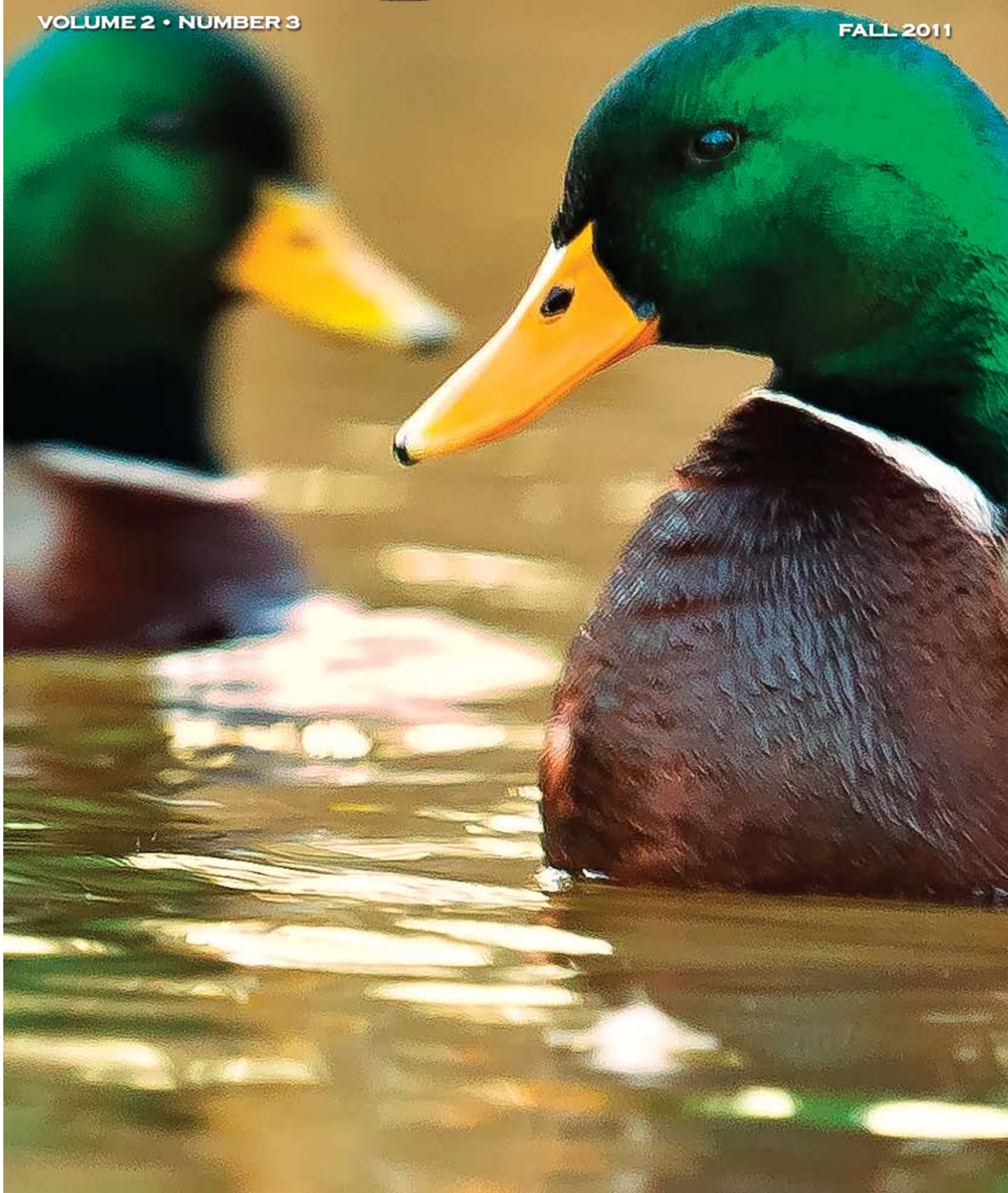


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# Whazzup DUDE



**Q**uack Quack DUDES! Fall will be very welcomed here in the Lowcountry, after a brutally HOT Summer. There are so many great things to do outdoors in the Fall months. Football games and tailgating, oyster roasts, fishing & hunting outings, nature and birding walks, riding bikes on the beach and hooray, it's not too hot to golf. We here at DUDE did manage to have some good times this Summer, most particularly the Beaufort Water Festival. Being Admiral's Sponsors allowed us to go to most all the events and I can't remember when I had such a week of fun. As you will see in this issue, we have plenty of photos to share with you DUDES and DUETTES out there of all the fun we had. Make sure you check out the Center Spread, as once again, DUDE would like to congratulate all the **Beaufort Water Festival** contest winners. Great photos from our friend, Sue Jarrett and a great job by the entire Water Festival crew. Tip of the hat to Commodore Bob Bible for putting on a great festival. We heard nothing but great comments about the whole week of fun.

Before we get in to all the fun articles we have in store for you DUDES out there this Fall, we have to dedicate this issue an induct another DUDE in to the **DUDE HALL OF FAME!** Joining, John Wayne, James Arness, Clint Eastwood and The Cartwrights is **MICHAEL SYLVESTER GARDENZIO STALLONE.** SLY is a DUDE without a doubt. YO ROCKY BALBOA and JOHN J. RAMBO certainly those characters make SLY worthy of the DUDE HALL OF FAME. Stallone is an iconic American actor, filmmaker, screenwriter, film director and occasional painter. Many don't know Sly gets his snarling look from when he was born and they had to use forceps and that's where the accidental damage to a nerve was done and caused the paralysis in parts of his face.

Sly started out acting in a soft core porn film, The Party at Kitty and Stud's, a movie he'd like to forget I'm sure, however his powerhouse movies that came after that helped him forget all about Kitty. The first ROCKY came out in 1976 which won Best Picture, Director and Film Editing. ROCKY II came out in 1979 and grossed over \$200 million and the rest is history. Other Stallone movies we love; the action thriller Nighthawks in 1981 & First Blood/Rambo came on to the scene in 1982. John J. Rambo is a bad ass no two ways about it DUDE. Rambo II in 1985, Rambo III in 1988 and Rambo in 2008 rounded out this successful series. Rocky III in 1982 & Rocky IV in 1985 where box office hits and Sly had his body fat down to an amazing 2.8%! He went on to make Rocky's V and VI, but they weren't near the originals. We also like Stallone in the Cobra and with Sharon Stone in The Specialist. He's is married to the beautiful American model Jennifer Flavin and he has 3 daughters with her; Sophia, Sistine and Scarlet.

We were fortunate enough to meet SLY this Summer when his was golfing in Oldfield around the 4th of July and we managed to give him a couple copies of DUDE and some DUDE CIGARS, see photo. SLY is a now reader of DUDE and smokes DUDE CIGARS and that's pretty COOL indeed. Welcome SLY, you da man this Fall DUDE!

Fall means football and DUDES love it with a passion, however next on the list is FISHING. It's cooler and the fish are ready to start biting again. I can't wait for fishing this Fall DUDES. As usual, we have our Fishing Beaufort County article about the local fishing clubs in our area. Though both took August off, we managed to have some fun in July. Join us DUDES! **Captain Jason Dubose**, River Pro at Oldfield checks

in the Fall with targeting the bottom for those delicious grouper. You don't like grouper, you like fish DUDE. **Captain Trent Malphrus**, Palmetto Dunes lagoon master checks in with those magnificent Redfish in Palmetto Dunes lagoon system. Talk to anybody who has been on one of his charters and you'll know you need to sign up with him. Our fresh water master, **Wade Bales** with Quality Lakes, one of the best lake management businesses out there, so check them out if you need help with your pond or lake, checks in with chasing **Carolina Cats**. This ain't hillbilly noodling DUDE! They fight like a tank and they make for some pretty tasty eating as well. Finally, we were fortunate enough to be asked **SCDNR** on a shark population long lining study they did this summer around the waters of Hilton Head Island. Check out some of the great things SCDNR is doing to help preserve our wildlife for generations to come. What a blast DUDE, thanks for the invite go out to our good friend, Al Segars with SCDNR. Good luck fishing this Fall and send us some of your great fishing photos to Harold; harold@dudesc.com

Time to break out the deer hunting gear DUDES. Fall means hunting to many DUDES and we have a great article about the local rules and regulations from our friends at **SCDNR.** **Big Game Chuck Mikals** teaches us about a beautiful animal he bagged in Africa, the Gemsbok. Not sure many big cats want a piece of that big antelope. Our Gun God, **James Grant** checks in with a semi-automatic 30-30, which is excellent for deer hunting. BE SAFE HANDLING THOSE GUNS THIS FALL!

While we're outdoors, **Marvin Bouknight**, head naturalist at Oldfield checks this issue with a great article on Elk. They are doing quite well in American and they look like white tails on steroids. Magnificent photos Marvin! As usual, we check in with our friends at the **Coastal Discovery Museum** at Honey Horn Plantation on Hilton Head. This is going to be one happening place this Fall DUDE. Robin and company have some great art exhibits and seminars planned, the VERY COOL, **Concours D' Elegance** car show will be held on these hollowed grounds the first of November and in mid November it's the **DUCKS UNLIMITED ANNUAL BANQUET** outdoors at Honey Horn. Check out the photos from the DU River Run this Summer and we have all the info for you to join us at the DU Banquet in mid November. Honey Horn Plantation will be rockin this Fall DUDE, see you there and I'm sure Harold will have his camera.

While we're talking outdoors and art exhibits, we would like to welcome **ARTWORKS** to the DUDE FAMILY. ArtWorks is the home of the Arts Council of Beaufort, Port Royal and the Sea Islands. It is a great community arts center, theatre and gallery located in the Beaufort Town Plaza next to Bi-Lo. They have some great entertainment this Fall, the **Street Music** series in Port Royal cranks back up, now that's good outdoor family DUDE fun and they even have some great live entertainment every Friday night this Fall, so check em out and we'll see you there DUDE.

**BOATING** is a fun DUDE thing in the Fall. Seeing the Lowcountry from the water is simply breathtaking and **Captain Megan** checks in with another great tale from our local waterways. Call her up and let her take your group on a cruise. Not only will you have fun, she'll probably teach you a few things about our beautiful area.

Outdoors and Fall mean another thing to DUDES, GOLF! Let's tee em up without melting, hooray! Our **DUDE STAFF PGA golf professionals** check in with some great tips for you to reduce those handicaps. Head teaching pro at **Sea Pines Resort, Rick Barry**, give us a great way practice breaking putts, head pro at **Oldfield, Jon Hundley** tells us to revisit our swing plain and what we can learn by looking at the tee after hitting the ball and one of **Sanctuary Golf Club's pros, Derek Laffery** checks in and asks us if know whether we are striking the ball properly. Thanks for the tips DUDES, look forward to teeing em up with y'all soon. FORE!

DUDES LOVE AUTOMOBILES & TRUCKS! This Fall our **NASCAR DUDE** and Sun City resident, **WES GRADY** has some great NASCAR articles to get you ready for the big chase this Fall. Wes went to Kentucky, talked to Kyle Bush and got r done in the pits in Atlanta. Great stuff Wes, glad to have you on board. **Rob Logan**, chief mechanic at **Butler Chrysler Dodge** in Beaufort checks in with making sure your vehicle is ready for all those Fall roadtrips to football games, to see leaves in the mountains and to go on hunting and fishing expeditions. While we're talking cars, don't forget the **Concours D' Elegance** car show at Honey Horn and we also have some photos of our good friends down at **Chatham Parkway Toyota**. Now this is how a car dealership should run and look. Nice job Jim Mollica and company.



Sly Stallone Reads Dude, How Bout You?

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We finish out this issue with some other fun articles. Our workout master, **Mona Ward**, sports director at Oldfield Sports Club checks in and tells us to hydrate DUDES, **Lowcountry Joe Yocius aka Fuskie DUDE** talks the Fall season, **Flooring DUDE, Steve Fisher** checks in with some new cool things and we have a new article which will serve as a **DUDE RECIPE FORUM**, Cooking with **Cooter Brown aka Richard Norris**. DUDES send us your best recipes for whatever, deer, dove, turkey, ducks, pigs or any thing else you got. DUDES know how to cook outdoors and we can learn from each other.

We always have our **That's Entertainment & DUDE Watering Hole Guide** for you to check out our favorite places to hang out and Get R Done DUDE, along with the regional shows in our area. **Mellencamp and Darius Rucker** are in the hood this Fall. In our entertainment section you'll meet the masterful Chris Jones. If you've never heard this DUDE play, make it a point to and you will be amazed at his talent. Sounding good Chris! Welcome to the DUDE FAMILY!

Our **MILITARY DUDE Profile** this issue, we get to meet the Head Supervisor Engineer of the Naval Hospital in Beaufort, **Bill Muthing**. What a great guy that the Navy/Marines are lucky to have working for them at the hospital. Bill gets r done. DUDE and he's the unofficial mayor of Beaufort!

Of course we have the wild and crazy **Harold's Mailbag and Photos** to Harold and the photos Harold took this past Summer. We invaded **Johnson Creek Tavern** with our camera a few times this Summer and you can't help but have fun at that place. We have multiple Water Festival events we managed to take photos of including those of **DUDE IN THE WATER FESTIVAL PARADE**. Thanks to everyone who made that happen, **Brotha Benny and Bo Bo Fontaine**, the band we had on our trailer. WE WERE ROCKIN BEAUFORT DUDE!

Be safe and have fun out there this Fall DUDES. Let us know if there's anything you would like for us to consider. Nothing is off the table as far as we are concerned. Bring it! Special thanks to our writers/contributors and our faithful advertisers, cause without them, DUDE just doesn't happen.

Hopefully after checking out **Chatham Parkway Toyota's** ad on the back page, you will have thoroughly enjoyed our little journey through the Lowcountry DUDE STYLE and we will have accomplished our mission by making you learn while laughing!

**Later DUDES!**  
**See You in December!**

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# FISHING BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY BRAD McDONALD



**T**he heat this Summer was brutal DUDE and not many people I know did what I would call a lot of fishing. Of course all die hard DUDES will fish in rain, sleet, hail or snow. Things slow down for the fishing clubs during the Summer, however, they both had meetings in July and took a break in August. Come sail with us and see what we learned.

On the Beaufort side of the bridge the BSDC met at truly one of the most spectacular places in all of Beaufort County, the Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club on Lady's Island. You should come join us just for the free cold beer and view! Captain Frank Gibson was at the helm and he introduced us to Chris Butler of Butler Marine on Lady's Island, actually just down Meridian Road from the yacht club. Now there's a boat dealership DUDE. Check them out, just on the right as you are leaving Beaufort heading onto Lady's Island just over the Woods Memorial Bridge. Also, while you're there check out our DUDE friend, Capt. Danny Rourke and his Tailwind Charters (Light Tackle Inshore Fishing), as he has assembled to what I believe is one of the nicest Fly Fishing set ups in Beaufort County. Fly tying supplies galore and all that goes with the obsession that is Fly Fishing. He has Lefty Kreh rods and reels, need I say more DUDE.

Captain Butler's topics were Barracuda fishing and the latest in Depth Finder technology. Fishing Cudas is a blast DUDE! Look for the birds diving and troll through with damn near anything and most likely a Lowcountry Cuda will bust it many times coming straight out of the water. Not much difference than catching a King Mackerel, except most people will eat a mackerel. You better ask Chris personally what his tricks are and where his top spots are, so I don't get in too much trouble. You can learn things like this by joining these fun clubs.

Butler Marine has some of the most amazing depth finders I've ever seen or heard of DUDE. If you want to go BIG and spend your money on the finest in depth finders, you'll be amazed at what they can do. It's almost like cheating! Chris showed us that you can now have your depth finder look forward, aft, port, starboard, so basically if there's a fish within 360 degrees of your boat you'll see it. These types of depth finders are real handy when you are navigating the tight waters of the Lowcountry with all the cuts and sandbars out there.

The BSDC has an ongoing fishing tournament that lasts throughout the entire year and the leaders can change up to the last day. The annual awards party is quite the social event with a Lowcountry Oyster Roast at the yacht club. Don't get much better than that DUDE. Here's the leaders of a few categories with a few months to go; Dr. Pete Smith on the Top Gun V with a 43.62 Amberjack, Frank Gibson on the Sea Hawk with a 4.02 Black Sea Bass, Donnie Craig on the Holden Off with a 73.31 Cobia, Capt. Frank strikes again on the My Time Out with a 54.6 Wahoo and Carol Currin on the Froggy Daddy with a monster .8 Whiting! There's still good fishing time to get your name on the trophy list so make sure you're signed up DUDE.

