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On the Cover

Longtime buddies, Joe Maillet and Bob
Busler scoring some huge Cobia.

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“ See you at the Christmas Party ”



Vinnie Madsen, President

FROM THE HELM

Welcome to the November Newsletter. November proved to be a challenging month for fishing with the winds turning our harbor into a washing machine. That said, many members continued to submit some really nice catches.

As 2015 draws to an end I want to again emphasize our need to fill the Editor position. Let's get this position filled so we can go into 2016 at full strength.

See you at the Christmas party.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ **January Club Meeting Tuesday 1/12/16**
- ✓ **Tiki Hut every Wednesday @ 5:30**
Please note we are exploring other options and some members may go to another venue. To get on the Wednesday Night gathering email please contact Ellen Wagner at ew1536@hotmail.com
- ✓ **Men's Breakfast @ Elena's every Friday Morning @ 6:30 am**
- ✓ **Annual Christmas Party is December 8th at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club**
- ✓ **Ladies Lunch at Trabue on DECEMBER 17th at 11:30 am**



Next CLUB MEETING:
Tuesday,
January 12th @ 7:00
PM

***Arrive at 6:45 to make
sure you get your
raffle and 50/50 tickets**



January's meeting will feature awards and achievements of our best anglers

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Hello and Season Greetings from your new Fishing Events Director.

As I look at the past two years of information that Joe Udvari provided me, to understand what the job entails and help me get up to speed, I am stunned. Just how much Joe has accomplished, and the amount of time he must have put into being your Fishing Events Director is absolutely amazing. The only thing I can say is: "Gee Whillikers, how did I ever let Joe talk me into this?" He after all, is a very accomplished fisherman, (Grand Master with two stars) and has such an immense wealth of fishing knowledge. You may ask, what are my qualifications? Well I received my hat a few months ago, and last month I received my bronze pin. I am presently working on my silver. I know that's not very impressive, but I was fishing for bluegill, catfish and bass in the lakes of Ohio since I could walk, and I have caught a few nice fish over the years. There are not many things I would rather do than fish. So with that said, I look forward to being your Fishing Events Director, and John McFarland, your Fishing Events Record Keeper, has to do all the heavy lifting. Also, Joe will keep advising me.

Let's talk fish! The November fish of the month was Grouper and in the Men, the awards go to:

1st place - **John Gettinger** (30")

2nd place - **Dennis Krausman** (24")

3rd place - **Max Achtau** (22")

Only one Grouper was reported for the ladies:

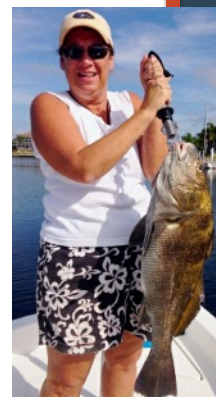
1st place- **Dianne Bukowski** (14")

November was an unbelievable month for catching tarpon, in which 44 were reported totaling 12,700 points. The Tarpon man, Rick Sarkisian accounted for 2,800 of the Tarpon points. I understand that one tarpon even jumped into his boat, to try to even the score. We have 19 awards for November, including multiple awards each for Tamara Dillman, Mark Dillman, Dianne Bukowski and Joe Bukowski. Better look out for these people! Noteworthy this month in the Master Angler Standings was a 47 "monster" Cobia caught by Joe Maillet.

Remember, no club meeting in December, and for club information and rules, go to our website pgifishingclub.org. Please send your fish pictures, with you and your fish in the picture (except for sharks, you don't have to be in the picture with the shark), and list your full name, length and type of fish, date caught and note if you had a paid guide, and send it to fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org May you enjoy the best of a Holiday Season!



Frank Barrett
Fishing Events
Director



December FOM is
Black Drum

Just as a note the Fish
of the Month in 2016
will stay the same, as
we had in 2015, so we
will be starting once
again with sheepshead
in January.

FISHING EVENTS

Things-to-Know

1. Federal Waters - An in-season closure for greater amberjack and red grouper is in effect through the end of the year for recreational anglers. Red snapper season closed on June 11, and gag grouper season closes December 3. 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 - FWC has not closed the red grouper season but also decided to close the greater amberjack season for recreational anglers. Snook season closed on December 1 and gag grouper season closes December 4. 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. No-Harvest Fish - Members should be aware that there are numerous species in our waters that are legally protected and designated as no-harvest fish. Familiarize yourselves with both state and federal regulations governing such species. One is not allowed to remove such species from the water when dehooking them. Also refer to our website for articles concerning proper handling of fish intended for release, which PGIFC encourages.





Fishing Program Report

Randy Burchaki

Robert Lugiewicz, general manager of Fishin' Franks Bait and Tackle, gave an informative and entertaining talk on catching Gag Grouper. Robert stated that Gags are running near the close in reefs in the Gulf. He likes to use Stretch Lures and tries to keep them 5-10 ft off the bottom. Robert likes the Rapala stretch lures but added that Manns and Bomber are acceptable. He likes to troll in circles about 100-150 ft away from the reefs. His trolling speeds are 4-6 knots. His favorite colors are natural, greenback or red/white lures. He uses 80 lb monofilament line with a ball-bearing swivel. Besides the reefs, Robert added that he fishes the Boca Grande Pass and stone crab traps for Gags. In the pass he likes to troll along the edge of the drop-off on the north side. For the traps, he likes to troll parallel to the lines. He also mentioned that King Mackerel are running in the Gulf and can be caught with similar methods as Gags.

Our new Ladies Liaison



Dianne Buckowski

Please welcome our newest volunteer!
Dianne has graciously stepped forward to continue our Lady Angler get togethers.

Outgoing Ladies Liaison

Cris Scheib

We would like to thank **Cris** for all her hard work for the past three years! She has been a real asset to the club and has worked tirelessly to bring the women in the club together month after month.

Special thanks to Randy Burchaki for all the hard work he put in to ensure we had great informative speakers throughout the year. Job well done!

Ladies Liason

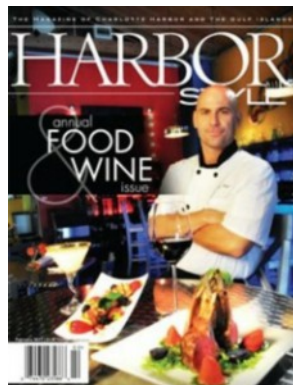


Cris Scheib

Happy Holidays, FISHGIRLS ! It's been a fun year!
Here are a few laughs to help you make it through the Season.



