

FROM THE HELM

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

OCTOBER 2023



Greetings from the President. Glad to see all the snow birds arriving back into town. You are just in time for the Trout and Red Fish runs. If you can find a calm day between fronts the fishing has been good. Some decent size Trout and Reds are mixed in!!

A few Spanish Macs have also been caught. Also, some nice Snook are to be had.

I use everything from paddle tails, small lipped mirrors lures, to live shrimp and pin fish.

Don't forget to sign up for our Christmas party on Dec 19. It will be fun as always!!

We just had our Fishing Seminar and it was great! The speakers were very informative on everything from trout to sharks and all in between. If you missed it please come next time.

Well that's all for now.

Good Fishing

Ron



Next Meeting: Wednesday November 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

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FISHING REPORT



NOVEMBER 2023

Autumn fishing is slowly approaching. To me it seems like we have summer and autumn fishing at the same time. The water temperatures are still fairly warm, the salinity increasing, and fall migration has begun.

Tripletail are being caught on near shore crab pots; most are not keepers, but a few are. They should also be showing up in the harbor around the channel markers and other structure. A live shrimp on a jighead or a Vudu Shrimp will work.

King Mackerel are migrating through and is a species not targeted by many club members. Why is that? It doesn't take an off-shore boat to target them. Most bay boats can easily target them as you don't need to go too far out; the range starts at 18' of water and goes to 150'. There hasn't been a King Mackerel submitted all year. If lack of knowledge is holding you back, please check out the King Mackerel section of the October 2023 fishing seminar on our website for information. Club member Gary Selzer provided in-depth information on gear, tackle, rigging, bait, and areas to look in the October seminar. The seminar can be found by going to:

[https://www.pgica.org/content.aspx?
page_id=22&club_id=799073&module_id=533644](https://www.pgica.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=799073&module_id=533644)

King Mackerel is a Master Angler Tournament fish and a points fish for Ladder of Achievement.

Cobia are showing up in larger numbers around the harbor, off the bars, and around structure. Folks are seeing them hanging with the tarpon too. Cobia are eating larger shrimp on a jighead, larger gulp on a bucktail, ladyfish, and if you can catch a sugar trout, that is like crack for cobia.

The redfish bite continues to be strong. A few slot fish have been caught; most are over or under slot (which I am happy about). Some areas to try: creek mouths on the west wall on an outgoing tide, the shoals around turtle bay,

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FISHING REPORT



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past Burnt Store by two pines, bushes by Bokeelia, structure near the many passes in our area, and Gasparilla Sound near Whidden Creek. Last time (a month ago) we were behind the bars on the east wall the water quality was awful with large clumps on decaying grass; hopefully the high winds pushed all that crap out. Using shrimp is always a good bait of choice, cut ladyfish will result in fewer bites and larger fish, artificial shrimp too; don't forget to rig a gold spoon as well and try a popping cork. Finding schools of mullet is a good indicator there may some schooling redfish nearby.

The snook bite has been great; not huge snook, but lots of them. Many guides are catching them in numbers near the first several houses as you come into Ponce from the harbor and several hundred feet into the Rim Canal (a few redfish have been caught too). The reports on the bait are varied from using live bait, dead small bait, and Rapala Countdown lures size 03 to 09. In the October seminar Richy Kale spoke to many tactics for targeting various size snook. He attributed the great snook bite in the canals to the amount of glass minnows hanging out in our back yard waters right now.

Cathy Hunt – Vice President

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 NOVEMBER

Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait

MANGROVE SNAPPER



Identification:

- Dark brown or gray in color, with red-orange spots in bars along the sides
- Two large canine teeth near front of upper jaw
- Anchor-shaped vomerine tooth patch
- Dorsal fins with dark or reddish borders
- Young have dark stripe from snout, through eye, to upper edge of gill cover

Locations/Behavior:

- Found near structure such as reefs, mangroves, docks, and seagrass.
- Bigger snapper found on off-shore/near-shore reefs and hard bottom
- Eat a variety of bait: shrimp, soft plastics, trolling lures, fish bites, white bait, etc. Larger mangrove snapper off-shore/near-shore take live bait, squid, shrimp (love cigar minnows).
- The bite is hard and fast. They are aggressive eaters and swimmers.
- Spawn June – August

Technique

- Set the hook quick; otherwise, your bait will be stolen
- Cast at docks/pilings during medium and high tides. Be ready for them to bite while the bait is falling.
- During lower tides they often are a few feet from the dock or pilings.

