

# FROM THE HELM

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PUNTA GORDA ISLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION (PGICA)

APRIL 2024



Greetings to all our members. First I want to thank all our snowbirds for all the support you give our club!! Sorry to see you go back up north, but I truly understand that with the heat returning it sure looks better up north. We had a great picnic and will have another later on in the year.

Our Happy Hour with the help of Jennifer is a highlight of the meeting. Frank from Fishing Franks will be our guest speaker in April. I know he will be informative on snook and fishing in general.

Went out the middle of March in the Boca Grand and Gasparilla area for snook and reds and only caught two of each in the small category. I did find out about a guy who sells live bait in the area on a house boat with floating pens. It's called Groome's, 941-549-5691. He is just north of the entrance to Boca Grand say around 1-2 miles. White bait was \$12/dozen.

Went out Saturday around the Stilt Jose and caught a dozen or so of fairly large Sea Trout. Then went offshore on April 1 all the way to the Boxcar and Power Pole reefs and only caught sharks.

Anyway, thanks for your support and see you at the next meeting

Good Fishing  
Ron Deroche



*Next Meeting: Tuesday April 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.*

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# FISHING REPORT- APRIL

Submitted by RICHY KALE

It was Monday March 18th 2024, as we cleared Ponce boat launch and idled out into the harbor past marker #6. Ready, jack plate down, throttle forward, Skeeter jump. With a slight left turn of the wheel the course was set for the north hole. My guest and friend that day was Fred D. The fish of the day was of course the Silver King. With the size of the tarpon that we have been catching, I was hoping I was hoping that I could get Fred a tarpon that he could be proud of. We flew 4 fish off the launch pad that day. I will remember one thing from that day is that when I went to take the hook out of Fred's tarpons mouth I couldn't get my hands around his jaw, it was truly a giant tarpon. In all fairness I will estimate it at 180lbs Great job Fred!

Now for April. With the snook spawn only one moon away, it is time to wake up early and get to your favorite spot well before dawn. For the big girls just seem to hate the light of day. Big top water plugs work great whopper ploppers, 3 hook spook. I find that the prop lures work the best for me and of course 12/14 inch ladyfish or big threadies are like a dropped ice cream cone to a yellow lab. And for the under classman snook white bait, cucumber shrimp or x rap will all buckle your rod.

Red fishing this month is just plain fun, with the fish up shallow now, points, creek mouths, bridge pilings and of course the bars. Both inside and outside hold fish. The rivers all 3 hold big fish now. 4" gulp minnow or flat spoons work great also a blue crab cut in half is like candy to a baby.

The trout bite this month should be great, lots of big fish and bait make for a great combo D.O.A. grubs on 1/4 ounce rattle back jig is a great search tool. Once located, they hit just about any lure or bait.

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# FISHING REPORT



APRIL 2024

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April is cobia month for sure. The big girls are here already. Keep your eyes open and have a big rod ready. For a 50lb plus fish is not unheard of this month. Please take a nice picture and let her go. 3 million eggs in her now, no need to kill her.

Offshore has been a hit or miss thing with the wind this month. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and the offshore crew can get a chance to do their magic and fill the freezers. Good luck crew, stickum!

And now what drives me the silver king. With the fish cooperating most days in March, I was able to put more fish in the air than there are days in the month. The fish are setting up in their normal spots and eating good. This month the fish should be in the upper harbor with the abundance of bait around the pure silvers have their choice of prey. With large schools of threadies and white baits cruising the top of the water column and shrimp and crabs flushing and whiting and trout on the bottom. All I can say is find the bait and you will find the silvers. Lady fish or threadies dangled behind the boat or deep baiting always gets their attention I personally cast at them and rarely use bait an Avid St Croix 14-30 8' loaded with a Diana Saltist HQ 6000H spooled with 280 yards of 30lb power pro and seafarers blue 50 lb leader attached to that is DOA bait buster (with a few little tricks added). So go out and try for a silver king, you might just get a thrill of a lifetime. (Just ask Fred).

