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Capt. Paul Gallup

Happy New Year everyone!!

Wow, I can't believe it's 2014. Where has the time gone? I remember as a kid, (yes I'm dating myself) watching a couple programs on tv, (before cable and when the cable box sat on top of the tv with a slider to change the channels) Space 1999 and 2001 a space odyssey. Lol, ok where are the space ships and such.

Any way, wow, 2014!!!! The Christmas party was a huge success and a special thanks to every one who were there, participated and helped with the cooking and kitchen duties.

Congratulations to AJ for winning the rod and reel from the raffle (again) and to Chuck Darner for winning the lure tree. I was eyeballing that thing from the podium and I'll tell you what, that thing was loaded with a lot of nice stuff for sure.

Also a very special thanks to Santa for being there for the younger members, although Marcy, Tina and Pattie were on his lap just as much.

As we move into January, we are less than 2 months away from our biggest event of the year...**The El Cheapo Tournament.** Frank Joura is well on his way into making everything line up correctly and that we have another successful event.

There will be some meetings coming up about the El Cheapo so if you want to get involved, watch your E-mail for Information.

On the fishing front, I'm hearing reports of some nice Wahoo showing up as well as some very catches of trigger fish.

As we go onto the new year there will be a few changes going on, mainly were adding another tournament to the captain of the year race, it will be another inshore tournament taking place some time in November. Also if you Have not renewed your membership, it is expired as of January 1st.

Until next time, tight lines, fair winds and following seas

Capt Paul Gallup



JOSFC member Rob Cripe (The handsome guy on the left.) Winner of the 2013 Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournaments VIP Tournament is pointing to the Roast Pig that was part of their winnings.

The winners of the Redneck VIP tournament as part of the winnings, won a pig roast for 20 people with all the fixings. It was provided by **Up in smoke barbecue.** They had it at the club house on Saturday Dec 14th





There were a few of these won at the Annual Awards Banquet by our Fishing Boards winners!

For those of you that think you could never win a board, **think again**, and look at who the board winners were and just what they caught! I bet YOU have caught bigger fish of the same species and never thought of putting them on the boards!

- Men's Board - 5 Fish - Jack Oglin**
 2.5 Lb - Sea Bass,
 12 Lb - Bonita,
 2.5 Lb - Flounder
 32 Lb - Jack Crevelle
 6.5 Lb - Bluefish
- Ladies Board - 6 Fish - Marcy Summersill**
 4 Lb - B-liner
 11 Lb - Bonita
 21 Lb - Amberjack
 18 Lb - Dolphin

- Ladies Board - Marcy Summersill**
 20 Lb - Barracuda
 10 Lb - Snapper
- Unlimited Board - 3 Fish - Chris Rooney**
 2 Lb - B-liner
 5.2 Lb - Red Porgy
 45.5 Lb - Amberjack
- Blue Water Board - 2 Fish - Tom Darga**
 18.1 Lb - Dolphin
 49.1 Lb - Wahoo
- Inshore Board - 4 Fish - Jack Oglin**
 2.4 Lb - Croaker
 9.2 Lb - Redfish
 5 Lb - Black Drum
 7.3 Lb Flounder
- Light Tackle Board - 4 Fish - Alan Shepard**
 10.2 Lb - Bonita
 2 Lb - B-Liner
 11 Lb - Barracuda
 18.8 Lb - Kingfish

Doesn't that give you something to think about?! 3 or 4 average fish and YOU could win a Board!

Trust me the Club Tournaments are not hard to win!

The secret to winning COY is to just fish all the tournaments you can! We had a member win one year and he DID NOT win one to the 9 Tournaments! He placed 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, in every tournament and WON!

Just fish them and weigh what you have! NEVER assume that your fish isn't big enough to place and just go home without weighing your fish!

I have seen the Bottom Tournament won with 2 (Two) 1 Lb Whitting! There was someone else that caught a couple of bigger fish and didn't weigh in!

All you have to do to win a board is participate in three (3) club Tournaments as Captain OR crew or at weigh-in and have the most fish on the board!

Take another look at the board winners and their fish. I know, you are thinking "I catch more and bigger fish than that! I could win a board!" You are right, all you need to do is PARTICIPATE! Weigh those fish and put them on the board! OH, did I mention you get a \$5.00 Fish Slip for EVERY fish you post on the board?



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Rob's Fishing Lore



Volunteerism



And now for something completely different...at least for me in terms of a newsletter article. Much ado has been made about the state of the JOSFC lately among this year's Board of Directors. It has been stated that we, the club have become 'stale' or maybe 'caught in a rut'.

