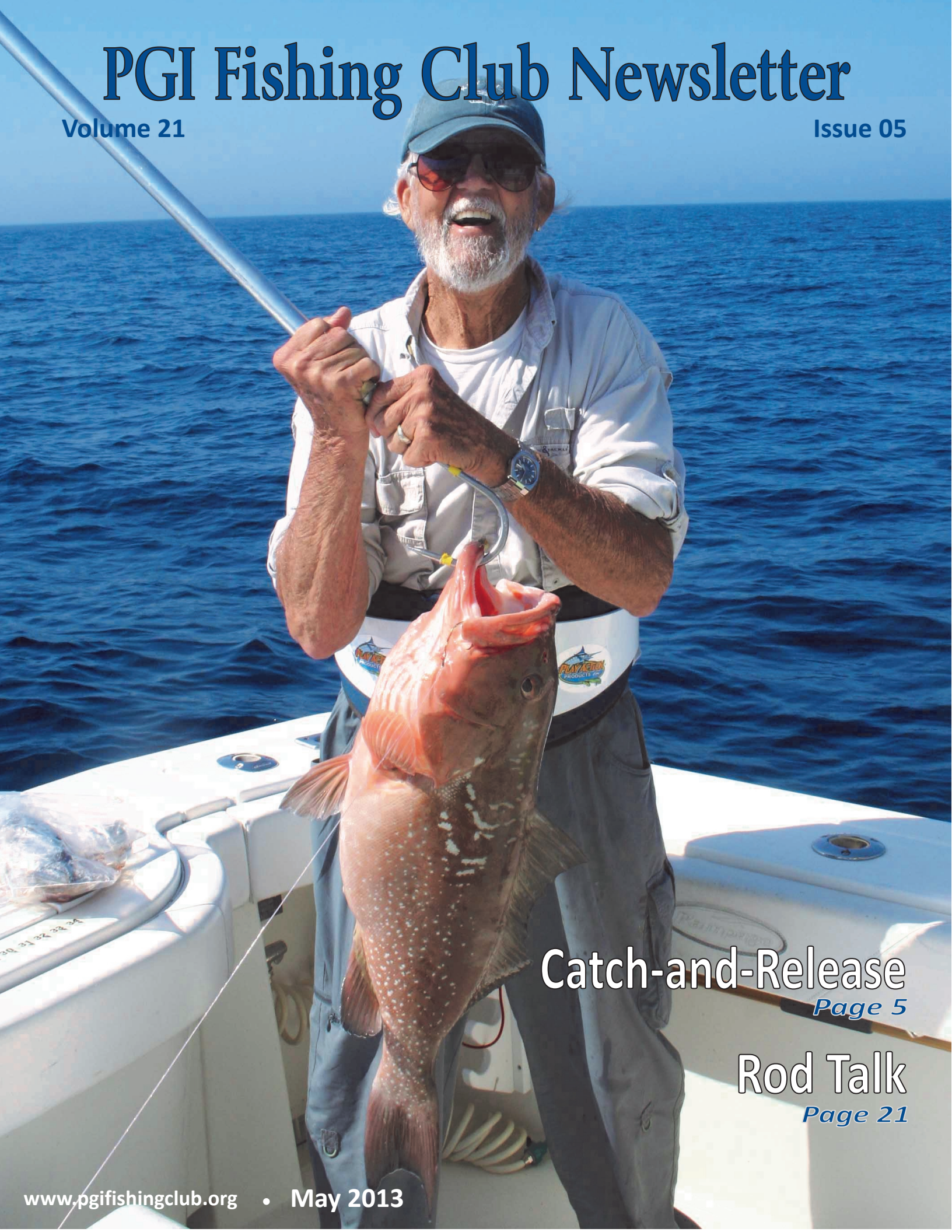


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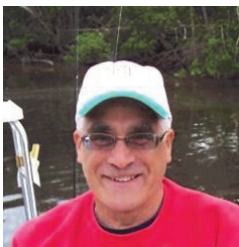
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ON THE COVER—Looks like Bill has
more time to fish now.



I don't know about you but I haven't been having a great amount of luck fishing lately.

How about you? Even some of our Grand Master Anglers have seen better days. Seems like our days are just hit-and-miss. We've had some really great days on the water and then, some really bad days. Seems our good fishing days just can't be consistent lately. While we're doing everything right, there seems to be something a bit wrong. Makes you a bit crazy. But, if I were a fish, I guess I'd be a bit confused, too. So, what's going on?

