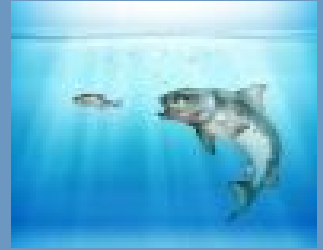


# FROM THE HELM

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JUNE 2026



By **FRED DEMELLA, President**

The rain has finally arrived! The plants are getting greener and the Harbor water is getting darker. Afternoon thunderstorms will be an unavoidable part of our fishing plans.

Along with the rainy season comes the heat. Use common sense in the coming months to avoid overheating. Most important is taking plenty of fluids during those fishing trips. Sunscreen is a must and if you have a top on your boat, try hanging in the shade as much as possible. I, for one, am a shade hound. That said, local fishing is also hot.

Tarpon are the target for those brave enough to jockey the Boca Grande Pass. When the crabs are being flushed, the action can be outstanding. Remember to give wide berth to those angling for these big fish!

Longer daylight hours will open more fishing opportunities. With major migrations of different species, anglers can expect great fishing. Joining and participating in the PGI Fishing club, will make for some memorable trips and lasting friendships.

Learning techniques for catching the many species, including Tarpon, is why joining the PGI Fishing Club is a great option for anglers or soon to be anglers. Our membership includes fishermen who are experienced in catching all kinds of fish including inshore and offshore species. By joining, you not only gain access to the expertise of many anglers, but can enjoy the fun and camaraderie of fishing with other members. Don't have a boat? Many members have boats to get you there and the knowledge to help target species to make your angling experience great.

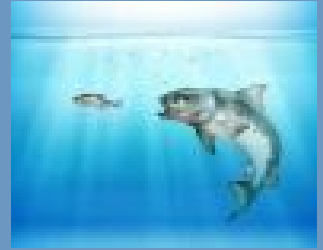
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If any of this piques your interest, please join us. We meet the second Tuesday of the month (except July and December) at the PGI Civic Association at 18:00; all are welcome to attend a meeting. Another way to familiarize yourself with the Fishing Club is to attend our weekly happy hour, currently at The Elks Lodge Tiki on Wednesdays at 17:00 to hear about all the fishing stories and make plans to fish .



CRAIG SETTER



GREG WIDNEY



JEFF BARNHART

*Hungry, hungry sharks  
just have bad manners.*

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# FISHING REPORT

**By Paul Whiting**

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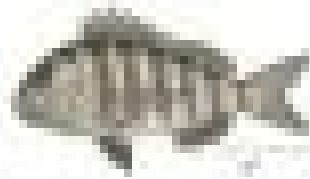
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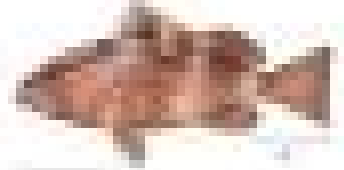


# FISH of the MONTH

**January: Sand Bass**



**February: Seaperch**



**March: Spanish Mackerel**



**April: Croaker**



**May: Cobia**



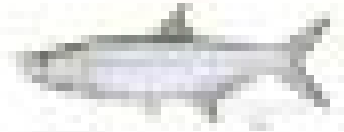
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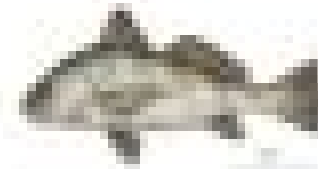
**July: Shark**



**August: Tautog**



**September: Black Drum**



**October: Rockfish**



**November: Mangrove Snapper**



**December: Spotted Sea Trout**

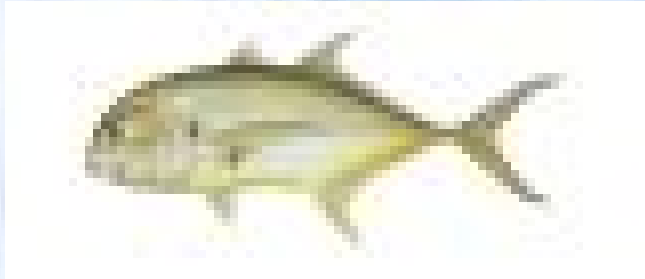


*Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here: <http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf>*

# Fish of the Month For JUNE

*Location, Description, Tips, Tackle and Bait*

## CREVALLE JACK



### **Gear, Tackle, and Rigging:**

- Medium to light rod with a 3,000 spinning reel or whatever you have will work.
- 20-pound braid tied to 20-pound leader will get the job done. Jacks don't seem to be line shy when they are feeding. If fishing around a lot of structure you may want to go heavier.
- X-rap, spoons, Wild Eyed Storm Shads, and most other lures work when they are feeding. Always crimp the bards when using tremble hooks, or replace treble hooks with a single hook.
- A lure with some weight will increase casting distance and increase chances of a hook up. That's why I like storm shads; they are heavy and have a single hook.
- Look for "boiling water"; that signifies something is feeding on bait pods. Cast through the bait pod and **retrieve fast**. They are very aggressive when feeding.
- Trolling can also be productive.