We have one OUT TO LUNCH left this year. It will be held at TRABUE.
THURSDAY - DECEMBER 17 - 11:30 am
TRABUE on Marion
Please RSVP!



Don't miss the FISH CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY on Tuesday, December 8th. Get ready to have some fun at our UNLIMITED PHOTO BOOTH!



Be sure to welcome the new Ladies Liason - Dianne Bukowski
HAVE A SAFE & FUN FILLED HOLIDAY! LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE GOOD TIMES
IN THE NEW YEAR.

CRIS



AWESOME

JOE UDWARI



I've lived in Punta Gorda just shy of 5 years and came down here thinking Spring time is tarpon time in this area. As I became more familiar with tarpon fishing and saw or heard of anglers catching tarpon in Charlotte Harbor during Summer and Autumn months, I was relieved to think I might be able to catch a silver king away from the mostly discourteous masses in the passes without a guide. Although I hooked several and even caught a few over the last 3 years, I am in awe of what I and our many Club members experienced this Fall. Even some of my more experienced tarpon chaser friends believe what we witnessed this year was awesome, and perhaps not soon to be repeated. Perhaps a story to be told and retold to our grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with embellishment of course as the years pass by. After all, we are fishermen and fisherwomen.

I remember last year, my first year as the Club's Fishing Events Director, a good number of tarpon were in the upper Harbor in September, and stayed until Halloween. But to hang out in our back yard until Thanksgiving this year in big schools of quality fish is rare (I think). What's even crazier, they were mostly aggressively feeding probably due to the abundance of bait, warm water and tardy cold fronts. And what's even more special, information regarding the location, bait of choice and time of the bite was readily shared amongst those members expressing an interest to be kept in the loop. Thanks to Rick Sarkisian for creating and coordinating this loop and everyone who willingly and promptly shared (via texts, phone calls and emails) their on the water experience. Thanks also to Rick for infecting many of our members with his passion for catching tarpon and willfully sharing his knowledge on the how-to from soup to nuts (i.e., gear, rigging, presentation, etc.). I doubt any of these participating members (which I now affectionately call the tarpon nuts) can say they didn't get their money's worth for their \$30 PGIFC family membership (not to mention all our door prizes and regular give-aways at Club functions).

Remember, I was an engineer, so before I close this out I have to leave you with some statistics and graphs of tarpon caught by members in our area (including tarpon caught by guests fishing on members' boats and members fishing with paid guides). As you know, fish caught with paid guides do count towards your Ladder of Angling Achievement record, so we track these as well. Also, I am aware that all members do not report their tarpon catches, but these are typically the same members so the effect from year to year is likely a wash and omitting these serves to impart a lower bound estimate of our Club's catches.

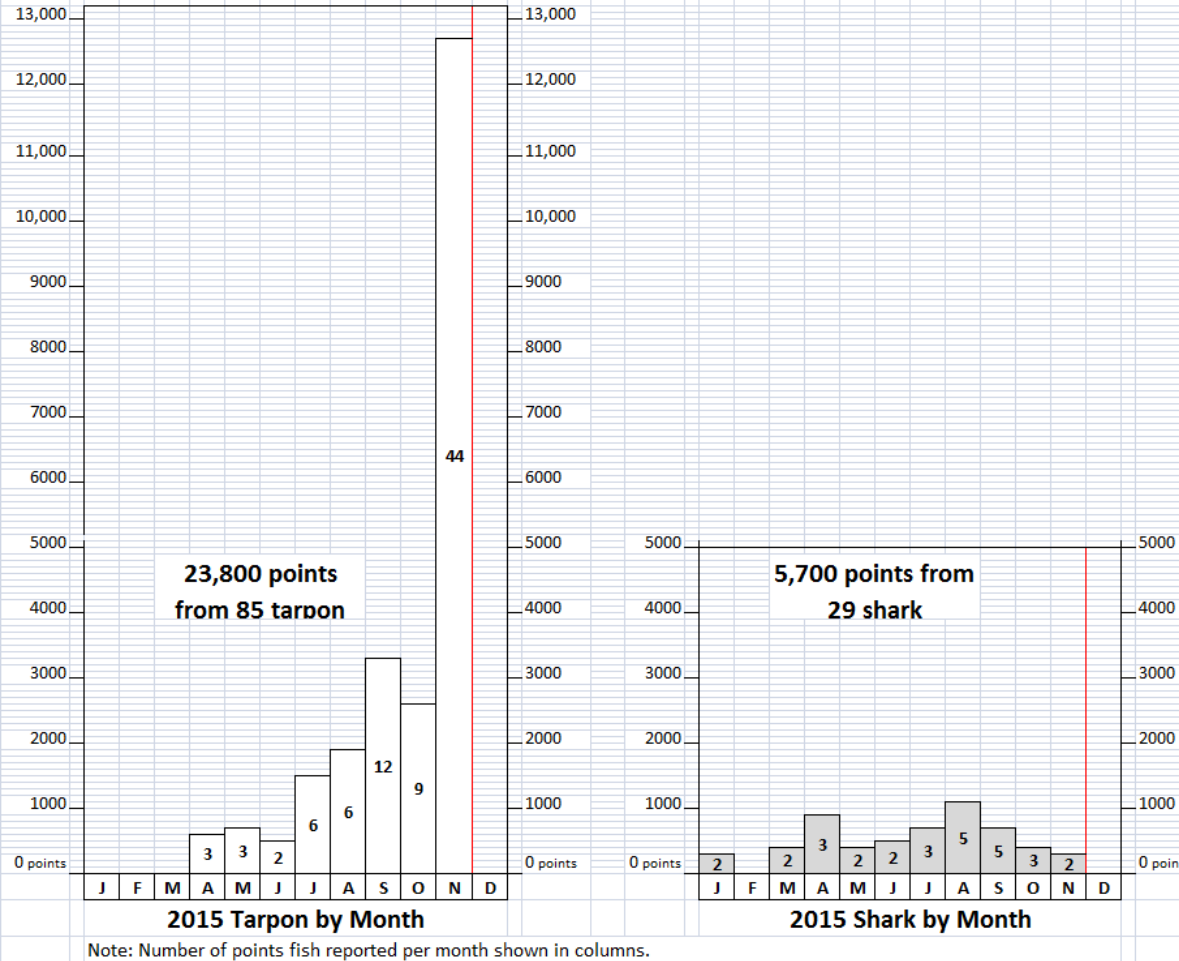
In all of 2012, seven (7) tarpon were caught based on a review of historical data available to me.

