



April

PGI Fishing Club
Newsletter

The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable,
a perpetual series of occasions for hope. *-John Buchan*

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On the Cover

Just some of the Master Angler

Tournament fish caught in March by:

Randy Burchacki - 35” Amberjack

Jerry Peal - 33” Red Grouper

Rick Sarkisian - 40” Snook

Rich Brennan - 35” Cobia

John Gettinger - 26” Sp. Mackerel

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April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 April Fool's Day 	2	3 Good Friday		
5 Easter Sunday	6 Easter Monday	7	8 	9 Lady Angler Lunch	E L A N A' S	11	
12	13	14 Fishing Club Meeting	15 	16		17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day 	23 Nite Out With The Stars!		24	25
26	27	28	29 	30			

Next CLUB MEETING:
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
 *Arrive at 6:45 to make sure you get your Raffle and 50/50 tickets

Breakfast at
Elena's
 at 7:00 AM
 every Friday

Happy Hour
 every
 Wednesday at
The Tiki Hut
 5:30 PM

Lunch @
Taste of Europe
 April 9th at
 11:30 am

Ladies Nite Out
 @ **The Observatory**
 April 23rd at
 6:30 PM

From the Helm

Vinie Madsen
President



Hello fellow fishermen and fisherwomen.

Welcome to our April Newsletter. Well, it sure looks like summer is starting to creep in; Darlene and I even got caught in a late afternoon shower the other day. With the warmer waters, we should expect to see continued improvements in the fishing. We are starting to see stronger tide coefficients, which will increase bite as well.

Despite the challenging fishing in the harbor, several of our members have submitted some nice Trout, Redfish, Black Drum and Spanish Mackerel. We are even starting to see some larger shark being caught. Don't forget to add a few inches of steel wire when the Mackerel are around! Gulf fishing continues to be excellent with Grouper bite being on top of the list.

On March 19th we held our spring fishing tournament. I want to thank all who participated and give congratulations to our winners.

On March 21st we held our club picnic. We had a great turnout with lots of good food and fun. Thanks to Sandi Rosen and all the volunteers that put this together.

I sent out an email a couple weeks ago regarding the Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum. Please support this forum. The health and quality of our harbor is something all of us need to keep on our radar.

A special thanks goes out this month to our more seasoned anglers who have taken our newer members under their wings, helping to get them up to speed. From the support shown during our fishing seminar to the ongoing engagement during our club meetings, thank you for welcoming our new members and helping them maximize their enjoyment of their club membership. For our newer members, please join us at the Tiki Bar, breakfasts, lunches and other social gatherings. Finally, don't be afraid to chat with some of our more seasoned Top Guns in the club. They don't bite. Well, not all of them!

Until next month, be safe and happy fishing!

Fishin' Franks Tent Sale



I wanted to share a photo I took at Fishin Franks Tent Sale. In this photo you will see four of the happiest fishermen in the club. Aaron Wagner, Rich Brennan, John Gettinger and Ron Baxter were all able to spend time with the Sebile Executive and walked away with a truckload of their favorite Sebile lures at a third of the normal price. The term "Kids in a Candy Store" applies. Thanks Frank for a great event.



FISHIN' FRANKS TENT SALE



Frank Hommema has been a huge contributor to the Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club. He has donated thousands of dollars worth of fishing gear and tackle through the years. Thank you, Frank!



Fishing Events

Joe Udvari
Fishing Events



Our March Fish of the Month (FOM) was what we refer to as the PGIFC slam; the combined total length of your largest spotted seatrout and redfish caught during the month. Only eight male anglers and one female angler submitted both species. The redfish were the tough ones to catch since twice that number of anglers submitted only seatrout.

Congratulations to the following winners:

FOM Winners

Place	Ladies	Length (in)
1st	Joanne Landaker	48.0
Place	Men	Length (in)
1st	Jim Crawley	45.0
2nd	Steve Landaker	41.0
3rd	Bob Gariepy	40.0

Overall, fishing in March was pretty darn good, with 68 members submitting 180 entries, including some very nice fish. We have new Master Angler Tournament leaders for amberjack (Randy Burchacki), cobia (Rich Brennan), grouper (Jerry Peal) and Spanish mackerel (John Gettinger), and a new lady angler leader for the Isles Trophy Race. There was a mini competition for the 1st GMA Star this year, as reported by me after this article. Furthermore, we had a great turnout for our March 19 fishing tournament, with 29 boats and 60 members competing for prizes. All results are nicely summarized later in this Newsletter, and awards achieved for March will be handed out at our next general meeting on April 14.



Spanish Mackerel

Our April FOM is Spanish mackerel, and don't forget to measure these fish to the fork (NOT total length). These fish have been pretty active in the Harbor since mid-March, generally cruising outside the bars in about 5 to 7 feet of water looking for food, especially near Cape Haze, Bokeelia and in Boca Grande pass. Some have also been caught near the Route 41 bridge and near shore. If you see birds diving into the water, it may likely signal mackerel feeding on baitfish so check those spots out as well.

If no surface activity is evident, troll potential mackerel spots with shallow running crank baits, spoons or teaser lures, with or without a wire leader. You'll generally get more bites when using fluorocarbon instead of wire leaders, but you'll probably lose more lures.

Once you find the mackerel, you can stop and cast for them, or repeatedly troll that area.

Watch out when you bring them on board to measure them and get a picture because they have razor sharp teeth and can draw blood in a heartbeat.

Since we encourage catch and release, handle them as gently as possible and get them back in the water quickly. If you do keep them for the grill or smoker, put them on ice right away and I've heard it's best to eat them fresh.

Fishing Events, cont.

If you did catch a PGIFC slam in March and didn't submit it, you may have missed out on a great prize. So make sure that if you do have a FOM entry, or any fish for that matter, attach a picture to an email identifying your full name, length and type of fish, date caught and a note if you used a paid guide, and send it to fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org. It's that easy, and it enters your catch into all of the Club's programs and contests as long as you satisfy each of the respective rules for these events. The rules can be found on the Club's great website at pgifishingclub.org.

