



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Jude Panetta

This is a simple update on actions that are underway and some reminders.

The first update is related to the newly formed environmental committee. The committee has a total of nine members. We held our first meeting on Monday, February 24th to set the guidelines for the group. Our initial focus is to establish contact with the local, state, and federal organizations we feel have relevance to our club and assign committee members to those organizations if it makes sense. We have reached out to three additional organizations to establish contact and see how the club can get engaged. Besides the organizations mentioned previously; CCMAC, CCA, and CHNEP; we have made contact with University of Florida/Sea Grant, Captains for Clean Water, and Mia Conlon from Lemon Bay HS. Mia is working on a sea grass restoration project that we have interest in. We will be meeting with Mia on March 3rd. We will update the club on relevant topics as needed either via the newsletter or the monthly meeting.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that there were concerns raised by members that either don't have boats or like to fish from kayaks. To start, we have formed an initial kayak email group so people can reach out to other kayakers within the club and share information or set up fishing trips. So far, 13 members are in the email group and I am sure this will grow. Please let me know if you would like to be added to the list. We will start looking into how to help people without boats as well.

A gentle reminder. The club encourages everyone to try and handle fish properly. We will do some simple education at upcoming meetings on preferred fish handling. In general, especially for larger fish, it is best to hold fish horizontally and support them with two hands. If necessary, use a wet rag or wet glove if you are not comfortable holding the fish. Please forget all those bass shows you have seen on TV where the pro sticks his thumb in the mouth and dangles the fish. I have always stated that to catch fish you have to think like them. My new comment is this. Pretend you are a fish out of water, you will very quickly understand the best way to handle them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I am happy that I have been receiving a lot of comments and input. It will only make the club better. Also, please volunteer when you can. The club functions better when people get involved.

My parting shot for this month is simple. It's March Madness time!

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Our club currently has **171** 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.

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FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



SHEEPSHEAD (Archamia proleptophyllus)

FEBRUARY: GROUPER



RED GROUPER (Epinephelus morio)

MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



SPANISH MACKEREL (Scomberomorus commerson)

APRIL: SNOOK



COMMON SNOOK (Centropomus undecimalis)

MAY: COBIA



COBIA (Rachycentron canadense)

JUNE: JACK CREVALLE



JULY: SHARK



BLACKTIP SHARK (Carcharhinus limbatus)

AUGUST: TARPON



TARPON (Megalops atlanticus)

SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT



SPOTTED SEATROUT (Anchoa mitchilli)

OCTOBER: REDFISH



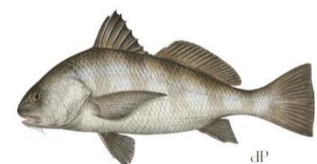
RED DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



GRAY MANGROVE SNAPPER (Lutjanus griseus)

DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



BLACK DRUM (Sciaenops ocellatus)

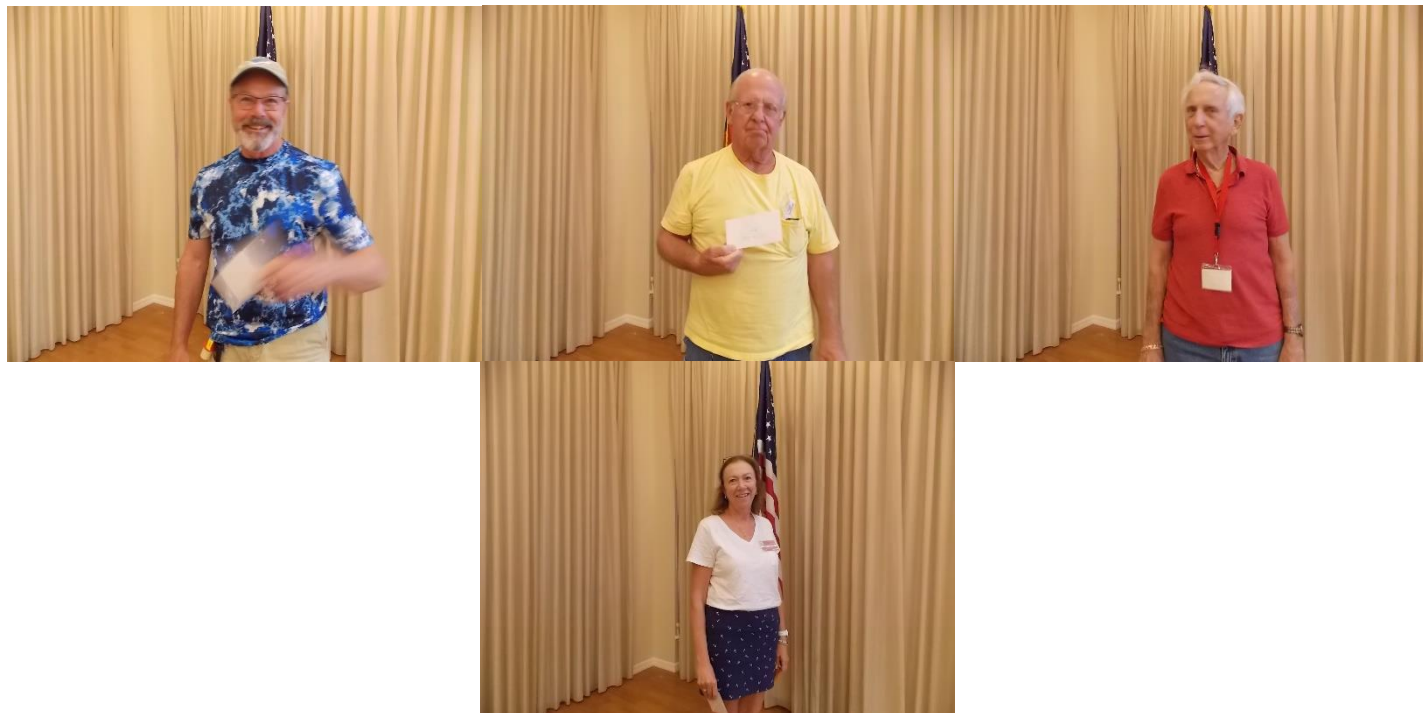
Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here:

<http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf>

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Fred DeMella (Name That Fish), Jim Hoffman, Buddy Krauss, and Britt Saitta.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are Sandy Wierzbanski, Tim Gibbons, and Gwen Krauss.

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FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER



Dave Blewett from the FWC Fisheries Independent Monitoring (FIM) gave an overview of Tarpon, Redfish, and Snook populations over the years. He also spoke about the impact of algae in our harbor. Thanks Dave!

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FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

TOURNAMENT WINNERS WOMEN



From left to right are Cathy Hunt, Paula Arnold, and Theresa Fitzgerald.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS MEN



From left to right are Ted Wierzbanski, John Fitzgerald, and Mark Lee.

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RANDY'S FISHING REPORT

Vice President:
Randy Douet



Grouper month ended as a huge success. Lots of GREAT photos from our membership. Basically, if the weather permitted the run out to them; you did Okay!

March FOM is Spanish Mackerel. They enter the harbor once the water temp rises to 70 degrees or more...basically March. Great surf fish and over oyster bars. You need fairly heavy line (30-40 pound fluorocarbon leader or wire). 1/0 or 2/0 circle hooks using mullet or greenbacks. Cut squid or dead shrimp work ok too. For lures; anything shiny and quickly retrieved. I use chrome rattle traps trolled at 5-7 mph. They're often located under diving terns and pelicans. Above 70 degree water, my best spot is to troll along the West Wall at exactly 5' deep. Slow it down if using live or dead bait.

The FWC extended the catch and release-ONLY period for trout, snook, and redfish through at least May 31st, 2021. This should really help out the harbor population but try to do your releases underwater to reduce the dolphin take of the throwbacks. Putting them in your live well and releasing them elsewhere is technically illegal even though it prevents certain fish death at the peril of hungry dolphins.

Some reports of Pompano near shore. Slow down your boat until it's making the largest wake (~8-10 mph) and keep an eye on your wake. The Pompano will dive in and out of your wake if they're around. Use "silly willie" bright colored jigs. The manufacturer, Larry Todd is our March speaker, so we'll be able to learn much more about these lures from him. See you at the March 10th meeting!

Tight lines
Randy

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FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

TOURNAMENT

MARCH 24 & 25

1ST PLACE AWARDS IN 3 CATEGORIES:

- LADIES**
- MEN**
- NEW MEMBER (1 / 1 / 2017 TO PRESENT)**

SPECIES:

- SPANISH MACKEREL**
- GROUPER**
- SPOTTED SEATROUT**
- JACK CREVALLE**
- MANGROVE SNAPPER**

**SUBMIT ENTRIES TO
FISHPHOTOS@PGIFISHINGCLUB.ORG**

**AWARDS PRESENTATION AT THE TIKI BAR
MARCH 25 AT 4:00**

**MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. LIMIT OF 1 AWARD
PER ANGLER**

**REGISTER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DOOR PRIZES:
SEND TO DENNIS@KRAUSMAN.NET**

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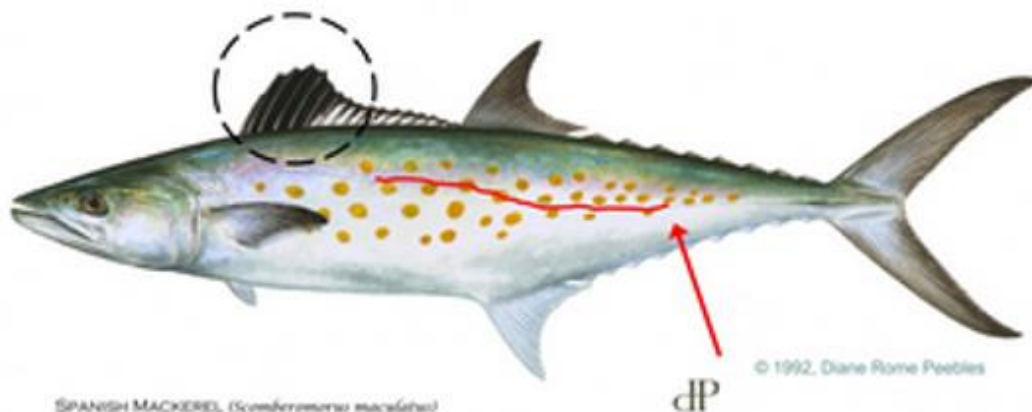
FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

MARCH FISH OF THE MONTH

SPANISH MACKEREL



- Back is bluish-green, fading to silvery sides and belly
- Irregular golden-yellow spots on sides
- Bluish-black blotch on front of first dorsal fin
- Lateral line slopes gently from behind the gill cover to the tail

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



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1ST PLACE – DIANNE BUKOWSKI – 36"

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



2ND PLACE – CATHY HUNT – 29.5"

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



3RD PLACE —ROSE ANNE MCCAFFERY - 24"

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



1ST PLACE TIE— JEFF BARNHART — 32"

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



1ST PLACE TIE – CARL LEICHER– 32”

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



1ST PLACE TIE— JOE UDWARI — 32"

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



2ND PLACE— MIKE NEWMAN — 31"

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



3RD PLACE TIE— JOHN SAITTA — 30.5"

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FEBRUARY FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER



3RD PLACE TIE— RICH WILLINGMYRE— 30.5"

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Dennis Krausman

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

Club Hat



Debby Cotellessa

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Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

Club Hat



Britt Saitta

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Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

Bronze Award



Coleen De Mella

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Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

Bronze Award



Jesse Searle

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Bronze, Silver and Gold Award



John Saitta

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Events Director:
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Snook Award



Ted Wierzbanowski

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Events Director:
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Snook Award



Rich Willingmyre

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Events Director:
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2nd GMA Star



Bob Gariepy

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Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

5th GMA Star



Ron Topper

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Events Director:
Dennis Krausman

7th GMA Star



Joe Udwari

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STATISTICS & REPORTS



The Month in Review (February)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting

The FOM – Grouper – proved to be as cooperative a species in February as they were in January with nearly 37% (50) grouper reported (there were 51 caught in January). Of these, one-half (25 fish) were 28" or better, accounting for 6200 points. Far fewer trout, redfish, sheepshead, and snook were submitted this month, perhaps because many anglers were offshore chasing grouper, and seasonal fronts kept many small boaters in port. This also accounts for the dramatic increase in amberjack reported (11) vs. only 4 in January. There was a nice up-tic in tarpon this month with 8 fish reported and only 2 last month.

John Saitta, a newer member of the club, earned THREE awards in one month – Bronze, Silver, and Gold pins. He made multiple trips offshore and reported 9 legal red grouper catches. Dianne Bukowski's 36" Red Grouper was a monster – just one inch short of her own Club Record 37" fish caught in 2018. There were 14 changes in the MAT with larger fish being reported. Joe Udwari earned a club record GMA Star #7 and Ron Topper earned his fifth GMA Star.

