



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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March 2010 Newsletter

Notes from the President

I'm sure glad we had our outing last Sunday, otherwise there would be very little to talk about. I wanted to show you a picture of Don Cook's 35" snook, but the picture was a little "washed out"! So, I am showing John Carney's sheephead (lower right) just to prove they don't have to be big to count. Congratulations to Kevin's team for their close win over Duane Thurow's crew. Good job!

It was very interesting to see the impact of just a degree or two in water temperature. It was tough to get snapper to bite at 62 degrees on Sunday. But the next day (remember the sun was out for a few hours) Wade and I found snapper in our east end canals at about 65 degrees using our leftover shrimp. I actually brought home four 12 inchers for dinner. I wished that I had a video of my fight with a pelican that came right in the boat after the last one!

Our next meeting, March 9, will feature Dr. Chris Koenig, a noted FSU biologist and grouper expert. It should be a fascinating discussion.

See you there,

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER:



This month's speaker is **Dr. Chris Koenig Ph.D.** Dr. Koenig is a research scientist at Florida State University who specializes in reef fish ecology with an emphasis on the role of the endangered goliath grouper in these habitats. His work on goliath, gag and red grouper has led to several discoveries about the important roles these fish play in the clearing and maintenance of offshore natural ledges. Although his emphasis is on the goliath grouper, Dr. Koenig has been involved with the establishment of marine protected zones in the northern Gulf of Mexico as well as a promoter of these zones throughout the world.

Included in his discussion will be comments on the habitats of grouper found in waters off Sanibel and Captiva. He will also briefly cover the process the Gulf Fisheries Commission uses to establish the various grouper regulations that impact all Southwest Florida anglers.

Next Club Outing

Sunday, March 14

Dart Board Challenge II

(We are still boat limited. Please consider putting your boat in the outing so all can participate.)

Angler of the Year 2009-2010 Top Ten

Jim LaBorde	20
Phil Marks	20
Bob Smith	20
Kevin Vertesch	20
Hunt Ethridge	19
Ron Nixon	19
Duane Thurow	19
Andrea Dankenbrink	18
Jerry Scutt	18
Wade Robert	18

2010 Outing Schedule

Sunday March 14

Sunday April 18

Sunday May 16

2010 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday March 9

Tuesday April 13

Tuesday May 11



John Carney displays his "...don't have to be big to count..." sheepshead that he fought and landed during the recent Dart Board Outing I.

For your information: The 2009-2010 club roster is available on the web. The password is "secret".