

FROM THE HELM

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

JULY 2023



Greetings from the President,

Still recovering from knee surgery so I don't have much to say. I will try to fish on Tuesday. Anyway, here goes.

I hope all our members have had a great summer, and the snow birds are staying cool. While I am recovering from knee surgery, I have had time to do research on when and where to fish this hot summer. I recently joined the Salt Strong app, and am planning a fishing trip on Tuesday, the 18th. I see there is a good catch of Black Drum in the PGI canals. The shallow water of 1-3 feet has a temp of around 90-91 degrees. I think the fish are deeper now or around points with a lot of current that possibly lowers the temp. I think I will use the apps info on fishing around Devilfish and around that area as the current and wind should be moving up that direction. I will let you know how it turned out.

Also I hear that plastics are working early in the morning and live bait is working better in the day when the fish go deeper for cooler water. We appreciate all the pictures that our members share with us on the board as we try to get as many in the Commentator as they allow, which is only 4 per month. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting in August on their second Tuesday at 6pm.

Good Fishing
Ron Deroche-Pres



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FISHING REPORT



Summer time is in full swing. Well almost, we are missing the great thunderstorms rolling through our area later afternoons, but the storms should come shortly.

A reminder from our club recorded keeper Paul Whiting: Fish of the Month (FOM) for July is shark and August is tarpon. The Fish of the Month rules for these months are different from other months; our Fish of the Month contests for July and August involve a points system to determine the overall winners rather than simply the longest single fish reported.

FOM shark and tarpon awards will be based on the total number of points accumulated for these species caught in their respective award months: 1st place for the most points, 2nd place for the second most points and 3rd place for the third most points. Any shark or tarpon estimated to be 5 feet or longer to the fork is awarded 3 points, whereas any smaller fish will only be awarded 1 point. Club members can only win one award per contest.

Both shark and tarpon must be estimated to the overall fork-length and the angler, for safety reasons, does NOT need to be in the photo of the fish. We encourage a photo of the complete fish in the water at boatside to allow for immediate release.

- Members are encouraged to submit multiple catches of the Fish of the Month to accumulate the greatest number of points during the respective months.
- If you have any questions, please contact Paul Whiting, PGI Fishing Club Record Keeper, at pfwfish@gmail.com

FISHING REPORT



Off-shore reports have been minimal, but a few members have braved the heat and gone out for red snapper with mixed results. Those going to 165'+ have had some success if the weather didn't chase them closer in. Red Grouper closing July 21, 2023 will likely result in fewer off-shore reports.

As a club, one of our focuses is to help educate members on how to catch more fish. Check out the 2022 July/August newsletter for specifics on catching sea trout, tarpon, black drum, and snook in the summer. Note locations change, but most of the other information is the same. Thanks to Randy Douet, Rick Sarkisian, Jeff Wilson, and Bill Muir for authoring the information. It's great info.

Thanks to Mike White for providing expertise on how to troll for sharks, catch spadefish, and catching mangrove snapper in Boca Pass that are in this newsletter. Spadefish are a species often overlooked in the summer but are fun to catch.

Our club continues to rely on volunteers to be viable. I am very appreciative of members that offer their time to provide expertise on how to catch fish for the newsletter, provide fishing reports, offer to take someone out for New Member Outreach, help with our meeting room set up/take down, sell 50/50 tickets, distribute door prize tickets, provide snacks/beverages after our meeting, willing to speak at our fishing club seminar, serve on the nominating committee, and serve on the board. It takes a lot of support to keep this club running..... Thank you for your time and support!

Cathy Hunt - VP

FISH of the MONTH

JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD



FEBRUARY: GROUPER



MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL



APRIL: SNOOK



MAY: COBIA



JUNE: JACK CREVALLE



JULY: SHARK



AUGUST: TARPON



SEPTEMBER: BLACK DRUM



OCTOBER: REDFISH



NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER



DECEMBER: SPOTTED SEA TROUT



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>

Tips for Summer Species JULY and AUGUST

Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait

Spade Fish

Spade Fish Introduction:

Spadefish are a summer species not often targeted but should be. They school in large numbers for several months in the summer. They definitely bend the rod and give a good fight with their wide bodies and broad tail action; plus are excellent table fare for those looking for a meal. Hopefully these tips will help get the fish hooked vs feeding the fish.

