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A Fun Fish Story

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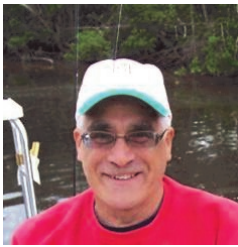
Next CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.



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**ON THE COVER—John Simonieg with what is
probably the best fish in the harbor...for dinner.**



Hmm. While I sit here contemplating what to write in this article, I can't help but stare out the window and reflect on my past two years. What a thrill it has been to serve as your President.

Last year, I asked the question: "What's stranger than seeing a cat fish?" So, one year later, I'm asking again.

Okay, down to business!

Remember our next meeting, November 12th is our election night. This is the time when you'll get to vote on the candidates for next year's PGI Fishing Club Board. Although I really had a great time serving as your president, it really is time to pass the hat.

So, who is running for office? Here's the slate:

President:	Mike Gilger
Vice President:	Bill Guenther
Secretary:	Randy Hall
Treasurer:	Jack Spies

Keep in mind that while these men so generously volunteered, you can also volunteer right before the election. Doesn't matter how many people run, our election will result in one winner.

As you might know, our Committee People are not elected. They volunteer (the end of the current year for the following year) and then get appointed by the current president. Those who have stepped forward and have been appointed are:

Editor:	(returning) Jim Quorollo
Advertising:	(returning) Missy Becker
Membership:	(returning) Donnie Brennan
Programs:	(returning) John Simonieg
Social Events:	(new) Sandy Rosen and Darlene Rosen
Fishing Events:	(new) Joe Udvari
Fishing Events Records:	(returning) Bob Rand
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Ladies' Liaison:	(returning) Cris Scheib and Jane Stenberg
Sunshine Lady:	(returning) Donnie Brennan
Past President:	Aaron Wagner

Keep in mind also, that while these people are not elected, anyone can volunteer to help them out. All of the above mentioned ladies and gentlemen, officers and committee, are volunteers who generously give their time and effort to keep this wonderful club going. I know they'll do an exceptional job.

Now, let's move on to fishing. I've been hearing a lot about the small size of fish that are biting. I'm really hoping that by the time you read this, I'll hear about some real whoppers! Fish, not tales, I mean. I'm really looking forward to reading John's article and see who's been catching what, especially with the Isles Trophy race coming to an end. Can hardly wait to see who will win them this year! It's been great fun to watch how statistics can change from month to month.

On to new news.

A reminder regarding my email of October 29. The PGI Civic Association will be holding another Harbor Happening on November 15th and 16th. I am encouraging all of you to attend at least one of these days.

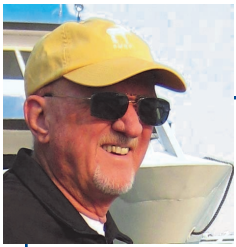
On the 15th, "doctails" will be served starting at 5:00PM at the Punta Gorda Boat Club located on Retta Esplanade. You are requested to bring a snack, hors d'oeuvres for people to munch on. You can anchor out and use the new boat dingy docks or drive there. This is a BYOB so bring your favorite beverage and a lawn chair. Ice and dinnerware will be provided.

The fun really starts on the 16th – Saturday when a "Bridge Walk" begins at 7:00AM in the Best Western parking lot. The Boat Club will be open at 9:00AM for coffee and a pot luck breakfast. It's going to be a fun weekend so please consider representing your Fishing Club by attending.

One last note. Please read Sherry Moerke's article on our Holiday Party.

Thanks for reading and have a great month. See you at the meeting.

Aaron



Need Bait?

Some club members don't worry much about bait because they use artificals for most of their redfish and snook fishing. Often, the lures work as well as live bait and sometimes even better. They also spend more time fishing and less time trying to find bait. But for me, if I can find it, I'll take a livewell full of white bait and pinfish.