Boys and girls April brings big tarpon to our harbor 120lbs to 200lbs, these fish are mean and STRONG. Please don't fish for these fish alone, bring a buddy and be careful, good luck and pull hard.

So once again I bid you good night for the semi sad eyes of my yellow beckon me for our evening walk, so please, please go out and try our fish filled harbor. Remember it's easy pull left when they pull right.

Tight Lines,  
Richy Kale

# 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**

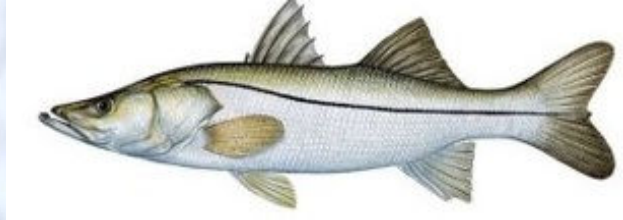


*Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here: <http://pqifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf>*

# Fish of the Month For APRIL

## *Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait*

### **SNOOK**



**Identification:** Large Mouth, lower jaw extends to the eye. Split Dorsal Fin, distinctive black lateral line to the tail. Snook is a white meat that is rich, moist and flaky. Not “fishy”. Snook are not permitted to be sold commercially, so you have to go get one yourself to chow down on this local favorite.

**Technique:** Snook seem to seek bottom structure and shelter. Casting under docks or near the mangrove line with live greenies or other live baits will work. In more open waters, cast your bait or lure up-current from the fish, and let the current carry your bait to them. Hooked, they will jump, make aggressive heads shakes and runs.

Use Canal Fishing Lights. This time of year, many people fish the “lights” at night. By fishing the light, you are really fishing the dark area just outside the lit area and not casting directly into the light. Cast under the dock to the side of the lit area. The snook don’t seem to bite in the light, but will chase your lure. Etiquette: If you hook someone’s light, be polite and cut the line as opposed to pulling their light out of the water. The club recommends Underwater Fish Lights in Port Charlotte as your source for a durable fish light.

**Gear:** Folks commonly use 10-15 lb. braided line. You can get by with monofilament, but braided line is much more abrasion-resistant, and snook are going to drag your line over everything they can. Snook have very good eyesight, so you'll need a leader that is both strong and invisible in the water

**Bait:** Baits that work well include large shrimp, small Rapala Countdown lures, white bait, and small Wild Eyed Storm Shads. To go ‘big’, use big bait, white, ladyfish or mullet.

**Limits:** The slot for harvesting a Snook is not less than 28” for juveniles and not more than 33” for breeders. One keeper per day per person and it must be in clean condition until landed ashore. The Snook season ends on April 30. You need a Snook permit from the Game & Fish Commission.

# UPCOMING FISHING TOURNAMENT

## TWO SPECIES TOURNAMENT

**WHAT:** Catch the following: **Grouper, Spanish Mackerel**

**WHEN:** Tournament Dates: April 18th to 21<sup>st</sup> (subject to weather)

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

### TOURNAMENT RULES:

- Registration is required, see below.
- Event awards three categories: Women, Men and New Members (joined since 9/15/22). Please indicate you are a new member when you enter tournament.
- All fish photos must include you, date caught, fish length, and submitted by 4PM the last day of tournament. Submit to:  
[fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org)
- Max of one award per member.
- This is a no-kill tournament.
- This is a PGIFC members-only event.
- Fish must be caught in Charlotte Harbor and/or within 50 miles, no charter-caught fish please.
- Event dates are subject to change due to weather or other causes at the club's discretion.

**AWARDS:** Members are limited to one award, but recognition will be given to those who qualify for more than one award. The April Fish of the Month is Snook and is also eligible for FOM awards. Pictures Due: 4pm, the last day of the tournament at [fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:fishphotos@pgifishingclub.org). Photo submissions must include name, date caught, length of fish, with a pic of you and your entire fish.

