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### NEXT CLUB MEETING Tuesday, October 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

**ON THE COVER**—Bill Guenther, long time editor of the PGI Fishing Club Newsletter, is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift certificate by club President Aaron Wagner.



Go to your facebook page, search for PGI Fishing Club, join the group.

## FROM THE HELM Aaron Wagner, President



hat's the best way to catch a fish?...

Actually, there are quite a few, and that depends on what kind of fish you're trying to catch. Some prefer live bait while others hit artifi-

cials more often. My favorite way of catching a fish is to have someone throw it at me. Can't miss then.

Well, October is here and from what I've heard our Christmas party tickets are selling like hotcakes. We're limited to 152 tickets so you really need to call Sherry Moerke if you'd like to go.

Speaking of Sherry; she's still waiting to hear how many of you will sign up for the PGICA's sock hop on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month. Please call her. You can find her number in the newsletter.

And how about that newsletter? Isn't it looking really great?

For those newbies and according to Donnie, there are several, check out the Fishing Club's website: <u>www.pgifishingclub.org</u>. You'll find a great assortment of information there.

One thing I really enjoy about being your president is that I get to meet everybody and I really enjoy that. We have such a great camaraderie in this club and that makes it so easy to make and keep new friends. I think that's the message our Membership Director tries to convey to everyone she invites to join and you know, I think it's working. I honestly don't know where she finds all the people she's bringing in but she's doing it.

Your club has a really great group of people working on the Board to keep things running smoothly. We also have fun doing it. Even so, while many people will join the Board and stay for countless terms, there are people that must leave for various reasons. This year, we have two to replace.

The Treasurer's spot will be open as of December 31, 2012, as well as the Ladies' Liaison. These are critical positions and must be filled. I know there are people out there who can fill them. If you want more information regarding these positions, you can call either Ron (our current Treasurer) at 505-2295, Gena (our current LL) at 639-5555, Donnie at 575-8808 or me at 916-9470. We'll be more than happy to explain what's required – which isn't really all that much.

And both Ron and Gena have promised to help guide you through the initial phase of your duties. A friend of mine said recently that she's been on the Board for so long because she's having such a great time, gets to meet new people and really enjoys her job.

That puts in a nutshell how we operate the Board. We have a great time, get to meet new people and really enjoy what we do.

How about it? Ready to have some fun? Call me. I'll explain the best I can what these two positions entail and if I falter, I'll advise you to call Ron and/or Gena.

Oh, hey before I forget, don't forget to read the rest of the Newsletter. There is some really great information you won't want to miss: the next Club's fishing outing, news about the Christmas party, fishing tips, winner's names and who our next speaker is...just to get you started.

Okay, then, read on and my new motto: "Spinnin' Reels"

Aaron

## Your PGI Fishing Club's Web site: www.pgifishingclub.org

#### Editor's Notes



he Newsletter cover this month shows our

longtime former Newsletter editor Bill Guenther receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Club President Aaron Wagner. The Certificate reads:

Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club Certificate of Appreciation Is hereby presented to: Bill Guenther for outstanding performance as Newsletter Editor from

## 2004—2012.

Your lasting contribution to the Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club has made an indelible mark on this organization and the entire community.

Recognition of Bill's hard work over these past eight years is certainly well deserved. By the way, he hasn't "retired." Among other things, he's still directing the efforts of the entire Neighborhood Marine Watch program. It was his brain child and I don't think he's ready to give that up yet!

As for the current Newsletter Editor, I just returned

from a nearly three week trip to the west coast. Mid-September Nan, Elsie (our old black Lab) and I drove to Raleigh, NC to leave Elsie with our daughter. We then flew to Chicago for a few days sight seeing in downtown, boarded AMTRAK "Empire Builder" for a two day/night trip through the northwestern states ending in Portland, OR. Rental car down the coastal highway of Oregon and northern California to see the scenery and the awesome redwoods. On across the Golden Gate and down to Monterey, CA for three days and nights. We visited some old stomping grounds like Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Carmel and 17-mile Drive. Even ate lunch at the Hog's Breath tavern...but Clint didn't stop by to say hi.