On the Hilton Head Island side of the bridge at the Yacht Club down at Palmetto Bay Marina the HHSFC met. This is equally a cool place to meet. One of the best things about the HHSFC is they feed you. Usually a massive submarine sandwich for all to enjoy and a bowl of Sigler's Seafood Chowder. I'm serious when I say, it's worth going just for the chowda. Nice job Mike.

Captain Dan "Fishin Coach" Utley was on hand to talk about one of everyone's favorite fish to catch and eat, the Speckled Sea Trout. Dan was a bit frustrated at the number of sea trout being found this summer. Not many reports of great catches were

As far as Speckled Sea Trout are concerned, they are in need of help locally. Keep a few but throw the rest back, especially one that is of large size and is an obvious big mama that reproduces in large numbers. We should be doing the same thing with big mama cobia as well. The limit is 10 per person per day, but do us a favor and lighten up on them right now. Your children will be glad we did this one day.

Shrimp populations were definitely affected as well. A couple of notes with regards to local shrimping, shrimp baiting must be done within the law. This season if you see someone taking

advantage of our natural resources, please call SCDNR 1-800-922-5431. We have to help them, as they can't be everywhere. A note to local DEEP HOLERS, yeah you can tape your net, don't need anything other than Saltwater fishing license to hit some deep holes and take home a quick cooler full of shrimp without fooling with poles, license and bait, but do know this, you are hitting the brooding stock of next year's shrimp. Imagine a deep hole of shrimp that are going to be responsible for a good part of next year's shrimp population getting hammered by a bunch of rednecks to the extent of cleaning the hole out. Play by the rules DUDE! One 48 quart cooler full of shrimp a day is plenty. Nothing SCDNR can do about a bunch of DUDES cleaning out all the holes year in and year out, but don't sit around and wonder where all the local shrimp have gone when that

happens. SCDNR has caught numerous out of state violators doing the ole double, triple dip and hauling their catch off to Georgia to sell. If you witness this, do the right thing DUDE, call SCDNR and turn them in, so we'll all have fresh local shrimp for generations to come to enjoy.

We want to give a shout out to the newly formed PORT ROYAL SOUND FOUNDATION. DUDE this group is going to have a lot to do with the over all health of our local waterways, so I suggest when you see something they are involved in, please give them your support. Our Natural Resources may very well be our most valuable asset we have in our portfolio.

## Caught on Camera



coming in, if at all this summer. Capt. Dan did share with us some of his favorite rigs and the way he likes to target these tasty fish.

On hand with Dan, was our DUDE friend, Al Stokes, Manager of Waddell Mariculture Center. Al has been a DUDE friend since day one and believe me, this man knows what he's talking about when it comes to mariculture. The Waddell Mariculture Center is a South Carolina state treasure. Al and company consistently introduce new Stripers, Cobia and Redfish to our Lowcountry and state waters. There is a reason why the fishing is so good down here in beautiful Beaufort County and Al, SCDNR and the underfunded, Waddell Mariculture Center have a lot to do with it DUDE.

We like to pick Al's brain about local trends that we southern boys are seeing here in our local Lowcountry waters. Here's some of his wisdom we'd like to share with you fellow DUDE anglers. No doubt, if you're local, you know we've had two of the coldest winters many can remember here in Beaufort County. Saw it snow twice DUDE. These extreme cold temperatures have had a serious affect on our local Speckled Sea Trout and Shrimp populations. Now more than ever, we need to be good stewards of our God blessed estuary county. According to Al, when it's in the teens at low tide, some of that shallow water actually freezes and when the tide comes back in with the trout and shrimp, the water supercools with the ice melting and it shocks the trout and shrimp to death. There is local documentation that numbers are down significantly. So come on DUDES let's do our part to help out Mother Nature.

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Good luck fishing this Fall DUDES! If you catch one you're proud of, send it to Harold at [harold@dudesc.com](mailto:harold@dudesc.com) and we may just put it in our next issue. Good on ya's to all those that sent us photos this issue.

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# BOTTOMS UP DUDE!

## FALL FISHING IN THE LOWCOUNTRY

BY CAPT. JASON DUBOSE

**U**pon arriving at “the spot”, some 45 miles offshore of Hilton Head Island I eased back on the throttles. As the boat settled out I scanned the surface of the water around me. Two barnacle encrusted logger head turtles floated lazily nearby, numerous terns busily dipped and dove searching for food, and several schools of baitfish holding just below the waters surface caused areas of the ocean to ripple and shake nervously. Our location, a natural limestone outcropping on the ocean floor, was teeming with life.

I made a series of slow passes over a small rock ledge while carefully studying my fish finder for signs of gamefish. Schools of baitfish hovering over the bottom structure showed as green clouds against the black background of the screen. As I made another pass over the southern end of the ledge a number of yellow and red, crescent shaped marks appeared hovering just off the bottom. Bingo! These images were indicative of larger bottom dwellers such as grouper and snapper and just what I was looking for.

I quickly marked the position in my GPS and swung the boat around stern into the current. “Go ahead and drop ‘em.”, I instructed as I slowly backed the boat into the current. Each of my four anglers dropped offerings of live pinfish and cigar minnows to the bottom 110 ft below. First one rod bowed under the weight of a fish, and then another, and then another, until all four anglers were in battle simultaneously. First over the rail was a pair of nice black sea bass, followed by a red porgy, and then a 23 inch scamp grouper.

This scene was repeated many times over with each drift of the ledge yielding a variety of species including vermillion snapper, red snapper, trigger fish, almaco jack, amber jack, and gag grouper. After getting the location of the largest concentrations of bottom dwellers dialed in we dropped the anchor and continued to fish baits on the bottom while drifting live pogies back on the surface for king mackerel. The sweet sound of the Allman Brothers Band playing over the stereo was periodically interrupted by the screaming drag of a reel as another treble hook found its mark in the jaw of a feeding king.

This is fall bottom fishing in the Lowcountry!

While bottom fishing can be productive virtually 12 months out of the year, it's during the fall months that it hits its peak off the South Carolina coast. During this time a wide variety of bottom dwellers including several species of grouper, snapper, and porgies along with triggerfish and black sea bass congregate on naturally occurring “live bottom areas” located 30 to 50 miles offshore. As a result of the tremendous amount of life that accumulates during the fall in these relatively small areas of the ocean it's not uncommon to have pelagic species such as king mackerel, cobia, dolphin, sailfish, and wahoo show up on the scene to take advantage of the feeding opportunity. The cumulative result is world class bottom fishing that rivals that of any location on the Atlantic coast!

I'll have to admit that back in the early days of my saltwater fishing “addiction” bottom fishing was not high on my list of favorite activities. In my very young and inexperienced mind I perceived bottom fishing to be boring and something more geared toward “old salts”. In those days I was hooked on the explosive strikes, drag burning runs, and aerial displays that were part of trolling the blue water for pelagic species such as dolphin, wahoo, tuna, and billfish. I was convinced that if you weren't trolling you weren't fishing. Now, some twenty years later and with quite a bit more experience under my belt I have to laugh at how wrong and narrow minded I was. Don't get me wrong, I still love to prowl the Gulf Stream for all the gamefish species that swim in those waters, but you better believe, now days, I get just as much of an adrenaline rush hooking up to a 25 lb grouper as I do a 50 lb bull dolphin.

Is my respect for bottom fishing a result of joining the ranks of the “old salts”? Hopefully I'll be lucky enough to reach that status some day, but being just shy of 38 years-old I don't think I'm quite there yet. I'd say my appreciation has a lot more to do with a much better understanding of just how interactive and skill dependent saltwater bottom fishing is.

The skill component comes in to play in the art of catching live bait, locating productive areas and using the proper techniques and rigging to fish them. The interactive aspects of bottom fishing stem from the fact that it is a very hands-on type of fishing. Unlike trolling in which the rods spend most of the time in rod holders, bottom fishing requires the rod to be in the angler's hand the entire time they are fishing. They must properly hook their bait, drop it to the bottom, constantly keep it in the “zone” with out snagging up, detect the bite, wind down at just the right time to set the hook, and then fight the fish away from the bottom before it runs them under a rock or ledge breaking off in the process.

Aside from being about as much fun as you can have on the water, an additional reward of bottom fishing is bringing home some of the highest quality fish, in regard to table-fare, to come from the sea. Grouper, vermillion snapper, black sea bass, trigger fish, and porgies are just a handful of the species typically caught on a fall bottom fishing mission and all are excellent in the skillet or on the grill.

Bottom line...if you're looking for amazing action and some great fillets for the cooler you'd be hard pressed to find a better fishing option than fall bottom fishing off the coast of the South Carolina Lowcountry. But don't just take my word for it. Get out there and get in on the action. I, along with a number of other charter boat captains in the Hilton Head area, specialize in this type of fishing. Give me a call at 843.304.4834 or contact me through my website, [www.hiltonheadsportfishing.com](http://www.hiltonheadsportfishing.com), and I'll be happy to get you set up on the trip of a lifetime!



**DUDE PROFILE:** Capt. Jason DuBose, Head River Pro at Oldfield Club, runs inshore, nearshore and offshore fishing charters. Aside from his duties as a charter fishing captain, Jason conducts a number of monthly educational seminars at Oldfield Club covering topics ranging from fishing techniques to local navigation and boat handling skills. Capt. Jason has worked as a professional sportfishing captain, mate and angler for the better part of the last ten years and has fished extensively through out the Florida Keys, Bahamas and North and South Carolina.

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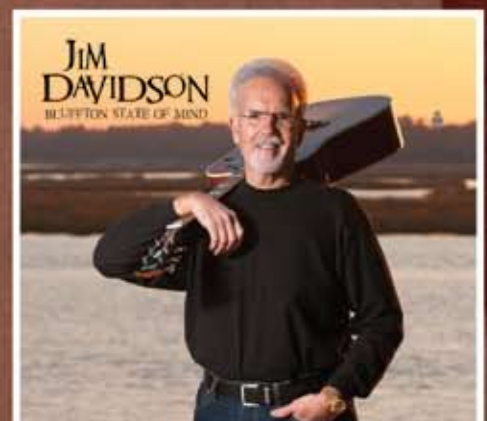
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Penny Malphrus kisses a very lucky fish!



Palmetto Dunes General Store's, Frank Gaston

DUDES, I can't believe Summer is over. So long to long hot days on the water. With the days getting shorter and the nights getting cooler, you sure can feel Fall in the air. I love this time of year in the Lowcountry. A day on the water becomes pleasant with no humidity and light winds out of the northwest.

There are so many different types of fishing to do this time of year. You can go way offshore to troll for wahoo, dolphin or bottom fish for many different types of fish. You can also fish the inshore wrecks like the Tire Reef, White Water or Fish America. These inshore wrecks will be holding flounder, weak fish, big reds and many more smaller varieties of fish.

DUDES, my favorite days on the water are spent in the back waters of the Lowcountry fishing the creeks. This is the time of year the shrimp are very plentiful in the creeks. I love watching reds chase shrimp in the shallow water of the Lowcountry. Floating popping corks with shrimp brings back a lot of memories for me when I was a little kid. This was my Dad's

favorite way to catch redfish and speckled trout. The only draw back to using shrimp this time of year is you need a lot of them. Every fish in the ocean seems to eat shrimp and this time of year there are a lot of different fish in the creeks to eat them. As long as you know how to find the shrimp, you can have some of the best fishing of the year.

One of my Dad's tricks for finding shrimp was to cruise the mud banks slow enough to cause a wake to break on the mud. With this technique, you can cover a lot of shoreline in a short period of time without throwing the cast net. Once you find the shrimp, they will start jumping from the wake hitting the mud bank. Just a couple of throws and you are off for a great day of fishing. This only works at low tide, if it's high tide, you are going to have to put a little more work into getting the shrimp. At high tide, the shrimp move into deeper water and they become harder to find. With a good fish finder, you can find them on the bottom where they are holding. With a little time and effort you can find and catch all the shrimp you need for a day on the water.

Let's see, I talked about offshore, inshore, the creeks and I saved the best for last. The Palmetto Dunes lagoon system has to be hands down my favorite place to fish this time of year. The red drum in the system stay split up in the Summer months. That all changes with Fall and the water cooling down DUDES. This brings all the reds together for the Fall spawn. This has to be one of the best times of the year to fish this unique system. I can't put in to words how good the fishing gets this time of year but I will try. On any given day of fishing the canals, you can catch the redfish of a lifetime. If you are looking for that redfish of your dreams, this is the time of year you are going to catch her. With some of these fish pushing over 50 pounds, it's hard to believe you can catch such a monster in a landlocked lagoon system. Palmetto Dunes is not the only place to catch such trophies. There are smaller canals all over the Lowcountry that hold fish like this. Palmetto Dunes is definitely my favorite spot bar none. Fall is truly the time of the year to catch big redfish. Well DUDES, I hope this bit of info will help you in your Fall fishing adventures.



Grace's 1st Redfish with Uncle Charlie Weathers & Dad, Jim



**DUDE PROFILE:** Captain Trent Malphrus is one of the rare natives of Hilton Head Island. This has been his only home for almost forty years. Trent was born into a family that has thrived on the Lowcountry's rivers and estuaries for hundreds of years. They fished, picked oysters, crabbed, shrimped and frolicked in anything that has to do with Mother Ocean and still do to this day. Trent's dad was the most hard-core fisherman he has ever known.

Trent got the fishing fever at a very young age as he followed in his father's footsteps. All of the fishing knowledge he has attained originate in his father's teachings. Trent now works to perfect his skills and achieve a greater level of understanding of fish and the intricacies of fishing. Trent's father

has passed on, but would surely be proud of his son and his love of fishing.

Trent was introduced to the Palmetto Dunes lagoon system when he was about eleven years old. His father would bring him to work and drop him off to fish all day in the brackish lagoons. These lagoons are abounding with wildlife like red-tail hawks, ospreys, otters, kingfishers and an occasional alligator.

Trent now lives and works in Palmetto Dunes on Hilton Head Island. It is here, amid this familiar saltwater kingdom, that he is now raising his own sons. Every morning when he wakes up to this great big world, Trent's son runs to the back door. Staring out at the dock he asks his mother, "has daddy already gone to work?" Occasionally, he rises early enough to find the skiff still moored at the dock and asks if Trent has caught any fish yet. It seems another Malphrus has started down the road toward a life-long love of fishing.

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# Carolina Cats

by Wade Bales

If you haven't made a trip to Santee Cooper to chase big catfish, you need to load up your DUDES and give it a go. Blues, channels, flatheads - they're all there and some big 'uns swim those waters. Mr. Whiskers is not the most attractive fish out there. They're extra slimy. They eat smelly dead stuff or imitation dead stuff. The little ones will draw blood quicker than a Beaufort mos-kee-toe. But DUDE they are fun to catch and they eat good!

Probably the most common catfish around is the channel catfish. They'll live just about anywhere freshwater will pool up. In small ponds they are great for the kids as they respond well to feed and grow fast. Blue catfish became all the rage in the '80s when monsters started showing up across the country. Flathead catfish grow big too and if you're a real DUDE, go snag one of these beasts by hand (Noodle 'em). All three of these species prove for a fact that it doesn't matter how you look, if you can grow larger than a 2nd grader, anglers and the media will beat the water to a froth to catch you.

Most of our native catfish in the Lowcountry rivers and streams are in the bullhead family, brown bullheads probably the most common. I've seen bullheads up to 2 lbs but most are about

8 inches. In lakes and ponds they can disrupt your bass and bluegill spawning as well as compete for food. Generally channel catfish make a great addition to a lake for variety and, well, there's just something about feeding fish, watching them grow, turning your kids loose to haul them in, and stinkin up some grease with tender fillets.

Larger lakes with more food (e.g. more fish nuggets to grow big fish nuggets), especially with shad present, tend to grow larger catfish. Remember blues and flatheads will pretty much eat anything that swims. Flatheads especially prefer live food. So unless you're going to dump a truck load of bream into your lake every year, stick with channels if you plan to add catfish to your lake. A good feeding program will fatten these 'cats up quick.


How to catch 'em? You can Carolina rig some stink bait, cut bait, or shrimp. Or jump on the pontoon with your DUDES, a dozen or so empty Clorox bottles with simple line, hook, and bait, and have a blast chasing jugs around. If they're on the feed, a simple dough ball will work or try a product by Stubby Steve's®. Channels also like crickets on the ol' hook and bobber. Another great thing about 'cats is they're a year-round fishing opportunity. Catch some 'cats this year!



