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On the Cover

Gretchen Sunderland and Tammy Barre

This is how "the girls" go fishing!
Champagne, spinach & artichoke dip
with multi-grain crackers, fresh fruit,
home made chocolate chip cookies,
etc..

And they catch fish, too!!

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2015 MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 	5	6 E	7
8	9	10 Club Meeting 7 PM	11 Lady Angler Lunch 	12	13 L A N	14
15	16	17	18 	19 Fishing Tournament	20 A S	21 Picnic
22	23	24	25 	26 Ladies Nite Out	27	28
29	30	31				

Next CLUB MEETING:
Tuesday, March 10,
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*

PGIFC Annual Picnic
 March 21st at noon
 PGICA Pavillion
 Bring a dessert or
 appetizer as assigned

**March Fishing
 Tournament**
 March 19th
 Meet at
 Harpoon Harry's
 at 3:30

*Lunch @
**SANDRA'S
 RESTAURANT**
 March 11th at
 11:30 am*

**Ladies Nite Out @
 JD's Bristo**
 March 26th at 6PM

From the Helm

Hello fellow fishermen and fisherwomen.

Welcome to our March Newsletter. As I write this section, it's clear that the cold snap has come and gone. With a little luck, our weather will soon stabilize and we can get back to some comfortable fishing.

Despite the weather's instability, many of our fishermen and fisherwomen submitted some nice catches while bearing the wind and cooler temperatures. Well done.

We had a really good turnout for our Fishing Seminar that was held on February 18th. I want to thank Joe Udwari and all the volunteers that made this seminar a great success. I trust this seminar brought several of our newest members up to speed, and will result in better quality fishing trips for them going forward. Thank you all for your participation. Our members continue to submit a variety of fish and continue to climb our ladder of achievement. Last month was no exception with John Stockinger



Vinnie Madsen
President

and Ron Topper being awarded their Grand Master Angler shirts. Congratulations to both of them on this great achievement.

I hope you enjoy this month's Newsletter and find the information pertinent and of value. Everyone responsible for the content supplied, especially Karen Udwari, puts a lot of time and effort into the Newsletter.

I'm looking forward to our Fishing Tournament on March 19th. Hope to see you there.

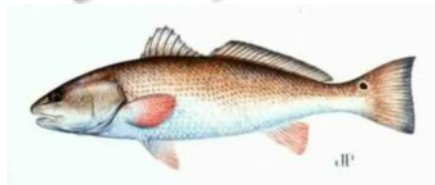
Last but not least I want to wish my daughter Sara a Happy Birthday.

Until next month, be safe and happy fishing!



Our February Fish of the Month (FOM) was spotted seatrout, and we again had a full suite of both lady and men angler winners, and then some.

Joe Udvari
Fishing Events



Our March FOM is our spring slam, which consists of the total length of your longest spotted seatrout and longest redfish caught during the month. You already know how and where to catch spotted seatrout, and redfish hang in the same general areas, plus along mangrove shorelines and around oyster beds. Both species can be caught on live bait or artificial lures like soft plastics or hard twitch baits. Besides shrimp, you can now also use white bait as it becomes more plentiful in the Harbor as the water warms up. Don't forget, both species also like pinfish. In addition, redfish like smelly cut bait such as ladyfish and mullet, and chumming works well to entice the redfish to move closer to where you are fishing and to keep them near you once you locate them.

Last month the ladies said they were going to show the guys how to catch the big ones and they meant it. We had a total of 20 FOM entries and 80 submittals overall. The number of fishphoto submittals was down just a bit from last month, which is understandable given that we had to cope with wind and several cold fronts. I'm guessing that those living in the Midwest and northeast U.S. aren't too empathetic to our plight. Congratulations go out to:

Spotted Seatrout FOM Winners		
Place	Ladies	Length (in)
1st	Darlene Madsen	22.0
2nd	Janice Wiscombe	21.5
3rd	Joanne Landaker	20.0
Place	Men	Length (in)
1st	Mark Storm	21.0
2nd-Tie	Fred Benson	19.5
	Mike Vargo	
3rd-Tie	Rick Sarkisian	19.0
	Tom Hickey	
	Vinnie Madsen	
	Jim Quorllo	

First , second and third place winners will receive \$35, \$25 & \$15 gift certificates to Laishely Marine, Fishin' Franks and Rio Villa Bait and Tackle, respectively.