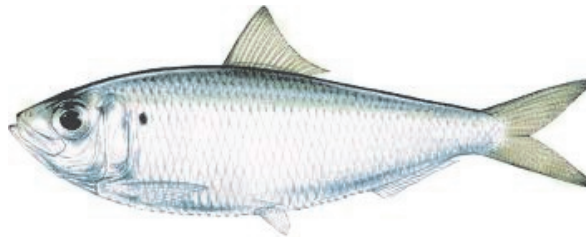
This time of year it seems that bait, at least white bait, gets harder to find and for me it usually takes more time looking. The standard spots to find white bait like Pirate Harbor, Two Pines and Jug Creek Shoals have been hit and miss lately and there hasn't been anything around marker 2 in months. Seems that everything needs to be right—tide, wind, bottom—to have a decent chance of finding the bait you want.

When heading out yesterday morning to find bait, every-

thing looked like a longer trip than usual would be needed. Under the conditions of that morning, east wind and tide halfway in at Boca Grande, I went to some eelgrass bottom out of the wind where I'd caught bait under similar conditions before. It worked better than expected or even hoped for and the livewell was soon filled with many dozen nice size white bait (aka: scaled sardines/pilchards/green backs) and about a third that many 3-inch to 6-inch pinfish.

So, it might be a worthwhile if you look for bait, to keep track of the conditions at each spot each time you have good (or bad) results. Your odds of repeating a successful bait catching experience are better if the conditions are similar to what they were when you had the good luck. You'll also save some fuel, frustration and fishing time if you start your chumming and net casting in the right place the first time.

And as usual, the snook were crazy about the white bait yesterday.



Scaled sardine (aka: pilchard, greenback, white bait)

FUN THINGS SOMEBODY SAID

"My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't."

- Maxine

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Fishing Events

John Wolfinger

As I near the end of my term as your Fishing Events Director I couldn't be happier with our recent members achievements. At the next general meeting on November 12th, I get to award

Grand Master Angler shirts to three of our members; yes, I said THREE! The awards will go to members Pam Solinger, John Gettinger and Bill Bonham. I am so proud of their accomplishment and send my congratulations to all of them. As many of you know, it takes 23 species and 2000 points on your Ladder of Achievement to reach the Grand Master Angler status and get your shirt. It's not an easy task, which is why even after we award these 3 we will only have 19 Grand Master Anglers with close to 500 members in the club.

Our October Fish of the Month contest was REDFISH. The first part of October was definitely better for catching redfish. It seemed like the bite really dropped off later in the month which made catching our fish-of-the-month more difficult. Our members really pulled through with over 20 redfish submissions made in October. For the 10th month in a row we had winners and congratulations go out to:

- Kel Krotzer, 1st place (\$35 gift certificate), 34.0" redfish
- John Gettinger, 2nd place (\$25 gift certificate), 29.5" redfish
- Vinnie Madsen, 3rd place (\$15 gift certificate), 29.0" redfish

Thanks go out to the members that submitted pictures of their REDFISH 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 e-mail address for submissions, fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org. We no longer are accepting paper photos so if you need help submitting a photo via e-mail, let us know.

Our November Fish of the Month is GROUPER. The contest will be limited to gag, black or red grouper only; goliath grouper are not included in this contest. Since black grouper are not common here, entries will most likely all be gag or red grouper. Also, make sure you know how to identify a goliath grouper, which are a protected species and cannot be kept. Gag grouper season is open until early

December this year in both state and federal Gulf waters so keeping those caught in November is a great plus for this year's contest. Grouper are TOTAL LENGTH; tip of the nose to the tip of the squeezed tail. Gag and black grouper must be 22" and red grouper must be 20" to be kept. You can keep 4 per person on the Gulf side of Florida and no more than 2 of the 4 can be gag grouper. Make sure you read the FWC regulations so you are up to date on the requirements. Also, just a reminder that fish you catch with a paid guide do not qualify for this contest. Make sure that you get photos of you with the fish submitted no later than December 1st. Due to the Christmas party in December, these awards won't be handed out until the January meeting.

