# Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club





Mangrove

Snapper Month

WINNERS

September Newsletter

# "Angling may be said to be so like the mathematics that it can never be fully learned." --Izaak Walton

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September 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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27	28	29	30				



Ladies Lunch @

DEENA'S DELECTABLES

September 10th at

11:15 am

Happy Hour

every

Wednesday at

The Tiki Hut

5:30 PM





Charlotte Harbor Forum

@ Laishely Marina

September 24th 6 - 8:30 PM

## FROM THE HELM

Vinnie Madsen President

#### Hello fellow fishermen and fisherwomen.

Welcome to our September Newsletter.

I am excited to announce we now have volunteer candidates for all 2016 Officer and Chairperson positions except for one, the Editor. As I did last month, I again want to call on all members to look seriously at this remaining open position. I know we have a lot of talented people in the club that could take on this responsibility and help carry our club forward. I also know we have many new members that are thinking they would like to help but are too new to the club. I can honestly say you can't be too new or have been in the club too long to make a difference. Please consider it and make the Newsletter your own.

Here is a status of the positions I summarized at the last club meeting. I have color coded them Red, Yellow & Green.

Red indicates we are still searching. Yellow indicates a

Chairperson candidate to be appointed by me and Green indicates Officer candidates to be voted on by the membership at our November 10 meeting.

**President:** I will continue on for a 2nd year.

**Vice President:** Jim Crawley will continue on for another year.

**Treasurer:** Pat Diver volunteered for this position currently held by Ron Baxter.

**Secretary:** Randy Hall continuing for a 3rd year.

Fishing Events Director: Frank

Barrett volunteered for this position currently held by Joe

Udwari.

Editor: Currently held by Karen Udwari and is open.

Programs: Currently held by Randy Burchacki and will become an added responsibility for the VP in 2016. This way I feel we can better incorporate the fishing report with the guides & other speakers we bring to the meetings.

Social Director: Currently held by Sandi Rosen. Ellen Wagner has volunteered for this position.

Ladies Liaison: Cris Scheib has volunteered for another year.

I'm asking everyone to help me get the Editor position filled quickly so we can have a smooth transition going into 2016.

Until next month, be safe and happy fishing!

"Fishing adds life to your years and years to your life"

- Homer Circle



#### **FISHING EVENTS**



Joe Udwari Fishing Events Director

# "...78 entries in August, including some nice tarpon, redfish, bull shark..."



Our September FOM contest is for tarpon. They've already been in the middle and upper Harbor as well as the Myaka and Peace Rivers for some time now, and we expect them to get even more concentrated as we get further into September.

We encourage you to use heavy enough gear so that you don't overly stress these fish by fighting them too long.

The high water temperatures and prevalence of shark in our waters can result in increased mortality of tarpon trying to recover from the fight.

I like using an 8' long heavy action/fast tip rod fitted with an 8000 series spinning reel spooled with 80 pound braid. I attach a 5' to 6' fluorocarbon leader to the braid and use either circle or J hooks appropriately sized to the live or cut bait. Ladyfish work well, as do other bait fish, crab and cut mullet. **Artificial soft plastic single hook lures** like the trolling style bait buster, hogy eel or any large swim bait can also be effective. Treble hooks not only present a more significant danger to the fish but also to you when landing and/or dehooking a tarpon. A leader touch by you or your crew counts as a catch if you fought the fish from beginning to end. No help allowed in fighting the fish.

Had enough rain and thunderstorm activity yet? I have, and am sure glad Erika deflated herself into a tropical trough. We did pretty good catching fish, however, with 35 anglers submitting 78 entries in August, including some nice tarpon, redfish, bull shark, a variety of offshore species and even some mangrove snapper. A few members I talked to caught some nice sized ones too, but forgot they were our fish of the month (FOM) and didn't snap a picture to submit to fishphotos. They missed out on some great prizes.

We did have a full slate of men and women angler winners for August's FOM. 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:

<b>Mangrove Snapper FOM Winners</b>						
Place	Men	Length (in.)				
1st	Jim Qurollo	16.0				
2nd	Vinnie Madsen	14.5				
3rd	Chuck Millburg	13.5				
Place	Women	Points				
1st	Deb Sarkisian	15.5				
2nd	Darlene Madsen	11.5				
3rd	Karen Udwari	9.0				

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#### SEPTEMBER FOM TARPON



#### Cont. From page 6

Fish caught with a paid guide don't count for this contest. You get one point for each tarpon "landed" that is under 5 feet long, and 3 points for any tarpon "landed" that is estimated to be 5 feet or longer. Do the best you can to estimate the total length (keep tarpon 40" in length or larger in the water as required by law).

