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FEBRUARY MEETING:

Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00 PM. The club meets at the NC University Club at 4200 Hillsboro St. Meals available for purchase.

The RSWSC Board meets monthly to plan events, speakers, and outings. They also handle Club business. Special thanks to these folks for helping make the Club fun and successful.



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FISHING OPPORTUNITY

The Raleigh Saltwater Sport-fishing has two events this month. The meeting will include a tackle swap/buy event for the sale of fishing equipment. Sign up link for a booth is below.

The Club is also gearing up for a Black Sea Bass Outing out of the Morehead city area.

February Event Sign-up links:

**Date: Saturday, February 17th
Bottom Fishing/Black Sea Bass
Outing Sign-Up link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A8A728ABFA7-47677106-feb17>

**Feb 20th Swap Meeting - Table
Sign Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A8A728ABFA7-47462598-swap>



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New Members of 2024!

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Masin, Jimmy, Karen Spangler-Pereira
Michael Martin
Otho Lyon
Ray Holland
Scott and Kathy Karstaedt
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Tony and Candi Philpott
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Billy Medlin
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Conan McClain

Jack (John) Matson
Jason Hollingsworth
Jim Harding
John Lantz
Leon O'Rourke
Paul S Tew
Rick Trollinger
Dave, Christine, Ian, Kennedy Cobb
Eric & Michele McDuffie
Jay, Charlotte, Weston, Austin Davis
Gil Arnold

Attention all members: For each new membership referred by current members you will be entered into a raffle at the end of the year (One per new member).



Congratulations to Steve Wheeler!

(Last years winner!)

It only takes one ticket entered to win!

Memories and Advice From an Old, Old Member to Newer Members 😊—Bernie McCants

In 1979, I saw a note by Dr Robert Goldstein (1937-2021) in the Sports and Outdoors Section of the News and Observer asking for those with an interest in salt water fishing to meet at Crabtree Valley Mall. I met up with ~ a dozen others. Agreed to meet later at a fellow's place of work and I went but it seemed like the main interest was in offshore charter fishing. I decided I wasn't all that interested and didn't follow up further. In a year or two, saw another notice of a meeting of the Raleigh Salt Water Sportfishing Club and decided to check it out again. By this time, a few more folks had joined and the Club had a more diverse interest in the a variety of salt water fishing. And I have been a member for over four decades. Local members John Knight and Bo Nowell can also claim ~ four decades of membership.

I can say I have learned a lot from my membership in the Club and have tried to participate as much as possible holding about every office. 😊 And from this experience, I'm confident the Club is in wonderful shape with respect to the current leadership! Especially, given the drop in membership during COVID!

I have accumulated a number of great memories over the years. My first offshore small boat experience in a 21' SeaCraft). Winning the pool on a Club headboat charter with a 47 Lb wahoo trolling when we were on the move and a 26 lb gag grouper. Captaining the winning 6-member Club team in the 1989 100-team Cape Hatteras Invitational Team Tournament. Competing for years against the Club team (The A Team) in the Nags Head Team Tournament as a member of the Raleigh Beer Busters (B Team also all club members).

The Club had a great period of great growth in the 1980's. Life Members Mile Holleman and Walter Simpkins (both relocated to Carteret Co) organized a king mackerel tournament which was a great success. King mackerel tournament fishing was in its infancy and it wasn't unusual for our tournament to attract > 200 boats with a lot of 'mom & pops' competing. The Club ran the tournament for over 35 years eventually stopping as boats got bigger, faster and participation dwindled to a smaller number of dedicated tournament specialists.

One of the great byproducts of the tournament was the sale of fish weighed in the tournament had to go to charities. The Club was an early and major funder of Take A Kid Fishing. The Club also awarded a scholarship to a graduate student research recreational import species of fish. Our Dale Ward Scholarship was last awarded to Tim Ellis for his doctorate in the study of spotted sea trout AKA speckled trout. His research will be critical as NC is in the process of updating its SST fisheries management plan.

And along the way I have made some life-long friends and fishing buddies. And most of these friendships initially started with a Club outing. Sometimes, embarrassingly, it's difficult for me to properly greet new members as I am often spend my time chatting with old friends who I often only see at the meetings.

