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Tuesday, July 31, 2007

#### Daylight drum anyone?

For those of you who have been asking.....

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:59 PM*

#### Congrats to Capt. Phil

Congrats to Capt. Phil Ambler who "technically" won the tarpon tournament. DJ (Derek Jordan) and I are calling it a 3-way tie. We each caught 2 tarpon, but Phil caught his first, and that breaks a tie.

I accomplished my goal of winning the Pancake Tarpon Trophy for the first time. Pancakes were our target species.

Congrats also go out to Capt. Gary Dubiel, Capt. Greg Voliva and Capt. Travis Hardison, all local guides who caught one tarpon each. Other locals who caught fish were Harry Jr., Allan Propts and of course, Owen Jr. (I'm sure there were some others....., I apologized if I missed you)

Fish were caught in the Pamlico, Neuse and in the sound. I caught both of my fish in the Pamlico around Indian Island, they seemed to "show" a little better of there. We started in the Neuse Sat morning, saw nothing, went to the sound and saw a very few. We were getting very few skate bites and I was afraid that we would be out of contention for the skate trophy if we didn't make a move.

I heard the skate bite was really going off on the Pamlico so off we went. (Capt. Greg

caught 40+ cow-nosed rays on Saturday) We ended up in the Pamlico at 1 pm, just in time to find the fish, catch about a dozen skates, then run to North Creek to get out of the lightning.

After the storm we were back to the same spot and got the bycatch bite at 4:43pm. Lines out of the water at 5, fish or no fish. My angler, Jim "never enough" Copland landed the 100+ pounder at 4:56. (Not to be topped, Phil caught his tarpon this morning in 4 minutes. He claims that this short fight time further justifies his championship)

Sunday morning, I went to the same spot, never saw a fish. Lines in the water at 7 am. About 10 minutes later, we got the bycatch bite on the first line that I cast. Carolina Lunker Sauce.....shrimp flavor.

After landing the tarpon, I started to pull up the anchor and leave....we weren't catching any skates. I wasn't going to sit there and catch those silver trash fish all day, we were going somewhere that there were some cow-nosed rays and a bunch of them.

Jim insisted that we fish in the same location and that he was not opposed to the levels of bycatch that we were experienced. He further volunteered to catch all of the bycatch species that we encountered, including bluefish. In return, he insisted that I would handle the skates.

About an hour later, the bat rays descended upon us. I don't know how many that I caught..... the majority of the 43 that we landed today, a two day total of 70, all of which I dehooked.....some of them I recognized.

The Rotary Club did a fantastic job, scholarships to kids.

Congrats to all. Jim and I had a great time. Everyone was great to fish around. From what I could see, everyone was at a slow idle if they were within 200 yards of another boat, never blasting off within 300 yards.

Thanks also to the Tom Cat who pulled anchor to get out of our way when we had to chase our fish down on Sat.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:33 PM*

**Sunday, July 29, 2007**

**Congratulations Capt. Phil Ambler**

Capt. Ray beat up on the bottom fish again.....meanwhile Gary, Greg and I were playing in the tournament.

Detailed report to follow, in short, it was a three-way tie between Capt. Phil on the Ms. Sharon, Derek Jordan and myself. The tie was broken by the first fish landed, which was Phil's.

We did get the Pancake Tarpon Trophy.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:50 PM*

**Saturday, July 28, 2007**

**never give up**

Lines have to be out of the water at 5pm. We hooked up at 4:43, Jim "never enough" Copland landed him at 4:56pm. 5-way tie for first place, all with one fish. Me, Phil, Owen Jr., DJ and the Bull Shark, Alan Propts.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:37 PM*

#### **Thursday, July 26, 2007**

##### **schooled and spooled, big drum**

After being spooled by a huge tarpon, I've been schooled the last couple of days. We fished a half day yesterday and today. Jumped off another one yesterday morning. Congrats to Alan Robbins, he pulled into the spot after I left and went 2 for 4 by himself. After I left the spot today, Greg was getting them and had hooked at least two.

Gary got the big drum last night, plenty of pups and trout in the morning. Ray is flounder gigging tonight, did I mention that his last trip gigged 32?

Between the half dozen or so guides who we are booking, we have openings every day next week.

Tournament this weekend.....I'm less concerned with defending the title.....I'm going for skates.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:27 PM*

#### **Tuesday, July 24, 2007**

##### **We got spooled.....**

Found a pretty good number of fish out in the sound, but they were scattered. Plenty of skates, we "tagged" about 50. Also one tarpon which is swimming around with a couple hundred yards of 30 pound. Couldn't get off the anchor fast enough.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:11 PM*

#### **Saturday, July 21, 2007**

##### **tarpon, pups and yearlings**

First day out and I managed to beat one down. Saw one and caught one, out in the sound. I looked for about 3 hours before I put a hook in the water, that was Tuesday.

Wednesday nada, saw 6...in the river.