We held our PGI Fishing Club outing on Tuesday, October 15. We had over 35 members participate and although the fishing was slower than desired, the weather and water that day was absolutely beautiful. We all met at Harpoon Harry's later in the day to award certificates, brag a bit and share stories with members that couldn't fish that day but came to Harry's to hear how it went. We awarded a \$25 gift certificate for the longest snook, redfish, spotted seatrout and red or gag grouper. Members brought photos of their catches as proof. The awards went to:

- Joe Maillet, 25 inch snook
- George Remick, 28.5 inch redfish
- Rich Brennan, 17 inch spotted seatrout
- Tom Murray, 12 inch red grouper

Congratulations to all four winners. We had a great day and here is a photo of participants at our get together at Harpoon Harry's:



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

October, 2013 Fish of the Month Contest Redfish



Kel Krotzer, 1st Place (\$35 gift certificate), 34-inch redfish



John Gettinger, 2nd place (\$25 gift certificate), 29.5-inch redfish



Vinnie Madsen, 3rd place (\$15 gift certificate), 29-inch redfish

Congratulations to our winners!
(There were a total of 20 redfish entered.)

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	GROUPE
December	BLACK DRUM

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Programs

John Simonieg

On October 8, 2013 Robert Lugiewicz of Fishin Franks spoke. The fish of the month was redfish and Robert covered many points.

The redfish are grouping up: In the Turtle Bay area in front of a sand/oyster bar...behind it and to the left there are always reds there. Chum up with nickel size ladyfish pieces, then throw out larger chunks. At the southern end of Burnt Store work the bushes. Use live bait not frozen, topwater spoons (Gold). Bounce off the bottom using weedless. Soft plastics under popping corks work near the sand bars. He also discussed using scented artificial baits, since the water is so colored, the reds move on scent. You must have moving water.



John Simonieg presents October's guest speaker, Capt. Robert Lugiewicz, with a certificate of appreciation.

The speaker for November will be Capt Dan Cambern of Hammerhead Fishing Charters out of Gasparilla Fishery Boat Docks. Dan started fishing at age three in New England. He learned to Scuba Dive at age of ten after moving to Nokomis, FL. Diving piers, beaches and jetties near Venice observing fish in their own habitat helped him understand the movement of the fish. The ledges, reefs and wrecks he has GPS marked as his best spots to take his clients. Grouper, snapper, cobia, permit, sharks, goliath grouper as well as many other fish are available on his trips.

Come join us for a good evening with Dan on Nov 12th.



Ladies Liaison

Cris Scheib and
Jane Stenberg

Welcome new members and snowbirds! We had a fun summer, even though we missed you! Here's what's happening in November.

OUT TO LUNCH will be at Thai Cafe on Thursday, November 7. Now is the time to step out of the box if you have never tried Thai food! You'll have a support group with you! First of all, it's not spicy. It can be, but it doesn't have to be. Try the Pad Thai, their national noodle dish, or some chicken satay - grilled chicken on a skewer with peanut sauce on the side. Not too scary. Great for your first baby steps! For all you brave ones, there is a big assortment on their lunch menu. Join us there at 11:30 am.



GIRLS NITE OUT is THE HALLELUJAH GIRLS, a play presented by The Charlotte Players. It's a comedy about a group of feisty southern women who decide to shake up their lives. The action takes place in SPA-DEE-DAH, an abandoned church turned day spa where they gather every Friday. Thursday, November 21 @ 7: 30 PM. Tickets are \$20 and going fast. We may have dinner before the play.

In October we had had our first picnic in the park for OUT TO LUNCH. We were lucky to have it on a day that was mild with a breeze! A great view and very comfortable under the Pavilion at Gilchrist Park. The Ice House Cafe was our choice for GIRLS NITE OUT, where we had a nice dinner on their outside patio.

To sign up for any outings, if you have any questions or need a ride, please contact us. Look forward to seeing you!

Cris: pastadiva@comcast.net
Jane: ronjane1@hotmail.com



L to R: Karen Udvari, Cris Scheib, Sharon Dyke, Jane Stenberg, Darlene Madsen, Dawn Quinn, Peg Bonacuse, Karen Newmayer, Mary Harucki. Donnie Brennan was taking the photo.



Membership

Donnie Brennan

The months are just flying by for me. What's that adage: "Time flies when you're having fun?"

Well, I can tell you that I have been having a really GREAT time as your Membership Director. However, I do have a pet peeve.....are you ready????

I send out the membership renewal forms in September with a letter asking that you send back those forms with your checks. While 90% of you comply (and make my job easier), there is still that 10% who don't. It drives me nuts! Do you have any idea how much longer it takes me to put your renewals together? So, please, next year when I ask that you send back the renewal form, send it back with your check. I really would appreciate it. Thanks.