This is a great species to target when fishing with friends and family for a fun casual day on the water. An added bonus is that these fish are easy to fillet.

Identification:

- Silver color with 4 to 6 black vertical bars on each side (may fade in larger fish)
- Wide body with broad tail
- First and second dorsal fins separated
- Tail-shape concave and broad
- Second dorsal fin and anal fin
- Young are entirely dark brown or black in color



Locations/behavior:

- Structure is the key; Alligator reef, Fisherman's Village docks, Danger reef, Tremblay's reef, Mary's reef – you get the point. Don't go too deep looking for them.
- This schooling fish tends to meander in areas. They hang out slowly swimming around in various water columns, never sit still; the key is they hang out in the same area.
- They aren't aggressive swimmers or eaters; they appear lackadaisical.
- They eat crustations (shrimp) and jellyfish

Fish of the Month For JULY and AUGUST

Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait

Spade Fish, Continued

Rigging:

- Light tackle is desired, a regular rod for snapper or trout and a 2,000 – 3,000 reel works well.
- 10 – 20lb braid and maximum of 20lb fluorocarbon, with a 5' or longer leader.
- A small bobber/float; something in the $\frac{3}{4}$ " range. Consider using a slip float with a float stopper when fishing deeper water to adjust the depth of your bobber to target the specific water columns. If fishing in the harbor likely you can get by without a float stopper.
- In the harbor, you'll likely be setting your float 5' – 8' from the hook.
- A small strong hook is needed with a short shank. Ideally the hook is about $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, very short shank, and strong. These fish crush through shells; a strong hook is needed.
 - They have a lot of fight in them once hooked and will flatten many hooks.
- Small split shot 18" – 24" above the hook; adjust the size of split shot based on current.
 - Your bait will now flow more naturally with the current.
- Use a small shrimp; live or recently live, no larger than a dime. In the summer months the shrimp are small, and that works well for this species. The shrimp should cover the hook and the shank, with no excess shrimp on the hook. Don't use a "mussy" shrimp; those can be easily torn off the hook; the shrimp needs to be firm. Also try removing the shell of the shrimp.

The bite:

- The bite is very subtle. It's not like a cobia or tarpon, or even a snapper. You may think bait fish are nibbling, but if you know there are Spadefish in the area it's not baitfish.
- Watch for the bobber/float to go down a little and set the hook!
- Failure to set the hook will result in feeding the fish.
- Do not use a large float as the bite is subtle and a larger float won't yield the same results.

Technique:

- Anchor up over the area of the school. You can visually see the school in the water and they show up on bottom scan and side scan. On bottom scan they show up as small arcs in various water columns.
- Cast or drop to the water column where the fish are. Let the bait sit there. Don't reel, don't jerk it, let the fish find the shrimp. Once you see the float go down, set the hook.
- The fish don't get scared when using spot lock over the school.

Thanks to Mike White for providing his expertise on this write up.

Fish of the Month For JULY and AUGUST

Trolling for Shark

Introduction to trolling for shark:

Sharks are cruising the harbor and lower rivers in the summer. They are a good species to target if you have patience and the strength to fight and land the big ones in our area. This technique focuses on trolling live ladyfish.

Identification:

They range in length and specific markings. Generally, they are all greyish in color and have very sharp teeth that want to mess you up when you hook and land one 😊

Locations/behavior:

- “Clean” side of tide lines; they will be taking cover and looking for bait flowing through.
- Start at marker 2 towards marker 1, stay outside the tire reef on the way to marker 1. Hang a right towards marker 7 in the Myakka River. Stay in the deeper water.
- On an out-going tide go to the west side of Alligator Reef to the west wall/marker 5 area. Stay in the deeper water and look for the tide line.
- Outside the bars on east and west wall; in 6 to 8’ of water.
- Shoals by Two Pines.
- Deeper water near “the hill”.
- Aggressive feeders, feed based on scent, fast swimmers.
- They will follow the scent to find the bait.