### **Summer Locations:**

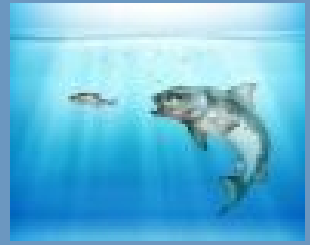
- Look for schools of mullet, other baitfish, and birds diving.
- Troll off the sandbars and near the beaches this time of year.
- Can be found off shore, but not common.

### **Additional Information:**

- **Fork Length Measurement**
- Black Spot on their gill and pectoral fin
- They put up a good fight for their size
- Not very good eating, but some people do eat them.
- They make excellent shark bait. Keep it alive and use a sinker on a shark set-up outside Turtle Bay or "the hill" and you'll get results!

# TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Larry Kissner



## Hello Fishy People

The GULF OF AMERICA 3 FISH tournament is in the books. Every member that submitted an entry is taking home an award through a quirk with two members tying for 2nd place! And we still had an unclaimed 3rd spot for WOMEN and NEW MEMBERS. I'm sending this out early so those of you named below can make a special effort to attend the FISHING CLUB MEETING next Tuesday evening and pick up your awards in person. If you can't make it, try and send a buddy or potential recruit to pick it up for you. Mailing stuff is a last option and the hats are expensive and the pins require special packaging.

Each tournament is budgeting for a payout of \$225. \$35 for 1st, \$25 for 2nd and \$15 for 3rd place for MEN/WOMEN/NEW MEMBER. These are gift cards to local bait shops like Fishin Franks and Rio Villa and it is important to note that the gift cards for RIO VILLA expire in July 2026, so use them up! We are exploring additional fishing outlets like the bait store by the Lashley launching ramp and Fisherman's Warehouse in Port Charlotte. The tournament payout was 93.33% of expected at \$210.

FOM (FISH OF THE MONTH) Cobia (always measured to the fork) tournament has a targeted payout of \$150. \$35 for 1st, \$25 for 2nd, and \$15 for 3rd for MEN & WOMEN. We only had a single fish submitted for a payout of \$35 or 23.33% of projected.

### So, without further ado...

**1st place M FRED DE MELLA 63 inches (30 Grouper, 16 Lane, 17 mangrove)**

**1st place NM MARK MAJESTIC 60.5 inches (27 Grouper, 18 Lesser Amberjack, 15.5 Spade)**

**2nd place M TIE GREG WIDNEY 53 inches (25 grouper, 15 Lane, 13 Mangrove)**

**2nd place M TIE JEFF BARNHART 53 inches (29.5 grouper, 12 Grunt, 11.5 Lizard)**

**1st place W DONNA SULLIVAN 52 inches (24 Grouper, 14 Lane, 14 Lizard)**

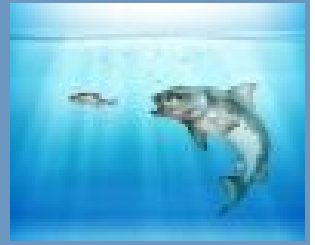
**2nd place W JOANNE WIDNEY 49.5 inches (24 Grouper, 15.5 Lane, 10 Squirrel)**

**2nd place NM JACKIE MAJESTIC 46 inches (18 Sailcat, 16 Spade, 12 Jack)**

**3rd place M LARRY KISSNER 37 inches (14 Lane, 12 Grouper, 11 Grunt)**

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# TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## Fish of The Month (FOM) COBIA

1st place **JEFF JOHNSON** 34 inches

## HATS

**MARK CROSS**

**JACKIE MAJESTIC**

**KEN SCHELL**

## PINS

BRONZE **JEFF JOHNSON**

BRONZE **JACKIE MAJESTIC**

SILVER **MARK MAJESTIC**

GOLD **DAVE MORGAN**

GMA STAR #1 **BOB BRETT**

GMA STAR #6 **JEFF BARNHART**

GMA STAR #8 **MIKE WHITE**

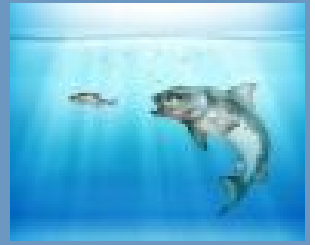
## **NEW TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED!**

### **CREVALLE CANAL CARNIVALE**



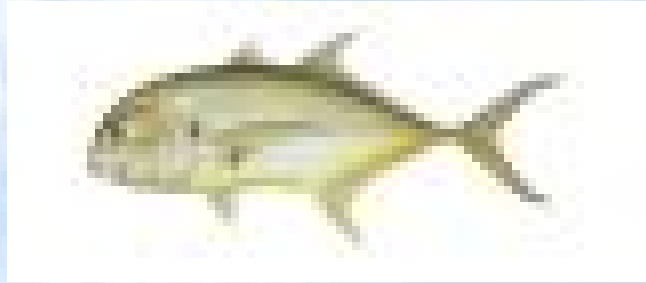
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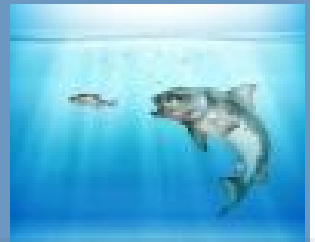
## *CREVALLE CANAL CARNIVALE*