Always make sure and check the latest applicable regulations in effect for where you are fishing and for what you are catching, especially if you plan to keep your catch. Also remember that you can't use a paid guide for any contests except the Ladder of Angling Achievement (LOA) Program, and your April FOM entries are due no later than May 1.

A complete listing of FOM species being targeted in 2015 may also be found on our website under the FOM Contest Rules.

Come before 7 pm on April 14 to leave enough time to pick up your raffle and 50/50 tickets, and to grab a good seat. C U then!

This month's Grand Master Angler Star recipients:



Joe Udvari



John Gettinger



Angling for a Star by Joe Udvari

An alternative title could have been **3-Way Shoot-Out in the Gulf of Mexico**, but that's too long. As you may have noticed at the end of February, Rich Brennan, John Gettinger and I were tied for 1st place in the 2015 GMA Star contest with 1100 points. It makes no difference whatsoever who gets their star first by accumulating 2000 or more points in a year, except maybe to us 3 anglers since we fish a lot together and are usually trying to outdo one another. Well for that matter, I can think of several others in our Club who are just as competitive, in a good way. For example, fishing for dollars ring a bell?

Since John quickly tacked on another 700 points before our March 10th Club meeting, he had a considerable lead with 1800 points, and was the likely angler to get his star first. I didn't mind since I got the 1st star last year, during the inaugural year of this segment of the Club's Ladder of Achievement contest (no brag, just facts). For purposes of full disclosure, do keep in mind that I record the points.

I too stumbled across a few hundred points thanks to an offshore trip skippered by Jim Crawley and was sitting at 1400 points (which I wasn't advertising) by March 10. Rich had been chasing redfish and cobia regularly but couldn't convert with points fish the first 9 days in March (I'm sure you remember how tough inshore fishing was then), so he was still at 1100 points. Rich was feeling a tad bit grumpy and not wanting anymore attention focused on John's success, but I figured I'd stir things up just a little bit more between two of my good buddies. So at our Club meeting, I showed a slide of John's recent catches and mentioned his likely impending achievement. If you were present, you likely recall the "target" slide.

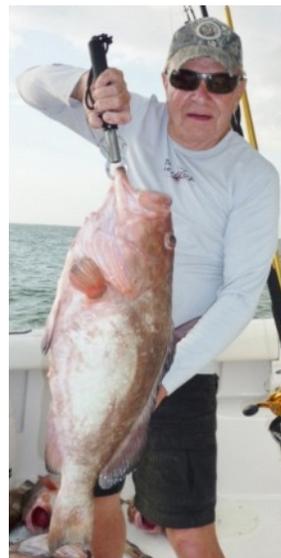
GMA Star – Looking Ahead



John being the good sportsman that he is, arranged for the 3 of us to go offshore the day after the Club meeting on Jerry Peal's boat. He did tell me he understood if I didn't go since Karen just got back into town from a trip out West. Miss a shoot-out, are you kidding? Wow I thought, John sure is confident (one could also say cocky), but nonetheless, a good sport. By the way, Rich had to change his schedule to go, since he had already planned to fish that day by himself and accumulate 1000 more points by catching Spanish mackerel we found in the Harbor two days earlier. He sure wasn't giving up!

So at 0730 on March 11 we shoved off from Jerry's dock, with all mouths running way faster than the boat. I'm not sure if Jerry knew what he got himself into. Heading for deeper water, Jerry's keen skill for picking fishing spots was demonstrated when he put us on a brand new location marking lots of fish (may never have been fished before). Since the wind and drift were collaborating, Jerry got us anchored perfectly. Boy oh boy, this was going to be fun.

I felt somewhat confident, but that faded quickly. Rich scored first with a fat 30" red grouper worth 200 points that got him to 1300 points. I then hooked up with what I'm sure was a grouper; likely a 300 point red but I'll never know since after struggling feverously to get the fish off the bottom and getting it up about 5 more cranks, the line went slack. After reeling up I noticed my 8/0 Gamakatsu circle hook broke (brittle failure). Not the first time, so I vowed never to use those again and went to my less expensive standby red 7/0 Eagle Claw Lazer Sharp circle hooks (recommended highly by Pete McGregor, Jim Hoffman and others). But my confidence was rattled. Could this just be my unlucky day?



Soon thereafter, Jerry picked up a 28" fire truck, and that re-energized us all.



Moments later John hooked into Moby Dick, and fought it for what seemed like an eternity, to John anyway. I scrambled for the net since I told the previous night's meeting attendees (including John) I might be slow getting to the net on our next trip. Again, I was just joking, honestly. John immediately told me it wouldn't fit into the net anyway thinking HUGE amberjack or shark, so Rich positioned himself for a possible leader touch and I started videotaping after putting a fighting belt on John. This was certainly John's "star fish" and Rich and I weren't going to blow it - promise! We do both live in the same small town with John you know. Well the fish had other thoughts and made a last ditch effort power run that broke John's 80# braid about 300 feet from the boat.



While John was recuperating from the battle and re-rigging, Rich and I immediately went back to fishing instead of consoling John. Hey, it's a contest and small town or not, we both just got new lives. The grouper kept on biting so John's fish may not have been a shark. Club record amberjack maybe, perish the thought?

Before John recovered, I had two 31 inch red grouper on board and was now tied with him at 1800 points.



Things were now getting even more tense. Since we needed a respite anyway and were now just catching shorts, Jerry decided to go to some other proven holes, and the last stop before heading home clinched it for me after landing two 26.5 inch reds. John claims the 1st one of those should have been his since his line was tangled around mine, but it was my red hook in the fish's lip. Sorry buddy, just ask Jerry. Right before my last 100 point fish I did offer John the hot corner from which I was fishing, and even offered to let him reel in my last fish. If looks could kill I'd be a goner. I have since hired body guards and am watching my back constantly. Anyone need a new fishing partner?



