



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Gary Skillicorn

Looks like our Snowbirds have departed for cooler waters to the north. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to their return.

In easy reading format here are some items of interest.

1. Bill Guenther is back with us after an outing with heart surgery and rehab. Bill looked pretty good at Friday's breakfast.
2. Chris Pflaum pulled off a successful day fishing with 5 kids from Crossroads Hope Academy. Many thanks to Joe Esposito, Tom Kerr, Doug Du Fresne, Wayne Nelson, Jack Spies, Alan Schulman, and of course Chris Pflaum. Let's keep this going as a regular thing. Chris is taking names for future outings. The next outing might be "off-shore". The weather was really tough but the kids had an amazing time. Look for pictures in the Commentator.
3. The Fishing/Orientation Trip drawing for new members appears to be a success. I didn't realize we had so many new members. The jar for the name drawing was loaded. Thanks to John Gettinger and Rich Brennan for volunteering previously. Randy Douet, the trout whisperer, has volunteered for May.
4. Our program for May will be a meteorologist from WINK. Coming up on the storm season I'm sure we'll get thoughts on safety afloat. Come with some questions. I have one, "Why do so many rain storms swirl around PGI? A micro-climate? Thanks to Don Markowski for setting up.
5. The April board meeting discussed the possibility of suspending club meetings and activities May through September. The board did not recommend this approach. Suspending meetings and activities will remain a possibility if we do not have enough willing volunteers, which brings me to my next point below.

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6. It's time to start thinking about stepping up to a board position for next year. We'll be forming a nominating committee shortly. Both men and women, please give some thought to this. We've demonstrated that our snowbirds can take lead positions when supplemented by full timers willing to fill in over the summer months.
7. I caught a notice or two. FWC has issued some changes to fishing regulations. Make sure you stay up with state and federal changes. I doubt I'll be personally affected by these changes!
 - a. Greater amberjack open May 1-31
 - b. Starting July 1 Tripletail size increase 15 to 18 inches
 - c. Sheepshead July daily bag limit from 15 to 8
8. Marty McCaffrey wants to pass along an interactive website especially useful for the off-shore folks. Good for Apple and android devices.
www.Windy.com
9. I'd like to encourage members to join and use the club Facebook site. This is only for club members.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/238181049606050/>

Fair Winds and Following Seas to All,

Gary Skillicorn

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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Our club currently has **144** 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



SHEEPSHEAD (Archamia proleptus)

FEBRUARY: GROUPER



RED GROUPER (Myxopristichius mexicanus)

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



SPANISH MACKEREL (Scomberomorus commerson)

APRIL: SNOOK



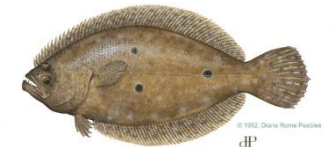
COMMON SNOOK (Centropomus undecimalis)

MAY: COBIA



COBIA (Rachycentron canadense)

JUNE: FLOUNDER



GULF FLOUNDER (Paralichthys oblongus)

JULY: SHARK



BLACKTIP SHARK (Carcharhinus limbatus)

AUGUST: TARPON



TARPON (Megalops atlanticus)

SEPTEMBER: SPOTTED SEATROUT



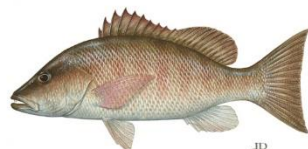
SPOTTED SEATROUT (Anchoa mitchilli)

OCTOBER: REDFISH



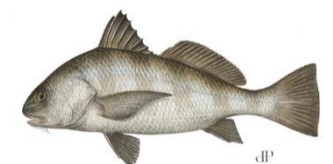
RED DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



GRAY MANGROVE SNAPPER (Lutjanus griseus)

DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



BLACK DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

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

APRIL CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Bonnie Verminski, Tom Lodge (Name That Fish), Jim Crawley, and Jeff Wilson.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are Mark Storm, Rich Willingmyre, and Gretchen Sunderland.