This fishing quest is to catch the largest (longest) fish in the PGI CANAL SYSTEM. This is going to be different than the previous tournaments on several key points:

1. You can fish as often and as many days as you want from now until JUNE 26, 2026. Entries are due by SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2026. So... if that big snook at your fishing light seems to come by once a week, you'll have ample opportunity to catch it.
2. NO FISH WILL BE EXCLUDED. If you can legally measure it, it will count. I know there are lots of small tarpon and Goliath Groupers in the canal system and smaller ones can be lifted out of the water briefly to de-hook them. If you know the FWC rules on releasing those two fish, let me know. As for the other likely catches, Sharks and Sting Rays, there are no FWC release requirements that I know of, just common sense "DON'T LOSE a FINGER or pull a Steve Irwin" rules. IF YOU CAN MEASURE IT, it will count. Barracuda is the other fish the club estimates, but I think the chances are low of catching one in the canal system - same commonsense rules apply. It should be noted that the FISHING CLUBS assumes NO LIABILITY for bite marks, lost digits, or cool scars that carry a funny story.
3. You can fish in the canal systems of PGI or Burnt Store. ANYWHERE INSIDE where the canal system exits into Charlotte Harbor. You can also fish from a FIXED STRUCTURE like the Ponce Park fishing piers, the various bridges, the ELKS CLUB dock (if we really want to stir things up!), or any other fixed structures. The canals where the Riveria restaurant is located are fine until you reach the bay. Waders are allowed from Ponce or in the shallow water inside the canal system, and all "walking" fishing opportunities are open since the LAND is considered a "fixed structure".
4. Single longest FISH wins the trophy!

# Club & Individual Fishing Statistics



## REPORTED CATCHES as of 5/31/2026 and FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) RESULTS

62 total fish turned in (4900 points) by 22 different anglers

### FOM (COBIA)

#### Women

**1st - No Entries**

#### Men

**1st - Craig Setter - 33.0"**

2nd - No other entries

### *Interesting Tidbits*

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### Achievement Categories

#### Club Hat

**MARK CROSS, JACKIE MAJESTIC, KEN SCHELL**

#### Silver Pin

**MARK MAJESTIC**

#### Snook Pin

None

#### Tarpon Pin

None

#### Bronze Pin

**JEFF JOHNSON**

#### Gold Pin

**DAVE MORGAN**

#### Redfish Pin

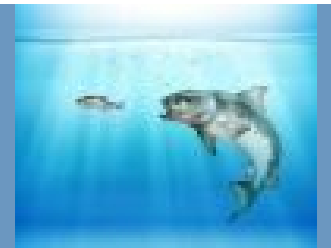
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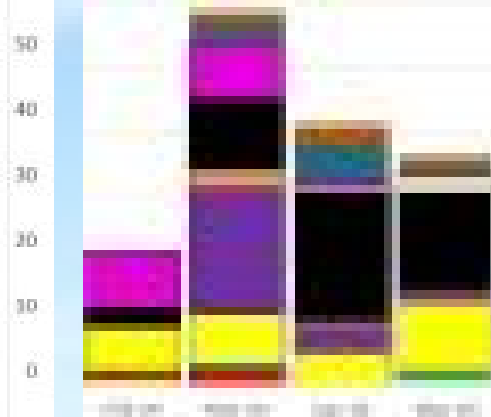
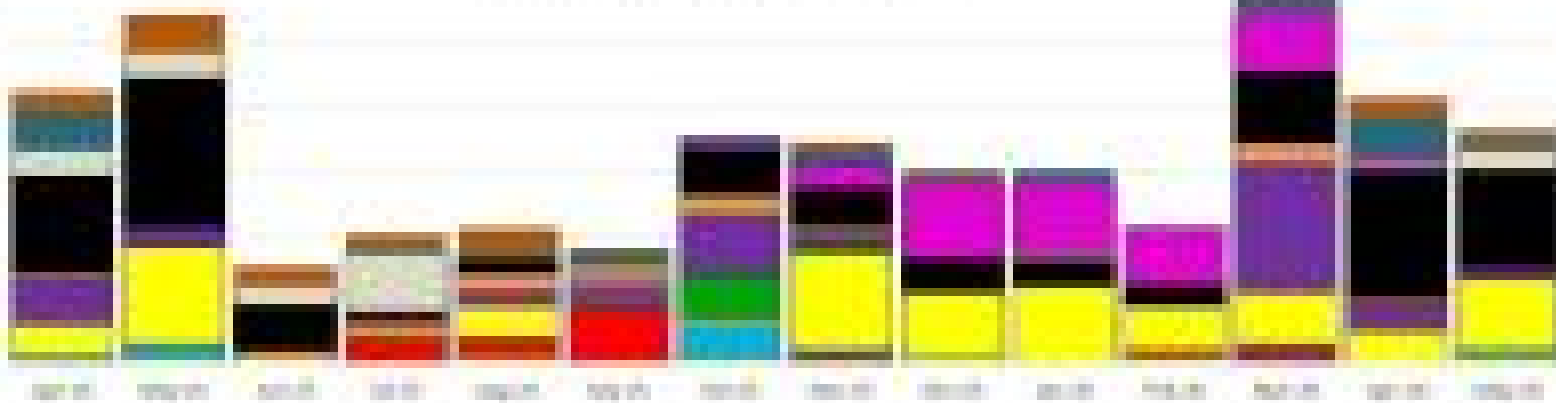
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**GMA STAR: JEFF BARNHARD (# 6), MIKE WHITE (# 8), BOBBY BRETTS (# 11)**