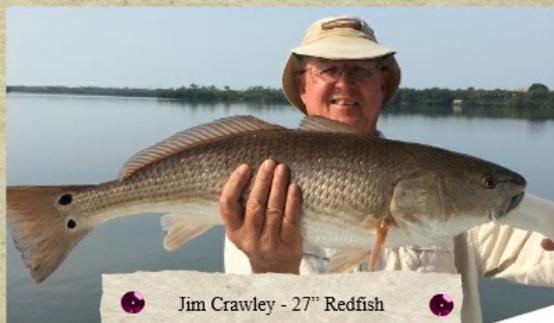
In all seriousness, I wouldn't trade the friends I've made by joining PGIFC for anything. A great bunch of people engaged in doing what they love in a beautiful place with great weather and boundless fishing opportunities. How cool is that? Definitely more so than my 2nd star. 😊

Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club Tournament

Good fun, good fishing, good competition



March 19, 2015 PGIFC Tournament



Jim Crawley - 27" Redfish



Ted Weirzbanovski - 30" Snook



Bob Bretts - 19.5" Seatrout



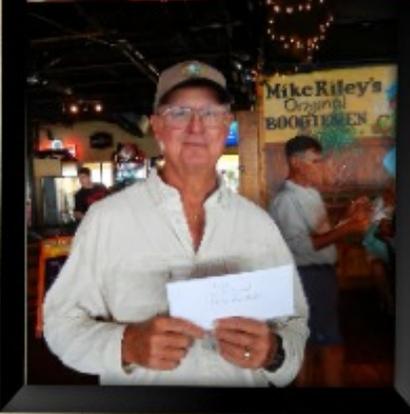
Karen Udvari - 24" Spanish Mackerel

Great tournament with 29 boats and 60 celebrants at Harpoon Harry's. Winners of Fishin' Franks key chains were: Ron Topper, Marv Dyrstad, Sandy Wierzbanowski, Patti Topper, Mark Storm and Don Taylor. Couldn't have asked for better weather. Thank you one and all for participating.

The next tournament will be in July for tarpon, shark, stingray and redfish.

More details to follow later.

Fishing Tournament



Things to Know

1. Federal Waters - **Gray triggerfish** season closed on February 7, 2015, due to an in-season closure. **Red grouper** opened again on April 1st beyond the 20 fathom (120'). **Gag grouper** season stays closed until July 1, 2015. The red grouper recreational bag limit per person is still at 4 fish measuring 20" or longer. Also remember that if you are fishing for **highly migratory species** (HMS) like shark, tuna and billfish, you need a recreational HMS permit for your vessel which can be obtained for \$20 from NOAA's National Marine Fisheries service (NMFS) at <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/permitlist.asp>. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council publishes rules governing recreational fishing in Federal waters (9 nautical miles off the west coast of FL). Check their rules and updates periodically to stay current with seasons and limits for harvesting all saltwater fish at: <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>

2. State Waters - The **red grouper** limit is still at 4 fish. **Gag grouper** season is closed until July 1, 2015. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) governs recreational saltwater fishing rules in State waters. Check FWC rules and updates periodically to stay current with seasons and limits for harvesting all saltwater fish at: <http://www.myfwc.com>

3. Reef Fish Angler Registration- As of April 1st, everyone must have a FWC reef fish permit even if you are currently not required to have a saltwater fishing license. It is a no cost permit intended to help establish a better data collection system for FWC regarding reef fish catches. It is for anglers (including those 65 and older) fishing in the Gulf of Mexico (excluding Monroe County) from a private boat, who plan to harvest, possess or land any of the following reef fish: red and vermilion snapper; gag; black and red grouper; gray triggerfish; greater and lesser amberjack; banded rudderfish; and almaco jack. You can sign up now online at <https://license.myfwc.com> or at stores selling licenses.

4. Snook Season - Remember that snook season is currently open (from March 1 to April 30), but you need a \$10 snook permit to harvest one snook per day in the 28" to 33" slot limit if you also need a FWC fishing license, even if it's a free shore fishing license. Check the rules and avoid the fines. Also, properly handle all fish released in order to increase their survival rate. Don't hold fish vertically, especially if they're large, and quickly return them to the water. While holding them in the water, observe them working their gills and making an effort to swim away before letting them go so they don't turn belly-up. If they turn upside down, retrieve them and resuscitate them some more, which may be necessary in elevated water temperatures.

6. Points-Fish Catches - We continue to rack up points for large fish being caught. This time of year, lots of points are still coming from offshore grouper catches, but quite a few large Spanish mackerel and nice snook have also been caught inshore. Through March, we're 3700 points ahead of last year for a total of 18,700 points, even though not all fish caught are being submitted to fishphotos.

7. March 26 Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum - Once again, this Forum was well attended by members of our Club and mostly residents in the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda communities. Its purpose is to identify potential issues and corresponding solutions that can readily be implemented to reverse the perceived decline of our Charlotte Harbor fishery by recreational anglers and other stakeholders. Several of the top concerns identified by the participants during the first four Forums include: 1) degradation of fish habitats (i.e., seagrasses, oyster bars, etc.) due to fast running boats in shallow water over grass flats and along mangrove shorelines; 2) overharvesting of game fish and their food supply (through commercial netting and trapping, tournaments and poaching); and 3) adverse impact on water quality (from fertilizers, pesticides, septic system leaks, storm water runoff and other non-point sources of pollution that contribute to the depletion of dissolved oxygen and other parameters

Things to Know, cont.

important to the health of the fish stock). Corresponding solutions include, but are not limited to: 1) implementation of selected poll and troll zones to evaluate their effectiveness of restoring sensitive habitats; 2) restricting or limiting commercial and recreational harvest of selected fish species and their food source (mullet, white bait, shrimp, etc.) and supplementing current law enforcement efforts; and 3) evaluating historic and ongoing water quality monitoring results to assess the impact on marine organisms and their habitat.