If you did catch a spotted seatrout in February and didn't submit it, you may have missed out on a great prize. So make sure that if you do catch a fish of the month 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

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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.

While you're on the computer, why not also post your pictures on the Club's Facebook page so we can all get a real time idea of what's biting. Our Club's Facebook membership is up to 82 and that's great .

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 some fish. Also remember that you can't use a paid guide for any contests except the Ladder of Angling Achievement (LOA) Program, and your March FOM entries are due no later than April 1.

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

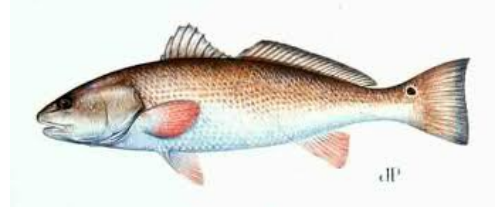
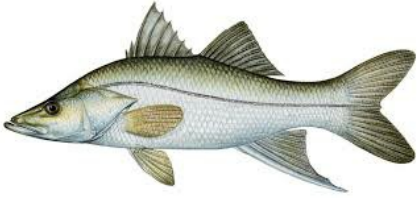
All current contest results are nicely summarized later in this Newsletter, and awards for February will be handed out at our next general meeting on March 10. We are truly lucky to fish here and enjoy the weather, especially as those brutal cold fronts become but a distant memory. So drop a line in the water and catch

some fish for a chance to share in the bounty of all that our Club and great area has to offer. Come before 7 pm on March 10 to leave enough time to pick up your raffle and 50/50 tickets, and to grab a good seat. Also, you still have a chance to sign up for the March 19 fishing tournament if you haven't done so already and are interested in having fun and winning some prizes. C U then!

Since there was extra room on this page, I decided to show off two fish from a recent trip to Islamorada that my son Alex and I caught.



Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club Tournament



Good fun, good fishing, good competition

Interested members may sign up by emailing Joe Udvari or adding their name to a sign-up sheet at our March 10 meeting. More details will be sent to all registered members.



PGIFC March Tournament - Our next Club fishing tournament will be held on March 19, 2015. Participating members will target 4 species (redfish, snook, spotted seatrout and/or Spanish mackerel), with the member catching the longest species being awarded a gift certificate of \$25 at Harpoon Harry's immediately following the tournament (only one certificate per winning member). Interested members may sign up by emailing me at udvari.joe@gmail.com or adding their name to a sign-up sheet at our next Club meeting on March 10. Perfect time to apply tips shared during the recent fishing seminar.

You can start to fish as early as you like, but must have your entries submitted before 4 PM sharp in order to be eligible for a prize.

Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club Tournament

PGIFC Fishing Seminar

“...this seminar was first class!”

-Gary Skillicorn

The fishing seminar held on February 18, 2015 had 75 participants who sincerely appreciated the information presented by the instructors, based on participant feedback. Thanks to everyone for the patience shown during the all-day seminar and the instructor's willingness to share their knowledge.



Things to Know

1. Federal Waters - **Gray triggerfish** season closed on February 7, 2015, due to an in-season closure. **Red grouper** continues to be closed beyond the 20 fathom (120') break until March 31 to protect shallow water groupers. **Gag grouper** season stays closed until July 1, 2015. As of this writing, inside the 20 fathom break, 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- If you fish or intend to fish for reef fish, you must have a FWC reef fish permit beginning April 1, 2015 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 snook if you also need a FWC fishing license, even if it's a free shore fishing license. Check the rules and avoid the fines.

5. PGIFC March Tournament - Our next Club fishing tournament will be held on March 19, 2015. Participating members will target 4 species (redfish, snook, spotted seatrout and/or Spanish mackerel), with the member catching the longest species being awarded a gift certificate of \$25 at Harpoon Harry's immediately following the tournament (only one certificate per winning member). Interested members may sign up by emailing Joe Udvari or adding their name to a sign-up sheet at our March 10 meeting. More details will be sent to all registered members.