# WHAT'S BITE'N



2018 Month-Over-Month  
Percent of Total Recorders Not Month Recorders



*Last 4 months*

- Amberjack
- Black Drum
- Cobia
- Grouper
- King Mac
- Sp Mac
- Redfish
- Seatrout
- Shark
- Sheepshead
- Snook
- Tarpon

## Recorder's Data

### Monthly Performance

	March	April	May	
Anglers	27	23	22	↓
LOA Awards	6	8	9	↑
Fish Recorded	80	53	82	↑
Points Recorded	2,000	2,500	4,500	↑

# TROPHY RACE (Men)

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2026 LENGTH in INCHES	2026 DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amber Jack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Mark Cummins	40.0	May 6	74.8%
	Black Drum	Mike White	51.5	2019	Mark Majestic	40.5	Mar 26	78.6%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	66.0	2022	Jeff Johnson	34.0	April 30	51.5%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Richard Romano	32.0	Feb 11	82.1%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Tim Locke	30.0	Mar 27	63.8
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan	29.0	2009	Dave Joe	24.0	April 17	82.8%
		Aaron Wagner	29.0	2012	Dave Morgan		May 15	
X	Sheepshead	Mike White	26.0	2022	Thomas Christl	25.0	Feb 27	96.2%
X	Snook	Mike White	49.0	2023	Mike White	44.0	May 3	89.8%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Mark Cross	23.0	May 20	76.7%

This Year's Leaders in BLUE

XX 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	2025 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017				0%
X	Black Drum	Christine Fontaine White	52.0	2022				0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker	50.0	2008				0%
		Marilyn McGregor	50.0	2013				
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Donna Sullivan	31.0	Jan 7	83.8%
	King Mackerel	Nancy Pearson	40.0	2022				0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan	38.0	2008				0%
		Missy Becker	38.0	2008				
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elaine Bretts	19.0	Feb 27	71.7%
	Sheepshead	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	2021	Donna Sullivan Jan Holm	12.0	Jan 6 Jan 17	53.3%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Donna Sullivan	24.0	Apr 10	57.1%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker	28.0	2007	Joanne Widney	20.0	Mar 7	71.4%
		Lynn Reeves	28.0	2019				

This Year's LEADER in BLUE

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2009	Rich Brennan, Christine Jordan	2018	Joe Udvari, Dianne Bukowski
2010	Kel Krotzer, Margie Hofman	2019	Joe Udvari, Lynn Reeves
2011	Greg Chestnut, Joanne Landacre	2020	Mike White, Dianne Bukowski
2012	Jim Quorollo, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2021	Rich Kale / Tim Gibbons, Dianne Bukowski
2013	Steve Landacre, Missy Becker	2022	Rich Kale, Christine White
2014	Vinnie Madsen, Margie Hofman	2023	Mike White, Wanda Zimka
2015	Bob Mays, Karen Lodge	2024	Mike White, Cathy Hunt
2016	Gary Reeves, Rose Ann McCaffrey	2025	Mike White, Elaine Bretts, Donna Sullivan
2017	Rich Kale, Darlene Madsen		