Rigging:

- Long 8’ or so of leader 80 – 100lb; monofilament or fluorocarbon. Tie the leader to the braid.
- 1’ – 3’ wire leader (Tooth Proof 100 lb) with a swivel at one end and a 8 – 12 inline circle hook to the other end. Use a haywire twist knot when making your wire leader. Don’t make the wire leader too long as you need to grab the line to unhook the fish.
- Tie the leader to the barrel swivel that is on the wire leader.
- A large float (so you can see where your bait is).
- Rig the ladyfish through the nostril and lip or “bridle” through the eyes. Bridling through the eyes can yield great success as the ladyfish will not be as active when the shark is nearby and the bait won’t get caught up in other lines when trolling more than 1 line.

Technique:

- This is a slow controlled troll with a trolling motor. Ideal speed is .8 mph. Can also try drifting.
- Troll against the current.
- Keep the extra live ladyfish in the livewell. The water circulating in the well goes into the water providing scent to the shark; it acts as chum.

Fish of the Month For JULY and AUGUST

Trolling for Shark, continued

Technique (continued):

- The bait should be ~150' behind the boat.
- The combination of the ladyfish in the livewell, going against the current, and the bait far behind the boat is key; the scent is permeating the water.
- If trolling more than 1 live bait, use extension arms if you have them to keep the baits as far away from each other as possible. Also stagger the baits at least 20' apart behind the boat; 1 bait at 140' and the other at 160'. That will reduce the fish getting tangled.
- Trolling the weed line of the tide will result in the lines getting tangled; troll the clear side. The shark tend to be on the dirty side waiting for bait to go by.

The bite:

- Hard, strong, and get ready for the drag to peel off the reel.
- Get other rods reeled in and stowed for the fight.
- It's hard to miss a shark (or other large fish) that take your bait.

Safety:

- Release the shark as soon as possible.
- Don't boat the shark; even the small ones. A picture of the shark in the water with estimated fork length is all that is needed for Ladder of Achievements and Fish of the Month.
- Always have a good pair of protective gloves on board to grab the leader.
- Do not wrap the leader around your hand.
- Have a good pair of long handled wire/hook cutters and dehooking device.
- Always best to fish with a partner.
- Large sharks are known to get pissed after getting hooked, just ask long time club member Joe Udvari about the shark that bit the back of his boat after landing it. It did a number on his fiberglass.
- Have good first-aid supplies on boat just in case; a good tourniquet at the least.

Thanks to Mike White for providing his expertise on this write up

Fish of the Month For JULY and AUGUST

Mangrove Snapper in Boca Pass

Introduction to catching Mangrove Snapper in the pass:

After the large schools of tarpon leave the pass is a good time to target the snappers. Likely there will also be some good dolphins sightings and maybe turtles too. It's enjoyable in the blue water, watching wildlife, and catch some fish.

Gear:

- Lighter weight harbor gear will work; 2,500 – 3,000 spinning reel with 20 – 40 lb braid with 20 lb leader.

Rigging:

- Use a 3 – 4-ounce weight with offset attachments and a swivel on at least one of the attachments. Tie the weight to the braid. Consider using a swivel clip to the braid to easily change out the weight.
- Figure out how much line one crank of your reel retrieves; make your 20 lb leader 2 -3 times that length. Tie your leader to the offset end of the weight.
- Jighead weight will vary based on current; 3/8 and ¾ ounce may be enough. Or use a hook with a banana weight.
- Use live or dead shrimp (pinch the tail off), white bait, or shrimp bits.

Technique:

- Drop on the side of the boat, hit the bottom, reel up 2 – 3 cranks, and drift.
- Adjust the number of cranks to determine what is working.
- The weight should be above the structure, with the weight of the jighead keeping the bait near/but off the structure.
- The snapper will be holding on the structure and will come off the structure for the food, but not too far off the structure to expose themselves to their predators.

Thanks to Mike White for providing his expertise on this write up.

