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OCTOBER CLUB MEETING Tuesday, October 8, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

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ON THE COVER—Think maybe Joe's happy with this Tarpon caught last month?



From the Helm

an you believe all this rain? Oh to be a duck! Wait, they shoot ducks, don't they? Oh well, I guess I'll just wait for rain to stop

and then I'll go fishing. I hope they'll be biting.

So, have you read Donnie's article? If not, I think you should. We have a fantastic membership and Donnie'll tell you all about it.

Well, I have some really great news. Our Board now has a complete list of candidates on which you can vote in November. The list is:

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

We have some really great guys here who are ready and willing to come to the Board with new ideas. HOWEVER...keep in mind that should you think there is someone qualified and eager, please nominate that person (with that person's permission) at the October meeting. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR NOVMEBER MEETING AND YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.

Okay, that said, I can tell you that my two year term as your president was a fun ride. We made some changes, added a small variety of new prizes and had one heck of a time. While the normal presidency is one year, I will never say I was sorry to serve two. It really has been a great time and wonderful experience.

On to fishing. I'm looking forward to reading John's article on who won the tarpon contest. Tarpon may be easy to hook but they sure are difficult to reel in so this contest was a very interesting one.

Speaking of interesting! Has anyone ever heard of

the pigfish? Now, while there are many "true" photos of the pigfish on the internet, the one that has all of us laughing is the one we are sure was photoshopped by some would-be comic. Here is that photo:



And this is what a pigfish actually looks like:



And there are real pigfish all over the Gulf of Mexico.

That's one of the things I enjoy about our club. You learn something all the time.

Moving on:....

It's nice to know that the snook season is OPEN.... But please if you're not in the habit of "eating" this beautiful fish, practice catch and release. We really don't want the fish population to decrease enough to have the FWC close it again.

For the members who have a Boat US membership and are ready to renew or those who are considering a Boat US membership for the first time, don't forget to give them the PGI Fishing Club membership discount number: GA80274S

If you want more information regarding that discount or the discount from Sea/Tow, just call me (916-9470).

Since the end of the year is approaching, please be sure to read the entire newsletter. We have so much information you just don't want to miss.

Well, I guess that's it for this month.

Hopefully, I'll see you at the meeting.

Now, without further ado......GO FISHING! well, as soon as the weather clears.

Aaron

Jim Qurollo

Editor's Notes

Too Much Rain is Bad for More Than just the Fishing

y short section of sea wall is on the 45degree section of a canal end. It is the old original sea wall and the entire wall on our end of the canal has been scheduled for replacement since around the first of this year. Last February or so I was told by the City Canal Maintenance folks that the work order had been issued and the sea wall would be replaced "very soon."

Ten months and much rain later and there was still

no new sea wall. But my next door neighbor with sea wall adjacent to mine and covering the onehundred or so feet at the end of the canal had all of his wall collapse a week ago. The city was called late on a Tuesday night and they responded quickly to inspect the wall and put up the red tape.

So far I'm lucky and can still use mine, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed until it is replaced. With the sixty or so other collapsed sea walls in the PGI canals since the huge rains, looks like it might be quite some time before they get to mine.

Sure hope my fishing opportunities don't go away for too long while I have no dock and no rain to interfere with the fishing!



Fishing Events



love this time of year. This is when the fishing really gets great and the rain and hot weather start to subside. Members are catching redfish, snook,

and seatrout. Tarpon will be in the upper harbor until the cold fronts start to drop the water temperature later this month. King mackerel will start making appearances out in the Gulf. Gag grouper season remains open until early December. October is one of our best months to fish so if you haven't had the chance to fish, now is the time!

