



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FROM THE HELM



President:
Jude Panetta

Wow – A fairly normal month. Got to love it. Our next general meeting will be on April 13th at the PGICA auditorium. We will still follow the safety protocols we have established for COVID until instructed otherwise. I want to continue to remind members about our other regular events. The club meets at the Tiki Bar on Wednesdays from 5 PM until at least 6 PM. Also, club members meet for breakfast on Tuesday and Friday at Elena's. It is suggested that you arrive at least by 6:45 AM. This breakfast is open to all club members, yes, women included. The group is getting much larger but I still haven't seen any women show up.

At the March meeting, we had a group of five new volunteers sign up and get their training to be greeters at future club meetings and events. I want to thank all of them for stepping up. As I have stated before, the club functions significantly better when members step up to help. Make sure you say hello to our new group at the next meeting.

As we return to normalcy post Covid, there are a couple of efforts that the club is wanting to kick back off. The first is our effort to help Crossroads Hope Academy with a fishing outing for the kids. If you have any interest in being a volunteer captain or first mate for this effort, please reach out to me and I will get you onto the team. The other effort we are resuming is our environmental committee. We have 8 members on the committee. If you would like to get engaged, also reach out to me. There are lots of issues facing Charlotte Harbor and we want our committee, at a minimum, to keep the club aware of what is happening around us.

In the last few newsletters, I appealed to the club about the need for volunteer captains to take new members fishing as a part of the new member outreach. I have received a couple of volunteers but still need a few more to fill out the year. This is a great chance to help a new member learn the harbor and feel like a part of the club. It also gives our experienced members a chance to meet new people and it is a simple way to help out the club. Please email me or call me if you want to volunteer and let me know if you have a preference for a month.

My parting shot for the month is quite simple, sometimes bad things happen at the worst times.

Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, ideas, or concerns.

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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Our club currently has **170** 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: JACK CREVALLE



JULY: SHARK



AUGUST: TARPON



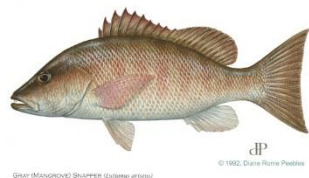
SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT



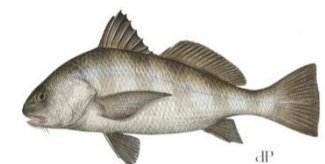
OCTOBER: REDFISH



NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



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

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

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MARCH CLUB MEETING

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Cheryl Panetta (Name That Fish), John Saitta, Ralph Beatty, and Gary Skillicorn.

50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are Aaron Wagner, Ed Verminski, and Liz McIntyre.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MARCH CLUB MEETING

RECOGNITION



Donnie Brennan for 20+ years as Membership Director. Thank you, Donnie!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MARCH CLUB MEETING

RECOGNITION



Ed and Bonnie Verminski as Greeters for 15 years. Thanks, Ed and Bonnie!
Not pictured are Buddy and Gwen Krause who were Greeters for over 10 years. Thanks, Buddy and Gwen!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MARCH CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