Our club is moving onward and upward. What started in 1980 with five men and their wives has now grown to a total of 515 total members which is to say we have 270 households in the club. That's quite an accomplishment over the past 33 years. I bet Ben Ugoretz is looking down on us saying, "Damn, I did a good thing!" Yes, Ben, you really did.

Let me introduce our newest members:

DAVE & SHARON DYKE
PETE & AMY FUCINI
JOE & JOAN THOMAS

Welcome to the greatest fishing club in Florida!

And I think I can make that boast since many times other people in Charlotte County call asking if they are eligible to join. Can't tell you how difficult it is for me to say, "Sorry, there are requirements." ... meaning that they must be residents of PGI.

Anyway, Aaron said he was including a riddle in his article. What he didn't include was the answer. So, here it is:.....: A fish bowl.

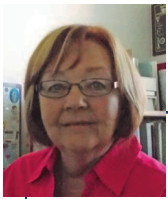
Now, I'm going to cut this short. My editor (Jim) is waiting patiently and I don't want to keep him hanging any longer.

Again, I ask you, when you see a member with a star, it means that member is new to our club. Go say hello.

Just remember, that new friend you make just might turn out to be your new best friend so play nice; make friends; have fun. After all, fishing isn't all we do.

Donnie





Sunshine Lady

Donnie Brennan

Hi Everyone,

October was a really quite month. Only one card went out and that was to John Wolfinger who had rotator cuff surgery. So glad he's feeling better.

We had a busy month for birthdays, though. We had Jack Spies, Mike Sandling, Mike Gilger, John Gettinger – just to name a few.....Hope you guys had great birthdays.

I'm going to cut this short this month; I'm beginning to feel like Midnight Cinderella. The witching hour

approaches and there's still much to do.

Just remember:::.....

If you know of anyone who could use a card, just contact me and it'll be sent.

Remember, no smile is too big or too small not to share.

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

Donnie

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Social Events

Sherry
Moerke

Here is an update on the Holiday Fishing Club party. We reached our maximum ticket sales at the October meeting. However we have begun a wait list. Please contact Sherry Moerke at 941-639-0337 or email me at sgmoerke@embargmail.com if you would like to be added to the wait list. Last year everyone on the wait list was able to attend the party due to cancelations.

For those of you that have tickets that are not able to attend the party please contact Sherry Moerke to get a refund if the ticket can be sold to someone on the wait list.

The party will be held December 10th at 5:30 PM. It will be catered by Coco's with music provided by Latitude. The club will provide soda, water and coffee. Liquor is BYOB. I am looking forward to a great party.

Sherry Moerke

Recipe of the Month

Nova Scotia Seafood Chowder

(Nan and I spent the first half of September traveling the Maine and Nova Scotia coasts. We ate a lot of seafood, including many different chowders; no two alike but all delicious. With the holidays and cooler weather coming, here's one to try.)

Ingredients (All amounts are approximate, do it the way it sounds good to you. Maybe peeled shrimp for the lobster.)



- 2 lb clams
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 3 tbsp butter
- 3 ribs celery, thinly sliced
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp sweet paprika
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 bottle clam juice
- 2 yellow-fleshed potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 12 oz firm-fleshed fish fillets, cut in 2-inch chunks (redfish, sheepshead, grouper, etc.)
- 12 oz sea scallops, halved horizontally
- 1 can frozen lobster meat, thawed and drained
- 3 cups 10% cream
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Preparation

In saucepan, bring clams and wine to boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until clams open, about 5 minutes. Strain, reserving broth; discard any clams that do not open. Let cool enough to handle. Remove and discard shells; set clams aside.

In Dutch oven, melt butter over medium heat; fry celery, onions, salt, paprika and cayenne pepper, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 6 minutes. Stir in flour; cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute.

Stir in reserved broth, water and clam juice, scraping up any brown bits on bottom of pan. Add potatoes; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered and stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes.