So true if you believe we have become comfortable. As we are launching into a new year, 2014, we have decided to spruce up and add some life into this beloved fishing club without changing the character and mission of the Club. For some of you, you already heard some of the upcoming changes from our President Paul Gallop.

Your officers and directors are going to work hard on making this happen! As we have discussed this for the last few months, we are making subtle changes to what we do. As Paul announced, we are looking at adding different tournaments to our schedule. The best example is a Tarpon Tournament. Who would not love to stick it to a big Poon. And if you did not know, there are some big beast off our coast. Also, a Tarpon category may just show up on the Fishing Boards as well. Fishing Rule changes are soon to be voted on and announced.

However, all the rule changes are tweaks are for not if it were not for you! You and your friends are what drives this club and moves it forward on whatever course the future holds. The other bit of gossip we have heard was the cliquishness of our club. It is only the natural order of things for friends to hang with other friends. However, cliquishness is

a two way street. A bump on a log will stay a bump on a log if nothing happens to it. IE...make something happen. As fisherman have come and gone through our club, those who get the most out of it are those who jump in! Volunteer to do something and before you know it, you will have more friends than you know what to do with. The EL Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament is just



around the corner and this is a perfect time to pitch in. Other opportunities are during the boat shows or maybe if



the hospitality booth is available for the GJKT. These opportunities are the large opportunities that present themselves. Yet, there are always smaller simpler ways of working into one's heart around the JOSFC. There is always the weigh master duties for any particular fishing function or hospitality. Rather one cooks (or brings food) and assist with clean up, you will get known fast and well. (Hopefully not for burning the food...hahahaha). Having been around this club for many, many moons, clicks have come and gone but the fishing remains. Fishing and this club is what binds all of us.

Volunteerism Cont.

I firmly believe that our best moments and years are ahead of us. As with any course, rough waters will periodically pop up but these only test us for the adventure we are on. Plus, as we sail through the other side, we are better because of it. The future of our club is in everyone's hands so grab a line and 'hold fast'.

Best Wishes for Fishing,

Rob Darner



Some of the El Cheapo Raffle items that have to be sorted and later set-up for display out in the main tent!

This is YOUR Club!

As my title says, the JOSFC is YOUR club, not only mine, or the Boards, it is YOURS!

With that in mind, we really would like to hear from you the members, just what we can do to make it better, to encourage more participation at the meetings, and or other activities that you would like to see us participate in or do.

The Board might not decide to go along with all your ideas, but they definitely would like to hear from you.

You will find all your Officers and Board members E-mail at our Website

under the "About" tab down to the "Officers and Board" tab. You can E-mail any of them or me at any time that a brilliant idea strikes!

While we would like to hear what we are doing that is NOT driving more participation, we really need your new, fresh brilliant ideas!

Why is our turnout at the meetings so low right now? We have a lot of members, but not a great turnout at the meetings, why so low?

Will Aitken had some really great speakers for us this year, informative and entertaining, really good speakers.

We have something to eat at every meeting so the people that work or have kids sports keeping them out late don't have to make the choice of going home and eating dinner and missing the club meeting, or going to the meeting and missing dinner.

How do we get more participation on the Fishing Boards and in our Tournaments? All you have to do to get on a board is to catch a fish that is ¼ Pound heavier than the one that is up there, or fill in a blank species line! There is suppose to be some fun in knocking the other guy or Lady off the board and having them try to knock you back off!

On page 2 I reprinted my November article on what was caught during 2013 to win the boards and tournaments, remember this is FISHING, just dumb luck, you are not fishing against seasoned professionals, just other people that put their pants on one leg at a time just like you!

Let us know what you think, after all, This is YOUR club!



Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram
Safety Officer

Hypothermia

Starting next month as the cold weather moves into our area, we normally think more about staying warm when fishing in the cold, windy weather. Also, with the "El Cheapo" tournament scheduled for February 25, all Captains should be giving some thought to the prevention of hypothermia. Hypothermia can pose a problem for boaters anytime of the year, but should be of greater concern to all Captains as we approach colder weather.

Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. As a Captain, have you ever thought about what a life jacket has in common with a blanket relative to hypothermia and safety in boating? Both can save your life when you are facing a major killer in aquatic mishaps such as hypothermia. As a result, you should carry both of these items on your boat. A life jacket is a federal and state requirement, but a blanket is not. However, all boaters should carry a blanket on board.

A life jacket, obviously, will keep you afloat, but can also help ward off hypothermia by trapping warmed water between it and your body. A blanket can help prevent hypothermia by reducing body heat loss. Most boaters do not have a full understanding of hypothermia and how it can impact them. Most people think of hypothermia as "freezing to death" or frost bite. Hypothermia can kill a person at temperatures well above freezing.

