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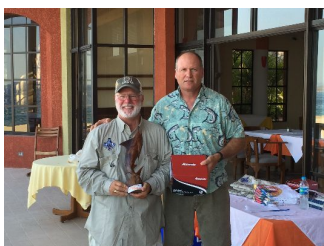
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2014 EASTCAPE BILLFISH TOURNAMENT

DANNY BROOKS IS THE 2014 EASTCAPE CHAMPION



**Danny Brooks and 2nd
Place Angler Pete Davis**



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CHAMPION
DANNY BROOKS**



**3rd Place Angler Will Evans
accepting from Pete Davis**

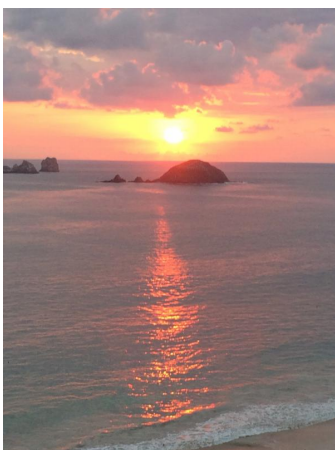


**Winning Team Pete Davis and
Jim Gill**

By Bill Evans

Both the temperature and the fishing seemed to ratchet up a few notches as Tournament Anglers' Association members gathered at Hotel Palmas de Cortez for the 27th Annual Eastcape Billfish Tournament. The Hotel, located on the Sea of Cortez in the southern Baja town of Los Barriles, once again proved to be an outstanding host. Their fleet of well-equipped charter boats and capable crews has been finding billfish for the TAA for more than a quarter-century, and this year was no exception.

Day one had everyone aboard, armed with ballyhoo and live bait and off the dock by 7:00AM. Mi Pistola spotted a finning striped marlin less than a mile off the beach and the first release of the tournament was notched by Bill Evans at 7:04. The action seemed hottest in the early hours but did continue through the day. Top angler for day one was Richard Schwager on Pez Vela



Danny Brooks and Dick Wallace
Accept Second Place Team



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with three marlin and a Pacific sailfish. Several anglers had three releases. Also noteworthy, Ben Ogle released a blue marlin in under thirty minutes. Mi Pistola was top boat for the day with six marlin releases. The Tournament released 35 billfish on the first day.

Day two saw the wind pick up a bit and once again, the radios were most active in the morning with releases being reported in an area less than five miles off the Punta Colorada lighthouse. With the wind up, day two's release count backed off a bit, but not for one angler. Danny Brooks aboard Rude Boy, released five stripers and was top angler for the day. Rude Boy was top boat with seven releases. All told, TAA anglers released 32 billfish on day two.

The standings going into the final day had Danny Brooks in first place with seven marlin released. Three other anglers had five releases each. At the end of the day though, Danny had just about lapped the field! With three marlin releases, he was top point-getter again for day three. His boat, Mahi-Mahi was top boat with five releases. The field released 17 billfish on the last day of competition.

In total, 24 anglers released 92 Billfish (89 stripers, one blue and two sails). Danny Brooks was first with 10 releases totaling 2500 points. Pete Davis was second with six marlin released totaling 1500 points. Will Evans was third with six releases totaling 1485 points and past Eastcape champion Keith Leimbach was fourth with six releases and 1400 points.

As occasionally happens, we had a last-minute tournament cancellation. The call went out for an alternate and Keith's brother-in-law, John Osterberg, stepped in admirably, catching and releasing his first three marlin!

The releases were about evenly spread between lures and bait, with rigged ballyhoo rapidly increasing as a preference. The crews are finding them to be a reliable and durable bait, and are embracing rigging with enthusiasm and skill.

Tournament Chairman Will Evans and Co-Chairman Pete Davis did a great job organizing and directing the effort. It takes a ton of preparation to get a tournament launched, especially in another country and these two guys did a terrific job. The Hotel staff and boat crews were outstanding, as always. The Van Wormer family really has a top-notch resort and fishing destination at Palmas de Cortez!

So with the 27th successfully in the books, we look forward to the 28th Eastcape Billfish Tournament to be held June 12-16th, 2015! The Chairman is Pete Davis and the Co-Chairman is SteveDavis. Mark your calendars!

EAST CAPE BILLFISH TOURNAMENT **RESULTS**

First Place Angler - Danny Brooks - 2475 Points
Second Place Angler - Pete Davis - 1500 Points

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Eastcape By the Numbers

- 24 Anglers
- 92 Billfish Released
- 4 - Average Billfish per angler
- 10 - Number of Billfish caught by the winner
- 88 - Average air temperature during fishing
- 4 - Number of minutes between caught fish that determined 1st place team
- 13 - Number of anglers who received release awards
- 0 - Number of anglers who were skunked

**WEB PAGE
fishtaa.com**

The TAA web page is up and running live on line! It will have up to the minute member news, all tournament information, members only page for contact information and a photo gallery. To get the password for the 'Members Only' page please contact Joan Vernon, email below.

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PHOTOS, PAST AND
PRESENT of TAA events,
members fishing, fishing
trips and catches.**

Please send to:
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Third Place Angler - Will Evans - 1485 Points
Fourth Place Angler - Keith Leimbach - 1400 Points

First Place Team - Jim Gill and Pete Davis - 2725 Points
Second Place Team - Danny Brooks and Dick Wallace - 2725 Points
Third Place Team - Bill Evans and Keith Leimbach - 2650 Points

TAA Angler Profile

Name: Ben Ogle
Hometown: Windsor, CA
Occupation: Paramedic

Questions and answers with Ben Ogle

Q- What is your favorite kind of fishing?

A- Deep sea fishing.

Q- What is your most memorable catch?

A- I would have to say, the extremely stubborn 200 pound blue marlin on 30 lb test. Every time I got it to the boat, it would take a dive and peel off another 100 yards of line.

Q- How did you get involved with TAA?

A- I was introduced to the TAA when my father invited me to the Eastcape Billfish Tournament.

Q- What did you enjoy most about your first TAA Tournament?

A- My first experience was a bit confusing. I've worked so hard in my career to bring calm to the chaos, and was caught off guard when a marlin hook up caused uncontrollable mayhem. (Of course in a good way). My second go around, I knew what to expect. I really enjoyed meeting new people who have walked many adventurous paths, and hearing their stories. Most important of all, it gave me the opportunity to experience a great fishing experience with my dad. You can't put a price on that.

Q- How many fishing rods do you own?

A- I own about 4-5 rods. Mostly for bass fishing. However, I think I'll be in the market soon for some big game gear.

Q- What is your favorite fishing spot?

A- After this year, Eastcape has become my favorite. I have many lakes to fish where I live, but you're not getting my spot that easily.



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