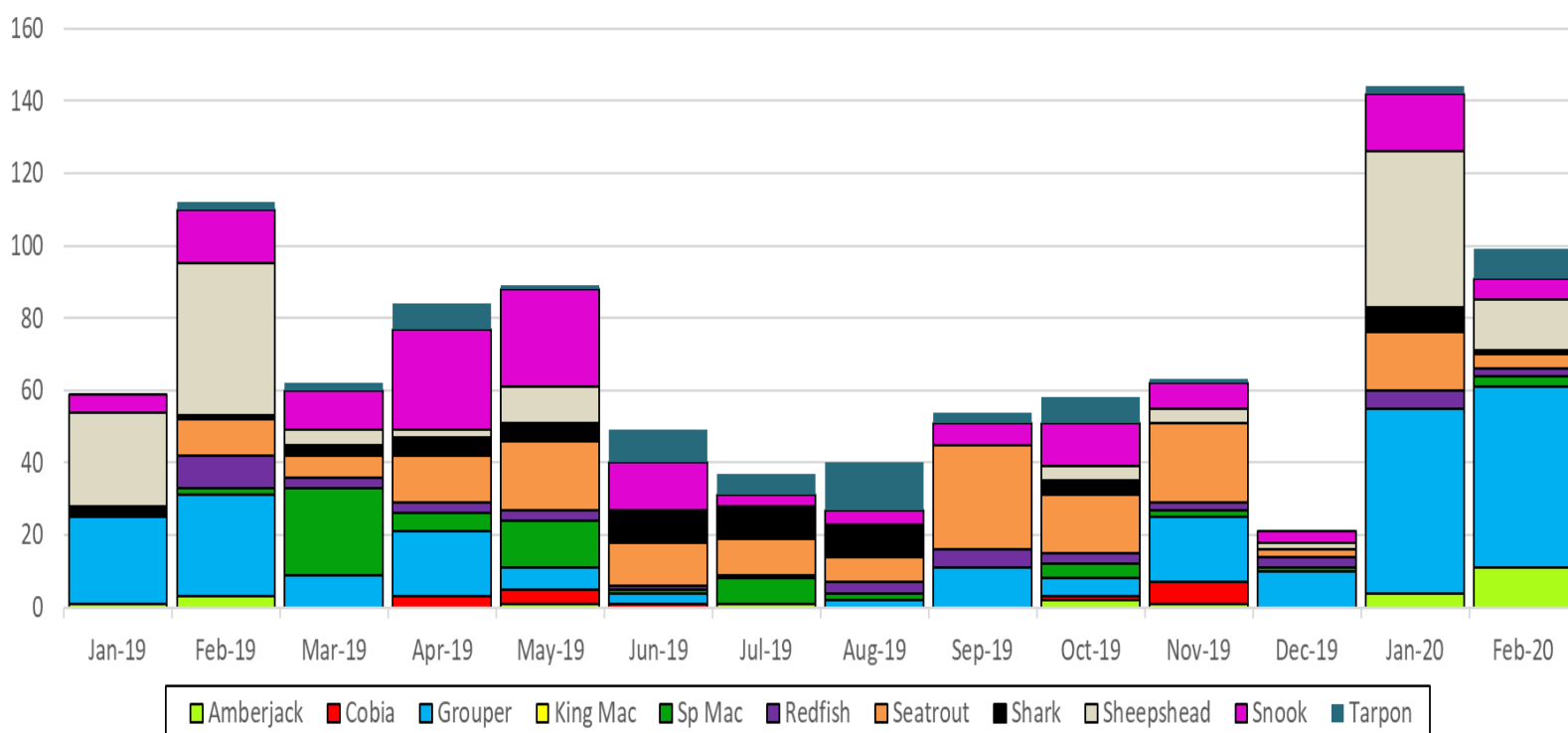
Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	December	January	February	
Anglers	21	52	44	↓
LOA Awards	4	17	11	↓
Fish Recorded	34	210	136	↓
Points Recorded	1600	12000	11400	↓

14 Month Catch History

(Number of Fish Recorded Each Month by Species)



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LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2020 STANDINGS (FEBRUARY)