Return trip was similar except we took the AMTRAK "California Zephyr" through the middle of the Rockies, Denver and back to Chicago. I recommend the AMTRAK trains with sleeping compartments if you're looking for an enjoyable, comfortable trip...good food, great sights and lots of interesting people.

So, the above explains why the October Newsletter is a little late and rushed on my part. We arrived back in PGI late on Monday, October 1st and I've spent many hours trying to sort through a few hundred emails for the many great fish photos and

# Harbor Happening...some background

"Harbor Happening" began as an anchor-out for the numerous boating clubs of the PGICA. The organizing committee expanded the concept by creating a party for anchor-out participants at Laishley Park later the same day. Water taxi options were developed. Entertainment was hired. Food and beverage vendors were contacted. Insurance was purchased. A member generously offered to photograph it all from his plane. Two hundred and fifty participants are going to be asked to form the letters PGICA in the park for an aerial photo.

Laishley, as you know, is an open city park. Hence our party will be open to members of the public. As a courtesy and consequence, the committee decided it should invite other harbor boating organizations to join us in our celebration. As the size and scope grew, the Chamber of Commerce stepped up to assist us by offering its wonderful organizational skills and contacts. The committee hopes to have over two hundred boats anchored from Gilchrist Park to Laishley. When one considers our mission "to enhance the quality of life in Punta Gordo Isles as a leading waterfront community," I can't imagine a better fit. You will be hearing much more about this as plans are finalized.

(Information for this article was provided by our Rep to CCA, Tom Parsons.)

## FISHING EVENTS John Wolfinger



ell, fall is officially here. We don't see the leaves changing down here like our fellow snowbirds are seeing up north. But we do see other welcome changes here; they're just different. The last week of September was the first week in many months where it was

very pleasant being out on the boat. The extreme heat of months past has started to subside and that combined with a light breeze made it really nice out there. The water in the harbor has started to cool down, rain is becoming less frequent and the days are getting shorter. All of these factors will start to change the way fish behave and where to catch them. They will become more active and they'll spend more time in the shallow water as we move through October. October is usually a great month for fishing so get out there and catch some big ones!

Our September Fish of the Month contest was TARPON. By the last week of the month I was getting concerned since there were not any submissions yet. The tarpon were just not around despite many of our members looking hard for them. Then suddenly in the last few days of September the tarpon started to show up near the mouth of the Myakka. A number of our members, including me, witnessed the tarpon rolling in this area and many jumped some tarpon only to have them throw the hook. 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 was probably our most difficult contest of the year. Despite the difficulty we did finish September with three winners. Congratulations go out to:

- Bob Busler, 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

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 NEW e-mail address for submissions, fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org or drop off a picture with the same information at the PGICA office.

Although we did have three winners for the TARPON contest, the numbers of fish still were not at the levels they were several years ago. Although the tarpon season this year seemed a bit better than last year, we still have a way to go to get back to what it was like just a few years ago. I know there are a lot of opinions out there as to why, but no one really knows at this point. The one difference I notice is that the amount of bait in the harbor is not what it was like a few years ago. That can make a big difference in the number of predators that are looking for food. I hope next year is an improvement over this year and maybe this is just a cycle we are going through. If you didn't catch a tarpon in September they may still be around for a few more weeks so this is a good opportunity to get a fish for your Ladder of Achievement and 200 points too.

Our October Fish of the Month will be REDFISH. I can tell you right now this will be a very competitive month since many of our members love fishing for redfish. The awards will go to the top three longest fish caught in the month of October. 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.

We are holding our second PGI Fishing Club outing on Tuesday, October 16. 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 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 grouper for the day (one prize per member). The outing will be followed by a gathering at Harpoon Harry's where we will brag and hand out the awards. Our last outing in April had over 40 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, 2012 FISH OF THE MONTH CONTEST TARPON

Bob Busler, 1st Place (\$35 gift certificate) with one of his two winning tarpon.





Carl Leicher, tied for 2nd Place (\$25 gift certificate) with this tarpon.



Pete McGregor tied for 2nd Place (\$25 gift certificate) with this tarpon.

There was no 3rd Place entry. More photos of the four tarpon caught can be seen on our "MEMBER CATCHES" section starting on page 15.