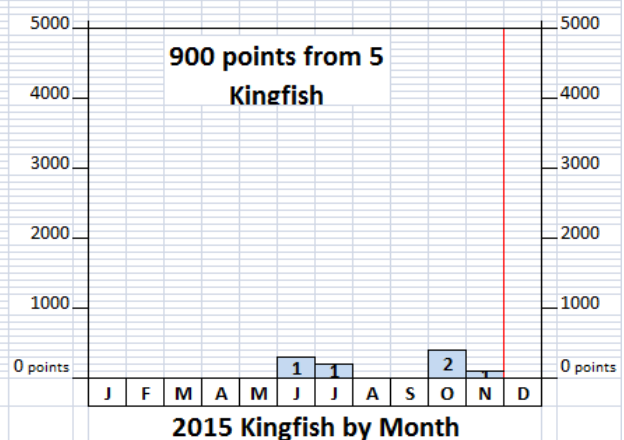
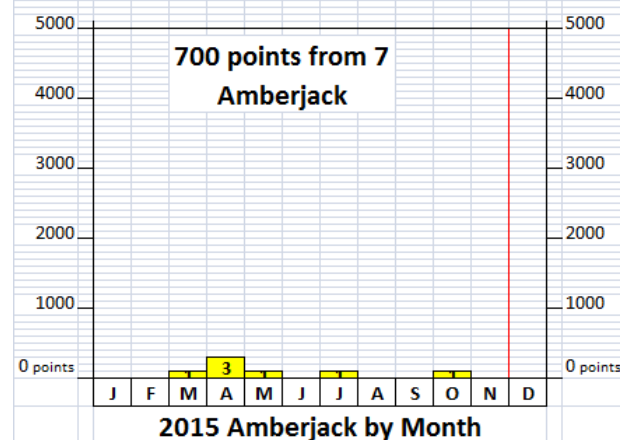
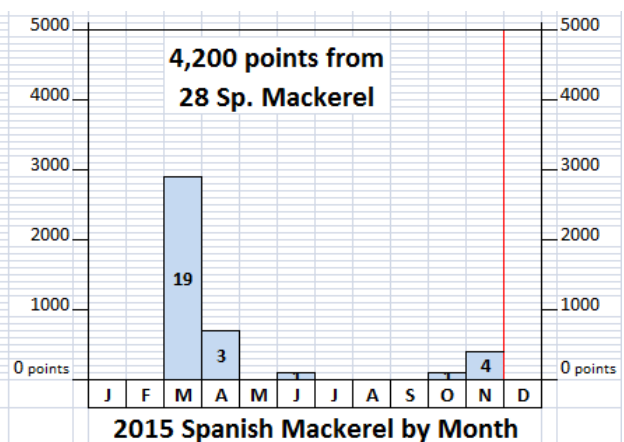
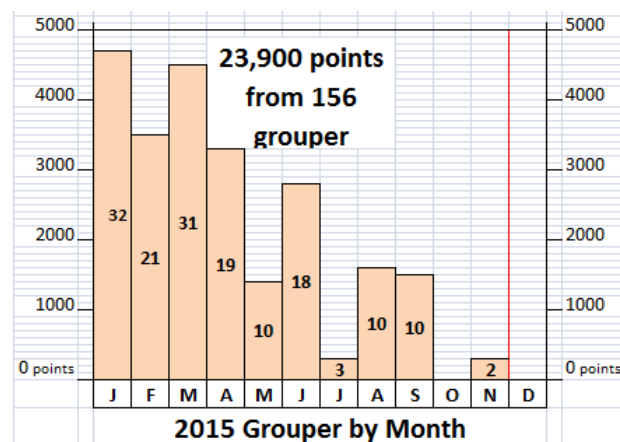
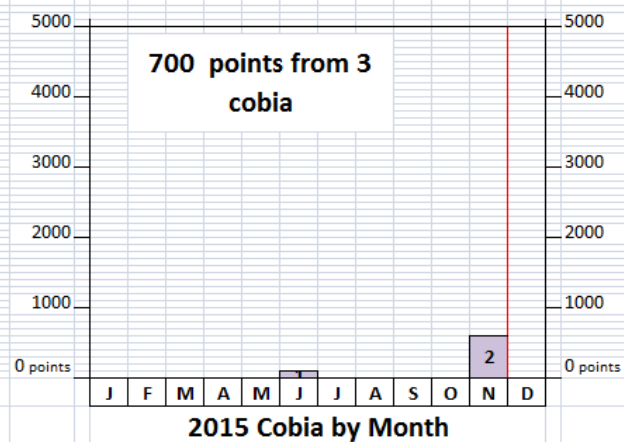
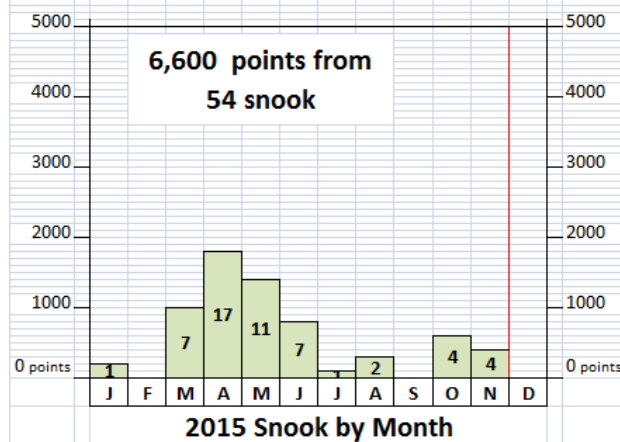
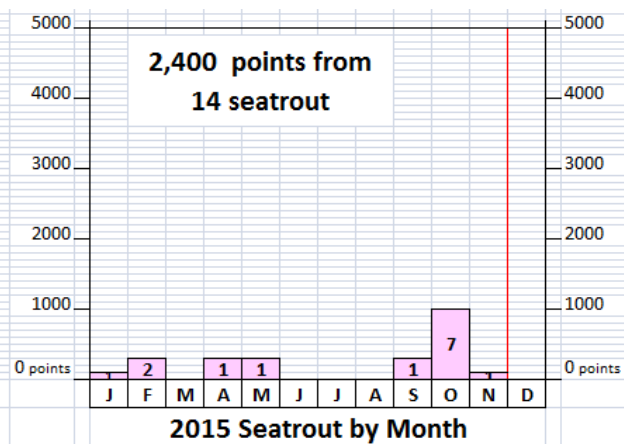
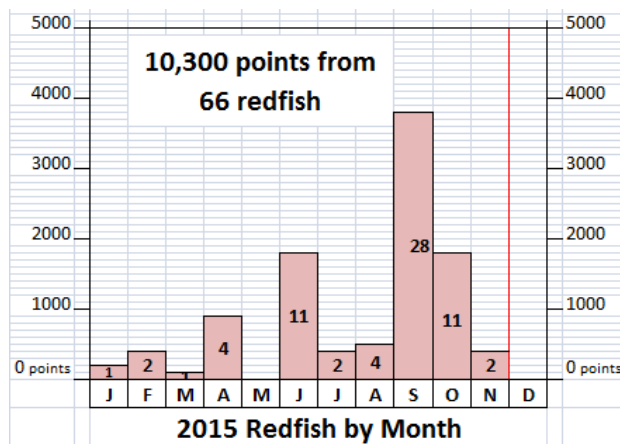
In all of 2013, eleven (11) tarpon were caught based on these historical data. Rick joined PGIFC in 2013.