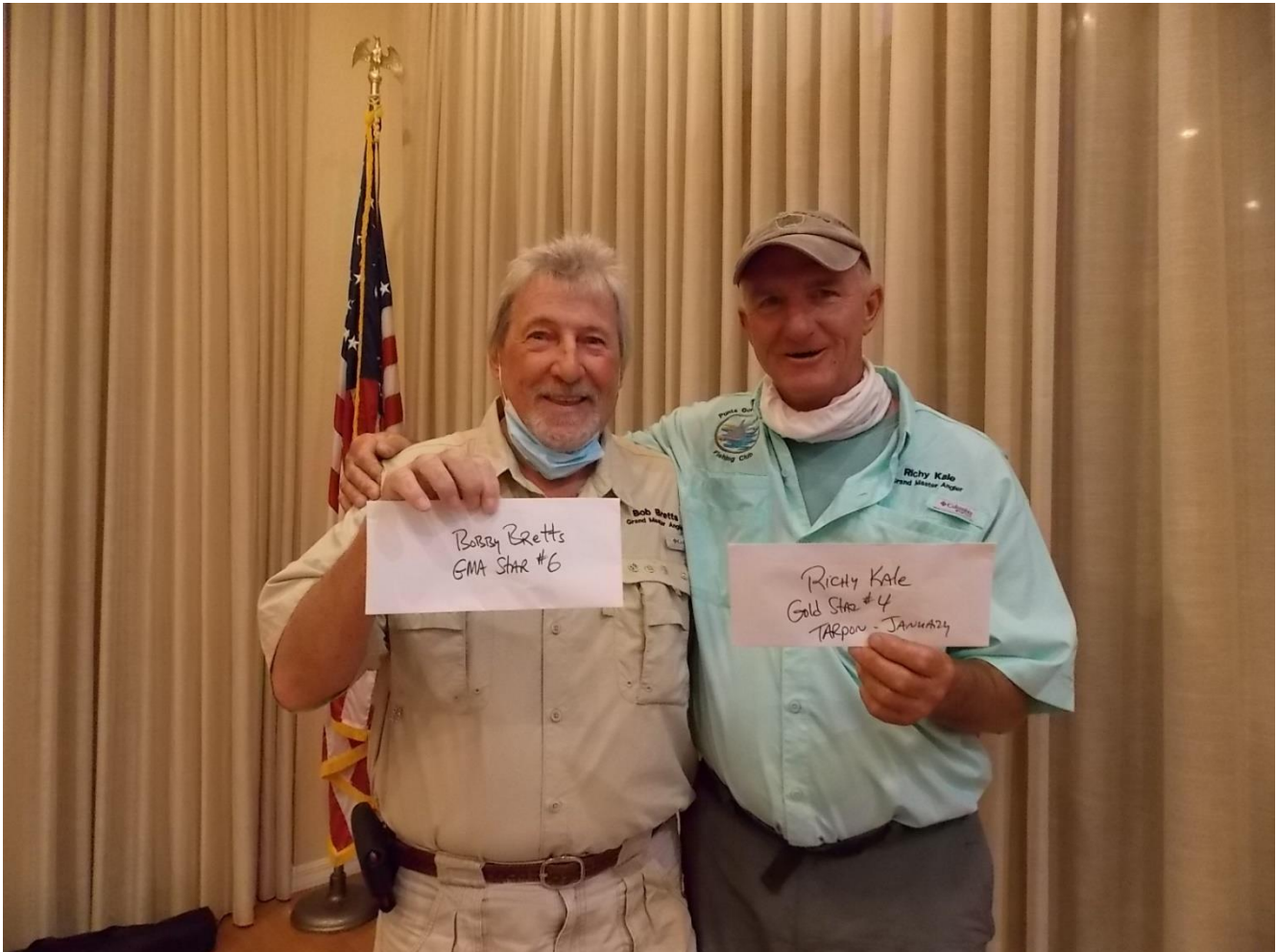


Our newest Grand Master Angler (GMA) is Cindi Johnston. Congratulations Cindi!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MARCH CLUB MEETING

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Our latest Grand Master Angler (GMA) Star achievers are Bob Bretts (Star #6) and Richy Kale (Star #4). Congratulations guys!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

RICHY'S FISHING REPORT



Vice President:
Richy Kale

WOW, April 1st already! The morning broke calm and clear, with a sudden reversal of thought I went from snook to tarpon in about 1/100 of a second, for the silver king made their appearance in our harbor 3 days ago. As my eyes strained in the darkness to try and catch a glimpse of the rolling tarpon a quick check of the phone clock showed 5:55am, dam still 45 minutes until I can see anything. So finally, with a little relax time I got to sit back and think about March.

Trout seem to be very plentiful and getting larger, with the shallow grass flats doing the trick from Pine Island to the 75 bridge, lots of fish. Redfish, more and more reds keep showing up in the usual places. Cobia have started to hang around the big bait balls in the deep holes in our harbor. Mike White is proof. Way to go Mike.