Gear/rigging:

- In-shore - light gear, smaller hook or jighead. 10-15 lb braid and 10 – 15 lb leader.
- Off-shore/Near-shore – “grouper set up” or other heavier gear.

Cathy Hunt – Vice President

FISHING SEMINAR RECOGNITIONS

Special Thanks for Supporting the October 2023 Fishing Seminar

It amazes me the knowledge our club members have and are willing to share; it was very evident during the October seminar. We all know our club runs on volunteers and the seminar is another example of members giving back to the club. It takes a lot of support to pull off this type of event. Thank you for your time and contributions!

Special thanks to:

Donna Sullivan – getting there really early to provide coffee and morning snacks – and serving coffee

Christine White – arranged lunch/beverages, set up and ensured supplies were purchased

Jim Crawley – harbor/river overview, location names, how the tide flows in and out, and fishing based on tidal movement

Captain Mike Dougherty – explained our club contests/tournament rules and how/where to catch Spanish Mackerel

Captain Rick Sarkisian – how to catch adult tarpon in the harbor

Richy Kale – shared varying techniques on catching small, medium, and large snook. Information on catching Cobia as well as sharing “what’s in his tacklebox”

Randy Douet – targeting Spotted Seatrout and how to target fishing days that will result in more catches using solunar tables and watching for weather fronts

Captain Mike White – techniques for catching Sheepshead vs losing your bait to them and catching Sharks

Gary Selzer - how to target and catch King Mackerel

Dennis Krausman – various phone apps to find fishing locations and fish handling

Fred De Mella – how to target and catch near-shore fish as well as legal required gear

Jeff Barnhart – off-shore Red Grouper and by-catch species

Here’s the link to the presentation, click on meeting presentations, and select Oct 2023 Seminar:
https://www.pgica.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=799073&module_id=533644

Cathy Hunt—Vice President

Share The Love



NOVEMBER 2023

Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour sponsored by Beyond Ourselves

Thanks to personal donations made by fishing club members of new in box gear, we are providing the largest basket ever. As a club we used \$150 of our budgeted funds to support this event, \$100 in donated gift cards from Fishin Franks, and had club members donate over ~\$200 of their personal unused fishing gear/lures. Wow, what a great basket to be raffled off at a value of over \$450.

Everything in the “basket” is good stuff. Take a look at what we donated. It’s not too late to donate new in-the-box/unused gear. Bring any additional donations of new/used gear to the next meeting.



Some of the local children’s charity that will benefit are: Valeries’ House, Crossroads Hope Academy, The Back Pack Kidz, Statewide Guardian Ad Litem. Thanks to everyone for supporting this event. BTW- Share the Love for Kids Home Tour is scheduled for Saturday February 3rd.

Cathy Hunt – Vice President

SLATE OF OFFICERS



In the November 14th meeting you will be asked to vote on the 2024 board nominees. We have no nominees for Vice President, Fishing Events, and Social. Please consider adding your name to fill one of the positions. Responsibilities can be shared for seasonal folks interested in a role. If the roles are not filled there will be significant changes to our monthly meetings, fishing contests, and social activities.

President - Ron Deroche

Vice President - Open

Treasurer - Daryl Reynolds

Secretary - Nancy Pearson

Advertising - Chip Peterson

Membership - Bill Muir

Record Keeper - Paul Whiting

Fishing Events - Open

Web Master - Richard Embury

Editor - Jim Kunard

Social - Open

CMAC - Bob Mayes

Thanks to Randy Douet, Joe Bukowski, Mike Dougherty, Mark Dillman, Chip Peterson, and Fred De Mella for serving on the nominating committee.

If you are interested in serving in any board position, contact one of the members on the nominating committee.