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 Du Fresne	Doug Arnold	<b>Jeff Barnhart</b>	★★★★★
Kathlene Avila	Joanna Boeckl	Jack Botbyl	Carl Cucco	Jenny Goodell	Frank Barrett	Ron Baxter	
Sherry Barrett	Marc Boeckl	Steve Fritz	Mark Cummins	Bill Guenther	Rick Brown	Fred Benson	
Trudi Baxter	Todd Brooks	Ken Garden	Mary Heins	Ken Hardesty	Dick Conant	Larry Benz	★
<b>Rick Booth</b>	Anne Careau	Dale Hall	Chuck Henry	Jack Howarth	Mike Dougherty	Rich Brennan	★★★★★★★★★★
Tori Brown	Don Cummins	Don Harter	Tom Hunt	Julie Kale	Marv Dyrstad	Donnie Brennan	★
Bob Critchfield	Ron Deroche	Bill Hess	Larry Kissner	Jonathan Landon	Theresa FitzGerald	<b>Bob Bretts</b>	★★★★★★★★★★
Colleen De Mella	Yvette Du Fresne	Dave Joe	Michael Knipe	Mark Lee	Ed Girzi	Elaine Bretts	★★★★★★★★
Tom desEnfants	Kathy desEnfants	Karen Lodge	Jim LaRocca	Marty McCaffrey	Bob Mays	Rick Brown	
Sharon Dyke	Tony Destefano	Joe Lombardi	Marie LaRocca	Rose McCaffrey	Diana McKenna	Dianne Bukowski	★
Mike Endres	Tamara Dillman	<b>David Morgan</b>	Tom Lodge	Dennis McKenna	Nancy Pearson	Joe Bukowski	★★
Richard Farmer	Joanell Dyrstad	Sonia Nelson	Sherry Moerke	Gary Moerke	Lynn Reeves	Jim Crawley	★
Ted Flanders	Richard Embury	Wayn Nelson	William Neff	Chip Peterson	Jack Spies	Fred De Mella	★★★★★
Chris Gibbons	Joe Esposito	Cheryl Panetta	Gary Selzer	John Saitta	Mark Storm	Mark Dillman	
Frank Grazier	Ted Flanders	Glenn Ranfos	John Simonieg	Craig Setter	Gretchen Sunderland	Dick Doster	
Renee Gibbons	Gary Frost	Steve Trego	Ed Verminski	Paul Whiting	Karen Udvari	Randy Douet	★★★★★★
Bob Giffin	Tim Gibbons	Sher. Wolfinger	Greg Widney	Greg Widney	Allen Wade	Dave Dyke	
Sheryl Hatch	Art Goodell	Lenny Zimka	TWierzbanowski	Joseph Zurad	Rich Willingmyre	John Fitzgerald	
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Tom Hay	Randy Hall					Bob Gariepy	★★
Scott Hutchins	Roz Hickey					John Gettinger	★★★
Ray Iannucci	Don Harter					Mike Gilger	★★
<b>Jeff Johnson</b>	Jack Hinnenthal					Tom Hickey	★
Jack Jonaitis	Larry Hofmeister					Jim Hoffman	★
Dennis Jones	Dave Joe					Margie Hoffman	
Fran Krausman	Shep Johnson					Jan Holm	
Buddy Krauss	Lisa Kellythorne					Cathy Hunt	★★★★★
Jim Kunard	Mike Knipe					Bud Johnston	
Patti Kunard	Ron Kruse					Cindi Johnston	
Richard Larson	Denys LaChance					Rich Kale	★★★★★
Mark Majestic	Kevin LaPointe					Dennis Krausman	★★★★★
David Morgan	Tim Locke					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Bob Mueller	<b>Mark Majestic</b>					Carl Leicher	
Patricia Nalipi	John McFarland					Joe Maillet	
Ann Northen	David Morgan					Pete McGregor	★★
Connie Nowicki	Mike Nalipi					Bill Muir	
Tony Nowicki	Randy Page					Jude Panetta	★★★★
Chuck Pearson	Kim Pflaum					Tom Parsons	★★
Bruce Peterson	Paul Robinson	Gary Reeves					
Chris Pflaum	Lyle Ross	Rick Sarkisian	★★★★★★★★				
Chris Pollinger	Hezzie Samons	John Stockinger	★				
Dan Roda	Mike Sandling	Donna Sullivan	★★★				
Doug Salminen	Deb Sarkisian	Ron Topper	★★★★★				
Mark Schruer	Tom Schmitt	Joe Udvari	★★★★★★★★				
Alan Schulman	Gary Skillicorn	Aaron Wagner					
Jess Searle	Lynne Stockinger	<b>Mike White</b>	★★★★★★★★				
Miriam Taylor	Don Taylor	Paul Whiting					
Patti Topper	Mike Trost	Jeff Wilson	★				
<b>Jim Waters</b>	Roxie Trost	John Wolfinger					
Beth Watkins	Mike Wagner						
Joanne Widney	Stella Wagner						
Wanda Zimka	Greg Widney						
	S Wierzbanowski						
	Tom Youngblood						
	Wanda Zimka						

(BOLD star = earned this year)

# MAY RESULTS

## MASTER ANGLER

### MASTER ANGLERS TOURNAMENT, 2026 STANDINGS

Rank	Angler Name	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Score
1	John Smith	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2	Jane Doe	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
3	Bob Johnson	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
4	Alice Brown	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85
5	Charlie White	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
6	Diana Green	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
7	Frank Black	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
8	Grace King	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
9	Henry Lee	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
10	Ivy Scott	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
11	Jack Adams	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
12	Karen Baker	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
13	Leo Clark	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
14	Mia Evans	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
15	Noah Foster	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
16	Olivia Grant	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
17	Peter Hill	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
18	Quinn King	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
19	Rachel Lee	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
20	Samuel Scott	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