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BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER	
						GMA	TOTAL STARS
Ian Adams	Doug Arnold	Gary Adams	Dave Dyke	Jeff Barnhart	Frank Barrett	Ron Baxter	
Rick Adams	Jeff Bellairs	Ken Garden	John Fitzgerald	Dick Conant	Fred Benson	Larry Benz	★
Paula Arnold	Rick Brown	Julie Kale	Mary Heins	Bill Guenther	Fred DeMella	Rich Brennan	★★★★★
Sherry Barrett	Anne Careau	Karen Lodge	Chuck Henry	Ken Hardesty	Marv Dyrstad	Donnie Brennan	
Trudi Baxter	Doug Du Fresne	John Saitta	Tom Hunt	Cindi Johnston	Carl Leicher	Bob Bretts	★★★★
Colleen De Mella	Yvette Du Fresne	Sheree Wolfinger	Jim LaRocca	Marty McCaffrey	Bob Mays	Elaine Bretts	★★★
Tom desEnfants	Kathy desEnfants		Marie LaRocca	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Lynn Reeves	Dianne Bukowski	★
Mike Dougherty	Tamara Dillman		Tom Lodge	Gary Moerke	Jack Spies	Joe Bukowski	★
Sharon Dyke	Joanell Dyrstad		Sherry Moerke		Mark Storm	Jim Crawley	
Mike Endres	Richard Embury		John Simonieg		Donna Sullivan	Mark Dillman	
Richard Farmer	Jenny Goodell		Ed Verminski		Gretchen Sunderland	Dick Doster	
Theresa FitzGerald	Lou Graham		Ted Wierzbowski		Jeff Wilson	Randy Douet	★
Christine Fontaine	Mike Gulvezan		Rich Willingmyre		Karen Udvari	Bob Gariepy	★★
Gary Frost	Randy Hall					John Gettinger	★★★
Chris Gibbons	Bill Hess					Mike Gilger	★
Art Goodell	Roz Hickey					Tom Hickey	★
Frank Grazier	Larry Hofmeister					Jim Hoffman	★
Renee Gibbons	Jan Holm					Margie Hoffman	
Bob Giffin	Lisa Kellythorne					Cathy Hunt	
Sheryl Hatch	Larry Kissner					Bud Johnston	
David Hatch	Denys LaChance					Rich Kale	★★
Jack Hinnenthal	Dave Lafo					Dennis Krausman	★★
Jack Howarth	Jonathan Landon					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Dennis Jones	John McFarland					Joanne Landaker	
Fran Krausman	Dennis McKenna					Steve Landaker	
Buddy Krauss	Dianne McKenna					Darlene Madsen	
Richard Larson	William Muir					Vinnie Madsen	
Mark Lee	Mike Nalipi					Joe Maillet	
Tom Lengauer	Nancy Pearson					Pete McGregor	★★
Peter Meier	Kim Pflaum					Jude Panetta	★
Patricia Nalipi	Bob Pierro					Tom Parsons	
Sonia Nelson	John Saitta					Gary Reeves	
Wayn Nelson	Hezzie Samons					Jim Qurollo	
Cheryl Panetta	Mike Sandling					Rick Sarkisian	★★★
Mike Petkus	Deb Sarkisian					John Stockinger	★
Chris Pflaum	Ed Stevenson					Ron Topper	★★★★★
John Saitta	Lynne Stockinger					Joe Udvari	★★★★★
Alan Schulman	Don Taylor					Aaron Wagner	
Jess Searle	Mike Wagner					Mike White	★★
Gary Skillicorn	Stella Wagner					John Wolfinger	
Bill Stevens	Sandy Wierzbowski						
Jan Stevens							
Kathleen Stevenson							
Miriam Taylor							
Patti Topper							
Allen Wade							
Paul Whiting							
Tom Youngblood							

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats

Britt Saitta
Debby Cotellessa

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

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

(BOLD star = earned this year)

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ISLES TROPHY RACE 2020 STANDINGS (FEBRUARY)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2020 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Mike Newman	39.0	2/18/20	72.9%
X	Cobia	John Gettinger	55.5	2019				0.0%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Mike White	33.0	1/16/20	84.6%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Bob Busler	42.0	2005	Allen Wade	29.0	2/7/20	69.0%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Mike Gilger	19.5	2/18/20	67.2%
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Fred De Mella	21.5	2/11/20	89.6%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	John Fitzgerald	35.0	1/23/20	77.8%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Allen Wade	19.0	2/16/20	63.3%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2020 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017				0.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013				0.0%
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Dianne Bukowski	36.0	2/17/20	97.3%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008				0.0%
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	16.0	1/29/20	60.4%
	Sheepshead	Darlene Madsen	22.0	2018	Donna Sullivan	18.0	1/7/20	81.8%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Julie Kale	32.0	2/9/20	76.2%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019	Colleen De Mella Sheryl Hatch	16.0 16.0	2/11/20 2/18/20	57.1% 57.1%

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

Past Winners:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rich Brennan	Kel Krotzer	Greg Chestnut	Jim Qurollo	Steve Landaker	Vinnie Madsen	Bob Mays	Gary Reeves	Rich Kale	Joe Udvari	Joe Udvari
Christine Jordan	Margie Hofman	Joanne Landaker	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Missy Becker	Margie Hoffman	Karen Lodge	Rose Anne	Darlene	Dianne	Lynn Reeves

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2020 STANDINGS (FEBRUARY)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATRUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
1st Place	Mike Newman 39.0		Dianne Bukowski 36.0		Allen Wade 29.0	Mike Gilger 19.5	Fred De Mella 21.5	John Fitzgerald 35.0	Allen Wade 19.0
2nd Place	Ron Topper 37.0		Mike White 33.0		Bob Gariepy 25.0	Dick Conant 19.0	Larry Kissner 19.5	Julie Kale 32.0	Colleen De Mella 16.0
	Joe Udvari 37.0					John Fitzgerald 19.0			Sheryl Hatch 16.0
3rd Place	Carl Leicher 35.5		Jeff Barnhart 32.0		Jeff Bellairs 20.0	Rich Brennan 18.0	Mike White 19.0	Frank Barrett 31.0	
			Jim Crawley 32.0			Randy Douet 18.0			
			Carl Leicher 32.0			Doug Du Fresne 18.0			
			Joe Udvari 32.0			Bob Gariepy 18.0			

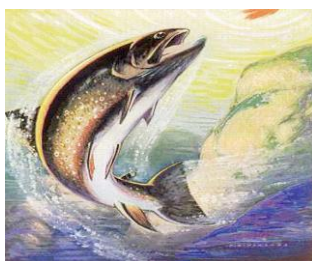
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Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
227	431

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director:
Donnie Brennan



Another month gone but the cold weather continues. Stay warm and safe on the water. The squalls are hideous. I noticed there is another sunken boat in the harbor off Retta Esplanade (you can see it from the Punta Gorda Boat Club).