Well, for one thing, this is the in-between time for tide changes and water temperature conditions. I'm sure you've noticed on some days, the water is really low. I mean REALLY low! Besides that, the water temperature isn't cold and yet it isn't hot so the fish don't know where to go. They've been trying to find their comfort zone and actually, so have we. And when we do catch them, their either too small or too big. So what do we do to catch the slotted fish?

Move to another area. No, I don't mean sell your house; I mean move your boat to another location in the harbor. Try the West Wall, maybe Pirate Harbor or even behind one of the many islands on the East Wall. There are just so many places where larger fish can be found but you won't find them swimming in the same school as the smaller fish. Fussy little critters, aren't they?

Another trick you can try is live bait. At this time of year, live bait is plentiful and the fish love them. If you think you're not good enough to toss a net, use a Sabiki rig. Works every time! In fact, one of our Grand Master Anglers says she catches a lot of bait fish using a Sabiki rig.

There are fish out there! And yes, while many of the fish are being elusive, there are still fish to catch; it's just knowing what bait to use at what particular time of the year. I know anglers will swear by artificial lures and they're great – just not all the time. Others will tell you that you just can't beat live bait and while that is true, it's true to a degree.

What if you don't or can't catch your live bait? What if you "buy" shrimp and run out of it before you land that nice catch? You'll need a backup. That's why many of our anglers use artificial lures.

Okay, so which artificial lure is good to use? Really, that's a matter of opinion. One member I know swears by the Sebile White Lady while another won't use anything but an MR-19 and some only pack Gulp DOA in their tackle box. What you need to do is experiment. You can buy one of each and see what works for you. But you need to remember that each artificial is reeled in differently. Some need that "walk the dog" approach while others need just a straight reeling in.

But even with all the proper tools and extensive know-how, fishing can still boil down to luck. If the water temperature just isn't right, no matter what you do, the fish just won't bite. Sometimes it's just that way. What I've found is that most fish I've caught bite in the early morning or just around dusk. Seems they either like breakfast or a late-night snack but never fails, as I decided to pack it in for the night, the fish start biting. Maybe not those nice big ones but a bite is a bite. And no matter what the size, it's still always fun to reel a fish in.

The snook are finally biting and we've seen some fairly nice sized ones, too but remember, the season is still closed until September 1st, so please practice catch and release only with these beauties. Another thing to know about snook is how to hold them for your photo. We have one Grand Master Angler who will never cease to be heard when she sees someone mishandle a snook.

The proper way to hold a snook is horizontally. Why? Holding a snook in the vertical position causes its internal organs to slide down towards its tail and the fish stands a much greater chance of not surviving being caught. Even if you get the fish back in the water quickly, the damage is already done. As my friend says, HORIZONTAL.....JUST AS THOUGH THE FISH IS SWIMMING!! And please, don't get her started.

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Another thing you should know about fishing is that if you fish in the Gulf, Gag grouper season is now closed. Can't keep 'em! Gag season opens July 1 so if you catch one of those delicious delicacies, toss it back – BUT don't forget to first vent it if necessary.* Even if you catch a red grouper and it's too small, vent it if necessary before releasing. If you don't, the fish's inflated swim bladder won't allow it to swim back to the deeper waters.

So, when and how to vent a fish? And with what? The best thing I can do to explain that is give you this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ejtc1RTqk8s>

You should be able to just click it and watch the video. If you can't click it, copy and paste it. It really is very much worth your while to watch it. If you still have any questions, ask one of our Grand Master Anglers. I'm sure they'll have no problems explaining it further.

Now, let's step away from fishing for a minute. I'd like to say a deep heart-felt thanks to Jack Spies who has agreed to accept the role of Treasurer for our club. We've had a bit of a problem finding a suitable replacement who had the time needed for such a task and Jack willingly offered his expertise.

So, thank you Jack. We know we can count on you...literally! (Pun intended).

Now that we have all our newsy stuff out of the way, I'll leave you with this:



Don't forget to read the rest of the newsletter. There is some really great information in it.

Have fun! And don't forget to send in those pictures to fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org.


Aaron

** From FWC Web site: "Also, fish should only be vented after one or all of the following characteristics are noticed on a fish: the stomach protrudes from the mouth, the eyes are bulging, the belly region is swollen, or the intestines are sticking out of the anus."*

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Catch-and-Release?

There has been some discussion around the fishing club lately on catch-and-release and improving the survival rate of fish we release. Aaron Wagner mentions some of the factors involved in this month's "From the Helm" article on pages 3 and 4, and there is much information readily available to anyone who would like to learn more.

