



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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San Juan: No I ain't in the valley mid-cities, I'm on an island in the Atlantic. First off I'd like to take this opportunity to apologize to; Jack and Donna, Termite, New York John, Little John and George, Tom, Walt, GG and any other ex-patriots of the Sandspit. I didn't mean to impugn the reputation of your I'il fishin' village. Port Mansfield is a cool town, well actually it's hot as hell right now and the winds blowin' the dust around but it's a fun town where I understand ya'll can now get Tofu and drum. Since the Jammer bellied up I ain't eatin' there but the crack about better burgers at Sammie's shack at the Saida I'm standin' behind. If any of your local eateries are interested in a burger cook-off to settle the crack, I can probably con Fearless Leader into sponsoring the event. We'd have to hold it on neutral ground like maybe in La Tina.

I do have one small bone to pick with ya'll. Why in the hell are ya'll holdin' your ladies only tournament this weekend. Ya'll are up against the TWAT out of Port Aransas, which happens to be an IGFA/ROLEX qualifier, which by the way ya'll could be too, just call the International Game Fish Association and they'll send you an application. It only costs two hundred bucks to register the tournament plus fifteen bucks an angler for an IGFA membership. The winner gets an invite to party in Cabo with other teams from all over the world, and I do mean PARTY. Next year Rod and the gang from Port Moresby, New Guinea will be back and those folks are professional pub-crawlers, they drank the town clean out of Patron in less than a week. Think

about it please.

The casino's callin' so I gotta go do an interview with Ramon the bartender and Patricia the hooker on the socio-economic realities of their chosen professions during the 51st International Billfish Tournament. This should be interesting cuz my Spanish sucks but I'll snag Jose the bartender from Club Nautico to help interpret.



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