

FROM THE HELM

THE PGI FISHING CLUB IS A CLUB OF THE PUNTA GORDA
ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2023



Greetings from the President,

I would like to thank our Snow Birds for their support while in town. For those who stay, the fishing has been fair to good. There have been catches of Snook, mostly in and around the inlets to the canals and off our docks. The Trout have been hit and miss, better if you can find some grass. A few cobia have been reported and a fair offshore catch if you can make it out on a calm day. The FWC states that the Red Tide is background to low concentrations which is good news for our fish. Also, the Snook season in gulf state waters closes May 1 and reopens on Sept 1. Hope to see you all at the regular scheduled meeting on **Tuesday May 9 at 6pm, PGICA Auditorium.**

Good fishing,

Ron Deroche



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FISHING REPORT



The seatrout bite continues to be strong in Turtle Bay and Pine Island Sound. The Bretts' have been nailing them with many points fish in April. You'll have to ask them at happy hour or the meeting for specifics on their locations.

Rich Brennan and Mike Gilger are taking advantage of the sharks that come our way during the tarpon migration. They both are catching over 6' sharks in the harbor.

African pompano showed up and are being caught off-shore in ~90 feet of water on hard bottom with no vertical structure. They have also been near the Bayronto hanging out with the Amberjack. Fred DeMella shared his success; drifting, looking for fish in the water column, and targeting the depth in the water column. He has been vertical jigging and using squid on a size 1-oct hook. Live shrimp or crabs would also be productive. Use a bobber stop at the correct depth. The ideal drift is .5 - .8 mph; use a drift sock to slow the drift if needed. Fred also ties a 5-gallon bucket that has a few holes drilled in it tied to the side of the boat to slow down the drift; make sure the handle of the bucket is sturdy.

With the winds it's been tough to get off-shore so, the reports are limited.

The bite on the east wall has been productive with redfish, snook, and an occasional cobia being caught. White bait has been the key for success; shrimp is also working well.

Jeff and I did an off-shore trip a few weeks back and I continued to use the slow pitch jigging technique with killer results. Fellow club member, Rick Brown was on the boat and bought a slow pitch set up as I out fished him on the previous trip and he won't stand for that. By far, the two of us out fished the others using live-bait. I caught a 31.5" and a 30" red grouper on the same drift and Rick got a twofer on the same drop; a 25" and 22" red grouper. The Amberjack on the Bayronto were cooperating. Drifting northeast of the structure and taking blue runners; use the bottom scan to identify where they are in the water column.

Cathy Hunt – VP

FISH of the MONTH

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



Archamia baileyi (Archamia baileyi)

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FEBRUARY: GROUPER



Epinephelus microdon

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MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



Scomberomorus commerson

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APRIL: SNOOK



Lutjanus synagris

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MAY: COBIA



Rachycentron canadense

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JUNE: JACK CREVALLE



Morone chrysops

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JULY: SHARK



Galeorhinus galeus

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AUGUST: TARPON



Skipjacks

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SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT



Micropterus salmoides

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OCTOBER: REDFISH



Sciaenops ocellatus

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NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



Micropterus salmoides

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DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM



Pagrus major

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Fish of the Month For APRIL

Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait



COBIA



Gear, Tackle, and Rigging:

- Medium/heavier rod 12 – 25 with a 3,000 or 4,000 spinning reel is ideal if you hook into the big one. Can go lighter.
- 20-to-30-pound braid tied to 40-pound leader will get the job done.
- Jig head with a shrimp or large gulp works as well as a bucktail with a long gulp. Whitebait, crabs, and cut bait will get a bite.

Locations:

- Channel markers, reefs in the harbor, structure in the harbor, as well as drop offs from sand bars are some of their cruising areas.
- They are known to follow schools of rays and be mixed in with schools of tarpon. If you see a school of rays go by, be ready to throw something this time of year.