Stir in fish, scallops and lobster; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in cream, clams and parsley. Stir until heated through, about 2 minutes. *(Make-ahead: Let cool. Refrigerate in airtight containers for up to 2 days. Makes 12 servings.)*



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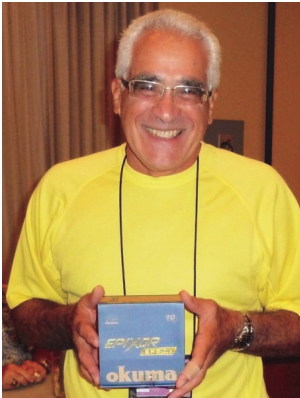
Last Month's Drawing Prize Winners

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST PLACE	~	Roger Davis	Redbone Spinning Rod
SECOND PLACE	~	Aaron Wagner	Okuma EF30b reel
THIRD PLACE	~	Jack Chopp	\$25 Gift Certificate to Terminal Tackle



FIRST PLACE
Roger Davis



SECOND PLACE
Aaron Wagner



THIRD PLACE
Jack Chopp



50/50 WINNERS

FIRST PLACE WINNER Missy Becker \$60	SECOND PLACE WINNER Kathy Zimmer \$50	THIRD PLACE WINNER John Stockinger \$40
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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
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Jim Crawley						
Janice Anderson						
Roger Davis						
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RED = Award This Month

Club Hat for First Fish:

Elaine Bretts, Robert Bretts, Jack Chopp, Dave Dyke, Sharon Dyke & Patty Schalter

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Certificate Award — Three awards will be given for each fish species. The first will be the first place angler with the longest length fish in species. The second award will be for the next longest and third place for the angler with the third longest. Important Note: Only pictures of the caught fish are accepted for entry into the Master Angler or Ladder of Angling Achievement.

PGI FISHING CLUB FISHING PROGRAMS ARE EASY TO ENTER

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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	Jim Quorollo	35.00	05/10/13	76.92%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Joe Maillet	47.00	04/15/13	87.04%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Jim Hoffman	35.50	04/01/13	91.03%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Tom Hickey	40.00	10/16/13	76.92%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Pete McGreggor	38.0	09/30/13	90.48%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Steve Landaker	27.5	05/03/13	94.83%
		Arron Wagner	29.0	2012				
X	Snook	Jim Quorollo	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	Joanne Landaker	31.00	05/10/13	62.00%
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	31.0	2006	Margie Hoffman	31.00	10/31/13	100.00%
		Bev Rucker	31.0	2008				
	King Mackerel	Margie Hoffman	37.0	2007				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Joanne Landaker	28.00	05/11/13	73.68%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Joanne Landaker	26.50	05/11/13	100.00%
	Snook	Missy Becker	41.0	2006	Missy Becker	42.00	05/16/13	102.44%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Sheree Wolfinger	23.5	03/30/13	83.93%
					Leaders are in RED			
					New are in Blue			

ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2013

MEN

Steve Landaker



WOMEN

Missy Becker



PAST ISLES TROPHY RACE WINNERS

2009 Winners

Rich Brennan
Christine Jordan

2010 Winners

Kel Krotzer
Margie Hoffman

2011 Winners

Greg Chestnut
Joanne Landaker

2012 Winners

Jim Quorollo
Rose Anne McCaffrey

Member Catches



Bill Bonham with nice redfish.



Larry Kessinger,
19-inch redfish.



Vinnie Madsen and 38-inch cobia.



Jim Crawley and tarpon.



Bud Johnson and 31-inch red grouper.



Jane Stenberg's keeper redfish.



Jack Chopp and small snook.



Aaron Wagner's 26-inch red grouper.



Joe Udvari with 22-inch seatrout.



Peter Meier and mangrove snapper.



Kel Krotzer with a nice slot 33-inch snook.

Member Catches



Darlene Madsen and stingray.



Dave Dyke and a 22.5-inch Spanish mackerel.



Bob Bretts' 25-inch redfish.



Jim Quorllo releasing a fun tarpon.



John Solinger with a "just in the slot" 27-inch redfish



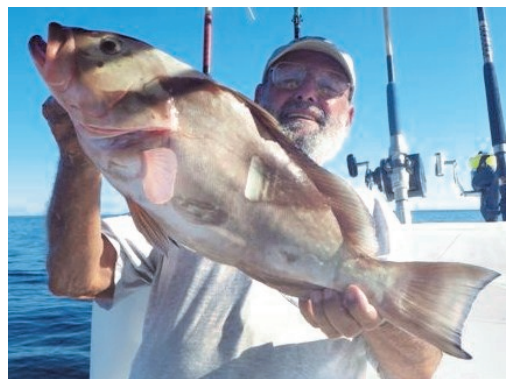
John Stockinger and jack crevalle.