TO NEW MEMBERS: Mingle with the members prior to the start of the program. And I can't urge this strongly enough—participate in the Club outings every chance you get! Spending time on a boat, on the beach or apres fishing outing gatherings with established members is a great way to get to know the membership.

The Club Executive Board has done a wonderful job of providing opportunities with a number of outings to take advantage of seasonal species from shad, to Spanish, to bottom fishing, old drum fishing and, hopefully, another surf outing this year (with better weather).

Also try to identify members who enjoy similar species and locations and arrange to fish together / share information.

Also from experience, as with many thing in life, usually the more you put in, the more you can get t.

SCHEDULE OF RSWSFC 2024 EVENTS

Meeting: Swap Tackle/Black Sea Bass (Capt. Lee Winkleman - Top Gun Charters) Tue, Feb 20, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27606

Fishing School, Sat, Mar 02 Garner, 201 Cabela Dr, Garner, NC 27529

Meeting: Bonito Fishing, Tue, Mar 19 Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Outing: Shad on the Roanoke River (Date Tentative) Sat, Mar 23, Weldon, Weldon, NC

Meeting - Grouper Jig (Capt. Tim Barefoot - Barefoot Jigs), Tue, Apr 16 Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27606

Outing: Bonito (Date Tentative) Sat, Apr 20, Morehead City, Morehead City, NC

Outing: Mahi Mahi, Sat, May 11. Morehead City, Morehead City, NC

Meeting: Inshore Red Drum, Tue, May 21, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27606,

Outing: Kids Spanish Mackerel (Date Tentative), Sat, Jun 15. Morehead City,

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Jun 18, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh,

Meeting: Old Drum, Tue, Jul 16, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC

Outing: Old Drum (Date Tentative), Sat, Sep 07, Cedar Island NC

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Sep 17, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Meeting: Topic TBD, Tue, Oct 15, Raleigh, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh

Social/Oysters at Brewery (Date Tentative)
Meeting Tue, Nov 12, TBD

Christmas Party, Mon, Dec 02 Note: Date Tentative) TBD

**Summary and pictures of the past Christmas Party and
Kickoff Member Meeting
Christmas Party Dec 4th 2023**

**We had great time with good food, door prizes, and raffles,
but best of all is all the participation!**



**Congratulations to Walter Weeks, Steve Wheeler, and
Daniel Neal, Winners of the Carolina Traditions Guide
Co. with Capt. Joe Tunstall! Be sure and give us a fishing
report! (Picture above)**

January 16, 2024 Kick off Member Meeting

We welcomed new members from the fishing expo the weekend prior, talked about the history of the club, how to get the most out of your membership, and took direction from the membership about what they want to do this year! We're off to a great start and some will start there fishing season this weekend with the Black Sea Bass Outing. I'm looking forward to fishing this year with family/friends and I hope you all are!



Tight Lines!
Robert Carroll

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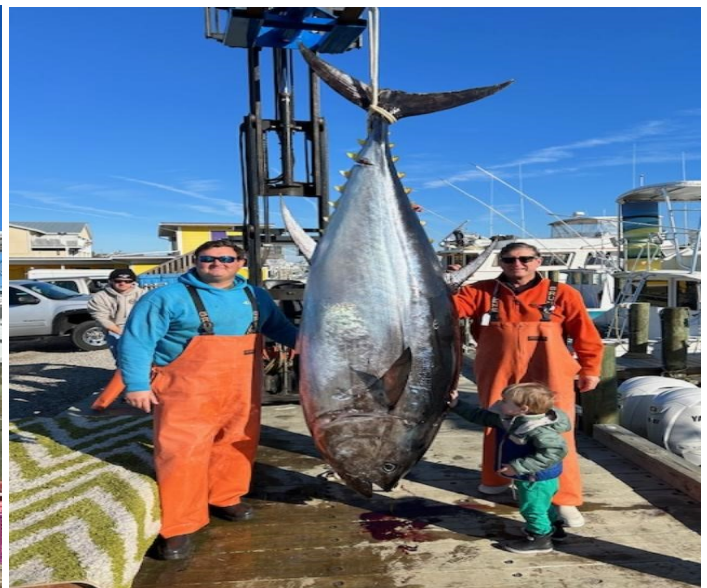
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Calling all tax professionals

For the last several years we have been fortunate to have RSWSC members who were tax professionals who volunteered to do our taxes for free. Club member Graham Clement did this for several years and has now retired. We have made arrangements with a firm to prepare our 2023 tax return for a fee. However, we are looking ahead to 2024. If any club members are tax professionals and would like to serve the club by preparing our 2024 tax return, please contact John McQuaid at rswsctreasurer@gmail.com or 919-353-6894. Thanks!