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APRIL CLUB MEETING

FISH OF THE MONTH WINNERS

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL

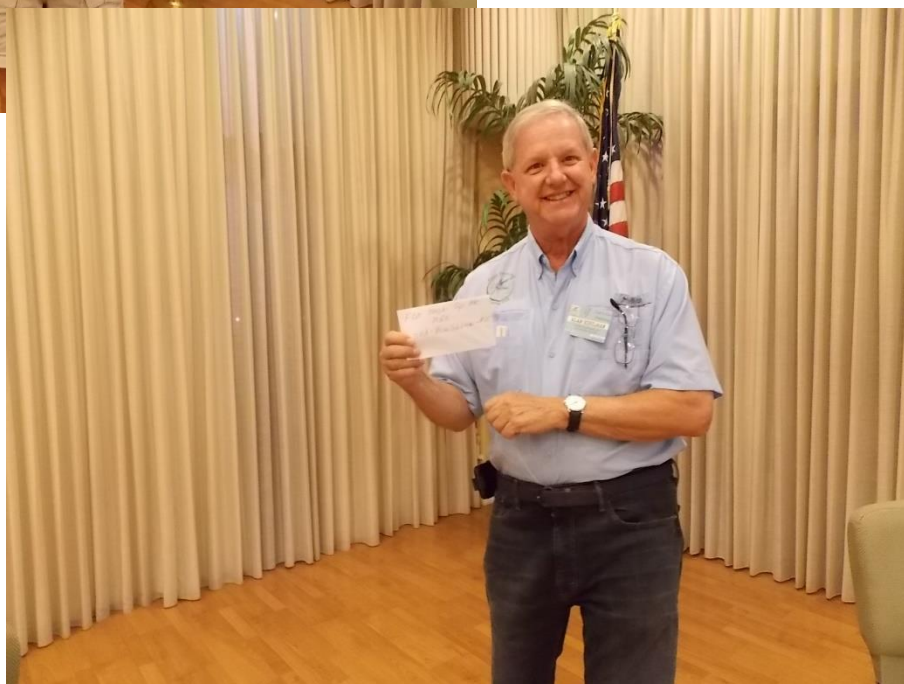


1st Dick Conant (not pictured)

2nd Fred Benson

3rd Alan Schulman and Jeff Barnhart (not pictured)

There were no entries from the women.



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

APRIL CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER



Captain Danny Latham of Reelfishing Charters spoke to us about fishing for Snook. Additionally, he provided us with a wealth of information regarding the harbor, lures, and many other tidbits. Captain Danny Latham can be reached at 941-255-3738 web: <http://reelfishing.com>.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

APRIL CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Lots of Hat Winners this month, starting at the top, from left to right are Bob Giffin, Wayn Nelson, Jack Hinnenthal, Theresa Fitzgerald, and Gary Frost.



From left to right are Lynn Reeves (Redfish Pin), Yvette Du Fresne (Bronze Pin), and Sherry Barrett (Bronze Pin).

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

APRIL CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Bud Johnston is our newest Grand Master Angler!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

JOHN'S FISHING REPORT

Vice President:
John McFarland



Don Markowski is moving out of the area and I have volunteered to complete the remainder of his tour as your Vice President. Don has done an excellent job and we will miss him.

For the remainder of the year I will be lining up interesting guest speakers that cover a variety of topics related to our favorite past time. There will be some excellent professional guides like Rhett Morris talking about Tarpon fishing at our August meeting. I'll also be drawing on the deep knowledge within our club membership to present information on a variety of fishing topics. Because we all need some sort of dependable transportation to seek out fish I have asked Bob Davis of Davis Marine to discuss boat motor maintenance at our June meeting. And because those sometimes-dangerous summer pop up storms will be arriving soon Zac Maloch, meteorologist at WINK News, will be discussing what to watch out for at our upcoming May 8th meeting.

Incidentally, the real odds of the average person being struck by lightning *over the courses of his/her life is 1 in 15,000*. If you spend a lot of time on the water, as we Floridians do, your odds are even worse. The odds of your boat being struck by lightning is *1 in 1000*. And that's not a lifetime risk that's an *anytime risk*. It's comforting to know your boat is exposed to the elements far more frequently than you are- except if you are Richy Kale! Anyway, NOAA has made real time lightning strike data available to App developers- Google "lightening app NOAA". In addition to keeping you informed of storm activity these apps can give you a heads-up when lightening is in your area and allow you to see if it is moving toward you.