On our club Web site, Member Inputs and Comments page, most of what FWC says about the subject is available. Here is the link: http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/?page_id=205. That page also contains a number of Web links within the basic text which can expand your knowledge of how to help insure the survival of fish you want to or must release.

Another worthwhile read is the .pdf file available from [http://catchandrelease.org/Catch and Release web.pdf](http://catchandrelease.org/Catch_and_Release_web.pdf) which is a two-page brochure with a wealth of information on the finer points of catch-and-release. A few selected items discussed/explained include:

- Handle fish as little as possible and only with wet hands – never with a towel.
- It's okay to take a picture of a fish if it needs to be briefly taken out of the water to measure it, vent it or remove the hook, but support the weight of the fish horizontally and safely return it to the water as quickly as possible – no lengthy "poses" just to take a picture.

- If a fish must be lifted from the water, support its weight horizontally.
- Avoid lifting a fish by its jaw, especially large fish. This can injure the fish so it can't feed normally and/or harm its internal organs.
- If a hook is deep in a fish's throat or stomach, cut the line as close as possible to the hook – the hook will eventually dissolve inside the fish.
- Never put your hands or fingers in a fish's gills or eyes.
- Use tackle heavy enough to land a fish quickly to reduce exhaustion, which could result in its death or weaken it making it more vulnerable to predators.
- Use non-stainless steel hooks – these hooks can dissolve if they remain in a fish.
- Use non-offset circle hooks when fishing with natural bait to avoid gut-hooking a fish – circle hooks tend to hook fish in the jaw, making them easy to remove.
- Bend barbs down on hooks so they can be removed with less damage to a fish.

The second page of the brochure also explains and demonstrates special requirements for Florida reef fish anglers. Specifically, the current requirements for using circle hooks, de-hooking and venting. There is more to each requirement than you might think.

Some of the points made above may be difficult and at times impossible to follow "to a tee." But, as the brochure says, "Ethical anglers strive to save 100% of the fish they release." I'm sure that is us.



A cool early morning stop at the "McBait" station in preparation for some all day catch-and-release practice.



Fishing Events

John Wolfinger

If I could characterize the month of April it would be with one word: **CHANGE**. We started seeing a big reduction in the population here as the snowbirds headed north for the summer AND the fishing started to improve dramatically. Many of our members leave just as the fishing starts to get great. Oh well, that leaves more fish for the year-round residents!

Things are really beginning to perk up with fishing. Members are already beginning to catch tarpon, cobia, sharks and big grouper. King mackerel won't be far behind. The Harbor water temperatures are in the 75-80 degree range and bait schools are showing up all over the place. Schools of Spanish mackerel have been in the north Harbor where you could catch one on almost every cast. I really have a feeling that this is going to be a great fishing year!

Our fish of the month for April was **SPANISH MACKEREL**. My personal experience showed the further south you went in the Harbor, the bigger the Spanish mackerel would be. However, one day I was between Fishville and the 41 South bridge and there were hundreds of Spanish mackerel feeding on glass minnows. I think I caught and released 25-30 of them in about 90 minutes. They just weren't as big as the ones I saw near Cape Haze or Pine Island. Once again, we finished the month of with three winners!

- First place, Mike Gilger 24" Spanish mackerel (\$35 gift certificate),
- Second place, John Solinger, 23" Spanish mackerel (\$25 gift certificate)
- Third place, John Wolfinger, 19.5" Spanish mackerel (\$15 gift certificate)

Congratulations to all of the winners! Thanks go out to the members that submitted pictures of their **SPANISH MACKEREL** catches. If you caught one and didn't submit it, you may have missed out on a great gift certificate. It's easy to submit entries; just e-mail a picture of you with the fish along with your name, date caught, length and type of fish to the club's **NEW** e-mail address for submissions,

fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org or drop off a picture with the same information at the PGICA office.

Our May Fish of the Month is **COBIA**. We are already seeing many members catching cobia so it looks like it will be a good month. These are very strong fish so make sure you wear them down before bringing aboard. A "green" fish can do some damage if you aren't careful. They are great table fare but must be 33 inches to the fork if you want to keep one; and one is all you can keep. Our contest uses the same FWC measurement "to the fork" for cobia, so don't measure the entire fish. Measure the cobia from the lip to the inside fork of the tail.

