PGI Fishing Club October Newsletter

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"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

Vinnie Madsen

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October 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 CLUB MEETING 7PM | 14 | 15 Fishing Tournament | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 MLAND | 31 Deje |

Next CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, October 13th @ 7:00 PM *Arrive at 6:45 to make sure you get your Raffle and 50/50 tickets



Ladies Lunch @ Leroys on Tuesday, October 13th at 11:30 AM *Don't forget - the fishing tournament is on Thursday - that's why we have the change of date.

Breakfast at Elena's at 6:30 am every Friday

Guys and Ghouls Nite Out At Bowland on Friday, October 30th at 9PM

Fishing Tournament Thursday, October 15th Meet at Harpoon Harry's at 3:30. Prizes awarded at **4PM** Sharp

Happy Hown every Wednesday at Wednesday at The Tiki Hut

5:30 PM

From The Helm

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

Hello fellow fishermen and fisherwomen.

This year is just flying by and soon we will be getting back to the milder open window weather we much enjoy.

We are doing really well in filling the positions for 2016 but still have a couple open positions. They are Editor and Ladies Liaison. Help me get these positions filled so we can go into 2016 without skipping a beat. If you are able or if you know someone that could fill these positions, let me know.

We have our third fishing tournament coming up on October 15th. Joe has gotten many great prizes for the event so if you haven't signed up please hurry and join in on a good time.

Until next month, be safe and happy fishing!

"Help me get the Editor and Ladies Liaison positions filled"

Vinnie Madsen President



Special Congratulations to Grand Master Angler Darlene Madsen





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SEA HUN





Fishing Events

Joe Udwari

Fishing Events Director

We had another very good month of catching a nice variety of big fish, with tarpon, redfish and grouper dominating the scene. A total of 18 anglers submitted 77 entries in September. Although the tarpon bite was sporadic, there were plenty of them of all sizes swimming around in our local waters. Our



Fish Of the Month Redfish

Our October FOM contest is for redfish. A very respectable number of redfish were caught in September,

and I sure hope they stick around through October and don't develop lock-jaw, as sometimes happens with our FOM. They've been caught in numerous places all throughout the Harbor, and some nice sized schools have been spotted as well.

The redfish have been caught on suspending twitch baits, gold spoons, jig heads tipped with soft plastics, topwater lures and a variety of live and cut bait.

Remember, fish caught with a paid guide don't count for this contest, and you must measure the total length of these fish to the nearest 1/2" (you may round up).

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. The slot limit is 18" to 27" with a bag limit of 1. Your redfish FOM entries are due no later than midnight October 31. Yes, that's a change to speed up the processing of fish entries and to get our Newsletter published even earlier. winners for September's tarpon Fish-of-the-Month (FOM) are shown below. First, second and third place winners receive \$35, \$25 and \$15 gift certificates, respectively, to Fishin' Franks, Laishley Marine or Rio Villa Bait & Tackle. Congratulations go out to:

| Tarpon FOM Winners | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Place | Men | Points | | | | | | |
| 1st | Rick Sarkisian | 15 | | | | | | |
| 2nd | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 3rd Tie | Gary reeves | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Place | Points | | | | | | | |
| 1st | Lynn Reeves | 1 | | | | | | |

All other results and pictures of fish caught are nicely summarized later in this Newsletter, and awards achieved for September will be handed out at our next general meeting on October 13, including **Kel Krotzer's** GMA Star achievement.

Going forward, make sure that if you catch a fish, any fish for that matter, attach a picture of you with the fish (Exception - you don't have to be in the picture with a shark) 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.

As always, help your fellow anglers out by posting your pictures on the Cub's Facebook page so we can all get a real time idea of what's biting.

Come before 7 pm on October 13 to leave enough time to pick up your raffle and 50/50 tickets, and to grab a good seat. C U then!

Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club October Fishing Tournament



- To be held Thursday, October 15th (no official start time)
- Open only to members of the PGI Fishing Club at no charge. Guests may participate but they are not eligible for prizes
- Members use their own boats and where possible take other members that need a ride
- Members supply all their own equipment and costs
- Fish wherever you want and for what you want
- VHF Channel 72 can be used to communicate hot spots to other members
- Gathering at Harpoon Harry's between 3-4 PM to relax and share stories
- \$25 gift certificate for longest Redfish, Trout, Trapon and Snook.
- Measure total length of fish (pinched tail) to nearest half inch
- Awards at 4 PM sharp and you must be there to collect
- Proof of catch with member via photo on digital camera or phone
- This event will be weather permitting. Your contact information is important
- Rain Date: Friday October 16th

Things to Know

1. October Fishing Tournament - Don't forget to sign up for our October 15 tournament. So far 13 boats and 28 anglers are signed up. You can sign up by emailing Joe Udwari, on our Facebook page or at our next general meeting on October 13. We'll award \$25 gift certificates from local tackle shops for the longest redfish, snook, spotted seatrout and tarpon caught by a member that day (as always, only one prize per member). ALSO, we will again have raffle prizes including 6 coveted imitation pewter Fishin' Franks key chains, a Fishin' Franks donated \$50 gift certificate, and tarpon lures also donated by Fishin' Franks. Anyone signed up for the tournament and attending the celebration at Harpoon Harry's after the tournament is eligible to win raffle prizes, including member guests. Join us for a fun filled day of fishing on October 15 (inclement weather date is October 16). More details for those signing up to follow soon, but know that awards start promptly at 4:00 pm and you must be present to win. Don't miss your opportunity to be in the group tournament photo taken immediately after the celebration at Harpoon Harry's.

2. <u>Federal Waters</u> - An in-season closure for greater amberjack was recently announced for recreational anglers and is now in effect until the end of this year. 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: <u>http://www.gulfcouncil.org</u>

3. <u>State Waters</u> - FWC has not closed the greater amberjack season for recreational anglers on private boats but has previously approved raising the minimum size limit to a 34" fork length pending similar Federal regulatory changes. 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

4. <u>September 24 Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum</u> - Did not attend. PGIFC has previously recommended action items for improving the Charlotte Harbor fishery to both the Forum facilitators and FWC, and have now turned our attention to working with groups implementing measures consistent with our recommendations.

5. Trabue Oyster Reef Restoration - Seventeen PGIFC members continued to work with other volunteers to create 9 oyster reefs along the Trabue Harborwalk just east of Laishley Park Marina. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 28 to celebrate the completion of the first phase of oyster reef restoration spearheaded by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in collaboration with the City of Punta Gorda and other agencies and benefactors. Over the next 2 years, TNC plans to have 20 more acres of oyster reefs installed throughout Charlotte Harbor. These reefs are instrumental in restoring fish habitat, water filtration and shoreline protection, among other benefits. Several photos of the Trabue reef construction activities and ribbon cutting ceremony are shown below.





3 Loose Shell Reefs

*Three photos courtesy of Andrea Graves & Ann Birch of the Nature Conservancy

3 Bag Reefs

Some of the Construction Crew

3 Mat Reefs

Some More PGIFC Participants

Ribbon Cutting Dignitaries

Trabue Oyster Reef Pilot Project

PGIFC Volunteers included: Ron Baxter, Rich Brennan, Bob Bretts, Joe Bukowski, Bob Busler, Jim Crawley, Mark Dillman, Randy Douet, John Gettinger, Mike Gilger, Vinnie Madsen, Chuck Millburg, Mike Petkus, John Stockinger, Joe Udwari, Karen Udwari & Aaron Wagner.

Things to Know, cont.

6. <u>No-Harvest Fish</u> - 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.

7. <u>Points-Fish Catches</u> - We continue to accumulate points for large fish being caught, and since March, more than half of the monthly points continue to come from inshore rather than offshore catches. The point fish charts are shown below. We accumulated 8900 points this September compared to 7200 points in September of 2014, and we're now ahead by 7100 points year to date compared to the first 9 months of last year.