Big Carolina Channel Cat





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# SCDNR invites DUDE to LONG LINING SHARK POPULATION STUDY

By BRAD McDONALD

**S**HARK! SCDNR and DUDE have become great friends in our first year. We were fortunate enough to have been invited by Dr. Al Segars, to join Captain Rob Dunlap aboard the Silver Crescent, SCDNR's long lining research vessel this Summer to do a population study of sharks around the waters of Hilton Head Island. The work these fine folks do to help us learn more about our valuable resources is almost priceless. Come join us as we are about to go to SHARK SCHOOL.

We were up at the crack of dawn and met up with Captain Rob Dunlap of SCDNR's, Silver Crescent research vessel and his fine crew down at Skull Creek Marina one sultry Summer morning. Also joining me on board was Al Stokes son, Collin who wrote DUDE a nice article a while back about young bucks hunting ducks. Seems this young man is following in his Dad's foot steps and is off to Clemson to get an education pertaining to wildlife. This boat is pretty large with a full kitchen, 4 beds and bath in the hull. This fine crew will spend several days aboard as they travel doing sample population studies all the way down from Charleston to the waterways of Beaufort County.

We started the morning out going up the Colleton River and laying down the day's first set, which is a long line, a third of a mile long with 40 circle hooks with cut mullet on them. Watching these DUDES put them out is like a redneck ballet. Captain Rob is at the helm tracking his predetermined spot and the rest of the crew are hard at work, checking the water temperature, salinity and oxygen levels, grabbing the baited hooks, passing the hooks to the DUDE selected to clip the 3 foot leader to the main line as the main long line comes rolling off the main spool. Looks like fun until I realized that they were going to do this 15 more times that day. Once the long line with baited hooks is out with buoys marking each end, they either head to the next spot or simply wait 30 to 45 minutes to retrieve the line and see what is in that immediate area feeding on cut mullet, most likely SHARKS.

The first set had a few Atlantic Sharpnose sharks, which most people will catch if fishing light

tackle in saltwater areas near shore. They seem to be by far the most numerous sharks in our area, mainly because of their high reproduction rates where a female can crank out up to 40 pups, thus the great numbers. It takes most of these smaller sharks only 3 years to reach sexual maturity, which is another reason for their ubiquitousness.

As the sun got higher in the sky, we systematically made our way out the mouth of the Port Royal Sound. The 16 sets they laid out that day were all predetermined by a random draw of some 50 to 60

may only have 2 to 4 pups vs 40. Some sharks reproduce even less, like the Sand Tiger where the embryos actually participate in interuterine cannibalism where maybe only one or two sharks survive by the time they are birthed. Did you know some sharks can live up to 50 years old?

Each shark is taken off the hook, categorized, determined male or female, measured and many larger species such as Black Tips are tagged with tissue and blood samples taken for further evaluation. It's truly amazing what these specialists can learn from doing DNA and blood tests on these sharks. Reading the isotopes to see what they've been feeding on, learning more about their reproductive patterns, as well as seeing what contaminants are in their bodies. I was amazed to hear that one of the larger Sand Bar sharks tagged around the waters of Charleston was caught down in Belize. DUDE that's quite the swim. I wonder if it stopped by Cancun and had a shot of Cuervo?

As the last line was reeled in, the crew started their preparations to do it all over again the next day, while one of the lucky crew got to get in the kitchen and start cooking dinner. I was very impressed with Chef's Brian's garlic roasted chicken with baked beets topped with balsamic vinaigrette and feta cheese selection he had cooking as we pulled back up to the dock at Skull Creek Marina about 13 hours later.

Thanks for the invite Al, thanks for having us aboard the Silver Crescent Captain Rob and we really enjoyed meeting the hard working crew; Erin Levesque, who we met at a Trammel Net population study up at Bennet's Point last year, Bryan Frazier and Henry DaVega all valuable assets of SCDNR, accompanied by Ashley Shaw (College of Charleston grad program) and Brenda Anderson (University of North Florida grad program).

Please do your part to help out our good friends at SCDNR, if you catch a shark that has a tag to get the number and call it in to them so they can document the species and info on when and where it was caught. This helps them tremendously with their data research and they will send you a nice SCDNR hat to thank you for your help.



sampling areas which gives them a more random sampling of the given area. I asked the crew, my God, how many hooks have y'all put out this summer and they quickly did some figuring and came up with 15,000 baited hooks! DUDE that's some serious shark fishing! As we got outside the mouth of the sound and in to the Atlantic ocean off the north end of Hilton Head Island, this crew went in to high gear laying out a line, pulling in a line, laying out a line etc. They are a shark catching machine. Bonnetheads, Scalloped Hammerheads, Thintooths, Sand Bars, Spinners, Nurse, Black Tips and Tigers are all very well represented in the waterways in Beaufort County and just off our coast.

I was curious as to why there was obviously more Atlantic Sharpnose than Sand Bar sharks and I came to find out they know it takes Sand Bars 18 years to get to sexual maturity vs 3 and they



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**Welcome Aboard!** I am Captain Megan, your Charter Captain, as we travel around beautiful Hilton Head Island aboard Island Time Charters to take in breathtaking views and new experiences as well as making some stops along the way to enjoy all there is that makes our Island so special and why we call it home.

For this issue, I am excited to share with you one of my most beautiful and scenic Lowcountry boating adventures to the quaint little town of Beaufort, South Carolina. I know we have traveled via the Intracoastal Waterway before but for our DUDE readers who may have missed that issue, I will give you a brief overview of this wonderful and underutilized piece of paradise that boaters refer to as the ICW. The ICW is a toll-free waterway that stretches approximately 3,000 miles along the Eastern Seaboard. This boater's paradise was created in 1919 by the United States Congress and is currently maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. There are federal laws in place requiring the waterway to maintain a minimum depth of 12 feet. Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding, there are definitely some areas of shallow water and shoaling. Be sure to check your marine report and local knowledge before embarking on your next cruise in the ICW or have an experienced Captain show you the way!

Let's embark on our new adventure! As we leave Broad Creek, we will all enjoy the beautiful homes of the Spanish Wells Plantation, pass the entrance to the May River (which, you may recall, we visited last issue while enjoying the sandbar) and take in the breathtaking waterfront homes in Windmill Harbor. As we approach the bridges that take motorists to the mainland from our Island, we will have arrived at Skull Creek, which is home to many fun waterfront restaurants with lots of character and is the entrance into the Port Royal Sound.

I can assure you this is a body of water not to be taken lightly, so always check the Mariners Forecast before embarking. While it can be very enjoyable cruising across the open water of the Sound, this area can become quite choppy in strong winds or if inclement weather is approaching. This particular stretch of the ICW also leads us to the Beaufort River. As you enter Broad River, you will notice a scenic white sandy

beach around the North end of Hilton Head Island, which is a great place to pull up and enjoy a shore lunch with the dolphins. On the starboard side you will see the entrance to the Atlantic Ocean and the start of a beautiful string of islands. The first is a tiny little island called Lands End, followed by St. Helena Island, then Cat Island and then Lady's Island. On the port side we will be passing Parris Island, the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot. Parris Island is also rich in history and is used for training of enlisted Marines.

In fact, male recruits living east of the Mississippi River and female recruits from all over the United States report here to receive their initial training. (Male recruits living west of the Mississippi River receive their training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, and we want to thank all of them for their service to our Country.)

As we wind around the picturesque bends of the Beaufort River, we will approach the Lady's Island fixed bridge and you will see the great little town of Port Royal. Just when you thought it could not get more scenic, this is where it really starts to get spectacular. You can now start to take in the beautiful homes and the sights and sounds of historic Beaufort, South Carolina. As our fellow DUDES who love to travel by boat know, this is really the only way to arrive in Beaufort! They have a

great marina right on Bay Street to stop and enjoy the waterfront. If you are taking your own boat, there are plenty of slips for rent if you are planning to stay and explore for a while or they also have a complementary dock. If you are just stopping for a bite to eat, enjoy the scenery with a cocktail and do some shopping in the numerous shops near there.

Believe it or not, Beaufort is actually celebrating its 300th Birthday this year, making it the second oldest island in South Carolina. With its rich history, dating as far back as the Revolutionary War, you are sure to find one of the many tours extremely fascinating be it via trolley, bus, or even a horse and carriage ride. They also have a wonderful waterfront park lined with restaurants and shops, all within a few hundred yards of the Beaufort City Marina.

As you are walking back to my boat or yours, after enjoying the lovely town of Beaufort, I encourage you to keep enjoying life and exploring especially from the water. After all, we have only just begun to take in the sights and sounds of our boating paradise. I guarantee that once you have seen "The Island" from the water, it will forever change your perspective of the beautiful Lowcountry. So, let me, Captain Megan, and Island Time Charters entertain your senses and take you on the adventure of your choice. We specialize in customized experiences, perfect for friends, families, couples and celebrations and provide the only Charter "Red Carpet Treatment" on the Island. Truly, the only thing you will have to worry about is how much fun you are going to have. So what are you waiting for, boating paradise is calling, and I look forward to having you aboard!

(Be sure to pick up the next issue of DUDE where Captain Megan will take you on board to travel to another one of her favorite parts of Hilton Head Island and share some of her favorite spots with you.)

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# LET'S GO HUNTIN' DUDES!

BY BRAD MCDONALD  
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**T**he Fall season means football and hunting to a lot of local Lowcountry DUDES. Deer Hunting is a way of life for many redneck country boys. It's a great way to spend some time outdoors, enjoying all that Mother Nature has to offer and it also presents an opportunity to get some of that tasty venison meat that many of us crave this time of year. Venison is a very healthy, lean deep purple meat that is excellent for making fantastic spaghetti sauce and chili. OK a slow smoke back strap with some gravy and mashed taters ain't so bad either.

Let's take a look at a few things SCDNR would like you to keep in mind this deer hunting season. Know the LAW DUDES! Legal hunting time for deer is the time between one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset. NO SPOTLIGHTING WHATSOEVER! It is unlawful to hunt, shoot or in any way kill deer from a motorboat, raft or any other water conveyance, or to molest a deer while any part of the deer is in the water. Possessing any deer with head detached while in transit from the point of kill is prohibited. It is unlawful to hunt deer within 300 yards of a residence without permission of the owner, however the landowner may hunt anywhere on his own land. Archery, muzzleloaders and cross bows are all allowed during gun hunt periods. All persons who have purchased deer tags in past years will be sent renewal notices by the end of August. You can always go online for an application or contact SCDNR Deer Project at 803-734-3886.

We are in GAME ZONE 6 here in southern South Carolina. There's NO LIMIT on antlered bucks, however there is a limit of 2 antler less deer on either-sex days. Archery and Gun Hunts; Aug. 15 - Jan. 1 (Bucks Only), Either-Sex Saturdays: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 and Jan. 1.

Feral Hogs occur in every county in our state, therefore there is no closed season on hogs on private land and hogs can be hunted at night with an artificial light that is carried on the hunter's person. Dogs can be used to hunt and bay hogs at night as well.

Shoot 'em up DUDES, as they compete directly with native wildlife species, damage plants & agricultural crops and threaten public and livestock health. Be careful when dressing feral hogs, as you should wear rubber gloves and wear eye protection.

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Hunting season for small game is from Thanksgiving through March 1st. Small game species include the following: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, bobcat, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, grouse and weasels.

BE SAFE out there this Fall DUDES and feel free to send Harold your pictures of your hunts and we'll put some of them in Harold's Mailbag; [harold@dudesc.com](mailto:harold@dudesc.com). Know and obey all the gun safety rules, especially with youngsters around. Keep your guns clean and ammo stored away from children at all times. HAPPY HUNTING DUDES and remember THERE REMAINS NO BAG LIMITS ON CROWS!



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# READY, AIM, FIRE!

## Arsenal SGL21

BY JAMES GRANT

If you're a hunter and you live in the United States chances are you've run into the ubiquitous 30-30 cartridge before. What you may not know is that there is a cartridge that has very similar ballistics with dozens of firearms chambered in it. In fact it is universally more common than 30-30 and in total numbers probably outnumbers world wide availability of 30-06, 30-30, and .308 combined! It is substantially less expensive than 30-30 and can even be purchased at your local sporting goods store. What is this miracle cartridge I speak of? It was called .30 Russian short back in the 70s and 80s, but is more common known today as 7.62x39. You may have heard of it before, the round that fills the magazines of millions upon millions of AK-47's, SKS's, and Ruger Mini-30's around the globe, which brings me to the rifle I'm going to be reviewing for this issue's article, the Arsenal SGL21.



The SGL-21 is actually a Russian Saiga-7.62 modified in Arizona by the folks at Arsenal to more closely resemble an AK-47. Arsenal replaces the shotgun-style Monte Carlo grip with a more aggressive pistol grip, shortens the gas tube and modifies the receiver to utilize traditional (and inexpensive) AK series magazines, and applies a thicker, more durable finish on the entire gun. The result is as close as a civilian can get to an AK100 series rifle without enlisting in the Russian military. What this means for the average white-tail enthusiast is that he can get his hands on what is essentially a semi-auto 30-30 that he can use for deer, boar, and home defense. (with proper ammunition) Don't get me wrong, with handloads the 30-30 can out-perform the 7.62x39 hands down, but at 4 to 5x the initial investment cost.

One of the issues with most auto-loaders versus their bolt-action or lever-action counter-parts is reliability. Thankfully this is not an issue with Arsenal's SGL21, as the AK's reputation for reliability is legendary. If you are planning on using this rifle to hunt anything though, you should invest in some soft point ammunition; full metal jacket and even hollow point 7.62x39 tend to severely over-penetrate without proper expansion/dispersion of force into the target.

Mounting optics on the SGL21 proved to be more a chore than say putting a scope on an AR-15 or Ruger 10/22. This is because the dust cover where the Chinese tend to mount scopes, is not very solid. It tends to move around, making any zero you obtain next to useless. The Soviet solution was to create a mounting rail on the side of the receiver that allows an "L" shaped mount to raise a scope above the dust cover and allow the user to securely and reliably mount a telescopic sight. Standard Russian scopes aren't as cheap as they once were, but with a Belarus-made weaver conversion you can mount your favorite scope on your SGL21 in no time flat.

Overall I'd say while I'm certainly not going to be selling my Winchester 30-30 anytime soon, I wouldn't feel under-armed in the slightest perched up in a tree stand with the SGL shouldered.

### SCOREBOARD

**Accuracy** – 3.5/5: The SGL21 is limited by a short 16.5" barrel and piston action, despite that it still managed to achieve 2MOA (minute of angle) groups.

**Reliability** – 5/5: I experienced no feeding issues whatsoever with the SGL with any of the 5 main Russian brands (Tula, Wolf, Brown Bear, Silver Bear, Golden Bear) or the 2 American manufacturers. (Winchester and Hornady)

**Ergonomics** – 2.5/5: The rifle feels front heavy with a low capacity magazine, the magazine release latch is cumbersome and requires the user to take his firing hand off the grip, magazines must be rocked into place (front to back) which made rapid magazine changes difficult, and the safety was designed for Hercules.

**Value** – 5/5: With an MSRP of \$805 the Arsenal SGL21's price is well above entry level AK rifles such as the WASAR and Draco Pistols, but falls substantially short of the cost of custom AK rifles of similar quality from companies such as Kreb's Customs and AK103.net.

**Overall Score** – 4/5

If you're looking into getting a Kalashnikov style rifle but were afraid of some of the quality issues that arise from distributors like Century Arms and Royal Tiger imports, the Arsenal SGL21 fits the bill.



**DUDE PROFILE:** James Grant, Age: 26  
Personal Interests: Competitive Rifle/Carbine/Handgun shooting, varmint hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, wood-working and gunsmithing.  
I have participated in competitive shooting since 2005 and have placed in the top 3 at several carbine side matches. I enjoy collecting antique military arms and teaching new shooters about the sport. In my spare time, I hunt white tail and coyotes, with the majority of my experience being in the latter.



# “Return of the Wapiti”



BY MARIVN BOUKNIGHT

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**T**he southeastern United States is a wonderfully diverse area and is both historically and naturally rich. Today, however, many folks aren't aware of a dark time in our history that involved the careless and unnecessary loss of large mammals due to overhunting and exploitation. The sad loss of these mammals in the 1700's and 1800's has resulted in a loss of our heritage where animals such as bison, elk, fisher (a species related to mink and otter), panther, and gray wolves that once graced the forests and grasslands of the southeast, are now absent from most, if not all of their historic ranges.