In all of 2014, forty-eight (48) tarpon were caught. None (0) were caught in January through April, or in November and December.

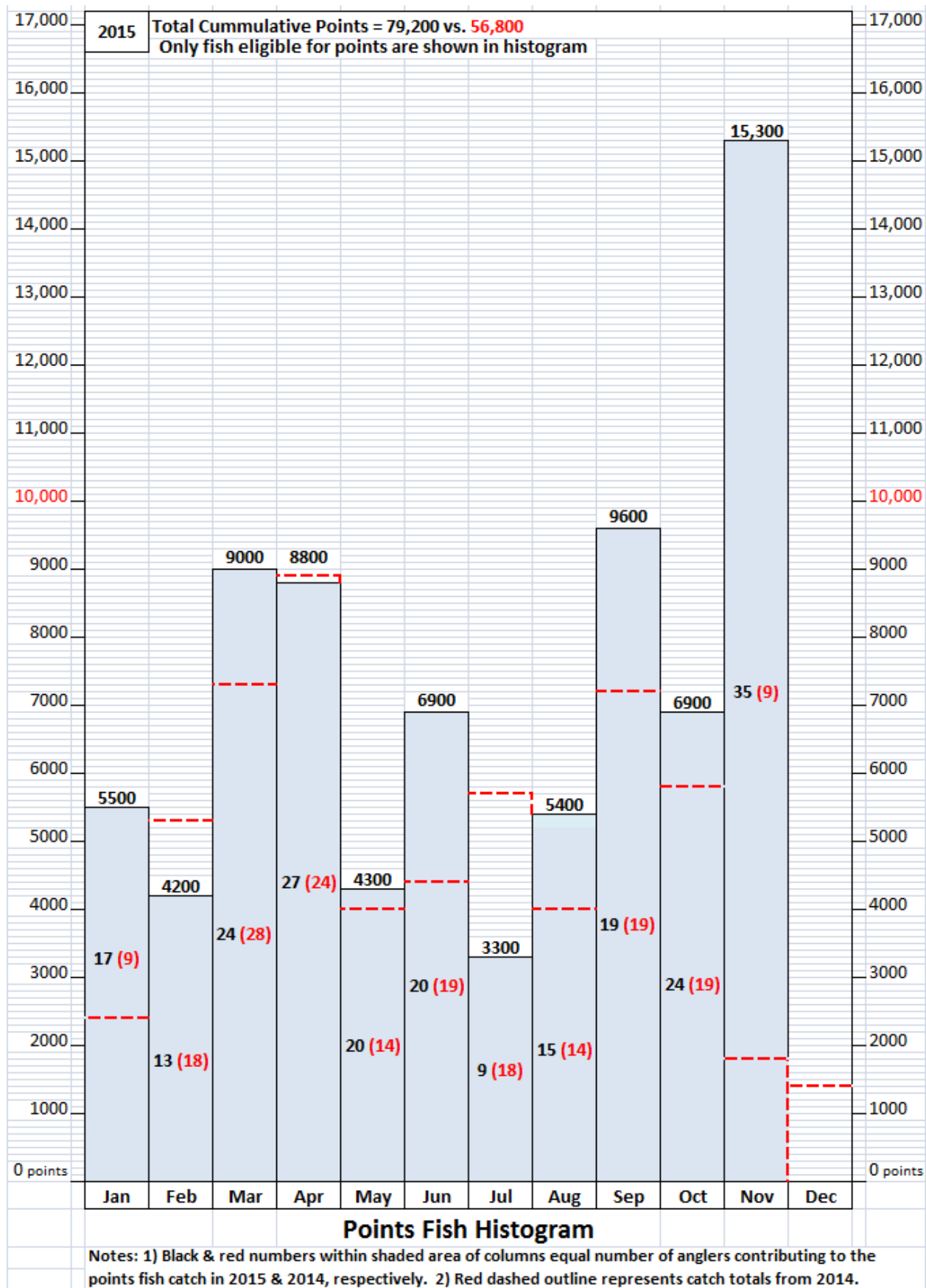
In 2015 thus far (through November 22), eighty-five (85) tarpon have been caught, with forty-four(44) just from November 1 through 22. That's amazing! Since the cold front here now will linger a while, the non-resident tarpon will likely migrate south soon. The distribution of tarpon caught per month in 2015 is shown below, and is followed by histograms for the other points species caught this year.

