



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club PO Box 989 ♦ Sanibel, FL 33957

November 2009 Newsletter

Notes from the President

It's great to see more of our members back from summer. Fishing is still good. Bait fish are schooling all over with mackerel, blues, ladyfish and others keeping the birds and fishermen happy. Red fishing has slowed down, but some of our members are still scoring at some "secret" spots. Snook and trout (now catch and release) are still available in the Back Bay. So, we should be able to catch our "slam" during this month's outing.

Offshore fishing when the wind has cooperated has been nothing short of spectacular. Captain Charlie Sobczak took a group out this week and brought back a nice catch of red and gag grouper, a beautiful scamp (see photo), barracuda, and several very nice snapper. It's hard to understand why they are closing the grouper season for February and March. Our local offshore area stock seems to be very healthy. There may be a way we can protest and input our opinion soon! More later....

I was out near the causeway yesterday and caught trout, bluefish, ladyfish, and mackerel in just a few minutes. There are pinfish big enough to hit lures! I was feeling very positive about our local water until I got home and heard that the water near the boat launch tested very high for red tide. It has been reported that a large fish kill is just offshore.

Stay tuned.

See you Tuesday,

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NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, November 10, 2009

WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center

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

SPEAKER:

Our speaker this month will be [Captain Jon Fetter](#). Jon is a top notch fishing guide out of Fish Tale Marina on Fort Myers Beach. He has been fishing our waters for 17 years. He is also an associate of the Bass Pro outdoor program.



A very large and rare Scamp Grouper caught off shore by Capt Charlie Sobczak.

Don't forget Friday's



Friday, November 6th behind the Bait Box.
[Click here for info](#)

Next Club Outing

Sunday, November 15

Our next outing, the first of our 2009-2010 program, will be on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Each team will be fishing for 2 Snook, 2 Redfish, 2 Trout and 2 Snapper. The team with the most total inches will be the winner.

Be sure to sign-up 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	November 15
Sunday	January 17
Sunday	February 14 (Tentative)
Sunday	March 14
Sunday	April 18
Sunday	May 16



Our Christmas Party will be on **Tuesday evening, December 8th, 2009** at Doc Ford's – Mark your calendars. Our party is tons of fun but a lot of work – please be ready at the meeting to volunteer for helping with our party.