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| | 2015 | | | | Total Cu | umulative | Points = 56 | 5.300. At 2 | 00 nts/fis | h average ' | ~ 282 fish | | | | | | | |
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| 5000_ | 5500 | | | | | | Grouper | | 5400 | | | | | 5000 | | | | |
| 4000 | | 4200 | 00 | Snook | 4300 | | | Tarpon | Redfish | | | | 4000 | | | | | |
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| | | | | Sp. Mack | | | Shark | Shark | Grouper | | | | | | | | | |
| 1000 | | | Snook | Taraaa | Tarpon | Tarpon | Redfish | Shark | | | | | _1000 | | | | | |
| | Shark | Redfish | | Tarpon Trout | Shark | Shark | Grouper | Redfish | Shark | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 points | Redfish Snook | Trout | Shark | Amberjack | Trout | King Mack* | King Mack* | Snook | Trout | | | | 0 points | | | | | |
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | | | | | | |
| | | | 'P | oints F | ish' Sp | oecies | Breakd | lown p | er Mo | nth | | | | | | | | |
| | | Grouper | Redfish | Shark | Snook | Tarpon | Trout | Amberjack | Sp. Mack | King Mack* | | | | | | | | |
| | | 9/9 | 8/9 | 8/9 | 7/9 | 6/9 | 5/9 | 4/9 | 3/9 | 2/9 | 1/9 | | | | | | | |



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



Fishing Program

Randy Burchacki Programs



Capt Mike Meyers provided an informative talk on Tarpon, our September Fish of the Month.

Capt Mike began his talk by mentioning his weekly fishing show on 1070AM radio from 7-9 AM on Saturday mornings. If you can't tune in, you can catch the recorded version on radiowaterline.com. For Tarpon, he uses mostly DOA bait busters either trolling or casting. He likes the root beer color bait buster. For trolling, he uses 65 lb power pro line with a 60-80 lb 3-4 ft fluorocarbon leader. He likes to keep the lure about 75-80 yds behind the boat with speeds of 2.5 to 3.5 MPH. For casting, he reels in at nice easy speed, sets the hook and keeps serious pressure on the fish. His bait of choice for Tarpon is crabs. He uses a 7.0 J-hook. He hooks the crab from the bottom up with a split-shot on line. His favorite knot for Tarpon is a double-uni.



October Speaker

Hammerhead Fishing Charters

Our Speaker for October will be Captain Dan Cambern of Hammerhead charter. Capt Dan does mostly off-shore

charters and he will address his off-shore fishing techniques during our meeting

Contact information for Capt Dan is as follows:

Website: www.hammerheadcharters.com

Phone: 941-380-6226



Annual Holiday Christmas Party

Sandi Rosen Social Director

Cash Bar!



That means no credit cards, cash only. You will purchase tickets to be brought to the bar and redeemed for your drink. There will be 2 locations to purchase tickets so sales can move along quickly.



Greetings!

It's hard to believe, but it's already that time of year!

The holidays are just around the corner and with it our Holiday Christmas party!Hold the date and mark your calendar - this years Christmas party is set for Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. Cocktails and dinner begin at 6:00 PM followed by dinner and dancing to the tunes of TwoCanJam.

Similar to last year, you have a choice of 3 entrees:

- chicken picatta
- stuffed flounder
- sliced tenderloin

Appetizers, salad, bread and butter, coffee or tea and dessert is included. Dessert will be a white chocolate mousse parfait with berries and a splash of creme de mint.

The best part is that for all of this, the cost for members is only **\$30 per person;** everything, even tips are included. Of course, if you wish a cocktail or two there will be a CASH only bar .

We encourage everyone to support the club and come out for an enjoyable night! Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased either at the October or November fishing club meetings or by contacting:

Sandi Rosen - 518 475 9441 or sandrarosen@gmail.com

or

Ellen Wagner at ew1536@hotmail.com

Tickets are going fast! We do have a limit !If you have a guest that you would like to bring the cost is \$40 per person.

Sooo.... purchase those tickets ASAP!!!

Upon purchasing your ticket, let us know your choice of menu entree and seating preferences. Seating will be at tables of 6,8 or 10. The earlier you book the greater chance of getting your choice. Please let me know if you want one of the 2 tables that can seat 10 and who will be seated at it.

Holiday time is almost here (believe it or not) and NOW is the time to get your tickets, mark your calendars and look forward to a night of pleasure and fine food at the Christmas party. Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club is beautifully decorated in the holiday spirit. Hoping to see you all there!

Ladies Liaison





Cris Scheib

Walk with a tour guide through the gallery of paintings & sculptures & also go behind the scenes for a look at

the workings backstage. Lunch TBD - maybe at Yummy House.

