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FISHING NOTES

The monsoon that hit the Sandspit late last week didn't deter 140 ladies from fishing the 2003 Redfish Rodeo. They teamed up in fours and had a blind draw to team up with 35 area guides on Thursday evening and fished Friday and Saturday in conditions that had most folks ducking for cover. In the end only two teams got skunked so there was a tie for last place. The winners were:

1st Place- Captain Todd Casey with Joyce Hayes, Renee Dubous, Kathy Malkemes and Karen Patterson sponsored by T J Johnson Builders- 37.32 pounds

2nd Place- Captain Robert Sivello with Janice Hurst, Gay Powers, Brenda Mitchell and Sherry Jameson sponsored by Jeff Stein Attorney at Law- 36.44 pounds

3rd Place- Captain Skipper Mock with Grace Paris, Sherry Fleming Kathleen Curlee and Lonna Pitman sponsored by Stewart Title- 34.78 pounds

4th Place- Captain Darrell Adams with Luanne Smith, Becky Drake, Tracy Ferguson and Jill Hansen sponsored by Walters Southwest/ Pink Jeep Tours- 31.22 pounds

5th Place- Captain Charlie Barton with Rhonda Bamer, Bonnie Brown, Barb Ross and Nichole Jameson sponsored by Texas State Bank- 30.72 pounds

6th Place- Captain Russell Robinson with Cheryl Maultsby, Ann Shea, Linda McGregor and Linda Knapp sponsored by themselves.

The rest were also rans. Next year will be the 10th Annual Redfish Rodeo. The event supports the Women's Sportfishing Foundation. Since this is an invitational event those interested should plead their case to Gina Nesloney at redfishrodeo@austin.rr.com for an invite.

This Saturday the South Texas Big Game Fishing Club, or STBGFC for short, will stage its final marlin hunt for 2003. You ain't gonna believe this but the head high dragon finally produced some standings that he considers semi-accurate, I'm takin' his word on it.

Top Boat Points for 2003

King's Bounty- 2100 points

Poco Mas- 1766

Tula- 1000

Per-Lin- 925

Queen B- 900

Bessie Belle- 600

Captin Cuba- 400

Hullabaloo- 400

Rods-N-Screws- 400

Quick Sea- 400

Wet-N-Wild- 225

Wahoo- 148.5

Real Salty- 100

Hawkeye- 50

Top Anglers for 2003

Jim Bush- 2100 points

Kelley Bryant- 1366

Doug Corbett- 900

Francis Knapp- 500

Charles Bunk- 400

Dr. John Bunk- 400

Billy Ayers- 400

Mike Huff- 400

Jack Bryant- 400

Boomer Closterman- 400

Craig Bunk- 100

Bubba Angel- 100

Bob Baggot- 100

Dustin Pattinson- 100

David Moore- 50

Kathy Moll- 48.5

Junior Division

Taylor Gray- 125

Stephen Gray- 117

Kyle Pattinson- 14

Tournament Fish for 2003

No blue or white marlin hung up by club members.

Sailfish

1st Kathy Moll- 48.5

2nd Kelley Bryant- 41.0

Yellowfin Tuna

1st Jim Bush- 144.5

2nd Jim Bush- 90.0

Wahoo

1st Mark Jameson- 53.0

2nd Kathy Moll- 46.0

Dolphin

1st Jack Bryant- 45.0

2nd Craig Bunk- 41.0

Looks like the Hawkeye is in the runnin' for the most uncoveted offered for last place in the points (that be the Coastal Current's Rusty Skillet Award for futility) with a yellowfin released. The weigh-in will be over by Dirty Al's Sanitorium at the south end of the Sea Ranch Marina from 6-7:30. Good luck, tight lines and screamin' drags.

We welcome your fishin' photos. Drop them by 2600 Padre Boulevard on the Island, or mail them to I.B. Hooked, c/o Coastal Current Weekly, P.O.Box 2429, South Padre Island, Texas 78597. Be sure to include the name of the angler, weight and type of fish, where caught, and name of boat if applicable. Photos with SASE will be returned.