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Fish of the Month For APRIL

Location, Description, Tips

Tackle and Bait



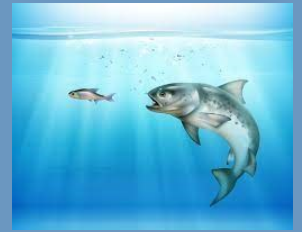
Additional Information:

- Minimum length 36" to the fork in state and federal waters.
- Richy Kale has secured 1st place in the Master Angler Tournament for a few years and holds the club record of 66".
- Daily bag limit: 1 per person per day or 2 per boat; whichever is less.
- They hit hard and immediately make a run, run again, and again. Get away from any structure and let them run; wear them out before bringing them to the boat. Likely another cobia or two will follow the cobia up. Bringing a green cobia into the boat can cause damage to the boat and people. Wear the fish out in the water and get it in the ice box immediately.

Cathy Hunt – VP



FISHING EVENTS



PGI Fishing Club

2023 Upcoming Fishing Tournaments

THREE SPECIES Tournament (June 2 - 5, 2023) Catch at least 2 of 3 required species. Mangrove Snapper, *Jack Crevalle, Spotted Seatrout

FIVE FISH Tournament (October 27 – 30, 2023) Winners for longest fish in each species for Women, Men, New Members. Five species: Redfish, Mangrove Snapper, Snook, *Permit, Yellowtail Snapper.

HOLIDAY Tournament- 3 FOR 30 (November 25 – 29, 2023) Catch three different species for total of at least 30". Six species: Mangrove Snapper, Spotted Seatrout, Redfish, *Jack Crevalle, *Shark, Grouper.

TOURNAMENT PARTICULARS:

All events award three categories- Women, Men, New Members Men & Women (joined since 9/15/21)

1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each category (\$35, \$25, \$15 gift certs)

Registration closes at 11:59 the night before the tournament.

All fish pics must be submitted by 4:00PM the last day of tournament.

Weigh-In: not a true weigh-in, do not bring dead fish. You in your fish photo is proof of your catch.

Max of one award per member per event.

PGIFC members only, no charter caught entries please, fish caught within 50 miles of Charlotte Harbor. Event dates subject to conditions.

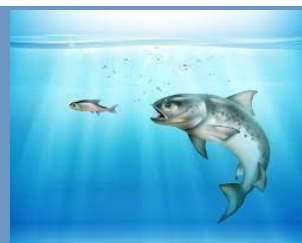
Fish of the Month entries count as tournament entries.

**Fork Length- From FWC "Fish regulated by fork length are measured from tip of the jaw or tip of snout with closed mouth to the center of the fork in tail."*

Questions, Concerns, Comments – Contact Events Director,
Chuck at chuckpearson431@gmail.com

APRIL RESULTS

Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



REPORTED CATCHES as of 4/30/2023 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

59 total fish turned in (7,900 points) by 25 different anglers

FOM (Snook):

<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
1st – Donna Sullivan– 20.0”	1st – Rick Brown – 34.0”
2nd – None	2nd – Jim Gregory – 23.5”
3rd – None	3rd - None

Interesting Tidbits

As we move into the late spring and early summer months, the number of our anglers who have northern homes begins to lessen our overall number of fish reported with 25 anglers submitting 59 catches this month. Our FOM, Snook, had a meager showing with only three fish reported. Seatrout were very cooperative with 21 catches up to 25” reported and several anglers reported a total of 15 sharks caught – mostly 60+”. Fred DeMella reported a monster 7-footer! Only a few folks got out to the grouper grounds this month to report 6 catches as the persistent fronts proved too much for most long-range boaters. Oddly, zero tarpon were reported even though we are approaching the pinnacle of their season. Rich Brennan earned his TENTH GMA STAR – the most for any angler in the club! Bobby Bretts also earned his EIGHTH GMA STAR. We had Four new members report their first catches and earn their Club hat.