Our September Fish of the Month contest was TAR-PON. Tarpon were hit and miss during the month but a number of our members found them in the upper harbor and were able to get hook-ups. The problem was, they weren't to be found when you went back to the same area the next day. So you had to keep up the hunt. The award for the Fish of the Month tarpon contest was for the most tarpon caught and it had to result in a leader touch with a picture of the fish in the water. This is probably our most difficult contest of the year. Despite the difficulty we did finish September with winners for the 9th month in a row. Congratulations go out to:

- Joe Udwari, 1st place (\$35 gift certificate), 2 tarpon caught
- Pete McGregor, 2nd place tie (\$25 gift certificate), 1 tarpon caught
- Carl Leicher, 2nd place tie (\$25 gift certificate), 1 tarpon caught
- John Gettinger, 2nd place tie (\$25 gift certificate), 1 tarpon caught

Thanks go out to the members that submitted pictures of their TARPON 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 email address for submissions,

fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org or drop off a picture with the same information at the PGICA office. This month, October, will be the last month that we will be accepting paper photos. Beginning in November all entry photos must be submitted electronically. If you need some help in how to do this, let us know. Our October Fish of the Month is REDFISH. October is one of the best months to catch redfish in the Harbor and this will be a very competitive month for our members since so may members love to fish for redfish. These fish are TOTAL LENGTH; tip of the nose to the tip of the squeezed tail. Also, just a reminder that fish you catch with a paid inshore guide do not qualify for this contest. Make sure that you get photos of you with the fish submitted no later than November 1st.

There have been a few recent changes to fishing regulations that you may not have heard about. There has been an additional red snapper season added that will open this fish in the Gulf for October 1 through October 14 in federal waters and October 1 through Oct 21 in state waters. The requirement to use venting tools was also eliminated in federal waters, which is beyond 9 miles out. The requirement to use a venting tool still exists in state waters, which is up to 9 miles out. Also, the jigs that are used to catch tarpon in Boca Grande pass are being eliminated effective November 1. Not many of our members like to do this crowded "combat" fishing in the Pass so the impact on us will be minimal.

We are holding our next PGI Fishing Club outing on Tuesday, October 15. This is open free to all members but we will be requesting that members sign up in advance. A signup sheet was passed around at the September meeting and the October 8th meeting will be your last chance to signup. This event is just for fun and hopefully we can get members out fishing that may not get out too often. We will also offer a \$25 gift certificate to the longest redfish, snook, spotted seatrout and gag or red grouper for the day (one prize per member). Between 3-4 PM that day, we will be gathering at Harpoon Harry's where we will brag and hand out the awards. If you aren't interested in fishing that day, feel free to come up to Harpoon Harry's 3-4 PM to join in the gathering. Our last outing had over 35 members participate in a fun day so make sure you attend!

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

September, 2013 Fish of the Month Contest Tarpon



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Congratulations to our winners! (There were a total of 5 tarpon 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	SNOGK
July	SHARK
August	MANGROVE SNAPPER
September	TARPON
October	REDFISH
November	GROUPER
December	BLACK DRUM



Programs John Simonieg

Our September speaker, Capt. Cayle Wills of Reelbadfish.com gave a very interesting presentation. He offers to give charters on your

boat or his own. Price using your boat is about one half the normal cost. He will 1) Give a harbor tour, pointing out fishing spots, etc. 2) Teach you to fish one on one 3) Actually have fun and catch fish. He pointed out that fishermen need to understand the fish, structures they hang around and the breeding cycle to determine the bait or lures to use. You can have more than one person fishing on the boat.



John Simonieg presents guest speaker Capt. Cayle Wills with a certificate of appreciation.

For Tarpon look for tide lines, check out Mangrove Pt and Whorehouse Pt. Tarpon are all over the harbor. Use small ladyfish, large greenbacks or D.O.A. Bait Busters for artificial baits. Dark lures in dark water. Other live baits are Blue Crabs and Finger Mullet. Fish the canals in early morning and go upriver until sunset. One in twelve land a Tarpon to bring to the boat. He also suggests giving slack in the line when they jump.