Participants also stated the importance of resolving apparent discrepancies between scientific research and actual on-the-water angler experience regarding the abundance of fish in the Harbor, and the potential need for stock enhancement programs. In addition, participants stated the need for better programs to educate boaters and fishermen about good practices that will enhance the health of the Harbor. Future Forum sessions will continue narrowing the focus on key issues, informing other stakeholders enjoying the Harbor and soliciting more input and guidance from those empowered to authorize, regulate and fund any potential solutions.

8. FWRI Field Trip - John Gettinger arranged a field trip to the FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute's (FWRI) Stock Enhancement Research Facility (SERF) in Manatee County, FL in order to learn more about saltwater fish stocking opportunities. Gina Russo, an Environmental Specialist II with the FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management gave John and me (Joe Udvari) a tour of the facility and explained the marine research conducted at this facility, lessons learned and their various public outreach programs. She did a great job and made us realize the complexities and substantial cost involved in breeding and rearing different species of fish for potential release into the wild without negatively impacting natural fish populations. Although this Facility has in the past successfully enhanced the redfish stock in Tampa Bay, Biscayne Bay and Indian River Lagoon by experimentally releasing fish, it is not a large scale production Facility. Their current research focuses on learning how to intensively rear marine sport fish in tanks for future stocking programs, such as for Charlotte Harbor (for which a definitive need has not yet been determined by FWC). While there have been and still are various private fish hatcheries in Florida that raise different species, no FWC production hatchery is currently in operation. A new hatchery is planned in the Florida Panhandle area using funding from the BP Oil Spill, but that will take 3-5 years to design, permit, construct and produce fish for release only in portions of the Gulf significantly affected by the oil spill. FWC, in conjunction with Santa Rosa County and other non-profit organizations will manage and operate this facility.

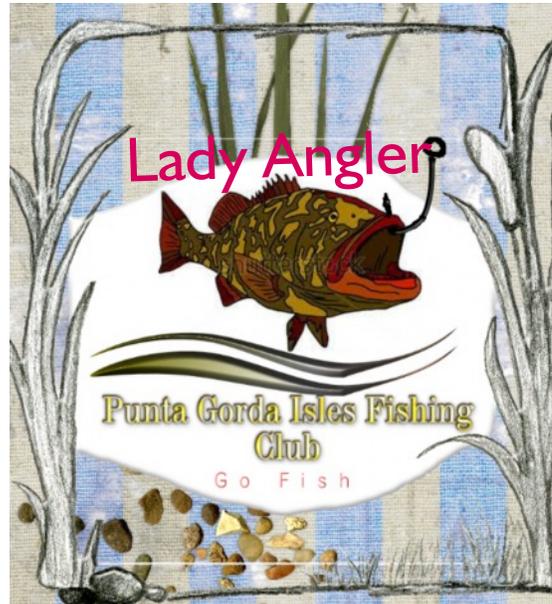
Gina also afforded us the opportunity as volunteers to help FWC staff catch a few redfish from their research facility ponds, and to watch their fish tagging operation. We were greatly impressed with the professionalism of their work and their concern over the health and well being of every single fish they handled. As a final treat before heading home, we were allowed to fish their facilities special opportunities pond (sediment detention basin), and managed to catch and release a juvenile tarpon. Truly a wonderful day that made both of us realize the important and thorough work done at FWRI in improving our fisheries. If you wish to learn more about the work done by FWRI, attend their open house in October at their headquarters in St. Petersburg.

<http://myfwc.com/research/about/outreach/marinequest/open-house/>



Things to Know, cont.

Our New Logo!



The Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club Board worked with a graphic designer to improve our logos. All new Grand Master Angler Shirts will get this new logo. The top logo is for the Lady Anglers and the bottom logo is for the male anglers. Turn to page 48 to see the comments we have gotten on these great new designs!





Fishing Program Report



Capt Jay Withers gave an entertaining and informative talk on catching redfish, snook and spotted seatrout. One of his main points during the talk was to try something different if your normal fishing method doesn't work. He uses lures most of the time and doesn't want to spend time looking for baitfish as it affects the best time for fishing in the flats which is early morning. His favorite lure for snook is a red/white flatsHQ combo with a 1/8 ounce jighead.

He uses mostly Flats HQ lures. You can go to their website at www.FlatsHQ.com to get specific lures for all flats fishing. To get more info on Capt Jay, please visit his website at www.captjay.com or revisit last month's newsletter.



Our speaker for the month of April will be Capt Cayle Wills of Bad Fish Charters.

Captain Cayle has been in Port Charlotte for 12 years. He applies his knowledge to help customers who come into Fishin' Frank's and to put his customers on fish. He pilots 2 24 foot Carolina Skiffs owned and maintained by Fishin' Frank Hommema. One skiff is rigged for backwater fishing and the other is rigged for kayak charters. Captain Cayle also writes for Waterline magazine, a local fishing publication, and also is a mainstay of Fishin' Frank's Blog. He has written for Coastal Angler and also speaks monthly at Fishin' Frank's fishing seminars.

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2015
PICNIC



Greetings, Fish Girls & Happy Spring!

Do you recognize this guy?



I think he has some good ideas.

(and NO - it is not our club prez Vinnie !)

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything!"

William Shakespeare - Sonnet XCVIII

So let's stay youthful & try more new things this month!



Cris Scheib
Ladies Liaison



In March the Fish Girls went to dinner at JD's Bistro.

OUT TO LUNCH

This smiling woman is Sandra. She's the chef at Taste of Europe Bistro. Maybe you'll be smiling after eating lunch there.



TASTE OF EUROPE BISTRO

Thursday - April 9 - 11:30 am

2414 Tamiami Trail - Port Charlotte

(next to Kallis German Butcher)

If you need a ride - just give me a call.

Upcoming Stuff - don't forget to send me your ideas!

- Lunch & Gardens - a tour of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens & lunch
- Dive Bar Tour
- Comedy club & dinner
- backstage tour of Van Wezel performing arts center

Snowbirds - join us for a last fling before heading north!

Girls Nite Out



A NIGHT WITH THE STARS ! (and a few planets).