The upcoming June Fish of the Month will be **SNOOK**. Snook are one of the premier game fish in southwest Florida. They are great fun to catch and put up a great fight. The season for snook is still closed so if you catch one handle them with care and release them after you take your photo. We should hear soon whether the snook season is opening this year. If it does it would probably be in September. I'm sure you know that the reason the season is closed is because of the extremely cold winters we had a few years ago that killed thousands of them. I think they have made a great comeback since then!

So far this year we haven't had any King mackerel caught by any members. We are quickly approaching the time when they can be caught. They love blue runners so if you want to head offshore or even into Boca Grande pass, trolling blue runners can be a good way to hook up one. Just be careful if you're fishing in Boca Grande pass for something other than tarpon; don't interfere with the tarpon fisherman! If you catch a King mackerel you'll have the lead in our Master Angler contest since no one else has submitted one yet.

Now take advantage of living in one of the best fishing areas in the country and **GO FISH!**



Cobia, aka Ling

April, 2013

Fish of the Month Contest

Spanish Mackerel



Mike Gilger, 1st Place (\$35 gift certificate), 24-inch Spanish mackerel.



John Solinger, 2nd Place (\$25 gift certificate), 23-inch Spanish mackerel

Fish of the Month 2013 Schedule

January	SHEEPSHEAD
February	SPOTTED SEATROUT
March	PGI SPRING SLAM: REDFISH and SPOTTED SEATROUT
April	SPANISH MACKEREL
May	COBIA
June	SNOOK
July	SHARK
August	MANGROVE SNAPPER
September	TARPON
October	REDFISH
November	GROUPER
December	BLACK DRUM



John Wolfinger, 3rd Place (\$15 gift certificate), 19.5-inch Spanish mackerel.

Congratulations to our winners!

Thank You for voting us #1 for 15 years straight!

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Programs

John Simonieg

Fishin' Frank will be our guest speaker for the May meeting. He'll give us some pointers on catching cobia, our May fish-of-the-month.



Programs Director John Simonieg presents a certificate of appreciation to Capt Rick Sechrist, our April guest speaker. Capt Sechrist operates Chaos Charter Services.

their TIKI HUT on the "beach." The restaurant features a contemporary setting with a varied menu. Maybe you just want to sample some appetizers, try one of their entrees like Chicken Sandorini or have a salad followed by a Chocolate Lava Cake. It's up to you!



Join us On Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 PM. The Sheraton is located on 41 N, left side, just before you cross the bridge.

April's scattered showers didn't effect the Fish Girls from going out! A nice group enjoyed Out to Lunch at House of Breakfast, then a Girl's Nite Out at the Slip Knot with music, food and good conversation.

RSVP, questions and/or suggestions, just email me with "Fish Girls" in the subject line.

If you sign up for an event and are unable to attend, please let me know. Since some of the places are small we don't want to tie up extra tables. Thanks! Cris



Hey! Look what I found! The Fish Girls having lunch in the 60's! Just kidding, but we did have a good time and some yummy food! Attending were, from the left front side of the table: Shirley Ferguson, Bev Rucker, Juanell Dyrstad, Margo Kraybill, Linda Essex, Margie Hoffman, Mary Harucki, Donnie Brennan, Linda Smith, Cathy Engimann, Gail Morris, Sherry Moerke, Anee Careau, Cris Scheib and Gena Davis.



Ladies Liaison

Cris Scheib

We'll celebrate Cinco De Mayo a little late on Thursday, May 16 at JIMMY'S TACOS. It may be tucked away in a little hole in the wall, but if you haven't been to Jimmy's yet, you're missing some authentic tacos and burritos. You can choose from Carne Asada (steak), Ground Beef, Chicken Adobo, Pork, Chorizo, Shrimp, Fish or Portabello! After you pick your filling, you can choose the toppings. Tacos run \$2.50 to \$3.50, burritos, quesadillas and other items are a little more. Jimmy's also offers daily specials

Meet at 11:30 am. Jimmy's is located in the Cedar Point Plaza, 318 Tamiami Trail between Virginia and Olympia. Their phone number is 347-7049.



Girls Nite Out will be a two part affair. Dinner at the SHERATON FOUR POINTS followed by music at



Membership

Donnie Brennan

Wow, May! Where has this year gone? Just when I had to stop nagging my husband to bring home sheepshead, the warmer weather is here and those delicious fish aren't. Oh bugger me! Oh well. If time keeps moving at its light speed, winter will be here tomorrow and he can catch me some more of those striped beauties.