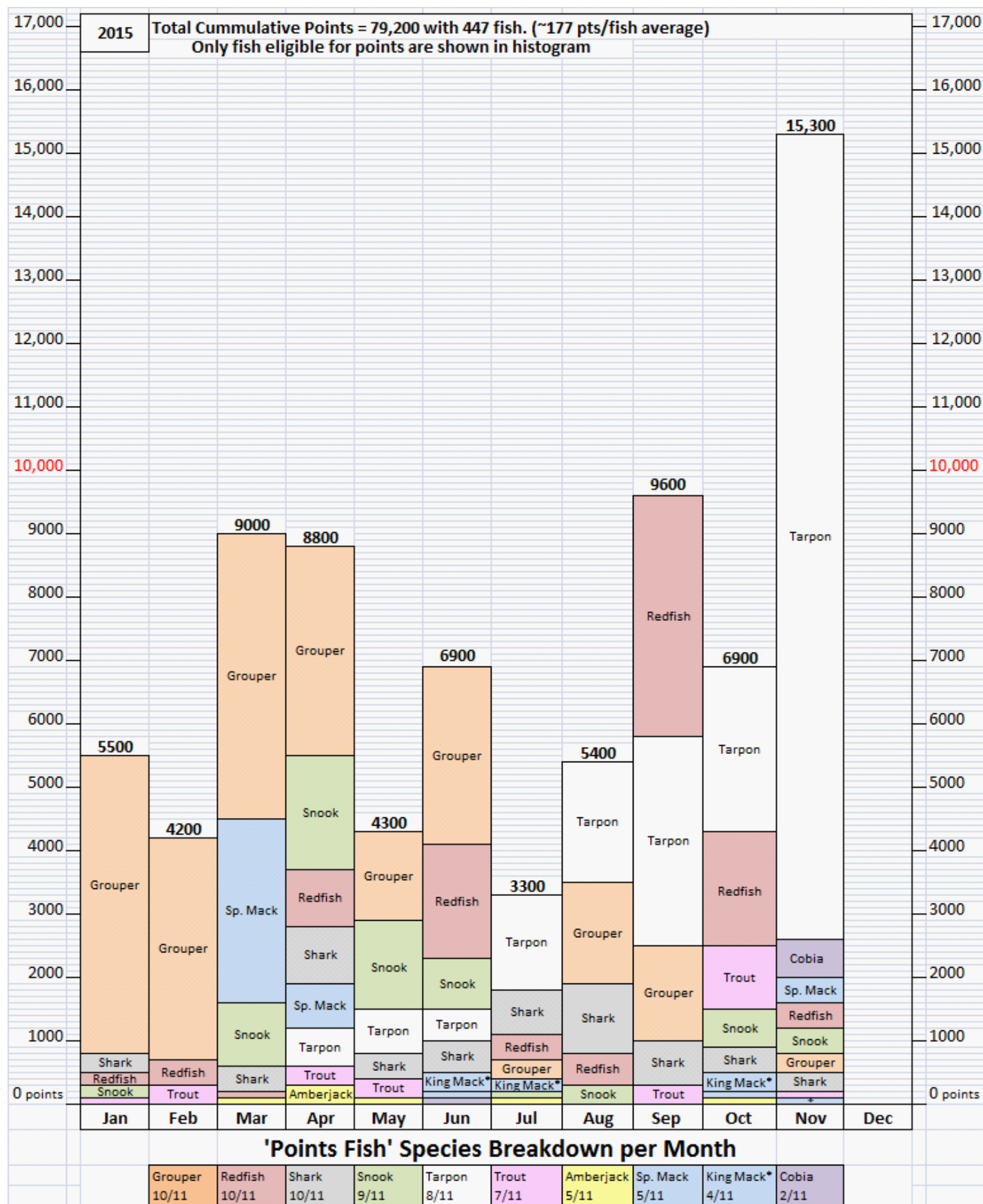
I hope this is of some interest to you, and those interested do encourage John McFarland and Frank Barrett to continue the recording of these catch data. It's a lot of work, but maybe when we look back in several years from now we'll learn more about what factors cause these glorious fish to hang out in our back yard late into the year.





Note: Number of points fish reported per month shown in columns.







Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club



Christmas Party

Dinner and Dancing
Music by Two Can Jam
Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club
Tuesday, December 8th
at 6 PM



Cash Bar

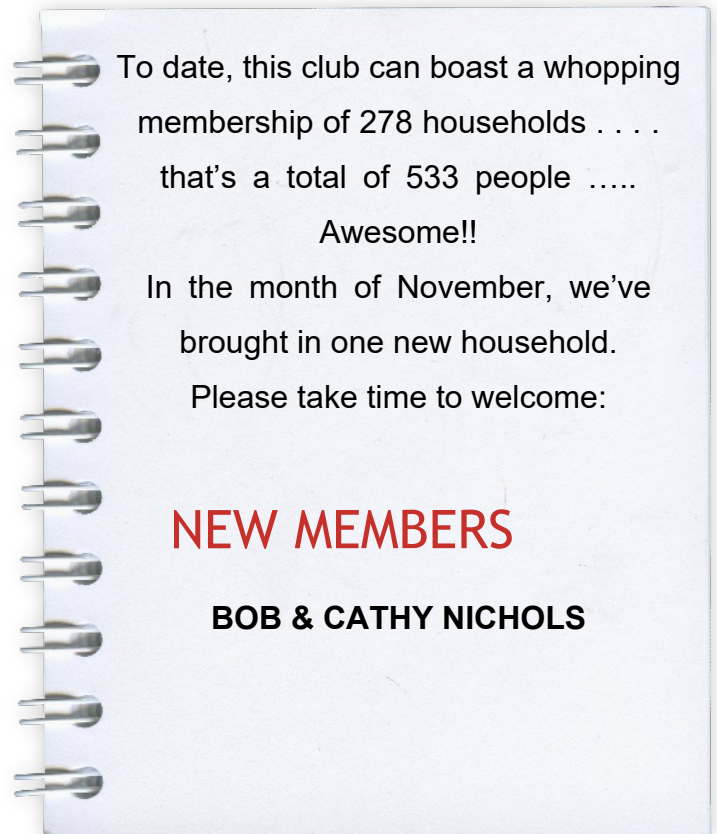




Donnie Brennan
Membership

I can hardly believe how quickly this year has flown by. Another Christmas party is just around the corner....are you ready to have fun? Ready to dance the night away and have an awesome dinner? Yeah, me, too. This will be Sandy's final party as our Social Events Director and I just know she'll go out with a bang!! We'll miss you, Sandy but I do want to thank you for the tremendous work you've done in hosting some fantastic parties for our club.