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. Note that you can't keep any tarpon, unless you are going for an IGFA record and have a tarpon tag onboard while doing so. Your tarpon FOM entries are due no later than October 1.

All other results and pictures of fish caught are nicely summarized later in this Newsletter, and awards achieved for August will be handed out at our next general meeting on September 8, including some special wards.

Darlene Madsen joined the ranks of our Grand Master Anglers, being only

the 6th lady angler to do so. If you've been reading our Newsletters and/or attending our meetings, you know she's one heck of a fisherwomen, and is always winning one contest or another. Jim Hoffman and John Stockinger both received their well deserved Grand Master Angler Stars in August for always putting big fish in the boat and earning at least 2000 points this year.

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.

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. Another mechanism set up for sharing information among Club members is the "tarpon hotline email" set up by Rick Sarkisian to communicate where they are and are not biting, when, what they are biting on and where you can find that particular bait offering. You can always find bait busters at our local tackle shops.

It's that easy, and it enters your catch into all of the Club's programs and

Come before 7 pm on September 8 to leave enough time to pick up your raffle and 50/50 tickets, and to grab a good eat. C U then!

P.S. A special thanks to the members (Bob Busler, Bob Bretts, Jim Crawley, John Gettinger, John Stockinger, and Aaron Wagner) for helping me represent PGIFC at the seagrass transplanting project just north of Laishley Marina that was coordinated by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on August 23rd. This project was necessary to save seagrass from several oyster reef areas being constructed in the lower Peace River. Instead of just talking about what we as a Club can do to improve Charlotte Harbor fishing, these members sprung into action and got their feet and hands dirty in waist deep water for a worthy cause. They did this even in light of the previous day's newspaper headline about the possible risk of infection from waterborne bacteria if one has open cuts or a compromised immune system.

Nobody got sick, but a few of us were a bit sore from exercising ways in which we haven't for a while (much different than casting lures or hoisting drinks). Two pictures from that day were provided



courtesy of TNC.

If you also would like to spring into action and help with the oyster reef construction, there are other opportunities upcoming. The next is on September 9 (inclement weather date is September 10). I'm looking for 8 volunteers to help unload shell material (used in the construction of the reef) from a small barge during high tide (likely noon to 4 pm), and then distribute the shells in the reef areas. More details will be provided to those able to help out. Please email me if you are willing and able to help out. Additional dates in September will be announced in emails and on our Facebook page.



# Things to Know

- 1. October Fishing Tournament Please put Thursday, October 15 on your calendars for our 3rd and final 2015 Club tournament. That's 2 days after our October general meeting, and I promise to order up good weather. 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 and a Fishin' Franks donated \$50 gift certificate. Anyone signed up for the tournament and attending the celebration at Harpoon Harry's after the tournament is eligible to win, including member guests. Join us for a fun filled day of fishing on October 15 (inclement weather date is October 16). Sign up by sending me an email, and let me know who's fishing with you on your boat. More details for those signing up to follow later, 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. Federal Waters The red grouper bag limit is now 2 fish per person per day within the total grouper bag limit of 4 fish. Gag grouper also has a 2 fish per person per day bag limit, and the season opened July 1. Greater amberjack season opened August 1, 2015, with a bag limit of 1 fish per person per day of fish having a fork length of 30" or larger. However, a minimum size limit of 34" is being reviewed, and if adopted, could be enforced during the season. Furthermore, in-season closures for greater amberjack or grouper are always a possibility, so stay current with federal regulations as noted below. 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
- 3. <u>State Waters</u> The red grouper bag limit is also 2 fish per person per day. Gag grouper season also opened July 1, 2015. FWC approved raising the minimum size limit of <u>Amberjack</u> 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: <a href="http://www.myfwc.com">http://www.myfwc.com</a>

# Things to Know, cont.

- 4. 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.
- **5.** <u>Snook Season</u> Snook season is open until November 30. You may keep 1 fish per person per day as long as you are in possession of a snook permit (when a fishing license is required, even a no cost shore fishing license), and the fish has a measured total length of 28" to 33".
- 6. Red Snapper Recreational regulations for state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico

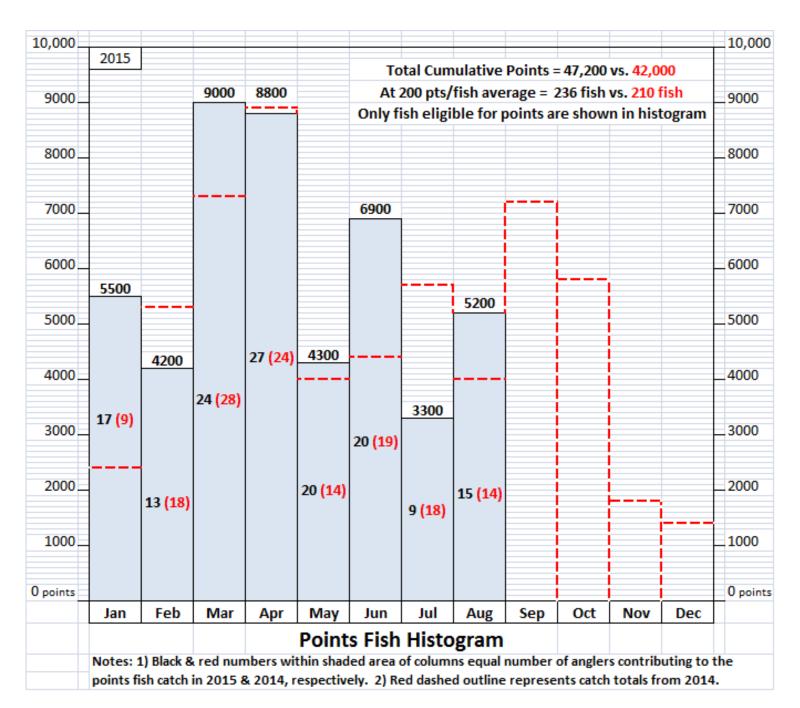
Red Snapper	2015 Open Harvest Season	Min. Size Limit	Daily Bag Limit
State and Federal Waters	State waters: Reopened for Saturdays and Sundays in September and October including Labor Day and Sunday, Nov.1. Federal waters: Private Anglers: Now CLOSED Federal For-Hire Vessels: Now CLOSED		2 per harvester per day (bag limit not changing)  *(included in the 10 per harvester per day state snapper aggregate bag limit)  Gear rules apply.

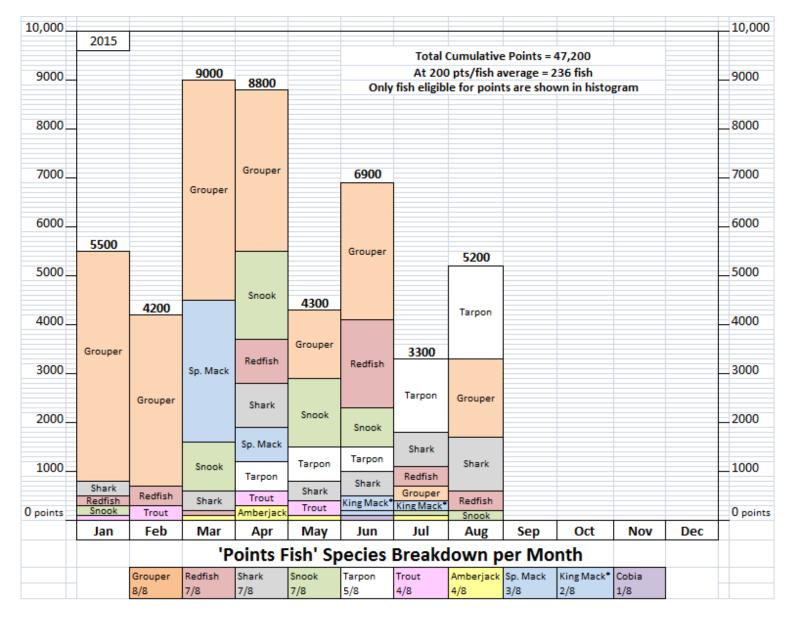
<sup>\*</sup>Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for hire vessels.

**Recreational** and **commercial** fishers in Gulf waters off Florida are **required to use circle hooks and dehooking devices** when fishing for reef fish, including red snapper. Visit the reef fish <u>gear rules page</u> for more information.

# Things to Know, cont.

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 5200 points this August compared to 3300 points in August of 2014. We're ahead by 5200 points year to date compared to the first 8 months of last year. That's a lot! Keep fishing and racking up those points, but handle the fish carefully especially those released to be caught another day.





See the last page of the Newsletter for a monthly breakdown of each of the 10 individual points fish species. Just another way to look at the data for each species, to get a quick glimpse of when these big fish were caught.