Our speaker for October will be Capt. Robert Lugiewicz of Fishin Franks. He said with the weather starting to cool down, Redfish will be starting to TAIL. Tailing Redfish should be all over the harbor as large Reds come to the harbor to prepare to breed with the younger Reds. You will find out how to catch the tailing Redfish. Be sure to attend.



Ladies Liaison

Cris Scheib and Jane Stenberg

ICNIC IN THE PARK! Hopefully the summer heat will be gone

and we'll be able to catch a nice breeze for our outdoor picnic. Meet at the Pavilion in Gilchrist Park at 11:30 AM on Thursday, October 10. Order a sandwich or salad from Old Town Convenience Store. If you haven't tried their food before, you'll be pleasantly surprised! I'll post their menu in my email to you. If you don't want to pick something up, just bring your own. Since it's National Dessert Month I might just bring along some brownies to share!

October is also National Seafood Month. You can enjoy some great fish & chips at The Icehouse Pub - blackened, grilled or fried! The Icehouse was built in the 1890's and was originally used As an ice plant for the fishing industry. They now serve an authentic English Pub menu and a wide array of beer. Meet on Thursday, October 24 at 6 PM. Need more info or want to see their menu? Just visit their web site theicehousepub.com.

We had a fun time and some yummy food in September when we visited The Skyview Cafe for lunch and Santhino's for dinner.



Skyview Cafe ~ Punta Gorda Airport, from right: Linda Essex, Jane Stenberg, Debbie Gragau, Bev Rucker, Marie Ludvig, Donnie Brennan, Mary Harucki, Bonnie Verminski, Cris Scheib, Jeanne Reeck

NOVEMBER PREVIEW—We'll try something new. The Charlotte County Players present "The Hallelujah Girls". - a comedy about some feisty southern females. Tickets are \$20. Thursday, November 21 @ 7:30 PM. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested so we can get tickets together.

RSVP for any event to me, pastadiva@comcast.net Or Jane, ronjane1@hotmail.com If you need a ride, just let us know.



Membership

hat a week this has been, huh? Seems like the rain just won't quit. And yes, I'm

really tired of hearing, "Well, the grass can use it!" Have you SEEN the grass lately? In many places, you actually can't. Just like humans. We need water to survive but if you toss us under water long enough, we'll drown just like the grass. We need some sunshine ASAP!!



Okay, at least I tried!

We had a really busy September. Not only did you receive (I hope) your renewal forms but we have also had 13 people join our membership. Let me introduce our newest members:

BOB & ELAINE BRETTS

CAPT. TOM CLIFFORD & DAWN FLEMING

ANDY COPE

BOB & LISA HEID

DAVE & BEV MARTIN

RANDY & KAREN NEUMAYER

BRUCE & JENNIFER ROSS

Remember each new member will be showing a star on his/her badge. Please go out of your way to say hello. Play nice.

As of this writing, we can boast a whopping 266 memberships with a total of 510 people! I told you we're a great club. we must be doing something right, huh? Now I have a bit of news that still has my head in a bit of a spin.

You know I'm always bragging about how great our club is. Word certainly has gotten around. A gentlemen from another fishing club in ANOTHER TOWN, called me asking about our success. How do we obtain members? How do we keep our membership? What makes our club such a great success? I invited him to join us for a meeting to see for himself.

Now you know just what a great club to which you belong.

It isn't just the fact that we go fishing and actually catch fish, it's also our camaraderie – our eagerness to help our newer members, it's our socialness (hey, according to spell check, that isn't even a word....so move over WEBSTER) and the fun we have doing everything.

Look, let's face it! If your Board wasn't having fun doing what they do, they wouldn't be doing it and you wouldn't have a board or a club to be in.

So as I said, we really do have a really great club! Now, before I really run out of room, I'd better end this article.

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

i Everyone,

I want to thank everyone for all the best wishes I received after my foot surgery. While the surgery in itself was uneventful and painless (well, hell, I was out cold!), the recovery isn't any fun. Doc says it'll take about another four months for me to completely heal. That doesn't make me happy but the surgery was badly needed. So, thank you for all your emails and best wishes.