Club Hat

Andy Athens, Jim Gregory

Jim Kunard, Tony Nowicki

Silver Pin

Tom Schmitt

Snook Pin

None

Tarpon Pin

None

GMA Star

Rich Brennan (#10), Bobby Bretts (#8)

Bronze Pin

Jim Gregory, Doug Salminen

Tom Schmitt

Gold Pin

NONE

Redfish Pin

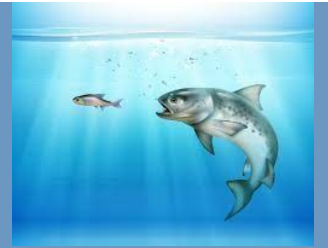
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GMA

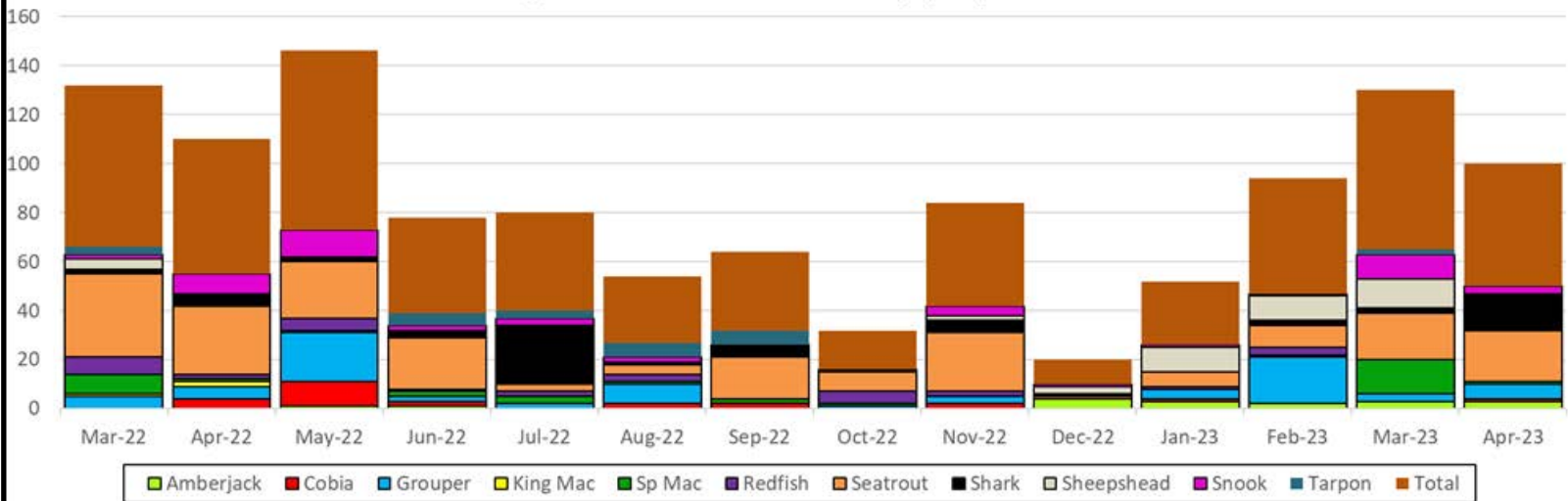
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ACHIEVEMENTS

WHAT'S BITE'N



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



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	February	March	April	
Anglers	22	35	25	↓
LOA Awards	3	4	11	↑
Fish Recorded	54	79	59	↓
Points Recorded	6100	3,800	7,900	↑

TROPHY RACE (Men)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2023 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Jeff Barnhart	40.0	2/28/2023	74.8%
X	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Mike White	32.0	1/29/2023	62.1%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	66.0	2022	Mike Trost	35.0	4/6/2023	53.0%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Bob Gariepy	29.0	2/21/2023	74.4%
					Joe Udvari		2/20/2023	
					Andy Athens	29.0	4/4/2023	
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Allen Wade	30.0	2/22/2023	63.8%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Mike White	26.0	2/2/2023	89.7%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012				
X	Sheeps-head	Mike White	26.0	2022	Mike White	24.5	2/2/2023	94.2%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Mike White **	49.0	3/11/2023	108.9%
		Tim Gibbons		2021				
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Fred Benson	21.5	4/15/2023	71.7%
					Mark Storm		3/22/2023	

TROPHY RACE (Women)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2023 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017	Joanne Widney	27.0	1/10/2023	67.5%
	Black Drum	Christine White	52.0	2022	Jan Holm	41.0	4/24/2023	78.8%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013	Sonia Nelson	48.0	1/10/2023	96.0%
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Cathy Hunt	31.5	4/2/2023	85.1%
	King Mackerel	Nancy Pearson	40.0	2022				0.0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008				0.0%
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	21.0	4/3/2023	79.2%
	Sheepshead	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Cathy Hunt	21.0	3/4/2023	93.3%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Donna Sullivan	37.0	3/21/2023	88.1%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019	Gretchen Sunderland	22.5	3/20/2023	80.4%