**REGISTRATION:** Send tournament entry email to [gawpgifc@gmail.com](mailto:gawpgifc@gmail.com) by midnight April 17th.

**Questions? Concerns? Email Greg Widney at [gawpgifc@gmail.com](mailto:gawpgifc@gmail.com)**

# MARCH RESULTS

## Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



### REPORTED CATCHES as of 3/31/2024 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

42 total fish turned in (5200 points) by 21 different anglers

#### FOM (SPANISH MACKEREL)

##### Women

None

##### Men

1st - John Gettinger — 22.0"

2nd - Allen Wade — 21.5"

3rd - Rich Brennan — 21.0"

#### Interesting Tidbits

Our FOM, Spanish mackerel, began to show up for some of our anglers. None of our lady anglers found them, but our men found macks up to 22" to the fork. Speaking of fork measurement, please be aware that we need you to state your measurement for all fork length measured fish as such. There are several fish in our list of 29 species that do require a fork length measurement. While most of our seasoned anglers are aware of which fish need to be measured in this way, some of our newer anglers may not be aware of this requirement. We need ALL anglers to state the length and that the fish was measured to the fork of the tail. Something as simple as "Spanish Mackerel – 22.0" to the fork" will suffice. Other species that are measured at the fork from our list include: Amberjack, Bluefish, Cobia, Jack Crevalle, King Mackerel, Permit, Pompano, Shark (estimated at side of boat), Spanish Mackerel, and Tarpon (estimated at side of boat).

Seatrout continued to cooperate inshore as a reliable species with 17 reported catches up to 22". A few Red Grouper and AJs were also reported by those anglers who found a less windy day to get offshore. Sharks and Tarpon were also reported, and they will be even more abundant in the coming months. While both Snook and Sheepshead were reported catches in March of 2023, none were reported this month

