



Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of the 2009 Sarasota Sportfishing Anglers Club Tarpon tournament committee, I thank you for your support in making this yet another successful event.

The five weeks of fishing from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup> led up to the big Fish-Off, hosted by Sarasota's Hyatt Regency. The event began the morning of July 11<sup>th</sup>, when five weekly winners competed for the tournament trophy. It was a great day of fishing -- twelve tarpon were jumped and two measured. Ultimately, Aledia Hunt Tush out-fished everyone and took home the first place trophy with a 32" girth fish, making this her second big win in the tournament!

In our continuing commitment to provide charitable donations to local organizations, the tournament committee was very excited to donate \$4,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Suncoast. We know that the donation will further their efforts to offer meaningful opportunities and programs to children in our area.

Next year marks a huge milestone in the tournament's history, it will be the 80th anniversary! In its heyday, the Sarasota Tarpon Tournament was a major event for Sarasota. Along with locals like the Ringlings and Crosleys, many people traveled from all over to compete in this tournament. Through focused marketing and promotion, we hope to make the community aware of the unique history that follows with this tournament.

If you have suggestions about how we may further improve the direction of this tournament, or if you are interested in helping us again, please call me at 941-356-8470.

Thank you for continuing the legacy. . .

Mason Tush  
Tournament Chairman

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