



# The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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## January 2011 Newsletter

### Notes from the President

Happy New Year!

Although it's been very cold, I have a couple of fishing adventures to tell you about. Just before Christmas with the wind blowing and the canal water at about 62 degrees, my visiting son-in-law and I sought protection in a sheltered area of our east end canals. As we eased in to anchor, I spotted what I thought to be redfish on the surface in the sun. Over the next 2 hours we caught 6 small reds, 2 nice black drum, 6 or so nice snapper, and a 20" bluefish. We also hooked but lost "Walter" who I've tangled with 4 times over the last 2 years. We'll get him someday.

On Wednesday after Christmas, we went offshore with Capt. Charlie. It was way too cold, but the wind was moderate - so we bundled up and off we went. 55 degree water at the launch moved up to only 62 degrees, 40 miles out! One nice red grouper in 6 hours of fishing left us thinking this was just an expensive boat ride. We anchored up at 5 p.m. near a wreck 32 miles out (hint/hint). Over the next 4 hours, the five of us boxed 10 nice gags, 1 amberjack and our limit of beautiful mangrove snapper. I guess fish have to eat even in cold water! You just have to find them.

See you at our next meeting January 11.

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### NEXT MEETING

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 11, 2011

**WHERE:** Sanibel Island Community Center

**TIME:** 6:30pm Pizza  
7:00pm Meeting

**SPEAKER:** Mike Campbell, Senior Environmental Specialist, Lee County Division of Marine Natural Resources

Mr. Campbell will be giving a presentation entitled, "The Past, Present and Future of Lee Counties Artificial Reefs. He will be discussing the current status of the dozens of Lee County Reefs including reef fish populations, conditions and locations. as well as future plans to create inshore and near-shore artificial reefs in collaboration with SCCF and other environmental organizations that would be created out of discarded oyster shells. Additional future reef plans include a nine-square-mile Marine Protected Area (MPA) that will be established for a long-term study of goliath grouper and other common Gulf of Mexico species.



Rol Campbell and son-in law Dewayne Kendall look at their large catch of Snapper and Grouper caught in cold waters of the Gulf proving that it can be done in cold winter weather.

### Next Club Outing

Saturday Jan. 15th

"Dart Board Challenge"

The Club's third outing will be the ever popular Dart Board Challenge. Darts thrown at the board at the meeting will determine species and point value. The boat with the most points wins (Jacks were worth twenty points last year).

**Remember, boat or no boat we'll pair everyone up and have fun and lively competition! Sign-up at the meeting.**

### Angler of the Year Standings (top 9) as of December 4th

Tom Butcher	20
Rol Campbell	20
Cary Giese	20
Peter Kendall	20
Jim LaBorde	20
Phil Marks	19
Ron Nixon	19
Chet Sadler	19
Charlie Sobczak	19

### 2010-2011 Outing Schedule

January	Sat. 15
February	Sat. 12
March	Sat. 12
April	Sat. 16
May	Sat. 14

### 2010-2011 Meeting Schedule

January	11
February	8
March	8
April	12
May	10

### Reminder:

Membership dues are now over do for the 2010-2011 season. Several members have not paid their dues as yet. You must pay your dues by January 31 or be dropped from the 2010-2011 roster.

[Click here for Membership Form](#)