Cathy Hunt - PGI Fishing Club Vice President

FISHING EVENTS



PGI Fishing Club 2023 Upcoming Fishing Tournaments

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

OCTOBER RESULTS

Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



REPORTED CATCHES as of 11/1/2023 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

40 total fish turned in (1900 points) by 21 different anglers

FOM (REDFISH)

Women

1st – Cathy Hunt – 28.0”, Tied with Nancy Pearson

2nd – Roseann Kruse – 38.5”, Tied with Donna Sullivan

3rd – NONE

Men

1st - Ron Derouche - 31.0”

2nd - Bruce Peterson - 27”

3rd - Bob Bretts - 22.5”

Interesting Tidbits

Our snowbirds are beginning to trickle back down even as our water temps also begin to slowly lower from their summer highs with the arrival of fall. Our number of anglers and catches are up from last month. The winds during the final days of the month made offshore impossible and inshore a challenge. Those anglers who targeted our Fish of the Month, (redfish), found some cooperating fish with 13 reported catches including Carl Cucco's MAT leading 31" redfish. Seatrout continued to cooperate with 9 reported catches up to 22". With the closing of the Red Grouper fishing from mid-July to the end of the year, not as many offshore members have been going out. Congratulations to Nancy Pearson who is doing well on her quest for a GMA status having earned her Redfish Pin last month and her Tarpon Pin this month. Congratulations also to Joe Lombardi who earned both his Bronze and Silver Pins in the same month.

Club Hat

None

Silver Pin

Joe Lombardi

Snook Pin

None

Tarpon Pin

Nancy Pearson

GMA Star

None

Bronze Pin

Ron Deroche, Jim Kunard, Joe Lombardi

Gold Pin

None

Redfish Pin

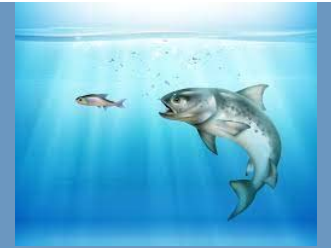
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GMA

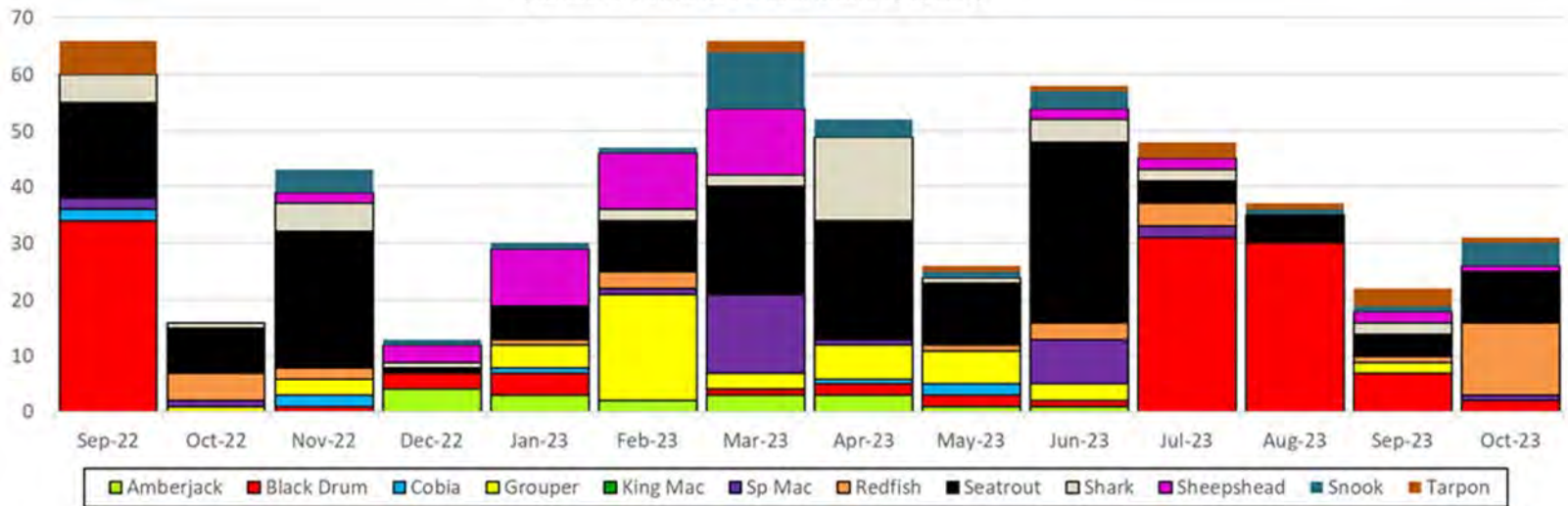
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ACHIEVEMENTS!