BRAVO, SANDY ROSEN!!! WELL DONE.



Remember each new member's badge has a star. Please go out of your way to say hello and make them feel welcome.

JUST A REMINDER.....

There is NO regular meeting this month. December 8 is our Christmas party instead. AND because it's a party, there will be NO badges given out. You can still get your badges, however before the next meeting in January. Here's how: Send me a SELF-ADDRESSED-**STAMPED** ENVELOPE and I'll be glad to mail them to you . . . or you can drop by my house (1601 Suzi St) and pick them up Just be sure to call first (626-4903) if you plan on picking them up.

That said, Merry Christmas to all and ... well, you know the rest.

Oh, one more thing.....remember:

"That new friend you make just might be your next new best friend."



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.

Every time I write this article, I feel like breaking out in song singing happy birthday to you. I just enjoy making people smile – that's my personality. Okay first of all, I have two belated birthday wishes...

MARGIE HOFFMAN

PETE MCGREGOR

Sorry about being late. I didn't know until just a few weeks ago about your birthdays.....so, better late than never.

And now for our December honorees. Happy birthday to:

PATTI TOPPER

KAREN UDWARI

Let's all wish them healthiest and happiest.....and many more to come.

Remember if you would like to see your name, the name of your spouse or the name of your friend, just email me their names and the months in which they were born. I'll be sure to do a shout out in the appropriate month. Now, remember - if you want to send a birthday or anniversary wish to someone, just email me

(sunshine@pgifishingclub.org) and I'll be sure to get it. All I need is the name and birth month. Just keep in mind, that while this year is almost over, I still need names to fill my calendar for next year. So email me those things and months and I will be sure to get them in the newsletter.

ONE MORE REMINDER

The PGI Fishing Club is on Facebook. If you'd like to catch what's going on, look me up and "friend" me. I'll get you on. Or just send me an email and I'll send you a request to join. Either way is fine with me. Yes, you need to be a (free) member of Facebook but it's a great way to see all the activities and pictures the club has to offer. You can find me on Facebook by looking up: Donnie Harucki-Brennan

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Sunshine@pgifishingclub.org



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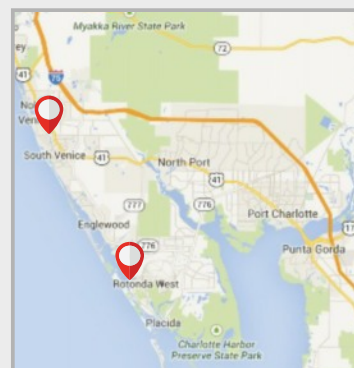


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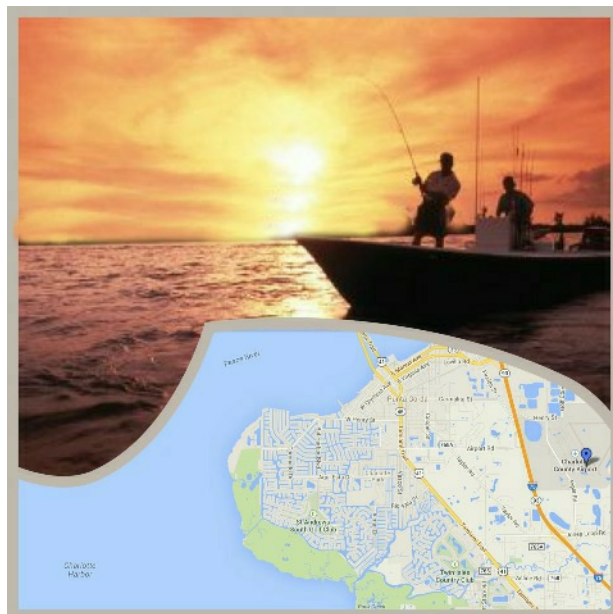
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2015 FISH OF THE MONTH

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



November Fish of the Month Winners

Male Anglers

Female Anglers



John Gettinger



Dianne Bukowski



Dennis Krausman



Max Achtau

Ladder of Angling Achievement

Club Hat
First Fish



Esther Achtau
Sandy Edwards
Mike Maples
Chuck Henry

New this month in **RED**

Bronze

Tom desEnfants	Paul Land	Duane Hilgendorf	Mike Petkus
Dick Nieberline	Alan Schulman	Gretchen Sunderland	Miriam Taylor
Jessica Poe	Tom Lengauer	Don Taylor	John Bothwell
Darryl Pricco	Walt Zink	Mike Peters	Dennis Krausman
Ron Stafford	Cindi Johnston	Randy Burchacki	John McFarland
Rodger Will	Jerry Morningstar	Trudi Baxter	Frank Barrett
Mark Kline	Anne Careau	Andy Nikitich	Tamara Dillman
Barbara Brunner	Janice Anderson	Sandy Nikitich Sandy	Dianne Bukowski
Deny LaChance	Peter Meier	Wierzbowski	
Fred Lamon	Bill Damour	Kathleen Stevenson	
John Morehouse	Gary Skillicorn	David Hatch	
	Patti Topper	Alan Hall	

Silver

Marie D'Ambrosio	Joanell Dyrstad	Randy Hall	Ed Stevenson
Kathy desEnfants	Janice Wiscombe	Bud Johnston	Randy Douet
Mike Gulvezan	Ron Stenberg	Bob Gariepy	Deb Sarkisian
Christine Jordan	Hezzie Samons	Roz Hickey	Joe Bukowski
Larry Okray	Ted Perrin	Ted Wierzbowski	Dianne Bukowski
Mike Sandling	Jane Stenberg	Lynne Stockinger	Tamara Dillman

Gold

Joe Longo	Karen Lodge	Bud Johnston	Ken Hardesty	Dianne Bukowski
Gary Adams	Dave Dyke	Ken Hardesty	Mary Heins	Joe Bukowski
Sheree Wolfinger	Sherry Moerke	Mary Heins	Lynn Reeves	
Don Ross	Tom Hunt	Bud Johnston	Mark Dillman	

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.



