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A few times a year, the planning committee gets together to plan the monthly outings and speakers for our monthly meetings and invariably we face the same question. What can we do to get more participation in our monthly outings and meetings? This has seemed to be even more challenging since Covid.

Bob Burkard puts a lot of time and effort into chairing the planning committee. Bob has conducted surveys, created spreadsheets, contacted potential speakers, handled reserving shelters for our outings as well as providing most of the outing lunches. And that is just part of what Bob contributes.

So again in Bob's efforts to make the outings more inclusive for all members, this year the outings committee has decided to change our usual Dock Light outing to what we are going to call our Annual Tournament outing.

The term dock light outing was very restrictive for members who don't own a boat or don't want to kayak at night. So a couple of years ago we changed it Dock Light and Beach Fishing for Snook. This change got a few more people involved but still lacked the participation compared to other outings.

This year Bob had the idea to totally open up the outing to try to include as many members as possible. If you want to fish the dock lights then fish the dock lights or fish the beaches if you prefer. Want to fish the mangroves in your kayak, then go ahead. Want to fish your favorite pond for Bass and Bluegill, have at it. Fish wherever you want for whatever you want.

You can fish from Friday evening until Sunday midday, take a photo of your catch and send it to Bob. If your catch is big enough it will also be entered on the Annual Tournament leader board. However, because of the extended fishing window we will not be meeting for a picnic lunch.

I would like to thank Bob once again for all his efforts to try to improve the enjoyment for our members. I encourage each of you to get out to your favorite spot, catch a lot of fish, take some pictures and most importantly have fun.

David