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Friday, December 28, 2007

got ducks, don't have weather

That pretty much sums it up. We've got a couple thousand bluebills in the area, but on these slick calm days, mild temps and no wind, they don't move around much. Did not fire the gun today.....Capt. Ray on the other hand, caught a dozen really nice trout.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:49 PM

Wednesday, December 26, 2007

ducks, deer and speks

Congrats to Danny Smith and son who were with Capt. Lee on Saturday. Not only did they get their limit of bluebills, but they also bagged a cow horn buck that came to check out the oysters.

Today, Capt. Gary sent his customers home with 19 speks, 3 flounder and a slot drum.

Through the end of March, our half day mixed bag trips in the Neuse are \$300 half/\$500 full

Still some openings left for duck season at \$150/hunter. Also blind rentals and semi-guided hunts.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:07 PM

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

grandma

Shamrock is a little faster and did get 4, grandma Ruby made two nice retrieves on the other half of the doubles. Much better than tennis balls.....

Another great afternoon and a limit of bluebills.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:07 PM

Monday, December 17, 2007

Cast and Blast

The trout bite wasn't red hot, but we did get dinner. A limit of bluebills for 3 people took about an hour and a half. Ruby mad a couple of great retrieves, including a 100 yard blind retrieve on hand signals. After 13 years, she's finally getting it right. Shamrock, was required by Anna and I about a year ago. He is from Ruby's first litter but has been nothing more than a back yard escape artist, tennis ball retriever and chicken killer. He was introduced to duck hunting last year, at the age of 8. Mother and son made some great retrieves today and Shamrock has decided that bluebills are a lot more fun than tennis balls.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:30 PM

Sunday, December 16, 2007

opening day

Wow, the ducks stayed around for opening day. Mostly all bluebills, but one blind of 4 shooters had their limit (8 bluebills and a bufflehead) by 7:04 am, then sat back and watched several hundred more work the details. It took us a little longer, but we got ours also. Steak sandwiches and oysters on the halfshell, heading to the house by 11 am.

We have hunters scattered throughout the week, but plenty of birds are around and we can fit you in. Drop us a line asap and get them while they're here.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 1:45 PM

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

ducks

With extremely poor duck seasons over the past couple of years and getting spoiled in Argentina, I've developed a pretty bad attitude about NC duck hunting. That may be

changing. Capt. Ray was brushing blinds today and he reported seeing several thousand bluebills on our leases.....maybe this is the year.

We have some openings over the next couple of weeks for anyone interested in fully guided hunts, semi-guided hunts or blind rentals.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:59 PM

Sunday, December 09, 2007

Although the Barbarosa did catch a marlin on day 2 of qualifying, she didn't come up on Jay's side of the boat and the other angler made the score. Mainor, on the Spanish Fly did manage to beat down enough sails and a marlin to get into the top 5.

I didn't make it out fun fishing on a big boat today, but a buddy of mine called me up and said that he had a dozen live mullet, bigger than finger mullet, but less than a foot long. Live lining them around the rocks, fishing out of a panga is pretty cool.

The first bite was a jack crevalle, which I flat out missed, fortunately the 35 pound roosterfish that was behind the jack ate my sancocho. We caught him and busted one off on the rocks and I pulled the hook on another 30 pounder right at the boat after several good runs and jumps. I got the best of him.

Listening in on the radio, Mainor had 1500 points(all 5 start at 0 on the last day) and there were a couple of folks really close behind. He then caught a marlin and another sailfish. He's looking pretty good right now.

Final report to come, but all in all, it's pretty good marlin fishing with most of the top boats consistently catching 1-3 marlin/day.

FINAL TOURNAMENT REPORT:

Congratulations to Mainor on the Spanish Fly for taking the WBS World Championship, his final count for the one day championship final was 17 sailfish and 1 marlin release, not a bad day fishing in the tropics.....

Second place had about 1500 points.

I'm not sure what Mainor is going to do with the new Mercedes, anyone want to buy a Mercedes in Costa Rica?

Pretty good marlin fishing with the Spanish Fly and the Barbarosa catching marlin every day for 4 days.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:12 AM

Friday, December 07, 2007

Day 1 report/trout bite

The marlin bite continues with the top boats in day 1 raising 4-8 stripes, blues and blacks. Mostly blues/stripes in the 200 pound range.

I'm not a tournament guy, but this format is pretty entertaining. The first two days are individual, with two anglers/boat, 2 rods/angler, rotating sides of the boat.

For Day 1, There was about a 4 way tie with 800 points. Some with two marlin bites at 400 points. Mainor, the first mate on the Spanish Fly, had 1 marlin and 4 sailfish which are worth 100 points.

Capt. Jay Blount had a great day on the Barbarosa, catching a marlin and a sail, he's currently in 7th place overall.

Today is the last day of fishing, the top 5 anglers fish in a shoot off tomorrow for some kind of big deal championship thingy.

While everyone else is out there is fishing, I'm having a wonderful time beating the pavement in Jaco, meeting new tour operators, hotels, condos and making reservations. Maybe tomorrow I'll get my feet wet.

I hear that the trout are biting back home. This is courtesy of Capt. Joe Ward, 10 fish weighing over 40 pounds.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:28 AM

Wednesday, December 05, 2007

want a marlin?

November/early December may not be a bad time to go ahead and book a trip to Costa Rica. Every year is different, but November has been hot for the marlin with days of raising double digit marlin. The Spanish Fly AND The Barbarosa caught grand slams today, each releasing 2 of 5 marlin and 2 sailfish.....not to mention the dolphin and tuna for dinner.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:02 PM

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