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED



PAST WINNERS OF ISLES TROPHY RACE

2009	Rich Brennan, Christine Jordan	2016	Gary Reeves, Rose Ann McCaffrey
2010	Kel Krotzer, Margie Hofman	2017	Rich Kle, Darlene Madsen
2011	Greg Chestnut, Joanne Landacre	2018	Joe Udvari, Dianne Bukowski
2012	Jim Quorollo, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2019	Joe Udvari, Lynn Reeves
2013	Steve Landacre, Missy Becker	2020	Mike White, Dianne Bukowski
2014	Vinnie Madsen, Margie Hofman	2021	Rich Kale / Tim Gibbons, Dianne Bukowski
2015	Bob Mays, Karen Lodge	2022	Rich Kale, Christine White

APRIL RESULTS—Ladder of Achievement

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

RED = Awards
This Month

Club Hats

Andy Athens
Jim Gregory
Jim Kunard
Tony Nowicki

APRIL RESULTS

MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2023 STANDINGS

	AMBERJACK		BLACK DRUM		COBIA		GROUPER		KING MACKEREL		REDFISH		SEATROUT		SHEEPSHEAD		SNOOK		SPANISH MACKEREL	
1st Place	Jeff Barnhart	40.0									Allen Wade	30.0	Mike White	26.0			Mike White	49.0	Gretchen Sunderland	22.5
			Jan Holm	41.0	Sonia Nelson	48.0	Cathy Hunt	31.5							Mike White	24.5				
2nd Place	Joe Udwari	38.0	Christine White	33.0	Mike Trost	35.0	Andy Athens	29.0			John FitzGerald	27.0	Jim Crawley	25.0	Cathy Hunt	21.0	Tom Schmitt	37.0	Nancy Pearson	22.0
							Bob Gariepy	29.0					Ron Kruse	25.0	Allen Wade	21.0	Donna Sullivan	37.0		
							Joe Udwari	29.0					Joe Zuad	25.0						
3rd Place	Jeff Wilson	34.0	Mike White	32.0			Fred De Mella	27.0			Jim Gregory	23.0								
													Bobby Bretts	23.0	Mark Dillman	20.0	Rick Brown	34.0	Fred Benson	21.5
															Dennis McKenna	20.0			Mark Storm	21.5
															Donna Sullivan	20.0				

New this month are shown in Red

APRIL MEETING MINUTES



President: Ronald Deroche

Location/Time: PGICA auditorium, 3/14/23, 6:05 p.m.

Attendees: 48

Notes By Cathy Hunt, Vice President for Nancy Pearson

Members in attendance: 48

Treasurer: \$11,370.53 in the bank

New Member Outreach Winner: Jeff Covert, host Ron Deroche

Door Prize Winners: **Ice House gift cards**: 1st \$75 Yvette Du Fresne, 2nd \$50 Larry Hofmeister, and 3rd \$25 Bonnie Verminski

50/50 Winners: 1st Patti Kunard, 2nd Karen Weeden, and 3rd Cindi Johnston

Fishing Events: FOM March Winners (Spanish Mackerel fork measurement) – **Fishin’ Franks gift cards** – Women: \$35 1st – Gretchen Sunderland – 22.5”, \$25 2nd – Nancy Pearson – 22.0”, and \$15 3rd – Sharon Dyke – 21.0”. Men: \$35 1st – Mark Storm – 21.5”, \$25 2nd – Fred Benson – 20.0”, and \$15 3rd - Mark Dillman – 19.5”.

LOA: Club Hat - Doug Salminen and JoAnna Salminen, Bronze Pin - Scott Hutchins, and Snook Pin – Larry Kissner

Guest Speaker: Mike Westa – 3rd generation owner of Lehr’s Economy Tackle – 1366 N. Tamiami Trail North Fort Myers spoke about general rod and reel maintenance. Lehrs does in-house repairs and maintenance on over 5,000 reels a year; many of the repairs could avoided with minimal maintenance after use by wiping down the reel with a wet rag and drying.