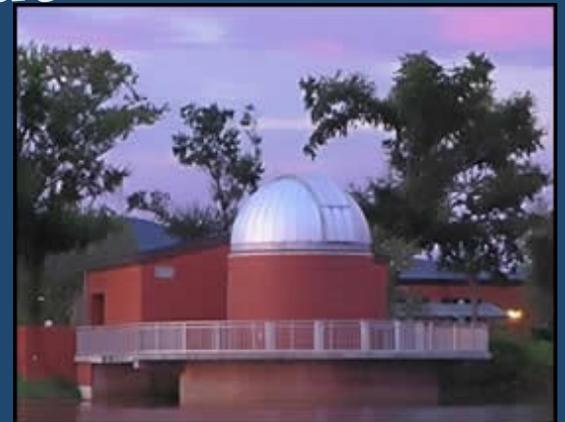
Thursday - April 23 - 6:30 pm

Our own private viewing of the stars, planets & whatever else might be up there! Meet our astronomer - Dave Hanson - at the observatory at Florida Southwestern State University on Airport Road - formerly Edison State College.

He's an interesting guy & can answer all your questions about the

universe! Bring a snack & drink to enjoy at the picnic tables by the lake before class starts. Cost - \$5

We need a minimum of 10 people. RSVP to pastadiva@comcast.net by Monday - April 20



Membership

As I predicted, members leave and new folks join. As of today, we have a total of 260 household membership totaling 496 individuals. You're probably wondering why so many people left. Well, I asked that too and found out that many moved to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Some others felt they've been in the club too long (don't know what that means but that's what they said) while other left for health reasons. Whatever their personal reasons were, I'm just glad they're still with us to make the decision to leave or stay. Believe me, it's not fun to hear a member passed away. That has already happened too many times than I'd like to remember. So folks, wherever your journey in life has taken you, enjoy yourselves and remember, if you decide to come back, we're here.

I'm glad so many of you are reaching out to our newer members. As your Membership Director, it makes me happy to see new friendships being made.

Let's please all welcome:

PHIL & NANCY ARCIERO

TOM & VICKI FISH

DEBRA HUGHES & TRACY WESTMORELAND

Remember each new member will have a star on his/her badge. Please go out of your way to make them feel welcome.

We're getting more and more new people living in the Isles. If one of them happens to be your new neighbor, bring them to our next meeting. Let's get them hooked on fishing and show them the how-to's of catching those great fish. Or just give me their contact information and I'll do the rest.

Okay, then, so have a great month and have fun on the water.

Donnie Brennan
Membership Director
Sunshine Lady



Sunshine

"You just call out my name, and you know where ever I am. I'll come running to see you again. Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you have to do is call and I'll be there, yeah, yeah, you've got a friend."

Wow! What a great month March was; I sent out NO cards. That means everyone is well and happy. That's a very good thing. So, for our new members, let me take a few lines to introduce myself. I am your Sunshine Lady. My job is to spread a bit of sunshine to those who need it. The reasons can vary from person to person: illness, upset, tragedy, or just plain feeling blue. So, if you know of anyone who fits any of those categories, email me the name of our member and the reason for the requested card. I can assure you an appropriate card will be sent. That said, have a great day and enjoy the sunshine.

My email address is:

sunshine@pgifishingclub.org

Donnie

CELEBRATION TIME, COME ON!

"There's a party goin' on right here.

A dedication to last throughout the year.

So bring your good times and your laughter too

We're gonna celebrate and party with you."

Parties aren't just for kids; as long as you have a breath in your body, you enjoy a party, big or small. So come on! Let's celebrate together. Let's all wish each other a great big APRIL BRITHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!! (and any other reason you may have to celebrate.

Without further ado, let me announce to you our

April celebrants:

Happy Birthday to:

DARLENE MADSEN

DICK DOSTER

And those March birthdays who came in a bit for last month's newsletter:

LYNN JACHIMEK

CAROL HELL

MARGE FAUCI

MARIE LAROCCA

If there's someone you'd like to give a special shout-out to just let me know. I'd be more than happy to do the honors! You can send all names (along with the reason for the celebration) to me at:

Donnie.brennan@gmail.com

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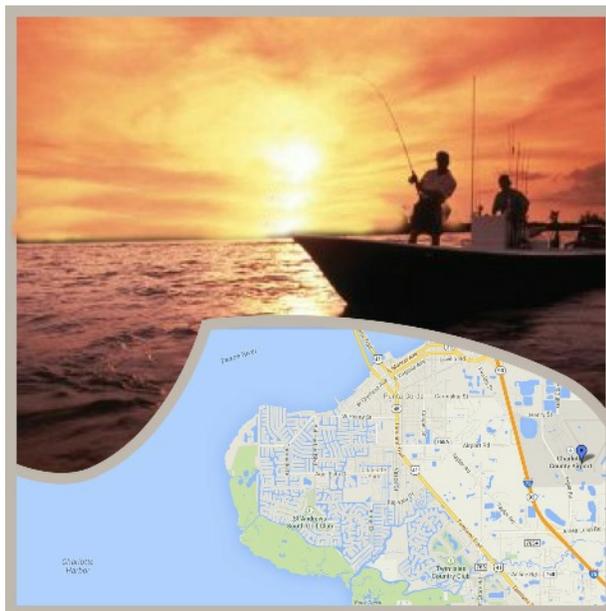
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2015 FISH OF THE MONTH

January	Sheepshead
February	Spotted Seatrout
March	Redfish & Spotted Seatrout
→ April	Spanish Mackerel
May	Cobia
June	Snook

July	Shark
August	Mangrove Snapper
September	Tarpon
October	Redfish
November	Grouper
December	Black Drum



March Fish of the Month Redfish and Seatrout

Male Anglers

Jim Crawley

Congratulations
to our winners!