## Fishin' Babe of the Month With an October Fish of the Month



OCTOBER	REDFISH
NOVEMBER	GROUPER
DECEMBER	BLACK DRUM



## PROGRAMS John Simonieg



e had a very good Power-Point presentation by Capt. Robert Moore on catching tarpon in the upper harbor, mostly ignoring the madness of the Boca Grande Pass. He marked each tarpon catch on his GPS for the last several years and the display showed most were

caught in the twenty foot holes. The hole just south of Marker 1 showed the most catches. Capt. Rob uses 80 Ib. braided line with a 7/0 hook to minimize the fight so the fish can live to jump another day. He doesn't lift the fish from the water while taking pictures either. We also got a comprehensive explanation on the



Captain Moore is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Randy Hall.

tarpon breeding and feeding habits and pressure from predators, both natural and man-made. We are more knowledgeable after his presentation.

Captain Justin Caufman is our speaker for October and the fish of the month is redfish. Capt. Justin grew up in Southwest Florida and has fished the harbor his whole life, first with his dad and then as a mate and a professional. He went to Captain School immediately after high school and was the youngest in the class. Justin is a tournament fisherman and competes in the Flatsmasters, the FLW Redfish, and the IFA Redfish tournaments. This should be a timely presentation. Be sure to be there.

(Randy Hall is filling in for John Simonieg through the summer months, writing this article and setting up each month's speaker.)

### LADIES WHO FISH

## Also Do Lunch



By Gena Davis, Ladies Liaison The Ladies Who Fish - and Also Do Lunch - enjoyed lunch at Laishley Crab House on September 13.



From the left: Gena Davis, Carol Kessinger, Shirley Ferguson, Marie D'Ambrosio, Missy Becker, Ellen Wagner, Donnie Brennan, Mary Harucki (Donnie's mother) Marie La Rocca, Bev Rucker, Margie Hoffman, and Bonnie Verminski.

The Fishing Ladies' Night Out on August 29 was at The Village Fish Market.



From the left: Gena Davis, Missy Becker and Bev Rucker.

All women in the Fishing Club are invited to join us for our **next lunch on Thursday, October 11 at 11:30 AM at Phil's on 41in Punta Gorda**, and our **Ladies' Night Out at Royal Thai in Punta Gorda at 6:00 PM on Wednesday October 24**. If you plan to attend either or both, please contact Gena Davis at 941-639-5555 or at tinkffh@aol.com , or sign up at the general meeting on October 9.

## MEMBERSHIP Donnie Brennan



hat you mean, September's gone? Where'd it go? Ever have that feeling that time is just slipping away? Hey isn't that a song? Fly

like an eagle? Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin', slippin', lnto the future.

That's how I feel right now. Where the heck did the time go? Guess it flies by when you're having fun.

Fall is just around the corner and by the time you read this, it will have smacked us right in the kisser but hey, cooler weather also brings better fishing so I guess we can't complain that time is just slippin', slippin' away.

There are so many great things happening right now and one is the up and coming PGICA sock hop but I won't go into detail about that. Just read Sherry's article. She's the pro at this; I've resigned as the back-seat driver. She does a fantastic job being the Social Director.

It sure looks like rain today but then, our rainy season isn't over yet.

I need to know: What do you call a fish with no eyes?

Answer:::::Fsh

Now for some membership news:

We have SIX new members to welcome into our club:

**BOB & HEATHER PEARCE** 

**GARY & PAT SKILLICORN** 

**JOSE & ELEONORA JIMINEZ** 

Isn't this great? Six new members!! Color me happy.

Now on to other business. At the October and November meetings, you'll see a box on my table for your renewal checks. Please drop your envelopes in that box AND don't forget to include your membership forms.

Should you renew by cash, then you need to see me for your receipt.

NO MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT DECEMBER'S MEETING, so please don't ask me.

As of November 30, 2012, all 2012 membership cards that have not been picked up will be tossed in the trash so don't look for it in December. I won't have it any longer.

And finally, well, almost finally, when you pay your dues and you know you won't be around to pick up your badge, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will mail your badge to you. Thanks.