John McFarland

GO fishin!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director
Dick Conant

March Fishing Report

What happened down there? Once I leave everyone starts catching fish. Here I am back north enjoying the weather, rain, snow, back to rain, back to snow again and then wind. Lots of wind.

Let's call it 100 fish entered again this month and the pattern looks like it has begun to switch into spring/summer mode. And, this month 2 new Grand Master Anglers and 2 GMA Stars.

Congratulations to Bob Gariepy and Gary Reeves our newest Grand Masters!
Bob's Whiting put him over the top and Gary appears to have done it with a real nice snook.

The awards didn't stop there, this month six (6) more members will be getting their 1st Fish Hats at the monthly meeting along with that will be the awarding of a Silver pin, 2 Bronze pins, a Lifetime Master Angler - Tarpon Pin and 2 GMA Stars. Congratulations to all.

Hats –	Dotti Balon-Frost Sonia Nelson Nancy Searle	Jenny Goodell Jesse Searle Joanne Sullivan
Bronze Pins -	Bill Hess	Jack Hinnenthal
Silver Pin -	Bill Hess	
Tarpon Pin -	Lynn Reeves	
GMA Shirt -	Bob Gariepy	Gary Reeves
GMA Star-	Rich Kale	Joe Udvari

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FISHING EVENTS



Events Director
Dick Conant



April FOM – Snook Ladies



Elaine Bretts – 28.0"
1st Place



Lynn Reeves – 25.0"
2nd Place



Darlene Madsen – 24.0"
3rd Place

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Events Director
Dick Conant



April FOM – Snook Men



Bob Bretts – 32.0"
1st Place (Tie)



Rich Brennan – 32.0"
1st Place (Tie)



Gary Reeves – 29.5"
2nd Place



Bill Hess – 24.0"
3rd Place

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Events Director
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Ladder of Achievement - April

CLUB HAT



Dotti Ballen-Frost



Sonia Nelson



Joanne Sullivan



Jenny Goodell



Nancy Searle



Jesse Searle

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Ladder of Achievement April



Bill Hess
Bronze & Silver



Lynn Reeves
Lifetime - Tarpon



Cindi Johnson
Silver



Jack Hinnenthal
Bronze

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Ladder of Achievement April



Rich Kale
GMA Star



Joe Udvari
GMA Star

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Ladder of Achievement April



Bob Gariepy – Grand Master Angler

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Dick Conant



Ladder of Achievement April



Gary Reeves – Grand Master Angler

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STATISTICS & REPORTS



Record Keeper:
Gary Reeves

The Month in Review (MARCH)

