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Here is wishing you Tight Lines, Smooth Waters and a Joyful
CHRISTMAS for all of you from your crew at the
Jacksonville Offshore Sport Fishing Club



PRESIDENTS CAST NET

Trina Polkey

You know, a week or so ago I was talking with one of my vendors and when she told me the item in question wouldn't be in stock until December. I had the internal dread of a lost sale since it was going to be so long. When I called the customer and they said, "So two weeks? That's not too bad...go ahead and get it coming", something in my cranium twitched. It was at that moment I realized it was almost December. I have made fun of people saying it snuck up on me...but...it snuck up on me!



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Wow, what a year this has been! I'd be lying if I said it has been easy...it hasn't. For many of us, but I will get to that in a bit. This is always risky because I can't remember or touch on every single thing, so please forgive me if I forgot something big. Madyson Darner caught her first sailfish this year and we got to throw her in the water...AND...her name started showing up on awards for the adult boards! It's not just that she is no longer one of our juniors, it's that she beat cancer! Steve Shaw and AJ Proescher both saw tremendous success in tournaments this year, and Gary Lock got his captains license. And talk about our juniors growing up...AJ got married this year!! Congratulations to him and Kadie.

No one likes to think about the tough things, but I think it is an important part of our support for each other to keep them in mind and be here for each other.

Though Steve Shaw experienced a great deal of tournament success this year, it is somewhat bittersweet as he was diagnosed with advanced cancer not too long ago. Dave Workman Sr. has been fighting West Nile virus for the last few weeks. He has made great progress thank God, but still has a way to go. And in the wake of several tragic losses, there are many of us that may still be struggling with some raw emotions through Christmas...Donna and Nick, Pete St. Laurent, Larry Hayden, the Murphy family, and myself. Please be sure to keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers through the season and beyond.

Through the good and the bad, the NE Florida fishing community continues to be one of the tightest knit families I've had the pleasure of being a part of. I am so thankful and blessed to have each of you in my life. I look forward to the upcoming year, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

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The El Cheapo is the major fundraiser for our organization for the year. Through the tremendous support of our sponsors, this tournament has become the "Largest Sheepshead Tournament in the World" and one of the largest fishing tournaments in the United States! Over the past several years, the tournament has grown to over 2000 visitors at the tournament site with an average of 400 participating fishing teams at the 2 day event. The Junior Angler Division and Ladies Division features over 150 kids participating. The appeal of a family friendly low cost tournament has created a huge following of participants and supporters. We have received extensive positive regional and statewide media coverage, as well as internet exposure that extends far beyond the local fishing community.

There are 5 levels of sponsorship that drive this event:

Presenting Sponsors; 3 boat, motor and trailer packages, then cash for a total of 15 prizes.

**It is time to renew your membership!!!
See page '6' for details.**

Junior Angler Sponsors; 15 prize items and cash of any amount specifically earmarked for the Junior Angler Division.

Platinum level; over \$500.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.

Gold level; \$250.00-\$500.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.

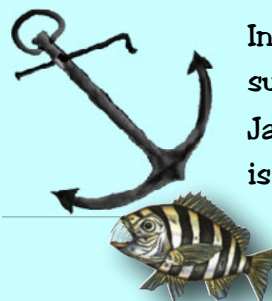
Silver level; under \$250.00 in cash, merchandise, or equivalent value.

Interested? Contact Chris Rooney at :

904-233-8452

Rob Darner

El Cheapo Tournament Director



In every Newsletter I strongly suggest that you wear your Life Jacket at least while your boat is underway.

Here are some other safety things that you should consider.

Is your Fire extinguisher current?
Do you have a big enough one, or more than one?

How about a "Ditch Bag" is it properly stocked, and sitting out where it is handy?



First aid kit current, plenty of fresh Hydrogen Peroxide to clean wounds?
Do you have some "Wire Cutters" that are strong enough to cut the BIGGEST hook on your boat?
Most fishing pliers are NOT strong enough for even a medium size hook!

Ladies – Lets talk the Fishing Boards!

You guys can read this also if you want to.

As you know, we have (6) six adult fishing boards, and YOU can post fish on all of the Boards except the Men's board! (Naturally the men can't post fish on the Ladies Board either.)

Here are the Boards:

1 - The Ladies Board

For any fish caught outside the jetties in the Ocean.

2 - The Bluewater Board

This is for any of the "Striking" Fish caught beyond the limits of our Chart. ie: Sailfish, Wahoo, Marlin, Tuna etc.

3 - The Unlimited Board

This is for any fish caught while bottom fishing beyond the limits of our Chart.

4 - The light Tackle Board

This is for any fish caught on 8 pound test fishing line. Both inshore and offshore.

5- The Inshore Board.