Female Anglers

Joanne Landaker



Steve Landaker



Bob Gariepy



Ladder of Angling Achievement

Club Hat
First Fish



Tammy Barre
Lynn Dobosz
Rick Dobosz
Bob Gariepy
Larry Hofmeister
Debbie Hughes

Chuck Millburg
Ron Shand
Tracy Westmoreland
Tom Wissing

New this month in RED

Bronze

Tom desEnfants	Paul Land	Gary Skillicorn	Sandy Wierzbanski
Dick Nieberline	Alan Schulman	Patti Topper	Ted Wierzbanski
Jessica Poe	Tom Lengauer	Duane Hilgendorf	Ed Stevenson
Darryl Pricco	Walt Zink	Lynne Stockinger	Kathleen Stevenson
Ron Stafford	Bud Johnston	Gretchen Sunderland	David Hatch
Rodger Will	Cindi Johnston	Don Taylor	Randy Douet
Mark Kline	Jerry Morningstar	Ken Hardesty	Alan Hall
Barbara Brunner	Anne Careau	Mike Peters	
Deny LaChance	Janice Anderson	Randy Burchacki	
Fred Lamon	Roz Hickey	Trudi Baxter	
John Morehouse	Peter Meier	Andy Nikitich	
	Bill Damour	Sandy Nikitich	

Silver

Marie D'Ambrosio	Joanell Dyrstad	Jane Stenberg
Kathy desEnfants	Janice Wiscombe	Bob Mayes
Mike Gulvezan	Ron Stenberg	Randy Hall
Christine Jordan	Hezzie Samons	Mary Heins
Larry Okray	Ted Perrin	Tom Hunt
Mike Sandling	Dave Dyke	

Gold

Mattie D'Ambrosio	Gary Moerke	Karen Lodge
Joe Longo	Sheree Wolfinger	Sherry Moerke
John Simonieg	Don Ross	
Gary Adams		

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.



Lifetime Level I
Snook

Tom Lodge	Marv Dyrstad	Ron Baxter
Ed Verminski	Ray Brunner	George Remick
Jim LaRocca	Mark Storm	Fred Benson
Marie LaRocca	Elaine Bretts	Karen Udvari



Lifetime Level II
Redfish

Marty McCaffrey
Missy Becker
Rose Anne McCaffrey
Bill Guenther



Lifetime Level III
TARPON

Jack Spies	Bob Bretts
Bob Rand	Darlene Madsen
John MacLeman	Rick Sarkisian
Carl Leicher	Jim Crawley

New this month in **RED**

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

GRAND MASTER ANGLER CLUB (Star Points)

	Donnie Brennan	
★	Rich Brennan	(1300)
	Bob Busler	
	Jim Hoffman	(1300)
	Margie Hoffman	(200)
★	Kel Krotzer	(400)
	Joanne Landaker	(100)
	Steve Landaker	
	Joe Maillet	
★	Pete McGregor	
	Mike Quinn	
	Bev Rucker	
	John Solinger	
	John Wolfinger	(300)
	Tom Parsons	
★	Joe Udvari	(2200) ★
★	John Gettinger	(3400) ★
	Pam Solinger	
	Bill Bonham	
	Tom Hickey	(100)
	Aaron Wagner	(300)
	Jim Qurollo	
	Dick Doster	
	Mike Gilger	(200)
	Vinnie Madsen	(300)
	John Stockinger	(500)
	Ron Topper	(1300)



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New this month in **RED**

2015 Master Angler Standings

Revised 3/2/15



Amberjack

R. Burchacki 35.0
Joe Udvari 30.5



Cobia

Rich Brennan 35.0
Jack Spies 34.0
Darlene Madsen 32.0



Grouper

Jerry Peal 33.0
Gary Reeves 32.5
John MacLeman 32.5
Joe Udvari 32.0



King Mackerel



Redfish

Rich Brennan 32.0
Joanne Landaker 28.0
Jim Crawley 27.0



Snook

J. Morningstar 41.0
Rick Sarkisian 40.0
Ted Weirzbanowski 30.0



Spanish Mackerel

John Gettinger 26.0
Karen Udvari 24.0
Joe Udvari 22.5



Spotted Seatrout

Darlene Madsen 22.0
J. Wiscombe 21.5
Terry Morris 21.0
Mark Storm 21.0

New this month are shown in Red

2015 Isles Trophy Race

The year long Isles Trophy Race allows the male and female winner to obtain the traveling "Isles Trophy" for one year.



PGI FISHING CLUB'S TRAVELING TROPHY RECORDING SPREAD SHEET

Revised 4/2/15								
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	MEN'S DIVISION		MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
			RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT				
X	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Randy Burchacki	35.0	03/13/15	76.92%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Rich Brennan	35.0	03/12/15	64.81%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Jerry Peal	33.0	03/22/15	84.62%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Rich Brennan	32.0	01/04/15	76.19%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Terry Morris	21.0	01/04/15	72.41%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012	Mark Storm	21.0	02/02/15	72.41%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Jerry Morningstar	41.0	01/06/15	91.11%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	John Gettinger	26.0	03/09/15	86.67%
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	WOMEN'S DIVISION		MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
			RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT				
	Amberjack	Margie Hoffman	33.0	2010				
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Darlene Madsen	32.0	02/23/15	64.00%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	34.0	2014	Margie Hoffman	28.0	01/30/15	82.35%
					Karen Lodge	28.0	02/25/15	82.35%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Joanne Landaker	28.0	3/17/15	73.68%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Darlene Madsen	22.0	02/28/15	83.00%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Gretchen Sunderland	27.0	01/01/15	64.29%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Karen Udvari	24.0	03/19/15	85.71%
This Year's Leaders are in RED					New 2014 Records this Month are in BLUE			

Past Isles Trophy Winners

2009 Rich Brennan Christine Jordan	2010 Kel Krotzer Margie Hoffman	2011 Greg Chestnut Joanne Landaker	2012 Jim Qurollo Rose Anne McCaffrey	2013 Steve Landaker Missy Becker	2014 Vinnie Madsen Margie Hoffman
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Carl Leicher and Friends
Top Picture is friend Dick Doster
who is worn out by all this fishing!

