



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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What a 4th of July. Hid out at the Coral Reef to stay below the radar of the local gendarmes and the rest of the tourists and got filled in on one hell of an adventure by the Island vending mogul. Chris Kobel would be the perfect grandpa if he were a little less



scatter brained cuz he took his grandson Taylor to Costa Rica fishing last month as a high school graduation present which would infer that the kid is now of legal age. Before they left I got the low down on the kid and decided what the hell, I still got a case

of green rubber hats that were donated to the Rag a couple of Spring Breaks ago. So I donated to the cause, explaining to the kid the value of the green rubber hats as barter in the wily jungles on the Caribbean side of that fine country and what did grandpa do, he forgot to bring 'um along, left 'um in the office of his saloon which come to think of it probably ain't such a bad idea for that joint.

Anyhow, they caught a slew of tarpon and snook and Taylor got most of 'um. When they returned to the buffer zone between the real world and the third world ol' gramps hauls both grandkids out to (sorry Fred if I mangle your last name) Fred Cappadonna's ranch in the scrub country that was Mousey's former stompin' grounds on a feral hog eradication project. Hopefully the pic made the Rag, if it did that's Anthony, gramps and Taylor with a two hundred pound hog that got served up as some of the more kick ass B-B-Q this side of Sonny Bryan's in Big D.

The South Texas Big Game Fishing Club had a

two-day madlin hunt last weekend and boy did it suck for sticks, but the guys did catch some good food fish. Ran across Big Gilbert at the Reef and it looks like the tarpon have showed up at the jetties, he and Captain Todd Lohry aboard Reel Madness jumped a couple last weekend.



Austin Connell aboard Quick Sea with a 60 lb. Wahoo caught in last weekend's tournament.

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