

Newsletter July 2008

Our travels

Back in Kenya and fresh from our travels to France, England and Wales we begin to prepare for the coming fishing season. **KIPAPA** is laid up with modifications taking place. New gear boxes; shafts; props plus fishing tackle are on their way. Hopefully she will be ready by September and performance up to expectations.

We covered over 2,000 miles in England and Wales alone meeting many people, all of whom were welcoming and very positive about Kenya. During our busy schedule Howard managed a morning's fly fishing with George Adams in Wales and decided he would need more practice. George out fished him 0 – 5!

It is very re-assuring to know that bookings are being made to Kenya from U.K. and Europe and hopefully the number of tourist to Kenya in 2009 will exceed figures from previous years. This is probably unrealistic, but perhaps not entirely impossible given the positive exposure that Kenya is being given overseas. That is not to say that we can rest on our laurels and efforts will continue to be made locally and overseas for sometime.

Recent Hook Ups

The Kusi, (south-east monsoon) is well set for the next few months with heavy rain showers up and down the coast. This, however, has not deterred some visitors and while the rain and wind abates a few days during the week, charter boats are out fishing, some on short trips with some successful results. The Mtwapa and Mombasa boats have reported catches of barracuda; trevally, yellow fin and kingfish. Boats in the Malindi and Watamu areas have had some successful marlin hook ups.

Mara Game Reserve

Meanwhile further up country, the Mara game reserve has reported excellent sightings of wildebeest; zebras and other wildlife that amass along the river for the annual migration spectacle. The migration should continue the rest of July, into August and beginning of September. For more Mara news see our website – www.lawrence-brownsafaris.com

2008/09 Tournament Dates

The 2008/09 Kenya Association of Sea Anglers Tournament dates are now out and these can be looked up on our website.

KASA Annual Dinner 23rd August 2008

The KASA annual dinner will take place 23rd August 2008, at the Mombasa Club. This year's dinner will be a great event with live music; a delicious menu to suit all taste buds and fantastic raffle prizes. Anyone interested in buying raffle prizes (10 tickets per book

@ 100/- per ticket) can contact us. We would be happy to make the purchase on your behalf. All the monies raised for the dinner will be used for KASA to continue as an association – monitoring big game fishing in Kenya; support of the African Billfish Foundation's tag and release program; improving safety standards; liaising with Kenya Port Authorities and relevant fisheries and wildlife ministries; KASA publication of annual fish records; support for skipper and boat safety courses and many more activities that the Association will continue with. A list of the prizes will be announced shortly with prizes to be won such as a night for two at Satao Tented Camp, Tsavo East National Park; 1 night for 4 with a day's fishing at Hemingways; a weekend for 2 at Ocean Sports, half board; dinner for 2 at some of our most prestigious restaurants and many more. Watch this space for more details.

Help us to make a difference so that we all can enjoy big game fishing in Kenya.