But, since winter is about five months away, I guess I'll just have to nag him about catching some flounder until July 1 when Gag season opens. Then I can nag him about that. I just love Gag. It's much sweeter than Red Grouper and Gag doesn't have wormy parasites. I hate cleaning out those ugly things. Thank heavens I have a real sharp boning knife.

But in the meantime, I have my Membership duties to keep me busy.

And speaking of which, we now have a total of 244 household memberships which equal to 469 individual members. Can you imagine? What a club! I am so impressed with how the Board pulls together to make things work. And that makes me proud to be a part of the Board.

Which by the way, come the end of the year, we'll be looking for some new blood so start thinking of how you can add your knowledge and opinions to the club by be-

coming a Board member. I know there will be a few openings but you'll hear more about around June or July.

Anyway, I'm going to cut this article short this month. I have a number of projects that need to get done and I'm going to start on them first thing in the morning (it's already twenty minutes after midnight and I'm tired).

So, without further ado, let's all welcome our newest members:

SCRIB and JANEANN DAILEY

CHRIS and DIANE PORT

I know all of you will make them feel welcome but keep in mind, we're not just known as anglers; we're known as "FRIENDLY" anglers.

Remember, each new member will have a star on his/her badge. Please go out of your way to say hello. Start a conversation. Make a friend. Let's show them how friendly we can be.

In the mean time, since this is the beginning of May, you can be sure our sporadic rain storms will begin soon so stay safe on the water. A fish is not worth your boat or more specifically, your life. Be careful out there.

Have a great month and happy fishing!

Donnie

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Sunshine Lady

Donnie Brennan

Wow, what a slow month April has been.

Not one card was needed to be sent out.

But in a way, that's a good thing. That means no one has been sick or hospitalized.

So, because of that, I'm just going to wish all of you a very pleasant May. Hope you all have bright skies and good weather for fishing.

BUT.....should you need me to send a card to anyone, you can call (575-8808) or email (L3th@comcast.net) me the name of the person you have in mind and I'll do the rest.

Don't forget, get well and sympathy cards are not the only ones I can send out. I can also send a humorous birthday card to someone who has just turned a huge milestone and isn't quite sure how he (or she) feels about that BIG birthday.

Just remember, smiles are free and I love to pass them along.

No smile is too small to share so just keep those emails and calls coming in.

(((((big hugs))))))

Donnie



PGI NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

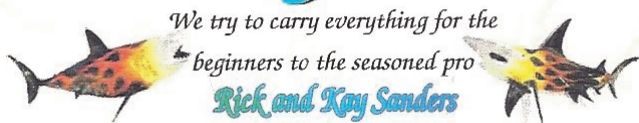
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Social Events

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Another winter season is over with many members of the Fishing Club heading north for the summer. We look forward to seeing you again next season. I hope that everyone has a great summer with lots of good fishing, whether up north or around Punta Gorda.

Recipe of the Month

(This month, and occasionally in the future, the recipe of the month will be selections from our members who provided some of the delicious appetizers and deserts at club functions like our picnic or Christmas party.)

Texas Caviar

A great tortilla chip dip.
This version provided by
Sheree Wolfinger.



Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 T. water
- 1 C. sugar or Splenda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 C. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 cans shoepeg corn, drained
- 2 cans great northern beans, drained
- 2 cans pinto beans, drained
- 1 jar pimientos, diced and drained
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped

Preparation:

Bring to boil vinegar, water and sugar. Add salt, olive oil and pepper. Set mixture aside.

In large bowl mix together remaining ingredients (corn, beans, etc.)

Pour the set aside liquid over bean mixture and refrigerate. Serve with scoop tortilla chips.



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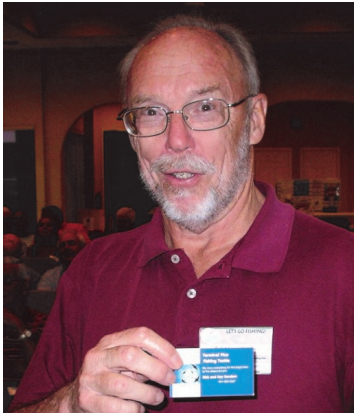
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SECOND PLACE	~	Larry Kessinger	Calico Jack Spinning Rod
THIRD PLACE	~	Ed Verminski	\$25 Gift Certificate to Terminal Tackle



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SECOND PLACE
Larry Kessinger