Currently, there are studies being conducted and experiments taking place in an effort to reintroduce many of these species back to their historic ranges. Some of the species introductions are controversial, such as the reintroduction of gray wolves and panthers, but some have already proved to be successful.

The reintroduction program for the elk or wapiti (*Cervus elaphus*) has been wildly successful. This large ungulate once roamed the southeast from West Virginia to Georgia and was considered common until it was completely extinguished from these areas by overhunting and habitat destruction. In 1991, a plan to reintroduce elk to the Smoky Mountains was formulated and a partnership between the University of Tennessee, the National Park Service, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation was struck. The plan was to reintroduce elk into the Cataloochee Valley on the eastern side of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and track the program for 5 years. Since that time, the herd has slowly grown, but now the plan has gone from an experimental introduction to a long term management plan. The population has gone from the 25 and 27 elk introduced in 2001 and 2002 to well over 100 animals and growing! Hopefully, the elk will continue to survive and thrive in the Smokies, but they are adapting to living with not only the constant threat of predation, but also from idiots like the person who illegally shot one of the first male elk introduced (Elk #21, pictured here) in Cataloochee Valley in 2009. No doubt this jackass comes from the same genes as the folk who helped exterminate elk the first time around, right? Oh, and by the way, he was jailed for 150 days, paid over



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\$8000 in fines and restitution, and had his Richard Petty autographed rifle and vehicle seized. Have a nice day, a\*\*hole!

If you would like to see the elk in their native habitat, go to Cataloochee Valley in late September or early October. That's the best time to see them with full racks, bugling, sparring and other behaviors. Here's the website: <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/cataloochee.htm>

Pack your camera and binoculars and take a little trip to the mountains this fall. It's a short drive from the Lowcountry, but it's well worth the trip to observe this magnificent animal against the backdrop of fall foliage of Cataloochee Valley and hear their bugling call echo once again throughout the Smokies.



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**DUDE PROFILE:** Marvin Bouknight is a South Carolina native and has lived in the Lowcountry for over 15 years. A Clemson University graduate with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Marvin has been a professional naturalist for over 20 years and is currently the staff naturalist at Oldfield Club. Through his company, The Nature Nook, LLC, Marvin offers a variety of programs, seminars and workshops on topics such as the local flora and fauna, attracting wildlife to your backyard and wildlife photography. He also provides services such as interpretive center design, displays and features, interpretive program development including curriculum-based and guided lesson plan development, trail design and development, wildlife surveys and documentation, nature-based consultation, etc. He can be reached by calling (843)441-0961 or by e-mail at [mbnaturenook@yahoo.com](mailto:mbnaturenook@yahoo.com)



# BIG GAME HUNTING

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## The Gemsbok

One of my favorite mounts is my Gemsbok, African Antelope (Oryx gazella). Back in 2007 I bagged this beautiful animal in Botswana, Africa. These magnificent animals are commonly found in the Kalahari Desert areas of southern Africa. The current population is in the neighborhood of 375,000, therefore it is of LC, Least Concern on the conservation status chart. Their spectacular horns make them a prize hunt, coupled with their striking striped faces. See photo of my mount.

Derived from the Dutch word chamois, the Gemsbok is light brownish-grey to tan in color with lighter patches around its hind quarter. A blackish stripe extends from the chin down the bottom edge of the neck. They have very muscular shoulders and their legs have white socks with a black patch on the front of both front legs. Their long straight horns (up to 3') make this a formidable animal if attacked by a large cat. They can approach 4 feet in height at the shoulder with the males weighing in at 550 pounds and females at 450 pounds tops.

Gemsbok live in herds of 10 to 40 animals with one bull dominate male and the rest females. It's good to be him DUDE. The other males wonder

aimlessly in misery. Back in 1969 the Gemsbok was introduced to North America, in the Tularosa Basin in New Mexico. 93 were release between 1969 and 1977 and their current US population is estimated at 3,000. They are thought to be thriving because there is nothing that rivals their major natural predator, the lion out west.

Anyone interested in hunting African or Canada can contact me a [chuckm@greenlineforest.com](mailto:chuckm@greenlineforest.com). I will be most happy to share information such as general pricing, travel information and outfitters contacts. If you have any hunting photos you would like to share with our DUDE READERS, then send them in to our editor, Harold, The Largemouth Bass; [harold@dudesc.com](mailto:harold@dudesc.com).

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# Happenings at Coastal Discovery Museum

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### RON ROTH AUDUBON IN THE LOWCOUNTRY

The Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn is pleased to feature Ron Roth on Wednesday, September 15th at 1 pm. John James Audubon is one of the towering figures in American Art. His life's work, the Birds of America, includes portraits from nature of over 1,000 birds representing 435 species in their typical habitats. It took 18 years to complete his master work. From 1820 to 1838, his travels took him from the shores of Labrador, the islands of Key West, the marshes of the South Carolina Lowcountry and many places in between. This presentation provides audiences with insight into Audubon's ambitious, self-styled role as adventurer, artist and natural scientist. In addition to providing an overview of Audubon and his era, the presentation focuses on his work in the Carolina Lowcountry. Ron Roth is a former Director of the Reading Public Museum and the Nebraska Museum of Art. He has curated or co-curated thirty art exhibitions ranging from the "Patriotic Paintings of N.C. Wyeth" to a collaborative installation with international glass artist Dale Chihuly. \$5.00 per person donation requested and reservations are required by calling 843-689-6767 ext 223. This program is partially sponsored by the South Carolina Humanities Council.

### EXPOSITION D'ART TO OPEN AT COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM



The Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn will feature "Exposition d'Art" from September 23 through November 22 in the Hilton Head Regional Health Care Temporary Exhibit Gallery.

Exposition d'Art represents a unique assemblage of art and décor, providing the viewer with a rich and innovative visual experience. The paintings in this exhibit are created by four artists: Chris Clayton, Mary Ann Hart, Judy Saylor McElynn and Anita Stephens, who found common ground despite their differences in subject matter and style. Aptly named, "The Four of Us," the exhibit combines their landscapes, portraits and still life in juxtaposition to decorative objects and antiques owned by the artists themselves. The group hopes to imbibe the viewer with a fresh and new approach to art.

The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm and Sundays from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.

### STAR NIGHT AT THE COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM

The Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn will present an introductory program about the night sky on Wednesday, October 26th at 7 pm. Led by Marie McClune, Master Naturalist and Coastal Discovery Museum docent and Kristen Mattson, Instructor for the Master Naturalist Program and Low Country Institute educator, this program will introduce you to the constellations that can be found in our evening sky and show you how to locate them.

The program will start inside the Discovery House with an overview of the night sky and an introduction to resources to help with your own star gazing. The second half of the program will be held outdoors observing the constellations with your guides. Charge is \$7 per person for this two-hour program. Please bring a flashlight and a set of binoculars for the field portion of the program. Attendance is limited and reservations are required. Rainedate: October 27th.

Please call the Coastal Discovery Museum to register – 843-689-6767, ext. 224

### DON'T FORGET THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE CAR SHOW AT HONEY HORN PLANTATION (HOME OF COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM)



**Saturday & Sunday, November 5th & 6th 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Entry into the Motoring Midway is included with general admission to the Car Club Jamboree (Saturday, November 5) and the Concours d'Elegance (Sunday, November 6). Daily tickets as well as weekend passes are available online summer 2011. Tickets purchased prior to October 15 will receive an advanced purchase discount. Tickets will also be sold at the gate during the event.

Patron packages Saturday and Sunday (November 5 & 6) are available in advance for individuals and for businesses. Patron packages include food & full bar, exclusive seating in the Patrons Tent offering good views of the Magnolia Parade Route & Awards Stage and VIP parking. Individual patron packages (packages available for groups of 2 or 4) are available online (Summer 2011) and corporate packages are available through the Motoring Festival office (843.785.7469).

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# ART Matters



**M**ost DUDES need more culture in their lives. I for one, love the ARTS and everything they represent. Fellowship, Interaction, Knowledge, Education and Creativity, all should be a part our next generation. Well DUDES, we are now going to start bringing you a little Lowcountry Culture each issue and hopefully it will inspire you and those young ones around you.

The Art Council of Beaufort Port Royal and the Sea Islands, ARTworks, Community Art Center, Theatre and Gallery is a real happening place and we should feel lucky to have such a great place as this that brings so much to the culture of our Lowcountry County.

**Friday Nights Live @ ARTworks** in Beaufort Town Center

**September 16:** Jazz & Gospel with Lavon Stevens & Company

**September 23:** Super blues band *The Groovetones*

September 30: Soul Funk Diva *Mahogany & the Boiz*

**October 7:** Guitar Music From Spain, Mexico and South America with Brian Luckett

**October 14:** Comedy Night with *Big E* from Savannah

## ALL THAT WE DO @ ARTWORKS WEAVING THE ARTS INTO EVERYDAY LIFE.

ARTworks' mission is to apply the many creative tools of The Arts to strengthen artists, and enrich audiences, collectors, and visitors through high quality arts experiences and arts education programs 365 days a year. ARTworks was established in 2008 and is the home of the arts council of Beaufort, Port Royal and the Sea Islands. Its roots go back to 1991, when it was founded as the Arts Council of Beaufort County.



## ARTS EDUCATION

Because learning happens when art matters~ and the next afterschool session begins September 13th.

At ARTworks, children learn about and through the arts, supported by a private family foundation, which enables ARTworks to offer family discounts and scholarships. Each afterschool session is seven week classes of hands-on arts learning, ranging from sculpting with clay to circus skills & juggling, engaging kids from 6 to 16 in a safe environment with quality arts educators, including Kennedy Center trained teaching artists and state certified art teachers. Each session ends with a family showcase— all the students on stage, their artwork on display in the gallery, their families clapping in the audience. In the summertime, the ARTblast program explores visual art through theme weeks.

## LOWCOUNTRY WRITER'S CRITIQUE WORKSHOP WITH STEPHANIE AUSTIN EDWARDS

Restart, refine or finish your creative writing now. The best way to learn to write is to do it. Find out what's working and what needs work in a supportive, constructive way. Wednesdays, September 28-October 26, 6-8pm, \$100. steffed65@isc.net, 843-597-3910.



## COMMUNITY THEATER @ ARTWORKS EXPERIMENTAL, MULTIGENERATIONAL THEATER FOR THIS ART TOWN

The black box theater @ ARTworks is designed for Beaufort actors, techies, and audiences. It's the keystone @ ARTworks and community theater in the area. Since 2008, this stage has shown theater productions from the Palmetto Theater Experiment (Painted Alice, No Child, Steel Magnolias, Our Town, Quilting the Sun) Misspent Youth Productions (The Dining Room, Talking With...) and original one-woman shows by Natalie Daise (Mouth to Hand, Becoming Harriet Tubman.) For the 2012, a season ticket for four shows and two readings will be \$50 (normally a \$74 value.)

## GALLERIES, STUDIOS, STAGES, & CLASSROOMS... AFFORDABLE SPACES FOR LOWCOUNTRY AND VISITING ARTISTS

Got an idea, an event, a production? Looking for a creative atmosphere in which to work? ARTworks' spaces are often available for rent (if you plan ahead and contact staff.) Nationally-touring performers have primed the pump for you: the musical dynasty Ronstadt Generations, acclaimed songwriter Craig Bickhardt, international storyteller Jon Spelman, poet Ed Madden, as well as Folk Heritage Award winner Joseph Legree and SC Craft Fellow Kim Keats. What artform do you want to share with the world? What might the vibe of ARTworks add to your next meeting?

## MILITARY CONNECTIONS THAT ART YOU SEE IS THE SIGHT OF INDEPENDENCE

ARTworks' outreach to military families demonstrates its commitment to nurturing a no-barrier arts community. ARTworks is a proud member of the national Blue Star Museums program, which is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families.

"Blue Star Museums may be the program at the NEA of which I am proudest," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "Blue Star Museums recognizes and thanks our military families for all they are doing for our country, and simultaneously begins young people on a path to becoming life-long museum goers."

Veterans regularly perform @ ARTworks. One veteran filled the gallery with "A Thousand Points of Peace," a show of stained glass peace signs; Josh Hisle, a veteran of the Iraq war, has performed his original songs, many composed during his tours of duty. A Marine combat photographer spoke to the local photography club about his work in Afghanistan. These meaningful, enjoyable events enable military individuals to be artist-entrepreneurs and to be heard.

## OUTREACH & MEDIA INFORMING & ENGAGING A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

ARTworks provides an important common meeting ground in a diverse county that welcomes so many tourists, is the #5 county in the U.S. for millionaires, and is home to schools where 95% of children are on free & reduced lunch. One of the easiest ways to find the arts event suited to you is to sign up at [www.ArtWorksInBeaufort.org](http://www.ArtWorksInBeaufort.org) for the weekly enewsletter, which is a short and informative list of links, dates & events, artist opportunities (such as calls for art) and channels for connecting on Facebook and more.

Read about the artists and events of ARTworks in publications such as The Island News, CarolinaArts, Beaufort Gazette, Island Packet, Bluffton Today and more. See and hear the artists on YouTube, AudioBoo and Flickr. These media bites generated by ARTworks give introduction and context to the arts' intrinsic value in quality of life in Beaufort County.

## STREET MUSIC ON PARIS AVENUE BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND DANCING SHOES

One of ARTworks' most popular programs, this free concert series is a gift from the Town of Port Royal and produced by ARTworks. Held in the salt-breezes of Old Village Port Royal, the Fall and Springtime series boasts nationally-touring music greats such as Sugar Blue, Lost in Holland, Elise Witt, Boulder Accoustic Society, Davina & the Vagabonds, Homemade Jamz Blues Band, and Bill "hot Rod Lincoln" Kirchner. The show must go on—the rain location is The Shed, adjacent to the street venue.

## ARTSEENSC.ORG THE NATIONAL ARTS MARKETING PROGRAM

How did you first hear about ARTworks? There are so many channels, and ArtSeenSC uses them all, like long hulms of sweetgrass forming one water-tight basket for touting the arts in Beaufort County. ArtSeenSC is about word of mouth, it's about grabbing the attention of the media, it's about making Beaufort the #16 small art town, as ranked by AmericanStyle magazine in 2011. Participation in ArtSeenSC is only \$75 annually for for-profit businesses, \$35 for individual artists, \$50 non-profit. The program is structured to be a more-the-merrier situation, filling the busy online calendar and the editor's email box with announcements, which fuel posts on facebook and twitter, the enewsletters, blogs, articles, the Beaufort SC 365 arts & travel app, and all the tools that spread the word about Beaufort as a fantastic place to live, visit, and create. ArtSeenSC also features a mobile calendar, directories divided by artform, and links to the social media presence.