WHAT'S BITE'N



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



Monthly Performance

	August	September	October	
Anglers	13	15	21	↑
LOA Awards	1	5	6	↑
Fish Recorded	41	30	40	↑
Points Recorded	4100	2,600	1,900	↓

TROPHY RACE (Men)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCH-ES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2023 LENGTH in INCH-ES	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	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	Carl Cucco	31.0	10/10/2023	66.0%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Bobby Bretts Mike White	26.0	7/17/2023 2/2/2023	89.7%
X	Sheepshead	Mike White	26.0	2022	Mike White	24.5	2/2/2023	94.2%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen Tim Gibbons	45.0	2014 2021	Mike White **	49.0	3/11/2023	108.9%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Joe Bukowski Jim Gregory Greg Widney	23.0	6/24/2023 6/9/2023 6/14/2023	76.7%

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 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 Donna Sullivan	42.0	5/7/2023 8/1/2023	80.8%
	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	38.0	2008	Cathy Hunt		10/19/2023	
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008	Diana McKenna Nancy Pearson	28.0	6/27/2023 10/30/2023	73.7%
	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

OCTOBER 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	Mark Cummins	Chuck Henry	Doug Du Fresne	Dick Conant	Fred Benson	★
Bob Critchfield	Todd Brooks	Ken Garden	Tom Hunt	Theresa FitzGerald	Dave Dyke	Larry Benz	★
Colleen De Mella	Anne Careau	Dale Hall	Larry Kissner	Jenny Goodell	Marv Dyrstad	Rich Brennan	★★★★★★★
Ron Deroche	Carl Cucco	Bill Hess	Michael Knipe	Bill Guenther	Ed Girzi	Donnie Brennan	★
Tom desEnfants	Don Cummins	Karen Lodge	Jim LaRocca	Ken Hardesty	Bob Mays	Bob Bretts	★★★★★★★
Sharon Dyke	Yvette Du Fresne	Sonia Nelson	Marie LaRocca	Jack Howarth	Diana McKenna	Elaine Bretts	★★★★★★
Mike Endres	Kathy desEnfants	Cheryl Panetta	Tom Lodge	Julie Kale	Bill Muir	Dianne Bukowski	
Richard Farmer	Tony Destefano	Gary Selzer	Sherry Moerke	Jonathan Landon	Nancy Pearson	Joe Bukowski	★★
Steve Fritz	Tamara Dillman	Steve Trego	William Neff	Mark Lee	Lynn Reeves	Jim Crawley	★
Chris Gibbons	Joanell Dyrstad	Sheree Wolfinger	John Simonieg	Marty McCaffrey	Jack Spies	Fred De Mella	★★★
Frank Grazier	Richard Embury		Ed Verminski	Rose Anne McCaffrey	Mark Storm	Mark Dillman	
Renee Gibbons	Gary Frost		Ted Wierzbanowski	Dennis McKenna	Gretchen Sunderland	Dick Doster	
Bob Giffin	Tim Gibbons			Gary Moerke	Karen Udvari	Randy Douet	★★★★
Sheryl Hatch	Art Goodell			Chip Peterson	Allen Wade	John Fitzgerald	★
David Hatch	Jim Gregory			John Saitta	Rich Willingmyre	Christine Fontaine	★
Tom Hay	Randy Hall			Paul Whiting		Bob Gariepy	★★
Scott Hutchins	Roz Hickey			Joseph Zurad		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	
Jim Kunard	Mike Knipe					Jan Holm	
Patti Kunard	Ron Kruse					Cathy Hunt	★★★★
Richard Larson	Denys LaChance					Bud Johnston	
Joe Lombardi	Kevin LaPointe					Cindi Johnston	
Bob Mueller	Joe Lombardi					Rich Kale	★★★★★
Patricia Nalipi	John McFarland					Dennis Krausman	★★★★★
Ann Northen	Mike Nalipi					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Chuck Pearson	Wayn Nelson					Carl Leicher	★
Bruce Peterson	Randy Page					Joe Maillet	★
Chris Pflaum	Kim Pflaum					Pete McGregor	★★
Chris Pollinger	Paul Robinson					Jude Panetta	★★★★
Glenn Ranfos	Hezzie Samons					Tom Parsons	★★
Doug Salminen	Mike Sandling					Gary Reeves	
Mark Schruer	Deb Sarkisian					Rick Sarkisian	★★★★★★
Alan Schulman	Tom Schmitt					John Stockinger	★
Jess Searle	Gary Skillicorn					Donna Sullivan	★★
Miriam Taylor	Lynne Stockinger					Ron Topper	★★★★★
Patti Topper	Don Taylor					Joe Udvari	★★★★★★★
Mike Trost	Mike Trost					Aaron Wagner	
Roxie Trost	Mike Wagner					Mike White	★★★★★
Joanne Widney	Stella Wagner					Jeff Wilson	★
	Greg Widney					John Wolfinger	
	Sandy Wierzbanowski						
	Tom Youngblood						
	Lenny Zimka						