THIRD PLACE
Ed Verminski



50/50 WINNERS

FIRST PLACE WINNER John Kraybill \$75	SECOND PLACE WINNER Bill Bonham \$50	THIRD PLACE WINNER Mark Kline \$38
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PGI Fishing Club Ladder of Angling Achievement Program

LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	EARNED AWARD
FIRST FISH	1	NONE	NONE	CLUB HAT
BRONZE	5	NONE	NONE	BRONZE PIN
SILVER	5	LEGAL	300	SILVER PIN
GOLD	7	LEGAL	700	GOLD PIN
LIFETIME	9	LEGAL	1000	SNOOK PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL II	13	LEGAL	1400	REDFISH PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL III	18	LEGAL	1700	TARPON PIN
GRAND MASTER	23	LEGAL	2000	CLUB SHIRT W/LOGO

For complete Ladder of Angling Achievement Program rules, detailed information on eligible angler achievement species and points earned based on length, please see the PGI Fishing Club Web site (www.pgifishingclub.org) Ladder of Angling Achievement page.

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BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER CLUB SHIRT
Tom desEnfants	Marie D'Ambrosio	Mattie D'Ambrosio	Tom Lodge	Marty McCaffrey	Jack Spies	Donnie Brennan
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Ron Stafford	Larry Okray	Mark Storm	Aaron Wagner	Bill Guenther	Bob Rand	Kel Krotzer
Joe Tassia	Mike Sandling	Ron Topper	Marv Drystad	John MacLeman		Joanne Landaker
Rodger Will	George Remick	Jim Quorollo	Bill Bonham			Steve Landaker
Sherry Moerke	Ron McKinnon		Ray Brunner			Joe Maillet
Bill Stringer	Gary Moerke		Bill Guenther			Pete McGregor
Mark Kline	Joanell Drystad					Mike Quinn
Barbara Brunner	Sheree Wolfinger					Bev Rucker
Deny LaChance	Mike Gilger					John Solinger
Fred Lamon	Janice Wiscombe					John Wolfinger
Bob Mayes						Tom Parsons
John Morehouse						
Paul Land						
Alan Schulman						
Randy Hall						
Tom Lengauer						
Walt Zink						
Bud Johnston						
Cindi Johnston						
Jerry Morningstar						
Gary Adams						
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RED = Award This Month

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Isles Trophy Race 2013



PGI FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL ISLES TROPHY STANDINGS

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MENS DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012				
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Tom Lodge	39.00	03/30/13	72.22%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Jim Hoffman	35.50	04/01/13	91.03%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Ron Topper	29.0	03/20/13	69.05%
					Aaron Wagner	29.0	03/08/13	69.05%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	John Solinger	26.0	04/10/13	89.66%
		Arron Wagner	29.0	2012	Steve Landeker	26.0	04/15/13	89.66%
X	Snook	Jim Qurollo	44.5	2012	John Solinger	36.00	04/10/13	80.90%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mike Gilger	24.00	04/16/13	80.00%

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	Cindi Johnston	16.00	01/16/13	48.48%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008				
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	31.0	2006	Joanne Landaker	30.00	04/13/13	96.77%
		Bev Rucker	31.0	2008	Margie Hoffman	30.00	04/01/13	96.77%
	King Mackerel	Margie Hoffman	37.0	2007				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008				
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Pam Solinger	23.00	01/09/13	86.79%
	Snook	Missy Becker	41.0	2006	Trudy Tyson	23.00	03/30/13	56.10%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Sheree Wolfinger	23.5	03/30/13	83.93%

This Year's Leaders are in RED

New 2013 Records this Month are in BLUE

PAST ISLES TROPHY RACE WINNERS

2009 Winner
Rich Brennan

2010 Winner
Kel Krotzer

2011 Winner
Greg Chestnut

2012 Winner
Jim Qurollo

ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2013

MEN

Jim Hoffman



WOMEN

Joanne Landaker & Margie Hoffman



Member Catches



Joanne Landaker with a nice 23-inch spotted seatrout.



Bill Guenther with a couple of LOA fish, grunt and crevalle jack.



Anne Careau with a young black drum...easy to see how much they look like a sheephead.



Bill Bonham and a nice "just over the slot" 28-inch redfish.

Tom Lodge with a good-eating 39-inch cobia. Seeing lots of these in the harbor now, Cobia is the Fish of the Month for May.



Speaking of good-eating, here's Mike Gilger with a nice red grouper.



...and Tom is always happy to catch anything.

Member Catches



Mark Storm and another nice seatrout. This one is 22-inches.