##### Club Hat

None

##### Silver Pin

**Roxie Trost**

##### Snook Pin

None

##### Tarpon Pin

None

##### GMA Star

None

##### Bronze Pin

**Tim Locke**

##### Gold Pin

None

##### Redfish Pin

None

##### GMA

None

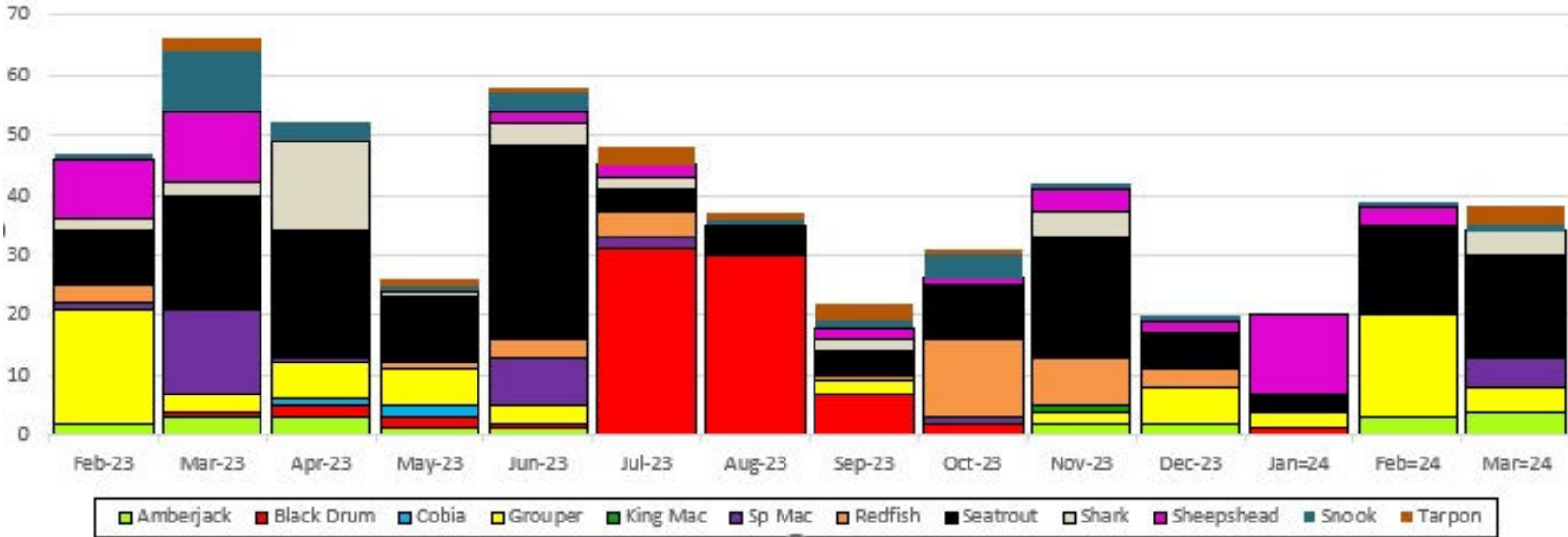
**ACHIEVEMENTS!**



# WHAT'S BITE'N



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



## Recorder's Data

### Monthly Performance

	January	February	March	
<b>Anglers</b>	12	16	<b>21</b>	↑
<b>LOA Awards</b>	1	7	<b>2</b>	↓
<b>Fish Recorded</b>	20	44	<b>42</b>	↓
<b>Points Recorded</b>	2100	5,200	<b>5,200</b>	↔

# TROPHY RACE (Men)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2024 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amber Jack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Tim Locke Bill Muir Fred De Mella	37.0	3/3/24 2/15/24 3/3/24	69.2%
X	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Fred De Mella	34.0	1/13/24	66.0%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	66.0	2022	Larry Kissner	36.0	1/30/24	54.0%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Rick Brown	34.0	3/17/24	87.2%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020				0.0%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Mike White	24.5	2/28/24	84.5%
X	Sheepshead	Mike White	26.0	2022	Mike White	24.0	2/26/24	92.3%
X	Snook	Mike White	49.0	2023	Mike White	39.0	2/26/24	79.6%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	John Gettinger	22.0	3/21/24	73.3%

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	2024 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017	Roxie Trost	35.0	3/5/24	87.5%
	Black Drum	Christine Fontaine White	52.0	2022				0.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008				0.0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Cathy Hunt	13.0	2/17/24	35.1%
	King Mackerel	Nancy Pearson	40.0	2022				0.0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008				0.0%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	20.0	3/29/24	75.5%
	Sheeps-head	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Diana McKenna	16.0	1/3/24	71.1%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013				0.0%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007				0.0%
		Lynn Reeves	28.0	2019				

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## PAST WINNERS OF ISLES TROPHY RACE

2009	Rich Brennan, Christine Jordan	2017	Rich Kale, Darlene Madsen
2010	Kel Krotzer, Margie Hofman	2018	Joe Udvari, Dianne Bukowski
2011	Greg Chestnut, Joanne Landacre	2019	Joe Udvari, Lynn Reeves
2012	Jim Quorollo, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2020	Mike White, Dianne Bukowski
2013	Steve Landacre, Missy Becker	2021	Rich Kale / Tim Gibbons, Dianne Bukowski
2014	Vinnie Madsen, Margie Hofman	2022	Rich Kale, Christine White
2015	Bob Mays, Karen Lodge	2023	Mike White, Wanda Zimka
2016	Gary Reeves, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2024	