- 8. <u>August 27 Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum</u> Only 21 stakeholders and 6 facilitators attended the 9th Forum, which was somewhat disappointing, but it was August. In order to address the waning interest in the Forum due to a lack of forward momentum, the facilitators summarized what they believed were major issues (identified previously by stakeholders) into 4 distinct topics, each of which had action items assigned to them. Attending stakeholders were then asked to align themselves with the topics which they personally wanted to help push forward. These topics were:
- 1) **Promoting healthy seagrass** through boater education and evaluation of pole & troll zones (Mike Gilger and Ron Baxter assisted this group of 3 stakeholders)
- 2) **Achieving clearer water** by reducing sediment and algae via better management of nutrient loadings such as septic field discharges, fertilizer application & storm water runoff (group of 5 stakeholders)

# Things to Know, cont.

- 3) **Improving courteous boater behavior** and reducing the buzzing of mangrove shorelines and other boaters by considering the implementation of slow speed zones, designated pole & troll areas and/or special use zones, as well as focusing on more boater education and law enforcement (Rich Brennan and Chris Phlum, a prospective new PGIFC member assisted this group of approximately 10 stakeholders)
- 4) Increasing the quantity of catchable fish (primarily redfish & snook) being negatively impacted by fishing pressure and shallow running boats that are scaring fish. Facilitators identified 3 action items potentially helpful in enhancing catch ratios: increased law enforcement, increased permit fees and special fish closures (such as closed seasons during redfish spawning periods as currently exists for snook). While these action items merit further evaluation, our group of 3 stakeholders (John Stockinger, Tom Parsons and myself) were of the opinion that the facilitators missed two additional action items very relevant to improved redfish fishing in Charlotte Harbor. Namely, stock enhancement of redfish and impact assessment of commercial shrimping in the Harbor since the scarcity of both redfish and a valuable food source for these fish were major concerns expressed previously by many stakeholders during the prior 8 Forums. We firmly believe that's what brought most stakeholders to these Forums.

None of these are easily tackled items, and implementation requires funding and political as well as public recognition as being vital to preserving Charlotte Harbor for not only our enjoyment but also the enjoyment by future generations. Options for creating improved awareness of these issues with local government officials and involving a greater percentage of stakeholders were discussed. We surely don't want to miss out on opportunities for funding while BP's oil spill restoration funds are being disbursed and allocated to many competing causes.

**9.** <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.

#### Captain Robert Moore's Chum Recipe

#### Ingredients

- ½ cup menhaden oil
- 2 cups oats
- 2 cups tropical fish food
- glass minnows
- sand optional
- water

#### Directions

Mix all ingredients in a 5 gallon bucket adding water a little at a time. Use enough water to form balls about the size of lime.

Tropical fish food can be purchased at Crossties Farm and Garden in Punta Gorda.

A special thank you to Darlene Madsen for this recipe

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# Fishing Program Report



A SECTION AND A

Capt Robert Moore provided an interesting and informative talk

on Mangrove Snapper, our August Fish of the Month. Capt Robert began his talk by stating that Mangrove Snapper is his favorite eating fish and he loves guiding for the larger snapper in the Gulf and Boca Grande Pass. His four guidelines for catching the snapper were Location, Preparation, Bait and Technique. For location in the Gulf, you need to look for structure, ledges and artificial reefs. Avoid spots that have been fished out, like power pole and

anyone diving or spearfishing in the area. For preparation he uses a special chum combo that he creates from oats, menhaden oil, tropical fish food and frozen glass minnows. He packs the combo into a small ball and drops it in the water to release the contents as it submerges. He then uses shrimp or bait fish to catch the fish as they come to the surface. He mentioned that his technique has caught 5-7 lb snappers within the state limits. He uses braided line with a long fluorocarbon leader and a size 2 circle hook. The fluorocarbon is 20 lb test. Also, there was a mistake in the August newsletter for Capt Robert's contact info. The boat he uses for Gulf fishing is a 28 foot Center Console. His *correct* contact info is as follows:

Email: <u>Captrobertmoore@comcast.net</u> Phone: 941-628-2650 Website: www.captrobertmoore.com

### September Speaker

Our Speaker for September will be Capt Mike Meyers of Reelshark Charters. Capt. Mike is a BIG fish specialist as well as a shallow water master. When you book a fishing trip aboard The Reelshark, you will be fishing the World Famous Boca Grande Pass (TARPON Capitol of the World), the gulf beaches and the hundreds of miles of Mangrove shorelines and shallow water grass flats that encompass the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Reserve which includes Lemon Bay, Bull & Turtle Bays, Pine Island Sound, and the Peace and Myakka River systems.

