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JOSFC
President
Chris Rooney

COMING TO THE END OF THE SEASON

The end of our regular season is at hand the Banquet is set for the 28th of October, next month and I can't wait! The prizes and awards for our fishermen and the raffle table this year are really shaping up to be a grand affair. I know I'm looking forward to the festivities, including spending some quality time with the ladies who put up with our fishing this year during the tournament season. How quick we forget our chores and the lovely lady who makes our lunch or we call and gets ice or brings the boat soap we forgot so the boat gets clean.

This year we're in the same venue for the banquet but the food is changing a little the tickets are out and the menu looks good. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00 PM with diner at 7:00 PM and the fun will last until were all ready to hit the bricks.

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THE 2017 JOSFC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET IS NEXT MONTH!

The Date is October 28, 2017, and this is always a great evening for all members. We have a great catered Meal, with a high end meal with things like Memphis Balsamic Brisket, Slow roasted Bork roast, Roasted Veggies, Mings Chicken satay, and Crostini (Fancy Garlic Bread). There is a lot more but the entire menu will be on the Club Website soon.

At this event we will honor the Board Winners, and the Captain of the Year, and we won't forget to give honorable mention to such occurrences such as the Sportsman of the year, Volunteer of the year, and if anyone has made a monumental goof, they will get dishonorable mention. We also present our new Life members with their permanent metal Life Membership Cards.

The other thing we do is say good buy to the outgoing Board, and introduce your new Board of directors and Officers for the 2017 / 2018 fishing year!

We also hold the biggest club raffle of the year that is just for Banquet attendees.

The tickets are on sale now, \$35.00 / Person, and any Board member has them for sale.



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Trina Polkey

This in from our Media Director Trina.

GOOD NEWS

Members of the JOSFC can now order anything we carry at Paxton Company, at a discount and you can pick it up at Rick's Bait and Tackle or Brown's Creek Fish Camp. We sell pretty much everything you need to build or repair a boat but the motor. No OEM parts, no trolling motors or electronics...but **almost everything else including safety equipment.** We don't sell direct to consumers so this is a way to help you and help our very loyal supporters. Just text or call me, at 904 - 405 - 4966, and I will get it taken care of.

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Bill Breen



Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time. I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches, like these in this issue. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting or or E-mail me your pictures at:

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Wear these, they don't work in the cabin!

At least wear them while Underway!



It is time for some safety information

At the last meeting we had a member hobble in with a serious message for us.

It seems he got stuck by a dorsal spine from a regular bottom fish that we typically catch. (CRS, I don't remember which one.) It wasn't a bad stick, just a little one on his foot between his toes. He rinsed it off and didn't give it any thought.

The next day it was hurting a lot, and then it started to show signs of major infection, so he went to his Doctor the following day. (Day 3) A long story short, the Dr. immediately put him in the Hospital and they operated on his foot and were able to save his toes and foot.

If he had waited another day or two he probably would have lost at least a couple toes!

Yes, the "flesh eating bacteria" is out there and any injury can turn deadly in a hurry.

How do you avoid it or treat any punctures or cuts while out fishing?

First you should always have a good First Aid kit, with everything in it being current and not out of date.

Some of the things you should carry but don't think of are Benadryl, (In case someone has a sever allergic reaction to something.) a diluted Bleach solution, (To wash any punctures or cuts by the fish.) Vinegar or Meat Tenderizer (to neutralize Jellyfish stings.)

Don't forget some bolt cutters that can cut through ANY hook you might have on your boat. The standard wire cutters are to light for some hardened hooks!.

This is VERY Important.

Even if you are brand new to the club, PLEASE consider running for office. Yes, it is a little bit of work, but not that much, one night a month, and maybe an hour of your spare time during the month.

This is YOUR club, to keep this club running we need your input and help!

JOSFC Nomination Night for 2018 Board of Directors September 7th 2017

It's that time of the year when JOSFC holds it's own elections. On September 7th beginning at 8:00PM JOSFC will hold its nomination night. For all of you new members this is when you the members decide on who would best serve the club by nominating someone. If you have any ideas or would like to see how the club works on the inside and you can donate one day a month for the Board of Directors Meeting that is held at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant located on JTB and I-95 the club would love to have your input on the board for the upcoming year.

Qualifications according to JOSFC By – Laws

1. Qualifications – In order to be qualified to be nominated and seek election for an office or a board of director's position the person must have their current dues paid. In order to be qualified to be nominated and seek election for president of this corporation the person must have served at least one year on the board of directors and/or served two years as a committee chairman.