## MARCH 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
Andy Athens	Jeff Bellairs	Gary Adams	Paula Arnold	Doug Arnold	Frank Barrett	Jeff Barnhart	★★★
Sherry Barrett	Joanna Boeckl	Jack Botbyl	Mark Cummins	Mark Cummins	Rick Brown	Ron Baxter	
Trudi Baxter	Marc Boeckl	Mark Cummins	Mary Heins	Mike Dougherty	Dick Conant	Fred Benson	
Tori Brown	Todd Brooks	Carl Cucco	Chuck Henry	Doug Du Fresne	Marv Dyrstad	Larry Benz	★
Bob Critchfield	Anne Careau	Ken Garden	Tom Hunt	Theresa FitzGerald	Ed Girzi	Rich Brennan	★★★★★★★★★
Colleen DeMella	Don Cummins	Dale Hall	Larry Kissner	Jenny Goodell	Bob Mays	Donnie Brennan	★
Ron Deroche	Yvette Du Fresne	Bill Hess	Michael Knipe	Bill Guenther	Diana McKenna	Bob Bretts	★★★★★★★★★
T desEnfants	Kathy desEnfants	Karen Lodge	Jim LaRocca	Ken Hardesty	Bill Muir	Elaine Bretts	★★★★★★★★★
Sharon Dyke	Tony Destefano	Joe Lombardi	Marie LaRocca	Jack Howarth	Nancy Pearson	Dianne Bukowski	★
Mike Endres	Tamara Dillman	Sonia Nelson	Tom Lodge	Julie Kale	Lynn Reeves	Joe Bukowski	★★
Richard Farmer	Joanell Dyrstad	Cheryl Panetta	Sherry Moerke	Jonathan Landon	Jack Spies	Jim Crawley	★
Steve Fritz	Richard Embury	Gary Selzer	William Neff	Mark Lee	Mark Storm	Fred De Mella	★★★★
Chris Gibbons	Gary Frost	Steve Trego	John Simonieg	Marty McCaffrey	Gretchen Sunderland	Mark Dillman	
Frank Grazier	Tim Gibbons	Sheree Wolfinger	Ed Verminski	Rose McCaffrey	Karen Udvari	Dick Doster	
Renee Gibbons	Art Goodell	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">RED = Awards This Month</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; text-align: center;"> <p style="margin: 0;">Club Hats</p> <p style="margin: 0;">None This Month</p> </div> </div>	T Wierzbowski	Dennis McKenna	Allen Wade	Randy Douet	★★★★★
Bob Giffin	Jim Gregory		Gary Moerke	Rich Willingmyre	Dave Dyke	<b>Dave Dyke</b>	
Sheryl Hatch	Randy Hall		Chip Peterson	Dave Dyke	John Fitzgerald	John Fitzgerald	
David Hatch	Roz Hickey		John Saitta		C Fonyaine	C Fonyaine	★
Tom Hay	Jack Hinnenthal		Paul Whiting		Bob Gariepy	Bob Gariepy	★★
Scott Hutchins	Larry Hofmeister		Joseph Zurad		John Gettinger	John Gettinger	★★★
Jack Jonaitis	Dave Joe				Mike Gilger	Mike Gilger	★★
Dennis Jones	Lisa Kellythorne				Tom Hickey	Tom Hickey	★
Fran Krausman	Mike Knipe				Jim Hoffman	Jim Hoffman	★
Buddy Krauss	Ron Kruse				Margie Hoffman	Margie Hoffman	
Jim Kunard	Denys LaChance			Jan Holm	Jan Holm		
Patti Kunard	Kevin LaPointe			Cathy Hunt	Cathy Hunt	★★★★	
Richard Larson	John McFarland			Bud Johnston	Bud Johnston		
Bob Mueller	Mike Nalipi			Cindi Johnston	Cindi Johnston		
<b>Tim Locke</b>	Wayn Nelson			Rich Kale	Rich Kale	★★★★★	
Patricia Nalipi	Randy Page			Dennis Krausman	Dennis Krausman	★★★★★	
Ann Northen	Kim Pflaum			Kel Krotzer	Kel Krotzer	★★★	
Connie Nowicki	Glenn Ranfos			Carl Leicher	Carl Leicher		
Chuck Pearson	Paul Robinson			Joe Maillet	Joe Maillet		
Bruce Peterson	Hezzie Samons			Pete McGregor	Pete McGregor	★★	
Chris Pflaum	Mike Sandling			Jude Panetta	Jude Panetta	★★★★	
Chris Pollinger	Deb Sarkisian			Tom Parsons	Tom Parsons	★★	
Doug Salminen	Tom Schmitt			Gary Reeves	Gary Reeves		
Mark Schruer	Gary Skillicorn			Rick Sarkisian	Rick Sarkisian	★★★★★★★★★	
Alan Schulman	Lynne Stockinger			John Stockinger	John Stockinger	★	
Jess Searle	Don Taylor			Donna Sullivan	Donna Sullivan	★★	
Miriam Taylor	Mike Trost			Ron Topper	Ron Topper	★★★★★★	
Patti Topper	<b>Roxie Trost</b>			Joe Udvari	Joe Udvari	★★★★★★★★★	
Mike Trost	Mike Wagner			Aaron Wagner	Aaron Wagner		
Roxie Trost	Stella Wagner			Mike White	Mike White	★★★★★★	
Beth Watkins	Greg Widney			Jeff Wilson	Jeff Wilson	★	
Joanne Widney	Sandy Wierzbowski			John Wolfinger	John Wolfinger		
Wanda Zimka	Tom Youngblood						
	Lenny Zimka						
	Wanda Zimka						