From talking to some of our offshore guys, the bite seems to be very good. Love the pics! Seems to me like the red grouper are getting bigger and the snappers are a constant most days and a couple of cobia from 125' was a great addition to Bud Johnston's fish box.

I didn't get any reports from the inshore reefs-sorry. Snook fishing was crazy good. I saw some very impressive fish come in on our web page. Great job boys and girls! Spanish, Jacks, and Pompano are on the west wall, still as I write this article.

Suddenly, the grey time was upon me and so were the silver king! "What article I said out loud", as I picked up my St Croix 14x30 and ripped a cast at the rolling fish. Halfway in I got rocked, pull hard set 5 times, hold on. Fish thinks he can fly LOL, next jump gone. No time to re-tie. Pick up next outfit and start casting, a couple of casts later I'm in. This one I get lucky on and it comes to the boat. I spend the next 4 hours looking for them and never found them but mark my words, tarpon are in the harbor. Hope you guys and girls went to the gym because they pull hard. Hopefully the month of April will bring great fishing for the bait in the harbor is intense.

Sorry my article is not so in-depth this month. My explanation for this is instead of fishing everyday I only could fish 10 days this month, for Julie's shoulder replacement surgery surely kept me home, for that is where I thought I should be. So, on that note, I would love to thank everybody who called Julie, texted Julie, sent flowers to Julie, came over and sat with her (4 girls in 1 day) and the dinners. That helped me a lot and I didn't have to cook for 9 days and the food was better than mine! Also, those that had us over for dinner. I thank you all.

I feel blessed and humbled at being in the presence of such great, kind and caring people who I'm proud to call friends.

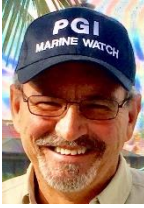
Tight Lines,
Richy

P.S. Remember it's easy pull left when they pull right.

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



MARCH 2021 – PGI FISHING CLUB

WOW, what a GREAT MONTH for FC Anglers!

51 Anglers turned in photos for 155 fish for 16,900 Points

16 Anglers achieved or rose up the LOA Ladder

Spanish Mackerel was March FOM, many catches over 20”

47 FC Members registered for the 3 Species Tournament

Spanish and Seatrout bites and catches were hot

Spanish Macks, Seatrout and Red Grouper dominated

Jack Howarth & Al Wade climbed 2 rungs of the LOA

Great Catching - Fun Catching – Exciting Times

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



MARCH 2021 – LADDER OF ACHEIVEMENT

CLUB HATS – STEVE FRITZ – CHARLIE McINTYRE – LENNY ZIMKA
BRONZE PIN – ZIPPO - MAYBE NEXT MONTH
SILVER PIN – JACK HINNENTHAL
GOLD PIN – JACK HOWARTH
SNOOK PIN – THERESA FITGERALD – JACK HOWARTH –
JONATHON LANDON – ALLEN WADE – PAUL WHITING
REDFISH PIN – ALLEN WADE
TARPON PIN – DICK CONANT
GMA – MAYBE NEXT MONTH
GMA STAR – RICH BRENNAN #8 – RANDY DOUET #3 –
DENNIS KRAUSMAN #3 – MIKE WHITE #3

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

MARCH 2021 – FISH OF THE MONTH

LADIES CATEGORY



2 WAY TIE FOR 1ST – 17” SPANISH MACKS
DONNA SULLIVAN (LEFT) & JAN HOLM
2ND PLACE – CATHY HUNT – 12” MACK
3RD PLACE – NO SUBMITTALS
EACH ANGLER \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE



ALL SMILES !!!