**New this month are shown in Red**



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## MAY 2026

**HAPPY HOUR!**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**at the ELKS CLUB**

25538 Shore Drive, Punta Gorda

**5 PM**

**COLD BEVERAGES, GOOD FRIENDS**  
**BIG FISH STORIES**



# Meeting Notes From May 2026

## PGI Fishing Club May 12, 2026

### General Meeting Minutes

**Location:** PGICA Auditorium

**Start time:** 6:00 pm

**President:** Fred DeMella

**Members in attendance:** 43

**Speaker:** *Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) – Brad Johnson and John Salem*

- Full police powers and statewide jurisdiction
- Responsibilities include: resource protection, boating & waterways, natural & manmade disasters, search & rescue
- Specialized units within FWC
- Staff research scientists mandate fish size & species
- Fishing violations are misdemeanors

**Door Prize Winners:** \$25.00 gift card to Laishley's was awarded along with a laminated fish chart (Jim Hoffman) & ruler (Fred DeMella)

**50/50 Winners:** \$57.00 (Jeff Johnson) -- \$38.00 ayn Nelson

**Name That Species Winner:** Permit (Lyle Ross)

*Fishing Events Report, Membership Report, Financial Report, Social info - on slides and in Newsletter.*

### FOM April winners (Snook)

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> – Donna Sullivan 33.0"

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan Holm 23.0"

3<sup>rd</sup> – Joanne Widney 18.5"

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> – Craig Setter 33.0"

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Gregory 25.0"

3<sup>rd</sup> – Greg Widney 21.5"

# Meeting Notes From May 2026

## **FOM for MAY is COBIA**

### **March Tournament Results**

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> – Donna Sullivan 39.0"  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Janet Holm 36.5"  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Patti Kunard 35.5"

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> – Allen Wade 63.5"  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Larry Kissner 53.0"  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Joahn Ward 39.0"

### **April Tournament Results**

#### **SINGLE SPECIES SHOWDOWN**

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> – Jan Holm – 12 Gafftop Sail Catfish, 218" (18.0"/catfish)

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> – Larry Kissner – 278 Mangrove Snapper, 1747" (6.28/snapper)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Bretts – 50 Seatrout, 750" (15.0"/seatrout)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Greg Widney – 33 Spanish Mackerel, 549" (16.63"/mackerel)

Upcoming tournaments – See Newsletter for more details  
May 17<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> – Gulf of America 3 Fish

### **AWARDS**

Club Hat – Jeff Johnson, Jim Waters  
Bronze Pin – Rick Booth, Jim Waters  
Gold Pin – Dave Joe

Trophy Race and Master Angler standings were presented on slides and in newsletter

Meeting adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

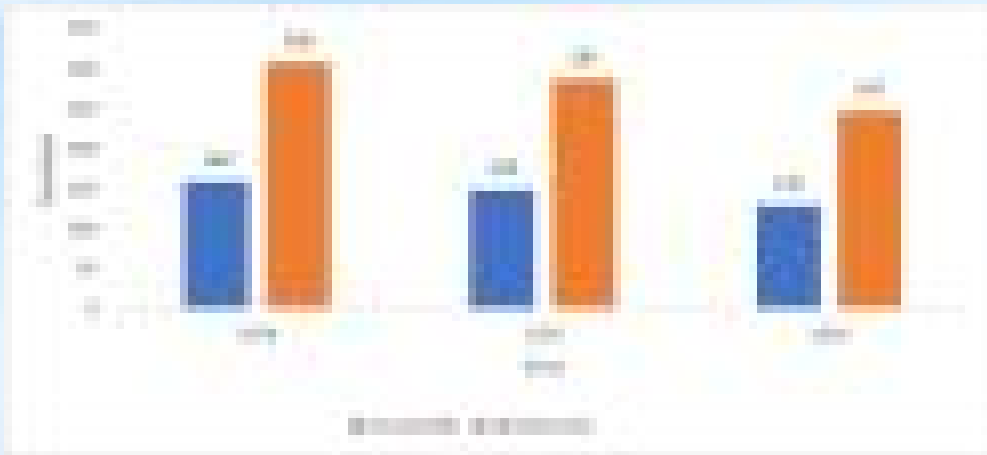
Submitted by Patti Kunard

# Membership Report For May 2026

We sent out a reminder to the dues delinquent email reminder and one renewal was received. If you renew your membership your history with the club **will remain intact**. Ladder of Achievement and records will not be deleted. The cost to renew your Fishing Club membership at \$30 per household. We have about 40 members from 2025 who have not renewed their 2026 PGI Fishing Club Dues. Remember PGI Civic Association dues renewal does not include PGI Fishing Club dues

We have brought the PGICA Club Express into the PGI Fishing Club so now you can renew membership with a credit card by logging into the PGICA website. You can reset your password if you have forgotten your previous one. Members can also renew by Check or cash at a Fishing Club meeting or by dropping off payment at the PGICA Club House at 2001 Shreeve.

If you owe payments to any PGICA club or event, then a red \$ will appear at login. Click the red \$ and pay the dues you might owe. Please let me know if you think there might be an error.



Our membership count is down from previous years as you can see in the above. The numbers from 2024 and 2025 are end of the year values while 2026 is year to date.

The household cost is \$30 per year and membership has benefits, including: tournaments, Ladder of Achievement, fishing contests, great social activities and education at our general meetings.