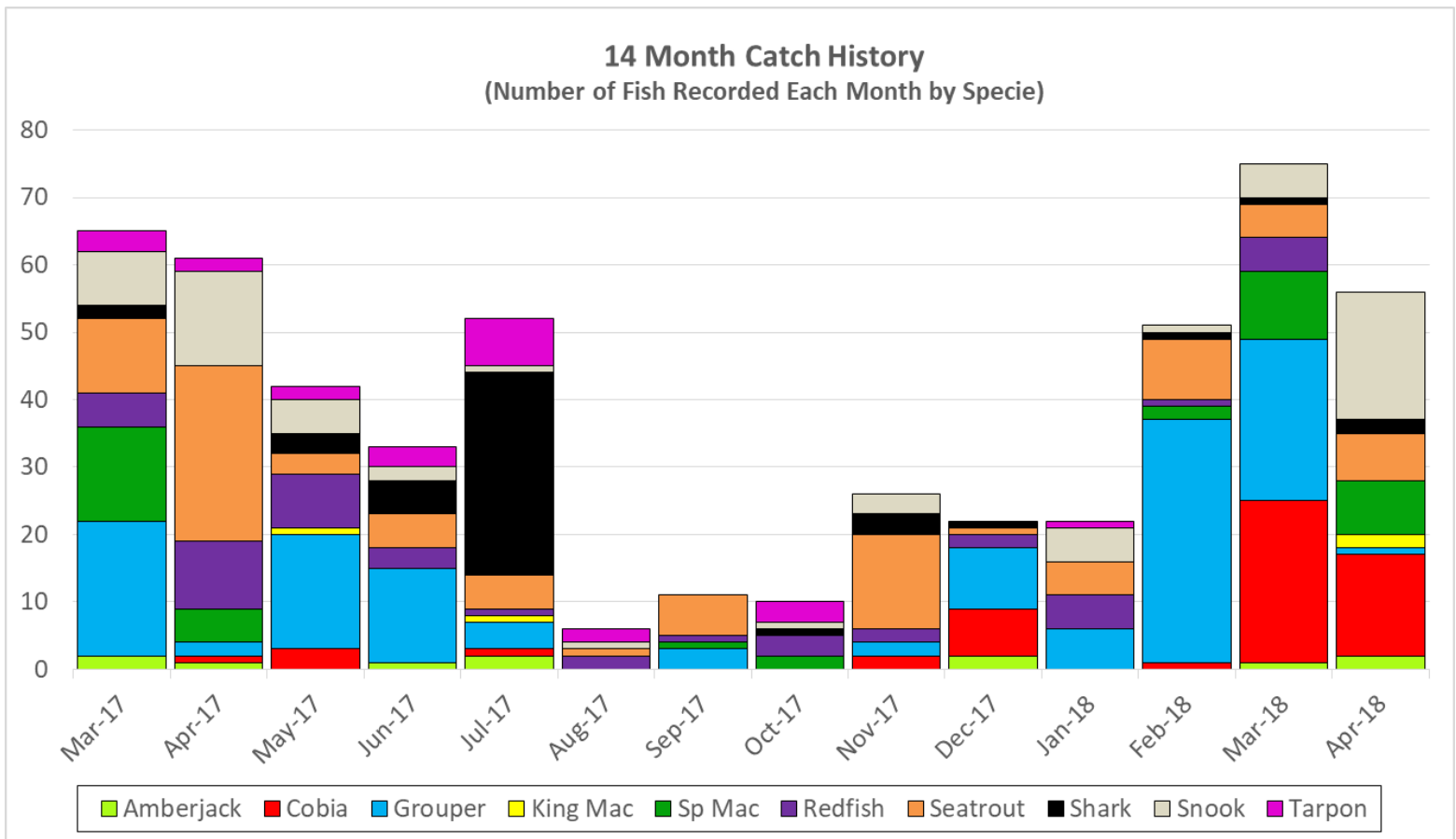
Even with a few challenging weather days, March was another great month (with even better numbers than February in 3 out of the 4 categories!!!). We can only hope the good weather holds and we continue the positive pattern through April. Let's go fishing.

Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	February	March	April	
Anglers	34	38	38	—
LOA Awards	8	11	15	↑
Fish Recorded	97	103	99	↓
Points Recorded	6100	5400	5400	—

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



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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2018 STANDINGS (APRIL)

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

Dotti Ballen-Frost
Jenny Goodell
Sonia Nelson
Jess Searle
Nancy Searle
Joanne Sullivan

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 (APRIL)

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	Carl Leicher	36.0	04/02/18	75.0%
X	Cobia	Bob Busler	54.0	2007	Rich Kale	45.0	03/26/18	83.3%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Joe Bukowski	36.0	02/17/18	92.3%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012	Joe Udvari	40.5	04/30/18	77.9%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Rich Brennan	36.0	03/18/18	85.7%
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	Richy Kale	42.0	01/29/18	93.3%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Rich Brennan	23.0	04/18/18	76.7%

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	Cindi Johnston	42.0	04/10/18	84.0%
		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	Elaine Bretts	20.0	04/10/18	75.5%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Elaine Bretts	28.0	04/26/18	66.7%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Sonia Nelson	12.5	04/19/18	44.6%