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6. Points-Fish Catches - We continue to rack up points for large fish being caught. This time of year, lots of points are coming from offshore grouper catches, but some nice trout, redfish and snook have also been caught inshore. Through February, we're 2000 points ahead of last year, and everyone hopes this trend will continue and 2015 will turn out to be a banner year for large fish catches.

7. Fisheries Forum - Our Club had a great turnout at the last Forum meeting, and along with many others in attendance from the surrounding area, came up with multiple suggestions for improving the health of Charlotte Harbor. Five to six categories were identified as needing attention to mitigate further adverse impacts on our fishery. Various action items to maintain and/or improve fish habitats, the water quality, and fish stocks or populations were thought to be most important. In addition, the need to educate or inform all stakeholders benefiting from the continued health of our Harbor through outreach programs was considered necessary, as was the need to assess potential negative impacts of both organized recreational and commercial fishing on bait and fish stocks. This program is being managed and proctored by the University of Florida, but is vitally dependant on input from various segments of the communities surrounding our Harbor. Your participation is encouraged. Monthly meetings are currently planned to compile input and formulate a focused approach for implementing any resulting recommendations. See WaterLine for announcements on future meetings.

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& THE O IN WOMEN MAKES THE SHORT "I" SOUND
& THE TI IN NATION IS PRONOUNCED "SH"
THEN THE WORD

“GHOTI”

IS PRONOUNCED JUST LIKE



“FISH”



WELCOME TO THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE.



Randy presents PGIFC certificate to Capt. Billy Barton

Fishing Program Report

Randy Burchacki
Programs



Capt Billy Barton provided an informative talk on Spotted Seatrout, our February Fish of the Month. Capt Billy's favorite methods for catching Seatrout are with Jigheads hooked with live shrimp or soft plastic. With live shrimp, he likes to pinch off the tail and hook the tail of the shrimp to the jighead. His favorite soft plastic is four (4) inch Berkely Gulp Shrimp in vibrant colors. His choice of colors is "electric chicken" or white with gold flecks. He also uses popping corks with live shrimp. His favorite popping cork is Cajun Thunder with a #1 hook. When using a popping cork he suggested popping it every 20 seconds.

Locations for catching trout are outside of sandbars near grass flats or behind the sandbars in pot holes. This time of year trout will find deeper water and he has had recent luck fishing in the mouth of Alligator Creek or in the markers in Pirate Harbor and Burnt Store Marina. As an incentive to fish with Capt Billy, he offered 15% off his normal rates for PGI fishing club members. Contact information for Capt Billy is captainbillybarton@gmail.com or by telephone 941-979-6140.

Our Speaker for March will be Capt Jay Withers of Silver Lining Charters. Capt Jay has many years of fishing experience in the Charlotte Harbor area and specializes in redfish and tarpon. Captain Jay is on the Pro-Staff with Pathfinder boats and is endorsed by many top manufactures. He is an outdoor writer for various magazines and also works very closely with the Coastal Conservation Association and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Capt. Jay has worked with Mote Marine Laboratories in Bull and Hammerhead Shark research. Contact information for Capt Jay is:

Email: captjay@embarqmail.com

Tel: 888-492-5464 Toll Free or Tel: 941-204-5229 Mobile





The fishing club will provide fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw and soft drinks. Each member brings either an appetizer or dessert to share. All this, a great picnic, great food and fun and games for only \$5 per person.

Tickets can be purchased at the next meeting or by calling Sandi at **518-475-9441**.

Hoping to see you all at the picnic!

Sandi

Our Annual Picnic is on March 21st

March is here and the third weekend is the annual fishing club picnic! Hurry because there is not very much more time to purchase tickets if you have not already done so. The picnic will be held at PGICC , outdoors on the patio, on Saturday March 21st, 12:00 Noon . Rain date is March 22nd.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and games, with fabulous door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Lots of chances to win! Maybe you will be the proud owner of a new rod or reel! There will also be prizes for all the games. Can you cast out the furthest? How accurate are you at bean bag toss?