And now, really finally, WHY DID THE SEATROUT CROSS THE ROAD?

Have a great day and happy fishing...

Oh, you want to know the answer, don't you!

It was the chicken's day off!

<u>Don't forget:</u> The new email address for submitting fish photos is: fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org

## SUNSHINE LADY Donnie Brennan



an't believe another month has gone by. Where does the time go?

Need a bit of sunshine? Here's some:

Once upon a time, a guy asked a girl "Will you marry me?" The girl said, "NO!" And the guy lived happily ever after and went fishing a lot and hunting a lot and played golf a lot and drank beer and left the toilet seat up and farted whenever he wanted.

Okay, I just had to get that out of my system.

It's really not easy being a Sunshine Lady. In order to send out cards, you need to be informed of those who need them. Trouble is, no one wants to be that informant. Makes life a bit more difficult. However, I'm glad I have a few friends who do keep me informed.

In September, I sent out two cards. A get well card was sent to Mary Krotzer who was in the hospital due to surgery and a sympathy card to my husband, Rich on the loss of (another) brother.

Please, if you know of someone who could use a smile – for whatever reason, just call (575-8808) or email (L3th@comcast.net) me and one will go out asap.

Remember, smiles are free and I've got plenty to go around.

Have a great day.

Donnie



## REMINDER

A photo is your entry form for all club fishing events (Master Angler Tournament, Ladder of Achievement Program, Fish of the Month Contest, and Isles Trophy Race). The photo of you with the fish, your name, fish species, length and date caught noted on the back of the photo, or in the body of your email will be your official entry form.

## SOCIAL EVENTS Sherry Moerke



This is your last chance to pick up your tickets for the "Back to the 50's" sock hop at PGICA. The Civic Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary with PGI Fishing Club sponsor-

ing the event. It is Friday October 12th at 7:00 P.M. DJ George will provide the entertainment with dancing, contests and great prizes. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. It is BYOB with ice and soda provided. Tickets will be available at the October 9th meeting and anytime during business hours at the PGICA front desk. The best news is that it is free for all Civic Association members and only \$10 for guests. You may reserve tables of eight for your group. Bring your friends and neighbors for a fun event.

The Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 11 at 6:00 at PGICA. Tickets will be available at the Fishing Club general meeting on October 9th. The cost is \$10 for members. The Uptown Express is providing the entertainment for the evening with Coco's catering the event. We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert, whichever is circled on the back of your ticket. Water and soda is provided. Alcoholic beverages are BYOB. We are limiting the number of attendees to 152 people utilizing 19 round tables of eight. We will open the party to guests at a cost of \$20 at the November general meeting if there is space available. You may reserve a table of eight when you pay for your ticket. I will be unavailable from September 26th through October 10th. You will be able to purchase your ticket at the October general meeting or by calling Sheree Wolfinger at 347-8661. After October 10th please call Sherry Moerke at 639-0337 for tickets. Please bring your ticket with your name written on it to the party for a door prize drawing.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the parties.

Sherry Moerke, Social Director

## RECIPE Of The Month

## **Panko Fried Fish**

Last month I included a recipe for a marinade to use when grilling fish. For me, grilled fish is good, but there is nothing better than <u>fried fish</u>. (Nan and I do not entirely agree about that.) Fish were meant to be fried. Fried crispy and



crunchy. I've found no better way to do that than with Panko. If you are unfamiliar with Panko, it is Japanese style bread crumbs. Google it and you'll find all you <u>n</u>ever wanted to know.

Panko can be purchased at Wal-Mart or about any grocery store. It's reasonably priced and comes seasoned or plain. Here is a simple recipe for using Panko as the coating for your fried fish.

#### Ingredients:

- Fish of your choice (Hard to beat most fish you catch in Charlotte Harbor. I've used redfish, trout, snapper and flounder and all were delicious.)
- Box of Panko bread crumbs (Lemon seasoned is fine, I've used Italian seasoned, and unseasoned...all of it is good.)
- Flour
- Couple of beaten eggs
- Seasoning of your choice

#### Preparation:

Season the flour with salt, pepper, Old Bay, lemonpepper...whatever you like. Beat the eggs in a bowl. Put the seasoned flour and Panko into <u>separate</u> shallow pans. Heat your skillet or deep fryer (with appropriate amount of oil) to around 375 degrees.

