



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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Fearless Leader and our distribution guru Victor would like to apologize for the rag shortage in some locales, in their zeal to paper every colonia in Shrimp and Hidalgo county they didn't plan on the onslaught of displaced Winter Floridians. A print run adjustment is in the works, even though our cheap ass publisher squealed like a stuck pig at the increased costs.

Speakin' of the above, the good folks at Saint Andrews by the Sea Episcopal Church in Port Misreabelle are gonna hold their eleventh annual fishin' soiree 1/29 over on north Yturria free of charge once again. They've been following this rag's lead of freebees cuz we all know that ya'll know the worth of a buck. And with investment returns on safe scams runnin' around 5% ya'll are all in the same cash flow situation. So the coffee and donuts are gratis from 7-8 in the A.M. but after that it could get interesting.

The Ol' Farts Farkle Gang already knows about this bash so this is for you newbees. This be a fishin' seminar hosted and performed by some local fulltime luminaries. Ya got Larry Haines whom along with his best half Molly created the Buck Beard Special Fly at the Fly Shop. That creation made enough dinero at auction to build the Sandspit a new municipal complex without the need for tax free bonds. He'll teach ya'll the South Texas double haul method



Gimp John from Indiana using the most successful method of surf fishin' called cold beer. His better half Barbara's been under the weather of late so I doubt he fished the Ol' Fart's Surf Fishin' Tournament. But one of his protégés did and the Scalawag finished second in the pompano division and third in the whiting division and after spendin' ten hours cuttin' up fish for the fish fry, he otta be in beer for the rest of the month.

of castin' a fly with a modern day buggy whip. Then ya got Danno Wise, ex-bartender extraordinaire of Blackbeard's who's become a damn good writer on fishin' stuff. Exactly what he'll wax eloquent about is anybody's guess but it should be interesting. You'll also be privileged to be in the company of local gamey warden James Dunks, who'll no doubt talk about the outrageous tarpon fishin' to be found around these parts. Unfortunately Levi Woolverton is tendin' to a new big ass mistress down in Mexico with Danny Ghilain and Captain Todd Lohrys too bashful to share his secrets at a forum but James has been cuttin' his teeth with the likes of Captain Bryan Ray and Tom Gibson. Bryan ain't on the list cuz he's too busy sellin' dirt and Tom's out lookin' for the magical three hundred pounder in west Africa, but they've taught him a bunch. The last on the lineup are various members of the Laguna Madre Fly Fishing Association. These folks are a well-heeled fraternity of party folks that know how to throw a serious soiree as well as how to fish. This shindig should provide you newbees with a wealth of knowledge on how to fish this area cuz baby this ain't Florida, it's South Texas where the real shallow water and sight casting are king.

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.