This Year's Leaders are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT

2018 STANDINGS (APRIL)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL	SPOTTED SEATRUT
1st Place	NONE	Rich Kale 45.0	Dianne Bukowski 37.0	Joe Udvari 40.5	Rich Brennan 36.0	Rich Kale 42.0	Rich Brennan 23.0	Rich Brennan 23.0
	Carl Leicher 36.0							
2nd Place	Bob Gariepy 35.0	Rick Sarkisian 43.0	Joe Bukowski 36.0	Gary Reeves 36.5	Bill Hess 27.0	Rich Brennan 32.0	Dick Conant 21.5	Mark Storm 22.0
					Tom Lemmink 27.0	Bob Bretts 32.0	Marv Dyrstad 21.5	
						Bud Johnston 32.0		
3rd Place		Cindi Johnston 42.0	Rich Willingmyre 33.5		Jeff Barnhart 25.0	Gary Reeves 29.5	Fred Bensen 21.0	Steve Lamdaker 21.0
							Ron Topper 26.0	

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New this month are shown in Red

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
211	400

Membership Director:
Donnie Brennan



Good day, everyone ...

May already! You know what that means ... a few things. Most of our friends who have northern summer addresses are gone. While we will definitely miss them, the silver lining is less traffic.

The second thing is that, we will now be looking for people to take advantage of our wonderful club and sign up to take a spot on the board. Watch for our President's comments on which positions will be vacated come January. Now's the time to get your name on the ballot so you can have your say, maybe even get your way, and have a whole lot of fun doing it ... let's hear from you!

Even if you're a new member, it doesn't mean you can't hold a meaningful position on our board. Every member brings something new and exciting to the club.

That said, it's time to move on to Membership and welcome our new members:

DAN & PENNY FOX

PAT & MAGGIE FRASHER

DON KESKULA

JESS & NANCY SEARLE

With so many new houses being built in the area, please keep a keen eye out for your new neighbors. Tell them about us. Invite them to a meeting. I know they'll really enjoy it.

Also, don't forget to keep an 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 best friend."

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Directors:
Patti Topper & Paula Arnold



The Fishing Club Social Events were busy this month. We started with many members going to Herons Glen for a fun happy hour and prime rib buffet and later in the month a large group went to F.M. Don's for Drinks and dinner. Both events were a hit. Look for more social occasions this year and be sure to sign up early since some restaurants have limited seating.

The weekly Happy Hour at the Tiki Hut, Wednesday evenings at 5pm continues to be a hit. After Happy Hour many choose to go out to eat as a group or break into smaller groups. As the season progresses, we will have more choices as snow birds head north. On occasion we will be switching things up. This will not change the Tiki Hut Wednesday evening happy hour but for those that want a change we will go directly to another restaurant for happy hour and dinner afterwards. Everyone will be notified in advance.

Don't forget to stop in the kitchen after the monthly meeting. Have some cookies, homemade baked goods and join in for some fun fishing conversation!

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

As we welcome May, I will be traveling out of the country for three weeks, so there will be no planned activities this month. On the 26th of April a group of 12 ladies enjoyed great conversation, tapas and drinks in the cabana at the top of the Wyvern.

For the month of June there will be another group event planned, so stay tuned for an email from me.

Sherry Barrett

Ladies Liaison

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SUNSHINE LADY



Donnie Brennan
Sunshine Lady

We had two get well cards sent this month. Marilyn Rose had surgery on her leg and Ken Hardesty had major back surgery. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

On a more somber note, a sympathy card went to former member, John Solinger on the loss of his beautiful wife, Pam. She was way too young but cancer doesn't care about age. Now we need to find a way to bring some comfort into John's life.

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-crafted card to brighten their day.

However, there's only so much I can do. Here's how you can help me.

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 May.

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.*

Ah May!! What's not to love about those of us born in the merry month of May.

PEOPLE BORN IN MAY are ambitious and work extremely hard in what they believe in.

Being emotional has its good and bad. The good being they have feelings, sensitive to feelings and can even relate to what others are going through. And the bad is that they can be easily angered, their sensitivity makes them short-tempered. **Don't ever try to piss off a May born!**

People born in May have a strong passion towards seeing the world, experiencing different cultures, meeting different kinds of people and most of all, making memories that last a lifetime.

They are also very stubborn.

Now that you know a "little" about us, let's all sing Happy Birthday to our May babies:

JOHN STOCKINGER

JEAN MAILLET

CATHY ENGIMANN

ELAINE BRETTIS

A..N..D.... (drum roll.....please.....)

ME!! (Just little old me!!)



When you see us 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.