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



MARCH 2021 – FISH OF THE MONTH

MEN'S CATEGORY

MIKE GILGER
2ND PLACE
23.0" SPANISH
\$25 GIFT CERT



FRED BENSON
1ST PLACE
24.5" SPANISH
\$25 GIFT CERT

**NICE
CATCHIN**

RON TOPPER
3RD PLACE
22.5" SPANISH
\$25 GIFT CERT



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



MARCH 20 & 21, 2021

TOURNAMENT STATS & STANDINGS

47 TOTAL REGISTERED WITH 13 LADIES AND 34 MEN
INCLUDES 9 IN NEW MEMBER CATEGORY

29 SUBMITTALS – 25 TROUT, 4 SNOOK, 0 KING MACKS

1ST AND 2ND PLACE AWARDS IN EACH OF THE 3 CATEGORIES

EACH AWARD \$25 – ONE AWARD PER ANGLER RULE

AWARDS DISTRIBUTED AT THEIR APRIL MEETING

CONGRATS TO ALL WHO BRAVED THE COLD WINDY WEATHER

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

MARCH TOURNAMENT - LADIES

SEATROUT 1ST PLACE – Diane McKenna 13" (on right)

SEATROUT 2ND PLACE – NO SUBMITTAL

Theresa FitzGerald's 39" Snook
(center) took **1ST PLACE SNOOK**



Sandy Wierzbanski
2nd PLACE SNOOK 26"

\$25

\$25

\$25



**CONGRATS!!
NICE
CATCHING
LADIES!!**

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

MARCH TOURNAMENT – MEN’S

SEATROUT – 1ST PLACE – 3 WAY TIE, ALL 20” SEATROUT, CONGRATS!!

MARK STORM \$25

RANDY DOUET \$25

BOB BRETT \$25



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS



Events Director:
Mike Dougherty

MARCH TOURNAMENT – MEN’S

SEATROUT – 2ND PLACE – 2 WAY TIE, BOTH 19” SEATROUT

\$25

JACK HOWARTH \$25



**JACK
ON
LEFT &
RIGHT
WITH
HIS
PAIR
OF
19’S**



JONATHON LANDON

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



MARCH TOURNAMENT – MEN’S

SNOOK – 1ST PLACE – FRANK BARRETT (below left), 23” \$25



THEN IN NEW MEMBERS
CATEGORY: ALLEN WADE (below)
1ST PLACE – 26” SNOOK \$25



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:
Mike Dougherty



MARCH TOURNAMENT – NEW MEMBERS

SNOOK – 2ND PLACE – NO CATCHES – NO SUBMITTALS

SEATROUT – 1ST PLACE MARK LEE (left & center with a pair of 19's) \$25



**NICE CATCHING ANGLERS !! Frank Barrett,
Jack Howarth, Randy Douet, Theresa FitzGerald
all had Multiple Catches of Nice Sized Trout !!!**

**MIKE DOUGHERTY
2ND PLACE
18" SEATROUT \$25**

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

STATISTICS & REPORTS

The Month in Review (March)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



Tidbits

Our Ladder of Achievement (LOA) was quite busy this month with several anglers achieving new rungs of success including Jack Howarth and Allen Wade who each climbed TWO rungs in one month and GMA Rich Brennan who earned his EIGHTH STAR! Three more anglers, including, Randy Douet, Dennis Krausman, and Mike White earned another GMA Star as well.

There were FIVE anglers who each earned their Snook pin this month. There were TEN changes in leadership in the MAT and EIGHT changes in the Isles Trophy race as well. We more than DOUBLED our entries, jumping from 72 in February to 155 this month with seatrout dominating the catch board with 68 reports, 56 of which were points fish of 18 or more inches with the largest fish to date, a 24" beauty caught by Bobby Bretts. Fifteen red grouper were reported by those anglers who found one of the few days they were able to get off shore safely.