Bed Race: Bed Race 1 Hargray, Best Decorated



Bed Race 2: Gullah Sentinel, Fastest time



Boat Parade: Lil' Hoss, Best Decorated and Judges' Favorite



Bocce: Comm. Bob Bible, Hal Schor, Dick Porter



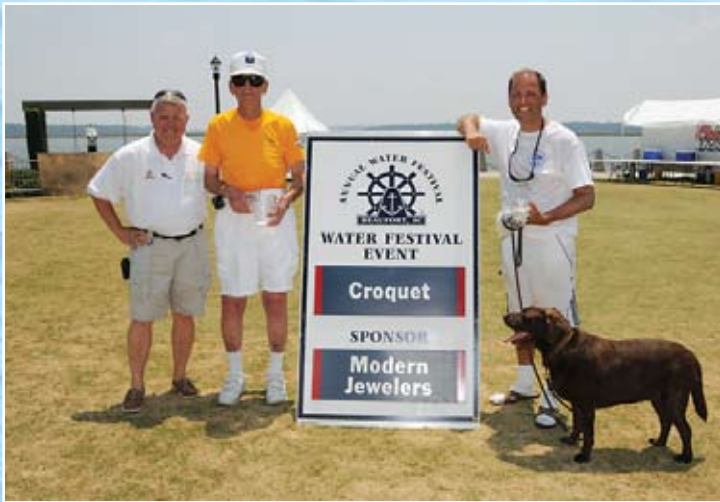
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Cornhole: from left, Damon Wilson and Erik Delong (peeking out is son Zane Wilson)



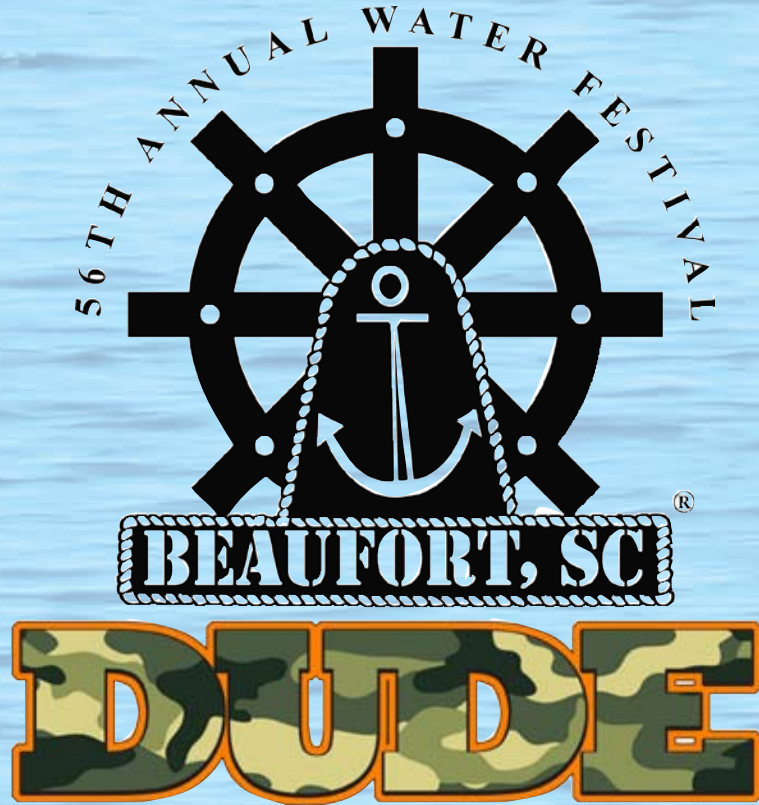
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Volleyball Men:  
from left, Pete Jansen, Levi Abbott, Lee Huber, Comm. Bob Bible



## Prevent the Pop-Up



BY JOHN HUNDLEY

The pop-up off the tee is not caused by how high the ball is teed up, but from the angle of attack your club returns on the downswing. In order to make sure your angle of attack is not too steep, you must keep your head behind the ball while getting your weight to your left side (right handed golfers). If your upper body slides in front of the ball, your angle of attack will be steep and not only will you be disappointed in the result of the shot, but also heart broken with the nice new racing stripe you put on the top of your new \$400.00 driver.

A good swing thought to promote staying behind the ball is to simply keep your chin over your right foot until contact is made.



**DUDE PROFILE:** John Hundley is A PGA professional, started swinging a club at age five and hasn't stopped playing since. He first discovered his love of golf in his hometown of Danville, VA. He discovered his love of the South Carolina Lowcountry in 1989 and has never left here. In his over 20 years in the field, Jon has served as assistant at Port Royal Golf club and head golf professional at Wexford Plantation and golf instructor at The Golf Academy of Hilton Head in Sea Pines. He is the founder of the Hilton Head Golf Tour and a 2003 nominee for the Carolina's Section Professional of the Year Award.

## Are You Striking The Golf Ball Correctly?

BY DEREK LAFFERTY

Are you striking the golf ball correctly? Do your shots fall short of the green or go racing by the flag? Do you hit on top of the ball or well behind the ball. These are the questions you need to ask yourself.

Ball-striking is a golf term used to describe the quality of contact the between the ball and the clubface at impact. The golfer is either striking or scooping the golf ball. Striking the golf ball is a method when the hands and club shaft are leaning forward at impact with the golfer's weight finishing on the left side. The bottom of the club will be at or past the ball in solid shots that impact the sweet spot. Scooping the golf ball is a method where the golfer will attempt to lift the ball at impact. The scooping golfer is one who uses a lofted club and helps lift the ball into the air instead of letting the club do the work. The hands and club shaft are leaning away at impact with the golfer's weight finishing on the right side resulting in a chunk shot or a top shot. A correct strike will result in consistent flight with greater distance.

Practice this tip and visit your local PGA Professional for lowering your scores.



**DUDE PROFILE:** Derek Lafferty is a PGA Apprentice Golf Professional at the Sanctuary Golf Club. My golf instruction approach comes from being trained in the Professional Golf Management program. I have over ten years experience and I am scheduled for Class A membership in the spring of 2011.  
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School: Marshall University 1995 B.A.  
Hobbies: Golf, Extended vacations with my girlfriend  
Family: Single, Mother and Father live in Huntington, WV - Brother lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

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# A 10 FOOT PUTT, COUNTS THE SAME AS A 300 YARD DRIVE

BY RICK BARRY

**W**ith that being said, let's work on our putting this Fall, so we can drop our handicaps a few strokes. I can teach up to a 100 lessons a week at Sea Pines Resort and most of my students want to learn to hit the long ball. I do however spend quite a bit of time with my students on the putting green. Next time you're on the putting green trying this putting tip that's a bit confusing, but once you get it, it will help out your ability to read putts that break.

Get several balls and set up for a putt that does not break, one uphill and one downhill. Think of the cup as a center of an old school clock and your ball is positioned at 6 o'clock. In the case of you putting uphill to the hole, if the putt was perfectly straight up the hill, your ball would be at the lowest point on the down hill side. OK, now move your ball to the 5 o'clock position, now the putt will break left one inch. If you move your ball to the 7 o'clock position, the putt will now break right one inch. Now what happens when you're lining up a put, if your ball is at the 9 o'clock position the putt should break 3 inches to the right.

You really need to get out there and try this multiple times to see exactly how this feels and works. It tells you two things, the direction of the break, right or left and most importantly, how much. I promise if you try this a few times a week you'll cut down on those 3 putts that come up short or go blowing past the hole and make 2 putts a guarantee!

Enjoy teeing em up this Fall at one of the many beautiful courses we have here in Beaufort county, like the ones in Sea Pines Resort. See my contact information in my DUDE profile and we'll get you straightened out.

**RICK BARRY**

**2010 CAROLINAS PGA PALMER MAPLES TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



#### **DUDE PROFILE: Rick Barry**

Head Instructor for The Sea Pines Resort On Hilton Head Isl. for 20 years. PGA Member for over 30 years and a life member of the PGA. Golf Magazine Top 100 Teacher 5 years in a row. Top 10 instructor for Golf Digest for the Section for 10 years. Has appeared on the Golf Channel for several shows. This year The "Turn". All About Golf. Tips from the Pros. Conway Golf Info commercial. Written articles in the Golf Magazine January and May of 2008. My teaching brings me in contact with golfers of all skill levels and backgrounds. To grow the game my goal is to get people playing and having fun with the game. The learning can be hard for some and with an easy to do and even more fun doing, program, you can have a game for a life time. I give over 24 hundred lessons a year and see 17 thousand swings on film, so you can say I have seen it all. If your Kevin Costner in Tin Cup or a brand new golfer, DUDE, I can help you. Contact me, Rick Barry: golfhhi@aol.com Sea Pines Resort/Golf (843) 842-8484



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well select the best of the butch each issue and share them with the ever growing DUDE NATION of readers. Please include high res photos of your finished product. Now get busy and send us your best DUDES. [richard.norris2@reacontract.com](mailto:richard.norris2@reacontract.com)



Richard Norris is an estimator for REA Contracting in Beaufort. He and his wife Jean, a kindergarten teacher at Mossy Oaks Elementary, have been married for 30 years and are both University of South Carolina Graduates. They have two daughters, Jordan who is the Choral Director of The Voices at Beaufort High School and Meredith who is a Junior at USCB. The Norrises moved to Beaufort in 1988 and can't imagine living anywhere else. Richard was the "Bud Man" at

Pearlstine Distributors and he and Jean were Commodore and First Lady of the 50th Beaufort Water Festival. They enjoy boating, going to the beach, and are volunteers with the Friends of Hunting Island.



# THE US NAVAL HOSPITAL'S, BILL MUTHIG

## The Unofficial Mayor of Beaufort!



**M** meet the UNOFFICIAL MAYOR OF BEAUFORT, Bill Muthig. Bill's a great DUDE that were lucky enough to be introduced to by our friend, Warren DIZ Disbrow. By now everyone knows DIZ as our DUDE CONNECTION to our wonderful US MARINES here in Beaufort. Master Sergeant retired USMC, DIZ has helped us get the word of DUDE out to our fellow Americans and Marines, by getting copies of DUDE now available on the Marine Corps Air Station and on Parris Island. OoooRah DUDES, glad to be on base. Feel free to contact us with any ideas you might have that all us LOCAL DUDES might find interesting.

I told DIZ I wanted to start featuring a DUDE in each issue that has something to do with our great military here in Beaufort County. He quickly replied, I've got just the guy to do the first one about, BILL MUTHIG. "Bill's the unofficial mayor of Beaufort!" exclaims DIZ. Actually, Bill is the head engineer at the military's, NAVAL HOSPITAL here in Beaufort.

DIZ, Bill and I sat down for a few cold ones at the Sand Bar recently and that's where I got to see what ole DIZ was talking about. Bill is a fun loving DUDE and you can tell he has a real passion for what he does at the NAVAL HOSPITAL. Bill's hometown is Columbia, South Carolina, so it makes sense he's a GAMECOCK FAN! Bill nows lives right here in Beaufort County and has since 1995 with his beautiful bride, Bobbie Sue and they have been happily married for coming up on 29 years now. Some how I don't think he'll forget his anniversary.

Many civilians don't realize what a great place the NAVAL HOSPITAL in Beaufort has always been. Built back in 1949, this is where all US Military personnel could always count one to take care of them while on active duty or in honorable retirement. USNHB serves the Marines from the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Parris Island Recruiting Depot, ALL retired military and DODers. It currently employs 600 to 800 people and has 18 beds. Most of their clientele are out patient or are there to get their prescription filled. Needless to say, a facility as large as this will have an engineering project or twelve going on at any given time.

When something needs built or something goes wrong 24/7 at the Naval Hospital, Bill is the man that gets the call first, as he's the Supervisor of General Engineering a civil service job. Bill has been the man for about 10 years now and he got his introduction to the Naval Hospital when he was working for Beckman Construction, that had some work at the hospital at the time. He smiles when it says, "It's not unusual for me to have 10 projects going on at one time that might have close to \$30 million dollars value to them." One of the latest projects is the remodeling and expansion of the pharmacy at the hospital. A pretty busy place that cranks out well over 700 prescriptions a day, needs constant updating and the pharmacy project is now in its 4th year. Bill has actually been through three CO's during this project. When Bill was introduced to the current CO, USN Capt. Queen by the previous CO, it was stated, "You now run it, but Bill owns it!"

A couple of funny stories he told me about working at the Naval Hospital were so funny, I have to share them with you. Seems an air conditioning company was faced with replacing a huge AC chiller and their solution was to actually cut a hole through the roof and bring in 3 cranes to pull it out. Well everything has to come through Bill and his solution was to cancel their idea immediately, got a simple derek and had it out of there in 15 minutes.

Obviously, there's a NO SMOKING POLICY in all military hospitals, however it seems ole Nick Nottle used to use an old telephone booth in the Naval Hospital to smoke when he was filming the Prince of Tides. After discovering the area that has been closed in, Bill immediately got rid of it and Mr. Nottle's butts. He chuckled when he said some nurses found out about it and wanted to know if they could actually have Nick's butts. He said I threw them in the dumpster and they went running out the door to try and find them. Not my kind of souvenir, but to each his or in this case, her own. What would you do with the DUETTES? Sell them on ebay, I guess.

DIZ says, Bill's never met a person he didn't like and I believe him. They were on a cruise together recently and Bill knew everyone on the ship by the time the cruise was over. So if you see this jolly friendly DUDE, make sure you go up to him and thank him for helping keep the Naval Hospital is good working order so it can take care of America's Finest, Our Very Own, United States Armed Forces!



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# A SECOND JEWEL FOR THE CROWN

by WES GRADY

**F**or as long as I can remember, Kentucky has been known for horses and horse racing. And the summit of horseracing has always been Churchill Downs. Churchill Downs is the crown jewel of the state of Kentucky. Mention Kentucky to anyone, and the inevitable first response is Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby. Yes, Churchill Downs is indeed the shining jewel in the crown of Kentucky.

Now, Kentucky can claim a second crown jewel, the Kentucky Speedway at Sparta.

Way back in 1998, four investors, led by Jerry Carroll of Turfway Park, purchased 1,000 acres in the town of Sparta. Over the next three years they constructed a racetrack seating some 70,000 fans. They opened with a NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race in June of 2000, won by Greg Biffle. Between 2000 and 2008, there were additional NASCAR, IndyCar and ARCA (Automobile Racing Club of America) events. Jerry Carroll and his partners however, were intent upon obtaining a NASCAR Cup Series event and went so far as to file a federal anti-trust suite against NASCAR. They finally gave up the quest and in May of 2008, Speedway Motorsports Incorporated (SMI as it is usually known) purchased the Kentucky Speedway.

In addition to the Kentucky Speedway, SMI owns numerous drag strips, dirt tracks and seven other major racetracks, located in Atlanta, Bristol (Tenn.),

Charlotte, Sonoma (Cal.), Las Vegas, Loudon (NH), and Ft. Worth.

Since SMI took the reins, the Kentucky Speedway has come into its own.



In 2010, Joey Logano became the first Nationwide Series driver to win three consecutive races at the same track when he won the Meijer 300 at the Kentucky Speedway beating Carl Edwards to the checkered flag by .662 seconds. Two months later, Bruton Smith, Chairman of SMI announced that NASCAR had awarded the track a Sprint Cup Series race to be held in July, 2011.

SMI has invested heavily in the track and has increased seating to 106,000. The seating is beautifully designed, with alternating seat colors of red, gold, white and blue, arranged in a random pattern that make it appear the seats are full, even

when the track is empty. The layout of the track and the design is outstanding and the money was well spent.

Entering and leaving the track was problematic however, resulting in long delays and backed up roadways. At the premier NASCAR event, there were fans that never made it to the Speedway and many more who were stuck in traffic trying to leave. As a result, shortly after the race, Governor Steve Beshear and SMI Chairman Bruton Smith jointly announced that they will be investing a total of \$11 Million to widen the roadway, install a walkway under route 35 and increase parking by adding an addition 10,000 spaces. The Speedway has also hired Veteran's Security and Patrol Company, which manages parking at such venues as the Daytona International Speedway to help design parking and traffic flows.

With the increased seating, and with thousands of Recreational Vehicles parked in the infield, it was estimated that there were more than 160,000 spectators at the first running of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race.

The efforts of SMI and the Government of Kentucky will insure the future of the Kentucky Speedway and make this truly the second jewel in Kentucky's crown. If you are looking for a place to visit next July, consider Sparta and the Kentucky Speedway.

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# Make Sure Your Truck Is Ready To Roll OFF ROAD For Hunting Season

BY ROB LOGAN

**S**ummer is coming to an end and the treacherous heat is starting to subside and cooler temperatures are on the way. Fall and winter bring in hunting season and perhaps a little traveling for the holidays. With this in mind, it is a good time to think about the steering and suspension on your vehicle and the coolant in your vehicle so whatever the season is, your vehicle will be in good shape to get you where you need to go.

Your vehicle's steering and suspension are important components that are often neglected. The front end components either consist of shocks or struts or along with the power steering, affect the handling of the vehicle. If any of these components are worn out it may become a safety issue. In addition, worn suspension components can cause your tires to wear out prematurely.

Newer vehicles have a rack and pinion style steering while older trucks and 4X4's have long arm/short arm style suspension with a steering gear. Usually this type of suspension seems to wear out faster than a 2WD vehicle. If you service your own vehicle you can inspect these components easily by looking at all of the tie rod ends and ball joints and make sure none of the boots are ripped or torn. If they are they are not holding in the grease necessary to lubricate the component properly and it will eventually fail. Next you'll want to lift the front tires off the ground using a floor jack. Go to the first tire and move it from left to right by holing the tire at the 3 o'clock and the 9 o'clock position. Push in and pull out on the tire to check for and slack. Then grab the top and the bottom of the tire at the 12 o'clock and the 6 o'clock position and push up and down to check for slack. If you feel excessive movement, chances are you have some worn ball joints or wheel hubs. If there is slack when moving the tire left to right you may have worn tie rod ends.

Not every vehicle is equipped with greasable fittings on the suspension, but if your vehicle has grease fittings make sure they are greased at every oil change. You can purchase a grease gun at every auto part store if you like to handle your maintenance yourself, or you can bring it in to Butler Chrysler Dodge Jeep for your service and this check and lube is complimentary with your oil change service.