Dip each boneless, patted dry fish fillet, fish finger, chunk, whatever, <u>in this order</u> to cover the fish: flour, beaten egg, Panko crumbs. Fry on each side in skillet for 3-4 minutes depending on thickness of pieces, or in deep fryer for about same time until golden brown. Drain on paper towels, let cool for five minutes or so, serve with tartar sauce and lemon wedges.

If you haven't had Panko coated fried fish, you owe it to yourself to try it.

## 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 I	l 13	LEGAL	1400	REDFISH PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL I	II 18	LEGAL	1700	TARPON PIN
GRAND MASTER	23	LEGAL	2000	CLUB SHIRT W/LOGO

## THE FOLLOWING FISH AND POINTS EARNED (BASED ON LENGTH OF ENTRY) QUALIFY

POINTS - 100 200 300								
AMBERJACK	32-39	40-45	46+					
BARACUDA	No points							
BLACK DRUM	No points							
BLUEFISH	No points							
BLUE RUNNER	No points							
BONITA	No points							
CATFISH (ALL)	No points							
COBIA	38-39	40-43	44+					
CROAKER	No points							
FLOUNDER	No points							
*GROUPER	24-27	28-31	32+					
GRUNT	No points							
JACK CREVELLE	No points							
KING MACKEREL	32-35	36-39	40+					
LADYFISH	No points							
PERMIT	No points							
POMPANO	No points							
REDFISH	28-29	30-35	36+					
STINGRAY	No points							
SEATROUT	21-22	23-24	24+					
SHARK (Any species)	40-49	50-59	60+					
SHEEPSHEAD	No points							
SNAPPER	No points							
SNOOK	29-33	34-39	40+					
SPANISH MACKEREL	21-22	23-24	25+					
TARPON (any size)		х						
TRIPLETAIL	No points							
WHITING	No points							
YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER	No points							

Goliath Grouper may not be used as a "Species" catch for Grouper.

BRONZE/PIN:	ONZE/PIN: Cunningham, Bruce; desEnfants Tom; Drystad, Joanell; Lodge, Karen; Neiberline, Dick; Poe, Jessica; Pricco, Darryl; Stafford, Ron; Tassia, Joe; Will, Roger; Wolfinger, Sheree; Moerke, Sherry; Moerke, Gary; Stringer, Bill; Kline, Mark; Brunner, Barbara; Caputo, Richard; Lachance, Deny; Lamon, Fred; Mayes, Bob; Morehouse, John; Wiscombe, Janice; Land, Paul; Schulman, Alan; Hall, Randy; Lengauer, Tom; Bonham, Bill				
SILVER/PIN:	SILVER/PIN: D'Ambrosio, Marie; desEnfants, Kathy; Drystad, Marv; Ferguson, Pete; Gulvezan, Mike; Jordan, Christine; Okray, Larry; Sandling, Mike; Remick, George; McKinnon, Ron; Bensen, Fred; Qurollo, Jim; Storm, Mark; Moerke, Gary; Bonham, Bill; McKinnon, Ron; Udwari, Karen				
GOLD:	GOLD: D'Ambrosio, Mattie; Guenther, Bill; Longo, Joe; Simonieg, John; Wagner, Aaron; Brunner, Ray; Udwari, Joe				
LIFETIME/Snook Pin:	LIFETIME/Snook Pin: Lodge, Tom; Verminski, Ed; LaRocca, Jim; LaRocca, Marie; Doster, Dick; Leicher, Carl				
LIFETIME LEVEL II: with Redfish Pin					
LIFETIME LEVEL III: Spies, Jack; Gettinger, John; Solinger, Pam; Hickey, Tom with Tarpon Pin					
GRAND MASTER: with club shirt	Brennan, Donnie; Brennan, Rich; Busler, Bob; Hoffman, Jim; Hoffman, Margie; Krotzer, Kel; Landake Joe; McGregor, Pete; Quinn, Mike; Rucker, Bev; Solinger, John; Wolfinger, John; Parsons, Tom	er, Joanne; Landaker, Steve; Maillet,			