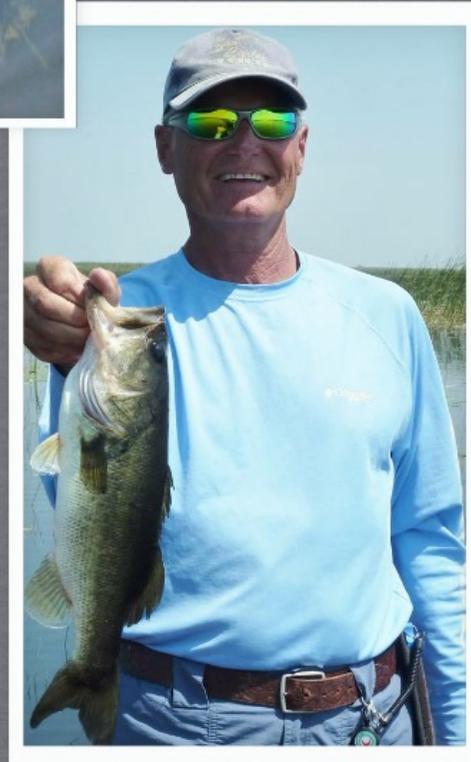
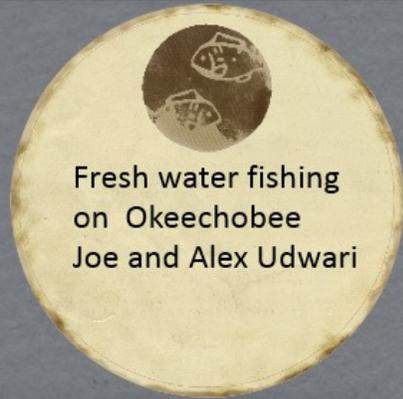
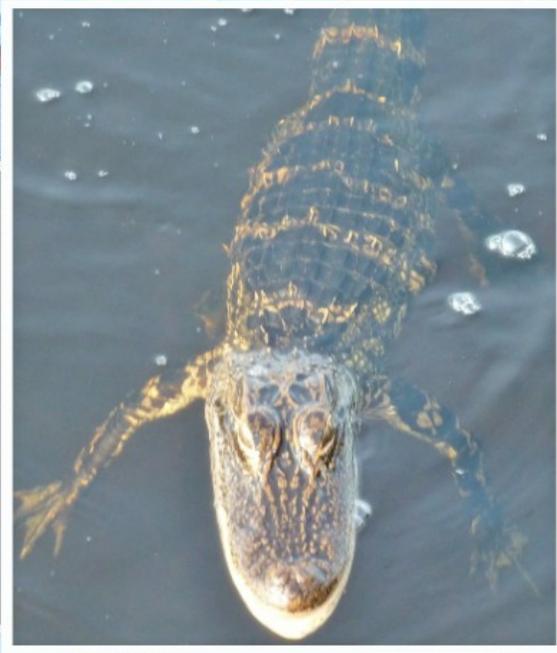
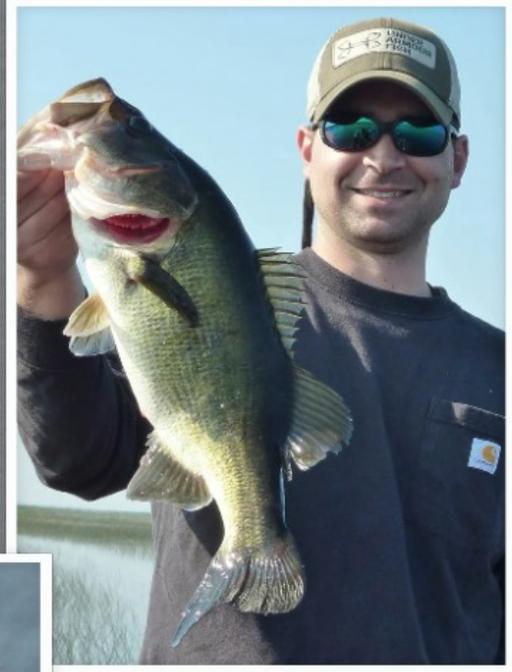


Great Days on the Water

The following pages show just some of the groups that shared some extraordinary days of fishing.



