



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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There baaaack. My how time flies when you're havin' fun. The ol' farts are layin' siege and getting' organized on the Sandspit for round ten or eleven of their version of fishin' tournaments. Ran across Don "the banker" Childers from Pottsboro at the Tuesday Farkler's beer bust at Dirty Al's Alamo, was informed that the season's first Ol' Farts Surf' Fishin' Tournament is gonna be held this Monday the 15th. Registration begins at 6:00 in the morning at Dirty Al's at the Sea Roach Marina, cost is five bucks a head and the game is whiting and pompano, pay out is for the top three in each division. The awards ceremony will be held at the same locale the following Wednesday the 17th



Jimmy Lawson, Brett Coombs and the gang aboard Producer, Club Champions 2004.

with a fish fry and another beer bust.

The South Texas Big Game Fishing Club held their awards banquet at Blackbeard's last Saturday and as usual Fearless Leader came through in style. For the last dozen years or so the Rag's been sponsoring the Rusty

Skillet Award that goes to the boat with the least number of points for the season, in other words that last place boat. Like to take this opportunity to thank our real sponsors, the ones that actually pony up for the prize: Kelly's Irish Pub, the Radisson, Louie's Backyard, the Grill Room, Palm Street Pier, La Quinta, Doug Morrison, Dirty Al's and Jim Park who as usual, designed the trophy and came up with this years motto "A wahoo ate my marlin" which is based on some insider stuff. Like radio chatter by boats that call in "hooked up to a Blue Marlin" only to meekly report boating Texas speed perch or a wahoo a few minutes later. We wish to thank you all for your continued support. The club champion flag that Fearless Leader does have to pony up for was crafted by Joy Greenwood who's been doin' them since 95'.



The Admiral with the Rusty Skillet, Keyes Ramee and Larry Doyle hid from the shot but La Fiesta did indeed win the infamous prize.

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.