FISHING EVENTS



PGI Fishing Club 2023 Upcoming Fishing Tournaments

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

JUNE RESULTS

Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



REPORTED CATCHES as of 7/1/2023 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

92 total fish turned in (5400 points) by 41 different anglers

FOM (JACK CREVALLE):

Women

1st – Dianne Bukowski – 24.0”

2nd – Cathy Hunt -15.0”

3rd – Donna Sullivan- 10.0”

Men

1st – Joe Bukowski - 22.0”

2nd- Glenn Ranfos - 14.5”

3rd - Jim Gregory - 13.0”

Interesting Tidbits

Our reported catches more than doubled this month, thanks in no small part to the 37 submissions during the Fishing Tournament June 2-5. Thanks to Chuck Pearson, our Fishing Events Director, for coordinating this member friendly event. Glad to see so many folks participating, speaking of which, we had a record EIGHT first time submissions from new members in just one month! Seatrout had a fabulous showing with 32 reported catches up to 23”. Spanish Mackerel also cooperated nicely with 8 reported catches up to 23”. 4 sharks were reported, mostly bonnetheads. 3 Snook, all in the 30-38” size were also caught. Dennis and Diana McKenna continue to find the redfish with 3 reported catches in the upper 20” size.

Club Hat

**Linda Grossman, Barbara Kopka, Ken Kopka,
Patti Kunard, Ray Mason, Ann Northen
Angela Peterson, and Lyle Ross**

Silver Pin

Jim Gregory, Greg Widney

Gold Pin

None

Snook Pin

None

Tarpon Pin

None

GMA Star

None

Bronze Pin

Ann Northen, Glenn Ranfos

Snook Pin

None

Redfish Pin

None

GMA

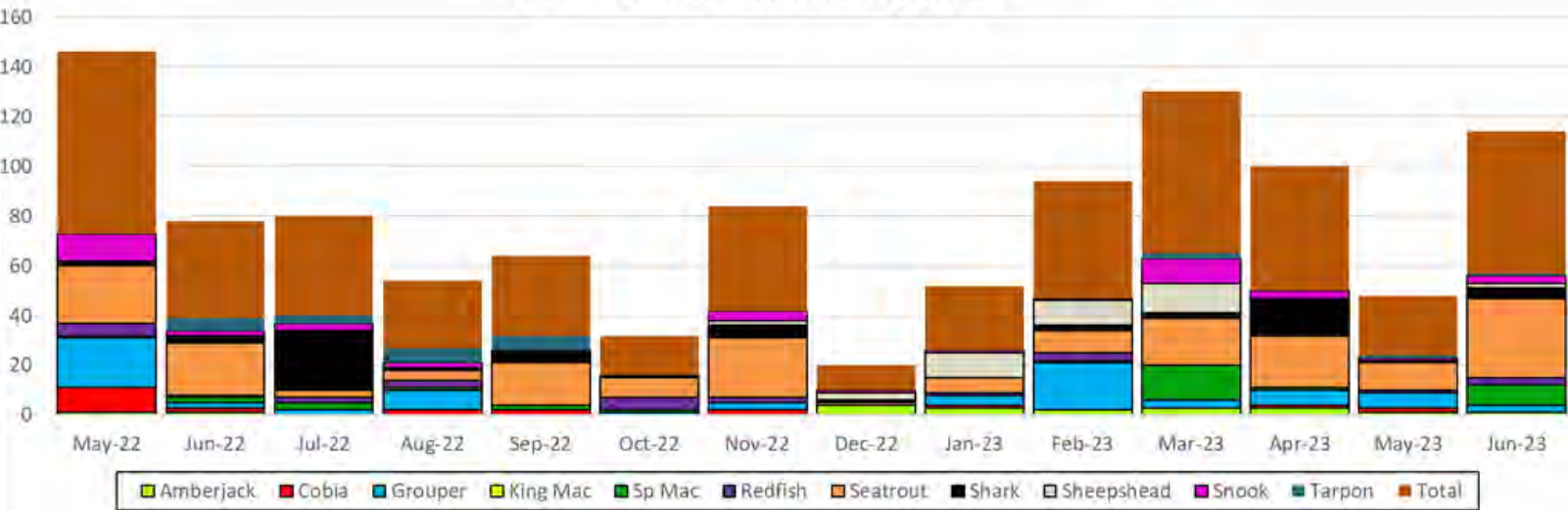
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ACHIEVEMENTS!

