

FROM THE HELM

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

SEPTEMBER 2023



Greetings from the President,

What a week we just had!! We escaped a big one but still got the bands of rain. I hope everyone is ok and not too much damage to your homes. Good news is that Snook season is open. I have seen quite a few swimming around the green lights in our canals in PGI. I hope to get a few before it closes on December 1. The red tide seems to be non-existent for now so let's get out and fish!!

Don't forget about Happy Hour on Wednesday and Dinner after at River City Grill. Also mark your calendar for our Christmas Party.

That's all for now.

Good Fishing

Ron Deroche. President



Next Meeting: Tuesday September 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

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FISHING REPORT



I wonder if the lack of tarpon submitted for August was due to the lack of folks targeting them, catching them, and/or just not turning them in? For me personally it was just too stinking hot to target them; hopefully that changes for September.

Before hurricane Idalia came through the tarpon were finally schooling up. I'm sure they settled back into their areas shortly after the storm. Dangling DOA baitbusters using a slow controlled drift should provide a hookup. Using a ladyfish will also get a bite and increase the chances of a shark as a by-catch.

The shark bite continues to be strong using cut and live bait. Folks are catching the big ones in the deep holes, outside turtle bay/hill area, and deeper troughs. Spadefish are plentiful around areas of structure.

Redfish have moved in and the numbers should increase in the coming weeks. Shrimp, cut bait, white bait, gold spoons, and soft plastics are all a good bet.

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

Fish of the Month For SEPTEMBER

Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait



BLACK DRUM

Identification:

- Smaller black drum can be confused with sheepshead due to the whiteish coloring with black stripes. You won't be targeting the small ones this month!
- As they get larger, they lose their striping and become golden in color.
- Wide bodies, tails, and head.
- Can hear the "drum" sound.

Location/finding them:

- During summer months they school up in the canals, schools can have 10 to hundreds of fish.
- Pre hurricane Idalia they were in the port charlotte canals and canals by Bass Inlet; near larger open bodies of water.
- If you have good side scan and know how to use side scan; you can't miss them.
- Look for little baitfish and disturbances on the surface as well as the bottom getting mucked up.

Gear/tackle:

- Light gear works well: an 8 – 14 rod with a 3,000 spinning reel. You'll be casting a lot and making long casts.
- Soft plastics with a small strong hook (eighth ounce jig head with gulp), crab, and shrimp all work. Stay away from using larger hooks as it increases foul hooking the fish; putting undue stress/harm on the fish.
- 20-pound 3' leader and fluorocarbon.

Technique:

- They like a slow presentation. So slow that you should feel your lure over the school or on the bottom. I mean slow.....
- The bite is subtle, your line will start to straighten, then the fish will realize it's hooked and make a run for it. They'll run a few times, again when they see the boat, and again when they see the net.

Fish of the Month For SEPTEMBER

Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait

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Technique:

- With the high-water temperatures, it's important to revive the fish. There are plenty of good video's out there on how to do that.

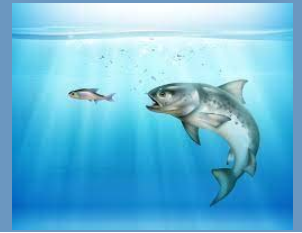
Miscellaneous:

- Running through a school with your engine will cause them to scatter; you'll piss off other boats. Use your trolling motor, if you don't have a trolling motor stay on the outside of the school.
- Black drum is a species for Ladder of Achievement and eligible for points.
- Master Angler Tournament currently has a 3-way tie for first place at 42".
- This is an easy, fun, and big fish to catch. Hardest part is finding the schools.

Cathy Hunt—VP



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY



2023 FISHING SEMINAR

LEARN HOW TO FISH IN OUR LOCAL WATERS FROM THE EXPERTS

The plans for the **October 22nd** fishing seminar are coming together and registration is now open. The seminar is going to cover many species of fish; in-shore, near-shore, and off-shore. Details from some of our club experts will include how to target certain species, rigging, time of year, locations, and much more. We'll also cover "harbor and river basics" and information of how to use solunar tables to increase your catching.

The free seminar is open to all fishing club members. Club members can bring guests as long as they are eligible to join the PGICA; so bring your neighbors and friends. Space is limited. There will be a lot of great information shared and plenty of time for question and answers.

The seminar will be set up with tables and chairs to take notes (you will want to take notes!).

Coffee and lunch will be provided.