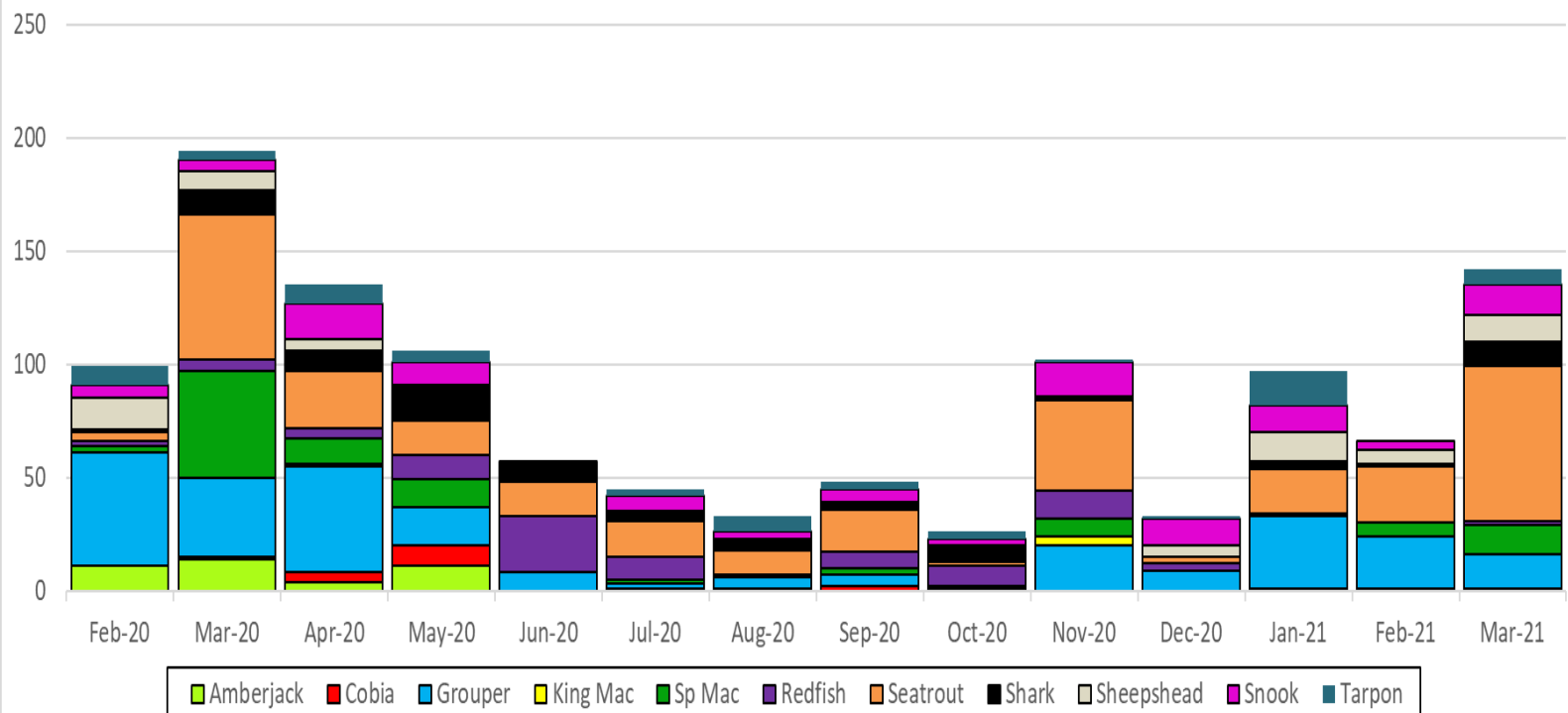
Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	
Anglers	44	30	51	↑
LOA Awards	6	6	16	↑
Fish Recorded	126	73	155	↑
Points Recorded	9100	7,500	16,900	↑

14 Month Catch History

(Number of Fish Recorded Each Month by Species)



PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

STATISTICS & REPORTS

LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2021 STANDINGS (MARCH)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



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

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats
Steve Fritz
Charlie McIntyre
Lenny Zimka

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 species, 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)

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

STATISTICS & REPORTS

ISLES TROPHY RACE 2021 STANDINGS (MARCH)

