



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Gary Skillicorn

What great weather we're having. Not too hot or too cold and the winds have been laying down regularly. From the pictures I see coming in for the Ladder of Achievement awards, some really nice fish are being caught. A lot of photos are coming in from the new members earning those coveted PGI Fishing Club hats!

Here's a few bullet points from Club happenings. Things have been dynamic to say the least. For those stepping in to assist I'm most grateful.

- 1) With Randy Hall stepping down as Secretary, Doug Du Fresne stepped into the position. Since Doug is a snowbird, Donna Markowski has graciously offered to assist while Doug is "up north". Thank you Donna.
- 2) Dick Conant is hard to keep up with, managing all the fishing activities and classes. As a snowbird, Dick will be assisted in his absence by John McFarland on the PGI scene to keep activities moving. Thank you John.
- 3) Although we've had help as seen above, we still have another change in personnel requiring your assistance. Due to the need to become the primary caregiver for family members, social director Bill Muir, needs to step aside. As of this writing the need for a replacement is still there. This is a position that can easily be shared by multiple people. Anyone?
- 4) Our March 13th meeting program will host Fishin' Frank. Although expecting a presentation on Spanish Mackerel you know he's well versed in a wide range of subjects. Have your questions ready.
- 5) Fishin' Frank's annual tent sale is Saturday March 24th. As one of the Clubs great supporters, members are encouraged to provide help at the event. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March 13th meeting.
- 6) Put March 24th on your calendar. Dick has another fun filled tournament with a "weigh-in" at Beef-O-Brady's.
- 7) Chris Pflaum is developing a very worthwhile mentoring program to work with the Crossroads Academy kids to extend our joy of fishing and demonstrate comradeship to them. He will soon be looking for volunteers to assist.
- 8) Check out and join the PGI Fishing Club Facebook site. It really is fun connecting and sharing experiences between meetings. Who knows, maybe Rich Brennan will even reveal where he catches those monster redfish, Randy Douet will tell where the big trout are, and Rick Sarkisian will share his latest tarpon tricks.
- 9) Here's a repeat of a money saving tip you may have missed last month; a valuable tip from Aaron and Ellen Wagner to pass along. Are you are a member of BoatUS for your towing service and want to save some money? With new memberships or your next renewal save 10% by citing discount code GA80274S. Additionally, SeaTow offers our members a free month with an annual membership. You need to call SeaTow in Charlotte Harbor and mention you are in the PGI Fishing Club.

Good fishing and safe boating! Gary Skillicorn

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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Our club currently has **135** members on Facebook. It is exclusively for members. It's a great place to share your catches and experiences with other members in the club.

If you have a Facebook account and want to join, just search for "PGI Fishing Club" in Facebook and select the join button. One of our Facebook administrators will get you added.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



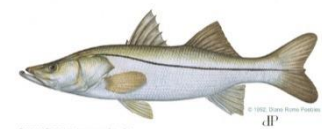
FEBRUARY: GROUPER



MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



APRIL: SNOOK



MAY: COBIA



JUNE: FLOUNDER



JULY: SHARK



AUGUST: TARPON



SEPTEMBER: SPOTTED SEATROUT



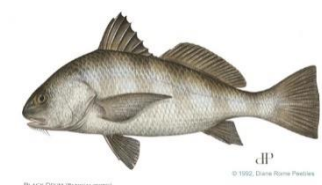
OCTOBER: REDFISH



NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here:

<http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/2016-Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-5-Mar-2016.pdf>

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION / SMART TIPS



Joe Udvari provided us with an excellent presentation on Grouper fishing. Joe, thanks for sharing your wisdom with us.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Joe Bukowski, (Karen Lodge (Name That Fish) Winner), Chuck Sperow, and Patti Topper.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are Bob Mayes, Julie Kale, and Darrel Reynolds.

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FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



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SHEEPSHEAD (*Archamia probatocephala*)



From left to right are Darlene Madsen, Gretchen Sunderland, Cathy Hunt, Bob Gariepy, Vinnie Madsen, and Dennis Krausman.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Club Hat: Al Englehart

Gold Pin: Ken Garden



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

DON'S FISHING REPORT

Vice President:
Don Markowski



Hello All,

I'd like to thank Joe Udvari for his presentation on Grouper fishing at last month's General Membership meeting. As many of you know, Joe is a great fisherman who loves to share his knowledge to help others. His presentation was well received by the entire audience. I hope that some of the knowledge learned from Joe's presentation has helped you catch some Grouper which was our February Fish of the Month.