Jeff Becker sent this in: Blue Fin Tuna re on the move. They showed up in the Cape Lookout light house area for a few days December 1st which was opening day of the season. Half mile schools of large ocean shad were on the beach on the east side. Tuna bite was first light with a few boats having the intel on the large schools of shad. Some local shrimpers here in Marshallberg reported they had to avoid the shad in order to shrimp. The bite lasted a few days and bingo - away the tuna went. They had moved down the beach. Weather prohibited further fishing plus the season closed. Jan 1 season reopened with great fishing then they took off again. The bite is now once again strong but the fish are moving north. I suspect the Oregon Inlet crowd will be catching them on the temperature break in the next week or so.



CLUB RECIPES

TREY LOWDERMILK'S CRAB AND SHRIMP SEA-FOOD BISQUE

INGREDIENTS:

3 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons chopped green onion

2 tablespoons chopped celery

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 1/2 cups milk

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon tomato paste

1 cup heavy whipping cream

8 ounces of crab meat

4 to 8 ounces small cooked shrimp or other seafood

2 tablespoon sherry wine* (Optional; especially if a child is going to be eating this.)

Instructions:

-Use a sieve to sift the flour. Mix this into the butter and vegetables until well combined. Cook and stir for about 2 minutes.

-In another saucepan, warm the milk over medium heat.

-Stir the warmed milk slowly and continue to cook while stirring until the milk has thickened.

-Stir in the freshly ground black pepper, tomato paste, then, the heavy cream.

-You can puree the soup if desired using a blender or a food processor. Then, pour it back into the saucepan.

-Add in the crab, shrimp, and the sherry. Stir and bring to a simmer. -Serve immediately.

SAVE THE DATE!

TRIANGLE CCA-NC CHAPTER BANQUET

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Wake County Shrine Club

Seating is limited!

Tickets available online now at:

<https://ccanc.org/products/triangle2024>

**For more information or to volunteer, please contact
David Sneed, (252) 341-2096 or David@ccanc.org**

Yellowtail in the Sea of Cortez.

John McQuaid spent a day fishing while on the Sea of Cortez for a small boat cruise. Caught 4 yellowtail, 2 Amberjack and a needlefish. Fish was caught slow trolling using live bait. We first jugged up 12" Mackerel for bait and purchased gallons of Sardines for live chum. A good day fishing!



Board Meeting – January

Greetings from the RSWSC Board! Our January Board meeting was held at the NC State University Club on January 23rd. As is customary, the meeting began with our Treasurer summarizing the club's current financial statement. After this brief discussion of the club's finances, we approved the use of a tax preparation service for preparing the club's 2023 tax returns. This change was necessitated by the recent retirement of club member Graham Clements, who was kind enough to volunteer his time over the last number of years to prepare the club's returns. Thank You Graham and happy retirement!

We dedicated a significant portion of the meeting discussing ways to increase content of this newsletter and will look to incorporate these ideas in the future. If you have any stories, pictures, fishing reports, or ideas for regular features please submit them. It would be great to hear from you! A brief discussion of the Bass and Saltwater Fishing Expo followed. Overall, our attendance at the Expo was deemed a success for the club in that we brought in 26 new members. Welcome!

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing outings, speakers and topics for upcoming meetings, as well as potential fundraising ideas for the club. If you have any questions regarding the club or suggestions for improvements it would be great to hear from you. We hope to see you all at the next meeting on February 20th.

Saltwater Sportsman's National Seminar Series Hits Wilmington

This year's edition of the National Seminar Series made one of its eight tour stops to the Wilmington riverfront on Saturday, January 20th. The daylong seminar, hosted by saltwater fishing personality George Poveromo and cohosted by NC guide Jot Owens, featured 30-minute instructional sessions on offshore fishing, trout, the impact of lunar phases, flounder, use of electronics, red drum, bottom fishing and king mackerel. The instructional sessions were presented by fishing guides from both North Carolina and other locations along the east coast. In between instructional sessions there are numerous drawings for fishing related gear and even a couple of guided fishing trips. If this sounds like a fun day, the seminar series makes another stop in our neck of the woods in Myrtle Beach on March 2nd. Ticket information can be found at *nationalseminarseries.com*.



