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Lions prep for fish tournament



Lions Scott Gibson (left) and Steve Edmonds provide a photo opportunity when requested. These Lions were among the acting bartenders on Friday evening (April 21).

Story and Photos

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YANKEETOWN -- Members and guests of the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club enjoyed a fish dinner, an informative meeting and chances to win door prizes on Friday night (April 21) in the clubhouse on 59th Street in Yankeetown.

It was the Captain's Meeting held before the 6th Annual Nature Coast Challenge. This fishing tournament by the Lions Club is a catch, photograph and release kayak-based fishing tournament. It is scheduled to be held tomorrow (Saturday, April 22).



Above the door of the Inglis-Yankeetown Club building, it is noted the club was chartered in May of 1971 and the building is dedicated to Alice and Clyde Box.

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(from left) Lions Poco French, Astara Edmonds and Alice Box pause from their activities in the kitchen to provide a photo opportunity when requested. Inglis-Yankeetown Lions Club President Donna Norton, who was noted as having made the amazing four-bean salad for the meal, was not photographed because at this moment the president was checking in the scores of people who were ready to enjoy the meal. In addition to that phenomenal salad, there was deep-fried fish and hush puppies, and lots of other wonderful items on the menu. By the way, Tony's Clam Chowder (from Cedar Key) was a menu item.



(from left) Lions Rob French, Steven Norton, Jack Holbrook and Woody Miley pause from their activities outside next to hot, boiling oil to provide a photo opportunity when requested. There were a couple of jokester Lions present Friday night as well as many, many guests.

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A raffle for a kayak (with a retail value in the \$200 range) was part of the fundraising effort. As shown by the sign, tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20 to win the kayak that was donated by Rural King -- which is located near the Crystal River Mall.

Canoes and other non-motorized watercraft may be used for this event as well as kayaks.

The Captain's Meeting is set to be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at the Lions Club,
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Everyone is invited to compete to catch and record by a photo the longest individual Redfish or Trout, the Grand Slam (combined length redfish/trout) or the "Mixed Bag" to win cash, trophies and prizes.

Second and third place winners are to be recognized with awards as well.

There is a Junior Angler prize for participants 18 years and younger.

The donation to participate in the tournament is \$60.

A fish fry dinner will be provided at the Captain's Meeting for all participants who have registered. There are also tournament tee-shirts and captains' bags for the participants.

Inglis-Yankeetown Lions Club President Donna Norton said there were 65 participants registered as of the start of the Captain's Meeting on Friday night.

During the meeting, participants learned that the rules are the same as last year. Of importance to note this year is that Capt. Rob Kibistek is operating a safety boat to help other boaters who may be in distress.