weather. Give serious thought to joining us next year and kick off the fishing year with a trip to one of the only spots in the southeast where we can almost guarantee you can catch a billfish on your own boat!

Angler results:

John Roche - 3 Sails	Wendy Coates - 3 Sails	Bill Hesketh - 3 Sails
Darrin Maietta - 2 Sails	Keith Mozena - 2 Sails	Steve Fritz - 2 Sails
Stan Stininger - 2 Sails	Laura Lazar - 1 Sail	Ben Lazar - 1 Sail
Randy Bass - 1 Sail		



Awards from Top Dog Awards





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2015 CLUB CALENDAR

April 14 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
April 18 (Saturday)	Spring Fling & Luncheon at Lake Lanier
May 12 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
May 2	Cinco De Mayo Picnic on Lake Lanier
May 14 - 16	Destin/Ft Walton Beach Tournament
May 30 - June 1; June 3 - 6	Apalachicola Tournament (two date choices)
June 9	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
July 5 - 11	Orange Beach Tournament & Blue Angels
July 13 (MONDAY)	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
August 1	Club Picnic on Lake Lanier
August 11 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
August 12 - 15	Morehead City NC Tournament
September 8 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
September 23 - 26	Port Eads LA Tournament
October 13 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
November 10 (Tuesday)	Club Meeting / Holiday Inn Gwinnett Center
December 5 (Saturday)	Holiday Party and Awards Banquet
<i>Date to be Announced</i>	Get Together at Havana Restaurant

Note:

Club Calendar is subject to change. Keep up to date with club activities, tournaments, and events on the club's official website:

www.aswsc.org

Spring Fling Striper Event & Luncheon

It's time to unwrap the boats and burn some gas. Get ready for the upcoming season by joining us on Lake Lanier!

Saturday April 18, 2015

Striper Fishing - 7:30am to 11:30am. This will be a catch and release event. Sum of the total length of all your legal stripers combined wins!

You can launch from any ramp of your convenience on Lake Lanier. Most will be launching from **Aqualand Marina**, 6800 Lights Ferry Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542. Email Paul Kindzia to register at: paul@kindzia-investments.com

Lunch will be at Fish Tales Restaurant at Hideaway Bay Marina, 6334 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, GA. Come by car or by boat.

GPS coordinates by boat - Lat: 34°11'147, Lon: 83°56'2036

Lunch will be at 12:00 noon, Rain or Shine

This year we're also planning to have a **Cast Net Competition** at Fish Tales. Those with cast-netting skills will provide instruction to those wanting to learn, to be followed by an informal net-casting contest.

Feel free to join us for fishing or just lunch.



New Florida Registration Program Required for Saltwater Anglers as of April 1, 2015

All recreational anglers fishing from a private boat off Florida's Gulf coast (excluding Monroe County) who intend to harvest, attempt to harvest or possess one or more of the following reef fish species, must sign up for the **Gulf Reef Fish Survey**:

**red snapper gag grouper greater amberjack lesser amberjack banded rudderfish
almaco jack red grouper black grouper vermilion snapper gray triggerfish**

Anglers who are over 65, members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and veterans with disabilities are also required to participate, even though they are exempt from saltwater fishing licensing requirements. Anglers under 16 years of age are not required to participate in the Gulf Reef Survey program.

How to Sign Up:

- Visit: <http://license.myfwc.com/Customer/InternetCustomerLookup>
- Enter your Date of Birth and at least one of the other required "Lookup Method" identifiers (social security #, FWC customer ID or Driver's license number). Note: You may have to create an account if this is your first time accessing the system.
- Click "Purchase a License."
- Scroll down to Saltwater Fishing and click the Add to Cart button next to "Gulf Reef Fish Angler." Make sure to print a copy.
- There is no cost.

What happens after you sign up?

- You will receive a printed license or need to print one from your computer if you purchase online with Gulf Reef Fish Angler printed on it. Carry this with you as proof that you signed up to participate in the Gulf Reef Fish Survey.
- In a year, make sure you renew. Renewal will be on an annual basis, just like a one-year fishing license.
- Many who sign up will be contacted by the FWC and asked if they would be willing to provide information about their Gulf reef fish fishing activities.
- Participants who do provide FWC with this information will be eligible to enter a drawing where they could win an annual, 5-year or lifetime recreational saltwater fishing license.

Why is FWC doing this?

Florida reef fish anglers have requested that FWC create a system to improve reef fish recreational data collection so that data are more accurate, precise, timely and more in-line with what is happening on the water.

The current process for conducting recreational fisheries surveys, known as the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), is broad and doesn't capture the amount and quality of data needed for effective management of offshore reef fish species. It is, however, an effective method for conducting recreational fishing surveys for nearshore species such as redfish and spotted seatrout.

- For example, one current method of collecting survey data is through telephone calls to coastal households. While some of these phone calls reach anglers who target Gulf reef fish, many of the people reached do not target these species and are not able to provide data about Gulf reef fish fishing trips. The Gulf Reef Fish Survey would correct this problem by creating a comprehensive list of anglers who are targeting Gulf reef fish. The FWC will then reach out to some of these anglers to gather more information on their fishing experiences.



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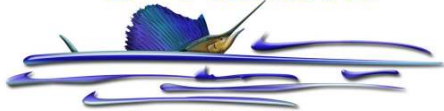


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