(If you see an	MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2012 STANDINGS (If you see an error, please contact the Fishing Events Director at fishing@pgifishingclub.org or Newsletter Editor at editor@pgifishingclub.org)								
Grouper	<u>Seatrout</u>	<u>Redfish</u>	<u>Cobia</u>	<u>Snook</u>	<u>Spanish</u> Mackerel	<u>King</u> <u>Mackerel</u>			
FIRST PLACE MARTY McCAFFREY 33.5 INCHES	FIRST PLACE AARON WAGNER 29.0 INCHES	FIRST PLACE JOHN SOLINGER & BOB BUSLER 35.0 INCHES	FIRST PLACE ROSE ANNE McCAFFREY 43.5 INCHES	FIRST PLACE JIM QUROLLO 44.5 INCHES	FIRST PLACE CARL LEICHER 30.0 INCHES	FIRST PLACE GARY MOERKE 33.0 INCHES			
SECOND PLACE JIM HOFFMAN & RAY BRUNER 32.0 INCHES	SECOND PLACE RICH BRENNAN 28.0 INCHES	SECOND PLACE PAM SOLINGER 33.5 INCHES	SECOND PLACE JOE MAILLET 43.0 INCHES	SECOND PLACE PETE McGREGOR & BOB BUSLER 37.0 INCHES	SECOND PLACE JOHN MACLEMAN 27.0 INCHES	SECOND PLACE JIM HOFFMAN 31.0 INCHES			
THIRD PLACE CARL LEICHER & ROSE ANNE McCAFFREY 28.0 INCHES	THIRD PLACE PETE McGREGOR 26.0 INCHES	THIRD PLACE TOM HICKEY & DICK DOSTER 33.0 INCHES	THIRD PLACE ED VERMINSKI 42.0 INCHES	THIRD PLACE JOHN SIMONIEG & JOHN GETTINGER 35.0 INCHES	THIRD PLACE WALT ZINK 22.5 INCHES	THIRD PLACE TOM LODGE 26.0 INCHES			

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 competition.

#### 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 (pgifishingclub@pgica.org), or drop off a photo with this information printed on the back at the PGICA office (they will place it in the Club's mailbox)."





# JUNE PRIZE WINNERS

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



FIRST PLACE SECOND PLACE THIRD PLACE Ellen Wagner Marty Skuya Walt Zink

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Redbone Spinning Rod Calico Jack Rod Fishing tackle bag



FIRST PLACE—Ellen Wagner



SECOND PLACE—Marty Skuya



THIRD PLACE—Walt Zink





AND THE BIG BUCKS GO TO...

## 50/50 WINNERS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
PLACE	PLACE	PLACE
WINNER	WINNER	WINNER
Donnie Brennan \$50	Dick Doster \$35	Buddy Krauss \$23









# ISLES TROPHY 2012



#### PGI FISHING CLUB'S ANNUAL ISLES TROPHY STANDINGS

#### **MEN'S DIVISION**

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	2012 MEMBER NAME	2012 LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack Cobia Grouper King Mackerel Redfish Sea trout Snook Spanish Mackerel	RICH BRENNAN BOB BUSLER TOM HAMILTON TOM LODGE BOB BUSLER RICH BRENNAN KEL KROTZER GREG CHESNUT	44 54 39 50 42 29 42 29	2008 2007 2003 2009 2005 2009 2007 2009	Joe Maillet Marty McCaffrey Gary Moerke John Solinger Bob Busler Aaron Wagner Jim Qurollo Carl Leicher	43.0 33.5 33.0 35.0 29.0 44.5 30.0	04/17/12 07/13/12 07/19/12 01/25/12 06/16/12 04/03/12 02/21/12 04/01/12	0.00% 79.63% 85.89% 66.00% 83.33% 83.33% 100.00% 105.95% 103.45%

#### WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	2012 MEMBER NAME	2012 LENGTH IN INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack Cobia Grouper King Mackerel Redfish	MARGIE HOFFMAN JOANNE LANDAKER MARGIE HOFFMAN BEV RUCKER MARGIE HOFFMAN DONNIE BRENNAN	33 50 31 31 37 38	2010 2008 2006 2008 2007 2008	Rose Anne McCaffrey Rose Anne McCaffrey Pam Solinger	43.5 28.0 33.5	06/12/12 06/12/12 06/06/12	0.00% 87.00% 90.32% 0.00% 0.00% 88.16%
	Sea trout Snook Spanish Mackerel	MISSY BECKER JOANNE LANDAKER MISSY BECKER MISSY BECKER	38 26.5 41 28	2008 2011 2006 2007	Missy Becker Pam Solinger Missy Becker	24.5 25.0 22.0	<mark>06/03/12</mark> 03/30/12 04/28/12	0.00% 92.45% 60.98% 78.57%

\*PGIFC Male and Female records are based on the nine "measured" points scoring fish in the Ladder of Achievement

**ISLES TROPHY RACE LEADERS FOR 2012** 

MEN Jim Qurollo LADY ANGLER Captain Missy Becker

## **BEST THINGS ANYBODY EVER SAID**

And the cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good spit it out.

## MEMBER CATCHES



Missy Becker with a nice 30" redfish caught on the east wall with a live pinfish.



Obviously not Charlotte Harbor area fish. These two nice king salmon were caught near the end of September by club member Mark Storm. He was fishing in the Sacramento River Delta, California.



Club Members qualify for a 13 month membership at our 12 month price (\$169) Now offering Marine Telephone & GPS Tracking

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Tom Lengauer with a 29-inch-maybe-someday-keepersnook. Looks like it was caught in a canal.



Joe Udwari with a 20" blue fish. Watch your fingers with this one. They're sometimes called the "Saltwater Piranha," and for good reason.

## MEMBER CATCHES



Pete McGregor during a tarpon fight...



...and getting closer. They're both probably getting a little tired.



Bob Busler with a great 37" snook caught in Charlotte Harbor adds Bob to the snook column in the Master Angler standings.





Close-up of Pete's tarpon. He's worn out for sure now.



## A NEW CLUB SPONSOR! Looking for shutters?

## MEMBER CATCHES





Bob Busler landing his second September tarpon to win first place in the Fish of the Month contest.



Bill Bonham with a Jack Crevalle.



Karen Udwari fishing again. Joe just can't keep her off the boat. Three nice fish for an inshore slam: snook, red and trout.



Pam Solinger and an 11-inch blue runner. Great off shore bait for about anything large.



## MEMBER CATCHES



Jack Spies making a return to fishing after a 15-month hiatus. Not a bad start with these two. A 26-inch snook and 28-inch red.



Bob Busler and Joe Maillet with a couple of slot reds.



Dick Doster with a 33-inch red that puts him into a tie for 3rd place in the Master Angler Tournament standings for redfish.





No fishing tips submitted this month. How about it PGI fishers, don't you have some tips to pass along to your fellow club members next month?

## MEMBERS Fishing Together and Sharing Expenses

(Club members willing to take other members fishing on their boat)

John Gettinger 941.505.8186 22' CC **Mike Gilger** 610.996.5375 22.5' CC **IN-SHORE:** Hans Gross 973.222.2211 22' CC

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

## **OFF-SHORE:**

Hans Gross 973.222.2211 22' CC Jim Hoffman 941.575.7867 33' Rampage Twin Diesels—Stand-up Head



## **PGI NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

The Punta Gorda Isles Neighborhood "Marine" Watch program Is looking for a few good men and/or women.



YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE MARINE WATCH PROGRAM IS ONLY 2-HOURS EACH MONTH, AND YOU WILL ABLE TO CHOOSE FROM A SPREAD OF DAYS TO PERFORM YOUR PATROL. I WILL GO OUT WITH YOU ON YOUR INITIAL PATROL. YOU CAN ALSO ACT AS "CREW" DURING ANY OTHER MEMBERS PATROL.

If you are interested in volunteering a couple hours each month to this worthwhile program, contact: Bill Guenther — Neighborhood Marine Watch program coordinator — Home Phone: 941.505.5099 Cell Phone: 941.661.9702, or email at: (radioman3029@comcast.net)