Marv Dyrstad and a 14-inch sheephead. Looks like it might have been caught near Gasparilla Island.



And how about Margie Hoffman with an amazing Sabiki catch. Blue runner, gag grouper, grunt and red grouper all together.



Sherry Moerke with another good sheephead.



Steve Landaker and slot 27-inch redfish.

Trudy Tyson with her 23-inch snook.



Mike Peters with one of next month's FOM, a 33-inch cobia.



Marlene Vandehei and a 28-inch gag grouper. Too bad the season is closed.



Joe Udvari with a pretty 28-inch redfish caught on the last day of the month.

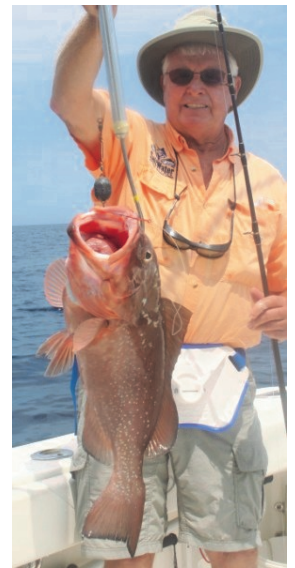
Member Catches



Bill Bonham and two delicious triple tails.



Judging from the fish photos, red grouper have been hungry this month. Here's Bob Rand with his 33.5-inch red grouper.



Gary Adams with another nice red grouper.



Janice Wiscombe with a 19-inch sheepshead.



...and again with a 22-inch seatrout.



John Solinger, 26-inch seatrout.



Joanne Landaker with a 30-inch red grouper that tied Margie Hoffman for the women's division lead in the Isles Trophy Race.



And it looks like Steve Landaker's, 26-inch seatrout ties him with John for the seatrout lead in the Master Angler Tournament.



Jim Hoffman's 35.5-inch red grouper leads the grouper category in the Master Angler Tournament and also the men's division of the Isles Trophy Race.

Member Catches



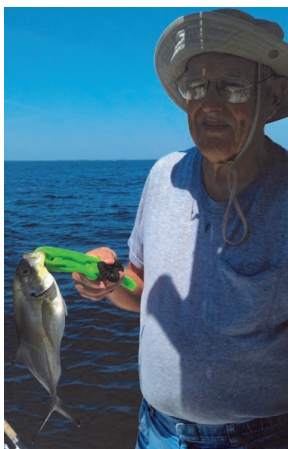
Two trips on the Island Sun. L to R Mike Gilger, Dave Ellacott, Margie Hoffman, Jim Hoffman, Bill Guenther, Steve Landaker, Joanne Landaker, Margie, Gary Adams and Jim...along with a few red groupers.



Ken Hardesty and his "first fish" entry, a canal caught jack.



Gail Morris and her 17-inch Spanish mackerel.



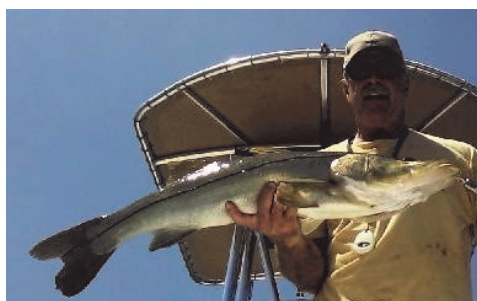
Another "first fish" entry by Lew Graham, a blue runner.



Dennys Lachance with a 15-inch Spanish mackerel.



Fred Benson's 19-inch Spanish mackerel.



John Solinger with a Master Angler leading 36-inch snook.



John Gettinger with two delicious yellowtail snapper.

Ray Bruner with a nice 18-inch seatrout and a jack.



George Remick and a large black drum.

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Local Area Fishing Tips

What the Heck is an Extra-fast Rod?

By Jeff Kincaid

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If you're not well-versed in the vocabulary, rod labeling can be confusing. Figuring out what to make of specs such as action, taper, power and line class ratings can be a big help in choosing the right rod for your style of fishing.

One of the most confusing aspects is rod taper, expressed as some variation of fast or slow. Taper is not to be confused with action, which indicates how much lifting power a particular rod blank has. To make this extra confusing, some rod manufacturers use the term "action" to indicate taper.

I'll try to make this simple: If the words fast or slow are used to describe the rod, that's the taper. If the words light, medium, or heavy are used that's the action. Most rods also list a line class rating, which might, or might not mean anything. We'll get to that in a bit—let's look at taper first.