Lifetime Level I
Snook

Tom Lodge

Ed Verminski

Jim LaRocca

Marie LaRocca

Marv Dyrstad

Ray Brunner

Matti D'Ambrosio

John Simonieg

Gary Reeves

Mark Dillman



Lifetime Level II
Redfish

Marty McCaffrey

Missy Becker

Rose Anne McCaffrey

Bill Guenther

Ron Baxter

Fred Benson

Elaine Bretts

Mark Storm

Karen Udvari

George Remick

Bob Mayes

Gary Moerke



Lifetime Level III
TARPON

Jack Spies

Bob Rand

John MacLeman

Carl Leicher

Rick Sarkisian

Jim Crawley

Karen Udvari

Elaine Bretts

New this month in **RED**



Nov 2010 pic of AJ Babe of the
Month
Margie Hoffman

Grand Master Anglers

(points earned 2015)

Revised 12/2/15

	Donnie Brennan	(200)
★ ★	Rich Brennan	(4300)
	Bob Busler	
★	Jim Hoffman	(2200)
	Margie Hoffman	(600)
★ ★	Kel Krotzer	(3000)
	J. Landaker	(100)
	Steve Landaker	(400)
	Joe Maillet	(300)
★ ★	Pete McGregor	(2000)
	Mike Quinn	
	Bev Rucker	
	John Solinger	(1900)
	John Wolfinger	
	Tom Parsons	
★ ★	Joe Udvari	(6600)
★ ★	John Gettinger	(6300)
	Pam Solinger	
	Bill Bonham	(200)
	Tom Hickey	(1100)
	Aaron Wagner	(600)
	Jim Quorollo	(700)
	Dick Doster	(600)
★	Mike Gilger	(2000)
	Vinnie Madsen	(1700)
★	John Stockinger	(2300)
★	Ron Topper	(2000)
	Bob Bretts	(1100)
	Darlene Madsen	(100)



PGI Fishing Club Programs are easy to enter

Just email a .jpg photo of you and your fish with:

- ▶ your name
- ▶ date caught
- ▶ fish species
- ▶ length
- ▶ indicate if you used a guide
- ▶ Email:

fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org

New this month in **RED**

2015 Master Angler Standings

Revised 12/01/15



Amberjack

Karen Lodge 38.0
Tom Lodge 38.0
Joe Udvari 38.0
John Stockinger 36.5
John Gettinger 36.5
Randy Burchacki 35.0



Cobia

Joe Maillet 47.0

John Solinger 38.0
Don Ross 36.5



Grouper

John Gettinger 33.5

Jerry Peal 33.0
Jim Quorllo 33.0

Gary Reeves 32.5
John MacLeman 32.5
Joe Udvari 32.5



King
Mackerel

John Gettinger 41.5
Joe Udvari 38.0
Tom Hickey 35.0
Frank Barrett 35.0



Redfish

Bob Mayes 41.5
Rich Brennan 35.0

John Gettinger 34.0



Snook

Jerry Morningstar 41.0
Rick Sarkisian 40.0
Gary Reeves 40.0

Tom Hickey 38.5



Spanish
Mackerel

John Gettinger 26.0
Roz Hickey 26.0

Wally Jachimek 24.5

Karen Udvari 24.0



Spotted
Seatrout

Rich Brennan 25.0
John Gettinger 25.0

Mike Gilger 24.0

Kel Krotzer 23.5

New this month are shown in Red

2015 ISLES TROPHY RACE

THE YEAR-LONG ISLES TROPHY RACE ALLOWS
THE MALE AND FEMALE ANGLER WINNER TO
OBTAIN THE TRAVELING "ISLES TROPHY"
FOR ONE YEAR



PGI FISHING CLUB'S TRAVELING TROPHY RECORDING SPREAD SHEET								
Revised 12/01/15		MEN'S DIVISION						
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Tom Lodge	38.0	04/16/15	83.52%
					Joe Udvari	38.0	10/10/15	83.52%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Joe Maillet	47.0	11/16/15	87.04%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	John Gettinger	33.5	04/01/15	85.90%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	John Gettinger	41.5	06/18/15	79.81%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Bob Mayes	41.5	10/15/15	98.81%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Rich Brennan	25.0	05/15/15	86.21%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012	John Gettinger	25.0	09/08/15	86.21%
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%
WOMEN'S DIVISION								
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Margie Hoffman	33.0	2010	Karen Lodge	38.0	04/16/15	115.15%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Dianne Bukowski	35.0	11/30/15	70.00%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013	Elaine Bretts	33.0	05/23/15	66.00%
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	34.0	2014	Elaine Bretts	29.0	04/01/15	85.29%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Nan Qurollo	33.5	8/29/15	88.16%
		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	Lynn Reeves	36.0	10/15/15	85.71%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Roz Hickey	26.0	04/13/15	92.86%
This Year's Leaders are in RED				New 2015 Records this Month are in BLUE				

Past Isles Trophy Winners

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Rich Brennan	Kel Krotzer	Greg Chestnut	Jim Qurollo	Steve Landaker	Vinnie Madsen
Christine Jordan	Margie Hoffman	Joanne Landaker	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Missy Becker	Margie Hoffman



The following pages show just some of the members who shared some extraordinary days of fishing.



Good thing it was only a 60 pounder

Sarkisian Family Tarpon Outings. Just 4 of the dozen tarpon landed by Rick, Deb and their daughter. One was so happy to see Rick it jumped in his new boat and left a slimy mess.



(photo by Mark Dillman)





Joe Udvari & his son Alex getting a workout catching nice tarpon & a few pelagics





Silver Pin-Tamara



Gold & Snook - Mark



Mark & Tamara Dillman are doing great as 1st year PGIFC anglers (caught multiple tarpon, shark, Sp. Mackerel & cobia this month)





Gary & Sherry
Moerke Fishing
Inshore (with big tarpon
and snook & perfect bait
sized ladyfish)





Blue Runner



Kingfish

Frank Barrett catching eligible species & bait fish while offshore with John Gettinger



Sand Perch (aka squirrel fish)



Bonito



Frank & Jackie Wyatt
fishing at the beach while
soaking up the sun





Grunt



Cigar Minnow

Dennis Krausman
fishing in the pass to
add to his species list



Red Grouper



Blue Runner



Karen Udvari's memorable sunset cruise catching her 1st tarpon courtesy of Rick & Deb Sarkisian (survived several jumps & multiple runs under the boat)

Tom Hickey getting them
inshore & offshore



29 & 30.5" redfish



30" bonito



Mike Gilger
fishing while on
Neighborhood
Marine
Watch???