The Seminar will run from **9:00 am - 3:00 pm** or so. We might wrap up earlier, but you never know when a group of people get together and talk fishing..... It might run longer....

To register e-mail **fishclubcathuntisme@yahoo.com** with your name, e-mail address, and the name and e-mail address of any guests you plan to bring.

Cathy Hunt—VP

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 Sea-trout, 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

AUGUST RESULTS

Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



REPORTED CATCHES as of 9/1/2023 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

41 total fish turned in (4100 points) by 13 different anglers

FOM (TARPON)

Women

None

Men

1st – Jude Panetta

Interesting Tidbits

With the continuation of an extraordinary heat wave, windy weather, a near miss hurricane, and numerous out of town trips by our locals, the number of anglers out on the water continued to decline this month. Not many folks targeted our Fish of the Month, (Tarpon), preferring to catch other species. The Black Drum have continued to show up in large traveling schools in our canals and those with side scanning sonar can find these scattered schools of jumbo bruisers who seem willing to hit both artificials and live bait equally well. 30 black drum in the mostly 100 point class size (32"-41") were reported. We expect them to stay in the canals for another month and they are now our FOM in September. They are a lot of fun on light tackle but be sure to revive them in these hot water conditions before sending them back to their school. With the closing of the Red Grouper fishing from mid-July to the end of the year, not as many off-shore members have been going out. Congratulations to Donna Sullivan who became the sixth angler to earn a GMA Star, her 2nd!

Club Hat

None

Silver Pin

None

Snook Pin

None

GMA

Bronze Pin

None

Gold Pin

None

Redfish Pin

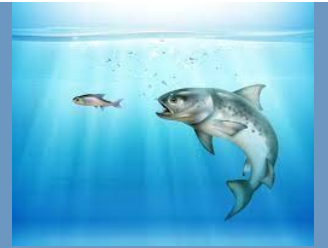
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GMA Star

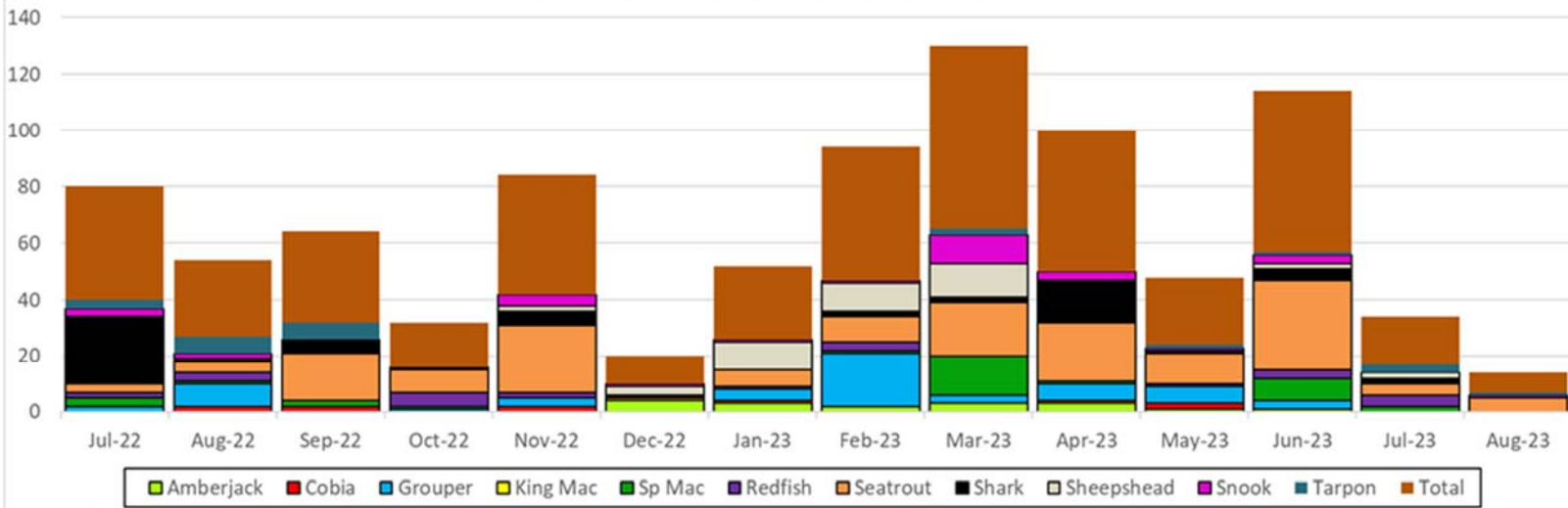
DONNA SULLIVAN, #2

ACHIEVEMENTS!