HOW TO SUBMIT AUTOMATED FISHING REPORTS

Dates, locations (general), tackle, bait and tips are greatly appreciated. You can easily utilize the new reporting tool on the Club's website. Fish Card: <https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards>

Tripp made updates to the website for members to submit Fish Cards. The application for submitting information is through Google Forms and has been embedded into the website. When submitting a responses, members will have the ability to view other submissions.

“Google does require a Gmail account be used, if a picture was uploaded in the questionnaire. To make things easier, pictures will be emailed separately. We believe the ease of submitting responses and the ability to view all member results will outweigh having to submit a pictures separately.”

You can also use the form on the following page if desired and not computer savvy.

Please send in your fishing reports, Fish Cards and photos to share with members in 2022. The newsletters are much better with fishing reports and photos.

Website & Social Media Report—Tripp Adams

Newsletters and Communication:

All other communication is managed through our listserv. Keep an eye out for meeting, newsletter, outing, etc. related emails.

You will also be received the monthly Newsletter.

Be sure to check your spam! Your first few emails could get caught up there..

Lastly – The club website has past newsletters, our events calendar, and club forum. Some features require you to register as a site member. Follow the instructions below to sign up.

- 1) Visit <https://www.rswsc.org/>
- 2) In the top right corner, select 'Log in'
- 3) Select 'Sign Up'
- 4) Select a method for registering. Your options are Facebook, Google, or your personal Email
- 4B) Be sure to select, 'Join site community' for event updates and forum access.
- 5) If using your personal email, you will need to create a password

Club Website Improvements — from Tripp Adams:

With the help from Tom Zemonek and Janson Fant, the club has a new website. We launched the new RSWSC website in November of 2020.

Built on a different platform from the old site, the club site now has a more updated and professional look/feel. You will notice many of the tabs from the original site are the similar, with only a few key differences. Users will experience much faster load times and, a webpage made to fit mobile devices.

One key addition to the new website is the 'Meetings and Outings' tab. <https://www.rswsc.org/meetings-and-outings>

As the outings calendar is planned and updated, events will be added to the page. We also plan to have virtual club meetings in 2021, which will have meeting information listed. As the club grows into the new site, there is functionality to manage event registration, and event specific communication. These are transitions from our current procedures and will be adopted over time.

The other new feature is the 'Forum' tab. <https://rswsc.org/forum> visitors to the website will have to make an account to access the information. The idea behind the forum is that, this will be a great way for members to interact with each other, especially during these quarantine times. Several message board topics have already been created in the forum; members can post pictures, experiences with guide services, baits/tactics, etc. This will also be a great way for members to meet other club member who have experience in their area of the coast.

As we continue to grow into the new website, you may notice changes along the way. While much of the site was built before it was published, there are always new features that can be added or adjusted. in the long term the site should be able to handle club communication for both emails and social media postings. Some of this will be a "learn as we go" process so, bear with us.

We are open to feedback on the new website. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, suggestions, and/or recommendations. Email me at tripp.adams@field2base.com

RSWSC FISHING REPORT CARD

Angler (Club Member): _____

(Age if Junior/Youth angler) _____

Small Boat

Charter

Pier

Surf (Circle one)

Location: _____ Date: _____

Best Catch: Species: _____

Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz _____ Length _____ (inches)

Released? Yes No (Circle one)

Comments: _____

Drop card off at meeting or Submit online at:

<https://www.rswsc.org/fish-cards>

Then submit information/pics in a fishing report for the Newsletter about your fishing and catches by your family/kids.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Renewals — Please only enter changed information

Name: _____ New member
Include spouse's/children name if family membership Renewal

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell _____

E-mail address: _____ Boat Name: _____

Dues: Single - \$50: Family - \$60: Sponsor (business card) - \$130:
Corresponding (newsletter only) - \$25: (Corresponding not eligible for catch awards or banquet attendance)

(Note: larger sponsor ads or short term ads are available and negotiable. Contact a club officer

Mail to: RSWSC, PO Box 41427, Raleigh, NC 27629

Past Speakers List and contact information

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