Questions or corrections? Contact:

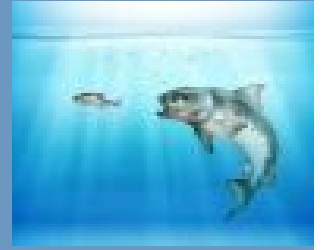
Membership director

[membership@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:membership@pgifishingclub.org)

Tim Locke

# MEMBER WELFARE

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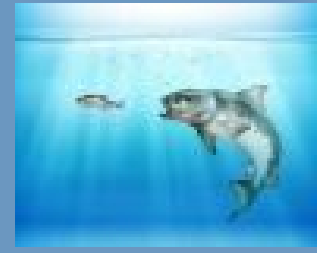


We care! If you become aware of someone in the club that needs a reach-out for any reason, please let the Board know.

*Your family of friends care about you.*



# CLUB LEADERSHIP



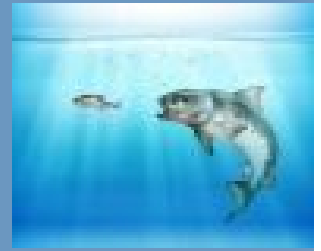
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# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS



Its 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:

- **Gary Burgess (Harbor Only), [g2873477@hotmail.com](mailto:g2873477@hotmail.com)**
- **Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only, especially for beginner women), [gretchensun2@gmail.com](mailto:gretchensun2@gmail.com)**
- **Fred De Mella (Inshore or Offshore) [fdemella@gmail.com](mailto:fdemella@gmail.com)**

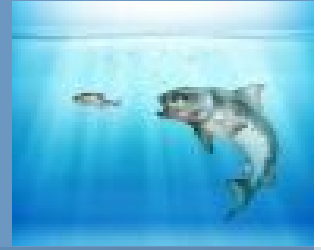
Contact them through email to arrange a trip.

***Members, if you want to take another member out on your boat, please send your contact information to: [president@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:president@pgifishingclub.org)***

# CLUB LINKS

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**CLUB WEBSITE: <http://pgifishingclub.org>**

**CLUB FACEBOOK: <http://facebook.com>, then  
search for pgi fishing club**

**FISHING CONTEST RULES: [http://  
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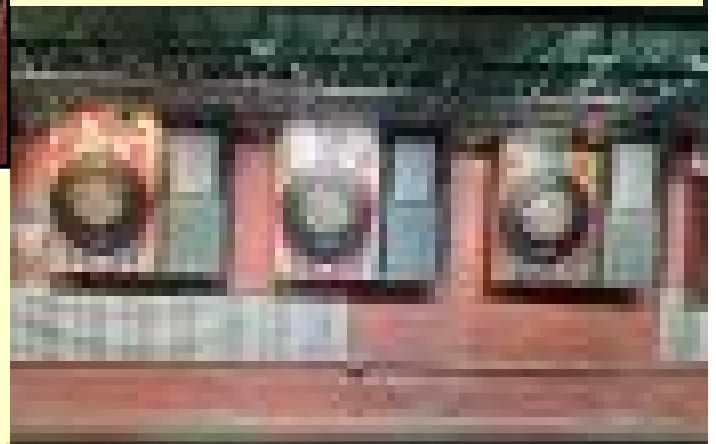
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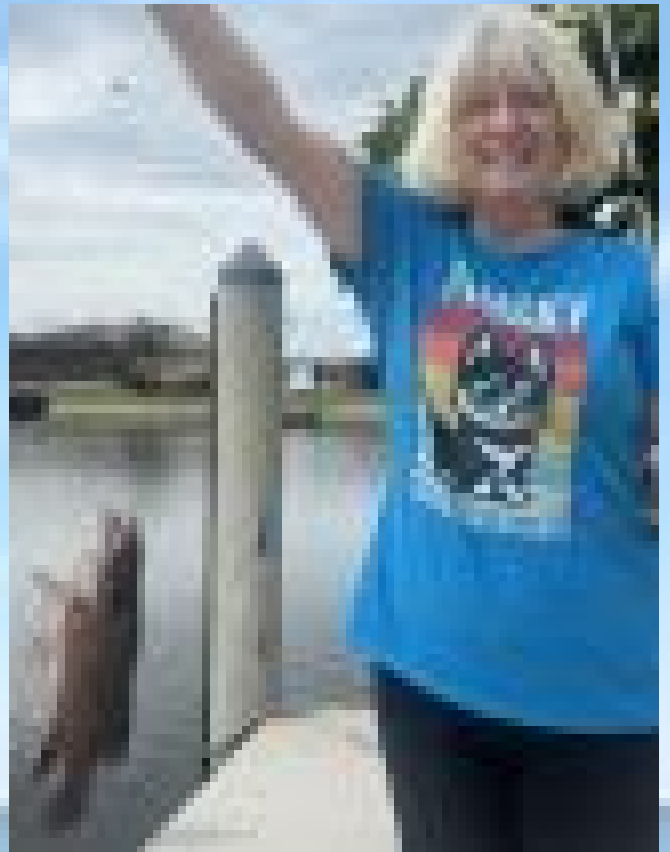