Contact information for Capt Mike is as follows: Website: www.reelshark.com Phone: 941-416-8047

Email: captainrobert@floridalighttacklecharters.com

# **Ladies Liaison**

#### **GREETINGS, FISHGIRLS!**

Hope everyone one has been having a fun & happy summer!

Did you know that September is the month that has "Good

Looking Pirate Day"?



Well - it really isn't. I lied. But September 19 is "Talk Like A Pirate Day". So start practicing your Aarrgh's! There were quite a few female pirates. It's never too late for another career!

#### **OUT TO LUNCH**

#### **DEENA'S DELECTABLES -**



Thursday - September 10 - 11:15 am

You asked to go - so go we will!

Yes - they are finally taking reservations so we will be guaranteed a seat! Please note the arrival time.

**GIRL'S NITE OUT** -Another request!

**ASUKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE** 



Thursday - September 24 -

**6 PM** 

Enjoy a pleasant evening with an entertaining spin as our group has dinner at a teppanyaki table.



Cris Scheib



Last month the Fish Girls enjoyed lunch at ROYAL INDIA
GIRLS NITE OUT took advantage of the two for one meals
at ITALIA.



Hope you can join us on an outing!

Any questions, ideas or if you need a ride - just email me at pastadiva@comcast.net

# Membership

While the rain picks up, our membership stands somewhat still. But, hey, it's the summer and not many people are around this time of year.

HOWEVER...we still enrolled a new family in our folds. Please welcome:

#### **BILL & GINA WOOD**

Don't forget that each new member has a star on his/her badge. Please go out of your way to make them feel welcome.

I see many new houses being erected and many previously-love and lived in homes being sold so I know there are new people in the neighborhood. What better way to be friendly than to invite them to sit in on one of our meetings. Let them get to know your fishing buddies and let us help them know the ropes (or should I say "lines") about fishing. Check out your new neighbors. Say hi; strike up a conversation. Maybe they'd like to join our club. I'll make it easy for you. Get me their names and addresses. I'll do the rest and who knows, we just might have another newbie.

So with all this said and done, please remember, when you see new member go over and shake his hand, introduce yourself and just make a new friend.

After all I have always said and will always say:

"That new friend you make just might be your next

new best friend."

Donnie Brennan Membership Director 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.

Only two cards needed to be sent out in August. Actually, three were sent but I only sent two. Our own Editor/Publisher, Karen sent the other. The two I sent were to John McFarland who had hip surgery and Sandi Rosen who had her own share of pains. Hope he's recovering quickly.

The one Karen sent was delivered to ME!! Thank you Karen, for stepping in my shoes to send the Sunshine Lady a bit of Sunshine. I really did need it. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

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



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.

OMG...can you believe the rain in the past few weeks? Looks like our rainy season finally woke up. On the bright side of wet, at least the grass is green. I'm going to make this short this month. Many reason but time is the most prominent one right now. Here are the names of our September honorees (or at least the names of those I have):

Terry Bandel

Mike Gilger

Cameron Petro

Mark Hess



#### And RON TOPPER,

I'm sorry I missed your birthday last month. I found out too late to get you name in the newsletter. I'll know better next year. So, there you have it!

All these great people celebrating their special days.

Now, if you want to send a birthday 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. We have five months left to surprise people with a great big Happy Birthday; so let me hear from you.



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 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

You can also email me:

Sunshine@pgifishingclub.org

-Donnie



FIRST PLACE
John Wolfinger
7' Redbone
Fishing Rod



SECOND PLACE
Hope Petkus
Retractable Net



THIRD PLACE
Jim Hoffman
Okuma Reel

# August Drawing & 50/50 Winners



Fourth PLACE
John McFarland
Bubbler
Bait Bucket

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$55 Jim Diver



2<sup>ND</sup> Place - \$35 John McFarland



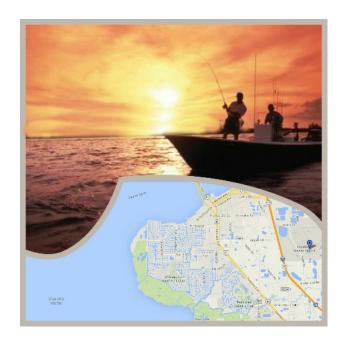
3<sup>RD</sup> Place - \$27 Frank Wyatt



# 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



# August Fish of the Month Mangrove Snapper

# **Male Anglers**

Jim Qurollo

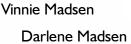


## **Female Anglers**

Deb Sarkisian









Chuck Millburg



Karen Udwari

# **Ladder of Angling Achievement**

Club Hat First Fish



Mark Dillman Jacalyn Wyatt

New this month in RED

Bronze

Jessica Poe Darryl Pricco Ron Stafford Rodger Will Mark Kline Barbara Brunner Deny LaChance Fred Lamon John Morehouse