Once again - please note special date & RSVP as soon as you can.



DECEMBER GIRLS OUT TO LUNCH

CILANTRO'S RESTAURANT THURSDAY - December 17 - 11:30 am

Let's see if we can squeeze this in before the year ends! Cilantro's has moved to Punta Gorda in the Towles Plaza. They feature Latin - American Food

PLUS SOMETHING THAT MAY INTEREST YOU IF YOU LIKE TO HELP PEOPLE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS:



EMPTY BOWLS on THURSDAY -November 5 @ 5 pm

Help beat hunger in Charlotte County!

For \$12 you get a handcrafted bowl, an assortment of soups & breads to try made by local restaurants & a bottle of water. There will also be music & a silent auction. This event helps support The Yah Yah Girls' Backpack Kidz - Meals On Wheels - Charlotte County Homeless Coalition & CCPS Homeless Education Project 20086 Peachland Blvd.

RSVP'S or questions - pastadiva@comcast.net

Summer is over! Fall has begun- and you know what that

means. Our friends that have been away migrate back. Let the fun begin!

It's a SPOOKY MONTH! Be sure to check the dates & times - everything is topsy turvy! Here's what's happening for the rest of the year.

OCTOBER OUT TO LUNCH

LEROY'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN & BAR TUESDAY - October 13 -11:30 am

New American Dining with Southern Flair - right in downtown Punta Gorda

RSVP as soon as possible for this!

*Don't forget - the fishing tournament is on Thursday - that's why we have the change of date.



GUYS & GHOULS NITE OUT

Extreme Neon Bowling at BOWLAND - Port Charlotte FRIDAY - October 30 - 9 pm

\$11 includes unlimited bowling & shoes. You can bowl until 2 am if you want! They have a bar & restaurant right there. This is for the guys, too - or bring a friend! RSVP - asap

NOVEMBER GIRLS DAY OUT



BACKSTAGE & ART TOUR OF THE VAN WEZEL & LUNCH TUESDAY - November 3 - 8:45 am car pool time Tour begins at 10 am & tickets are \$5

Membership

From the pictures I've seen in the newsletters, our members are catching some amazing fish! I'm impressed.

With all the great anglers we have in the club, it's easy to see why we are the NUMBER ONE fishing club around. Now it's time to teach the new members. Our motto is:, "Let's Go Fishing"....so let's go and take someone with you.

We have a few new members this month – yippee....so I'd like you to play nice and make a new friend.

Please welcome:

LARRY & CAROL KESSINGER MIKE & LEE ANNE MAPLES CHRIS & KIM PFLAUM

I know many of you seasoned anglers would enjoy taking a boatless member fishing. Contact me I can tell you who would like a ride. All that knowledge and the only place to put it is in the hands of our new members. Okay, so, you know what I keep saying. Reach out. Say hello. Make a friend. Just remember: "That new friend you make just might be your next new best friend."

ONE MORE REMINDER BEFORE I FORGET.....AGAIN!!.....

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 an invitation 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

You can also email me: membership@pgifishingclub.org

Donnie Brennan Membership Director Sunshine



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.

Okay, then, seems like most everyone is staying healthy and that's a good thing.

I sent only one card and that was to Jessie Gilger. Jessie is doing much better and says she feels great. Know someone who's a bit under the weather? Let me know. Remember that while "into every life a bit of rain must fall", I'm here to spread the sunshine. So, in MY words of wisdom: "when you see someone without a smile give him one of yours".

And when you can't do that, email me and I'll send out a card. 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.

Hello again.

I'm so glad quite a number of you are taking me up on my offer to wish you a happy birthday or anniversary. When I began the "Celebration" article, things were very slow. It seemed like no one wanted anyone to know they had a special day coming up. Now, it seems, the more names I put in the newsletter, the more people contact me with their information.

Awesome.

You know what else is awesome? The number of birthday celebrants we have in October. Our birthday buddies are:

Bill Guenther Joanell Dyrstad Vinnie Madsen Rick Sarkisian Jack Spies Sheree Wolfinger John Goodman

Bonnie Verminski Gary Adams John Gettinger

Let's all wish them healthies and happies.....and many more to come.

Especially when we can see our friends celebrate their love and happiness.