If you hear a noise in your suspension while driving either down the road or when going over bumps you need to have your vehicle inspected as soon as possible. It is possible that the tie rods or ball joints can break loose while driving. If this happens you will lose the ability to steer your vehicle.

Shocks and struts are wear items also and if they are bad they will affect the handling of your vehicle as well as the ride quality. You can do a visual inspection of your shocks by looking for any fluid leaking from them. If the shock is wet it will definitely have to be replaced. They can also be bad if they're not leaking. You can check them by bouncing the front and rear of the vehicle. If the suspension is real easy to bounce or if it feels spongy chances are the shocks or struts are worn. It is especially important to check these components often if you tow a trailer.

If any of your suspension components are worn it will affect the vehicle's alignment. If your alignment is out your tires are going to wear out prematurely. It is important to have an alignment done at least once a year or if you begin to see an uneven wear pattern develop on your tires. Also an alignment will need to be done if certain suspension components are replaced.

The second system that you want to make sure is ready for fall and winter is your vehicle's coolant system. In our area we really don't have to worry about freezing temperatures but if you are planning on traveling to where the temperatures do drop below freezing then you definitely have to make sure that the coolant in your vehicle is in good condition. If the coolant in your vehicle is old and breaking down in can cause the heater core to get clogged up and your heater will not work properly. This can become an expensive repair because in order to replace the heater core, the entire dash has to be removed from the vehicle. So before you start making you holiday travel plans, make sure you make plans to have your coolant flushed.

So by keeping these things in mind you'll be a little safer going down the road and a little warmer when you're in colder temperatures. Also, you'll keep from having to spend your money on tires before you actually need them.



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# Almost a Three-Peat



came to Kentucky the second weekend of July and Sparta will never be the same again. After years of anticipation the people of northern Kentucky and southern Ohio were rewarded with an event filled weekend through the efforts of SMI (Speedway Motorsports, Inc.) the new owner of the Kentucky Speedway.

Thursday, the seventh of July saw an exciting edition of the Camping World Truck Series. Thirty Six trucks took the track for the UNOH 225 race that was to be an event full of excitement and strange happenings. Kyle Busch had qualified in his #18 Dollar General Toyota at a speed of 171.26 mph, putting him in the number 8 position. But, Kyle missed the mandatory drivers meeting and was forced to start at the back of the 36 truck field.

The UNOH 225 mile race, around a 1.5 mile oval track was scheduled for 150 laps. There were 3 accidents, 7 cautions and 20 trucks running at the finish including 12 trucks on the lead lap.

At lap 143, Charlie Vest, driving number 99, a Ford owned by Chase Mattioli, stopped on the track forcing a two lap caution and setting up a 5 lap sprint to the finish. One lap into the final however, a crash in turn 4 between Miguel Paludo and Nelson Piquet, Jr., (strangely, the only two Brazilians in the field), brought out the final caution. That caution extended to lap 150, the scheduled final lap, thereby bringing out a Green-White-Checkered finish.

Like most motorsporting events, NASCAR attempts to prevent a finish while under a caution. They have created the Green-White-Checkered finish

to address the situation where a race would end under a caution. If there is a caution condition when the race is scheduled to end, the race is extended for two additional laps, one under green racing conditions and one under the white final lap and then ending with the checkered flag. Should another caution condition happen while under the green, that caution is observed and then the race is extended under the Green-White-Checkered rule yet again. If the caution condition happens while the race is under the white final lap, the race continues to the checkered flag finish.

At the restart at lap 150, Kyle Busch took the lead, closely followed by Parker Kligerman. They finished in that order, separated by .3 seconds. Kyle Busch had won the race after starting in 36th position.



On Friday, during qualifications for the Nationwide "Feed the Children 300", Kyle Busch crashed coming out of turn 4, and failed to qualify. Joe Gibbs

Racing used their owners exemption to allow Kyle Busch to enter the race, although he was forced to start at the back of the field, as he had the night before.

The race was run with 5 caution periods, including 4 accidents, but the last 61 laps were run under the green. Brad Keselowski won the race by beating the second place Kevin Harvick to the finish line by 1.180 seconds and third place finisher Kyle Busch by 3.796 seconds.

On Saturday, it rained for an extended period in the afternoon, causing qualifying to be canceled. Officially NASCAR qualifying is set by the amount

of time it takes a driver to complete his one fastest lap. NASCAR times the laps electronically down to one-thousandth of a second (.001). As there was no qualifying, the starting position was based on earlier practice times. With the fastest practice time, Kyle Busch took the pole position.

The race was run with 6 cautions, including only 1 accident. Kyle Busch led 125 of the 267 laps and won over David Reutimann and Jimmy Johnson by .179 seconds. Of the 43 starters, there were 34 cars who finished the race including 23 on the lead lap.

I have broken with my usual format in giving you times and positions and statistics. I have done so to emphasize the way that Kyle Busch dominated the field at Kentucky. At 26 years of age, he has come into his own when it comes to NASCAR. In one race, he started last and won, in another, he started last and finished third, and in the third race, he started with the pole position and finished first.

It is my considered opinion that Kyle Busch will become one of the all time great drivers in NASCAR. He already has 103 wins in the combined categories of NASCAR races. At Bristol, he has 3 consecutive Nationwide Series wins and 3 Consecutive Sprint Cup Series wins. After 16 Camping World races this year, he has 6 victories. After 25 Nationwide Series races, he has 7 wins to his credit and after 24 Sprint Cup events, he has finished first 4 times. A total of 16 victories this season, and there are still 12 Sprint Cup races and 9 races in both the Nationwide and Camping World Series left to run.

When we think of the great drivers of NASCAR we think of Dale Earnhardt, Davey and Bobby Allison, A. J. Foyt and of course Richard Petty. I predict that before his career is over, Kyle Busch will equal and surpass the majority of this elite group. His just missed Three-peat is an example of what we can expect in the future from Kyle Busch.

## RESPECT ... IT'S ON THE WAY.

**R**odney Dangerfield used to say, "I don't get no respect". Well, it could be said that the NASCAR Nationwide series don't get no respect either, or more accurately, hasn't had respect until now, but that is about to change, in a big way.

Danica Patrick has announced that starting with the 2012 schedule, she will race full time in the Nationwide series, with an occasional appearance in a Sprint Cup event. This is a major happening for the Nationwide Series.

Danica made her debut in Kart racing back in 1992, later moving to Formula Ford, Formula Vauxhall and IndyCar racing with the Rahal Letterman Racing team. In 2005, she moved to the Andretti AutoSports team. Starting in 2010 she began her NASCAR Nationwide career, driving car #7 for JR MotorSports. In 2010 she had 13 starts with no top 10 finishes, but in 2011, to date she has 7 starts with 3 top 10 finishes and 1 top 5 finish.

In addition to her racing career, she has had a successful modeling career and has appeared for several years in the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue.

I'll wager that if you put 100 men in a room and ask them, 80 would admit to being NASCAR fans, but all would admit to being fans of Danica Patrick. With her full time commitment to NASCAR there is bound to be an increase in attendance at Nationwide races and a corresponding increase in viewers of NASCAR races at each series. JR MotorSports has made a wise choice in signing her to a full time contract. It would seem to make sense to sign her to a contract as a spokesperson for their team. We would also think that GoDaddy.com will see a boost in sales as a result of having Danica front and center in NASCAR.

Don't get me wrong, I do expect there to be a big jump in viewers and in attendance at NASCAR events, and I do hope that this signing will help get more attention drawn to the sport, but that isn't enough. NASCAR needs to be recognized as a legitimate sporting event. NASCAR draws more fans that than the National Football League, more than the National Hockey League, more than Major League Baseball and even more than the National Basketball Association. Yet, in a recent issue of Sports Illustrated, there was not one page devoted to motorsports. In the last three issues of the Sporting News, there has been a grand total of one page devoted to motorsports, most of which was either stale news or advertising. The Sporting News of August 29th was 73 pages in length. Coverage of motorsports was confined to just one page, half of which was an article on Brad Keselowski's amazing win at Pocono with a broken ankle. the other half was devoted to Reid Spencer's comments on the differences in cars between 1966 and today.

Hopefully, with the advent of the "Danica Era", there will be more attention paid to the sport. Here at Dude we have made a commitment to bring you more and better Motorsport's coverage. In future issues you hope to bring you not only NASCAR, but articles about IndyCar, SCCA, and Grand Am. We hope to bring this to you, so that you will no longer be able to say, "We don't get no Respect."



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# WHEN I GROW UP, I WANNA BE A...

by WES GRADY

All of us parents have heard the usual refrain, followed by the usual occupations, cowboy, train engineer, fireman, Miss America.... race car driver.....hmmm race car driver... Some actually make it, but it takes a lot... luck, skill, perseverance, and of course money. Lots of money.

It is tough to break into NASCAR, and by that I mean as a driver, not a burglar. There is no magic formula that will give a driver the opportunity to join the ranks of the 111 men and women who can call their workplace the inside of a NASCAR automobile. The Camping world Series has a field of 25 drivers, The Nationwide Series a field of 43, and of course The Sprint Cup Series also has a field of 43.

Let's take the case of a young man from Denver, NC, who has been trying to catch a ride in the Nationwide system. Not long ago he had the chance to finish a Nationwide race in Bristol, TN when a driver was needed and he happened to be around.

The sponsor, CarportEmpire.com was impressed enough that they invited him to drive for them the following week in Atlanta. I spoke with him in Atlanta and found out that he has been trying for 12 years to get started. His father has experience as a crew chief and runs a machine shop as well. He wants to start up his own team, and is looking for a backer. If anyone has a couple million dollars and wants to be a big shot in NASCAR, just contact Matt Carter at [www.mattcarterracing.com](http://www.mattcarterracing.com). Tell him Wes Grady sent you.

He took the #39 car, in which he had about 2 hours of practice and qualified it on one of the toughest tracks in the country at 172.281 mph. He started the race at position 23 in the 12th row. This is a track that is known for having a hunger for tires. Within 2 laps of putting on new tires, cars are slipping and sliding at each turn, and his team started with only 5 sets of tires including 3 sets that were previously used in practice. Carl Edwards, the eventual winner, started with 11 sets of tires, and put a new set on at each stop, but Matt was hampered by a budget that was miniscule by comparison. In a previous article we discussed the enormous cost of racing a car at NASCAR, and this is made even worse in the Nationwide Series, where the prizes are much less. One can hardly fault the sponsors for seeking to get the most of their investment.

They piled up the miles, and the accidents, and by the end of the 200 laps, only 31 of

the starting 43 cars were running and Matt had climbed from a starting position of 23 to a finishing position of 17. This shouldn't seem like a minor rise. Remember that he had no experience with this car and this team, that he had limited experience at this track (1 prior race) and a very limited budget to work with. I would venture to say that if he had Carl Edwards team behind him, and adequate time to become familiar with the car, he would have done much better. But, as they say, "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride".

Matt will have to wait for another day and another place to get the opportunity to shine. He is a late bloomer, but I predict that he will eventually catch a permanent ride and will do well in the Nationwide Series of NASCAR. As it is, CarportEmpire.com, Bennett Steel Buildings and Rimrock Design, the sponsors of #39 are to be congratulated for putting together a great team, for having the fortitude to enter a car in NASCAR in the first place, and certainly the vision to hire Matt Carter as their substitute driver for this day. If I ever find myself in the market for a steel carport or portable steel building, I know who I am going to call. I'll just tell them that I am a friend of Matt Carter.



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# Water, Water Everywhere, So How Come You're Not Drinking It?

BY MONA WARD

**D**o you know how much water you're actually drinking? Do you know how much you need?

Sorry this wasn't a question directed at you but an actual conversation I had with my husband. Okay I called it a discussion he called it nit-picking. Not so fast mister (now I am talking to you) keep reading.

We all heard the old adage 8 ounces 8 times. So what does that mean? Typically the male body needs somewhere around 2 liters of fluids to function. That's roughly 64+ ounces of fluid. But check this out; you will go through approximately 1 liter just resting, perspiring, breathing, and urinating. You will also need .5 liters to metabolize your food. So after a brilliant deduction you have a ½ liter to survive on for the rest of your activities. Play 45 minutes of basketball and you'll deplete that last ½ liter. You'll need to refill that water tank or suffer the consequences.

But not so fast not just any liquid will do. There is some conflicting reports that any liquid counts as an ounce of your "water". But keep in mind sugary liquids add calories and caffeine can be dehydrating. For every caffeine or sugar drink you take in, you'll need to add 4 ounces of WATER to balance out the caffeine or sugar. And beer doesn't count so don't even think Friday night card night will make up for all the water you didn't drink.

Use this calculation to find out how much water you'll need; take your weight and multiply by 2/3. If you weighted 150 lbs this would mean you'd need 100 ounces of water. (It also means we could probably share jeans but that's another story). If you work out at a pretty good level, you'll need to add another 8 ounces and add another 8 ounces if you are in extreme hot or cold temperatures.

Did you know that most times when you think you are having hunger pains, you are in need of water. By the time you realize that you are thirsty you are probably getting dehydrated.

And it's just not about re-hydrating your insides. It also combats fatigue, keeps the fuzzy fog out of your brain and helps you to concentrate on the



task at hand (like the nagging wife who keeps insisting you're not getting enough water)

And drinking 8/8 helps raise your metabolism by 3 %. Have achy muscles, drink water and you'll see a greater relief in joint pain just by hydrating. Keeping fluid on the fluids will also stave off cancer. Drinking the good old H2O will reduce the risk of Colon cancer by 45%, Breast cancer by 79% and Bladder cancer by 50%.

All it took for Freddie to keep his water intake up was to experience Kidney stones! Whew that was a bad day.

And if all this isn't enough of a reason to stay water tight, how about your skin? We need water to hydrate our skin. The elements and daily activities put a hurt on our epidermis why not give it back a little moisture just by drinking water. Listen, we like a rugged guy but I'd rather not kiss sandpaper.

So get smart about the power of water and drink up. While Freddie counts his ounces, I count my self lucky.

*Cheers*



**DUDE PROFILE:** Ramona Ward  
Married 23 years to Freddie Ward  
Living in the low-country for 30 years,  
Bluffton resident 12 years, 3 dogs (all  
adopted and overly adored)  
Sports Club Director, Oldfield Club  
Personal Trainer and Fitness instructor  
through AFPA

Enjoys skiing, wakeboarding, cooking, (eating, Duh!) hopping on the big bike and getting out of town. All forms of crazy activities.  
Personal motto- It's more fun to color outside the lines!!!



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# Creating A Brand of PREMIUM Cigars

BY JOE 'THE CIGARTAINER' SWEIGART, CST

**R**ocky Patel of Rocky Patel Premium Cigars was recently featured on CNBC's "How I Made My Millions" (Episode 10).

Rocky's story is a fantastic journey from 'cigar smoker' to being 'in the club' of big time cigar manufacturers. It took Rocky less than two decades to grow production to more than 18 million cigars per year.

In case you missed it, Rocky talked about his career as an entertainment lawyer. He said his clients and friends smoked premium cigars during the many 'waiting periods' during Hollywood productions. He joined in.

He became a big fan and was a founding member of the Grand Havana Club in Beverly Hills. His cigar-smoking friends were Arnold, Bruce, Mel and other high profile celebrities.

He purchased the small Indian Tabac Cigar Company. The revived company debuted at the 1996 Retail Tobacco Dealers Association (RTDA) [now International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers Association (IPCPR)]. Rocky was off and running in the cigar business.

His Indian culture and background along with his US education never prepared him for what was to come. He liked cigars but he didn't know how to: grow tobacco, properly dry tobacco, ferment tobacco, age tobacco, blend tobacco, bunch tobacco, wrap tobacco, market tobacco, deal with multiple levels of 'barriers to entry' into the industry including a deeply entrenched 'good ole boy' network along with multiple levels of government taxes and regulations. What Rocky did have was an idea as to how to sell cigars.

In the early years, Rocky and his brother, Nish, dealt with several small factories in Honduras. Sales were inconsistent until Rocky finally convinced the Placencia family to make his cigars. This marriage was 'made in heaven.' Rocky had a consistent supply but he had to learn how the industry 'really' worked. For that, let's look at some of the history of cigars in the United States and the major groups that control them.