March's Fish of the Month is Spanish Mackerel. I have asked Fishin Frank to be our speaker in March. He or Robert will be discussing Spanish Mackerel as to how to catch them and where you may find them. I have found them running in some small schools down by Pine Island. We were looking for trout so naturally the larger mackerels stripped our lures right off as they have a very sharp bite. Speaking of Fishin Frank, his tent sale is March 24th. I highly encourage everyone to attend this event. He will have dozens of manufacturers on hand to share with everyone their latest products and to answer any questions you have. Expect a lot of people as the bargains are worth attending. Our club has helped with some traffic control and stood watch at some security points in the past. Fishin Frank is one of the clubs leading sponsors and it would be a great way to show our appreciation back to him by once again helping this year. We will be passing along a signup sheet during our monthly meeting scheduled for March 13th.

As for the fishing report, unseasonable warm temperatures are warming up the harbor early this year. As a result, the white bait fish are moving in especially in the southern areas. As we all know when there is bait fish in the harbor the larger predator fish will follow. We have seen schools of Spotted Seatrout, Spanish Mackerel, and some Redfish in the southern areas of the harbor. Grouper fishing was plentiful offshore and I anxiously await seeing who had the largest Grouper which was the February Fish of the Month

I am working on speakers for some of our upcoming monthly meetings. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to get in touch with me so we can talk about it. You can catch me at the meetings or give me a call at (630) 688-7535.

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Good fishing to all of you.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director
Dick Conant

February Fishing Report

Well, it looks like the weather has started to turn for the better. While inshore fishing has been limited pretty much to Seatrout with only a few Snook and only an occasional Red reported. On the other hand, the offshore crew has been doing great. We had a monster month on Red Grouper. By my count we had 17 entered over 29", and it looks like John Gettinger had at least 3 of them.

New Women's Record for Red Grouper – Diane Bukowski beat the old record by 3" with her monster 37" fish. Heck, she even beat her husband Joe's 36"er by an inch. Congratulations Diane! A well-deserved assist also goes to Jim McCarty for captaining the boat. The trio boated 5 grouper over 29" and a 26" Porgy. Great day guys!!!

As for the rest of the club, we had a monster month. 95 fish were entered and 6100 points were awarded. Five members will be getting their 1st Fish Hats at this month's meeting along with the awarding of a Silver, a Bronze, and a Lifetime Master Angler - Snook Pin.

- Paula Arnold boated a real nice 25" Tripletail.
- The Tripletail run held on through most of the month and after years of trying, John Gettinger even caught one.
- Jim Crawley boated a 33 ½" Cobia proving they are around.
- Cathy Hunt tangled with a 38" Barracuda and won. Look out for those teeth Cathy.
- Ron Topper started the Spanish Mackerel season off with a 21" fish.
- Rich Brennan topped this month's Seatrout entries with a 23"er.
- And, again this month the Redfish drought seems to have continued. We only had one Red entered, a 24" fish entered by Bill Hess.

With Great weather ahead, let's get out and fish.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director
Dick Conant

Upcoming Events



PGIFC Fishing Tournament

Monday, March 26nd
7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Prizes will be awarded at Beef O'Brady's at 4:30 PM, all entries must be submitted to Dick Conant at Beef O'Bradys before 4:00 PM.

Prizes will be awarded equally for:

- Largest Snook
- Largest Grouper – Red, Black or Gag
- Largest Tarpon
- Largest Spanish Mackerel



Largest fish is determined by total length only, all entries must be accompanied by a photo of the fish being entered.

PLEASE NOTE: The species for this tournament are subject to change due to weather or availability. If it appears that enough of any species has not appeared in the area a suitable substitution will be made. Entrants will be notified by email a day or so before the tournament so please make sure your address is up to date.