Yes, I guess at times I can be a hopeless (helpless?) romantic. But, hey, when "love is in the air", it always makes us smile. However, there are times I'm a bit late with my best wishes. And that happened again. I was a bit late in getting information so I owe an apology to my September Anniversary couple.

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY TO BILL & HYRETTE GUENTHER. Hope you had a great time celebrating.

And to our October honorees...... Patti & Ron Topper and Bob & Elaine Bretts...... party hearty; you deserve it!!



Now, if you want to send a birthday wish to someone, just email me (<u>sunshine@pgifishingclub.org</u>) and I'll be sure to get it. All I need is the name and birth month.

We have 3 months left to surprise people with a great big Happy Birthday; so let me hear from you.



FIRST PLACE Randy Douet Retractable Net



SECOND PLACE Tom Lengauer 7' Redbone Rod



THIRD PLACE Karen Udwari Sabiki Rod

September Drawing & 50/50 Winners

1st Place - \$55 Sandy Wierzbanowski



2ND Place - \$40 Jim Qurollo



3RD Place - \$33 John Gettinger



FISH OF THE MONTH

| January | Sheepshead | July | Shark |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| February | Spotted Seatrout | August | Mangrove Snapper |
| March | Redfish & Spotted Seatrout | September | Tarpon |
| April | Spanish Mackerel | October | Redfish |
| Мау | Cobia | November | Grouper |
| June | Snook | December | Black Drum |



September Fish of the Month Winners Tarpon

Male Anglers

Rick Sarkisian





Ron Baxter

Gary Reeves



Female Anglers

Lynn Reeves

Rich Brennan



Ladder of Angling Achievement

Club Hat First Fish

New this month in RED

| Bronze | Tom desEnfants Dick Nieberline Jessica Poe Darryl Pricco Ron Stafford Rodger Will Mark Kline Barbara Brunner Deny LaChance Fred Lamon John Morehouse | Paul Land Alan Schulman Tom Lengauer Walt Zink Cindi Johnston Jerry Morningstar Anne Careau Janice Anderson Peter Meier Bill Damour Gary Skillicorn Patti Topper | Duane Hilgendorf Gretchen Sunderland Don Taylor Mike Peters Randy Burchacki Trudi Baxter Andy Nikitich Sandy Nikitich Sandy Wierzbanows Kathleen Stevenson David Hatch Alan Hall | John Bothwell Dennis Krausman Mark Dillman |
|--------|--|---|---|--|
| | Marie D'Ambrosio Kathy desEnfants | Joanell Dyrstad Janice Wiscombe | Randy Hall Bud Johnston | Lynn Reeves Ed Stevenson |
| | Mike Gulvezan | Ron Stenberg | Bob Gariepy | Randy Douet |
| Silver | Christine Jordan | Hezzie Samons | Roz Hickey | Deb Sarkisian |
| | Larry Okray Mike Sandling | Ted Perrin Jane Stenberg | Ted Wierzbanowski Lynne Stockinger | Mark Dillman |
| | | | , | |
| | Joe Longo | - | 3ud Johnston | |
| Gold | Gary Adams | Dave Dyke | Ken Hardesty | |
| | | | | |

Sheree WolfingerSherry MoerkeDon RossTom Hunt

Ken Hardesty Gary Reeves Mary Heins

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

| Lifetime Level I Snook | Tom Lodge Ed Verminski Jim LaRocca Marie LaRocca | Marv Dyrstad Ray Brunner George Remick Matti D'Ambrosio | John Simonieg Gary Moerke Bob Mayes |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Lifetime Level II Redfish | Marty McCaffrey Missy Becker Rose Anne McCaffrey Bill Guenther | Ron Baxter Fred Benson Elaine Bretts Mark Storm Karen Udwari | |
| Lifetime Level III TARPON | | Rick Sarkisian Jim Crawley | |



Long time members and fishing buddies Joe Maillet and Bob Busler with nice AJs from 2006. Season is now closed until 2016.