## CUBAN CONNECTION

In the late 1800's, Cuba was fighting another war for independence with Spain. Many Cubans had fled to the US to gain strength in organization and funding along with political backing from the US leaders. Many Cubans came through Key West, FL and some went on to Tampa. Jose Marti, the poet and revolutionary leader, was in Tampa when he sent the message (inside a cigar) to the rebels in Cuba to start the final war against Spain. That cigar became known as the 'Cigar of Liberty.'

Cubans have a deep passion about their country and a lot of it is tied to cigars. These guys were fighting and dying while they were doing their cigar thing. Keep in mind that the Cubans who had won their independence from Spain and later became large tobacco farmers and cigar producers (or their heirs), lost their property when Castro nationalized tobacco in 1960. Today, Cuban cigars are sold throughout the world (except in the USA) via the partnership between Habanos, S.A. and Altadis, the largest tobacco company in the world because it is owned by the British giant, Imperial Tobacco.



*Cigar companies hired many women to roll cigars at the turn of the 20th century. This picture hangs in the museum at Ellis Island, NY.)*



*Dave Bullock (VP Sales, RP Cigars), Elaine Sweigart (Joe's wife), Rocky Patel & Joe 'the Cigartainer' Sweigart*

## CIGARS IN THE USA

At the same time as the Spanish American War and the turn of the 20th century, Americans were smoking a lot of cigars. Seven out of ten men smoked cigars. So, of course, there were several American businessmen who developed ties with the Cuban cigar makers. In 1905, there were over 70,000 small cigar factories registered in the US. Some guess there were 30,000 more unregistered. My wife's grandmother from Serbia/Croatia worked for General Cigar in Steelton, PA as a cigar roller back then.

Joseph Cullman, Sr. of New York was in tobacco in the 1880's. He passed the business down to his more famous son, Joe 'Junior' who passed it onto Edgar who passed it onto Edgar, Jr. The last two sold the company (General Cigar) to Swedish Match, which is now part of Scandinavian Tobacco Group, the second largest tobacco company in the world.

Philip Morris, the Duke family and many other tobacco operations became very wealthy during this period as cigarettes became more popular than cigars. However, cigar machines helped keep cigars very fashionable. And Cuba exported more than enough hand rolled cigars into the states to keep the aficionados happy. Larger profits generated by the tobacco industry brought increased taxes and regulations. In 1994 when the big Tobacco Company CEOs declared, under oath, that nicotine is not addictive, a huge firestorm erupted. Today, the Federal Food & Drug Administration (FDA) regulates cigarettes and is trying to control premium cigars.

## OTHER CARRIBBEAN COUNTRIES & CIGARS

Puerto Rico still has one of the oldest continuing operating cigar factories in the west. Puerto Rico Tobacco Corporation dates to 1505. La Aurora is the oldest cigar factory in the Dominican Republic, founded in 1903 by Don Eduardo León Jimenes. There has been cigar production throughout the Caribbean for many years spawning several cigar factories handed down from one generation to another.

After Castro nationalized tobacco in 1960, many Cuban tobacco farmers thought they could wait it out. 'Certainly Fidel wouldn't last long,' they thought. When they realized they were wrong, they fled Cuba with very little and not that many 'seeds.'

Cubans named Menendez, Toraño, Padron, Perez-Carrillo, Perdomo, Oliva, Pepin and many others found a way to get back into tobacco in the new lands that would become their homes. Of course, most came to Miami as their first stop.

They expanded the partnerships with American companies especially after the US Embargo of 1962, when they realized Cuba could not trademark their family names in the US any longer. So the ex-pats made the best deals they could with Altadis (then Consolidated) and General Cigar to create duplicate names. Many of these relationships resulted in several new cigar factories being established in the Dominican Republic, Honduras or Nicaragua.

## HARD WORK = SUCCESS

Rocky Patel had to learn to deal with the Cubans in Cuba (for competition outside the US), the ex-pat Cubans, American businessmen, worldwide conglomerates, government taxes and regulations and a network of retail stores that are not usually eager to embrace new brands. He was determined to break into that world.

Rocky has worked long and hard traveling, doing events and introducing his cigars. I have met him and can attest to his dedication to creating a quality brand. I'm glad he's getting the great press for the hard work it took to become 'a member of the club' because his brand has definitely been created. Cigar smokers everywhere are better for it because his cigars are excellent.

*Long Ashes, Baby!!!*



**DUDE PROFILE:** Joe 'the Cigartainer' Sweigart is the author of the popular book Long Ashes, Baby. Has been in the luxury tobacco industry since 1993. Joe is a Certified Sales Tobacconist by Tobacconist University and an Ambassador for Cigar Rights of America. His company specializes in private label premium cigars and cigar rolling events. You can contact Joe via cell phone 404-441-4438 or email joe@longashesbaby.com



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# A YELLOW *Leaf*



BY LOWCOUNTRY JOE ®

I remember a conversation regarding Fall with a local upon my arrival to the Lowcountry twenty seven years ago. "Just wait Joe....it will turn Fall overnight". That particular Summer was hot as Haities and I wondered about my sanity to move South. As August turned to September and September turned to October I woke each morning expecting cool breezes to refresh me like the ones up North, but none came. My local newfound friend had been wrong. But then one morning as I opened the door for the morning paper, I was met with a welcome visitor....the first vestige of Fall. Overnight a cold front had beared down on the Carolinas bringing with it a semblance of my North West Pennsylvania memories. The fresh coolness raced through the opening and swept by my welcoming face. Like a spirit floating through the wind it enveloped my body ever so softly and sped away into the adjoining rooms. As promised, Fall had arrived overnight in the Lowcountry.

With that "cooling experience" I waited anxiously for the onset of turning leaves. I waited and waited and then one day in late November I noticed a bright yellow leaf floating effortlessly from the clear Carolina blue sky. Like a crazy man, and as a neighbor walking his dog watched, I rushed out into the street grasping for it in mid air. Once caught I held it ever so carefully in my hand not wanting to disturb even the fragile stem. For some reason this colorful yellow leaf had become very special to me. It was a fond remembrance of me as a child, experiencing the fun of hot Summer vacation days and submitting to the cool school day freshness of Fall.

I normally get very busy this time of year and it precludes making a trip North and join the throngs of leaf peepers. But this year I decided that life was too short to miss another Northern Fall season. Mary and I packed our sweaters and headed way up North to our cottage in the Canadian Maritimes. As our small plane landed and taxied down the airstrip a collage of reds, yellows and oranges raced by the windows. Our stewardess opened the cabin door, a cool freshness of a bright Canadian day swept down the isle and over my welcoming face. I walked across the tarmac with a renewed spring in my step and looked towards the horizon. Out there in Mother natures brightly colored pallet a lone bright yellow leaf awaits.



**DUDE PROFILE:** Lowcountry Joe ®  
Once characterized by Tiger Woods former coach Hank Haney as a "local legend", Joe Yocius, aka LowCountry Joe, seems to always fit the bill. Truly one of the Lowcountry's "unique" people, it's hard to find a dull moment with this guy around. Whether it be "sitting in" at a Hilton Head juke joint blowin' the blues on his harmonica, offering "tastes" at the historic Silver Dew Winery, or relating personal ghost experiences on his Bloody Point Ghost Tours, LCJoe is the epitome of a "Daufuskie Dude". Joe and his lovely Bride Mary of thirty seven (37) years are Owner/Keepers of the CIRCA 1883 Bloody Point Lighthouse.

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**D**UDES love LIVE ENTERTAINMENT and here you'll find it every issue. First up, we'll look at regional venues and let you know where and when the big names are jammin LIVE. Next, we will have an up to date comprehensive entertainment directory of where you can find it LIVE in Beaufort County. We will break it down for you by geographic areas; Hilton Head Island, Bluffton and Beaufort. If you see something or someplace we've left out, please send us an email or give us a call and we'll get it in the next issue.

Located no more than a couple hours up the road is the NORTH CHARLESTON COLISEUM & THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. These great venues have a nice variety of live events this Fall; Friday & Saturday September 16th & 17th, it's the US

ARMY'S SPIRIT OF AMERICA, Thursday 22nd - Sunday 25th GLORIOUS GERSWIN/ Musical Tribute, Sunday 25th 7:30pm Country Girl, MIRANDA LAMBERT, Thursday October 20th - Sunday 23rd, take your children to the wonderful performance that is DISNEY ON ICE, Tuesday November 1st 7:30pm JOSH GROBAN and Saturday 12th 7:30pm DARIUS RUCKER, OK he's not Hootie anymore, but what happened to the Blowfish?. In the PAC this Fall, Sunday October 2nd 7:30pm RAIN-TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES, Wednesday 9th 7pm JOHN MELLENCAMP's "No better than this tour!" and believe it or not, Thursday 17th 8pm Country Music Legend, LORETTA LYNN. You GO GIRL at 76 years young!

The Savannah Civic Center located only about 30 minutes down the road actually has a couple events worth mentioning this Fall and they are in the Johnny Mercer Theatre, Friday September 16th, DARIUS RUCKER, Thursday 29th - Sunday October 2nd at the Civic Center, it's a children's favorite, DISNEY ON ICE, Tuesday October 4th and Wednesday 5th WIDESPREAD PANIC will be rockin the house and Friday November 11th, JOHN MELLENCAMP.

Located a few hours down the road is JACKSONVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA and they have a few shows scheduled that are worth mentioning this Fall,

Friday October 28th 7pm ZAC BROWN BAND, I like my chicken fried and cold beer on Friday night and Friday November 11th 7pm, it's pretty young thang, TAYLOR SWIFT.

The COLONIAL LIFE ARENA on the campus of the University of South Carolina has only one show worth mentioning on Friday November 18th 7pm, it's that PYT, TAYLOR SWIFT.



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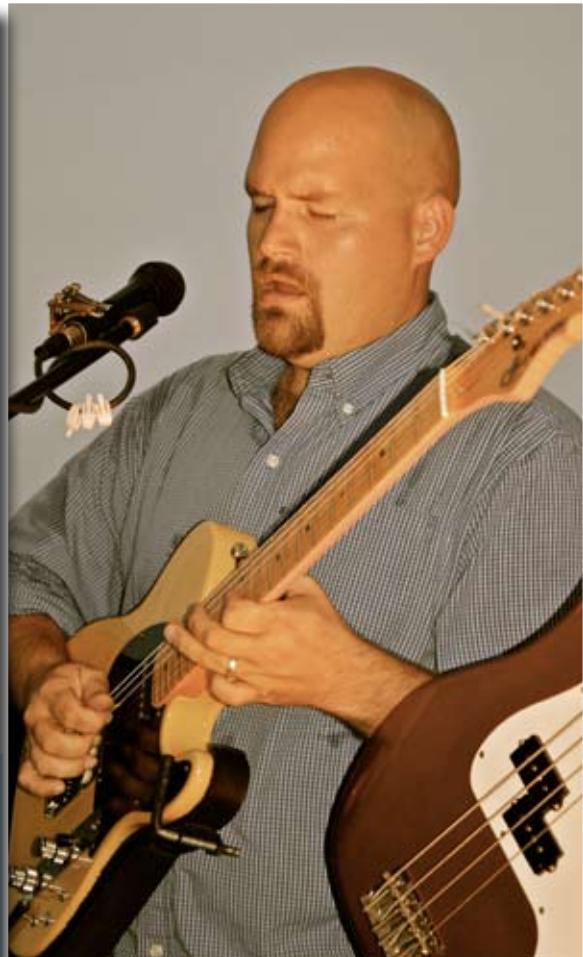
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# Chris Jones

BY BRAD McDONALD



Chris Jones is a South Carolina native musician who performs over 300 shows annually across the South. Jones' regular venues include The Quarter Deck, San Miguel's, The Tiki Hut, Fripp Island, and Luther's in downtown Beaufort. Chris is also a favorite at a lot of local festivals. While his guitar skills are firmly rooted in Travis style finger picking, influences of rockabilly, classical, flamenco, rock 'n roll, and surf shine through at each of his performances.

Chris Jones uses the latest in phrase sampling, amplification and guitar technology to produce a sound that could only be rivaled by a seasoned four or five piece band. The "Disastercaster", Jones' primary instrument, is a unique double neck guitar/bass that was custom built for Chris by master guitar builder Damond Mailand, and is the only one of its kind in the world. This instrument has the capability to produce the sounds of acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass. It was also designed as a midi controller, which means that it can electronically produce thousands of sounds that span the entire musical world. From the orchestra pit to the mash pit, in Chris' hands this instrument is truly amazing. Finger style acoustic guitar, trumpet, harmonica, tenor and baritone ukulele as well as assorted percussion and brass instruments are also showcased throughout Jones' performances.

Using a device called a "Boomerang" Jones has the capacity to record his instruments and voice live and layer them into full compositions that generally consist of lush harmonies, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass, drums, and brass. This technology gives Chris the ability to cover a very wide spectrum of musical genres that include 50's, 60's and 70's rock, raucous Texas blues, Motown, surf, rockabilly, and swing.

Chris was born and raised in Branchville, S.C. where he came up redbreast and bream fishing the Edisto River. Jones received a Fender guitar for his 10th birthday and was immediately consumed by the instrument, practicing for hours daily and engulfing himself with the music of Chet Atkins, Waylon Jennings, Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn and The Ventures. Jones draws inspiration from any musical style that speaks to him. Chris has a simple philosophy on the issue, " Good music is good music. Genres mean absolutely nothing to me." This philosophy is quickly evident while in attendance of one of his shows. You may walk up to Jones ripping a Dick Dale surf tune, sit down to Chris blowing trumpet on a Louis Prima number or Travis picking some good old Jerry Reed.

Jones resides on Lady's Island where he lives with his wife, two children and their cat Pippa. When not performing, Chris can be found bass fishing, quail hunting, in the church house, or chasing his kids around the yard with a water hose. You can view videos of Chris Jones on you tube. Type in "Chris Jones Hilton Head", and several videos will pop up. You can also visit his website [www.acousticacrobat.com](http://www.acousticacrobat.com).

Jones will also be performing two very interesting show at the Beaufort performing arts center on November 14 and December 12. On November 14th, Jones will be performing a hour long history of the Blues where he will be taking the audience on a trip through time to visit the guitar styles of Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters, Freddie King and Stevie Ray Vaughn. On December 12th, Chris will be performing his "Evolution of the guitar" show, in which he will cover the highlights of the instrument's last 100 years. Jones will start this show playing primitive blues on a resonator guitar, work his way through the styling's of Chet Atkins, Jerry Reed and Merle Travis on an acoustic guitar, and close the show with his signature double neck guitar "The Disastercaster". You certainly will not want to miss theses very special performances.





# HILTON HEAD ISLAND

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**THE SALTY DOG CAFE** (843) 671-2233 Located in South Beach Marina. Great for outdoor evening cocktails and local live guitarists, Dave Kemmerly and Bruce Crichton playing most nights.

## COLIGNY BEACH AREA

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**HINCHEY'S CHICAGO BAR & GRILL** (843) 686-5959 New location in the Metropolitan Hotel on South Forest Beach Drive. Great line up on entertainment! Check them out on Facebook.

**THE TIKI HUT** (843) 785-5126 Located at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront, South Forest Beach Drive. Beachside cold beverages, cool live local tunes, beach volleyball and plenty of hot bikini babes.

## THE BEACH MARKET

**DANIEL'S** (843) 341-9379 A very cool spot near the beach. Great new upscale feel with a great wine bar, outdoor seatings with some cool late night Friday happenings for DUDES with their VIP girls.

**FLATBREAD GRILL** (843) 341-2225 NEW and located in the old Hinchey's, This upscale casual dining spot has been completely made over. You should go just to see it. Great place to water down after coming off the beach DUDE.

## COLIGNY PLAZA BY THE SEA

**The BIG BAMBOO CAFE** (843) 686-3443 Our friend, Tristan usually has a pretty good line up of live tunes with Live Reggae by Patwa, The Beagles (Beatles tribute band) and locals Jack Jones and Angie Aparo jammin in to the wee hours.

**STEAMERS SEAFOOD** (843) 785-2070 They usually have someone playing guitar on the outdoor patio most evenings in the summer.

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## PARK PLAZA

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## PALMETTO BAY ROAD

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**THE NEW REMY'S BAR & GRILL** (Just down Arrow Road) (843) 842-3800 [www.remysbarandgrill.com](http://www.remysbarandgrill.com) and Remy's Bar on Facebook. Located in the old Palm Club. Not many people deliver LIVE MUSIC 7 NIGHTS A WEEK! This new location is awesome DUDES! Roy will always be serving up his famous "Meat and 3" homecooked lunches.