Authorities have been trying to raise it but so far, no luck. If you're out that way, keep an eye open for it. Be careful.

Okay, enough of that!!

We have some new members I'd like you to welcome.

ERIK & RACHEL ADLER

from Nampa, ID

SAM CESSNA

from Saxton, PA

RICK & MARYJO MEYER

from Travers City, MI

MARK & CAROL SCHREW

GARY & KIMBERLEE SELZER

from Sarasota, FL

CHUCK & MARGE THOMPSON

from Willington, CT

We are always looking to increase our membership, so please keep your eyes out for new neighbors. Let me know if someone moves into your area. I'll send them a welcome letter and a brochure.

Have a great day and I'll see you at the next meeting.

PS... PLEASE DON'T FORGET, IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PICKED UP YOUR BADGES, YOU NEED TO DO SO. Thanks.

Donnie — membership@pgifishingclub.org

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Directors: Julie Kale, Stella Wagner,
Cheryl Panetta, and Rose Anne McCaffrey



I love March! Being Irish it's a great time to celebrate my heritage. One of my favorite sayings which I try to live by is "May your day be touched by a bit of Irish Luck brightened by a song in your heart and warmed by the smiles of the people you know".

So, because of St Patrick's Day falling on the 3rd Tuesday of this month we will be having Ladies night on Monday March 16th. Cindi Johnston will be our hostess. I will be sending out an email blast with information and sign up. Always a fun evening!

Please keep Saturday April 18th open. We plan on having our picnic early that evening.

We are still working on the details but more information will be available soon!

Tiki on Wednesday evenings at 5 is still a big hit. Come join us for drinks and conversations. Meet new friends and enjoy dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

Don't forget to bring some goodies to this month's meeting. They are always appreciated. So, don't forget to join us post meeting in the kitchen for interesting conversations and sweets.

Your input is always welcomed...

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Cheryl Panetta 908-295-5844

Rose Anne McCaffrey 941-268-1839

CLUB CALENDAR

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

Breakfast: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 6:50am at Elena's.

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

Ladies Game Night:
Monday, 3/16 at 6:30pm at
Cindi Johnston's house.

Picnic: Saturday, 4/18 early
evening. More details to
come...

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SUNSHINE LADY

Sunshine Lady:
Paula Arnold



Hey everyone, I am the new "Sunshine Lady." Donnie Brennan has relinquished her duties to me.

If you or someone you are aware of in the club needs a card for any reason (birthday, sympathy, encouragement, congratulations, etc.) please let me know.

I can also provide a meal or a visit if someone is in need. Please call or email me.

Paula Arnold
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1207swanct@gmail.com

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CELEBRATION

Sunshine Lady:
Donnie Brennan



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.*



It's that time again to wish a few of our members a wonderful birthday.

I'm sorry if I missed any birthday celebrant. If I have, please let me know asap.

Now for our March celebrants; happy birthday to:

Aaron Wagner

RoseAnne McCaffrey

Ann Sandling

Mike Sandling

Happy
Birthday



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

Happy
Anniversary



I have one anniversary listed for March.

Let's wish a very happy anniversary to: SONIA AND WAYN NELSON!!

If you want to send a birthday or anniversary wish to someone, just email me (membership@pgifishingclub.org) and I'll be sure to get it. All I need is the name and birth month, unless you want to provide the date and year for a special shout out.

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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.

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ccpflaum@hotmail.com

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g2873477@hotmail.com

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Fred De Mella (Inshore/Offshore)

fdemella@gmail.com

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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MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 pm

January Meeting Minutes approved

Announcement of open position for Web Master Board Committee Position

Announcement of 2 sub committees being formed: Environmental Awareness and Kayak Fishing Group

Treasurer Report: \$15,084.64 in the bank

Name That Fish Winner – Cero Mackerel – Fred DeMella

New Member Outreach Winner – Tom May – Randy Douet to host

Monthly Speaker – Dave Blewett – Fisheries Independent Monitoring (FIM) gave an overview of Tarpon, Redfish, and Snook. Also spoke about impact of algae

Door Prize: #1 \$75 Jim Hoffman, #2 \$50 Buddy Kraus - #3 Brett Saitta \$25

Jan/Feb Fishing Tournament Winners drawing – any 3 eligible species

- 1st Place: women Cathy Hunt, men's Ted Wierzbanski – fishing rod
- 2nd Place: women Paula Arnold, men's John Fitzgerald - \$35 Fishin Franks gift certificate
- 3rd Place – women Theresa Fitzgerald, men's Mark Lee – tackle bag