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FISHING EVENTS

Events Director
Dick Conant



FEBRUARY FOM – Grouper Ladies



Lynn Reeves – 23.0"
2nd Place



Diane Bukowski – 37.0"
1st Place & a
New Women's Club Record



Darlene Madsen – 20.5"
3rd Place

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FISHING EVENTS

Events Director
Dick Conant



FEBRUARY FOM – GROUPER Men



John Gettinger – 32.5"
2nd Place



Joe Bukowski – 36.0"
1st Place



Tom Lodge – 31.0"
3rd Place

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FISHING EVENTS

Events Director
Dick Conant



Ladder of Achievement

March CLUB HAT



John Fitzgerald



Yvette DuFresne



Rich Willingmyre



William "Willy" Volk



Doug DuFresne

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Events Director
Dick Conant



Ladder of Achievement February



Jeff Barnhart –
Lifetime – Snook Pin



Dick Conant –
Silver Pin



Richard Farmer –
Bronze Pin

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

STATISTICS & REPORTS



Record Keeper:
Gary Reeves

The Month in Review (FEBRUARY)

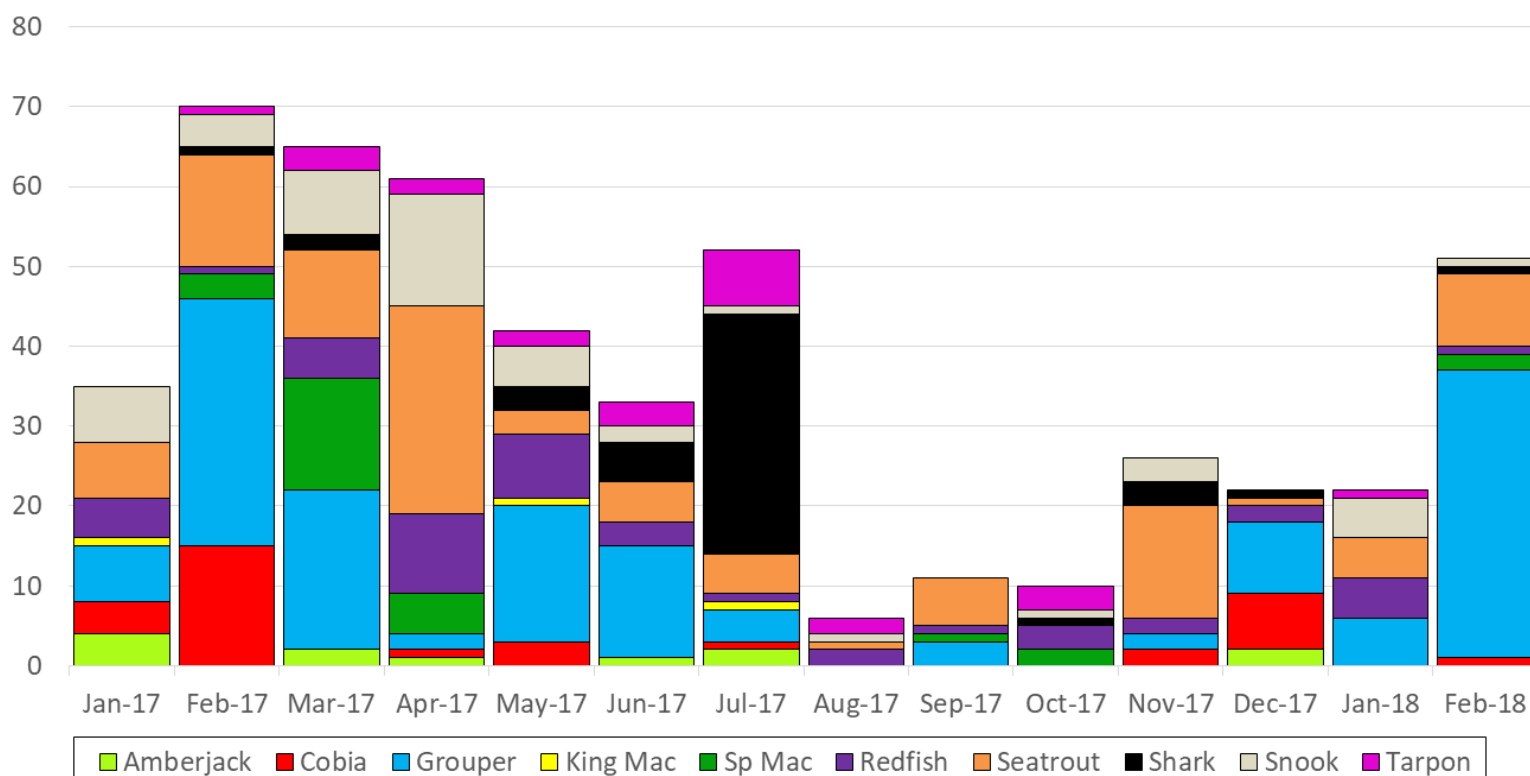
Great month!!! For the most part, our January wish for "good weather and tight lines in February" came true (with almost 100 fish and over 6000 points recorded). Many club members had a great month offshore with 36 Grouper turned in. Let's go get'em and make March even greater!

Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	December	January	March	
Anglers	17	29	34	↑
LOA Awards	1	8	8	↑
Fish Recorded	41	55	97	↑
Points Recorded	2000	2000	6100	↑

14 Month Catch History
(Number of Fish Recorded Each Month by Specie)



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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2018 STANDINGS (FEBRUARY)

Record Keeper:
Gary Reeves



BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER GMA	TOTAL STARS
Max Achtau	Jeff Barnhart	Gary Adams	Jeff Barnhart	Missy Becker	Fred Benson	Ron Baxter	
Janice Anderson	Frank Barrett	Roger Davis	Ray Brunner	Bill Guenther	Larry Benz	Bill Bonham	
Doug Arnold	Anne Careau	Ken Garden	Matti D'Ambrosio	Ken Hardesty	Mark Dillman	Rich Brennan	★★★★
Paula Arnold	Dick Conant	Karen Lodge	Dave Dyke	Bob Mays	Randy Douet	Donnie Brennan	
Jeff Barnhart	Marie D'Ambrosio	Joe Longo	Mary Heins	Marty McCaffrey	Marv Dyrstad	Bob Bretts	★★
Trudi Baxter	Kathy desEnfants	Don Ross	Tom Hunt	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Bob Garipey	Elaine Bretts	★
Barbara Brunner	Tamara Dillman	Sheree Wolfinger	Jim LaRocca	Gary Moerke	Bud Johnston	Dianne Bukowski	
Randy Burchacki	Joanell Dyrstad		Marie LaRocca		Dennis Krausman	Joe Bukowski	
Bill Damour	Hobbs Goodwin		Tom Lodge		Carl Leicher	Bob Busler	
Bebe Davis	Lou Graham		Sherry Moerke		John MacLeman	Jim Crawley	
Tom desEnfants	Mike Gulvezan		Lynn Reeves		Bob Rand	Dick Doster	
Sharon Dyke	Randy Hall		John Simonieg		Gary Reeves	John Gettinger	★★
Richard Farmer	Chuck Henry		Ed Verminski		George Remick	Mike Gilger	★
Wayne Goode	Roz Hickey				Jack Spies	Tom Hickey	★
Sheryl Hatch	Larry Hofmeister				Mark Storm	Jim Hoffman	★
David Hatch	Christine Jordan				Karen Udvari	Margie Hoffman	
Duane Hilgendorf	Denys LaChance					Rich Kale	
Cathy Hunt	Jonathan Landon					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Cindi Johnston	John McFarland					Joanne Landaker	
Mark Kline	William Muir					Steve Landaker	
Fran Krausman	Tom Murray					Darlene Madsen	
Buddy Krauss	Mike Nalipi					Vinnie Madsen	
Fred Lamon	Larry Okray					Joe Maillet	
Paul Land	Ted Perrin					Pete McGregor	★★
Tom Lengauer	Bob Pierro					Tom Parsons	
Don Markowski	Hezzie Samons					Jim Qurollo	
Peter Meier	Mike Sandling					Rick Sarkisian	★
John Morehouse	Deb Sarkisian					John Solinger	
Jerry Morningstar	Ron Stenberg					Pam Solinger	
Catherine Nichols	Jane Stenberg					John Stockinger	★
Dick Nieberline	Ed Stevenson					Ron Topper	★★
Andy Nikitich	Lynne Stockinger					Joe Udvari	★★★★
Sandy Nikitich	Gretchen Sunderland					Aaron Wagner	
Mike Peters	Mike Wagner					John Wolfinger	
Mike Petkus	Stella Wagner						
Jessica Poe	T. Wierzbowski						
Darryl Pricco	Jeff Wilson						
Alan Schulman	Janice Wiscombe						
Gary Skillicorn							
Ron Stafford							
Bill Stevens							
Jan Stevens							
Kathleen Stevenson							
Don Taylor							
Miriam Taylor							
Patti Topper							
Sandy Wierzbowski							
Rodger Will							
Frank Wyatt							
Walt Zink							