(BOLD star = earned this year)

# MARCH RESULTS

# MASTER ANGLER

## MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2024 STANDINGS

	AMBERJACK	BLACK DRUM	COBIA	GROUPER	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATROUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
1st Place	Tim Locke 37.0	Fred De Mella 34.0	Larry Kissner 36.0	Rick Brown 34.0			Mike White 24.5	Mike White 24.0	Mike White 39.0	John Gettinger 22.0
	Bill Muir 37.0									
	Fred De Mella 37.0									
2nd Place	Glen Ranfos 36.0			John Gettinger 33.0			Ken Balkovic 22.0 Randy Douet 22.0	Fred De Mella 21.0	Allen Wade 28.5	Allen Wade 21.5
3rd Place	Roxie Trost 35.0			Mike White 32.0			Bobby Bretts 21.0	Bob Gariepy 18.0	Andy Athens 15.0	Rich Brennan 21.0

New this month are shown in Red

Duplicates are highlighted in red



# MARCH MEETING NOTES



**Location:** PGICA Auditorium

**Start time:** 6:00 pm

**President:** Ron Deroche

**Members in attendance:** 68

**Treasurer:** balance at beginning of February \$9,742.88

Balance at end of February \$11,405.40

**50/50 Winners:** \$65 – Jim Kunard    \$35 – Jeff Barnhart    \$30 – Susan Schimmel

**Social:** A fall picnic to be scheduled; CCA banquet on March 28; Christmas party scheduled for Wednesday, December 11; reminder of Happy Hour every Wednesday at the Elks

**Speaker:** Gulf Coast Kayak 239-283-1125

[gulfcoastkayak.com](http://gulfcoastkayak.com)

Bryan Stockbridge and Elon Hertzfeld

Guided fishing trips in Cape Coral and Matlacha Pass Aquatic Preserve

## **Fishing Events: FOM February Winners**

Women: \$35 1<sup>st</sup> – Cathy Hunt

Men: \$35 1<sup>st</sup> - John Gedding    \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> –Mike White    3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark Cummins

Bronze Pin – Andy Athens, Beth Watkins

Silver Pin – Glen Renfros

Snook Pin – Mark Cummins

Redfish Pin – Mark Cummins

GMA Star – Dave Dyke; x6 Mike White

Meeting adjourned 7:15

Submitted by Nancy Pearson

# 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

Paula Arnold

724-504-5347

1207swanct@gmail.com

# CLUB LEADERSHIP



## OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	<b>Ron Derouche</b>	president@pgifishingclub.org
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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



At the end of March we had 296 members from 154 households. This year we attracted 45 new member to our ranks which demonstrates how popular our club is to the fishing community!

## **Please welcome our new members for March:**

Ralph and Patrica Leadbetter

Carl Leicher

Paul Levensgood

Mitch and Ann Melnick

David and Lisa Morgan

Jim and Debbie Morrison

Gordon and Sandy Reabe

Paul and Karen Roy

James and Theresa Russell

Joe and Tricia Sander

Robert and Deb Smith

Tom and Rosanne Stangl

Mark and Mason VanViegen



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We hope to see you and all our members at the next Fishing Club social this Wednesday, 5pm at the Elks Club. Remember, you do not need to be a member of the Elks to join the fun. Most members of the Club are also Elk's members and can order drinks and food for you.