Club Hats

Ken Balkovic

RED = Awards

This Month

(BOLD star = earned this year)

OCTOBER RESULTS

MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2023 STANDINGS

	AMBER-JACK		BLACK DRUM		COBIA		GROUPER		KING MACKEREL	REDFISH		SEATROUT		SHEEPSHEAD		SNOOK		SPANISH MACKEREL		
1st Place	Jeff Barnhart	40.0	Jan Holm	42.0	Sonia Nelson	48.0	Gary Selzer	32.0			Carl Cucco	31.0	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
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2nd Place	Joe Udvari	38.0	Cathy Hunt	41.0	Mike Trost	35.0	Cathy Hunt	31.5			Allen Wade	30.0	Jim Crowley	25.0	Fred De Mella	21.0	Rick Sarkisian	40.5	Gretchen Sunderland	22.5
													Ron Kruse	25.0	Cathy Hunt	21.0				
													Joe Zuad	25.0	Allen Wade	21.0				
									Dennis McKenna	29.0										
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	Tom Schmitt	37.0	Bill Muir	22.0
							Bob Gairepy	29.0							Dennis McKenna	20.0	Donna Sullivan	37.0	Nancy Pearson	22.0
							Joe Udvari	29.0							Donna Sullivan	20.0				
															Christine White	20.0				

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

President: Ronald Deroche **Location/Time:** PGICA auditorium, 10/10/23, 6:00 p.m.
Attendees: 57 **Notes By** Nancy Pearson

Treasurer: \$15,291.17 in the bank

Membership: 175 households and 345 members

50/50 Winners: 1st Joe Bukowski, 2nd Jen Goodall, 3rd Mike Trost

Social: Club Picnic on November 12 with a cornhole tournament and food truck;
Christmas party on 12/19 **[Note, this has since been cancelled—Ed.]**

Fishing Events: FOM September Winners - Black Drum—Fishin; Franks Gift Card.

Women: \$35 1st -Nancy Pearson, \$25 2nd - Donna Sullivan

Men: \$35 1st— Ken Kopka, \$25 2nd - Glen Raffos \$15 3rd - Mike Trost

Ladder of Achievement:

Bronze Pin - Patti Kunard

Gold Pin: Mark Cummins

Redfish Pin: Nancy Pearson

GMA Start Mike Gilger #2, Rick Sarkisian #7

Guest Speaker:

**Captain Scotty Roe 941-380-9180,
www.captscottyroefishingcharters.com**

Captain presented different techniques on catching the fish of the month (Red Fish)

Meeting Adjourned 7:10 pm

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

50 / 50 WINNERS



MIKE TROST, JOE BUKOWSKI, AND JENNY GOODELL

MASTER ANGLER—2nd STAR



MIKE GILGER

SOCIAL EVENTS



Happy November! Hope everyone had a great Halloween- always fun her in Punta Gorda! And now we are seeing all the Christmas decorations going up. Welcome back to many of our snowbirds who are coming back for season- we have missed you all!