Tom desEnfants

Dick Nieberline

Paul Land Alan Schulman Tom Lengauer Walt Zink Cindi Johnston Jerry Morningstar Anne Careau Janice Anderson Peter Meier Bill Damour Gary Skillicorn

Duane Hilgendorf Gretchen Sunderland Don Taylor Mike Peters Randy Burchacki Trudi Baxter Andy Nikitich Sandy Nikitich Sandy Wierzbanowski Kathleen Stevenson David Hatch Patti Topper Alan Hall

Mike Petkus Miriam Taylor John Bothwell Dennis Krausman Deb Sarkisian

Marie D'Ambrosio

Joanell Dyrstad

Randy Hall

Lynn Reeves

Kathy desEnfants

Janice Wiscombe

**Bud Johnston** 

Ed Stevenson

Mike Gulvezan

Ron Stenberg

**Bob Gariepy** 

Randy Douet

Christine Jordan

Hezzie Samons

Roz Hickey

Deb Sarkisian

Larry Okray

Ted Perrin

Ted Wierzbanowski

Mike Sandling

Jane Stenberg

Lynne Stockinger

Gold

Silver

Joe Longo Gary Adams Sheree Wolfinger Karen Lodge

**Bud Johnston** 

Dave Dyke

Ken Hardesty

Sherry Moerke

Gary Reeves

Don Ross

Tom Hunt

Mary Heins

# Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.



Lifetime Level I Snook

Tom Lodge

Marv Dyrstad

Ray Brunner

John Simonieg

Ed Verminski

Gary Moerke

Jim LaRocca

George Remick

**Bob Mayes** 

Marie LaRocca

Matti D'Ambrosio



Lifetime Level II Redfish

Marty McCaffrey

Ron Baxter

Missy Becker

Fred Benson

Rose Anne McCaffrey

**Elaine Bretts** 

Bill Guenther

Mark Storm Karen Udwari

Lifetime Level III TARPON Jack Spies

Rick Sarkisian

**Bob Rand** 

Jim Crawley

John MacLeman

Carl Leicher

New this month in RED



Bill Guenther's Cobia

# Ladder of Angling Achievement, cont.

# GRAND MASTER ANGLER CLUB (Star Points)

Rich Brennan (2300)

**Bob Busler** 

Donnie Brennan

Jim Hoffman (2200)

Margie Hoffman (600)

Kel Krotzer (1300)

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 (4800)

John Gettinger (4700)

Pam Solinger

Bill Bonham (200)

Tom Hickey (700)

Aaron Wagner (600)

Jim Qurollo (700)

Dick Doster (600)

Mike Gilger (800)

Vinnie Madsen (1100)

John Stockinger (2100)

Ron Topper (1800)

Bob Bretts (300)

Darlene Madsen

Grand Maxim Angles

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New this month in RED

# **2015 Master Angler Standings**

Revised 8/2/15



Karen Lodge 38.0 Tom Lodge 38.0

John Stockinger 36.5 John Gettinger 36.5

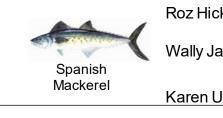
Randy Burchacki 35.0



John Solinger 38.0

Don Ross 36.5

Rich Brennan 35.0 John Gettinger 35.0



John Gettinger 26.0 Roz Hickey 26.0

Wally Jachimek 24.5

Karen Udwari 24.0



Rich Brennan 25.0

Darlene Madsen 22.0

Janice Wiscombe 21.5

John Gettinger 33.5



Jerry Peal 33.0 Jim Qurollo 33.0

Gary Reeves 32.5 John MacLeman 32.5 Joe Udwari 32.5

New this month are shown in Red



King Mackerel John Gettinger 41.5

Bud Johnston 30.5

**Bob Bretts** 30.0



Nan Qurollo 33.5



Pete McGregor 33.0

Redfish

Rich Brennan 32.0 Bob Gariepy 32.0

Snook

Jerry Morningstar 41.0

Rick Sarkisian 40.0

Tom Hickey 38.5

# 2015 Isles Trophy Race

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



Revised 9/02/18			RAVELING					
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	MEN'S DIV RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORI
х	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Tom Lodge	38.0	04/16/15	83.52%
Х	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	Pete McGregor	33.0	06/04/15	78.57%
х	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Rich Brennan	25.0	05/15/15	86.21%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012				
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%
OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	WOMEN'S RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORI
	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%