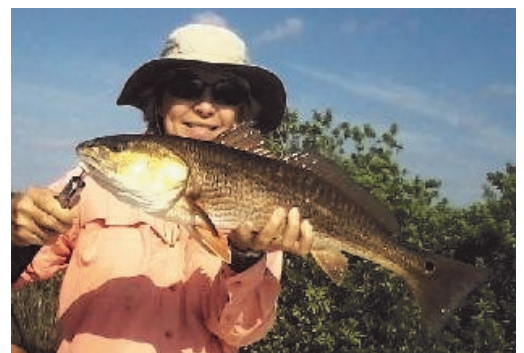
Elaine Bretts first fish, a 21-inch snook



Patty Schalter with large grunt (probably).



Roger Davis and 26.5-inch red grouper.



Pam Solinger and 26-inch redfish.



Ron Baxter and 12-inch mangrove snapper..



Ron Stenberg and a beautiful "over the slot" snook.

Member Catches



Marge Hoffman, Aaron Wagner, Jim Hoffman and Bill Bonham with their red grouper catch.



Steve Ferra and 27-inch redfish.



Tom Hickey and his Master Angler leading 40-inch king mackerel.



Sharon Dyke with 21-inch Spanish mackerel.



Bill Bonham with a 34-inch snook.



Peter Meier and an 11-inch pinfish.



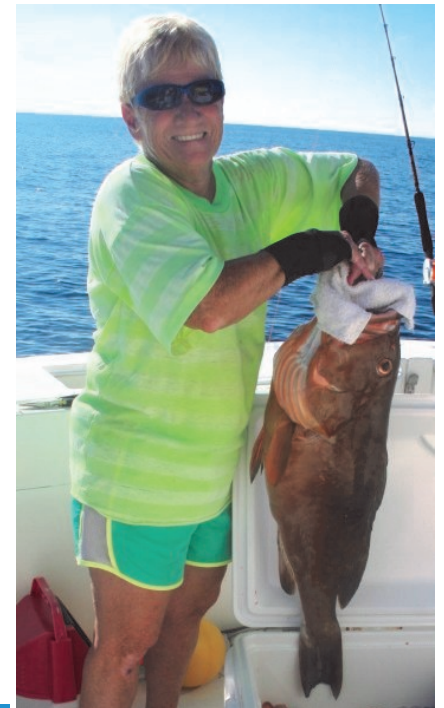
Tom Hickey and 24-inch redfish.



Roger Davis and his 43-inch barracuda.



Joe Udvari and 33-inch snook.



Marge Hoffman with her 31-inch red grouper, a new women's record.

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The Hunt for Red October

By Pete McGregor

(Editor's note: This is a story related by Pete of the kind of day fishing Charlotte Harbor we all dream of having. Well worth reading.)

It was late July and we got a call from the kids that they would like to come down for a visit and to do some fishing. It's always a joy for any parent to get to spend some precious time with the kids and I suggested they come in late September after we got back from our Alaska cruise. I further explained that late September and early October were the best two months for tarpon and redfish and it was often called black water fishing due to the tannic water. The date was struck and they were coming for five days, one day after we got back.

We got back from our cruise on the 26th of September and quickly learned the harbor was a mess as it had been raining sideways for six days and it was full of fresh water - BAD NEWS. I talked to some of my fellow fishermen and none had been out as the bait and fish had vacated the harbor and the wind and rain made it unbearable - PANIC - what to do?

The kids got in the next day and as always it was wonderful to see them again. We shared happenings in our lives and the subject of fishing eventually came up. I explained the situation and advised them we will be spending a lot of time on the water and hopefully find some bait and a few fish.

Day 1 - Nothing in the north end of harbor. Finally found some pinfish at Jug Creek Shoals. Fished Turtle Bay and Bull Bay for six hours. One small snook and one keeper redfish. Slow.