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**BLACK MARLIN HURRICANE BAR** (843) 785-4950 Waterside bar that has very comfortable outdoor seating with fantastic cuisine in a Key West type atmosphere. Weekend Brunch & NEW Daiquiri bar.

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**BLUFFTON**

**KELLY'S TAVERN** (843) 837-3353 A cool locals watering hole located in Buckingham Plantation/Old South. Iced cold beer and maybe biggest Rueben sandwich anywhere.

**BRITISH OPEN PUB** (New Location) Sheridan Park beside Sonic (843) 705-4005

**KATIE O'DONALD'S** (843) 815-5555 Bluffton does have a great Irish Pub and this is it DUDES. Our long time friend "Big Don" runs the show and many locals find it the best watering hole. Fantastic place for lunch and dinner in Kitties Crossing.....one word DUDES....GUINNESS! See ad this issue.

**WILD WING CAFE** (843) 837-9453 Located beside Golden Corral. Pretty much the same deal as the HHI wing, just a bit newer. Good variety of live entertainment most weekends.

**PEPPER'S PORCH** (843) 757-2295 Located on May River Road, dining indoors with a great outdoor party spot complete with an outdoor bar. Voted 2009 Best Top Ten Beer Gardens.

**POUR RICHARD'S** (843) 757-1999 4376 Buckwalter Parkway. Richard and Ally create such great pairings each night. Check out their FB page and website [www.pourrichardsbluffton.com](http://www.pourrichardsbluffton.com) for the menu. Open Monday-Saturday 5:30-10:00 pm.

**MONTANA'S RESTAURANT & GRIZZLY BAR** (843)-815-BEAR Great beautiful bar with multiple TV's. Great steaks, ribs and a killer Sunday Brunch. Give em a call they now have some of the best LIVE entertainment around on weekends.

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**OLD TOWN DISPENSARY** (843) 837-1893 Cool watering hole at 15 Captain's Cove. Monday-Saturday Open at noon. Tapas at 5pm.

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**OKATIE**

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**THE TAVERN AT RIVER WALK** (843) 645-2333 Located in the Riverwalk Business Park on Hwy 170, Monday-Saturday 11:00 am-Midnight. Karaoke Fridays DUDE!

**BEAUFORT**

Across the Broad River is HISTORIC BEAUFORT and a lot of the entertainment on this side comes in the form of festivals, concert series, etc. A schedule compliments of the great [www.beaufortchamber.org](http://www.beaufortchamber.org) is where you can see the local calendar of events.

**DOWNTOWN BEAUFORT**

**LUTHER'S RARE & WELL DONE** (843) 521-1888 Michael Stavac/Proprietor, 910 Bay Street, Overlooking Waterfront Park, great for burger and brews DUDE. LIVE MUSIC Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



*Habitual Offenders Tear Down Rosie O'Grady's!  
The Van Halen Was Awesome DUDES!*

**NIPPY'S** (843) 379-8555 310 West Street, LIVE MUSIC every Thursday and Friday night 6-8:30 pm

**PLUMS** (843) 525-1946, 904 Bay Street, Lance Price runs a great dining spot for lunch or dinner. Oyster Bar! Overlooking Waterfront Park, LIVE MUSIC some Thursdays, but every Friday and Saturday.

**SALTUS** (843) 379-3474, 802 Bay Street, another one of Lance's jewels. Very upscale with fresh sushi, Overlooking Wterfront Park, Friday Night LIVE beginning at 8:30pm.

**PANINI'S** (843) 379-0300, 926 Bay Street, LIVE MUSIC Saturdays.

**WREN** (843) 524-9463, 210 Carteret Street, occasional entertainment.

**BREAKWATER RESTAURANT & BAR** (843) 379-0052, 203 Carteret Street. Very fresh seafood delicacies.

**HEMINGWAY'S** (843) 521-4480, 920 Bay Street, Just simply one of the coolest DUDE watering holes around. DUDE, finding it is half the fun!

**EMILY'S TAPAS BAR** (843) 522-1866, 906 Port Republic St.

**ROBERT SMALLS PARKWAY**

**SAND BAR & GRILL** (843) 524-FOOD (3663) This is a COOL NEW SPOT DUDE, located next to the movie theatre in Beaufort Plaza. Great friendly staff. Great Village Inn style Pizzas, Burgers, Wings and Beer! Before or after the movie. \$1 OFF during HAPPY HOUR Monday-Friday 4-7pm

**BOUNDARY STREET**

**ROSIE O'GRADY'S** (843) 379-7676, 2127 Boundary Street/Beaufort Town Center DUDE friends, Michael & Leslie Pressley have one of the coolest watering holes. KARAOKE Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays, if there is not a live band playing most Saturdays. The BEST burgers, buffalo shrimp and fried chicken livers this side of the Broad River. See ad this issue.

**HECKLER'S SPORTS BAR** (843) 379-2090 Chef Brian may very well have some of the best brick oven pizza anywhere. Karaoke every Thursday and they will have all your favorite college and pro football games on this Fall.

**RIBAUT ROAD TO PORT ROYAL**

**AMF RIBAUT LANES** (843) 524-3111,1140 Ribaut Road, The DUDE has got to drink beer and bowl.

Not sure if they have white russians or not DUDE.

**THE BACK PORCH GRILL** (843) 525-9824, Landing Drive, Port Royal Marina. Great Marina and local watering hole. The food ain't too bad either DUDE for lunch or dinner.

**DOCKSIDE** (843) 524-7443 Located at the end of 11th Street in the town of Port Royal. This active Seafood Market, with a fleet of local shrimp boats, is one of the little hidden gems in Beaufort county. GREAT FRESH LOCAL SEAFOOD DUDES, need we say more. They have a great watering hole bar with a fantastic waterfront marsh view to boot!

**CAROLINA WINGS & RIB HOUSE** (843) 379-5959 Located in Port Royal Plaza at the light. Great sport bar environment. Many TV's, great saddle up bar and obviously AWESOME WINGS & RIBS DUDE!

**LADY'S & ST. HELENA ISLANDS**

**THE FILLIN STATION** (843) 522-0230, Sea Island Parkway, It is what it is, a DUDE watering hole.

**SANCTUARY GOLF CLUB,**

**CAT ISLAND GRILL & PUB** 843-524-4653 See longtime friend Chef Tom for fantastic burgers, sandwiches and your favorite DUDE cocktails after golf or tennis, as you overlook the 18th hole! Sunday Brunch is a MUST! See ad this issue.

**STEAMER OYSTER & STEAKHOUSE** (843) 522-0210, Sea Island Parkway just through the first light on Lady's Island.

**FOOLISH FROG**, (843) 838-9300, 846 Sea Island Parkway, St Helena Island, Jam sessions on Tuesdays.

**BOONDOCKS** (843) 838-0821, Sea Island Parkway, St. Helena Island, occasional LIVE MUSIC on Fridays and Saturdays.

**JOHNSON CREEK TAVERN** (843) 838-4166, Located between St.Helena Island and Hunting Island State Park. Our long time friend and BIG GAMECOCK FAN, Jay Lloyd is the owner of this GREAT BAR & EATERY, on the left just before the bridge.. COOL sea island watering hole with GREAT OCEANFRONT VIEW and the freshest seafood around. Sign and put a dollar on the wall and make sure you say hello to our friend, Captain E. Normus Johnson! Don't forget to get one of his great T-shirts!

**ROCK ON BEAUFORT COUNTY**

If we've left some place out or have some wrong information please contact: BRAD at [brad@dudesc.com](mailto:brad@dudesc.com) or call him (843) 298-3827.







Dear Harold,

Are you named after Harold Heckubah, the famous director who almost rescued the castaways on Gilligan Island?

Speaking of Gilligan Island, you should consider featuring the Professor as your Dude of the Month...he was quite the stud... intelligent, calm...both MaryAnn and Ginger vied for his attention. Just my opinion.

Signed

Tina Louise

Dear TL,

Ah NO! I think he was played by Phil Silvers was he not? You wouldn't happen to be a movie star would you? I love that show, I think I've seen every episode dozens of times. Wish they would rerun Gilligan's Island on TV Land. The professor though smart was a harold himself. Too smart for his own good. I think Lovey Howell might have had her eye on the professor once or twice as well. That was one helluva 3 hour tour! I was amazed at how much cash Thurston Howell III took with him on that tour.

Harold

Dear Harold,

I can not believe that there is someone shooting poor ducks in Bluffton with a blow dart gun. Seeing the pictures in the Island Packet of that poor Mallard duck with a dart in his head was heart breaking. Do you know if they ever caught who was doing that? I'd like to shoot a blow dart at them and see how they feel. Animal cruelty should not be allowed in this country.

Signed

Anita Payback

Dear AP,

I'm not sure whether they caught the person or the duck for that matter. My guess is that it is some stupid kid that has no parental supervision and very poor respect for Mother Nature and her creatures. I bet there are some parents out there that know exactly who did it. Clue, do you have a blow dart gun around your house that your child can access and you just so happen to live in that area? It better stop or I'm going to jump out of my aquarium and go hunt the IDIOT down myself. I'd like to spit some beechnut in that dude's eye and shoot him with my ole 45! Call our friends at SCDNR 1-800-922-5431 if you know who it might be.

Harold

Dear Harold,

If you wake up in the morning and there are fish scales all over the floor of your kitchen, YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK!

Signed

Buster Muffins

Dear BM,

Do you know Jeff Foxworthy personally, cause I have a feeling that really happened to you DUDE. If you go to your family reunion to try and find a date, or you mow your yard and find a car on blocks, YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK!

Harold

Dear Harold,

What's going on with our government? I hear things I honestly have trouble believing. They can't find \$6.6 billion that was sent to IRAQ! Gone! No idea where it is or who has it. Then the ATF sells guns to the warlords in Mexico to try and find them, all to have them end up killing one of our very own border agents. Am I crazy or is our government completely out of control?

Signed

The Mad Hatter

Dear TMH,

I like the fact that when our country is in crisis, the president and congress go on extended vacations. It actually might be better if those knuckleheads are not in Washington. The inefficiencies and waste blow my mind on a daily basis and I'm afraid they'll never get a hand on our out of control spending. They are like the junky guarding the pharmacy! I just hope one thing for this next generation coming up, that they haven't killed the American Dream.

Harold

Dear Harold,

I looked through your Summer issue several times looking for that photo Brad said he had of him and Hoss Cartwright but I never could find it. Did I miss it somewhere DUDE?

Signed,

Little Joe

Dear LJ,

We actually ran out of room and had to bag it, so here it is DUDE. Look at little Bradley talking to HOSS! Did he tell you about the time Fred Kirby saved him from the Indians up at Tweetsie Railroad? He's a pretty COOL DUDE, especially when he feeds me some fresh tree frogs and shrimp. I wonder what beer tastes like? He never shares.

Harold



Dear Harold,

I was saddened to hear that local BBQ master, Elgie Stover passed away this Summer. If you ever had a chance to try his BBQ, you knew that man could cook some pig. SoooWeeee! I'll miss seeing him at the local rib burn offs and bbq competitions. Do you remember when he would have the entire intersection towards Sea Pines circle all smoked up and smelling like hog heaven while cooking outside the old Remy's?

I have a feeling they will be eating a lot better up in heaven now that Elgie has headed that way.

Signed

Smokey Hindquarters

Dear SH,

I knew Elgie pretty well. He was a showman first and foremost! He called himself, THE BLACK CASANOVA and I guess if you worked with Marvin Gaye on "What's Going On", that pretty much qualifies you as a Casanova. One of his funniest lines at the Kiwanis Rib Burn Off was, "If there's some better BBQ out there, somebody better tell me about it!" When the town of HHI ruled he was in violation of the town ordinance by smoking pig on the side of the road at Rock's Party Store, he kept on doing it and one day I saw a Beaufort Sheriff's Deputy pull in behind his truck there on the side of the road, and Elgie, who wasn't afraid to take a drink with you, jumped in his truck and took off down the road with the smoke billowing out. I had to follow while laughing my ass off, all to see Elgie pull in to a place like he was delivering it. One of the funniest things I've seen on the island for sure. ELGIE, rest in peace my brotha, YOU WILL BE MISSED!

Dear Harold,

I simply love your publication. It is so much fun to read and the pictures you DUDES have in each issue are great. How did you come up with such a great idea being a fish?

Signed

Catfish Hunter

Dear CH,

I got tired of sitting at the bottom of the lake and decided to let Brad catch me! The rest is history DUDE.

Harold



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Our namesake cover of a male Mallard Duck (Anas platyrhynchos) was taken by our friend and great wildlife photographer, Wink Gaines. Derived from the French word mallard, meaning "wild drake", a mallard duck can live up to 20 years. The picture was taken last January at Glenn Hilton Park in our hometown, Hickory, N.C. The mallards have practically taken over the creek there and they are a big draw for the parents and kids who visit. This little male was having a fit trying to keep his ladies rounded up. This was one of his quiet moments!! Taken with Canon 1D Mark IV camera and a Canon 400 DO f/4 L IS lens. QUACK QUACK DUDES!

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Big Bass Brantley



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4th of July Flyover on HHI



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Insider Thunder Valley by Barry Ginn



DUDES hangin with Casey Mears



Frank Gibson's Big Blacks



Hume Collins Mahi Mahi



Don't eat my legs DUDE!



# DUDES IN FOCUS



Charles Huggins, Head of Security Palmetto Bluff  
Conducts a recent Concealed Weapons Course for  
Oldfield residents



TIM & JOEL THE SURF 104.9  
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Truckstencils.Com Models! Looking Good!  
OOO RAH!

## 56TH ANNUAL BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL WAS A BLAST DUDE!



Tropical Tuesday!  
Don't get a better setting than this Dude!



Thanks for the cold Silver Bullets girls!



The Applebee's enjoying Lowcountry Supper Night



The Groovetones play to bunch of grooven Dudes!



Lee Brice plays to a packed waterfront park!



Dude & Bo Bo Fontaine rocked the parade route!  
Looking good dudes!



Eagles tribute was  
awesome Dude!



Big D's royal T's in the house!  
Hey Dudes, get a room!



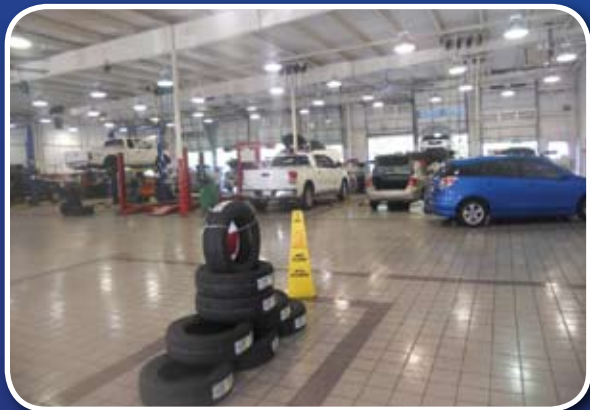
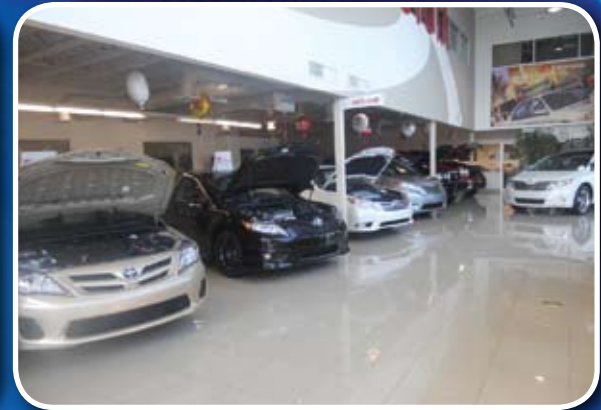
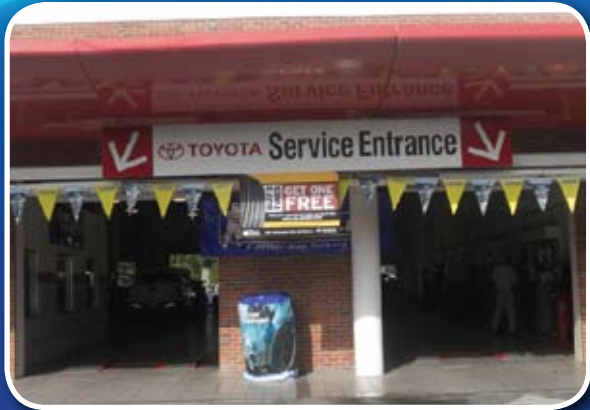
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