Record Keeper:
Paul Whiting



MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2021 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Ron Topper	34.5	1/23/2021	64.5%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	56.0	2020	Mike White	40.0	3/4/2021	71.4%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Jerry Peal	36.5	2/1/2021	93.6%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Allen Wade	28.0	3/18/2021	59.6%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Bobby Bretts	24.0	3/29/2021	82.8%
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Mike White	23.5	3/10/2021	97.9%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Richy Kale	41	2/12/2021	91.1%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Fred Benson	24.5	3/14/2021	81.7%

WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2021	DATE	% OF
	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	Cathy Hunt	33.0	2/10/2021	89.2%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				0.0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008				0.0%
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elain Bretts	23.0	1/11/2021	86.8%
	Sheepshead	Darlene Madsen	22.0	2018	Gretchen Sunderland	21.0	2/17/2021	95.5%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Theresa FitzGerald	39.0	3/21/2021	92.9%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019	Jan Holm Donna Sullivan	17.0 17.0	3/24/2021 3/24/2021	60.7%

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

Past Winners Isles Trophy Race

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rich Brennan Christine Jordan	Kel Krotzer Margie Hofman	Greg Chestnut Joanne landaker	Jim Qurollo Rose Anne McCaffrey	Steve Landaker Missy Becker	Vinnie Madsen Margie Hoffman	Bob Mays Karen Lodge	Gary Reeves Rose Anne McCaffrey	Rich Kale Darlene Madsen	Joe Udvari Dianne Bukowski	Joe Udvari Lynn Reeves	Mike White Dianne Bukowski

MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2021 STANDINGS (MARCH)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATROUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
1st Place	Ron Topper 34.5	Mike White 40.0	Jerry Peal 36.5		Allen Wade 28.0	Bobby Bretts 24.0	Mike White 23.5	Rich Kale 41.0	Fred Benson 24.5
2nd Place			John Gettinger 36.0			Elaine Bretts 23.0	Jack Hinnenthal 22.0	Theresa FitzGerald 39.0	Mike Gilger 23.0
3rd Place			Cathy Hunt 33.0 Dennis Krausman 33.0			Randy Douet 21.5	Gretchen Sunderland 21.0	Bill Muir 38.0	Ron Topper 22.5

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New this month are shown in Red

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
200	381

Membership Director:
Donna Sullivan

Let's all welcome our newest members:

- Brady and Connie Hartman from Columbus, Ohio
- James and Margie Petruccelli from Toms River, New Jersey
- Stephen and Kimbel Drelick from Cape Cod, Massachusetts
- Frank and Peggy Anastasi from Hebron, Connecticut
- Eric Anastasi from Hebron, Connecticut
- Carl Cucco from Brooklyn, New York and Beth Costa from Long Island, New York

I look forward to seeing you all at the April meeting. I will be handing out your new name tags.

We are always looking to increase our membership, so please let me know if someone moves into your area. I'd be happy to stop by and welcome them and drop off a fishing club new member packet.

Have a great day and stay safe!

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Directors: Julie Kale, Cheryl Panetta, Stella Wagner, and Susan Brooks



Hi Members,

Yet again there is nothing new to report. Hopefully, within the next month we can plan some events. I'm looking forward to seeing you at April's monthly meeting on Tuesday evening April 13. Maybe we'll have something in "the works" by then. Don't forget there is always "Tiki" on Wednesdays at 5.

Since spring has sprung, I know a lot of you will be headed north soon. We'll miss you!

Safe travels and Happy Easter,

Julie

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Susan Brooks 704-905-7214

CLUB CALENDAR

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

Breakfast: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 6:45am at Elena's.

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

PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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.

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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.