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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](mailto:editor@pgifishingclub.org)***

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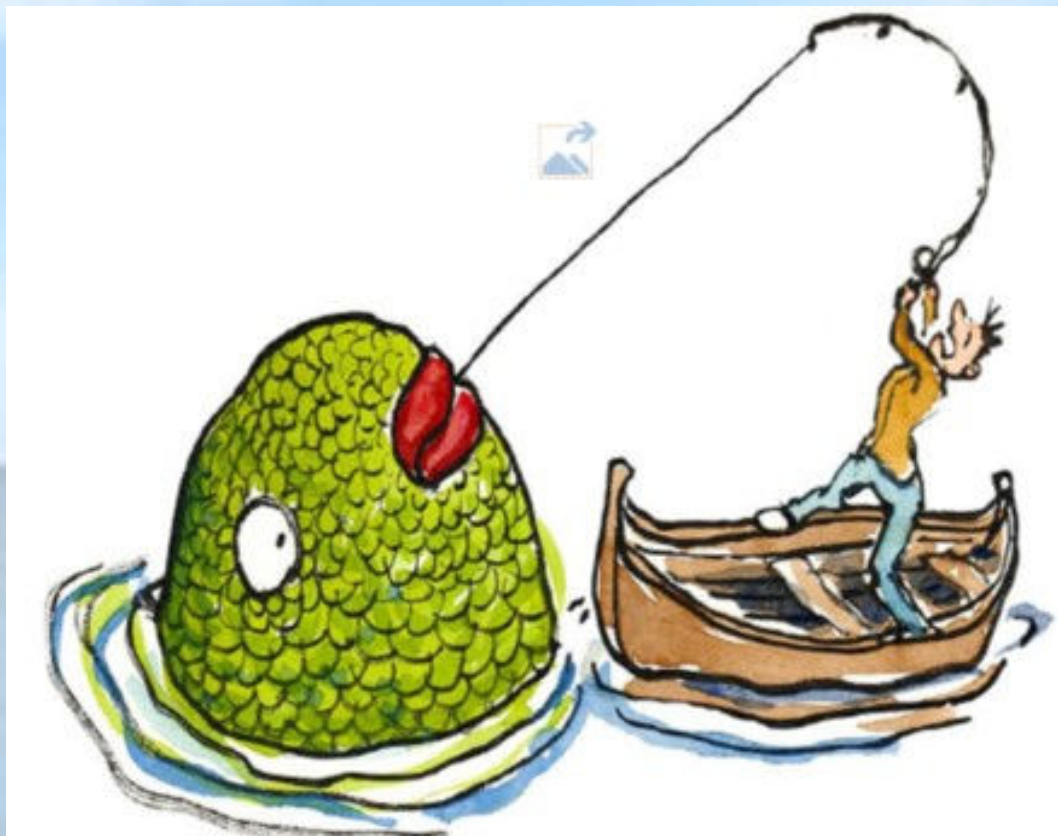
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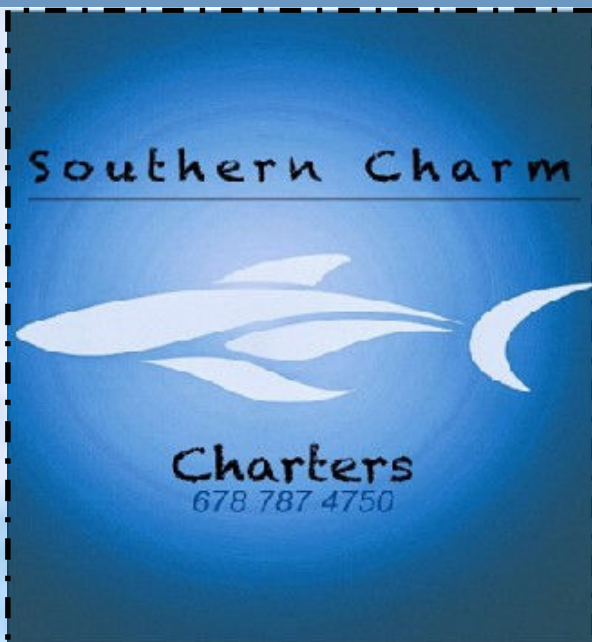
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