WHAT'S BITE'N



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



Recorder's Data

Monthly Performance

	June	July	August	
Anglers	41	18	13	↓
LOA Awards	12	4	1	↓
Fish Recorded	92	55	41	↓
Points Recorded	4900	5,900	4,100	↓

TROPHY RACE (Men)

OVER-ALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	REC-ORD LENGTH in INCH-ES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2023 LENGTH in INCH-ES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udwari	53.5	2019	Jeff Barnhart	40.0	2/28/2023	74.8%
X	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Paul Whiing	42.0	7/7/2023	81.6%
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	Bobby Bretts	26.0	7/17/2023	89.7%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012	Mike White		2/2/2023	
X	Sheepshead	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)

OVER-ALL CLUB REC-	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCH-ES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2023 LENGTH in INCH-ES	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%
					Donna Sullivan		8/1/2023	
	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

AUGUST RESULTS—LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT

2017-2018 GRAND MASTER ANGLER							
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 Fres-	Dick Conant	Fred Benson	•
Bob Critchfield	Todd Brooks	Dale Hall	Tom Hunt	Theresa Fitz-Gerald	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	RED = Awards This Month	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		Ted Wierzbanski	Gary Moerke	Allen Wade	Randy Douet	★★★★
David Hatch	Art Goodell		Club Hats	Chip Peterson	Rich Willingmyre	John Fitzgerald	•
Tom Hay	Jim Gregory			John Saitta		Christine Fontaine	★
Scott Hutchins	Randy Hall			Paul Whiting		Bob Gariepy	★★
Jack Jonaitis	Roz Hickey			Joseph Zurad		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					
Bruce Peterson	John McFarland	Rich Kale				★★★★★	
Chris Pflaum	Mike Nalipi	Dennis Krausman				★★★★★	
Chris Pollinger	Wayn Nelson	Kel Krotzer				★★★	
Glenn Ranfos	Randy Page	Carl Leicher				•	
Doug Salminen	Kim Pflaum	Joe Maillet				•	
Mark Schruer	Paul Robinson	Pete McGregor				★★	
Alan Schulman	Hezzie Samons	Jude Panetta				★★★★	
Jess Searle	Mike Sandling	Tom Parsons				★★	
Miriam Taylor	Deb Sarkisian	Gary Reeves					
Patti Topper	Tom Schmitt	Rick Sarkisian				★★★★★★	
Mike Trost	Gary Skillicorn	John Stockinger				★	
Roxie Trost	Lynne Stockinger	Donna Sullivan				★★★	
Joanne Widney	Don Taylor	Ron Topper				★★★★★★	
	Mike Trost	Joe Udvari				★★★★★★★★	
	Mike Wagner	Aaron Wagner					
	Stella Wagner	Mike White				★★★★★	
	Greg Widney	Jeff Wilson				★	
	Sandy Wierzbanski	John Wolfinger					
	Tom Youngblood						
	Lenny Zimka						

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(BOLD star = earned this year)

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AUGUST RESULTS

MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2023

AMBER-JACK		BLACK DRUM		COBIA		GROUP-ER		KING MACKEREL		REDFISH		SEA-TROUT		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	Bobby Bretts	26.0	Mike White	24.5	Mike White	49.0	Joe Bukowski	23.0
			Donna Sullivan	42.0								Mike White	26.0					Jim Gregory	23.0
			Paul Whiting	42.0														Greg Widney	23.0
2nd place	Joe Udvari	38.0	Cathy Hunt	41.0	Mike Trost	35.0	Cathy Hunt	31.5		Dennis McKenna	29.0	Jim Crawley	25.0	Fred De Mella	21.0	Tom Schmitt	37.0	Gretchen Sunderland	22.5
												Ron Kruse	25.0	Cathy Hunt	21.0	Donna Sullivan	37.0		
												Joe Zuad	25.0	Allen Wade	21.0				
										Diana McKenna	28.0								
3rd place	Chip Peterson	34.5	Jeff Wilson	40.0	Jan Holm	31.0	Andy Athens	29.0				Elaine Bretts	23.0	Mark Dillman	20.0	Rick Brown	34.0	Bill Muir	22.0
							Bob Gairepy	29.0						Dennis McKenna	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