Chris Pflaum (Inshore/Offshore)

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Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women)

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2020

Meeting start time: 6:58 pm

Previous Membership Meeting Minutes approved

77 members in attendance – 366 total members

CCA Banquet – March 25, 2021 at County fairgrounds, additional RSVP required due to COVID delays

New advertisers welcomed to the club: Marine Max, Underwater Fish Lights, and Paver Sealing of SWFL – club members asked to thank them for advertising when shopping their business

Special Recognition: Donnie Brennan for 20+ years as Membership Director; Ed and Bonnie Verminski as Club Greeters

By-laws Changes approved – quorum met to vote on by-laws – 77 of 363 members in attendance – by-law changes approved: vote in Chairperson in Nov (same time as Officers) and allow for BOD to not meet in December

Name That Fish Winner – Cheryl Panetta - \$15 GC - Bluefish

Finance update: \$15,896.33 in the bank

New Member Outreach Winner – Jim Petruccelli – Cathy Hunt to take him out

Door Prize Winners: 1st - \$75 John Saitta, 2nd - \$50 Ralph Beatty, 3rd - \$25 Gary Skillicorn

Guest Speakers: Mark Schrader from **Marine Max** introduced the redesigned Boston Whaler Dauntless 22' & 25' bay boat – boat will be on display weekend of 3/13 in PG and invited members to take a look. Frank and Robert from **Fishin Franks** announced their new location to reopen after the fire with a planned opening date of May. Derek Molle, owner of **Underwater Fish Lights** talked about how to fish a light and shared his favorite lures and live bait techniques as well as why fish aren't caught on a light

Fishing Events:

FOM Feb Grouper, \$25 GC: Women 1st – Cathy Hunt – 33.0", 2nd – Donna Sullivan – 12.5. Men 1st – Jerry Peal – 36.5", 2nd – John Gettinger – 36.0", and 3rd – Jeff Barnhart – 32.0"

LOA: Several previous awards given out due to no Jan and Feb meeting. Notable awards were Cindy Johnston – GMA shirt; Richy Kale #4 Star

Feb Awards: Bronze Pin - Joanne Widney, Silver Pin - Tony Destefano and Jack Howarth, Gold Pin - Larry Kissner and Jonathan Landon, GMA Star - Bobby Bretts #6

50/50 Winners: 1st – \$ 75 Aaron Wagner, 2nd - \$50 Ed Verminski, 3rd - \$25 Liz McIntyre

All members were required to eat or take with them 3 pieces of cake 😊 Just checking to see if anyone is reading the minutes 😊

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 pm

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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.

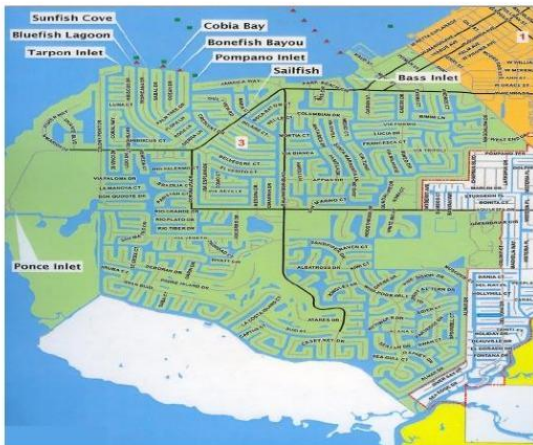


What do our members do?

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:

**For more information about the
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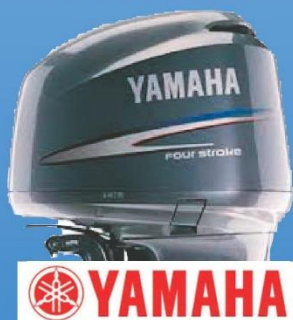
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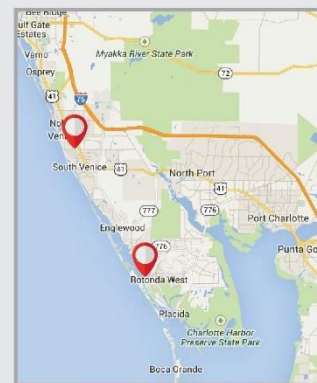
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GREG WIDNEY, below
35" Black Drum