RAFFLES



50—50 DRAWING WINNERS



KAREN WEEDEN (1st), PATTI KUNARD 2nd, CINDI JOHNSTON (3rd)

RAFFLES



DOOR PRIZES



YVETTE DU FRESNE

LARRY HOFMEISTER—2nd PLACE



BONNIE VERMINSKI—3rd PLACE

SOCIAL EVENTS



Happy May! Missing our snowbird friends already but also grateful for less traffic, going out to dinner with no wait, but already starting to feel the heat and humidity. Pros and Cons but I think we all know, our little piece of paradise is special and a part of that is our Fishing Club and the friends we have made!

We have formally moved our general meeting to start at 6pm, with Happy Hour from 7-8pm. Beer, wine, soda and snacks will be served. Please join us for an informative meeting and come share some fishing stories over cocktails. We've even seen a movement from cookies to some nice appetizers and that is very welcome by the club. Feel free to bring an appetizer, or dessert to share- it is greatly appreciated. We have had some HH's with lots of members staying behind to socialize and meet new folks!

As you know, we have moved our Happy Hour to the Elks club every Wednesday at 5pm- We have had some great turnouts and it is great to see old friends and meet new ones. You do not have to be a member to attend, and Elk members will wear their Elks nametags as well so they can help aid in getting drinks. They do have food there (order by 6:30) and many members stay for some great music and dancing. We hope to see many of you there in the future.

We had a great event at our Murder Mystery Dinner. Thanks to all of our members that pitched in and helped set up, and clean up. Amazing food- I couldn't believe some of the appetizers, salads and desserts were there. There was a lot of laughs and fun as we tried to figure out who the murderer was! If you are interested in checking them out, they do events in Cape Coral and Ft. Myers so check them out. About Us (gibsonhouseswfl.com)

If anyone is interested in hosting Bunco in May or June, please let me know- always a fun time and a great way to get to know the ladies of the club and make new friends!

We'll be looking for volunteers to help for the Elks Kids fishing event on June 10th. More to come but we'll need help checking in, baiting lines, and helping the kids reel in the fish! So put a hold on that date while we find out more logistics. It's a great time, the kids all get fishing gear, food is served, and prizes awarded.

We have some promising ideas already in the works for 2023 but we can always use more involvement as well. We are committed to ensuring we meet the needs of our members so please supply feedback on what events you would like to try. Please reach out to me with your invaluable input. My email is chf0729@aol.com and my phone is 443-534-7890. If you would like to get involved and help with the social committee, the more the merrier.

Christine White, Social Director

SUNSHINE LADY

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We care! If you become aware of someone in the club that needs a card for any reason, please let me know. I can also provide a meal for or visit someone who is in need. Please call or email me

Paula Arnold

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CLUB LEADERSHIP



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Membership for April is on the upswing with 336 members.

New members for April are

Sherry and Mark Novelli, Brazilia Ct

Jeff and Carmia Covert, St Croix Ct

Please welcome them to the Club

Name Tags

Good news, we are now able to provide Name Tags for those who wish to purchase them. These are great, especially for our new members, and all of us who cannot remember names. For your reference, to see what it looks like, below is a copy of my official Fishing Club name tag. If you have a prior version, or even a name tag from another club, those are fine, please wear these at club functions to help us all get acquainted.



These official name tags are available from Gulfcoast Engraving & Awards, 2395 Tamiami Trail, Unit 207, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, 941.743.7744

sales@gulfcoastengraving.com

Cost is \$10.50 each, you can call them to place an order and they do take credit cards. You can pick them up at the above address, or have them mailed to you for \$4.50.