IT'S OFFICAL!
IT'S A WHIRLWIND!

Cris Scheib
Ladies Liaison

Season is in its biggest boom ever - everyone is bustling around being busy & having fun. The FISH GIRLS are doing their best to enjoy it! Last

month we visited **Callaloo's** for Out To Lunch where we enjoyed lunch with a great view of the creek & boats.

Girls Nite Out was held at Sandy's house where we chopped & rolled & produced some very yummy egg rolls & Cuban rolls. We didn't need anyone to show us how to enjoy them! A special thanks to Sandy for letting us use her spacious kitchen & to Jane for showing us how to mess it up in a good way! The rolls were excellent - everyone left with a happy tummy & samples to take home.



OUT TO LUNCH

You asked, so here we go! Choose your favorite from their lunch menu - including schnitzel, salads & strudel - or try their buffet for a sample of several delicious items.

SANDRA'S RESTAURANT

Wednesday - March 11th
at 11:30 am



GIRLS NITE OUT

JD'S BISTRO Thursday - **March 26th at 6 PM**

This place is a bit of a surprise. Located beside the Days Inn in Pt. Charlotte, it might make you think it's some type of diner. But inside it's a lot more like a supper club, complete with an upscale menu & a jazz combo.



Look forward to seeing you at any of our events! Questions or signup - pastadiva@comcast.net

As I suspected, we did lose a number of members this year but again, as I expected, we gained some. Our roster still holds 303 households and that equals a whopping 579 people.

The thing I enjoy so much about being the Membership Director is that I get to meet so many people. It's a pleasure and a privilege to meet so many – not to mention the fun I have talking to them all.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!!

Okay, so here are the names of our new members who you can go out of your way to meet:

MARC BERGSMAN & MARGIE TIERNEY-BERGSMAN

DAVID & CHERYL LAFO

BILL & DONNA MUIR

ANGELO & KATHY MUSCOLINO

MIKE & MARGIE SECORA

ANN & RAY STONER

Let's show these members a good time. The picnic is coming up so let's make them feel welcome. Hey, don't forget that each new member has a star on their badge so they'll be easily noticed.

I'd like to see all of you go out of your way to say hello.

Show them the camaraderie of our club. Play nice. Make a friend.

Remember : : : that new friend you make today might be your best friend for life. (I should know...been there, done that...and am still doing it).

Okay, then, have fun on the water, catch some fish (I love to look at your photos) and most of all, stay safe.

Donnie



Donnie Brennan
Membership Director
Sunshine Lady



*"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."*

Let's face it; when we're down, whether because of illness or just the blues, we all need a friend. Even if you can't find the words to say how you feel, a friend can be there just to sit and keep you company.

So, when you're down, a card from your Sunshine Lady just might brighten up your day.

That's why I ask that should you or anyone you know need a bit of cheering up, all you have to do is call (or email) and a card will be on the way.

Four cards were went out in February to those who needed a bit of cheer:

Bill Bonham

Ellen Wagner

Susie Means

Renee Bothwell

Just remember, everyone can use a bit of sunshine now and then. That's what I do. That's why I'm here.

Have a great day and enjoy the sunshine.

Donnie

*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.*

CELEBRATION TIME, COME ON!

I hope some of you have been able to get out on the water amid our cold spells. But at the same time, once the candles are lit on your birthday cakes, the room should fill with warmth quickly. (just kidding....none of us are THAT old...are we?) Anyway, we have two birthdays to celebrate this month.



Happy, happy birthday to...

Aaron Wagner

Roseanne McCaffrey

So when you see Aaron and Roseanne be sure to give them your best wishes. Aaron, Roseanne, it's time to celebrate, have a good time and most of all ...don't do anything I wouldn't do.

Donnie

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Vinnie and Donnie carrying the flag for the club at the PGICA

New Member reception.