WHAT'S BITE'N



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



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	April	May	June	
Anglers	25	23	41	↑
LOA Awards	11	3	12	↑
Fish Recorded	59	28	92	↑
Points Recorded	7900	2,400	4,900	↑

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	Gary Selzer	32.0	6/10/2023	82.1%
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	Joe Bukowski	23.0	6/24/2023	76.7%
					Jim Gregory		6/9/2023	
					Greg Widney		6/14/2023	

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record

New Entries This Month are in RED

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 Fontaine White	52.0	2022	Jan Holm	42.0	5/7/2023	80.8%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008	Sonia Nelson	48.0	1/10/2023	96.0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	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	38.0	2008	Diana McKenna	28.0	6/27/2023	73.7%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	23.0	5/12/2023	86.8%
	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	28.0	2007	Gretchen Sunderland	22.5	3/20/2023	80.4%
		Lynn Reeves	28.0	2019				

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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

JUNE 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	Jack Botbyl	Mary Heins	Mike Dougherty	Rick Brown	Ron Baxter	
Tori Brown	Marc Boeckl	Ken Garden	Chuck Henry	Doug Du Fresne	Dick Conant	Fred Benson	
Bob Critchfield	Todd Brooks	Dale Hall	Tom Hunt	Theresa FitzGerald	Dave Dyke	Larry Benz	★
Colleen De Mella	Anne Careau	Bill Hess	Larry Kissner	Jenny Goodell	Marv Dyrstad	Rich Brennan	★★★★★★
Tom desEnfants	Carl Cucco	Karen Lodge	Michael Knipe	Bill Guenther	Ed Girzi	Donnie Brennan	★
Sharon Dyke	Don Cummins	Sonia Nelson	Jim LaRocca	Ken Hardesty	Bob Mays	Bob Bretts	★★★★★★
Mike Endres	Yvette Du Fresne	Cheryl Panetta	Marie LaRocca	Jack Howarth	Diana McKenna	Elaine Bretts	★★★★★
Richard Farmer	Kathy desEnfants	Gary Selzer	Tom Lodge	Julie Kale	Bill Muir	Dianne Bukowski	★
Steve Fritz	Tony Destefano	Steve Trego	Sherry Moerke	Jonathan Landon	Lynn Reeves	Joe Bukowski	★★
Chris Gibbons	Tamara Dillman	Sheree Wolfinger	William Neff	Mark Lee	Jack Spies	Jim Crawley	★
Frank Grazier	Joanell Dyrstad		Nancy Pearson	Marty McCaffrey	Mark Storm	Fred De Mella	★★★
Renee Gibbons	Richard Embury		John Simonieg	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Gretchen Sunderland	Mark Dillman	
Bob Giffin	Gary Frost		Ed Verminski	Dennis McKenna	Karen Udvari	Dick Doster	*
Sheryl Hatch	Tim Gibbons		Paul Whiting	Gary Moerke	Allen Wade	Randy Douet	★★★★
David Hatch	Art Goodell		Ted Wierzbowski	Chip Peterson	Rich Willingmyre	John Fitzgerald	
Tom Hay	Jim Gregory			John Saitta		Christine Fontaine	★
Scott Hutchins	Randy Hall			Joseph Zurad		Bob Gariepy	★★
Jack Jonaitis	Roz Hickey	RED = Awards This	<div> Club Hats </div> <div> Linda Grossman Barbara Kopka Ken Kopka Patti Kunard Ray Mason Ann Northen Angela Peterson Lyle Ross </div>			John Gettinger	★★★
Dennis Jones	Jack Hinnenthal					Mike Gilger	★
Fran Krausman	Larry Hofmeister					Tom Hickey	★
Buddy Krauss	Dave Joe					Jim Hoffman	★
Richard Larson	Lisa Kellythorne					Margie Hoffman	
Bob Mueller	Mike Knipe					Jan Holm	
Patricia Nalipi	Ron Kruse					Cathy Hunt	★★★
Ann Northen	Denys LaChance					Bud Johnston	
Chuck Pearson	Kevin LaPointe					Cindi Johnston	
Chris Pflaum	John McFarland					Rich Kale	★★★★★
Chris Pollinger	Mike Nalipi					Dennis Krausman	★★★★★
Glenn Ranfos	Wayn Nelson					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Doug Salminen	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	★
Joanne Widney	Lynne Stockinger					Donna Sullivan	★
	Don Taylor					Ron Topper	★★★★★
	Mike Trost					Joe Udvari	★★★★★★
	Mike Wagner					Aaron Wagner	
	Stella Wagner					Mike White	★★★★★
	Greg Widney					Jeff Wilson	★
	Sandy Wierzbowski					John Wolfinger	
	Tom Youngblood						
	Lenny Zimka						