Day 2 - More of the same - pinfish at Jug Creek - Fished 8 hours - Turtle Bay, Bull Bay, Little Cape Haze, West wall - three small keeper reds 18 to 22 inches.

Day 3 - We still had 100 pinfish in my bait cage at the dock so we got an early start. We left at 7:30 and headed south to the Pine Island sound area and

began fishing oyster bar, mangrove shorelines and potholes to no avail - not even a bite! We needed to try something new and changed our heading to the Bokeelia bar area.

We were cruising along in the channel of the bar in about 6-feet of water when one of the kids looked off to the side and saw what appeared at first to be rays. As we approached a little closer I yelled, "No, those are Redfish and they are huge!" We ran toward the school and I put down my auto pilot trolling motor and moved in on the fish. I grabbed a pinfish and put it on one of the kids hook and instructed the others to do the same. We neared the school and I told them to cast towards the edges.

My son and my daughter in law hooked up immediately and I headed to untie my two nets - chaos!

Dalton, one of my kid's friends had done no saltwater fishing and my daughter in law Kendra had done very little and they both had a fish on. I netted the two fish, removed the hooks, and revived them before release. The next fish was hooked by my son Bryan and ended up being the biggest fish we caught - a whopping 42-inches. After

many more fish my son Bryan climbed up into my crows nest on top of my T-top and kept an eye on the school which was still tailing now in 7-feet of water. He said "Dad, you catch a few fish and I will keep an eye on the school." He continued to call



Kendra with 37-inch red.



Bryan with 42-inch red.

Fish Stories

down to me the direction of the school and I would run the remote control on the trolling motor from



Pete with his 38-inch red caught on September 30th...one day too soon for our October FOM contest!

down below. We continued to follow that school towards the Burnt Store bar area where we eventually lost them when the wind picked up.

It was 11:30 AM when we first found the fish and had followed them for about six miles over a four hour period and we were now in 8-feet of water. We were the only boat on that school of approximately 200 fish and it had been a real HOOT! Final redfish tally: **one 42-inch, three 38-inch, two 37-inch, one 36-inch, two 35 inch, several 33 and 34-inch, and two keepers of 27 and 26.5-inches. Also caught two big black drum and forty cat-fish.** The BEST day I have ever had on the harbor and a day to remember for a lifetime; and it happened when the kids were here. We found Red October!



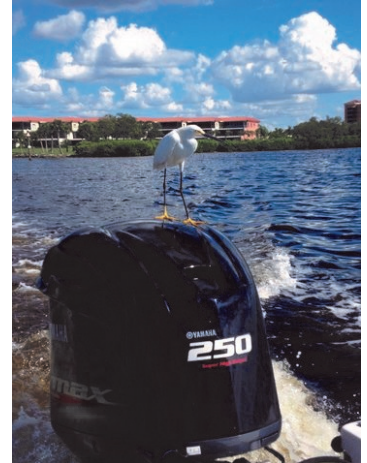
Kendra and Bryan with one of the big black drum.

Day 4 - Went Tarpon fishing - very hard to find ladyfish but got a few. Spent the day searching for the "silver king" and saw just two at the end of the day - not hungry.

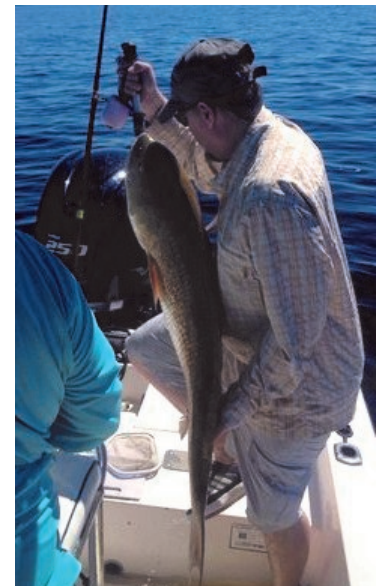
Day 5 - Short day - saw no ladyfish or tarpon.

As we left for the airport my daughter in law Kendra said "To heck with the tarpon, this was much better - we'll be back next year to get my tarpon."

Moral of the story - "Charlotte Harbor is a wonderful fishery and the more time you spend on the water the luckier you will get."



A few more of Pete's redfish photos to admire:



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Here are some of our
club members willing
to take other members
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