Duties of the Board of Directors Officers –

Article IV of the JOSFC By – Laws – Officers and Their Duties

Section 1.

The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be members of the Board of Directors by their respective office.

Section 2.

President – The president of this corporation shall preside at all meetings when present. He shall appoint special committee when it is deemed advisable to do so; shall represent the corporation in public and at all official functions; shall be the correspondence and legal tender and shall be authorized to co-sign all corporate checks.

Section 3.

Vice-President – The Vice-President shall fulfill all the duties of the president in the absence of that officer, and the Vice-president shall have the authority to co-sign



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to our newest members of the JOSFC family! Be sure to say hello to **Bill and Peggy Lowe, James and Sara Carpenter (and family), and John and Silvia Doss!** Also, welcome back to **Rick Metz** as he returns from the northern climate. Congratulations to **Darrin and Sue Willingham** for joining the ranks of our Lifetime Members.

While it is on my mind, I am compiling the list of our newest Lifetime Members so I can order their permanent red cards. If you have changed to Lifetime Members and don't have one of these cards (2016-2017) please let me know at ibreen@bellsouth.net. Be sure to put JOSFC in the title bar of your email so it doesn't go to spam mail!

Now for the end-of-the-year news. Our fishing boards and tournament year are closing at **8:30 P.M.** sharp! At our last club meeting for the fishing year, September 21, 2017. Don't delay and regret not putting in your fish slips to get credit for the fish you have caught. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Our Annual banquet is on October 28 and at the same place as last year's dinner (FOP) property. Clear directions are on the back of your ticket. Tickets are on sale from your JOSFC Board members. Each person needs a ticket and the cost is \$35 each ticket. We had a fabulous time last year. Good fellowship, good food, and a fabulous raffle table! There are only 130 tickets available and you need to buy them early so we can give the Caterer a head count by October 20th. You can come to the Membership table at meetings to purchase the tickets as well.. We'll have the square available so you can use your card to pay.

We begin the search for JOSFC Board members this month (The first meeting in September is "Nomination" night.) Several offices are open for nomination this year. When you hear your name called, or have a burning

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desire to serve the club, please accept the honor of being nominated and possibly serving. The requirements are listed in our By-Laws pamphlet you have available either in your new membership envelope or at the clubhouse. We meet as the JOSFC Board the first Monday of each month - usually at the Cracker Barrel on JTB. Please consider serving as a Board member for our club.

NO! you are not too new to be a Board Member! Bill joined the club in August of 2003, in October he was shanghaied and voted onto the board. (BTW, if you are NOT at the meeting to decline) He has really enjoyed being part of the board for these past 14 years. We always welcome new thoughts and ideas on how to keep this club fresh and going strong.

This is a legacy club, having been here since 1959. That is 58 years of creating about 270 reefs, with over 300 "Drops" new reefs and replenishing or expanding old reefs, as well as fighting for our right to fish so our kids and grandkids will be able to enjoy the "First Coast" like we do now.

Presidents Message Continued

The fishing season ends with the second meeting in September, if you don't have your fish slip filled out at 8:30 say good bye until the boards open back up for the 2017 / 18 fishing year. The boards are close contests this year and the competition is brutal, the gentleman and lady who win angler of the year this year will have earned it. The rest of the boards are also down to the wire so get out there and fish, they are still up for grabs. Also during September we will be looking for people who are ready to step up and help run the club for another year. It's really rewarding to be part of the traditions and values we work hard to extend out to our fishing community.

On a pleasant note we are winning the fight trying to keep our rights to fish the waters of N.E. Florida. Our efforts have been heard the SAFMC has committed to a Red Snapper season this year and are even trying to give us a shot at them this fall. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the banquet it promises to be a great night with all the bells and whistles.

Tight Lines!!

Captain Chris Rooney JOSFC President

Nominations Continued

corporate checks.

Section 4.

Secretary – The secretary shall keep an accurate written report of the minutes of the meetings; shall report to the membership the minutes of the previous meeting; shall see that any proposed amendments or changes in the bylaws or articles of incorporation are properly stated and that they are properly inserted in the effected section and shall advise all members of the corporation,

in writing at the next scheduled meeting; shall have the authority to co-sign corporate checks. At the expiration of the secretary's term of office, all records shall be turned over to the incoming secretary.

Section 5.