(BOLD star = earned this year)

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JUNE RESULTS

MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2023

	AMBER-JACK		BLACK DRUM		COBIA		GROUPER		KING MACKEREL		REDFISH		SEATROUT		SHEEPS HEAD		SNOOK		SPANISH MACKEREL	
1st Place	Jeff Barnhart	40.0	Jan Holm	42.0	Sonia Nelson	48.0	Gary Selzer	32.0			Allen Wade	30.0	Mike White	26.0	Mike White	24.5	Mike White	49.0	Joe Bukowski	23.0
																			Jim Gregory	23.0
																			Greg Widney	23.0
2nd Place	Joe Udvari	38.0	Christine Fontaine	33.0	Mike Trost	35.0	Cathy Hunt	31.5			Dennis Mc Kenna	29.0	Jim Crawley	25.0	Cathy Hunt	21.0	Tom Schmitt	37.0	Gretchen Sunderland	22.5
													Ron Kruse	25.0	Allen Wade	21.0	Donna Sullivan	37.0		
													Joe Zuad	25.0						
3rd Place	Chip Peterson	34.5	Mike White	32.0	Jan Holm	31.0	Andy Athens	29.0					Bobby Bretts	23.0	Mark Dillman	20.0	Rick Brown	34.0	Bill Muir	22.0
							Bob Gairepy	29.0					Elaine Bretts	23.0	Dennis Mc Kenna	20.0	Bill Muir	34.0	Nancy Pearson	22.0
							Joe Udvari	29.0							Donna Sullivan	20.0				

New this month are shown in Red

JUNE MEETING MINUTES



President: Ronald Deroche Location/Time: PGICA auditorium, 6/13/23, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: 49 Notes By Nancy Pearson

Treasurer: \$12,710.60 in the bank

Door Prize Winner: WANDA ZIMKE

50/50 Winners: VEDERA WALDRON, WANDA ZIMKE, PATTI KUNARD

Fishing Events: FOM April Winners - Cobia – Fishin' Franks gift cards

Women: \$35 1st - Jan Holm , 31"

Men: \$35 1st - John FitzGerald, 35"

THREE SPECIES TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Mangrove Snapper, Jack Crevalle, Spotted Seatrout

• June 2 to 5, 2023

Winners: Lots of awards offered! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for each category (\$35, \$25, \$15 gift certs). Note: Win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for longest length in each above target species.

Members were limited to one award. Recognition given to those who qualified for more than one award. The June Fish of the Month is Jack Crevalle and was also eligible for these awards.

- 29 entrants
 - 12 entrants caught fish
 - 21 fish entered
 - 17 awards earned
 - 2 new members
- Door Prizes- \$25: Nancy P. Randy D. Colleen D.
\$10: Joanne W. Jim Kunard

Women	Jack Crevalle	Mangrove Sn.	Seatrout
1	Donna Sullivan 10"	Diana McKenna 12"	Elaine Bretts* 20"
2	Nancy Pearson* 7"	Sandy Wierzbowski* 7"	Dianne Bukowski* 14"
3	x	Donna Sullivan* 10"	Nancy Pearson 9"
Men			
1	Dennis McKenna 9"	Larry Kissner* 13"	Mark Lee 21"
2	x	Tony Nowicki* 11" Dennis McKenna 11"	Randy Douet* 20.5"
3	x	Ted Wierzbowski* 8.5"	Fred De Mella* 17"
New Men			
			Ray Mason 18"

JUNE MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Notes, Continued

Next Fishing Club Sponsored Tournament!!!

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

Event dates are subject to change due to weather.