Thursday, the guys said that they wanted a big fish, so we looked for a tarpon, saw none, caught none. Fished for the pups, nada, then the wind picked up and we caught 6 pups, 3 for the cooler and the other 3 were too big, one about 36 inches. The guy says that's the biggest fish he every caught.....I thought that he said he wanted a big fish, so we set up for the big drum, no bites.

also a nice triple tail.

Yesterday, I show up and there is a lady and her husband. What do they want to do? Catch a tarpon. Great, this guy is going to drag his wife all over the Pamlico Sound. Nope, she was dragging him around, she was wearing a t-shirt that said "I Love Poon". Things came together and the poons were at the first stop, it looked pretty easy by starting off with a double header, unfortunately, Gayle didn't get hers. We jumped off 3 others. 1 for 4

Today, the wind was blowing and the pups and yearlings were snapping. 29 in about 3 hours, all but 6 were small enough to keep. We kept 4 26 3/4 inchers.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:26 PM*

#### **Thursday, July 19, 2007**

##### **Belize anyone?**

Capt. Brian Horsley and Capt. Sarah Gardner have a great trip going to Belize Aug. 18-25, they have two spaces open. Drop me a line and I'll put them in touch with you.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:51 AM*

##### **tarpon report**

Saw one fish on Tuesday and caught it.....or it's friend. This was out in the sound. Yesterday I saw one pod of C-yas. Those are tarpon who show themselves to you when you arrive at a spot, but that's the last time that you see them. They were just saying.....C-ya later.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:36 AM*

#### **Monday, July 16, 2007**

##### **stabbing flounder**

a pick up load of flounder, 4 guys, 32 flounder. Not a bad evening with Capt. Ray

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:55 PM*

##### **photos from Argentina**

The first opportunity to kill a pigeon was on top of the Empire State Building. After missing our connection on the way down, we enjoyed a lovely day in the Big Apple.

Our bird boys and ducks from the morning shoot. The limit on ducks is 50/person/day. We shoot 25/person in the morning, then again in the afternoon.

Duck species included a variety of teal. The Rosie Billed ducks are the most fun, they are a little smaller than a mallard, but decoy like a bluebill. After the hunt, duck breast appetisers and a 4-inch t-bone or fillet. The rest of the ducks are distributed among the locals who are waiting at the lodge to receive them. Same with the doves....

The doves in the field on the first morning. As soon as the shooting starts, the predators arrive.

The photo to the right is of a fox, with 2 doves and a parakeet in it's mouth. Also one of 50 eagles/hawks which arrived to join the feast.

Picking things up in the afternoon. All the shell hulls and doves are picked up. What doves we cannot pick up, the foxes and eagles clean up by morning.

Next day we shot the hills of Cordoba.....huge areas with very little hunting pressure.

One bird boy/loader, two guns, 2000 shells and 1100 doves.

Diego preparing lunch.

Walter preparing the table.....Lunch is served...

The staff at the lodge.

"Top Shelf" all the way around.

If you are interested in a hunting trip of a lifetime, we are making plans for 2008.

Drop us a line at

252-671-3474

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:12 AM*

#### **response and pictures to follow**

In case some more of you have problems with what goes on in Argentina, below is the response to the anonymous e mail that I received:

"A little more about Argentina. No laws were broken, there is a limit of 50 ducks/person/day on the ducks and there is no limit on the doves. The reasons for the no limit dove hunting are numerous. The area around Cordoba has the best conditions for dove production, large protected roosts which are not hunted, a mild climate which allows

them to reproduce 3 times per year and tens of thousands of acres of cropland in which they feed and in many cases destroy. The doves are considered a pest and they are hunted annually by 13,000 hunters. Despite the no limit and hunting pressure, the continual expansion of crop land has resulted in increasing dove populations.

No legal and ethical violations occurred.  
Respectfully yours,

Capt. George Beckwith Jr. "

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:57 AM*

### **Saturday, July 14, 2007**

#### **Argentina, tarpon and more....**

I'm just recovering from the long trip, my shoulder is going to take a little longer. The short report, 1000 ducks and 6000 doves. Congratulations to Skibo, he's the first Down East customer to kill over 1000 doves in one day, 1100 to be exact.

Pictures and details to follow, but right now Anna says that the wind is not blowing and she wants to catch a tarpon....more later.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:05 AM*

### **Thursday, July 05, 2007**

#### **report**

Plenty of kings along the beach, also big Spanish. Puppy drum bite is red hot, especially when the wind blows. I got a call about some tarpon in the river which we'll be harrassing when I return.

I'm heading to Argentina for a few days, Anna will be taking phone calls and e mails while I'm gone. Some of the Capts. have a few openings, if you want to get on the water, you don't have to wait until I get back. Anna also has the answers for the Costa Rica trips which are starting to get booked up.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:25 AM*

### **Sunday, July 01, 2007**

#### **When the wind blows.....**

.....customers can get nervous and want to cancel trips, but if you can stand up, you are in for some spectacular best drum fishing. Capt. Greg demonstrated this yesterda in the SWester, catching over 30 slot-sized and 27+inch puppies. SW or NE it doesn't matter, if the wind is blowing, we'll be busting the drum over the next 3 months.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:29 AM*

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