



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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January 2010 Newsletter

Notes from the President

Happy New Year fisher folks! The last few days have reminded me how lucky we are to live and fish here. We had my daughter's family here for the holidays, and my son-in-law and my 9 year old grandson love to fish. What could I do? We had to try everything. A few pinfish caught off the causeway island and we were ready to catch small grouper in the deep areas around Sanibel. The next day was windy, but a 33" snook and some trout kept us happy in Dinkins Bayou. We took Christmas off, but stockings yielded lures and tackle. The next day we used up our left over shrimp on sheepshead and snapper in the east end canals. Another day off to regroup and plan to get bait for an offshore adventure with Captain Charlie.

That trip on Wednesday started cold with a super low tide and a brisk northwest wind. We went anyway. After a rough ride out, the wind finally eased off as predicted and we were able to find fish. Grouper, amberjack, snapper, and a beautiful 40# plus cobia! (See picture) The ride back in was smooth with dolphin following our wake as we watched another beautiful Sanibel sunset.

Despite sore muscles, the next day found us in Ding Darling where we caught the "Sanibel Slam" – snook, trout, and redfish. What a place to live!

The cold snap will slow things down but we will discuss that at our next meeting and we'll have nice days to enjoy this wonderful recreation.

See you Tuesday, January 12!
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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, January 12, 2010

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER: Our speaker this month is Captain Robb Modys of Soulmate Charters. Robb Modys, is a full time spin and fly fishing guide who has been fishing the waters of South West Florida since boyhood. He will be discussing his approach to fishing in our area including cold weather tips.



Rob is the current president of the Lee County Professional Guide's Association and is also the host of ESPN's Reel Talk Radio. He's a member of Bass Pro Shops Pro Staff and is certified by the International Game Fish Association and the Coastal Conservation Association.



Next Club Outing

Sunday, January 17

Our next outing, the first of our 2009-2010 program, is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 17th. Details are dependent on weather and boat availability and will be announced at the meeting.

Angler of the Year 2008-2009 Top Five

Kevin Vertesch	98
Mary DeMik	95
Wade Robert	95
Bob Smith	94
Rol Campbell	88
Tom Butcher	86

2010 Outing Schedule

Sunday	January 17
Sunday	February 14 (Tentative)
Sunday	March 14
Sunday	April 18
Sunday	May 16

2010 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday	January 12
Tuesday	February 9
Tuesday	March 9
Tuesday	April 13
Tuesday	May 11

REMINDER

Dues are payable now and will be overdue at the end of January. [Click here](#) for a membership form and bring it with you to the meeting if you haven't renewed your membership. Our roster of dues paying members will be published at the end of January. Make sure you are on the roster!