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ABOUT THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE FISHERY
IN CHARLOTTE HARBOR PRESENTED BY SEVERAL
SCIENTISTS FROM THE FWC FIELD LAB & THE SNOOK
FOUNDATION**

THE TITLE OF THE
TALK IS "SNOOK
RESEARCH IN
CHARLOTTE
HARBOR" BY
DAVE BLEWETT,
FWC-CHARLOTTE
HARBOR FIELD
LABORATORY.



**Rick Roberts and Jim Bandy
of the Snook Foundation have
agreed to attend and will fill
us in on their organization and
how they partner with FWC,
Mote, and others.**

**Charlotte Chapter
February 2010**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE
February 23, 2010 AT 7 PM
AT THE CHARLOTTE
HARBOR EVENT &
CONFERENCE CENTER
75 TAYLOR STREET
PUNTA GORDA, FL

This months speaker is
Dave Blewett from FWC
Charlotte Harbor Field
Laboratory and Rick
Roberts from the Snook
Foundation.

They will be speaking on
"SNOOK RESEARCH
IN CHARLOTTE
HARBOR

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CALL 637-7305 OR 639-6546

Mission Statement

The stated purpose of CCA
is to advise and educate the
public on conservation of
marine resources. The
objective of CCA is to
conserve, promote and
enhance the present and
future availability of these
coastal resources for the
benefit and enjoyment of
the general public

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IF YOU WANT TO GET
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President's Message



Dear Fellow Members,

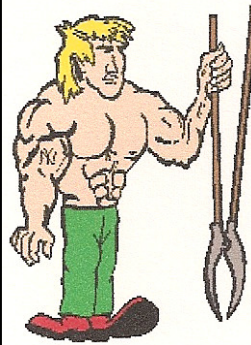
Since the weather has been consistently inconsistent the fishing has definitely been off and presents a challenge. While I have yet to be skunked, (now that I've said that I just put the "whammy" on myself), I've had to work hard for the reds and trout that I've recently caught. The fish have been large and over-slot which put a deep bend in the rod to my delight.

Speaking of working hard, your Board of Directors has been diligently preparing for the 20th annual Charlotte County banquet which will take place at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center on March 4th of this year. I hope you have all received your invitations and have forwarded your paperwork to our Vice-President Pete Herber who is in charge of ticket sales and table assignments. Don't forget that if you wish to be seated with someone particular to let Pete know so that he can accommodate you. Those last minute ticket buyers and door sales won't have as easy of a time to be seated where they would like. So, it's important you act quickly as the date is fast approaching. Bring friends and introduce them to the CCA family

To date we have 18 donated guide trips available to you, women's jewelry, Coach bags, fishing tackle, artwork and of course, our live auction trips to places far and wide in the world as well as in Charlotte Harbor. Full day guided trips with famous local hotels, such as Tarpon Lodge, T'ween Waters, and overseas hunting and fishing trips to exotic destinations to be auctioned off. Local charter captains have donated trips, time and expertise to our cause as well. They are individually recognized for their participation in the program and urge you to utilize their services. The auction also contains a Hell's Bay Skate skiff and a bay boat on premises as well. Certainly something for everyone, including your spouses, will be available at your disposal for the trip of a lifetime. We receive so much positive feedback from those attending these trips it's a definite "do not miss" opportunity.

A couple a new additions to the live auction include a 10 week old AKC black Labrador retriever puppy, from CCA, Florida with shots and a valuable doggie gift package courtesy of Dr. Mark DeGrove, a Charlotte CCA Director and veterinarian. Another is the ability for you to purchase a brand new Yamaha outboard (from 60 hp and up) of your choice at a deeply discounted price. Rigging and prop are not included.

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WHATS FOR DINNER AT THE CCA BANQUET



We're having a panko crusted breast of chicken stuffed
with sun dried tomato, spinach and cheese,
served with a red pepper coulis sauce.

With an herb crusted fillet of mahi mahi served with a bernaiese sauce.

Herbed wild rice and a 'bundle' of vegetables will accompany these entrees.

Rolls & butter will be on your table with a ceasar salad ready for your enjoyment.

The presentation is very bright and pretty.

Don't forget to stop at the "OPEN BAR" & have some appetizers .

CCA Charlotte Chapter

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Gift Certificate for Shadez Polarized Sunglasses donated by Sandy Limberger

Gift Certificate from Rio Villa Bait & Tackle

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Gulf of Mexico

Most of the offshore fishing this month will be focused on mixed-bag bottom fishing. Drop a shrimp onto just about any rock ledge from 3 to 15 miles offshore and you probably won't get it back. Mangrove snapper, triggerfish, grunts, sheepshead, porgys and other reef fish will keep your rods bowed and your skillet full. By the way, don't forget to release the grouper you'll catch during the closed season! Fishing on wrecks or artificial reefs in about 80 feet or deeper will give you a shot at some yellowtail snapper and possibly an amberjack, and you'll want to keep an eye peeled for surface activity while you run out and back. Spanish mackerel might, just might, put in an early appearance off the coast this month, and bonita can crash the party at any time. Look for sharks to show up along the beaches toward month's end.

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Historically the water temperature in Charlotte Harbor has bottomed out for the year and starts to rise by mid-February, fueled partly by longer hours of sunlight each day. As soon as the temperature starts to climb many of our inshore fish become more active. Trout will move out onto the flats, and they'll be hungry. Snook and redfish will begin to meander out of the rivers and creeks and will be much more likely to be found along mangrove shorelines. A period of unusually warm weather could result in an invasion of Spanish mackerel. Regardless of the weather, the sheepshead spawning run is building toward a peak and these delicious fish are schooled around rocks, docks, piers and pilings all throughout the region.

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Notes:

Snook season closed December 1 opens September 1
 Trout season opened January 1
 Grouper season closed February 1 opens April 1
 New Florida shark regulations became effective January 19: Silky sharks and Sandbar (brown) sharks are now protected species in state waters. New size limit of 54 inches fork length applies to all sharks caught in state waters EXCEPT: Atlantic sharpnose, blacknose, bonnethead, finetooth, blacktip and smooth dogfish, which have no size limit.



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We also have worked diligently in menu selection and we hope our ability to do taste tests with the Boston Culinary Group should result in better table fare for the main meal. Also included are an appetizer assortment and a 1 ½ hour open bar.

Please purchase your tickets and help us in our fight to insure your recreational fishing rights. Guides and Charters Boat Captains trust CCA to champion their cause with regulatory agencies that set policy, management and enforcement. The proceeds from this banquet go entirely to CCA Florida who we trust as the best custodial watchdog for your fishing interests. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Tom Kasprzak
CCA Charlotte President

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2010 Saltwater Fishing Regulations

Attached is the link to the 2010 Saltwater Fishing Regulations. To activate the link, highlight the link the press Control and click on the right button of your mouse

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