# 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





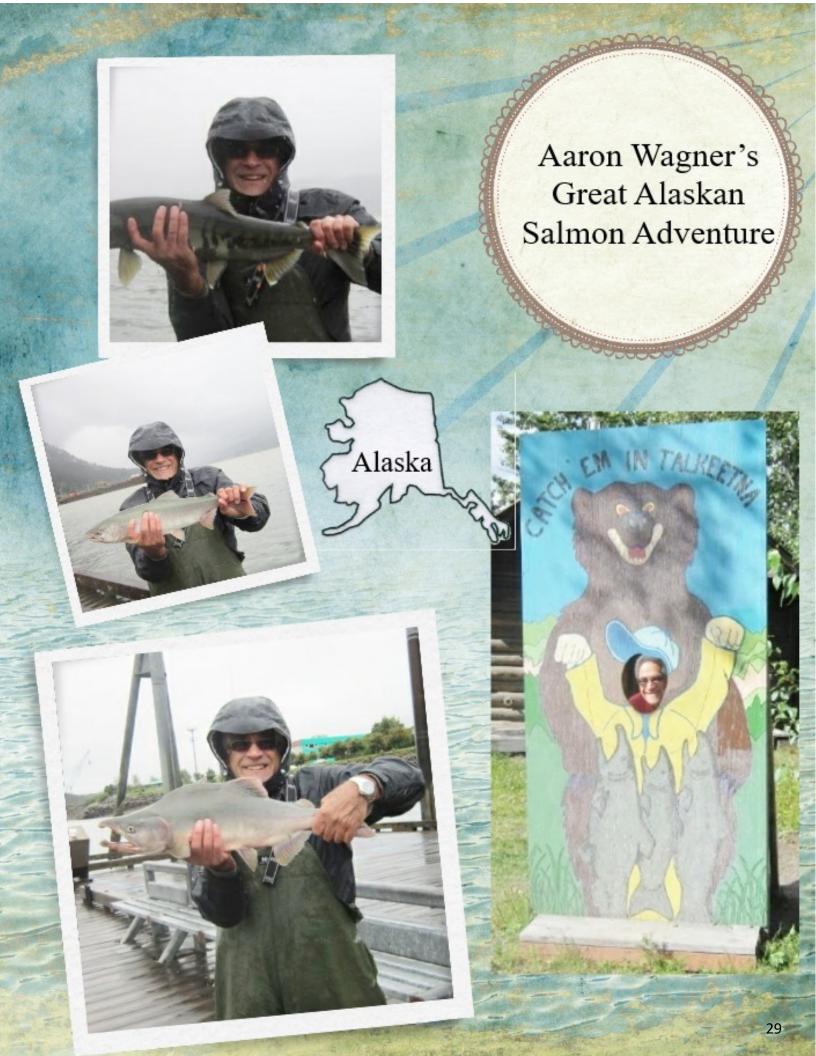
Joe Udwari caught this 27" Redfish on a trip with John Stockinger, who a caught this nice 40+" Bull Shark



Jim Qurollo, Bob Mayes
and friend, Kent with
20 Mangrove Snappers
and a Red Grouper
(4th angler Jack Waters took photo)

# Great Days on the Water

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







Joanne & Steve Landaker with nice Tuna



Gretchen Sunderland's nice Bass





John Steciew, Tom Parsons, John Simonieg Mahi Trip







Great
day waaaay far
out at 50 Nautical
miles off Boca











Joe Udwari's Solo trip into the Gulf







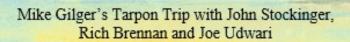


















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Charles Wolley 18" Spanish Mackerel



Tom Hickey 38.5" Snook



Chuck Millburg with Grunt



Sherry Moerke 15" Blue Runner



Deb Sarkisian 28" Black Drum



Jacalyn Wyatt 15" Pompano



# BODD PODDDD



Trudi Millburg 15" Blue Runner



Mary Heins 3' Tarpon



Roz Hickey 19.5 " Redfish



Ed Stevenson 5° Tarpon

# BODE PERONDE





Gary Moerke 28" Bonito



Vinnie Madsen 5' Bull Shark

Elaine Bretts 13.5" Pompano



Rick Sarkisian 24" Red Grouper

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Rich Brennan with his pre-game meal



