



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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March 2011 Newsletter

Notes from the President

It's great to have the water temperature in the 70's again. The fish are biting. My congratulations to all the teams who braved the cool temperatures to fish our inshore slam with Scott Bender's team finishing first. Postponing the offshore event proved correct as we hit the following Saturday's weather just right. Although we didn't do permanent damage to the snapper population around Charlies' and Shermans', everyone caught fish, had the experience, and got back safe! Congratulations to Team Sobczak on their first place super catch. The other teams did well too!

Fishing around the island has been fun this week. My brother-in-law Tom, Wade, and I have caught nice trout, pompano, mackerel, bluefish, sharks, sheepshead and red fish. Most were released, but some made it to my backyard grill.

Our program this month will feature a conversation about many years of fishing around Sanibel with Ralph Woodring. Ralph was born and raised on Sanibel and has vast experience in our local waters. Come and hear his fascinating stories, as well as background for a better fishing future.

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, March 8, 2011

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER: Ralph Woodring



Our featured speaker is Islander Ralph Woodring. The topic of this presentation will be *A Lifetime of Fishing on Sanibel Island, A Conversation with Ralph Woodring*. Ralph is the son of Sam and Esperanza Woodring and was born and raised on Sanibel. He is the owner of the Bait Box, the oldest bait and tackle shop in Sanibel and a life-long island fisherman. Ralph will discuss the history of fishing as well as our current water quality issues. We will be able to ask Ralph questions about what fishing was like on Sanibel and Captiva fifty years ago.

New Book Available

Local author and club member Charlie Sobczak will offer members his new book LIVING GULF COAST for purchase at this meeting. A contribution from each book sold will go to the Bayou Preservation Group in support of keeping Blind Pass open.

2010-2011 Meeting Schedule

March	8
April	12
May	10

Next Club Outing

Saturday Mar. 12
"In Shore Dart Board Challenge II"

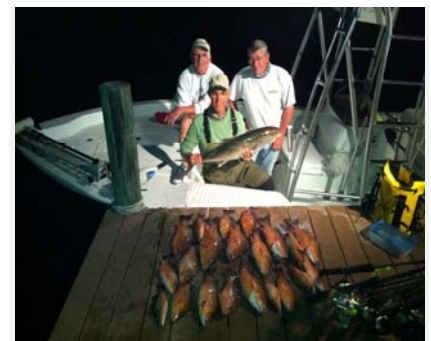
Sunday Mar. 13
Off Shore Dart Board Challenge I

Angler of the Year Standings (top 10) as of February 12th

Peter Kendall	59
Cary Giese	57
"Bouy" Juralewicz	56
Tom Butcher	55
Kevin Vertesch	54
Chris Moles	53
Ron Nixon	53
Scott Bender	52
Les Boyle	52
Rol Campbell	52
Hunt Ethridge	52
Duane Thurow	52
Sandy Tannenbaum	52
Mary DeMik	49
Kermit Simonson	45

2010-2011 Outing Schedule

March	Sat. 12; Sun. 13
April	Sat. 16
May	Sat. 14



"Tower Down" crew and captain display a nice catch of snapper. (left to right: Wade Robert, Les Boyle, Captain Kevin Vertesch)