



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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March 2009 Newsletter

Notes from the President

I was pleased this week to see that "snot grass" (Hincksia – according to SCCF) seems to have improved somewhat. We went into Tarpon Bay and were able to fish without too much trouble with the slime. It's still around, but not as thick as it was. With water temperature around 67 F, the fishing was slow. We caught a few decent trout and some acrobatic ladyfish – fun but not the redfish we were looking for. Maybe this month's guest, Ozzie Fischer, can help us find the redfish.

The club outing Sunday, February 22, was a great success given the water conditions. Congratulations to the winning Kevin Vertesch Team and the other 6 teams who also did well. Some of our members ventured offshore recently and did well on big amberjacks, but grouper remain scarce. Again, cold water temperatures and high winds have slowed fishing. We can look forward to warmer water and the reopening of grouper season next month.

Over the last few days I've listened to PURRE's Mike Valiquette, attended a SCCF sea grass seminar, talked to local biologists, read publications from SCCF, and visited "Big Sugar" at Clewiston – all in an effort to better understand our water issues. It's clear that there is still lots of work to be done and we need to continue supporting those people and organizations, such as PURRE, working to improve our water.

Stay tuned.

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, March 10, 2009

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER:

Captain Ozzie Fischer



This month's featured speaker will be Captain Ozzie Fischer. Ozzie is one of the most well known, well-respected and successful charter guides and tournament anglers in the Ft Myers/Naples area.

Ozzie has been fishing tournaments for almost 15 years and has become a household name from his many television show appearances .

Ozzie averages approximately 420 charters annually, and has more than 50 top-five tournament finishes since 2001.

January Club Outing

Sunday, Mar. 15th

"Dart Board Challenge II"

The Club's fourth outing will be another Dart Board Challenge. Darts thrown at the board at the meeting will determine species and point value. The boat with the most points wins (ladyfish were worth ten 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 Top Ten Standings As of Feb 22/Outing 3

Kevin Vertesch	57
Mary DeMik	56
Lee Cosentino	55
Bob Smith	55
John Carney	54
Peter Kendall	53
Tom Butcher	52
Bob Owens	51
Kermit Simonson	49
Wade Robert	39

2008 Angler of the Year Kevin Vertesch

2009 Outing Schedule

Sunday	March 15
Saturday	April 25
Sunday	May 24

For those interested in Tarpon Fishing:



Ft. Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club Free Tarpon Hunting Clinic – Wed. Mar 4th at 7:00pm
Bonita Bills Rest, Ft Myers Beach