RED = Awards This Month

Hats

John FitzGerald
Doug Du Fresne
Yvette Du Fresne
William "Willy" Volk
Rich Willingmyre

(BOLD star = earned this year)

PGI FISHING CLUB LADDER OF ANGLING ACHIEVEMENT

LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	AWARD
Initial Entry	1	None	None	Club Hat
Bronze	5	None	None	Pin
Silver	5	Eligible Size	300	Pin
Gold	7	Eligible Size	700	Pin
LifeTime Level I	9	Eligible Size	1000	Snook Pin
LifeTime Level II	13	Eligible Size	1400	Redfish Pin
LifeTime Level III	18	Eligible Size	1700	Tarpon Pin
Grand Master	23	Eligible Size	2000	Club Shirt
Grand Master Star	-	-	2000	Star

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

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ISLES TROPHY RACE 2018 STANDINGS (FEBRUARY)

Record Keeper:
Gary Reeves



OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2018 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Gary Reeves	48.0	2016				0.0%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Jim Crawley	33.5	02/08/18	62.0%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Joe Bukowski	36.0	02/17/18	92.3%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Tom Lemmink	27.0	01/10/18	64.3%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Rich Brennan	23.0	02/27/18	79.3%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012				
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Rich Kale	42.0	01/29/18	93.3%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Ron Topper	21.0	02/22/18	70.0%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2018 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017				0.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008				0.0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Margie Hoffman	34.0	2014	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	02/17/18	108.8% ★★
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008	Darlene Madsen	15.5	1/21/18	40.8%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Donnie Brennan	19.0	01/21/18	71.7%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013				0.0%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007				0.0%

This Year's Leaders are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2018 STANDINGS (FEBRUARY)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL	SPOTTED SEATRUT
1st Place	NONE	Jim Crawley 33.5	Dianne Bukowski 37.0	NONE	Tom Lemmink 27.0	Rich Kale 42.0	Ron Topper 21.0	Rich Brennan 23.0
2nd Place			Joe Bukowski 36.0		Jeff Barnhart 25.0 Bill Hess 25.0	Bob Bretts 30.5	Dave Dyke 17.0	Steve Lamdaker 21.0
3rd Place			John Gettinger 32.5		Rich Brennan 19.0	Bob Gariepy 28.0		John Gettinger 20.0

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New this month are shown in Red

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
201	382

Membership Director:
Donnie Brennan



Good day, everyone ...

Hope you're all getting out there and having fun fishing. I know I am, now that I'm back out on the water.

It was that time of year, once again to drop from our active roster those who neglected to pay their renewal dues. Because of this, we lost many people. While it's sad to see them go, I wish them well in whatever new endeavors they are now pursuing.

That said, let's welcome our new members:

MICHAEL & BETH BARRETT

OLY (JOHN) OLSON

Keep a keen eye out for the newbies in the club. Let's make them feel welcome. Remember, you were new once, too.

You know the rule: each new member's badge displays a star indicating their new membership. Let's give them all a GREAT BIG welcome.

Go introduce yourselves.

Take a new guy or gal fishing.

Make a new friend. Remember my motto: "any new friend you make just might turn out to be your new friend."

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS



Social Events Director:
Bill Muir

The PGIFC Picnic was held Saturday afternoon, March 3, at the PGICA Shelter and was attended by over 110 members filling up almost the entire space. This year we broke with tradition and had the event catered from Smoke'n Pit BBQ Restaurant. They provided tasty pulled pork in tangy BBQ sauce, smoked chicken, beans, coleslaw, and dinner rolls. This was followed by desserts of artisan cheese and Bundt cakes purchased from a local bakery.

Entertainment was performed by Paul Strowe, an excellent local guitarist and singer enjoyed by all. Following dinner a 50/50 raffle was held. Winners were: 1st place \$90.00 Mike Napoli, 2nd place \$70.00 Jack Spies, and 3rd place \$50.00 Jack Spies. Then a fun filled test of fishing trivia was conducted pitting tables of local knowledge against the masters of trivia. The winning table got bragging rights for the year along with priceless bags of chocolate fish wrapped in colorful foil to share. In a show of hands, the group overwhelmingly approved the concept of catered picnics.