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FIRST PLACE

John MacLeman

7' Redbone



SECOND PLACE

Tom Hickey

Okuma EF30b Spinning Reel



THIRD PLACE

Peter Meier

Fish Lip Gripper

Drawing & 50/50 Winners

1st Place - \$100

Bill Barber



2ND Place - \$80

Mark Klein



3RD Place - \$67

Fred Lamon



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



February Fish of the Month

Male Anglers

Spotted Seatrout

Female Anglers

Mark Storm



**Congratulations
to our winners!**



Darlene Madsen



Fred Benson



Janice Wiscombe



Mike Vargo



Joanne Landaker



Rick Sarkisian



Vinnie Madsen



Jim Quorllo



Tom Hickey



Ladder of Angling Achievement



Club Hat
First Fish

Roy Demenint

New this month in RED

Bronze

Tom desEnfants	Paul Land	Gary Skillicorn	Sandy Wierzbowski
Dick Nieberline	Alan Schulman	Patti Topper	Ted Wierzbowski
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	
Mark Kline	Jerry Morningstar	Ken Hardesty	
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	Dave Dyke	Tom Hunt
Kathy desEnfants	Janice Wiscombe	Jane Stenberg	
Mike Gulvezan	Ron Stenberg	Bob Mayes	
Christine Jordan	Sherry Moerke	Randy Hall	
Larry Okray	Hezzie Samons	Mary Heins	
Mike Sandling	Ted Perrin		

Gold

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

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	
 Lifetime Level II Redfish	Marty McCaffrey	Jim Crawley	
	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		

New this month in RED

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

GRAND MASTER ANGLER CLUB (Star Points)

	Donnie Brennan	
★	Rich Brennan	(1100)
	Bob Busler	
	Jim Hoffman	(700)
	Margie Hoffman	(200)
★	Kel Krotzer	
	Joanne Landaker	
	Steve Landaker	
	Joe Maillet	
★	Pete McGregor	
	Mike Quinn	
	Bev Rucker	
	John Solinger	
	John Wolfinger	(300)
	Tom Parsons	
★	Joe Udvari	(1100)
★	John Gettinger	(1100)
	Pam Solinger	
	Bill Bonham	
	Tom Hickey	
	Aaron Wagner	(300)
	Jim Qurollo	
	Dick Doster	
	Mike Gilger	
	Vinnie Madsen	(300)
	John Stockinger	(200)
	Ron Topper	(600)



*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 3/2/15



Amberjack

Joe Udvari 30.5



Spanish
Mackerel



Cobia

Darlene Madsen 32.0



Spotted
Seatrout

Darlene Madsen 22.0

J. Wiscombe 21.5

Terry Morris 21.0

Mark Storm 21.0



Grouper

Gary Reeves 32.5

John MacLeman 32.5

Joe Udvari 32.0

Rich Brennan 31.0

John Gettinger 31.0

Tom Lodge 31.0

New this month are shown in Red



King
Mackerel



Redfish

Rich Brennan 32.0

David Hatch 18.0

Elaine Bretts 18.0



Snook

J. Morningstar 41.0

Aaron Wagner 28.5

G. Sunderland 27.0

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 3/2/15								
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	MEN'S DIVISION RECORD		MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
			LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT				
X	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Joe Udvari	30.5	02/23/15	67.03%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007				
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Gary Reeves	32.5	01/21/15	83.33%
					John MacLeman	32.5	02/15/15	83.33%
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				
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	WOMEN'S DIVISION RECORD		MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF 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				
		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				
This Year's Leaders are in RED				New 2014 Records this Month are in BLUE				

Past Isles Trophy Winners

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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Great Days on the Water

Some Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club members have been fishing together since the club began. Some days are simply great days of fishing and camaraderie. The following pages show just some of the groups that shared some extraordinary days of fishing.