This is for any fish caught in the river, inter-costal and sloughs around Jacksonville

6- The Men's Board

For any fish caught outside the jetties in the Ocean.

Why am I telling you this? Because last year we had 11 Ladies post fish on the Ladies Board, the SAME number of men that posted on the Men's Board. However we only had (1) Lady post on the Unlimited Board, (She almost won that board.) and NOT a single (Or Married) Lady posted any fish on the other boards!

We have never had that many Ladies post fish before! Here is another interesting fact about last year. The men posted 18 fish for an

average of 14.5 Pounds per fish. The Ladies posted 17 fish for an average of . . . Wait for it 15.2 Pounds per fish!

Guys the Ladies are out fishing us!

To win that great big beautiful (Expensive) reel all it took for BOTH boards were to post (5) Five fish! Each board was won by catching and posting only 5 fish!



Think about that everyone, only 5 fish to win a board. Each board is won by having the **MOST** fish posted on it, not the biggest fish, just the most number of fish on that Board!

Are there any LADIES going for **Captain of the Year?** It is not to late to go for the COY title!

I want to remind everyone that we have had Captains win the COY without ever winning a single tournament. All it took was to place in the top 3 for most of the tournaments! About 5 years ago going into the last tournament I was in second place just by placing in the top 5 for 6 tournaments. (I didn't even place in the last tournament and dropped to 5th.)

My point here is this is a fishing club, and not just a men's domain, but one that is open to all Fishermen and Ladies. Don't be afraid to enter that 1.2 pound fish if that line is open or it beats a 1 pounder to knock it off the board. As long as your fish is the biggest of that species for this year, ENTER IT! Have fun! Get out there and catch some fish!





The Lure Tree

What is the Lure Tree you ask? (Yes you did, I heard you!) The Lure Tree is a time honored JOSFC Tradition. For our Christmas Pot-Luck / Party we have a Christmas tree set up. HOWEVER there are NO ornaments on it, not a single one. We the members decorate it as we come into the party. How you ask? You donate a GOOD NEW lure to hang on the tree. (A bag of "Fish Bites" does not count! It has to be a trolling or jigging lure.)



For every lure you hang on the tree you get 1 raffle ticket. At the end of the evening, we draw (1) ONE and ONLY ONE ticket and that lucky person wins ALL the lures on the tree!



That is usually a 5 gallon bucket FULL of lures, hundreds (Yes, hundreds!) of dollars \$\$\$ worth of lures!

While we are on the subject of Christmas, here might be a good place to remind you that we have made a special request of the North Pole and have arranged for Santa Claus to visit us at the Club on December 20th! (For all you adult club members, I guarantee you this is NOT a club member dressed up in a Santa suit!)

As Santa is going to take time out of his very hectic schedule this late in his season just to visit this great club, we have agreed to provide age and gender appropriate gifts for him to hand out to the kids so he can travel light and faster!

We have a lot of families on the membership list, and would really like to have the Kids show up to say hello to Santa and maybe tell him what they would like for Christmas.

Please call or E-mail Bill Breen with the gender and age of the Kids you are bringing to the party. Grand Kids and neighbors / friends kids are also welcome!

breenw@bellsouth.net

904-254-2791

Presidents Message Cont.

Finally, please don't forget to renew your membership before the end of this month. ESPECIALLY if you have a fish on the board. It will come off come January 1st and cannot be put back even if you pay your dues. Our dues help maintain the club and the things we enjoy, and I think we can all agree we get way more value than what we pay.



Here is a great gift for your fisherperson! We have a great "Gift Certificate" giving them a membership renewal or for a new member. Contact Bill Breen 904-254-2791



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Application Fee \$25.00

(Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

Total Remittance

Signature _____ Date _____



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Hydrogen Peroxide to clean wounds?



Loud Hailings

Bill Breen
Newsletter
Editor

Just a reminder, ANYONE and everyone can submit something, a good story, joke, or you can also submit photos to be included in our Newsletter. Just get your article and or pictures to me by the 18th of the month, to be in the next months newsletter. Just hand me a copy at any meeting, or E-mail it to me at : breenw@bellsouth.net

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16	17	18	19	20 Club Meeting	21	22
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30	31	<p>December 6th - Club Meeting, and Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off!</p> <p>December 20th - Club Christmas Party / Pot-Luck</p> <p>January 17th - Club Meeting, Annual Swap Meet.</p> <p>February 7th - Club Meeting, Annual Chili Cook-Off.</p> <p>February 21st - El Cheapo Bucket Stuffing</p> <p>March 2nd - THE EL CHEAPO!!!</p>				

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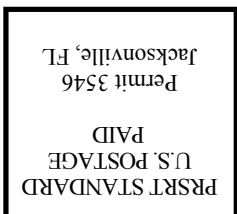


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