JACK HINNENTHAL
(pictured above)
Very Nice 22"
Sheepshead

MARK DILLMAN
(pictured below)
29" Snook



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**Hold them high....
John FitzGerald (above)
34" Snook**



**Mike White, (below)
Very Nice 22.5"
Sheepshead**



**Above is
Larry Kissner
17" Bluefish**

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Fishing Fun



Clockwise from Bottom Left: Rich Brennan's 6 foot Shark, Mike White with his 40" Cobia, Marv Dyrstad with his 21" Spanish Mack, Fred De Mella showing off his 20" Sheephead

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Fred De Mella, with 1 of the 3
18" Sheephead Same Day



Fred De Mella, (above)
with his 36" Black Drum

Top Left – Jeff Barnhart
brought his 7 foot, 250 lbs
Shark to the boat while below
left, Fred Benson shows off
his 24.5" Spanish Mack.

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Above, Jude Panetta's
48" Tarpon, Jim Tanner
On right holding his
21" Red Grouper



Donnie
Brennan's
Shark on
top right

Rich
Brennan's
Shark on
bottom
right

Donnie's
shark
looks
bigger.

Thoughts?



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**Mike Gilger's (above)
6 foot Bull Shark**



**Al Wade's (center)
Cownose Ray**



Dennis Krausman 28" Red Grouper

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Tarpon – Boca Grande Pass

Jude Panetta's 48



Rick Sarkisian's 36 (below left) & 60 (below right)



Jude Panetta's 2nd 36



Nice Catching Guys !!!

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Rich Brennan – 65” Shark



Bill Muir (above) 38” Snook

Happy Catching !!

Randy Douet (left) – 21” Seatrout



Al Wade 20” Seatrout



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Top Left: Lenny Zimka's 13" Jack Crevalle
Al Wade 28" Redfish – Mark Lee's Good Morning Trout
Al Wade with his nice 17" Sheepshead

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Happy Al Wade 30" Snook



**Paul Whiting with his
20" Spotted Seatrout**



**Dennis Krausman with a
fine looking 18" Seatrout**

Email your fish pics to: fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org

Join the Fun !!

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Red Grouper Page



Top Center is Dick Conant
w/pair of 28's, Far left is Rick
Brown's 24", Bottom Center is
Rick's 25", below right is
Jonathon Landon's 26"



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**Jack Howarth
Below with his
18.5" Seatrout**



**Paul Whiting pictured above
with his 18" Seatrout**

SEATROUT WERE HOT IN MARCH

**Jack Howarth below
With his 20" Seatrout**



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JACK HOWARTH
19.5" BLUEFISH



MARK DILLMAN'S
6.5' SANDBAR SHARK
RELAXING OR TIRED?
YOU DECIDE !!



21.5" SEATROUT, CAUGHT BY
RANDY DOUET

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Front & Center: Rose Anne McCaffrey
29.5" Red Grouper, Top right Paul
Whiting's Cownose Ray, Bottom Right
Richy Kale's 38" Snook, Bottom Left
Tony DeStefano with his 17" Pompano
Top left, Dick Conant brings his 44"
Bull Shark to the boat.



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Jeff Barnhart 29.5 Red Grouper

Fred De Mella 25" Red Grouper



**Rick Brown, double
Header Jacks on a Sabiki**

**31.5" Red Grouper
Jeff Barnhart**



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**Bill Muir
showing his
35" Snook
To FWC**



**Below left
Dick Conant
22" Cuda**



Happy Elaine Bretts – 22" Spotted Seatrout

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**On the left: Red
Grouper 6 Pack,
Mike White & Son
& Dennis Krausman**



**Mary Heins, center, shows off
her Surprise 36" Tarpon**



**Elaine
Bretts
with
another
20" long
Seatrout**



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L to R, Dennis Krausman 20" Seatrout, Bob Bretts 24" Seatrout, Lenny Zimka 23" Sail Cat Elaine, Bobby, Randy, Dennis, Jack, Jude & others caught multiple trout >18, too many pics to post for this newsletter. The trout bite has been hot since mid March.