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES



President: Ronald Deroche
Attendees: 33

Location/Time: PGICA auditorium, 8/8/23, 6:00 p.m.
Notes By Nancy Pearson

Treasurer: \$12,025.40 in the bank

Membership: 175 households and 345 members

Door Prize Winner: MIKE GILGER

50/50 Winners: 1st MIKE GRISH, 2nd JIM GREGORY, 3rd GARY SELZER

Name That Fish: MARK CUMMINGS, 15\$ Fishing Franks gift cards

Fishing Events: FOM July Winners - Shark – Fishin' Franks gift cards

Women: \$35 1st- Elaine Bretts 3 points, \$24 2nd - Roxie Trost 1 point

Men: No Entries

Fishing Reports and Testimonials:

- Lots of black drum are being caught in the canals in shore
- Fixen Reef was hot with Lane Snapper and Red grouper
- Lots of trout being caught in Turtle Bay
- Pompano are being caught north of Pirates Harbor and on the East wall

Skill Development: Cathy Hunt reported that on October 28 from 9am - 3pm a fishing seminar will be held.

Social committee: Christine reported that they are planning a fall event; more information to follow. The Social Director position is open for 2024

Ladder of Achievement (LOA):

Club Hat - none	Bronze Pin- Bruce Peterson
Silver Pin – none	Gold Pin – none
Snook Pin – none	Redfish Pin –Paul Whiting
Tarpon Pin – none	GMA – none
GMA Star - Elaine Bretts #7 , Cathy Hunt #3	

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES



Guest Speaker: Steven Phillips. Steve is the Owner and Operator of Southern Charm Charters, at Southerncharmcharters.com, 678-787-4750 .

Steve gave a brief fishing report. Pompano are plentiful in the harbor for the last 2 weeks, using a pink silly jig or a bobber and shrimp. At the middle harbor markers, Cobia have been biting. Redfish schools are also showing up at the Burnt Store sandbar.

His presentation was about fishing for Tarpon. He said the river is usually 9 feet, but currently in a drought state, at about 3 feet. Most of the Tarpon are in the Boca Pass eating crabs. To fish for them, stay in the Tarpon Triangle. (Or near the 20 foot holes, Alligator reef and Tire reef). They are also spotted by Marker 8, near the Myakka River, The key is to cast with a bait buster, without bobbers with a slow retrieve. Chum for them with lady fish or thread fins. Also fish the bridges at night with pin fish or squirrel fish.

Steve stated that he often trolls the walls at 2.5 - 3 mph with bait busters, all the while looking for fish. Currently there are problems attracting the bull sharks. In September to October you can switch to live bait. If you don't have a trolling motor, you can drift towards the tarpon with your bait buster. A purple bait buster with a bobber is very successful. You can also use live lady fish or hard head catfish.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Submitted by Nancy Pearson

SOCIAL EVENTS



Hoping that this finds you all well, and no damage from Idalia! Let's continue to hope that this is an no-event hurricane season as many of us are still putting things back together from last year.

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. We hope to see many of you there in the future.

We have planned an after happy hour dinner for Wednesday, September 6th, at River City Grill, with almost 40 members signed up so far. We'll look to do this once a month, and if you have any ideas on locations for us to try, please let me know. Look for sign up for October soon.

I had the pleasure of hosting 16 FC ladies for Bunco this past week. As always, some wonderful appetizers with a great deal of laughter. No experience is needed so if you are looking to get out for an evening, please join us. Looking for hosts for September, October, and November- you pick the date, the time and the number of attendees (12-16) and supply paper supplies and ice.

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 PGICA, but then will need help setting up and cleaning up there as well.

Registration is now open for our December 19th Annual Christmas party. We are more than ½ way filled so do not hesitate to sign up to ensure that you can secure your seat. We had to turn folks away last year and I do not want to have to do that. We will again have a toy drive for Toys for Tots so as you are out shopping, you can start looking for some deals.

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SOCIAL EVENTS



Looking to plan for a Fall event. Please contact me at **chf0729@aol.com** on the following items if you have:

- Might do a food truck at PGICA. Does anyone know someone that has one or any good recommendations?
- Please contact me if you have a cornhole set or know one where we can borrow one.