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***. 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. Please invite any of your friends and neighbors who might be interested in joining our club.

We have planned an ***after-happy hour dinner for November 15, at F.M.Dons, at 6:30***. We have room for 40 and as of now, a few seats are still available. We have been doing these once a month and they have all been a great time.

We had a great time at Bunco in October, thanks to Ellen Wade for hosting us. If you are interested in hosting at any point, or even try another game, please reach out to me.

We have added the ***Ladies Ornament Exchange and Ugly Sweater event for Sunday, 12/10 at 4pm***. Thank you to Susie Schimmelman for agreeing to host us. Once sign up has been complete, I will assign appetizer or dessert based on alphabet split. Ornament does not need to be fishing related. Sign up on the PGICA FC website.

Registration is now open for our December 19th Annual Christmas party. We are more than 2/3 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.

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 will 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

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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

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Membership for October is **352** members.

New members for October include **Bob and Deboray Smith** residing on Spanish Cay, PGI, and **Jim and Theresa Russell** residing on Magdalena Dr. Please welcome them to the club

Annual dues are due by December 31, 2023. Our annual dues remain at a low cost of only \$30. Please mail your check to: PGI Fishing Club, c/o PGICA, 2001 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL. 33950. "Payable to PGI Fishing Club". Or: bring your check to the next regular Fishing Club monthly meeting at the PGICA (2001 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL), 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month except December.

Bill Muir

Membership Director



MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



It's fun to succeed! **One of the great things about our club are the members we have who are willing to take new members out for a day of fishing to help them learn our waters.** Below is a list of members that are willing to host you for a fishing trip in our local waters:

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- **Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only, especially for beginner women), gretchensun2@gmail.com**
- **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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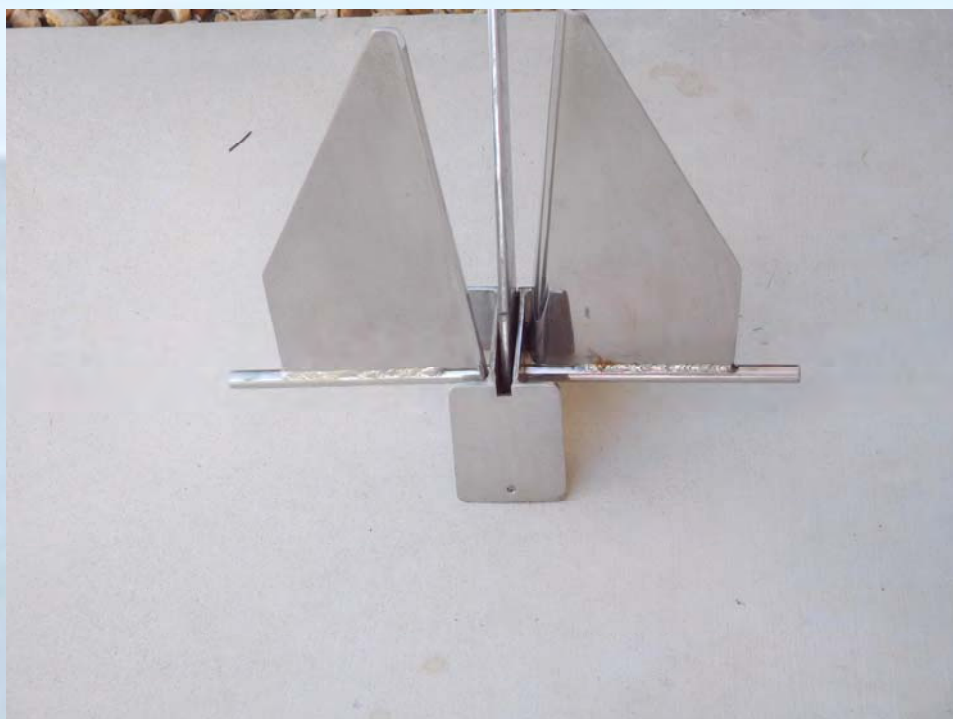


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