Treasurer – The treasurer shall be responsible for receipts and disbursements of all funds of the corporation and shall keep accurate records therefore; shall give a financial statement at board meetings, general meetings, and at other times when requested to do so; shall co-sign all corporate checks; shall handle all financial matters pertaining to the corporation and shall authorize and approve at his or her discretion, all corporate expenditures of up to \$300.00 for any one expenditure. Expenditures over \$300.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors.

JOSFC Board Members – 7 Positions these positions are assigned to the individual by the incoming President

1. Fishing Director
2. Events Director
3. Social Media Director
4. Trophies and Awards Director
5. Guest Speaker Director
6. Membership Director
7. Hospitality Director

This is a very important meeting for all members if you only attend several meetings a year this is the one you need to make your presence felt. Remember the club is made up of you the members and it is you the members who make up the Board and carry forth the vision that was started back in 1959.



Safety, YOUR main goal!

Every time we go fishing, we face a whole myriad of dangers. Fish hooks, sharp Knives, lightning, we are sitting in a Fiberglass (Burns very well.) container full of VERY flammable gas, rough water, potential boat sinking, even Sunburn!

Are you prepared for any or all of these emergencies? You should be. Remember usually you are far from help, and even with the Navy's helicopters you can count on over an hour from injury to hospital!

Did you leave a Float Plan?

Do you give your passengers a safety tour before you leave the dock? Have you shown everyone how to run the boat in case you become incapacitated? How about how to call for help on the VHF? How to read the GPS to give your location?

Do you put your "Ditch Bag on deck? I know I have reminded you to get a BIGGER fire extinguisher (Or Two.). Are you Life jackets out so everyone can wear them while underway?

Do you have a heady duty wire cutter that can cut any hooks you might be using?

Do you ALWAYS put your knives in the holder so that the sharp part of the blade is against the bulkhead or where if someone falls they won't fall against it and cut them selves badly?

Did you teach your crew how to SAFELY handle the Gaff?

Is everyone wearing shoes so when you bring in that very toothy fish and it is flopping around on the deck they don't get a toe bitten badly, or a hook in the foot?

Do you carry extra Sun Screen for those passengers with CRS?

Is you First Aid kit handy and full of current supplies, NOT Expired ointment or empty because you used it last time and forgot to refill it?

Do you even carry an emergency locator beacon? For about \$200 you can have one on your boat, and isn't your life worth \$200?

Now how about your boat motor and trailer? When was the last time you changed the oil and had your Motor tuned up?



When was the last time you had your Trailer Wheel bearings repacked?

Do you have a good "Safety Chain" holding your boat to the trailer? Look what happens when you don't, Photo above.

When was the last time YOU checked all you Hoses and hose clamps to insure they were good and not cracked or rusted badly?

Are all you trailer and navigation lights working?

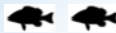

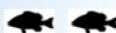


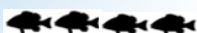







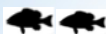
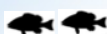


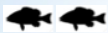

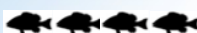





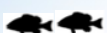
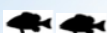
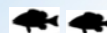
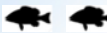
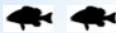
On my 20 year old trailer I just found my Safety Chains were bolted to a totally rusted out brace under the hitch, and one blow with a hammer knocked them off! Apparently when they drilled the hole for the chains, they broke the galvanized seal on that brace so it rusted under the galvanizing.

Is the 'O' ring on your plug good?

Think of what can go wrong, and how to cope with it BEFORE you go out, and you should get back safe and sound!



Remember, NEVER approach the dock any faster than you want to RAM the dock!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
September					1	2
						
3	4 Club Board Meeting	5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9
						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Powder Non-Live Tournament
						
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						



September 2nd - The Bottom Tournament
 September 7th - Club Meeting
 September 21st - Club Meeting

**COMING
EVENTS:**

October 28th - Annual Awards Banquet

Tournament Schedule for 2017

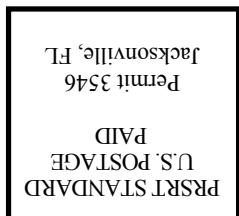
Tournament - - Month - —Date / Alternate
 - All are on Saturday -
 The Bottom Tournament - September - - - - - 2 - - - - - 9 - Steve Kalatizs

First Tournament for 2017 / 2018 Year
Triple Challenge Tournament - October - - - - - 15 - - - - - 22 - Alan Shepard

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