



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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May 2011 Newsletter

Notes from the President

Wow, it's May already. One more meeting and set of outings before we break for summer. Our April outings were successful with Duane Thurow's team winning the inshore event and Scott Bender's crew edging out Peter Kendall's team by ½" for the offshore win. Duane showed the way for his team, landing 33" and 25" reds. Maybe they are starting to bite. Anyway, good going gang.

Inshore fishing for trout, mackerel, reds, pompano, and snook seems to be picking up with most of the action west and north of the power lines. Tarpon have been slow with most of the action up the river. Snook are starting to show up along the beaches for catch and release fishing - one of my favorites.

Offshore reefs and ledges are yielding great catches of snapper. Last week with Captain Charlie we brought back 35 mangrove and yellowtails up to 7 lbs. (yes, I said 7 lbs.!) We also culled out 8 keeper red grouper up to 10 lbs., from lots of small reds caught. Amberjack provided good sport and beefed up our total catch. The water 40 miles out was cloudy, probably showing the results of the snow melt and heavy rains coming down the Mississippi. Our offshore trip with Captain Greg got postponed due to wind.

We've invited a representative from FWC to our May meeting to answer your questions and we'll ask Kevin to give us a brief review of Tarpon tactics.

See you there!

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, 10, 2011

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER: Al Simontis



Our May (and last meeting of the season) speaker is Officer Al Simontis of the Law Enforcement Division of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. He is one of the Lee County officers who patrols our waters is especially familiar with the many rules, regulations and best practices that keep our resources both safe and plentiful. He will speak to us about FWC operations in our area including limits, seasons, and other information important to anglers. Come and get to know our enforcement officials and find out about that rule you have long been confused about.



Left to right, Jim Laborde, Peter Kendall and Sandy Tannenbaum with two nice Amberjacks caught during the offshore outing. Were AJs on the offshore scorecard or is Peter that far ahead?

Next Club Outing

Saturday May 14th

"Annual Tarpon Hunt"

No Offshore Outing

Angler of the Year Standings (top 10) as of April 18th

Peter Kendall	97
Tom Butcher	93
Cary Giese	93
Hunt Ethridge	92
Rol Campbell	91
Kevin Vertesch	91
"Bouy" Juralewicz	90
Les Boyle	89
Duane Thurow	87
Mary DeMik	85
Scott Bender	72
Sandy Tannenbaum	71

2010-2011 Outing Schedule

May	Sat. 14 (Last Outing of the season)
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Duane Thurow proudly displays his outing winning 33 inch Redfish