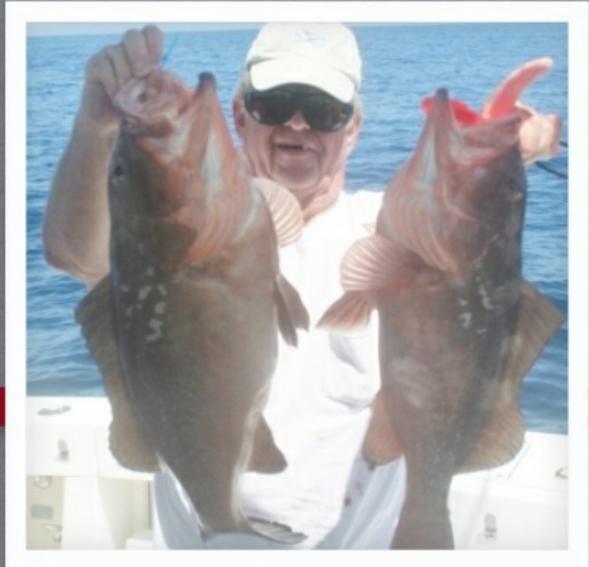
The Johns on the Reel Deal



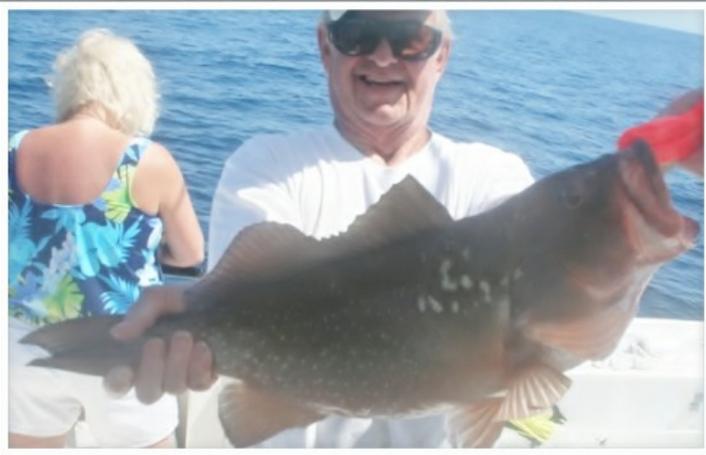


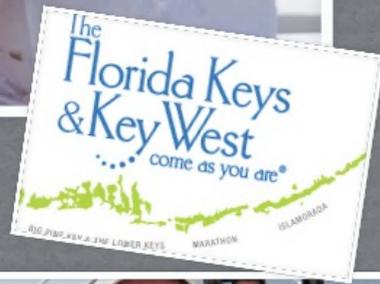
This manatee came up to our boat while we were fishing on the river. I think he wanted some lettuce but we only had peanut butter sandwiches...It was our first time seeing one so close; it was really, really COOL !

Manatee Encounter
Fred Benson,
Anne Careau & Denys LaChance



Jim and Margie Hoffman had another great day on the Island Sun.





Joe & Nancy Boppre had a great time fishing in the Keys.



Chuck Millburg's
95-year old
dad with a
27.5" Grouper



March Grouper fishing
with the Moerke's

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P H O T O S



Alan Hall
30' Sharpnose



Bob Bretts 30" Snook



Cris Scheib 19" Spanish Mackerel



Darlene Madsen 22" Jack Crevelle



Dave Dyke 77" Spinner Shark



Debbie Hughes 12" Jack Crevelle



Gail Morris 25" Snook



Jim Crawley 27" Grouper



Randy Duet 19.5" Seartrout



Sandy Wierzbanowski 30# Black Drum



Jack Spies 34" Cobia



Feed Benson 19.5" Seatrout



Gretchen Sunderland 11.5" Pompano



Ken Bahr 16" Pompano



Larry Hofmeister 17" Seatrout



John Simonieg 26.5" Red Grouper



Mike Gilger 21" Spanish Mackerel



Mike Petkus 19" Seatrout



Peter Meier 25" Jack Creville



Ted & Sandy Weirzbanowski Cobia & Black Drum



Tracy Westmoreland Striped Mohara
(aka Saltwater Bream)



Vinnie Madsen 24" Snook



Tom Hunt 19" Sheepshead



Tammy Barre 11" Sheepshead



Lynn & Rick Dobosz with nice Sheepshead



Ron Baxter 26" Grouper



Kel Krotzer 37" Snook



Ron Topper 30" Red Grouper



Tom Wissing 12" Jack Crevelle



Donnie Brennan 23" Snook



Bill Guenther Ladyfish



Roz Hickey 24" Black Drum



Randy Burchacki 35" Amberjack



Mark Storm 20" Seatrout



Tom Hickey 29" Snook



Warren Wortheley Red Grouper



Steve Landaker 22" Redfish



Denys LaChance 17.5" Redfish



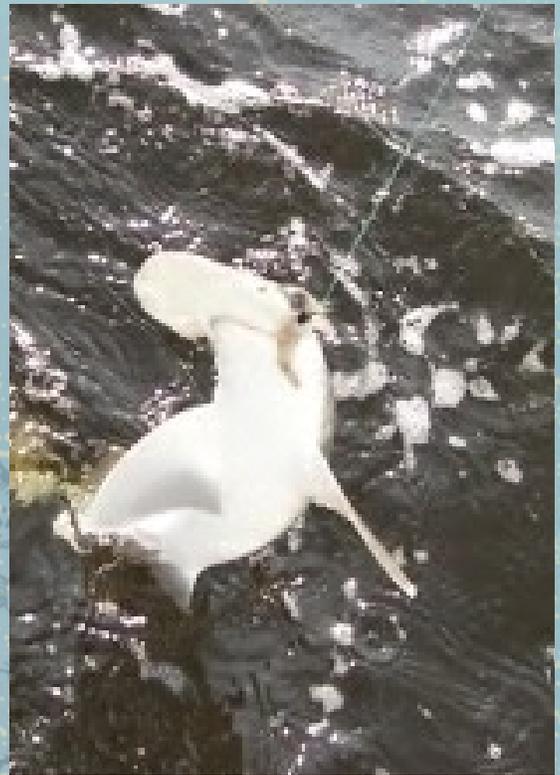
Jime Crawley 22" Spanish Macerel



Gretchen Sunderland 15.5" Sheepshead



Bob Gariepy 27" Snook



Chuck Schieb 38" Bonnethead

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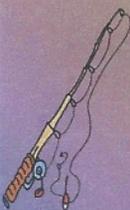


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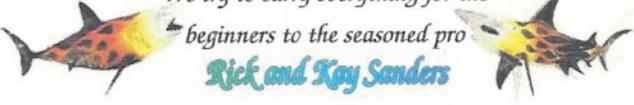
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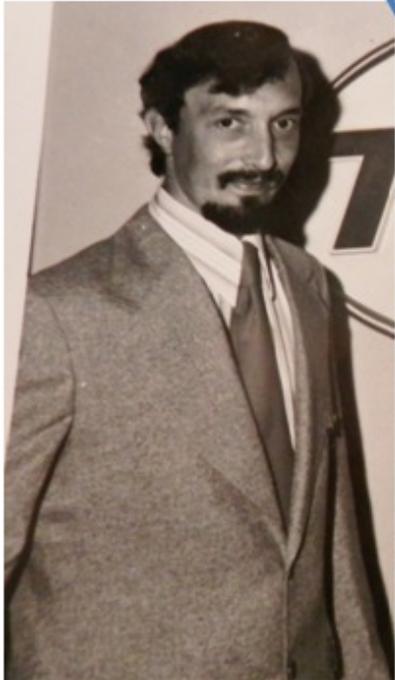
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