

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?



It's that time of year again! Yep we're talkin' about the 19th annual Southwest Florida Mullet Tossing Championship. You've got less than four weeks to prepare for that record making toss. For some of you the recent cold weather has been a slight setback and all the more reason to start working on your tossing arm. Inevitably your cold weather cousin has been practicing with snowballs and hoping for a cheap ticket to the sunshine state for a chance to take the bragging rights back home with him. Actually two years ago a young college student from Tennessee did exactly that very thing; well we're not sure about the snowballs but he did claim the men's bragging rights for 2008. The Matlacha Mariners know you're not going to let that happen again, so mark your calendar for Saturday, February 27, 2010. As in years past contestants and spectators alike can expect some fierce competition along with record distance throws, and just so everyone knows the current men's record of 156'6" is held by Pine Island's very own Captain Curly (a.k.a. Scotty Allen). The Mariners will have ice cold beverages, grilled burgers, dogs, and even some smoked mullet on hand that day, 50/50 drawings and awards for each division winner. Something else, you won't want to miss an opportunity to get one of the tickets for a chance to win the Mariners 2010 Harley-Davidson Softail Deluxe, (on display) each ticket is just a \$20.00 charitable donation and tickets are limited so don't wait.

The Mariners are inviting everyone to come out to Matlacha Park (behind Mulletville Restaurant in downtown Matlacha) on Saturday February 27th for a lot of local fun, plenty of chances to win and an opportunity to support your local charities. Pre-Registration begins at 10:00 AM, Kids competition fifteen and under runs from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, Adults compete from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM. There's always a lot to do in Matlacha and on Pine Island so take the day off, come on out to Matlacha park and unwind or should we say wind up and let 'er fly. Whatever you do, don't forget to bring your camera because some of the day's action can be priceless. No coolers or pets please. For complete details go to: www.MatlachaMariners.org and follow the links.