A special thank you goes to my wife Donna, who actually did most of the organizing, planning, and details work, and also the many volunteers at the picnic who helped setup, serve and clean up, these included Chris and Kim Pflaum, Paula and Doug Arnold, Ellen and Aaron Wagner, Pattie Topper, Gretchen Sunderland, and others who stayed to help with cleanup. The leftover food and desserts were donated and delivered to a local homeless shelter by Gary Skillicorn.

The weekly Happy Hour at the Tiki Hut, Wednesday evenings at 5pm are becoming a regular hit. Improvements at the Tiki Hut have allowed service and sitting at tables table under the new improved outdoor Tiki shelter. This is sure to be a big hit for those who love being served and socializing next to the open harbor, and who doesn't? Please join us to share in the fun every Wednesday afternoon at 5pm.

On a somewhat sad note, I have to step down as your Social Director for at least the remainder of this year due to unforeseen family obligations. However, rumor has it that some promising and very entertaining new candidates are in the wings ready to take over, so stay tuned. It has been my pleasure to serve as you Social Director, even for a short time, it has been a very rewarding experience.

CLUB CALENDAR

Tiki Hut: Every Wednesday at 5pm followed by dinner around 6pm, for those wanting to join.

Breakfast: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 7am at Elena's.

Club Meeting: At PGICA every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Ladies Lunch and Dinner: Scheduled by Sherry Barrett. See details in the 'Ladies Liaison' section.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

LADIES LIAISON

Ladies Liaison
Sherry Barrett



Hi Ladies,

Welcome to March and all the madness it may bring. February went by in a hurry, as Frank and I just returned from our youngest daughter's wedding in Playa Del Carmen. While it brought ten days in the sun, a lot of joy, family time, festivities, playtime, and relaxation, we are glad to be home.

For March, I thought we might go to lunch at Mint on the 14th at noon, as I know some of you have not tried it, which also includes me.

For dinner on the 28th, I thought we might meet at Carmelo's, at 6:00 P.M.

Several of us have talked about going to an art studio in Matlacha, on Pine Island, that would include lunch. If anyone is interested in pursuing this, please let me know, as we have to make reservations in advance and prepay. The cost is Fifty Dollars. We also talked about doing lunch on a couple of pontoon boats, so again, please let me know if this sounds interesting or not.

Thank You,

Sherry Barrett

Ladies Liaison

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SUNSHINE LADY



Donnie Brennan
Sunshine Lady



There were two Get Well cards sent in February but due to the interest in privacy, I'm not at liberty to mention their names.

But please remember, whether or not names are announced, the purpose of the "Sunshine Lady" is to bring a bit of sunshine to those who are feeling a bit "under the weather".

Each person gets a personalized, hand-created card to brighten their day.

However, there's only so much I can do. I need you to call or email me and let me know if there is someone who needs a card. The reason doesn't matter, it could be get well, sympathy, or a funny birthday card ... whatever it is, it can't be sent unless I know about it so, that said

You can either notify me by phone (941-626-4903) but email is the best way.

Thank you and have a great March.

My email address is: sunshine@pgifishingclub.org

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CELEBRATION

Donnie Brennan
Sunshine Lady



CELEBRATION TIME, COME ON!

*There's a party goin' on right here.
A dedication to last throughout the year.
So bring your good times and your laughter too
We're gonna celebrate and party with you.*

Time once again to send good wishes to our birthday celebrants.

Let's all sing Happy Birthday to:

LYNN JACHIMEK

ROSEANNE McCAFFREY

MIKE SANDLING

ANN SEE

AARON WAGNER



When you see these people at our next meeting, I think it would be a great idea to wish them each very happy birthday.

Hope you all have the time to party, party, party!

There are no wonderful anniversaries to celebrate this month.



Remember - if you want to send a birthday or anniversary wish to someone, just email me (sunshine@pgifishingclub.org) and I'll be sure to get it. All I need is the name and birth month.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

One of the great things about our club are the members we have willing to take new members out for a day of fishing to help them learn our waters.