As many of you know, I will not be continuing as Social Director next year. With work commitments and other association responsibilities, I won't have the time to devote to it the way I would like, and the club deserves. With many helping hands, it is not that hard of a role, and has many rewards when you see members having fun and meeting new folks. I'll certainly assist anyone as much as I possibly can as well. If you have any questions on what the responsibilities are, please give me a call at 443-534-7890.

Christine White—Social Director



SUNSHINE LADY

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



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

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CLUB LEADERSHIP



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Membership for August is holding steady with **343** members. We expect a big influx of new members as the snow birds return.

New members for July and August:

Alan and Carrie Hoertt, residing in PGI with a home on St Croix Court and **Iryna Sharp** also residing in PGI with home on Bal Harbor Blvd. 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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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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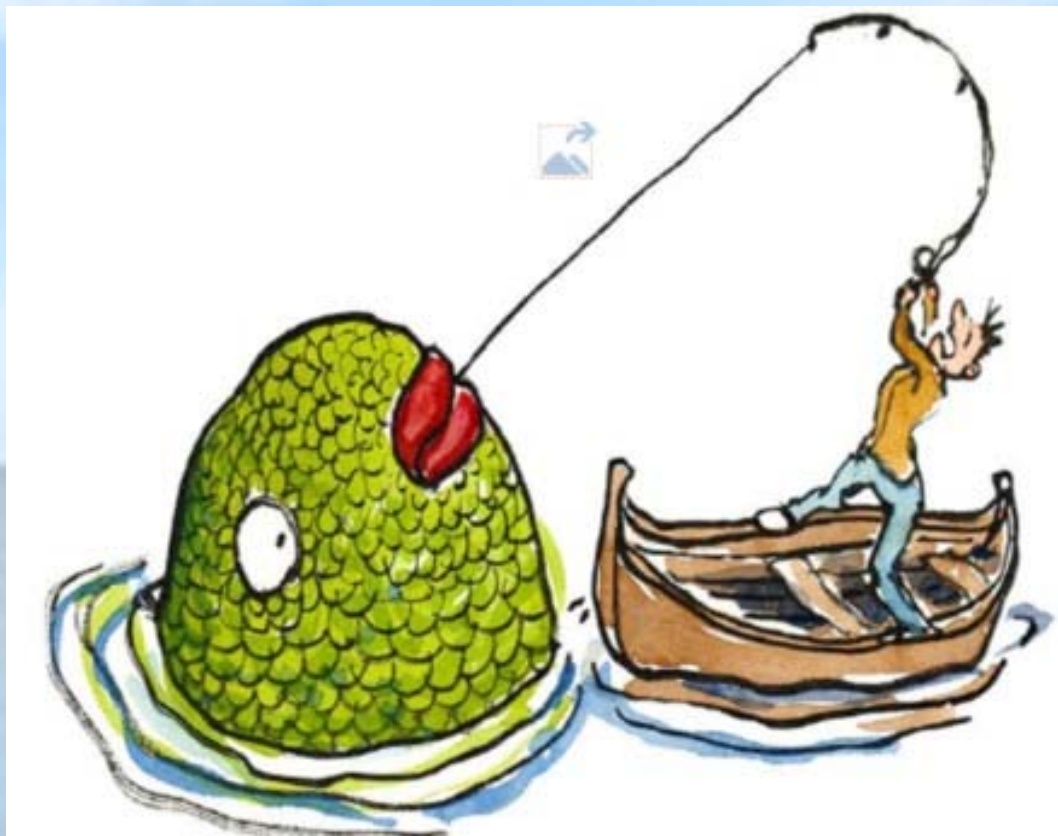
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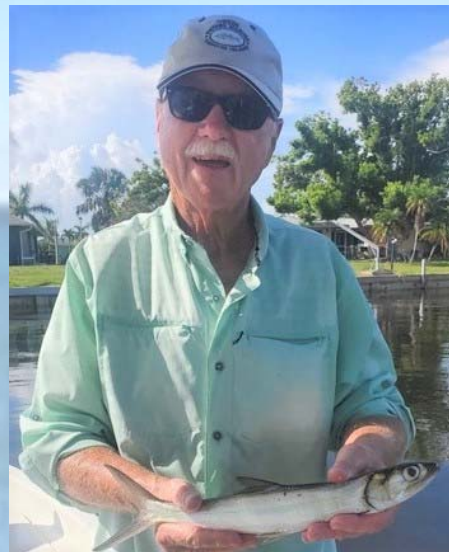


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