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Observing Today ... Conserving Tomorrow



So far this year, IGFTO observers participated in 5 tournaments & witnessed the safe release of 1,594 billfish - 321 more billfish than released during all 2011 IGFTO events.

Many Tournament Directors help with Observers travel expenses

Tournament Directors are recognizing the value of providing IGFTO Observers for their tournaments. Directors are offering attractive observer packages - many including cash incentives to help with travel expenses. Other tournament directors are offering room packages at *extremely* minimal cost. We know they recognize the value of providing "insured" observers and hope these incentives attract more IGFTO observers to participate in more tournaments.



Los Suenos Tournament Director Ashley Bretecher surprised IGFTO Director John Treat with a Rick Bogart print during March awards ceremonies, recognizing IGFTO's support and John's effort to make for a successful tournaments.

All IGFTO Observers Get igfto.org E-mail Addresses

IGFTO has provided each member observer with an igfto.org e-mail address. You may now keep track of all your e-mails on your personalized igfto.org e-mail account and all e-mails sent to this address are automatically forwarded to your current e-mail inbox.

IGFTO encourages you to put this new e-mail address on your official IGFTO business cards with the Guy Harvey designed logo. Each card is made of high gloss water-resistant coating to prevent running and smearing even when spashed with sea water.

Let captains and boat owners know you are a proud member of IGFTO observers who are "insured" before you step on their boats.

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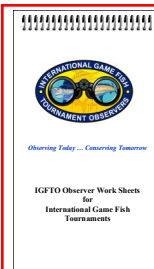
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Greg Moore

New IGFTO Director

Greg Moore, a former Florida Marine Patrol officer and retired contractor, has been elected IGFTO Director of Marketing & Administration and Coordinator for the State of Florida. Greg is a US Navy submarine veteran and avid fisherman. He will serve as Observer Coordinator at tournaments in Cap Cana and Aruba this year. Greg oversees the IGFTO Ship Store and is responsible for merchandise available to IGFTO members at igfto.org.



IGFTO Provides Tournament Work Books To Member Observers

All IGFTO Observers will receive new spiral notebooks to use while observing, beginning at the Cap Cana Billfish Shootout.

The work sheet pages have spaces for tournament dates, boat & captain names, angler descriptions, catch & release times, species, tournament confirmation numbers and more.

Congratulations!!

Presidential Challenge of Aruba Tournament Director Joan Vernon nominated IGFTO Observers Theresa Sheil and J. Godwin for the 2011 IGFA Chester H. Wolfe Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Our newest IGFTO Observer Richard Tanner was also nominated by Los Suenos Signature Series Billfish Tournament Director Ashley

Upcoming Tournaments

Observing Opportunities:

May 17 - 22: International Cap Cana Billfish Shootout - Dominican Republic

May 30 - June 2: International White Marlin Invitational - Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

June 6 - 9: Presidential Papagayo Cup, Costa Rica

June 30 - July 2: St. Thomas USVI July Open

Oct. 11 - 14: Presidential Caribbean Cup, Aruba

Nov. 15 - 18: Presidential Challenge of Guatemala

Dec. 12 - 15: Los Suenos Marlin Invitational.

Tournament Information is posted on the IGFTO website.

Bretecher. They were nominated for an act demonstrating fair play, graciousness, respect and/or ethical behavior while on the water.

Nominations for the 2012 award, recognizing the late husband of IGFTO Observer Barbara Wolfe, are being accepted at www.igfa.org.