FOM Awards – January - Sheepshead:

- Women: 1st – Donna Sullivan 18", 2nd Dianne Bukowski 17", 2nd Diana McKenna 17", 2nd Nancy Pearson 17", 3rd Gretchen Sunderland, 3rd Christine Fontaine White 16"
- Men: 1st Larry Kissner 19.5", 2nd Mike White 19", 3rd Fred De Mella 17", 3rd Dennis McKenna 17", 3rd Jude Panetta, 3rd – Jeff Wilson 17"

Ladder of Achievement Awards

- Club Hat: LouMae Destefano, Mike Newman, John Saitta, and Allen Wade
- Bronze Pin: Mike Endres, Lisa Kellythorne, Nancy Pearson, and Allen Wade
- Silver Pin: Lisa Kellythorne, Dianne McKenna, Nancy Pearson, and Gold Pin
- Snook Pin: John Fitzgerald
- Redfish Pin: Dick Conant
- Tarpon Pin: Frank Barrett, Donna Sullivan, and Gretchen Sunderland
- GMA Star: Mike White – Star #2

March fishing tournament dates announces 3/24 –3/25 – details to follow

50/50 Winners: 1st \$105 Sandy Wierzbanski, 2nd \$80 Tim Gibbons, 3rd \$50 Gwen Krauss

Meeting Adjourned 8:01 pm

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES MARINE WATCH

HELP US TO HELP YOU



What is Punta Gorda Isles Marine Watch ("PGI Marine Watch")?

PGI Marine Watch is a volunteer on-the-water and land surveillance program like no other in Southwest Florida. The program was founded over ten years ago by Bill Guenther, a PGI resident, when he identified a need for increased security in the canals because of the increasing number of homes being built and residents moving to Punta Gorda Isles. Our group works in conjunction with the Punta Gorda Police Department, as a watch and report program. We act as a deterrent to those individuals who may be considering the theft of a boat or other marine equipment, as well as illegal netting activity. Since its inception in 2009, the PGI Marine Watch has been an active part of reducing marine crime in Punta Gorda Isles.

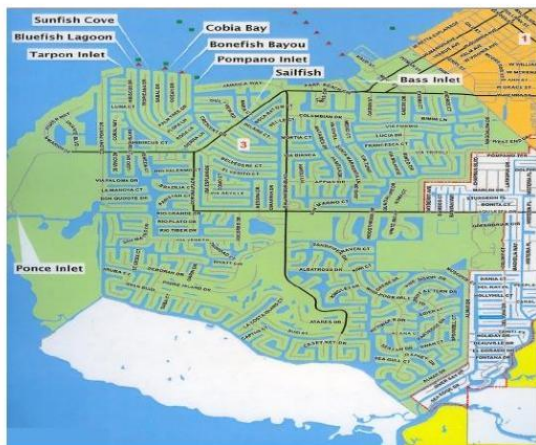


What do our members do?

The volunteer members of the PGI Marine Watch use their own boats to patrol once a month for a two hour period. Some of our members partner with another PGI Marine Watch member and complete their patrol together, alternating boats. Some of our members patrol with a friend or their spouse. The patrol dates are flexible to fit your schedule and once your patrol is complete you email your report for the program records.

What is required to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch?

The only requirement to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch is a desire to help your community. The PGI Marine Watch program provides you with signage for your boat and works with you to determine which patrol area works best for you based upon where you reside. The preferred boat size is at least 19 feet in length due to the occasional rough waters in Charlotte Harbor, with either a T-top or bow rail to display the "PGI Marine Watch" sign. Our PGI Marine Watch volunteers also are authorized to receive a 5% fuel discount at Fisherman's Village Marine.



How can I join?

If you can volunteer two hours each month, then you may want to consider becoming a member of one of the most unique community volunteer groups in Southwest Florida. Contact us to receive more information and an application:

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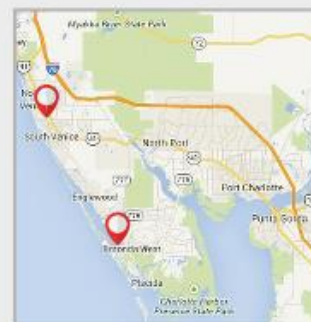
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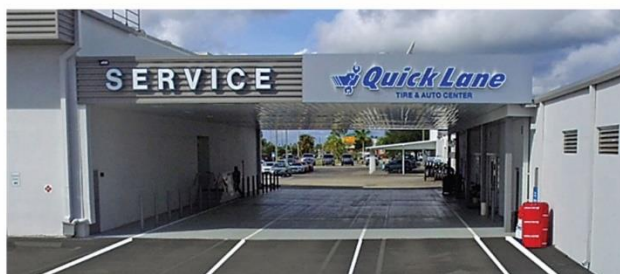
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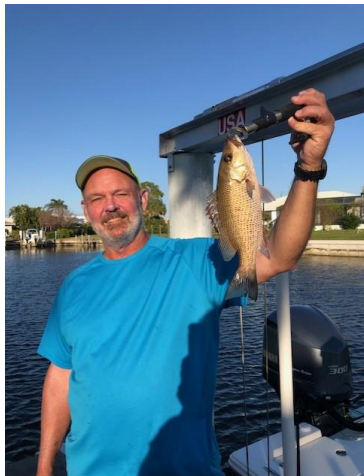
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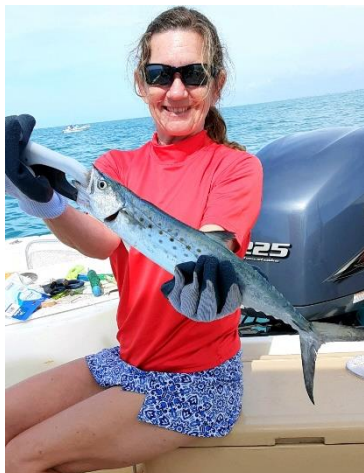
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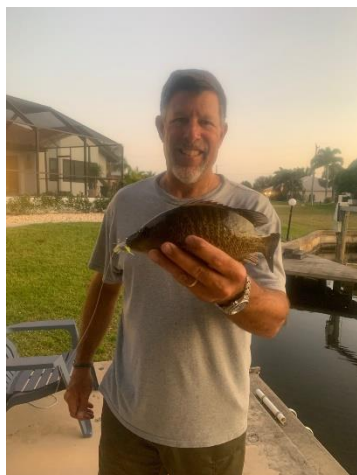
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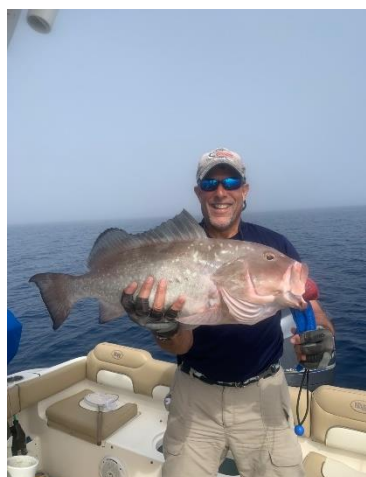
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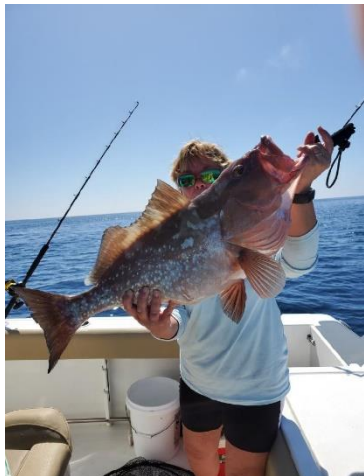
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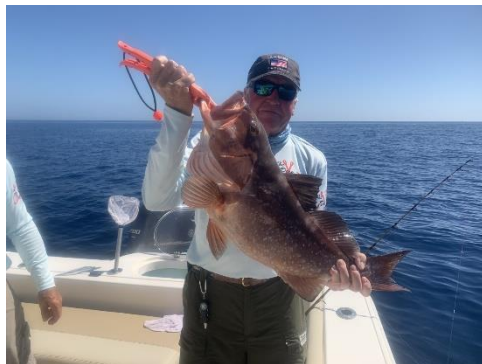
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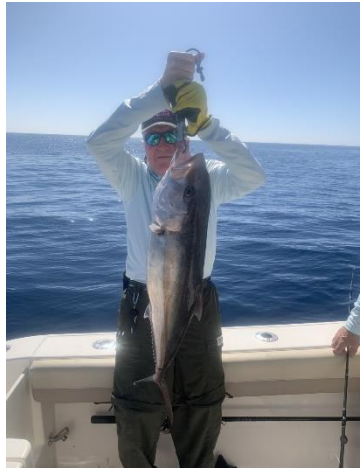
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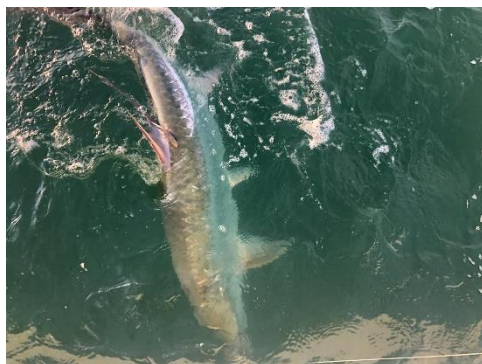
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