

Take Stock in Children Backcountry Challenge Adds New Category

The Take Stock in Children Backcountry Challenge and Charity Auction scheduled for September 18th through 20th has added an exciting new category. This year there will be a Fly Fishing Division and this division fishing will be strictly on fly with no bait.

The Backcountry Challenge targets the longest snook and redfish. This all-release tournament is unique because fishing starts at 9 pm on Friday after the Captains meeting and doesn't end until 4 pm Sunday. The tournament awards trophies in the Adult category for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both Snook and Redfish categories, also for Top Guide and Pro-Division. The tournament also features a ladies division, kids division for kids under 14 years old and a Young Angler division (14-17 years). This year the Fly Fishing has been added to the prize categories.

Entry fee for is only \$100 per angler, \$45 for Young Angler and \$40 for socials on or before September 17th and after September 17th there will be an additional fee of \$25 per

angler and social fee will be \$50. All events take place at Sundowners Restaurant in Key Largo and each entry includes a buffet at the Captain's meeting on Friday evening and a fabulous four course dinner on Sunday night during the awards. The tournament also features a silent auction with great merchandise for a fraction of retail prices and raffles.

This charity event is presented by the Rotary Club of Key Largo and is sponsored by TIB, KLI Home Center, FKEC, The Free Press Newspaper, Floridakeys.com and Clearchannel Radio. All proceeds from the tournament will remain in the Upper Keys and will benefit the Take Stock in Children.

Entry forms can be picked up from TIB branches throughout the Keys, KLI True Value in Key Largo and Boilini's Eye Care in Key Largo. Entries can also be downloaded online at www.backcountrychallenge.com.

For more information call Dave Andrews at (305) 304-3938 or Sue Finney at (305) 394-3736.



Winner of the Pro-Division in 2007, Captain Mike Makowski with his stupendous catch.

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Brooke Spaulding Helps Launch Project Inspiration



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Project Inspiration "was an idea that just kept bouncing around in my head when I couldn't sleep" says Lisa Lansden of Tavernier. Then this Spring at the Black and White Ball, Lisa was seated next to William LeDent, Executive Administrator of the Florida Keys Children's Shelter. After discussing the idea with him he introduced Lisa to Bill Mann who works as the Chief Operating Officer with FKCS. With the encouragement and approval of the shelter, she immediately began working out the details and Project Inspiration was born! Lisa is our current Mrs. Florida American Dream and has tackled Project Inspiration as a way to "inspire and be inspired". The project involves local and international artists, one per month, coming to the Florida Keys Children's Shelter to paint murals in the bedrooms with the children. The children are involved in the

concept of what will be painted and in the actual painting itself. There are eight bedrooms total and the first is almost complete! Lisa believes that this is "one of the most rewarding experiences you can imagine! Kathy Tuell, Janey Miller and all of the administration, staff and children at FKCS have been absolutely wonderful to work with and I am excited about the work we will be doing in the coming months."

Five children in the month of August were a part of the project, and according to FKCS, the children are excited and very proud of their work. Brooke Spaulding of Key Largo has been teaching and painting with the children during the month of August. Having known Brooke for the past five years, Lisa says she was one of the first people to come to mind for the Project because

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