(photo credits
to John
Stockinger)



5'+ tarpon



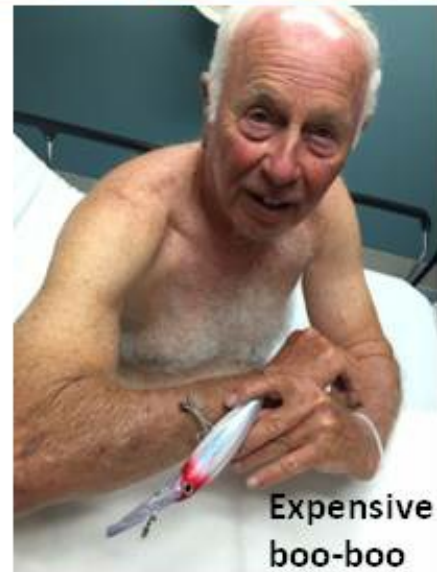
Mike's lizard fish caught trolling



22" seatrout



30" gag grouper



Expensive boo-boo

John Gettinger sharing the bounty with friends Mike Gilger and Ron Topper, while saving pixels on photos.

Note to self: Stowe lures with big treble hooks properly.



Partial redfish



22" Twin Sp. Mackerels

Ron



John



**Max & Esther
Achttau racking
up species**
(blue runners,
mangrove snapper,
ladyfish, red
grouper & striped
mojarra)





Ron Baxter with
two of his
November
tarpon and a
tarpon sized
jack crevalle @
35"



This one landed by
Capt. Mark Dillman on
his boat



Bob & Elaine Bretts with big
tarpon, shark and snook.

Guest &
friend Randy
Douet with
one of his
own tarpon.





Joe & Dianne Bukowski with 2 November tarpon each, plus lots of other species (see next page). Also collected a bunch of LOA pins, both getting up to Gold.





The Bukowski fishing machines in action

(bonito, blue fish, seatrout,
sheepshead, grouper, Sp. mackerel,
mangrove snapper & oyster cracker)



One of Bob Busler's 2
Tarpon, a 5'+ fish
(landed with broken rod)



Dave Lafo w/ Tarpon



John Solinger 32" Tarpon



Dick Doster guided
his friend to a big
tarpon



Jim Crawley 33" Cobia



John Stockinger 32" Cobia



**Joe Maillet and Bob Busler with
47" & 45" Cobia, respectively.**



Mark Dillman 31.5" Cobia



Linda Bahr 26" Snook



Pete McGregor & 32" GMA Star Snook



Elaine Bretts 30" Snook



Bob Bretts
29" Snook



D. Krausman 28" Snook



Rich Brennan 27" Snook



Mark Storm 17" Barracuda



Mike Maples 20" Seatrout



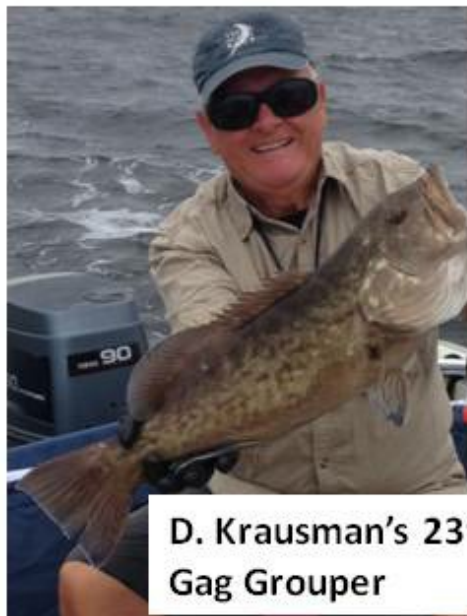
Mike Maples 40" Shark



**Sandy Edwards
Red Grouper (1st Fish)**



Chuck Henry w/ 15" Flounder & 31" Redfish



D. Krausman's 23"
Gag Grouper

Anonymous December Stocking Stuffer



Dianne Bukowski's 35" Cobia
dinner on 11-30-15

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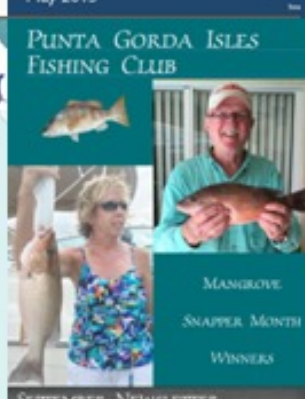
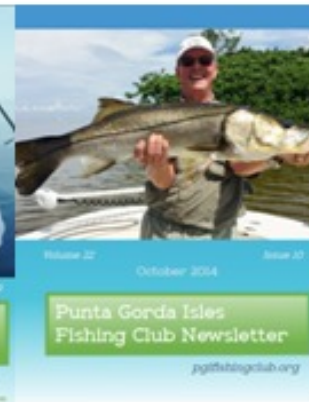
The Punta Gorda Isles Neighborhood Marine Watch (NMW) group is alive and doing well. Since it's inception more than five years ago, this group of totally dedicated community volunteers has grown to over 80 members, many of which, roll out of their warm beds in the middle of the night, grab a hot cup of coffee, get on their boat and head out into the darkness to patrol and observe, reporting to the Punta Gorda Police Dispatcher all boating activity taking place during their night and early morning patrols of the nine inlets leading into the waterfront community of Punta Gorda Isles.

Talk about volunteers being dedicated to serving their community! Not many communities can boast about a group that has formed a community alliance with their local police department to be the eyes and ears to help in keeping their community safe from illegal activities that might include boat theft, the taking of marine equipment and illegal netting activity.

The Punta Gorda Isles Neighborhood Marine Watch Group mission is to provide an "Observe & Report Surveillance" service for all PGI resident home owners. The group's policy of "No contact – No confrontation" with suspected illegal activity is a policy that is strictly adhered to by all members. PGI Marine Watch members while on patrol are in communications with the Punta Gorda Police Department dispatcher and is directed by the dispatcher as to further action, if any, that should be taken.

**If you are interested in volunteering your time and boat for 2-hours each month to this worthwhile program, contact: Bill Guenther — Neighborhood Marine Watch program coordinator:
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It was my pleasure to serve as your PGIFC Editor for the past 18 months. Karen Udvari