This month, no - I did not send myself a card... but I did send out two get well cards and (Randy Hall and Kathy Zimber) and one sympathy card (Ellen and Aaron Wagner).

What most of you aren't aware of is that Ellen Wagner (our president's wife) lost her mother at the beginning of August and her father in September. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to both of them. I can't imagine how it must feel to lose both parents one month apart. I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say they have our sympathy, thoughts and prayers during and long after their period of loss.

Just remember, what I do. I send out cards of wishes....best wishes for birthdays or anniversaries, get well cards to those who have had surgery or just plain don't feel well and sympathy cards to those who really need our warm wishes.

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

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

Donnie





Sherry

Moerke

Social Events



There is still time to buy tickets for the holiday party on Tuesday, December 10th. Tickets are going fast with only 30 remaining as of September 23rd. You may call me at 941-637-0339 to reserve tickets. If tickets still remain they will be on sale at the October

meeting at a cost of \$15 per person. Tables of eight or partial tables may be reserved. Coco's is catering the event with chicken and beef tenderloin as the entre. There will also be salad, vegetable, potatoes and rolls. The event is BYOB with soda, water and coffee provided. Great music for listening and dancing will be provided by Latitude. Be sure to bring your ticket to the party for a chance to win a door prize.

Punta Gorda Isles Tishing please join us for a Party oliday ecember 104 Dinner and Dancing Music by Latitude Catered by Coco's \$15.00 per person Tickets will be available at the Fishing Club meetings until sold out If you are unable to purchase tickets at the club meeting Call Sherry Moerke starting September 11th at 941-639-0337 **Tickets** are limited Reserved seating available for tables of up to 8 The party will be held at

The PGI Civic Association 2001 Shreve Street

Last Month's Drawing Prize Winners

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST PLACE SECOND PLACE THIRD PLACE

- Renee SkellyLarry KessingerDick Doster
- Redbone Spinning Rod Okuma EF30b reel \$25 Gift Certificate to Terminal Tackle



FIRST PLACE Renee Skelly



SECOND PLACE Larry Kessinger



THIRD PLACE Dick Doster



50/50 WINNERS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
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WINNER	WINNER	WINNER
Jack Spies \$70	Larry Kessinger \$35	Rich Brennan \$25

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Master Angler Tournament 2013 Standings

(If you see an error, please contact the Fishing Events Director at fishing@pgifishingclub.org or Newsletter Editor at editor@pgifishingclub.org)

COBIA		GROUPER	2003	KING MACKEREL	REL REDFISH SEATROUT SNOOK		SPANISH MACKEREL					
Joe Maillet	47.0	Jim Hoffman	35.5		Carl Leicher	33.5	Steve Landaker	27.5	Missy Becker	42.0	Mike Gilger	24.0
Tom Lodge	39.0	John Gettinger	34.5		Pete McGregor	33.0	Joanne Landaker	26.5	John Solinger	36.0	Sheree Wolfinger	23.5
Mike Peters	33.0	Bob Rand	33.5		Kel Krotzer	32.0	John Solinger	26.0	Rich Brennan	35.5	John Solinger	23.0
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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

Entering our fishing programs is simple. Just email a photo of you and your fish along with your name, date caught, fish species, and length to fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org.





Isles Trophy Race 2013



PGI FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL ISLES TROPHY STANDINGS