New this month in RED

Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

GRAND MASTER ANGLER CLUB (Star Points)

Donnie Brennan



| Rich Brennan | (4100) |
|-----------------|--------|
| Bob Busler | |
| Jim Hoffman | (2200) |
| Margie Hoffman | (600) |
| Kel Krotzer | (2300) |
| Joanne Landaker | (100) |
| Steve Landaker | (400) |
| Joe Maillet | |
| Pete McGregor | (1200) |
| Mike Quinn | |
| Bev Rucker | |
| John Solinger | (1700) |
| John Wolfinger | (300) |
| Tom Parsons | |
| Joe Udwari | (5600) |
| John Gettinger | (5500) |
| Pam Solinger | |
| Bill Bonham | (200) |
| Tom Hickey | (700) |
| Aaron Wagner | (600) |
| Jim Qurollo | (700) |
| Dick Doster | (600) |
| Mike Gilger | (1400) |
| Vinnie Madsen | (1500) |
| John Stockinger | (2100) |
| Ron Topper | (1800) |
| Bob Bretts | (300) |
| Darlene Madsen | |



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:

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2015 Master Angler Standings

Revised 8/2/15



2015 Isles Trophy Race

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

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| 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% |
| X | Cobia | Bob Busler | 54.0 | 2007 | John Solinger | 38.0 | 06/12/15 | 70.37% |
| Х | Grouper | Tom Hamilton | 39.0 | 2003 | John Gettinger | 33.5 | 04/01/15 | 85.90% |
| Х | King Mackerel | John MacLeman | 52.0 | 2012 | John Gettinger | 41.5 | 06/18/15 | 79.81% |
| Х | Redfish | Bob Busler | 42.0 | 2005 | Rich Brennan | 35.0 | 09/18/15 | 83.33% |
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| 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% |
| Х | Snook | Vinnie Madsen | 45.0 | 2014 | Jerry Morningstar | 41.0 | 01/06/15 | 91.11% |
| Х | 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 | Deb Sarkisian | 33.0 | 04/11/15 | 66.00% |
| | | 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 | Elaine Bretts | 33.0 | 04/17/15 | 78.57% |
| | Spanish Mackerel | Missy Becker | 28.0 | 2007 | Roz Hickey | 26.0 | 04/13/15 | 92.86% |
| | This | s Year's Leaders are ir | RED | | New 2015 Records thi | s Month are | in BLUE | |

Past Isles Trophy Winners

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

AH 11559 202 Bob Busler with a slot Redfish Joe Maillet with a 5'+ Tarpon 0

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Great Days on the Water

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

John Gettinger found redfish schools and took out John Stockinger and Mike Gilger to try their luck.



Joe Udwari & Mike Gilger with overslot redfish caught at John Gettinger's hot spot



John Gettinger put his buddies on grouper, but didn't figure Rich Brennan would catch all the keepers



Joe Udwari's solo trip offshore for fish & solitude



Kel Krotzer enjoying a great trip with his guide friend Danny Latham - 11 redfish & 2 tarpon



Mark Dillman enjoyed nice fishing mostly from his kayak & a couple trips with friends



Rich Brennan found redfish up to 35" and went back to share bounty with friend Jack Spies



Rick Sarkisian with his 5 Poons had a great September, broken rod and all





Elaine Bretts 14" Redfish



Vinnie Madsen 24" Red Grouper



John Gettinger 25" Trout



Bob Mayes 24" Red Grouper



Randy Douet 22"Snook

Jim Diver Striped Mojarra



Jim Crawley 50" Bull Shark



Vinnie Madsen 50" Bull Shark

 Evane Reeves 42" Shark

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9/20/15 Wounded Warrior Outing

Supported by PGIFC Guides Ron Baxter, Rich Brennan, John Gettinger, Bill Guenther & Joe Udwari



In response to a request by Navy Chief Tony DelleDonne, the Wounded Warrior Anglers Event Coordinator for the Charlotte Harbor Chapter of the WWA, PGI Fishing Club members Rich Brennan, Joe Udwari, John Gettinger Ron Baxter and Bill Guenther donated their time, boats and resources to take a total of 10 Wounded Warriors out for a half day fishing trip. The fishing trip was purely a "Catch, Photo & Release" event. This trip was a reward to those WWA/s that completed the 2015 - Rod Building Workshop. It was a great day for all and God bless our military.



PGI NEIGHBORHOOD MARINE WATCH

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: Email: (radioman3029@comcast.net)

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