Hypothermia occurs most rapidly when your body is immersed in cold water but may occur at anytime especially in windy situations if your clothing is wet. In water at 50 degrees, the predicted time for survival is 1.5 to 3 hours. It can also occur in water as warm as 80 degrees if you are exposed for a long period of time. For instance, in 70 to 80 degree water, a person may become exhausted or unconscious in as little as 2 to 12 hours with an expected time of survival of 3 plus hours. If you should fall overboard with a life jacket on,

do not exert yourself. Keep your arms at your side and your legs together to conserve heat.

If you find yourself in the water without a life jacket conserving heat is even more important since you will have to keep yourself afloat. Do not try to swim, but exert as little effort as possible to float until rescued. An individual who falls overboard without a life jacket has virtually no chance of conserving heat loss. In fact, many individuals, who fall overboard, seem to lose the ability to climb back on board or to hang onto some craft or object, since there is a progressive decline in muscle strength following immersion in cold water. However, if possible, get out of the water as heat loss is less to cold air than to cold water. Always try to get out of the water.

A person's body burns food to give it energy and maintain its temperature. When your body cools, blood moves from the surface area to the vital organs and you burn stored food to generate heat. Shivering is the first sign that your body is telling you that its temperature is below normal and action is required to correct the situation. If nothing is done, your body will begin a systematic shutdown. It is at this point; a blanket can be a lifesaver. A shivering person should be attended to immediately and dried if wet, removed from the wind and covered with a blanket and kept as warm as possible to conserve body heat.

If confronted with a hypothermic person, always remember that hypothermia is a serious medical problem. Make the person as comfortable as possible and seek medical help as soon as possible. If some distance from the shore, inform the Coast Guard by radio and they may send a medivac copter to remove the victim.

The best solution for hypothermia, however, is to prevent it by wearing protective gear, staying dry and out of the wind. Never go into a potentially hypothermic situation without having eaten a good meal and be aware that hypothermia can kill you. Exercise the necessary precautions to prevent hypothermia and continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram
Fish Tales



OK, the time to RENEW your membership is past! Most of you are not aware of this but the club membership actually runs with our Fiscal Year that is from October 1st to September 30th. We give everyone a 3 month grace period to renew.

SO. If you have NOT renewed by now, January 1st, and you had a fish on the boards, OFF it comes and when you do renew it does not go back on, you start all over. You also lose your voting rights in the club.

However when you renew, there is no penalty unless you go for over a year, then you have to re-apply!

Now I know money is tight, just having survived Christmas, but by joining the club, you can really save a lot of money! ONLY - \$50 / Family, or \$40 / Individual membership..... Where else can you pay 50 dollars and get two free meals for you AND your family and any guest you bring every month for a year? Where? Only right here!

You can also earn \$5.00 for every time you post a fish on the boards, as well as some for placing 1st through 3rd in any club tournament. A fun day of fishing and money to help off set the cost!

If you haven't renewed, this will be your last great informative Newsletter as your name comes off the membership list! You can use this or Renew on line at our website.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (Renewal)

The JOSFC invites the participation of all area fishing enthusiast and is dedicated to conservation, preservation and fellowship with our membership.

NAME _____ HOME PH. _____
 SPOUSE'S NAME _____ WORK PH. _____
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 CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ OCCUPATION _____
 BOAT NAME _____ MAKE _____ LENGTH _____

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(Husband, Wife, & Children under 16)
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(For Business Concerns)
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- Life Family Membership \$300.00

- Individual Member \$40.00
- Paid Junior Member \$5.00
- Application Fee \$25.00
(Applicable to NEW Members or if renewing over 6 months late)

Total Remittance

Signature _____ Date _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
January			1	2 Club Meeting	3	4 
			5	6 Board Meeting	7	8 
12	13 	14 	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18 
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 	29	30 Full El Cheapo Volunteer Meeting 	31	

Coming Events:

- Jan 2nd - Club Meeting
- Jan 6th - Board Meeting
- Jan 16th - Club Meeting
- Jan 30th - Full volunteer meeting for El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament!
- February 6th - Club Meeting with the Annual Chili Cook-Off!
- Feb 8th - Club Clean-Up work party for El Cheapo
- Feb 20th - El Cheapo Captains Bag / Bucket stuffing
- Feb 21st - El Cheapo Set-Up and Captains Meeting!
- Feb 22nd - THE EL CHEAPO!!!!



Loud Hailings
 Newsletter Editor
 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

E-mail me your pictures at:

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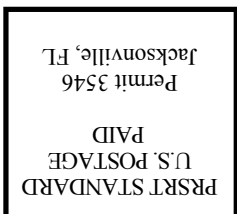


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