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME		RECORD		127			
	SPECIES MAINIE	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
x	Amberjack	John MacLeman	45.5	2012	Jim Qurollo	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	Jinnon	55.55	04/01/15	51.0570
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Carl Leicher	33.5	09/04/13	79.76%
X	Reditsir	Rich Brennan			John Solinger	26.0	04/10/13	89.66%
	Seatrout	Arron Wagner	29.0	2009	Steve Landaker	27.5	05/03/13	94.83%
x	Snook	Jim Qurollo	44.5	2012	John Solinger	36.00	04/10/13	80,90%
	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mike Gilger	24.00	04/16/13	80.00%
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%
	10 11 11	Margie Hoffman	31.0	2006	Joanne Landaker	30.00	04/13/13	96.77%
	Grouper	Bev Rucker	31.0	2008	Margie Hoffman	30.00	04/01/13	96.77%
	King Mackerel	Margie Hoffman	37.0	2007	7	A Shipping and		1000
	and the second	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Joanne Landaker	28.00	05/11/13	73.68%
	Redfish	Missy Becker	38.0	2008		114		
	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%
3	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Sheree Wolfinger	23.5	03/30/13	83.93%
					This Year's Leaders are	- 850		
					New 2013 Records this	Do 1 ST		

ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2013







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 Qurollo Rose Anne McCaffrey



Bob Rand and a 41-inch black drum caught off his dock.



Larry Kessinger with his LOA mangrove snapper.



Ed Verminski with his nice keeper slot redfish.



Pam Solinger with a 24-inch red grouper.



Bill Bonham and good eating grunt.



Joe Udwari with his 22-inich gag grouper...just made it to "keeper."



Karen Udwari and her hard fighting jack crevalle.



Mike Gilger with 22-inch spotted seatrout.



Rich Brennan with a nice seatrout.



Pam Solinger with a grunt.



Aaron Wagner with redfish. Looks like he's fishing on the golf course again.





And Aaron Wagner with another good red. This

one 28-inches.

Arthur Rosen with 28-inch redfish.



Ron Stenberg's 18-inch Spanish Mackerel



Vinnie Madsen with a very large lady fish, 37-inches! Might be too big for tarpon bait.





Ed Verminski and mangrove snapper.



Mike Gilger with small multi-spot red. I've heard of local redfish tournaments where the fish with most spots wins.



Joe Udwari and a "just in the slot" 28-inch snook.



Here's Rich Brennan with another redfish, this one 28-inches. He caught quite a few this past month, hope he does as well in October.



Roger Davis with a cow nose ray he hooked on a jig.



Trudi Baxter and her LOA "first fish." Seems many first fish are cats.



And Rich again, this time with a fun snook.

Editor's Note: This page was added after first publication of the October Newsletter in order to include some great Member Catches photos that were either not received by the editor when first submitted due to a Web site glitch, or were "thrown out with the wash" by the editor during his scramble to complete the September Newsletter after returning from vacation in late September.



Carl Leicher with his Master Angler Tournament leading redfish which measured 33.5 inches.



Carl again with a nice action shot taken by Pete McGregor of Carl's FOM tarpon.

See more fish photos on your club Web site: www.pgifishingclub.org Photo Gallery page

Club Members Fishing Together and Sharing Expenses

IN-SHORE:

John Gettinger 941.505.8186 22' CC **Mike Gilger** 610.996.5375 22.5' CC Hans Gross 973.222.2211 22' CC

OFF-SHORE:

Bob Lunsden 706.817.0703 19' CC Bay Boat **Jim Qurollo** 941.347.8467 22' CC Bay Boat

Here are some of our club members willing to take other members fishing on their boat.

Hans Gross 973.222.2211 22' CC

Jim Hoffman 941.575.7867 33' Rampage Twin Diesels—Stand-up Head

Club Member Classifieds

BOATS FOR SALE

BAY BOAT: Seastrike 205 W/T-top and electronic box, length 20'6" power 150 hp Yamaha. Professionally maintained; loaded with extra equipment including Garmin color depth finder and separate color GPS, Minn-Kota auto pilot remote controlled trolling motor 80# thrust, 4 bank(on board) battery charger 20amp, batteries(4) w/switch, 8' Power Pole, hydraulic jack plate and trim tabs, swim step w/fold down ladder, XL twin front deck storage compartments, cast net well, plus canvas covers for seats and center console. Price \$14500. Call Kel Krotzer: phone 505-7853

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