Below are members willing to take you out on their boats.

Jim Hoffman (Offshore)

jimhoffman59@embarqmail.com

Chris Pflaum (Inshore/Offshore)

ccpflaum@hotmail.com

Gary Burgess (Harbor Only)

g2873477@hotmail.com

Jeff Wilson & Cathy Hunt (Inshore/Offshore)

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Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women)

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CONTACT THEM THROUGH EMAIL TO ARRANGE A TRIP

If you want to take another member out on your boat, please send your contact information to editor@pgifishingclub.org

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Gary Skillicorn at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

Gary covered.

- 1) Where members can find the minutes for previous meetings.
- 2) Meeting attendance count. (99 members)
- 3) Introduced new members.
- 4) Introduced Doug Du Fresne as the new secretary for the club.
- 5) Covered how the club could start a youth outreach program. Club might donate fishing equipment and take the youths out fishing. Crossroads Academy could be the benefactors.
- 6) Encouraged all club members to step up and be part a part of Club Leadership.

Chris Pflaum gave the bank balance of \$15,834.86.

Bill Muir stated the club picnic will be on March 3 in the Association Pavilion. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the general meeting or send a check to Bill Muir.

Also Wednesday night social at the Tiki Hut at 5 to 6 pm.

Sherry Barrett covered the Ladies lunch and brunch for all.

Dick Conant, Don Markowski, and Gary Skillicorn handed out all the door prizes, 50/50, and name that fish.

Don Markowski covered the fishing intel. Several members added information about their recent fishing experience. Don also went over information on Fish of The Month. Grouper is February fish of the month.

Bob Mays covered the new reef and this year's CCA banquet. Cost for the banquet is \$100.00 for a couple.

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Dick Conant discussed the following points.

- 1) Fishing seminar has been canceled. Rethinking what should be in the seminar.
- 2) Fly and kayak fishing groups.
- 3) Fish of the Month awards.
- 4) Ladder of Achievement.
- 5) Next PGIFC Fishing Tournament announced. See newsletter for exact date and information.

Joe Udvari presented a great seminar on Grouper fishing.

Motion to adjourn accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Du Fresne, Secretary

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Bill Guenther
Group Coordinator



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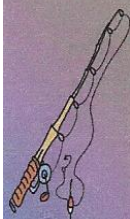


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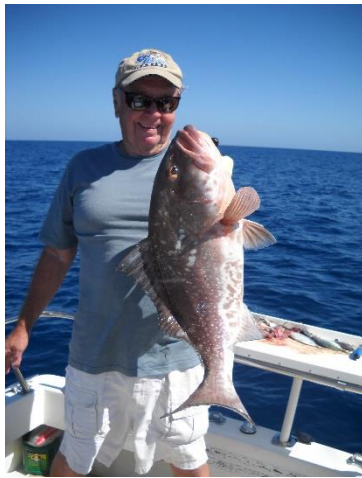
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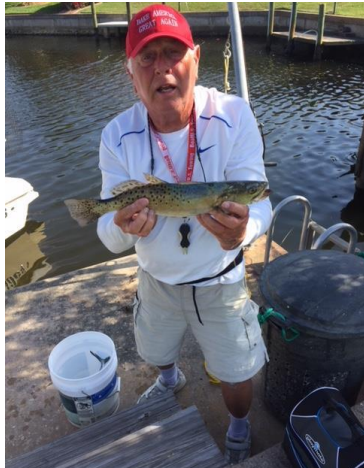
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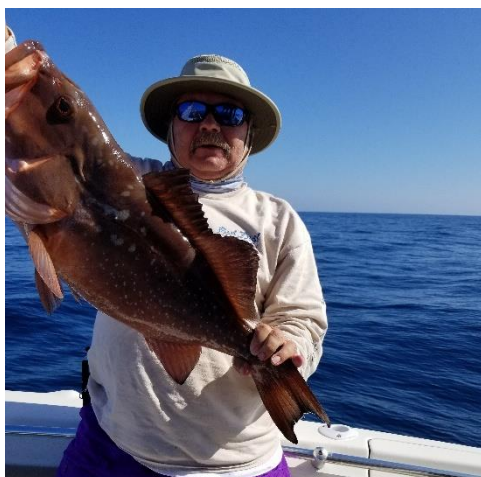
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