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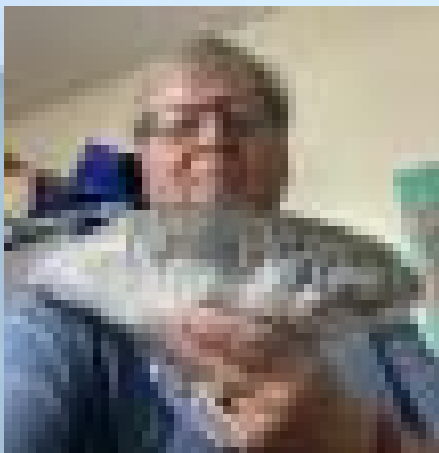


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## BLUE RUNNER



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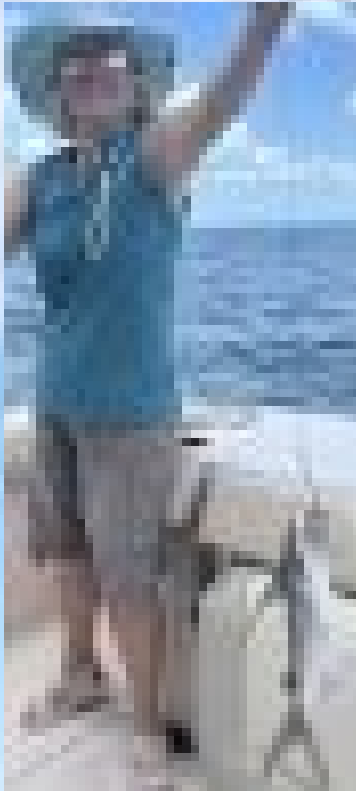
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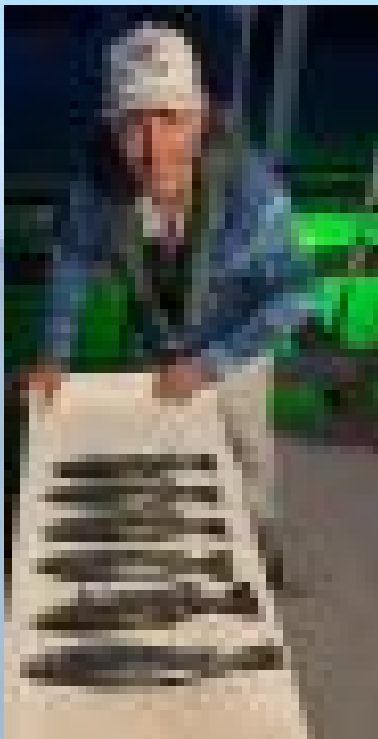
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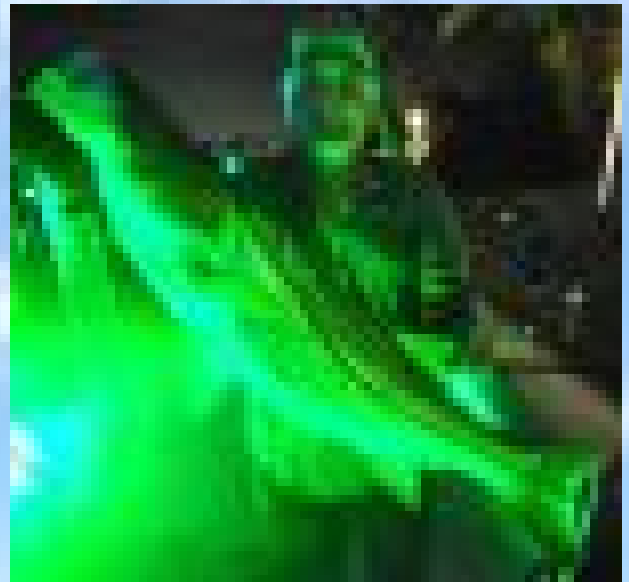
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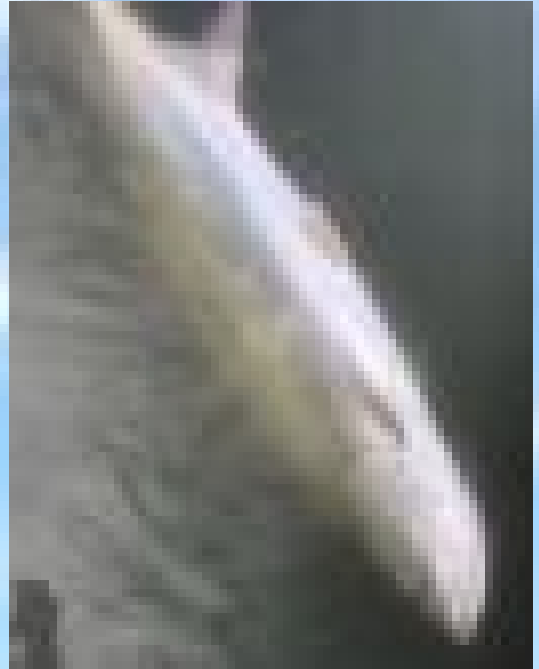
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