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Spencer caught the two largest (15.5" and just over 17")



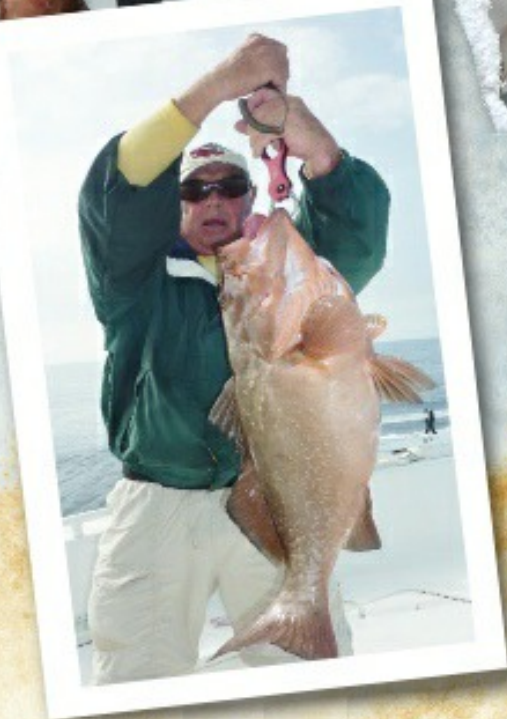
Jim Qurollo, grandson Spencer and Bob Mayes had a great day of pompano fishing on High Cotton. They brought home a large bag of beautiful, firm boneless fillets to share with neighbors and for dinner that night.





Tom Hunt and John MacLeman
had a great day offshore
on Tom Hunt's boat.





Grouper Trip

Fantastic Day

John Gettinger had the Midas touch
in picking spots.
18.5 foot combined length of
red grouper
plus a bonus amberjack .

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PHOTOS



Sharon Dyke
37" Gar



Darlene Madsen
32" Cobia



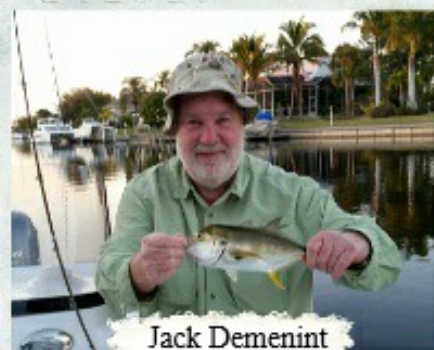
Vinnie Madsen
Mini-Tarpon



Rick Farmer
11" Mangrove Snapper



Rich Brennan
32" Redfish



Jack Dement
Jack Cravelle



Sandy Weirzbanowski
18" Spotted Seatrout



Sheryl Hatch
14" Seatrout



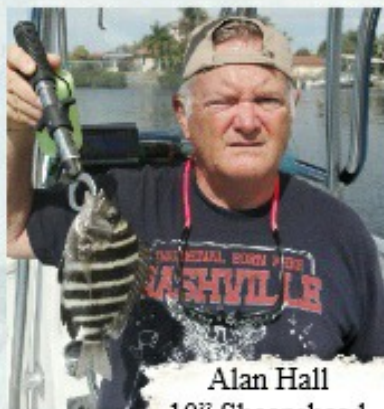
David Hatch
18" Redfish



Bob Busler
Hogfish

FISH

PHOTOS



Alan Hall
10" Sheepshead



Karen & Tom Lodge
27 & 28" Red Grouper



Elaine Bretts
18" Redfish



Gretchen Sunderland
15" Sheepshead



Brenda Morningstar
19.5 Seatrout



Steve Landaker
16.5" Seatrout



Don Taylor
10" Jack Crevelle



Bob Bretts
22" Blackdrum

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The Beyond Ourselves Group of the PGI Civic Association sponsored the home tour to benefit New Operation Cooper Street and the Back Pack Kidz program. Cooper Street is an after-school center that offers academic support, cultural enrichment, and recreational opportunities to children in Charlotte County. The Back Pack Kidz program has been vital in helping feed over 1,400 children every weekend.

Special Thanks to

Joanell and Marv Dyrstad

for pulling this effort together

for our club.

HOME TOUR FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEER PARKING ATTENDANTS

The ladies were too busy working to get
their photos taken.



John Gettinger and Ron Topper



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If you are interested in joining the PGI NMW group, and performing no more then 2-hours of your time each month to this Worthwhile program, snowbird's are welcome to join us during their stay in "Paradise".)

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