Mark Dillman 29" Redfish



Karen Udwari 10" Sheepshead



Ron Baxter 38" Tarpon

and to a stand of moderning more



Bob Busler 33.5" Redfish

# DECONORDE DE DECONORDE



Nan Qurollo 33.5" Redfish



Randy Douet 24" Red Grouper



Darlene Madsen GMA Bonito



Mike Gilger 5' Bull Shark



John Solinger 40" Bull Shark

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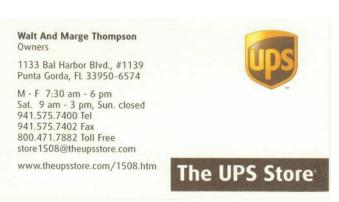


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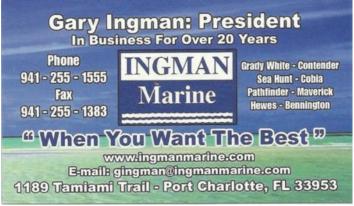




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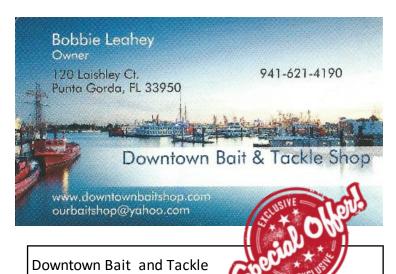
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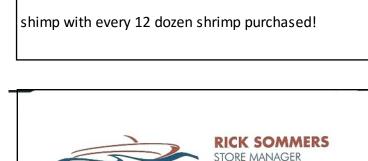












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#### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

Members of the Punta Gorda Isles Neighborhood Marine Watch (NMW) Group of volunteers, with the sanction of the Punta Gorda Police Department and the PGI Civic Association conduct a once a month, On-the-Water night surveillance patrol. (1) Each month members decide, from a spread of days, which date and time they choose for their patrol. (2) Members use their own boats and are equipped with

Provided signage identifying their vessel as a NMW patrol boat. Patrol locations will coincide with the each members "home dock".

(3) Our patrols sit on each of the nine (9) inlets into our canal system. The dates and times for our patrols are confidential. (4) After a soft background check by the PGPD, each member is issued a personal I.D. card/number, a copy of the NMW Group "On-The Water Conduct & Procedures", and a map of all inlets to the PGI canal system. (5) I will personally "Crew" with all new members on their first patrol.

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".)

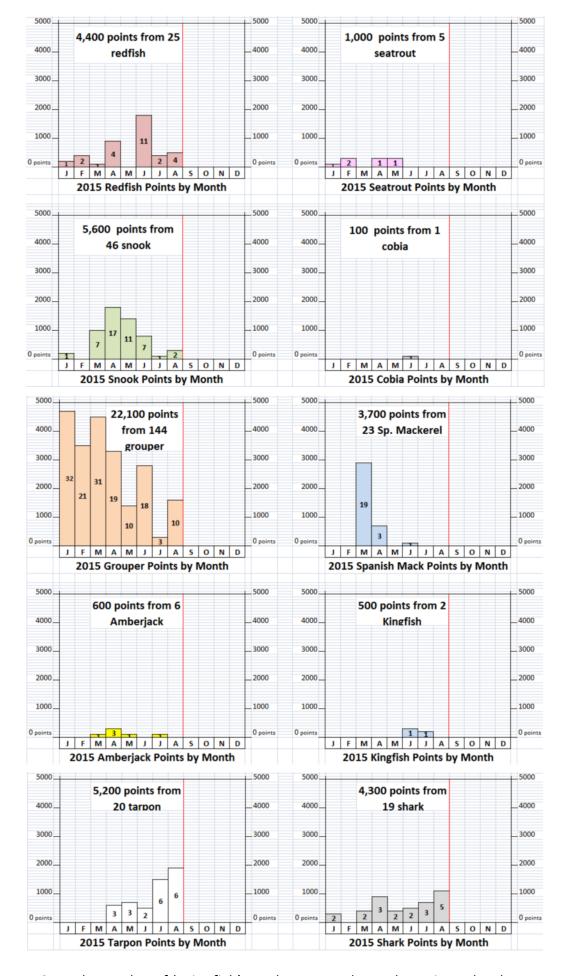
CONTACT: Bill Guenther, NMW Coordinator @ 941.661.9702

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Congrats,
Bob Bretts!

Bob achieved his GMA shirt in June, but we didn't get his shirt done until August.





NOTE: The number of 'point fish' caught per month are shown in each column.