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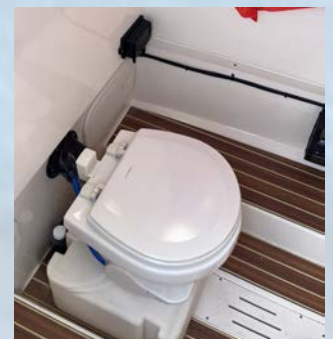
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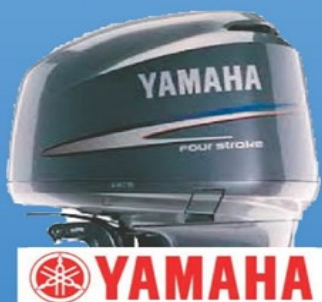
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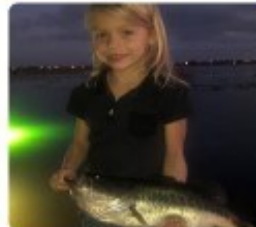
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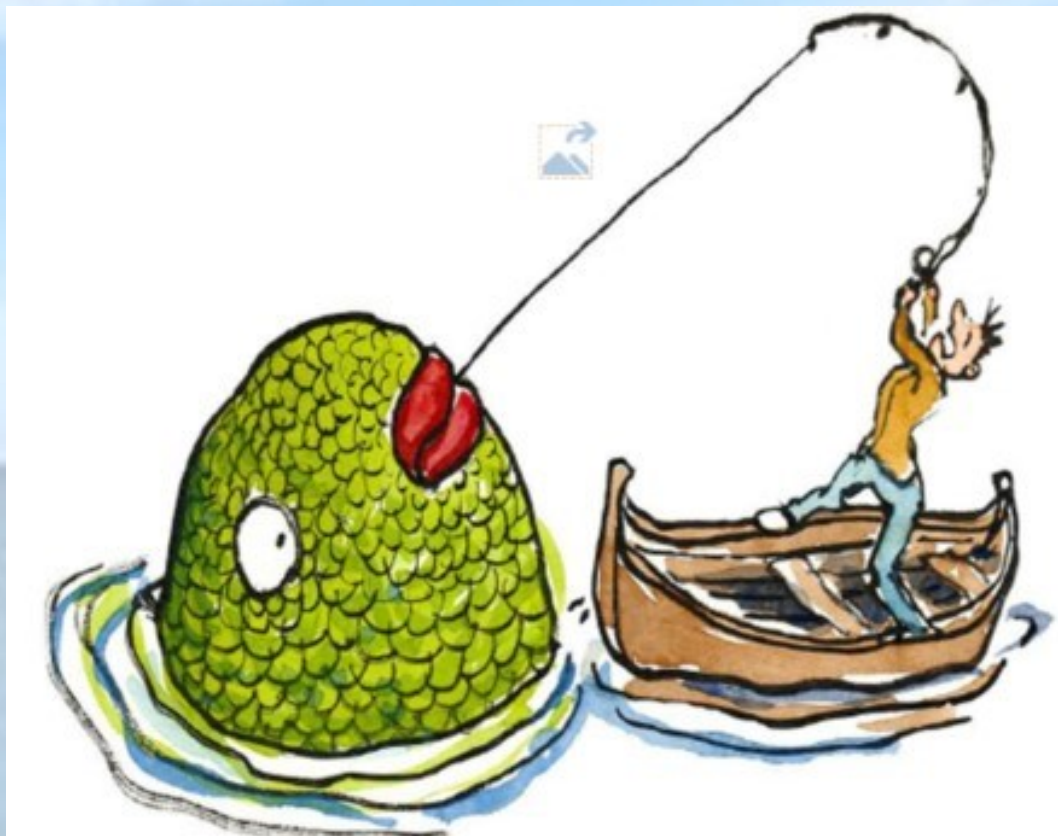
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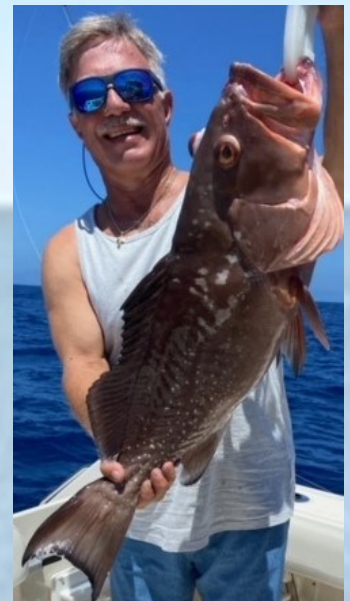
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