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g2873477@hotmail.com

Jeff Wilson & Cathy Hunt (Inshore/Offshore)

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Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women)

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2018

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

The minutes of the January meeting were approved and seconded as submitted.

Gary covered.

- 1 Second group meeting with special drawing for new members. The new member drawn will be taken out by Rich Brennan to fish this month.
- 2 New members introduced themselves.
- 3 Thanks to Don Markowski for all the work he put in. He will be resigning as VP. He and Judy will be moving back to Illinois to be closer to family.
- 4 John McFarland has graciously stepped up to fill the VP position.
- 5 Robert from Fishin Franks thanked all the club members that volunteered to help at the tent sale.
- 6 Cathy Hunt has graciously agreed to fill in as secretary for Doug Du Fresne. Doug will be traveling and fishing up north.
- 7 Gary brought up the possibility in the future that certain functions in the club will be postponed because no one has stepped up to fill the board position. The board needs both year-round members and snowbirds to help.
- 8 Gretchen Sunderland has again offered to take the ladies in our club out to fish in the harbor. Great times were had by Cathy Hunt and Yvette Du Fresne last time.
- 9 Aaron Wagner covered the Sarasota Community Foundation's effort to assist nonprofits throughout the area. Contact PGICA office for more information on donating.
- 10 Chris Pflaum went over the Crossroads fishing program. The club had 3 boats and 6 members that helped the kids learn to fish. The club will continue running the fishing program in the future. Will try to do 4 per year. Chris will provide more information and dates in the future.

Chris Pflaum gave the bank balance of \$15,000

Captain Danny Latham did a great presentation on how to catch snook. Members can reach him at 941-255-3738 / ReelFishing Charters.

John McFarland, Don Markowski, and Gary Skillicorn handled all the door prizes, 50/50, name that fish, and other awards.

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50/50

1st Prize \$85.00 Mark Storm
2nd Prize \$50.00 Rich Willingmyre
3rd Prize \$40.00 Gretchen Sunderland

New Member Fishing Outing Contest

Bill Lemmink

Door Prize Winners Date 4/10/18

1st Bonnie Verminski
2nd Jim Crawley
3rd Jeff Wilson

Speaker Award

Danny Latham

Fish Of The Month Winners (Male)

1st Dick Conant
2nd Fred Benson
3rd Alan Schulman and Jeff Barnhart tied.

Fish Of The Month Winners (Female)

No entries

Name That Fish

Tom Lodge

Hats were awarded to: Gary Frost, Wayne Nelson, Bob Giffin, Jack Hinnenthal, Dennis Jones and Theresa Fitzgerald.

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Pin Winners

Lynn Reeves Lifetime-Redfish
Dick Conant Gold Pin
Yvette Du Fresne Bronze Pin
Sherry Barrett Bronze Pin

Don Markowski covered the fishing intel. Several members added information about their recent fishing experience. Don also went over information on the Fish of The Month, Snook. Fish of the Month Contest is month long. The winning fish is based on total length.

Motion to adjourn accepted.
Respectfully submitted,
Doug Du Fresne, Secretary

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Bill Guenther
Group Coordinator



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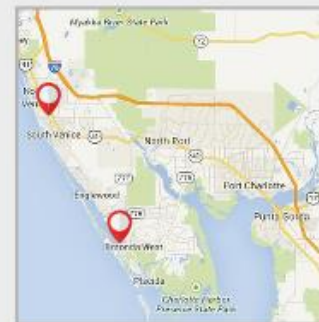
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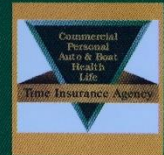
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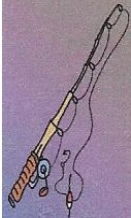


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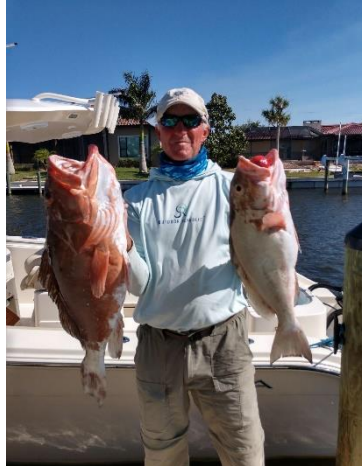
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