Taper tells you where a rod bends. The faster the taper, the closer to the tip the bend will be when the rod is flexed. A rod with a slow taper will bend throughout its entire length, sort of like a horse shoe shape. Rods are manufactured in tapers from slow to extra fast.

Generally, faster rods are more prone to breakage by poor handling. Because the curve is at the tip, where the rod is thin, you can't lift a lot of weight using the rod. If you apply too much pressure, the material will snap. If you're one of those guys who insists on lifting the fish by just swinging it aboard, maybe an extra fast rod is not for you. Rods with medium taper will let you get away with a lot more of this kind of stuff.

So if faster rods are less able to take abuse, why would you ever want to fish with one? They're much more sensitive. With less noodliness in the rod, you'll be able to feel light bites and subtle activity at the end of your line that you'd never pick with a slow taper. The shorter flexible section of a fast rod transmits vibrations to the stiffer butt portion and then to your hand. A slow rod acts more like a

shock absorber, deadening the vibrations, so you don't feel them.

Because faster rods transmit subtle movements better, they're preferred for use with artificial lures. When you're fishing a soft plastic or a twitchbait, being able to make the lure move with just a slight flutter or hop can be the difference between getting the movement a fish is looking for and coming up fishless. Walking the dog with a top water lure requires steady twitches. You'll find it takes much less effort to work a Skitter Walk with a faster taper, because you can use much smaller wrist movements to make the lure dart back and forth. I prefer an extra-fast model for this type of fishing.

Now bait fishing is another deal. Here a rod with more give is better, at least for casting. It's like jumping off a bridge with a bungee cord tied to your ankle: When you get to the bottom of your plunge, you want the give of the bungee so you can bounce safely to a standstill. If you use a nylon rope with little give, your leg will be ripped off and you'll fall (screaming, because your leg was just ripped off) until you hit the water.

When you're throwing a shrimp or white bait, an extra fast rod acts a little like that nylon rope. The innate snappiness of the rod can make it hard to cast without tearing the hook out of the soft tissue. A slower rod will give a bit, hopefully keeping the hook in the bait. Remember, slower rods are also less sensitive, so selecting a rod for live baiting becomes a trade off: Fast enough to feel the bites, but slow enough to cast well. A medium taper is ideal, but a fast taper will also work if you use caution. If you use an extra-fast, you'll probably find yourself putting less oomph into your casts or watching baits go flying off.

The action or power of the rod—light, medium, heavy—depends on what the rod is intended for. A medium-heavy flats rod, a medium heavy bass rod, and a medium-heavy offshore rod are pretty much nothing alike. To determine what you need, think about the type of fishing you're going to do.

Let's say you want to catch redfish. If you're fish-

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ing on the open flats, you can use a light or medium rod. You don't need to muscle the fish away from anything. If you're around mangroves or docks, a medium-heavy action is ideal because you need some additional leverage to keep the fish out of the woodwork. If you're fishing from a bridge or pier, you may need a heavy rod to keep the fish from diving into the pilings and cutting you off. (And if you're planning to heave the fish up onto the dock, which I do not suggest, remember to use a rod with a medium taper.)

It's not just where you're fishing—it's also what you are catching. Bigger fish, heavier rod. Offshore, you'll want a heavier rod for kingfish than for Spanish Mackerel. You can get away with a lighter rod for snapper than for grouper. And, of course, this is all relative. If you're chumming gags up to the surface, you can use a lighter rod than if you have to pry them off the bottom.

The line ratings a manufacturer puts on a given rod more or less reflect the action. Rods rated for stronger line have heavier actions. The ratings used to mean a lot more years ago, when almost everyone was fishing with monofilament. In today's world of

braided superline, it's more confusing. Some rods will list both mono and braid ratings. The "conventional wisdom" used to be that you could use braid of the same diameter as the mono you were used to throwing. That turned out to be a lousy idea—replacing 20-pound mono with 80-pound braid not only makes fishing less of a challenge, but it also will quickly overpower your equipment.

I would suggest using a rod that is rated for close to the strength of the line you want to use. If your rod is rated for 8 to 17-pound line, I would not suggest lining up with anything stronger than 30-pound braid. If it were my outfit, I'd probably use 10-pound.

Determining which rod to use for your particular type of fishing can be a challenge. My advice is that you think about the kind of fishing you want to do and then go to your local tackle shop, put some rods in your hot little hand, and see how they feel. After all, no matter how perfect the manufacturer specs may seem, they don't mean squat if the rod doesn't feel right to you.

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