Questions? Concerns? Email me at chuckpearson431@gmail.com

(* Measured to the Fork)

LOA: Club Hat - Beth Watkins

Bronze Pin- none

Silver Pin – none

Gold Pin – Jack Botbyl

Snook Pin – none

Redfish Pin – Chip Peterson

Tarpon Pin – none

GMA – none

GMA Star – none

Guest Speaker: Josh Olive, fishcoach.net

Josh spoke on different ways to target shark

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm



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DOOR PRIZE WINNER



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SOCIAL EVENTS



Whew- welcome to the dog days of summer as they say! With many of our snowbirds still out of town, and many of our other members taking off for various parts of the world, we have a slow social calendar for the summer, but we are planning a few get togethers so look out for Social Updates.

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- luckily, we've been able to get some shade and really nice breezes by the River so not a bad place to be when you are hot. 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 (Mike and I split their Asian Wrap and Italian Sub last Wednesday and it was amazing) -order by 6:30 . We hope to see many of you there in the future.

Thanks to Nancy Pearson for hosting Bunco for the ladies in June. We had some new members join us and we all had a blast-quite a fun time! I will be hosting Bunco on Monday August 14th at 6pm. Please check on the website for sign up. If anyone is interested in hosting for September or future months, please let me know- again you pick the date, the time and the number of attendees.

Looking for a hostess for our Ladies Christmas ornament exchange, hopefully first week in December. If anyone is interested in hosting, please let me know. If not, we can look at doing it at the PGI-CA, but then will need help setting up and cleaning up there as well.

Save the date for December 19th for our annual Christmas party. Registration will open up in the fall but put it in your calendar now.

We have some promising ideas already in the works for the rest of 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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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Membership for June is now at 339 members.

New members for May.

Dan and Videra Walton, on West Marion. 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.



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- **Fred De Mella (Inshore or Offshore) fdemella@gmail.com**



Contact them through email to arrange a trip.

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

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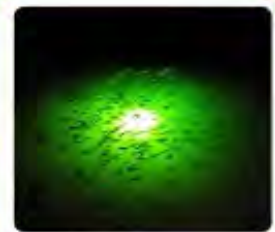
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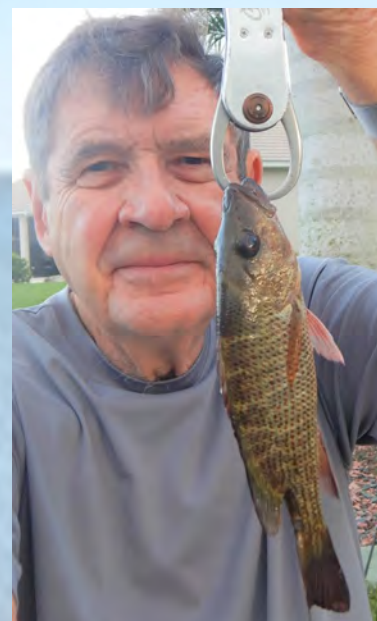
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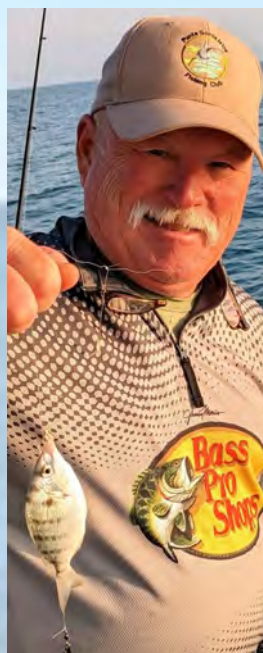


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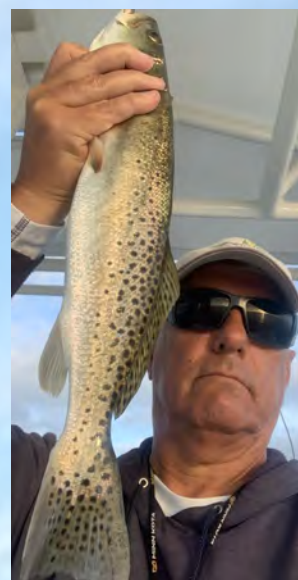
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